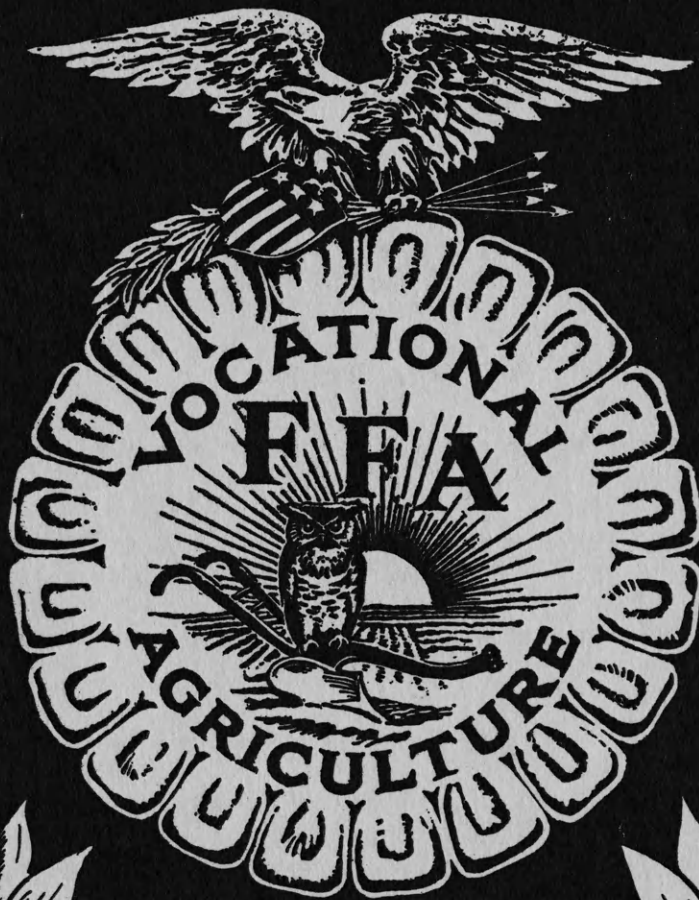


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"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it." A. Lincoln

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F.F.A. CALENDAR

State Farmer Candidate's current year record book (if called for)...April 10
Public Speaking entry and manuscript.....April 10
State Chapter Contest Report.....April 10

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

All local FFA advisers have recently filed their annual reports on farming programs with the state department for vocational education. How many advisers have taken the trouble to acquaint their patrons with the facts furnished the state department? Your local press and your county press will be interested in short articles setting forth outstanding individual achievement and total chapter achievement in food production, war effort, conservation of natural resources, prevention of waste, and in repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment. Too often local advisers are satisfied with verbal reports on individual and chapter achievement, given by chapter members before local groups. Such plans, while highly commendable, fall short of the goal sought by local FFA advisers in striving to inform the public of the achievement of their members. It is difficult to remember oral reports, even when such reports are accompanied by tables and charts. Furthermore, such a plan of informing the public of the work of your chapter is too limited in the number of persons reached. Supplement the oral report plan of informing your community with printed reports, and in addition, make use of the press.

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CHAPTER CONTEST AWARDS

The State FFA Chapter Contest, conducted annually by the State Association since 1932, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work. Certificates have been awarded chapter winners each year. Cash prizes have never been given. The certificates issued were of two types; (1) recognizing "Outstanding" achievement, and (2) signifying achievement deserving of "Honorable Mention." From 1932-1934 five chapters were recognized each year as having completed a program of work worthy of being certified as "Outstanding." The number of "Outstanding" chapters recognized each year was increased from five to ten, beginning in 1935, and this number was similarly recognized each year through 1938. Beginning in 1939 and continuing through 1943, 10 chapters each year were classified as "Outstanding," and in addition 15 chapters during each of the years from 1939 to 1943 were classified as "Honorable Mention."

Beginning in 1944 the State Association will change the plan of recognizing chapter achievement, and instead of issuing "Outstanding" and "Honorable Mention" certificates, will issue certificates of awards in conformity with the plan used by the National Organization of FFA in the National Chapter contest. The new plan will recognize four major classifications as follows: GOLD EMBLEM, SILVER EMBLEM, BRONZE EMBLEM, AND HONORABLE MENTION. Certificates of award will be granted under each classification. The number of chapters included under each classification will be flexible, and each year will be determined by the committee on evaluation with the approval of the State FFA Executive Committee. There is no constitutional provision governing the Chapter Contest. Past state FFA officers and adult workers who have had experience in attempting to rank chapters on the basis of their achievement, recognize the difficulties involved in classifying chapters in conformity with fixed numbers of awards, and it is hoped that by leaving the number of chapters to be included under each classification flexible, that future committees will avoid some of the difficulties experienced in the past.

Local FFA advisers and officers should acquaint their membership with the new plan of certifying chapter achievement which will be instituted in Kansas this year. Each member should know the four levels of achievement, namely: Gold Emblem chapters, Silver Emblem chapters, Bronze Emblem chapters, and Honorable Mention chapters. In addition the members should know that the number of chapters designated under each classification is flexible.

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THE THINGS MONEY CAN'T BUY

Money can't buy friendship--friendship must be earned.

Money can't buy a clear conscience--square dealing is the price tag.

Money can't buy the glow of good health--right living is the secret.

Money can't buy happiness--happiness is a mental attitude and one may be as happy in a cottage as in a mansion.

Money can't buy sunsets, singing birds and the music of the wind in the trees--these are as free as the air we breathe.

Money can't buy inward peace--peace is the result of a constructive philosophy of life.

Money can't buy character--character is what we are when we are alone with ourselves in the dark.

--Selected

KANSAS ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Seven of the ten chapters eligible to enter the National Chapter contest submitted their programs of work to the national organization of FFA before the closing date of January 31, 1944. By rule of the Kansas Association of FFA only those chapters ranked as Outstanding in the state chapter contest are eligible to enter the national chapter contest. The Kansas chapters entering the 1944 national chapter contest are: Buhler, Columbus, Great Bend, Highland Park, Lebanon, Sedan, and Winfield.

A partial summary of each of the programs of work submitted by the Kansas chapters entering the national chapter contest is being run in this issue of the newsletter. In compiling the partial summary, only items contributing directly to food production and the war effort were given consideration. Activities listed under Earnings and Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, Leadership, and Recreation are not included in the summary.

Chapter officers and members will be interested in studying the goals set under food production and war effort by the seven Kansas chapters that have submitted entries in the national chapter contest. The diversity of Kansas agriculture is clearly shown in these reports. All of the chapters have strong food production programs, but some of the chapters objectified their goals more than others. The plan of setting up definite food production goals was given considerable emphasis in the FFA Leadership schools held last fall. Local advisers and FFA members will note in comparing the food production effort of the chapter programs which follow, how much easier it is to visualize the total effort of a chapter when the goals are specifically stated. In setting up production goals, chapters should include production standards as well as total production goals. The patrons of your community are interested not only in the total food production effort of your chapter, but are also interested in the production standards expected to be attained. Your local press will be much more interested in total production figures if production standards are shown. This principle holds in presenting the goals and achievement records of individual FFA members.

The partial summaries of the food production and war effort of the Kansas chapters entering the national chapter contest follow:

WINFIELD CHAPTER - 70 MembersFood Production Effort

65,000 lbs. pork	1,000 bu. grain (feed)
24,000 lbs. lamb	1,000 bu. wheat
10,000 lbs. beef	1,000 bu. soy beans
60,000 lbs. milk	100 tons silage
2,000 lbs. poultry meat	100 tons dry roughage
100,000 eggs	500 bu. flax
2,400 lbs. wool	100 bu. castor beans
To provide 300 days of pasture	25 tons beans for hay

Cooperative Activities

Plant 125 sacks (15 A) potatoes	Buy and mix feed
Plant 100 bu. soy beans	Put out 200 head ewes to 10 boys
Plant 50 lbs. flax	10 members purchase 10 dairy
Plant 40 bu. sorghum	heifers
	Purchase 2 carloads seed potatoes

Kansas Entries in the National Chapter Contest (Continued)

War Effort (Winfield Chapter Continued)

Each member purchase \$100 in war
bonds and stamps
95 per cent clean up fire hazards

100 per cent engage in scrap
metal collection

GREAT BEND CHAPTER - 53 Members

Food Production Effort

4,105 bu. wheat
2,345 bu. grain sorghum
1,825 bu. oats
1,740 bu. barley
648 tons silage and forage
518 bu. potatoes
240 bu. corn

51,525 lbs. of pork
24,400 lbs. beef
13,475 lbs. poultry
10,750 lbs. lamb
3,561 dozen eggs
2,540 lbs. butter fat
1,847 lbs. wool

Repair 20 pieces of farm machinery and build 40 major pieces of equipment in shop.

100 per cent members have victory gardens.

100 per cent membership to use purebred sires.

90 per cent members to have 100 per cent ownership of farming program.

50 members to have \$20,000 invested in farming programs with average of \$400.

Cooperative Activities

35 deferred feeding steers
16 fattening show steers
6 registered gilts
5 registered rams
Buy 550 lbs. certified
sorghum seed

Buy 600 lbs certified potato
seed
Buy 2 tons protein supplement
Market 10,750 lbs. lamb
Market 1,547 lbs. lamb

War Effort

Collect 20 tons scrap iron
Collect 1 ton scrap paper
Collect 100 burlap bags

Chapter buy \$100 war bond
Members to buy a total of
\$1,000 in bonds

LEBANON CHAPTER - 63 Members

Food Production Effort

54,000 lbs. beef
50,400 lbs. pork
26,280 lbs. mutton
5,000 bu. corn
5,000 bu. oats and barley

2,880 lbs. wool
2,000 bu. wheat
1,000 bu. sorghum
300 tons roughage

Average 3 projects per student.

100 per cent members have 100 per cent ownership in farming program.

100 per cent members have victory gardens

Kansas Entries in the National Chapter Contest (Continued)

Cooperative Activities (Lebanon Chapter Continued)

150 breeding ewes
10 rams
100 lambs

Operate farm labor bureau
Purebred Duroc Jersey sow and
sell pigs to members

War Effort

Each member collect 500 lbs.
scrap iron
Buy at least 1 bond for
chapter

50 members buy 5 bonds and
war stamps
Keep shop open for repair
work

BUHLER CHAPTER - 32 Members

Food Production Effort

20,000 lbs. pork
20,000 lbs. milk
6,000 lbs. beef
5,000 lbs. vegetables
4,000 lbs. mutton

3,000 bu. feed grain
300 lbs. wool
300 bu. potatoes
300 bu. sweet potatoes
300 tons silage

Average 3 projects per member.

100 per cent members to use only tried sires.

100 per cent to use high grade ewes.

100 per cent members to treat all seed planted.

100 per cent members to set out 5 or more trees.

100 per cent members to repair at least one machine from home farm.

50 per cent of members to produce 100 lbs. pork with 7 bu. grain.

Each member provide 200 days pasture.

Each member have a victory garden.

Cooperative Activities

Buy and have mixed 500 lbs. mineral for hogs

War Effort:

Members to purchase \$200 in
stamps and bonds.

Chapter to buy \$18.75 war bond
Invest 10 per cent earnings in
bonds

COLUMBUS CHAPTER - 46 Members

Food Production Effort

2,000 bu. corn
600 bu. oats
110 tons hay
100 tons silage

5,000 lbs. milk per cow
200 lbs. hogs at 6 months
175 eggs per hen
40 acres soybeans

Kansas Entries in the National Chapter Contest (Continued)Food Production Effort (Columbus Chapter Continued)

- 12 acres sowed to pasture.
- Each boy perform 15 approved practices.
- Each boy have managerial responsibility of 3 enterprises.
- Each boy raise at least 75 per cent of his feed used.
- Increase registered livestock of students by 10 head.
- Increase purebred livestock of students by 30 head.
- Average 4 production enterprises per boy.
- 90 per cent freshmen grow feed or earn money to make possible livestock program.
- A victory garden on every farm.
- An adequate supply of meat on every farm.
- An adequate supply of milk and eggs on every farm.

Cooperative Activities

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| Purchase 2,000 AA tested chicks | Purchase 7,500 feet of |
| Purchase 10,000 lbs. feed | lumber |
| | Purchase 20 gals. paint, etc. |

War Effort

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| Grow 15 acres of soy beans for oil | Collect 50,000 lbs. scrap |
| production | Collect 100 burlap bags |
| Chapter to purchase \$50 bond | |

HIGHLAND PARK - 40 Members

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| Average 3 projects per member | 100 per cent use purebred |
| Average net worth increase of | siros |
| \$100 per member | 40 per cent plant certi- |
| 75 per cent use purebred stock | fied seed |

Cooperative Activities

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Have purebred sire for service | Treat seed |
| Mixing feed for members | Marketing of stock |

War Effort

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| Each member purchase \$10 in | Collect 5 tons of scrap |
| war stamps or bonds | |

SEDAN CHAPTER - 37 MembersFood Production Effort

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| 100 per cent of members to have | Survey community for farm |
| 100 per cent managerial ability | machinery repairs |

Kansas Entries in the National Chapter Contest (Continued)Food Production Effort (Sedan Chapter Continued)

Chapter put out 12 purebred Duroc
gilts to deserving boys and set a
goal average of 8 pigs per litter
90 per cent boys have 100 per cent
financial responsibility

50 per cent to produce purebred
livestock
90 per cent to use purebred sires
25 per cent boys use registered
sires

Cooperative Activities

Improve strain of hogs
Purchase purebred boar
Purchase certified seed
Purchase feed
Purchase livestock medicine
and remedies

Purchase chicks and carry on
broiler projects
Market lambs
Market livestock and wool
Treat seed

War Effort

Collect 50 tons iron
Collect 5 tons rubber
Collect 20 tons paper

Collect 500 burlap bags
Collect 200 lbs. rags
Make knives for boys on fight-
ing front

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FFA MEMBERSHIP DUES

As of February 1, 1944, 96 chapters had paid current state and national dues for a total of 3,292 members. Approximately one-fourth of the chapters have failed to pay their state and national dues to date. The Kansas Association expects a decrease in total membership in 1944 because of the necessity of closing many chapters occasioned by the local FFA advisers entering the armed forces. However, the state association expects the full support of those chapters fortunate enough to have teachers. Curtailment of district and state FFA activities because of the war, undoubtedly makes it somewhat more difficult to keep up interest in the FFA. On the other side of the ledger we have the very definite challenge to the Future Farmers of America to make a contribution to the war effort. The 1943 achievement record of both the National Organization and the Kansas Association of FFA are milestones that all FFA members can point to with pride. 1944 presents a definite challenge that will have to be met by fewer chapters in Kansas and in the nation. In order to meet the 1944 goals it will be necessary to have the full cooperation of 100 per cent of the chapters. If for any reason your chapter has overlooked the matter of maintaining active membership in the Future Farmers of America organization, will you please rectify the oversight at your earliest convenience?

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So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say that we are indispensable, and no man is useless while he has a friend.--R. L. Stevenson.

A SUCCESSFUL FFA CHAPEL PROGRAM

The Manhattan chapter recently presented a high school chapel program which portrayed the rank of Kansas among the states in the production of 10 leading agricultural commodities. Because the program was so well received, and because the statistics used will be of value to any chapter wishing to use this theme in presenting a similar program before local community groups, we are including the statistics, as well as the novel plan of presenting same in this issue of the newsletter. A few slight changes have been made in the suggestions offered, but in no case has the statistical data been modified.

The stage setting consisted of (1) tables and chairs for FFA officers arranged in line; (2) a 2'x4' cardboard outline map of Kansas on easel; (3) 8 bales of prairie hay arranged to form a stage upon which samples of the commodities discussed were placed. A large American flag was placed so that the breeze from an electric fan played on it constantly. At the close of the program, the room was darkened, and a spot light turned on the flag during the flag salute.

The arrangement of the stage setting will have to be adjusted to meet the local conditions.

The following sketches are merely suggestive:

No. I. Suggestions for the outline map of Kansas with caption.

No. II. Stage Setting.

SKETCH NO. I

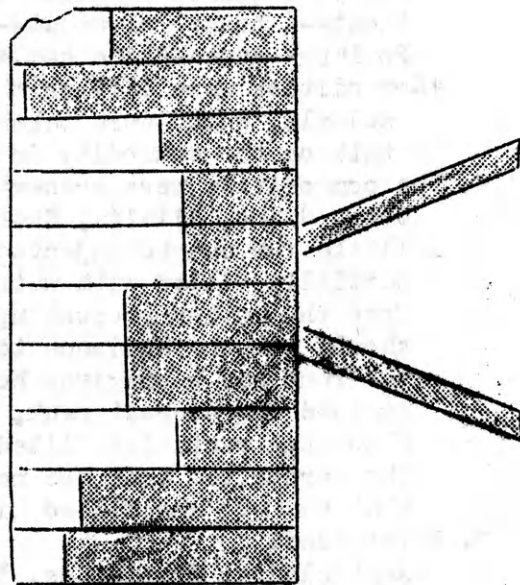
KANSAS RANK AMONG STATES IN THE PRODUCTION OF 10 LEADING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES									
2nd	3rd		9th	9th			1st		
		12th			13th	13th	12th	8th	
SORGHUM	BEEF	CORN	SWINE	ALFALFA	SHEEP	OATS	DAIRY	WHEAT	POULTRY

SKETCH NO. II

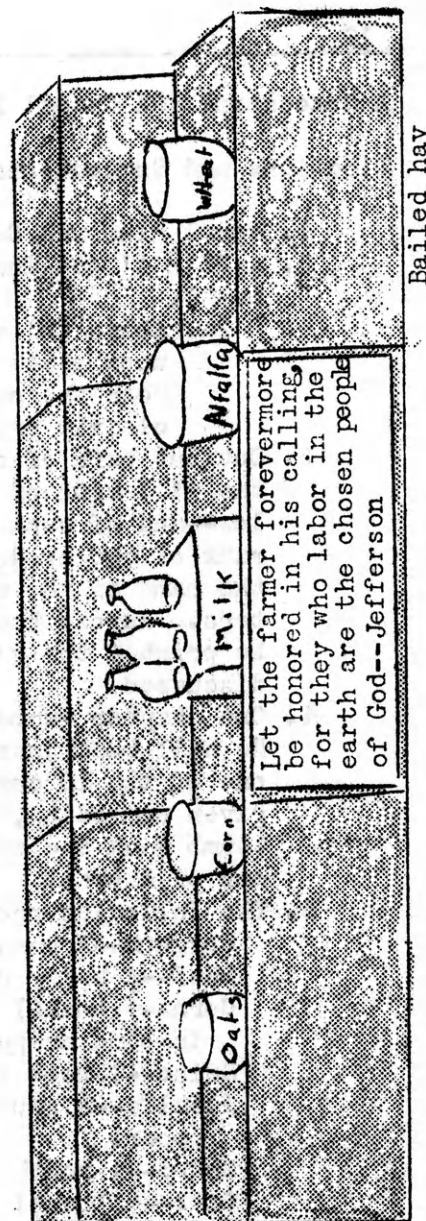
STAGE SET UP

FFA Officers

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Map of Kansas on Stand



A Successful FFA Chapel Program (Continued)

Directions and Suggestions:

1. Royal Blue and Corn Gold colors to be used.
2. A 2' x 4' outline cardboard map of Kansas. Dark blue. Placed on an easel.
 - 2a. Above the map of Kansas, possibly an extension of the cardboard, upon which the outline map of Kansas was drawn, there should appear the caption shown in sketch No. I. This caption should be clearly printed--perhaps black upon white would be most suitable.
3. Cut out bars of cardboard of such a width that the ten bars will cover the 4' length of the Kansas map. These bars should be gold--lemon yellow--and of such a length as to reach from a line representing the rank of the product, to the bottom of the map. On the bar--vertical--the name of the commodity should be printed in dark blue or black letters. Across the top of the bar in dark blue or black letters should be printed the rank of Kansas in the production of the commodity being discussed.
4. One chapter member will introduce the skit and tell of its purpose. He will then introduce in turn each of the members who will present one of the 10 commodities. At the conclusion of the discussion of a given commodity, the member who introduced the speaker will hang or thumb tack the cardboard cut-out in its proper place on the outline map of Kansas.
5. The following products were used:
 - Sorghum--A bundle of Atlas sorgo.
 - Beef--A 5 day old Shorthorn heifer.*
 - Corn-- $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of yellow ear corn in basket. The basket was wrapped in blue crepe paper.
 - Swine--1 week old Duroc pig.*
 - Alfalfa--A slug of extra green alfalfa hay tied with yellow crepe paper.
 - Sheep--1 month old lamb.*
 - Oats-- $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of oats--the container wrapped in blue crepe paper.
 - Dairy--2 quarts of milk--bottles wrapped with yellow
 - Wheat-- $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of wheat--container wrapped with blue crepe paper.
 - Poultry--Austa-White hen.*

*Commodities were left on the baled prairie hay stage, except the live animals, which were taken off the stage at the conclusion of the talk on the commodity in question.
6. The commodities were presented in the following order: Sorghum, Beef, Corn, Swine, Alfalfa, Sheep, Oats, Dairy, Wheat, and Poultry.

A little fun can be injected in the program by having a blown egg, partially filled with water, as a part of the poultry exhibit. Before the member presenting poultry gives the rank of Kansas, he should ask the audience to guess where poultry ranks. Then after the rank has been given he can ask for a show of hands of those who guessed the correct rank, or the nearest correct. As a prize the blown egg partially filled with water can be tossed to the winner--the harder the toss the more fun. Calm the audience by explaining that the egg was filled with water.
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A Successful FFA Chapel Program (Continued)

7. References (Continued)

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The following is a list of the talks made by the eleven boys presenting the chapel program,

Introductory Remarks

A recent study made of Kansas, our native state, has given us some interesting facts and figures. Kansas, approximately a rectangle in form, has a width of 210 miles from north to south, and a length of 410 miles from east to west. Within the borders of our state are 29,000,000 acres of plowland and 19,000,000 acres of productive pasture. With a 4,000 feet elevation above sea level in the west to 700 feet above sea level in the east, Kansas has a diminishing rainfall of from 35 to 40 inches on the eastern border to 15 inches near the Colorado border, with an average rainfall in the state of 27 inches.

According to 1943 figures, Kansas derived her main income not from coal, oil or industry, but from agricultural products. Livestock production alone returned \$300,000,000 for Kansas. If we were allowed to spend this money at the rate of \$1,000 per hour, it would take us 35 years to spend this amount.

In order that our listeners may have a picture of where our native state ranks in agricultural products, we have prepared a map showing how Kansas ranks among the states in the production of each of her ten principal commodities.

The story of each of these commodities will be told by different members of our FFA chapter. I would like at this time to introduce _____.
Mr. _____ will tell you some interesting facts about sorghum. Mr. _____.

Sorghum

Botanically speaking, sorghum is a member of the grass family. There are two principal types of sorghums. One type is grown for the grain it produces and the other is grown for fodder, which is fed as a roughage feed to our Kansas livestock.

When the thermometer reaches about 110 degrees in July, the leafy plant has a habit of curling up its leaves and holding its own for a month or so. Then when the fall rains begin, it makes a splendid comeback. Because of these characteristics, sorghum is a favorite livestock feed crop among Kansas farmers. There is just one other state that outranks Kansas in the production of sorghum and that state is three times as large as Kansas, which makes competition a bit too stiff. You guessed it. That state is Texas.

You can rank Kansas as second in the production of sorghum.

Beef

The business of producing beef has been one of the principal industries of Kansas for many years. If I were a history professor like our Mr. _____

A Successful FFA Chapel Program (Continued)

I could relate many interesting and hair raising tales about the cowboys and the Texas cattle trails which crossed Kansas.

Beef cattle are most heavily concentrated in counties having a large acreage still in pasture, such as those of the Flint Hills region. This region begins east of Manhattan and extends south to the state line and boasts the best native grass in the nation.

The principal beef producing breeds in Kansas are Hereford, Angus, and Shorthorn. This calf (which is giving me a bit of competition in holding the attention of my listeners) is a Shorthorn. The number of cattle and calves on hand January 6, 1943, in Kansas was estimated at 4,005,000 head. This converted into pounds would be 1,401,750,000 pounds. 24,000 lbs. can be loaded into one freight car. According to my figures, if this Kansas product was loaded into freight cars, 58,405 cars would be required. Make up these cars into one long train, and this train would extend one and one-fourth times across the state of Kansas. Kansas ranks third as a beef producing state and is pushing the states of Iowa and Texas for second place honors.

Corn

Corn is the chief food used in the fattening of livestock. Hence it is highly essential in the food production program. Corn production requires fertile soil and heavy rainfall during the months of June, July and August. As you all know you cannot depend upon Kansas having this kind of climate year in and year out. However, thanks to two very favorable seasons and the use of Hybrid corn, the 1942 and 1943 corn crops in Kansas were the largest in the history of our state. The 1943 corn crop is estimated at 84,318,000 bushels. This amount of corn would fill this auditorium from floor to ceiling 32 times.* Let's hope Kansas will have another bumper corn crop in 1944. For your information, Kansas ranks 12th in corn production.

*To make this conversion - determine the number of cubic feet in your high school auditorium and multiply by 2/5 to determine the number of bushels of ear corn it will hold.

Swine

Kansas has a number of factors that make it advantageous as a hog producing state. The climate is favorable and large quantities of corn and grain sorghum are raised for feed. Too, we are located close to market centers.

Last year the farmers of Kansas were asked to increase hog production. Today the market is glutted and the ration point value of many pork cuts has been reduced. At the present time the government is requesting the Kansas farmers to lower production 33 per cent. Since there has been a decline of \$1.50 per cwt. in price, this request will probably be met. I doubt if my friend "Porkey" here will have too many friends at market with him next fall. By the way, "Porkey" is a Duroc.

Since it requires 8.4 bushels of corn to produce a hundred pounds of pork, and the state of Iowa and Illinois being leaders in corn production, naturally these two states lead in swine production. The estimated number of hogs produced in Kansas in 1943 was 2,548,000 head. Place that number of hogs alongside a trough, side by side, and this line of hogs would reach across the state 8 3/4 times.

Kansas ranks 9th in the production of this commodity.

A Successful FFA Chapel Program (Continued)

Alfalfa

Alfalfa is a crop grown on Kansas farms for three purposes. First, as a leguminous crop, it enriches the soil; second, it provides a nutritional protein supplement feed in the form of hay or meal; and third, as a profitable seed crop.

Kansas has ideal soil and climatic factors necessary for growing and curing hay. Hot dry weather is a necessary requirement for a good alfalfa seed crop, and I guess you all know Kansas has plenty of that. But did you know that Kansas ranks first in alfalfa seed production?

Alfalfa hay as produced in Kansas, is one of the chief reasons for our outstanding record as a livestock producing state. In 1943 Kansas produced 1,250,000 tons of hay. If all this hay were baled and piled on this block on which our school building now stands, we would have a pile approximately 35 times as high as this building. Imagine a pile of hay that high if you can. Kansas ranks ninth in the production of alfalfa hay.

Sheep

I should like to introduce to you, my pet, Oscar. Oscar, this is the student body of the _____ high school. That good looking guy down in front is _____. Sure, he's the football player who pulled the wool over the _____ players' eyes and slid around end for those touchdowns, and it wasn't your wool either, Oscar.

And now to tell you about sheep. Sheep are raised for a two-fold purpose: for the production of good nutritional meat known as mutton; and for wool, that product which gives warmth to our winter clothing.

Most of our Kansas products are traveling a long way these days and are finding their places on battle fronts and in lend-lease orders. Our aviators wear sheep skin lined clothing as they climb to sub-zero temperatures. Many tales of these products could be told if the products only had the power of speech. I have here a sheep-skin lined shoe which was removed from the foot of a dead American aviator somewhere in the South Pacific.

Our state has made rapid progress in increasing sheep production during the last 10 years. If you have insomnia you are advised by your friends to count sheep. Should you count all of the sheep in Kansas it would take you 455 hours to count the 1,539,000 head which we had in Kansas in 1943.

According to official figures, the leading states in numbers of sheep and lambs are Texas, Montana, Wyoming, and California, with Kansas ranking 13th.

Oats

The farm commodity I am responsible for telling you about is oats. Oats are grown as a feed crop in Kansas as they fit into rotation with other crops on the farm. This crop is planted as soon as the ground can be cultivated in early March. Oats have a very light berry and a bushel of oats weigh 32 pounds, as compared to 56 for corn and 60 for wheat. The average production for Kansas in 1943 was 24 bushels per acre. The states of Iowa and Illinois are the leading states in the production of oats. Kansas ranks 13th.

Dairy

Milk is classified as one of the most essential foods of today, by our

A Successful FFA Chapel Program (Continued)

food administrators. In order to show the part Kansas plays in the production of this essential food I want to present some facts concerning Kansas as a dairy state. The quart of milk that was delivered to your door, or which you purchased from your local grocery store this morning, is an important product of Kansas. Because of her large amount of roughage, grain feeds and wheat pasture, Kansas is an important dairy state. Wisconsin and Minnesota lead in dairy products. In 1943 it was estimated that Kansas produced 3,560,000,000 pounds of milk. If you were to put all of this milk in quart bottles and set the bottles side by side on Poyntz Avenue from First Street to Seventeenth Street you would have enough bottles to cover the street $77\frac{1}{2}$ times.*

Yes, Kansas ranks well as a dairy producing state, and is 12th in dairy cattle production.

*Poyntz Avenue is 100' wide.

Wheat

By this time you will have decided that Kansas is an important agricultural state. As a wheat producing state she can lay claim to being the best in the nation. You've heard the slogan, "Kansas grows the best wheat in the world." Well, Kansas not only grows the best wheat in the world but also grows more wheat than any other state in the nation. With the exception of North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas, Kansas has more plow land than all the states west of the Mississippi river. Each year Kansas plants more bushels of wheat than the total harvested by 28 other states. In fact, Kansas raises $\frac{1}{5}$ of the nation's wheat crop. If all the wheat raised in Kansas in one year was consumed in the state, we would have enough wheat to feed the population for 40 years.

_____ has told you how many auditoriums the size of ours, would be necessary to hold the 1943 corn crop. Well, if I were to put the 1943 Kansas wheat crop into auditoriums, it would take 1,530 auditoriums the size of ours to hold the 164,187,000 bushels of wheat raised.*

Kansas ranks first in wheat production.

*To convert the cu. ft. in your auditorium to bushels of wheat, multiply by 4 and divide by 5.

Poultry

My part in this program is to present Kansas to you as a poultry producing state. Due to the favorable market conditions and the demand placed upon poultry because it is a non-rationed food, the amount of egg production in Kansas from 1941 to 1943 was increased 735,000,000 eggs. The goal for 1944 is 15 per cent higher than in 1943. If we could put all of the eggs produced in Kansas in 1943 (2,197,000,000) into boxes holding a dozen eggs each, and place the boxes end to end, they would cover a distance of 33,227 miles or 276 times the distance from Manhattan to Kansas City.

Kansas raises several different breeds of chickens such as the Leghorn, New Hampshire, White Rock, etc. This chicken I have here is one of the popular hybrids known as the Austra-White. Kansas has a total of 20,833,000 chickens and ranks eighth in the production of poultry.

F.F.A. FLASHES

Compiled by A. W. Tenney, Acting Executive Secretary

LOUISIANA: A purebred brood sow on every farm in Webster Parish, Louisiana, is the aim of the Heflin Future Farmer Chapter. Two years ago a swine improvement program was outlined by the chapter and purebred gilts were purchased by members. A purebred swine show and auction was conducted by the Heflin Chapter on November 5, 1943, when more than 300 head of swine were shown. Scrub stock is rapidly being replaced on all farms and it is expected that within the next two years purebred swine will prevail and scrub stock will have vanished from the parish.

WYOMING: The Robert D. Carey FFA Chapter held a bond auction at the Converse County High School. The members built a booth at which bonds were sold and antelope meat was given as a bonus. Permits were donated to the members and they took a hunting trip - five antelope were shot during the week. Meat cutting demonstrations were given in class and meat was cut and packaged. One package went for a \$50 bond, and the other 36 packages were each given away with the purchase of a \$25 bond.

NEW MEXICO: Nine New Mexico Future Farmers from the Albuquerque, Hagerman, and Stanley High Schools are feeding "Catch-and-Have" calves won at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque. The calves are donated by New Mexico cattlemen and are from high quality registered stock. Two boys are turned loose for each calf and those who "catch 'em, have 'em" - with the understanding that the animals will be fed and shown at the State Fair the next year.

TEXAS: The Bridgeport Chapter of F.F.A. won first prize in the State Future Farmer peanut contest which has just closed. The boys threshed 67 acres of peanuts, making 1,872 bushels and bringing \$2,233.82. They will use all the prize money in furthering food production.

GEORGIA: Jimmy Johnson, Jefferson, Georgia, American Farmer sold three purebred Angus heifers at the Southeastern Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Sale in Atlanta. He received a total of \$1,835 for the three animals - one heifer sold for \$875 and the other two for \$480 each. Jimmy, and his brother Joe, own a herd of 75 purebred breeding cows. The herd was started in 1938 when Jimmy entered vocational agriculture, and his teacher took Jim and his father to Tennessee where three purebred Angus heifers and one bull were purchased.

ALABAMA: Alabama Future Farmers will plant 500,000 pines this season. Demonstration plots will be planned and planted during January followed by plantings on home farms in February. 350,000 pines were planted last year in the Alabama FFA Forestry program.

ILLINOIS: The Ashton FFA Chapter recently held a scrap paper drive and collected nearly 3 tons of paper in one day! In the last two years the boys have purchased over \$100 worth of war bonds from paper collections alone.

IOWA: The Golden Buckle Chapter of Rockwell City, Iowa, purchased a \$500 war bond during the third bond drive. The chapter has sponsored another scrap drive netting 42,250 pounds of scrap iron. Part of the proceeds from the sale of scrap was used to purchase and mail Christmas presents to 24 members in the armed forces.

CHAPTER NEWS

BYERS: Chapter members have the shop in good shape for the adult classes, which have been running three weeks. Those attending have worked on school busses, overhauled a truck motor, built a truck bed, overhauled brakes, the front wheel assembly on a truck, tightened rods, ground valves and welded. ...We have been trying out an experiment with mango peppers. Large plants were transplanted from the gardens last fall and we continued to raise large mangoes in the shop all during the winter. We intend to transplant them to the garden following frost. We are hoping in this manner to produce some early peppers. (The Aphids are bad on plants raised inside during the winter months)....Due to trend in prices and foods we do not have much money borrowed on projects this winter. All boys are sponsoring their own projects.

--Dale Ohley, Reporter

NORTON: Of the 31 students enrolled in vocational agriculture, 24 are members of the FFA....The sophomore and junior classes have butchered 10 hogs and 2 beeves this year. We plan to butcher about 10 more before school is out....We have sold nearly all of the broilers that we raised in our broiler project this year. A number were kept and will be served at our parent-son banquet....because of the labor shortage in Norton, the boys in vocational agriculture class were called upon to repair the school water pipes which bursted during the cold weather. The money earned was put in the FFA treasury and will be spent on our banquet....We recently put up some climbing ropes in the gym for the use of the physical education classes....All students are planning to increase their farming programs for next year. All students showed a gain in net worth in their farming last year. The largest gain in net worth was made by Bill Minshill who showed a gain of \$858. The 17 boys who completed their farming programs last year have a present total net worth of \$5,281.45. This is a gain of \$3,590.21 over the beginning net worth of last year.

--Keith Sanderson, Reporter

RANDOLPH: Our chapter recently received a check for \$10.00 from the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, awarded by them to the Rural High School in Riley county, collecting the most scrap...We are planning to hold our parent and son banquet February 22. Our theme will be "Post War Farming."...We are making a paper press which will be used in bailing the paper collected from our paper drive....In shop the freshmen have been making chicken feeders. Seven feeders and one feed bunk have been completed. The No. 10 and 11 classes have been working on wagon boxes and the repair of farm machinery....Our pest eradication contest recently ended and was quite successful. The losers gave a party to the winners on January 19.

--Earl DeWyke, Reporter

HOWARD: Our chapter held its annual parent and son banquet January 27. There were 110 guests present. Eleven Green Hands were taken into our chapter at this meeting....Our chapter holds two regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The day meetings are devoted strictly to business and the night meetings are held for recreation and play....In shop the boys are building panels, feeders and waterers and repairing farm machinery. The main item of interest at present is the new oxy-acetylene welder. Some items of interest planned for the future are a basket ball team, a pest hunt and a sale of reconditioned machinery.

--Dean Matthew, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

ONAGA: We have raised nine Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree, and will initiate nine freshmen to the Green Hand degree at our February meeting.... Some of the shop projects completed this year are: a wagon box, a hog feeder, 12 poultry feeders, and a number of blacksmithing jobs such as sharpening plow shares, cultivator shovels, cold chisels, punches, hammer wedges, hay hooks, etc..The freshman class boys have built a cabinet to be used to store stove bolts and rivets....FFA members acted as chairmen of the scrap iron drive this year. We collected 5 tons of iron....Our farm labor committee for the high school this year was composed of FFA members....We have added two new library books to our chapter library this year, "If You Please," by Allen and Briggs, and "Programs for FFA Chapter Meetings," by Tenney....We have bought two lambs which we will butcher and serve at our FFA banquet to be held in the near future....We have culled approximately 175 chickens, vaccinated 45 hogs, castrated 25 hogs, butchered 5,735 pounds of pork so far this year. The hogs are butchered free for FFA members. A charge of one-half cent per pound is made to those outside the chapter....Members of our chapter have made flag standards, writing boards, and coat hangers for the Red Cross to send to the boys in the armed forces....A new arc welder has been purchased for our shop work....Clayton Rezac, Galen Teske, and Harold Tossendorf of our chapter are candidates for the State Farmer degree this year.

--Clinton Rollenhagen, Reporter

JUNCTION CITY: Members of the Junction City chapter held a joint meeting with the Manhattan Chapter on January 18. After the meeting a basketball game was held. The score was 36 to 29 in favor of Junction City. Following the game, the Manhattan chapter served a chili supper. Our chapter will be hosts to the Manhattan chapter, February 17 at a joint meeting and a basket ball game.... The agriculture classes have completed butchering 23 hogs and 6 beeves....Shop jobs being completed or under construction include 2 wagon boxes, 1 wood rack wagon, 2 manure spreaders rebuilt, 1 sanitary runway for chickens, 2 steel tractors mounted hay bucks, repair of a Ford V-8 engine, 3 tractor hay bucks, 1 grain drill rebuilt, 1 combination grain and roughage feed bunk, 1 chicken feeder....The second and third year agriculture classes recently made field trips to the airport at Fort Riley. The classes were shown through the supply depots, the woodwork shops, the electrical shop, the propeller shop, the welding shop, the radio room, the control tower, and the hangers....The sophomore and junior agriculture classes made field trips to the Junction City Milling Co., where they were shown how wheat is milled and the process of separating the flour from the bran, shorts, etc.

--Herman Cott, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Our pest eradication contest and scrap drive closed on January 4. Rex Rose was captain of the winning side. The losers entertained with a chili feed on January 18. The winners of the contest were also the victors in an overtime basketball game....Fifteen freshmen were initiated to the Green Hand degree at our January meeting....The members of the No. 10 and 11 classes have butchered 7 hogs and 2 beeves and have culled 2,968 hens. We have also mixed and sold or fed 8,800 pounds of laying mash. Our laying flock showed a 52 per cent production for January....Our garden seed arrived last week and has been distributed....The banding of the elm trees will start this week.

--Don Hauck, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MORROWVILLE: At the November meeting we initiated 7 boys into the Green Hand degree and at our December meeting we initiated 7 boys as Chapter Farmers.... Last fall our members purchased 90 feeder lambs. Louis Carter, one of our members, recently shipped his 20 lambs and received \$15.75 per cwt. Louis made \$65 on the 20 lambs for the 90 days he kept them. The other lambs were smaller and will take about 50 more days of feeding....This year we are going to hold our FFA banquet jointly with the Home Economics girls. This, we feel **not only** saves on food, but also creates a feeling of cooperation. The theme to be used is the two-motored bomber. The motors will represent the FFA and FHA, the body of the plane, the parents, and the wings will represent the school. The crew of the plane will be the faculty. This will be a large banquet and we are expecting 225 people. We plan to butcher a hog from the FFA lots to supply the meat....We have at the present time in the school lots, 13 hogs and 2 good beef steers. The steers weigh about 900 lbs and the hogs about 200 lbs. The steers are gaining about $2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs per day. We have sold 3 hogs and plan to sell the rest at a weight of about 250 lbs....We have done some community service work this year. So far we have butchered 36 hogs and 4 beeves, castrated 20 hogs and vaccinated 16 hogs. We have purchased 150 hog worming capsules cooperatively....Floyd Elder and Duaine Sawin are the boys selected to get the two gilts the FFA is putting out on shares....Duane Sawin is our candidate for State Farmer this year....The busiest place around the Morrowville ag department is the shop. At the present time we have under construction or repair, the following: a truck, 1 tractor, 2 plows, 2 mowers, 2 discs, 1 monitor, 1 bull rake, 1 hay buck, 2 trailers, 8 chicken feeders, 1 grain elevator, 1 cultivator, a sheep waterer, and many smaller articles. Part of this work is brought in by the fathers of FFA members. The boys work on the machinery during the day, and the fathers work during the evening.

--Louis Carter, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Members of our chapter have been doing their bit in the fourth war bond drive. They bought and sold more bonds than any other group in our school. Norman Jarret was high man with a sale of \$2,500 in bonds....During 1943 we produced and marketed over 50,000 pounds of pork and beef. We also marketed a considerable amount of mutton, eggs, and milk....Norman Jarret recently purchased two registered Chester White gilts from Jack Graham. He has also purchased two registered Hereford heifers, which makes a total of 3 registered heifers for Norman....Much interest is being shown in the 15 shoats that we are feeding out. We are feeding them ground wheat and pig and hog supplement....We have raised \$13.10 in the infantile paralysis fund drive and hope to make it \$15....The following repair jobs have been completed in shop this year: 1 manure spreader, 1 corn sheller, 2 spike tooth harrows, 1 rotary hoe, 1 walking plow and the school trailer. The following jobs are either under construction or have been completed: 1 farrowing house, 1 hay rack, 2 ladders, 4 dog houses, 1 stock rack for a small truck, 1 hog self feeder, 1 operating table for the local veterinary, a new bulletin rack for the classroom, 11 chicken feeders, 1 portable feed bunk for cattle, 4 step ladders, 12 hog troughs.

--Donald Hefley, Reporter

More than half the vitamin A manufactured in the United States comes from shark livers.

Chapter News (Continued)

FAIRVIEW: Our chapter is very fortunate in being able to assist with the Food Production War Training program that is being conducted in our shop. The various classes are acting as janitors and are adding their earnings to the chapter treasury. 58 farmers were enrolled in our first class and 41 in the second course....Our chapter recently bought an old gasoline tractor and are going to junk it. Any usable iron is kept and the rest is sold for junk....Freshman boys are still working on shop skills. The sophomore boys are building another wagon box for our chapter. We purchase the lumber from the local lumber yard and build the boxes and then sell them to the farmers of the community. The junior boys are learning to operate the new tools which have been added to our shop equipment. They are also reconditioning farm machinery and one boy is making plans for a jeep. Another boy plans to build a sheep shearing outfit. ...Our chapter now owns two \$100 war bonds....Our chapter officers expect to buy some official FFA jackets with the help of the chapter....State Farmer candidates from our chapter are Dale Brockhoff, Kenneth Kruse and Alvin Wenger.

--Kenneth Owen, Reporter

LAWRENCE: The Jayhawk chapter has 52 members this year....We had our annual FFA fair in August. About 75 per cent of our members exhibited their products. ...The father and son banquet was held in November at the Hotel Eldridge.... Mr. Harold Channey was made an honorary member of the Jayhawk chapter recently because of his efficient dairying and for the help he has given to FFA boys.... We are playing basketball this year with about 18 boys out for the game. We are planning to buy new suits for the team. Our annual game with the high school faculty was won by the teachers but we collected \$45 at the gate....Our chapter treasurer purchased a \$100 war bond in the fourth war loan drive. We now have \$500 in bonds....Sixteen Green Hands will be initiated in March. The sophomores and juniors will pay for the chili for this occasion as they lost a basketball game to the seniors and freshmen....Our president, Leslie Demeritt, enlisted in the Marines and left January 25 for active duty. Our vice president, Bill Daggett, took over the duties of president....The freshman class elected officers and will have charge of the Washington Day program in February....We have meetings every two weeks.

--Harley Yoder, Reporter

SENECA: Our chapter has a membership of 28 this year....Each member donated the receipts of one day's work this fall to the chapter, and now are making plans to buy a gilt with the money earned, the gilt to be put out on shares. ...In November the chapter sponsored an all school dance as a means of making money....Our members are treating their cattle for grubs. Every member is to treat his home herd if grubs are present....We are sponsoring a chapter public speaking contest that will be held the middle of February. Freshman and sophomore boys are in one group and are to give a 3 minute talk. Two boys from each group will be selected to give their talks at the parent-son banquet. The winner from each group will be selected at that time. The banquet will be held February 23....Shop work this year consists mainly of farm machinery repair for the advanced students. Our school is also sponsoring a Food Production Training Course in farm machinery. Many of our former members meet each Wednesday all day for farm machinery repair.

--Herman Smith, Reporter

Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.--Will Rogers

Chapter News (Continued)

WELLSVILLE: Regular day meetings are being held twice each month for one hour. At these meetings, farming program talks are given, and discussions on "Food for Victory" are held....Our chapter sold refreshments at one football game this year and cleared \$9.75. A barnwarmer was also sponsored by our chapter and the receipts from the sale of hot dogs and pies totaled \$13.00. The dance was held in the ag shop....There are 29 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year. They have completed in shop to date: 3 hog houses, 1 hay rack, 6 feed bunks, 6 mash feeders, 3 mowing machines, 1 drill, 1 curler, 1 cultivator, 1 corn planter, installed two motors in cars, butchered 11 hogs and shingled a barn for a farmer, and also built an addition to the barn. We have also culled 1500 hens for farmers. We are now making plans for a spring farm equipment sale. Each member will contribute some completed shop job for the sale....During the year of 1943, FFA members sold 12,145 lbs. of pork. This year they hope to more than double this amount. Bob Wiggins, Ag No. 11 member, topped the pork sellers with 2,095 lbs.

--Lou Seyler, Reporter

QUINTER: Our chapter officers this year are: Chas. Tuttle, president; Donald McQueen, vice president; Robert Wigington, secretary; James Maxwell, treasurer; Jack Fink, reporter; Richard Flora, sentinel....We initiated 12 members as Green Hands in October....We presented an assembly program on January 18. Charles Tuttle was master of ceremonies and the announcer. The program consisted of a piano solo by James Garvey; a cornet solo by James Maxwell, and an auction sale presented by Richard Flora, auctioneer, assisted by Robert Wigington, Charles Tuttle, Earl Woodward, Jack Fink and Leroy Maxwell. Mr. Shea was the vet and proved very efficient at inspecting the livestock....We assisted in a scrap drive in September....In our shop we have been butchering hogs and beef. Recently we made 1 hay rack, 2 hog feeders, 4 chicken feeders, 4 city park benches, grade school playground equipment and 1 wheel barrow....We castrated 30 hogs, 12 bulls and 98 lambs and we docked 160 lambs. We are planning a farm machinery school and a pest eradication contest soon.

--Jack Fink, Reporter

MULVANE: Officers of our chapter: George Story, president; Alva Whitney, vice president; Merle Wetworth, secretary; Richard McKee, reporter; John Booth, treasurer; Carl Smith, sentinel....Our chapter has butchered 43 hogs, the goal set by the group. We have also butchered two beeves....Our chapter recently completed a pest eradication contest. The following pests were killed: 165 rabbits, 255 birds (considered as pests) 3 coyotes, 33 skunks, 102 muskrats, 91 opossums, 3 hawks, 9 civit cats, 4 crows, 7 mice, and one badger. George Story won first place in number of points and Eugene Cox placed second....Members of our chapter attended a machinery repair demonstration in Wichita recently....In shop the following articles have been made or are being made: concrete hog troughs, concrete flagstones, hay hooks, funnels, gate hooks, gates made from tubing, stock trailer, and an enclosure for pick-up for hauling students.

--Richard McKee, Reporter

"When did you first suspect your husband was not all right mentally?"
 "When he shook the hall three and began feeling around for apples."

--Columns

Chapter News (Continued)

MCPHERSON: We have recently been holding cattle grub control demonstrations and have treated five herds to date....We have started our seed germinator and are testing seeds for farmers and the local seed houses....In order to raise money for our chapter treasury we have been charging \$1.00 for butchering a hog, and \$2.00 for butchering a beef. Up to the present time we have butchered 50 hogs and 25 beeves....Wayne Schafer and Martin Stucky are candidates from our chapter for the State Farmer degree....Our FFA basketball team has won seven games and lost one so far this year....In shop we are building 2 hog brooder houses, 1 wagon box, 3 feed bunks, a road drag, have overhauled a model-T and constructed a garden tractor....Marland Sitts reports a lamb crop of 150 per cent. This is the highest per cent turned in up to-date....We are now busy on a seed potato dipping project and plan to dip a carload of potatoes. We will use our sheep dipping vat for dipping the seed potatoes.

--Lloyd Peterson, Reporter

BELOIT: Our chapter has a paid-up membership of 50 boys this year. This is the largest membership the chapter has ever had in its history....Social events carried on this school year have been the FFA and Home Economics hayrack ride held during October and the FFA stag turkey feed held during December. The Green Hands prepared and served the feed. Plans are now being made for a date party to be held on George Washington's birthday, February 22....The chapter members are buying stamps regularly and turning them into bonds....Our chapter contributed \$5.00 to the Red Cross; \$5.00 to the United War Fund, and \$10 and 25 dressed hens to the Beloit Community Hospital annual drive and banquet....Eldon Treaster, local chapter president, is a candidate for the State Farmer degree....Two new wood brooder houses have been built and sold to farmers. The chapter received \$25 for each of the brooder houses. A number of electric brooders are now being built in the shop.

--Dennis Holway, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: Our chapter has been pretty successful so far with our projects. We have six head of hogs ready for market now and 24 that will be ready in the next three weeks. We had our poultry flock culled and blood tested and are selling to the local hatchery. We are getting about 40 per cent production now which is somewhat lower than it was before the birds were blood tested....In shop this year we have made feed bunks, wagon boxes, tool cabinets, tool boxes, milk stools, hog chutes, chicken feeders, brooder houses, hog feeders, cold chisels, punches, gate hooks, hammer wedges, dust pans, etc. We are also learning the art of welding....On January 3 we started our night school with an enrollment of 51 members. This school is held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights....On February 2 we had our Green Hand initiation program.

--Bernard Buck, Reporter

KIOWA: To date we have butchered 67 hogs, 2 beeves, and 1 lamb. We have also cut up and cured several hogs. We charge the farmer enough to cover expenses.This year we have had several picture shows, two of which were entitled: "Melody Comes to Town," and "A Trip to Turkey Town."....Our chapter has gone on two successful skunk hunts this year. The profits were put into the FFA treasury....Our chapter has purchased a new set of sheep shears and we plan to put them to use as soon as possible.

--Kenneth Gillig, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

HARPER: The following Green Hands were initiated into our FFA chapter on December 15: Jimmie Wene, Tom Wedman, Douglas Ryan, Delmar Crum, Dale Fox, Edward Adams, Donald Pomeroy, Bob Greve, Arden Haltom, Floyd Butz, Jack Jacobs, and Robert Coleman. Following the initiation, sides were chosen and a basketball game was played....Our chapter cooperated with the Farm Bureau and the Agricultural Extension Service of Kansas State College in holding two meetings for farmers....Plans are being made for two programs, one of which we will present before the Lions Club, and the other will be put on in assembly sometime in the near future....Parliamentary Procedure has been stressed at some of our recent meetings....Meetings planned for the coming weeks include moving pictures, group discussions, recreational meetings, and a talk by a local lawyer dealing with laws which directly concern farmers.

--Francis Olivier, Reporter

CHANUTE: One of our main activities this year has been working outside in helping farmers harvest their crops. Members of our chapter have spent approximately 600 hours in farm labor since September 1. This does not include work done on our own farms. Our instructors have been cooperative in allowing us to make up our school work....Our chapter is helping sponsor a farm machinery school for farmers. We now have access to two acetylene gas welding outfits, a new arc welder, a steel lathe, and a valve grinding machine....We made a profit of \$118.75 on our annual pie and box supper held in November....Out of the six games our FFA basket ball team has played in our local league, we have lost only one game. We are now in first place....We held our annual parent and son banquet January 18. There were 130 guests, parents and members present....We held our annual FFA and alumni dinner and dance February 1 at the Kay Hotel.

--Sam Washburn, Reporter

HIAWATHA: Our chapter voted to purchase a \$100 war bond....Our annual parent and son banquet was held February 9....The Farm Machinery school, sponsored by the State Board for Vocational Education, which started November 30 is proving very successful....We have received a lot of new equipment from the government to be used in the school. The equipment includes an electric and oxy-acetylene welder. Many of the FFA members have learned to do electric welding....Although our chapter was started only three years ago, we now have 13 of our former members in the armed services....Our pest eradication contest ended January 20. The 15 members with the most points were entertained with a date party with all expenses paid.

--Robert Goodwin, Reporter

COLDWATER: A Food Production War Training program for the farmers of our community is being held in our vocational agriculture shop. Meetings are held three nights per week for six weeks. Through this program our chapter has access to two acetylene welders, an electric welder, an air compressor, a metal lathe, and a full set of war repair tools. This equipment has certainly increased the boys' interest in shop work....On January 17 we had a line party to a local show. Following the show we went to the agriculture building for doughnuts and cokes. The members of the farm machinery repair class joined us for refreshments....We are planning our annual parent and son banquet for some time in February.

--Bob Tucker, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

PAXICO: Our chapter has earned approximately \$50 in our shops program of work, through butchering, repair and construction charges. This year we allowed 2 weeks butchering time and during this period, we butchered 20 hogs. ...Field trips have been made to prune trees, worm hogs, and dock and castrate lambs....A seed treater has been built in shop which our chapter will use in treating seed for members and farmers....We built a squeeze type cattle chute for the Wabaunsee Co. Farm Bureau which was used at the cattle grub demonstration held at Alma, December 8....Items being constructed in shop at this time are: 1 sheep feeder, 1 feed bunk, 2 Illinois type hog houses; 3 chicken self feeders, 1 two-wheeled cart, 2 hog self feeders. We are also equipping a two row horse monitor and a lister for tractor power.

--Thomas Schultz, Reporter

SOLDIER: Our annual pest eradication program which started Thanksgiving vacation, terminated at the end of the Christmas vacation. The pests eradicated were: 350 crows, 50 mice, 75 sparrows, 35 hawks, 5 owls, 10 jack rabbits, 30 squirrels, 20 rats, 120 pigeons, and 54 starlings. The boys on the losing side will furnish the refreshments at our February night meeting....Some of the jobs being worked on in shop are: chicken feeders, wagon boxes, hay racks, hog and sheep feeders, hen nests, and many farm implements are being repaired and repainted. Most of the first year boys have completed their hammer and axe wedges, gate hooks and staples....At our last meeting we decided to sell garden seeds for the Hygrade Seed Co....During December our chapter put on an assembly program and initiated a number of Green Hands at that time.

--Albert McClacherty, Reporter

HOLCOMB: Our chapter recently purchased a flag and flag pole which has been placed in front of the vocational agriculture building. We have also purchased an FFA banner for our class room....On December 17 we held a carnival. Our net profit was \$107.04....We have butchered 20 hogs and 6 beeves for people of this community. One hog and one beef are butchered free of charge for each family wanting this work done. After that a charge of \$1.00 per animal is made.

--Dale Warner, Reporter

HORTON: Our chapter is conducting a number of contests: a pest eradication contest, a safety contest; and a shop safety contest. Inspections will be supplemented with cartoons and signs....We recently put on an assembly program in which the freshmen put on some circus acts, and the sophomores put on a skit based on the familiar "Doc Sawbones" act....Chapter members will help promote a seed testing and seed treating drive this year. An electric seed treater is being built in shop.

--Donald Yockey, Reporter

STAFFORD: Our chapter took an active part in the recent scrap drive. Cutting torches were used to help sort the metal....During the past semester the sophomores have completed projects in woodwork, soldering, and forge work. The juniors and seniors are repairing farm machinery, constructing lockers for the dressing room and fixing lumber and metal racks for the department. These boys are also receiving a course in motor mechanics. Each student is required to completely recondition a motor before school is over....The FFA is planning to treat a carload of seed potatoes for the Farm Bureau this year.

--Maeann Heyen, Reporter