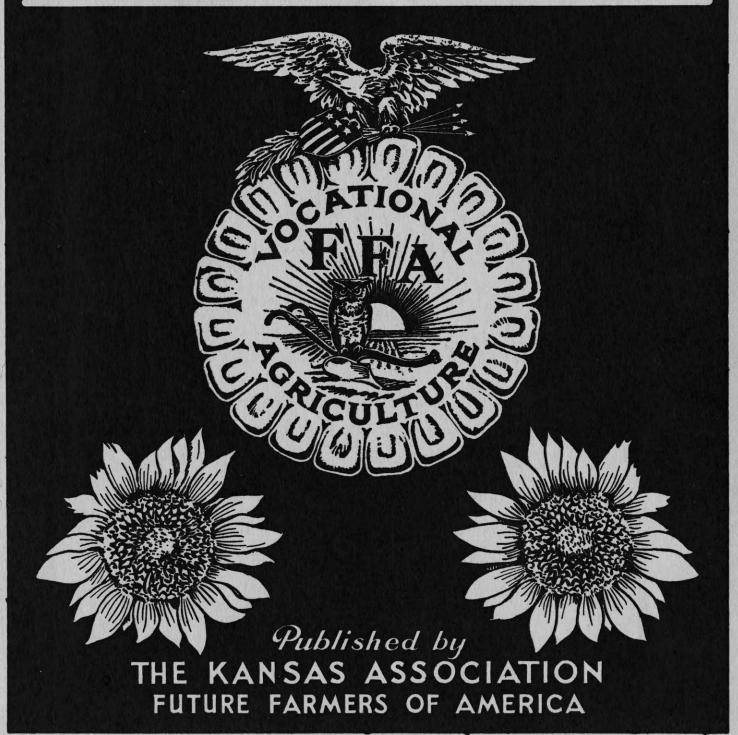
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WAR TIME THANKSGIVING ON THE HOME FRONT

"We thank God for our young people; that those who have found graves in war have died in honor, and that those who live, live in fidelity. For this maturity and steadfastness of youth--for this strong fiber of tomorrow's America -- we are grateful. " -- Frank W. McDonobough, Editor, Better Homes and Gardens.

PRESIDENT ALEFS REPORTING

"The National Convention is the most inspiring meeting I have ever had the pleasure of attending. The fellows you meet are 'tops'. When a group of boys get together and conduct their meeting in such an orderly manner, it's pretty swell. Most of the delegates present were State Farmer members and nearly all were state officers. If all of you fellows will cooperate in building and executing strong chapter programs of work, and give your support to the state program of work, the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America will get something worth while accomplished this year."

TEXT FOR A SERMON

Of the twenty-five chapters failing to file Programs of Work with the state office by November 1, 1943, TWENTY were not in attendance at the district FFA Leadership Schools.

1943 DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The first district FFA "Officers Training School" was sponsored by the Shawnee Mission chapter in 1931. Each year since, with the exception of 1942, district FFA Leadership Schools have been conducted in Kansas.

The 1943 district FFA Leadership Schools were held in twelve centers, the centers being selected with a view to equalizing the travel distance. Thirty-two chapters did not attend any Leadership School. This is not surprising when one considers the tire situation, as well as the polio situation, during the time the Leadership Schools were being held. The fact remains, however, that the FFA officers and advisers from the chapters not in attendance, did miss out on considerable inspiration and worth while information of very great value in the proper conduct of FFA chapters.

The purpose of the FFA Leadership School might be classified in three categories, namely: (1) ritualistic improvement; (2) broaden knowledge of the FFA; (3) exchange of ideas on building and executing a worth while pro-

gram of work.

The 1943 FFA Leadership Schools were organized in such a manner as to give maximum emphasis to boy participation. A majority of the local chapter advisers brought their FFA officers to the meetings prepared to participate, while a few came totally unprepared. Much credit for the success of the 1943 FFA Leadership Schools must be given to the state and national FFA officers who assisted, and to the cooperation of the local chapters assigned special roles on the program.

The following rankings will be of interest to all FFA members and advisers who attended a Leadership School, and should prove of interest to all Future Farmer members.

The high five individuals in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

lst	Reed Munsel, Lebanon Chapter	68	points
lst	· Vernon Scott, Cottonwood Falls Chapter	68	TI .
	- Kenneth Gatchell, Washburn Chapter	66	- 11
	Bob Steiner, Lebanon Chapter	66	11
	Rox Olenhouse, Fredonia Chapter	64	11
	- Daryl Bechtelheimer, Sabetha Chapter	64	11

The high five chapters in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

1st - Lebanon Chapter	300 points
2nd - Frankfort Chapter	273 "
3rd - Phillipsburg Chapter	261 " "
4th - Highland Park Chapter	260 "
5th - Girard Chapter	257 "

The following rankings on the next page give the high five individuals, the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest, and the high five schools in the FFA Ritual Contest for each of the 12 district FFA Leadership Schools:

SHAWNEE MISSION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Boyce Daugherty, Shawnee Mission Chapter	63 points
2nd - Bob Klein, Shawnee Mission Chapter	552 "
3rd - Leonard Heitzman, Tonganoxie Chapter	55 11
4th - Leslie Demeritt, Lawrence Chapter	51 "
4th - Bob White, Shawnee Mission Chapter	51 "

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest (Only four chapters participated)

1st - Shawnee Mission Chapter	$224\frac{1}{2}$ points
2nd - Tonganoxie Chapter	196 "
3rd - Lawrence Chapter	186 "
4th - Olathe Chapter	127 "

High Chapters - Ritual Contest (Only three chapters participated)

1st - Shawnee Mission Chapter

2nd - Lawrence Chapter

3rd - Tonganoxie Chapter

HIGHLAND PARK LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

<u>High Individuals - FFA Information Contest</u>

1st - Kenneth Gatchell, Washburn Chapter	66	points
2nd - Galen Teske, Onaga Chapter	63	11
3rd - Joe Breitenstein, Paxico Chapter	58	tt.
4th . Junior Morgan, Highland Park Chapter	56	11
5th - Dean Boley, Berryton Chapter	55	tt .
5th - Paul Weixelman, Wamego Chapter	55	- 11

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Highland Park Chapter	$260\frac{1}{2}$ point	S
2nd - Onaga Chapter	246 "	
3rd - Wamego Chapter	235 "	
4th - Overbrook Chapter	223 "	
5th - Paxico Chapter	221 "	

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Washburn Chapter

2nd - Seaman Chapter

3rd - Paxico Chapter

4th - Wamego Chapter

5th - Holton Chapter

SABETHA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Daryl Bechtelheimer, Sabetha Chapter	64 points
2nd - Kenneth Owen, Fairview Chapter	63 "
3rd - Marvin Salbart, Hiawatha Chapter	61 "
4th - Eugene Jurgensmier, Fairview Chapter	57 "
5th - Frank Allie, Hiawatha Chapter	52 "

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

lst - Hiawatha Chapter	243 points
2nd - Fairview Chapter	239 1 "
3rd - Effingham Chapter	170 "
4th - Seneca Chapter	159 "
5th - Centralia Chapter	156 "

High Chapter - Ritual Contest

lst	,-	Hiawatha (Chapter
2nd	_	Sabetha Ch	napter
3rd	-	Fairview (Chapter
4th	-	Effingham	Chapter
		Centralia	

CLAY CENTER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Buster Travis, Manhattan Chapter	rov seek	62 points
2nd - Anton E. Vopata, Frankfort Chapter		59 "
3rd - Francis Nutsch, Morrowville Chapter	A CHARLES	57 "
3rd - Linnea Stiner, Frankfort Chapter		57 "
5th - Robert Churchill, Frankfort Chapter	Trans.	56 "

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Frankfort Chapter	273	points
2nd - Manhattan Chapter	244	- 11
3rd - Clay Center Chapter	239) H
4th - Morrowville Chapter	225	11
5th - Washington Chapter	193	. 11

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

lst		Manhattan Chapter
2nd	-	Solomon Chapter
3rd	-	Junction City Chapter
3rd	_	Clay Center Chapter

5th - Linn Chapter

BELOIT LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Reed Munsell, Lebanon Chapter	68	points
2nd - Bob Steiner, Lebanon Chapter	66	C. C. Sansair
3rd - Don Ream, Lebanon Chapter	61	II many and the
4th - Bill Stover, Osborne Chapter	59	17
5th - Norman Johnston, Concordia Chapter	56	116

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Lebanon Chapter	300 points
2nd - Osborne Chapter	241 "
3rd - Beloit Chapter	206 "
4th - Minneapolis Chapter	189½ "
5th - Scandia Chapter	176 "

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Beloit Chapter 2nd - Lebanon Chapter 3rd - Osborne Chapter 4th - Minneapolis Chapter

5th - Alton Chapter

HILL CITY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

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High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Andrew Zillinger, Phillipsburg Chapter	61	points
2nd - Robert Near, Phillipsburg Chapter	59	ME # 12 1
3rd - Robert Daniels, Stockton Chapter	57	11
4th - Charles Meracle, Phillipsburg Chapter	55	1 0 2
5th - Dean LeSage, Stockton Chapter	53	11

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Phillipsburg Chapter	261 points
2nd - Stockton Chapter	242
3rd - Norton Chapter	157 "
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5th - Wakeeney Chapter	141 "
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High Chapters -- Ritual Contest

1st - Phillipsburg Chapter 2nd - Stockton Chapter 02 4 Manual Almanda 3rd - Wakeeney Chapter 4th - Hill City Chapter 5th - Norton Chapter

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Leadership Schools (Continued)

COLBY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals . FFA Information Contest

1st -	Norman Weed, Colby Chapter	40	points
	Roy White, Colby Chapter	39	
3rd -	Victor Holthus, Atwood Chapter	38	11
	Maurice Barnes, Goodland Chapter	38	11
5th -	Perry Cork, Hoxie Chapter	33	tt .

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest (Only three chapters participated)

1st - Atwood Chapter	401,8 2	154	points
2nd - Colby Chapter		151	11
3rd - Hoxie Chapter	Jan	145	11

High Chapters - Ritual Contest (Only two chapters participated)

1st - Colby Chapter 2nd - Atwood Chapter

KINSLEY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Richard Deyce, Coldwater Chapter	48	points
2nd - Robert McKinney, Colowater Chapter		abbelle
3rd Clifford Tucker, Coldwater Chapter	44	f†
4th - Harold Stevenson, Holcomb Chapter	40	tt.
5th - Bill Earnest, Holcomb Chapter	38	n in

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Coldwater Chapter	19	4	points
2nd - Holcomb Chapter			•
3rd - Kinsley Chapter	18	8	11
4th P Pratt Chapter	10 5 20 5 20 12 13	6	
5th - Garden City Chapter	20 marin 13	0	E tt. 0-5

High Chapters - Ritual Contest (Only three chapters participated)

1st - Coldwater Chapter
2nd - Kinsley Chapter
3rd - Byers Chapter

EMPORIA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Vernon Scott, Cottonwood Falls Chapter	68 points
2nd - Glenn Willhite, Ottawa Chapter	63 "
3rd - David Williams, Emporia Chapter	58 "
4th - Russell Schwilling, Cottonwood Falls Chapter	57글 " 54글 "
5th - Lyall Rock, Hope Chapter	54 ਨੂੰ "

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest (Emporia School Continued)

1st - Cottonwood Falls Chapter	241 points
2nd - Hope Chapter	227 "
3rd - Ottawa Chapter	2112 "
4th - Emporia Chapter	200 "
5th - Williamsburg Chapter	197 "

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Emporia Chapter

2nd - Williamsburg Chapter

3rd - Ottawa Chapter

4th - Cottonwood Falls Chapter

5th - Howard Chapter

BUHLER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

lst - Delbert Goering, Moundridge Chapter	56	points
2nd - Gilbert Goering, Moundridge Chapter	53	11
3rd - Vernon Goering, Moundridge Chapter	51	.tt
4th - Emil Goering, Moundrdige Chapter	48	11
5th - Lloyd Peterson, McPherson Chapter	47	11

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Moundridge Chapter	246 points
2nd - Buhler Chapter	198 "
3rd - ElDorado Chapter	1782 "
4th - Haven Chapter	173 "
5th - McPherson Chapter	171 2 "

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Buhler Chapter
2nd - Great Bend Chapter
3rd - Haven Chapter
4th - Moundridge Chapter
5th - McPherson Chapter

ARGONIA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

lst - Ralph King, Winfield Chapter	43 points
1st - Richard Berrie, Winfield Chapter	43 "
3rd - Harold Snyder, Kingman Chapter	37½ "
3rd - Vollie Priest, Winfield Chapter	37 1
5th - Delmar Schwartz, Kingman Chapter	37 "

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest (Argonia Leadership School Continued)

1st - Winfield Chapter	Ash and a second	2182 points
2nd - Kingman Chapter		1742 "
3rd - Mulvane Chapter		151 "
4th - Oxford Chapter		145 "
5th - Argonia Chapter	The second of the second	136 "

High Chapters - FFA Ritual Contest

1st - Mulvane Chapter 2nd - Winfield Chapter 3rd - Argonia Chapter 4th - Kingman Chapter 5th - Oxford Chapter

PARSONS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

lst -	Rex Olenhouse, Fredonia Chapter	64	points
2nd -	Charles Bryson, Neodesha Chapter	59	11
3rd -	Dean Hoy, Altamont Chapter	58	. If
3rd -	Dale McClasky, Girard Chapter	58	tf
	Leon Smith, Sedan Chapter	55	er all sage

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Girard Chapter	257 points
2nd - Fredonia Chapter	255 "
3rd - Neodesha Chapter	253 "
4th - Sedan Chapter	233 "
5th - Altamont Chapter	225 "

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

lst = Chanute Chapter
2nd = Parsons Chapter
3rd = Columbus Chapter
4th = Iola Chapter
5th = Sedan Chapter

The following is a summarized table of the contest results of the twelve district FFA Leadership Schools:

	:	Highest Individua	:F	Highest		Potal	: 1	Average 5 High	:]	Cotal 5 High	:	Average 5 High
Leadership School		Score	:	Score	:	Boys	;	Boys	:(Chapters	3:(Chapters
	:		:	_	:		:		:	1	:	
Shawnee Mission	1	63	1	2242	:	275	:	55.25	:	753*	:	188.25
Highland Park	:	66		260분	:	298	:	59.60	:	1185	:	
Sabetha	•	64	:	243	:	297	:	59.40	:	967	:	193.40
Clay Center		62		273	:	291	:	58.20	:	1172	:	234.40
Beloit	•	68		300		310	:	62.00	:	1112	:	222.40
		61	:	261		285				948	:	189.60
Hill City	:	40		154	:	188		37.60		450*	*:	150.00
Colby	•	48	1	194	:	215	,			784	:	156.80
Kinsley	•	68		241	:	301					:	215.40
Emporia	•	7.00	•	246		255	:	51.00			•	193.40
Buhler	:	56			•		•	39.60				165.00
Argonia	:	43	3	218½	:	198	:				•	244.60
Parsons	:	64	:	257	:	294	:	58.80	:	1223	:	244.00
	:		:		:		:		:		:	

* Four chapters participated

** Three dhapters participated

The following rankings list the Leadership Schools on the basis of the average of the scores made by the high five individuals in the FFA Information contest:

Average Five High Individuals Per Leadership School:

Beloit Leadership School	62.00	points
Emporia Leadership School	60.20	11
Highland Park Leadership School	59.60	11
Sabetha Leadership School	59.40	11
Parsons Leadership School	58.80	***

The following ranking of district Leadership Schools is on the basis of the average score of the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest:

Average High Five Chapters Per Leadership School:

Parsons Leadership School	244.60	points
Highland Park Leadership School	237.00	tt.
Clay Center Leadership School	234.40	11
Beloit Leadership School	222.40	17
Emporia Leadership School	215.40	11

The FFA Creed was given at each of the 12 Leadership Schools, except at the Colby school where the boy who was prepared to give the Creed was prevented from attending by public health regulations. More use should be made of the FFA Creed by local chapters. This is one of the finest—if not the best—youth organization Creeds extant. Kansas FFA members should be especially proud of the Creed, since it was written by a native Kansan. E. M. Tiffany, the author, was born and grew to manhood on a farm near Lyndon, Kansas. He graduated from the Lyndon High School, received a B. S. from Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, in 1915; taught a few years in Kansas High

Schools, and at the time of writing the FFA Creed, was in agricultural education work in Wisconsin. Every FFA member in Kansas, as well as every adult FFA leader, should be grateful to Mr. Tiffany for his splendid contribution to the idealism of the Future Farmers of America.

The following FFA members contributed to the success of the district FFA leadership schools by reciting the FFA Creed:

Bill Dagget, Lawrence Chapter
Laverne Ross, Washburn Chapter
Kenneth Kruse, Fairview Chapter
Lawrence Keintz, Manhattan Chapter
Gene Sink, Lebanon Chapter
Charles Bergner, Pratt Chapter
Jim Merrill, Cottonwood Falls Chapter
Lyle Koontz, Haven Chapter
Bill Parker, Mulvane Chapter
Bill Blanchard, Cherryvale Chapter

Credit and thanks go to the following chapters for preparing special features of the district FFA Leadership Schools:

Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration

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Olathe Chapter
Holton Chapter
Centralia Chapter
Solomon Chapter
Osborne Chapter
Hoxie Chapter
Coldwater Chapter
Ottawa Chapter
Great Bend Chapter
Kingman Chapter
Chanute Chapter

Shawnee Mission Chapter
Overbrook Chapter
Seneca Chapter
Abilene Chapter
Alton Chapter
Colby Chapter
Byers Chapter
Hope Chapter
McPherson Chapter
Winfield Chapter
Girard Chapter

Much credit must be given the following FFA boy leaders for the success of the Leadership Schools: Third National Vice President George Stelter, the state officer group-Alefs, Lukert, Overbaugh, Jarrett, and Sawatzky and immediate past state officers, Thalmann and Barnes. In the opinion of you executive adviser, Erwin Thalmann did the best job of presenting the state FFA Program of Work and the relation of the local chapter thereto, of any of the boy leaders. Kenneth Kruse, Fairview chapter, was "tops" in presenting the FFA Creed--letter perfect, pronunciation, enunciation, timing, and emphasis excellent.

The Moundridge chapter placed four boys--first, second, third, and fourth in the FFA Information contest at the district FFA Leadership School held at Buhler. All the boys were named Goering, but were not all brothers. Three of them were officers, one a substitute.

Discoveries (?): FFA officers (and advisers) know too little about the FFA; Ritualistic performance can be improved; parliamentary procedure should be given more emphasis; and more use should be made of the FFA Creed.

Leadership Schools (Concluded)

Announcement: A Fifteen Year History of the FFA in Kansas (if the printer ever gets it printed) will be made the basis of part of the next year's FFA Information Contest.

The state office is awaiting suggestions as to method of improving the

FFA Leadership Schools in 1944.

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WHY I PLAN TO REMAIN ON THE FARM* by Dale Sterner, Chapman, Kansas

(Winner of First Place in 1943 State FFA Public Speaking Contest)

Because I believe in the future of farming, I plan to remain on the farm. Agriculture, man's oldest industry will continue to be one of the most important as long as humanity exists. Food and clothing, two of the necessities of life, are the products of agriculture. History clearly reveals the definite relationship between a healthy civilization and a progressive agriculture.

I am happy to be identified with the occupation of farming which is playing such a vital part in our present emergency. Everybody is interested in good farming for if the farm is not well managed, the people generally will not have enough to eat and clothes will be too costly. Our national leaders recognize this fact and become alarmed when any phase of agriculture shows disintegration.

In choosing an occupation one must carefully consider several essential factors. It is a study of these factors that convinces me to make farming my life's occupation. Living things inspire me to activity. I enjoy tilling the soil, the growing of crops and the production of animals. The relationship and continuity of growing things on the farm are a never ending source of interest and satisfaction.

In addition to loving this life, I am proud to become a link in the chain of agricultural ancestry of my family. My father, my grandfather, and my great grandfather were farmers and I have inherited the love of the soil which induced my ancestors to become successful farmers in their respective generations.

I am physically qualified to become a farmer. Having been raised on the farm I have experienced typical farm labor at all seasons of the year and am glad to be able to do the hard work which is associated with farming.

Another reason for choosing farming as my occupation is that the vocation of farming is economically sound. Many occupations offer an uncertain future. It is a generally accepted fact that the prosperity of the community, the state and nation depends upon the prosperity of its farmers. Increased farmer purchasing power results in the consumption of manufactured goods, which in turn creates jobs for non-farming people. This makes for a general national prosperity.

*The winning speech in the state public speaking contest is never printed in the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter until after the Regional contest. Lack of space prohibited the publishing of Mr. Sterner's speech in the September and October issues.

Why I Plan To Remain on the Farm (Continued)

The farmer is expected to, yes, is required to feed the nation in times of war and of peace. The cave men lived by the hunt but it took all the time of everybody to get enough to eat. Even so, they often failed, and famine, misery and anxiety were the common lot of man. We have found a better way. By good farming less than half the people need to think of the food supply while the rest can go about their business doing other things essential in furnishing the comforts and luxuries of life. It was a great thing to get this food business organized upon a safe basis and those who undertake to provide it must not neglect their responsibility. They must know their business well, and all of us must know and appreciate the full meaning of farming. I am glad to be associated with a vocation that has always been essential to the well being of mankind.

Again, the farmer is independent as far as independence is enjoyed by any class. He sets his own time to begin work and to do the jobs which constitute his task. Organized labor does not dictate to him. Independence is truly a blessing to the individual and one which the majority of workers do not have.

The rugged, wholesome environment of the farm gives the background for the development of leadership. Many of our leaders of the past have had a farming background. One day in New York City two young mid-western men were being shown through the offices of one of the five largest industrial corporations in America. The guide pointed to the long rows of private offices occupied by the outstanding and well paid officers of the company and said. "More than 75 per cent of those men grew up in the rural areas of the middle west."

The farm offers a splendid place to establish a home and to raise a family. The home is the essential factor in the business of farming. It is a part of the experience of the tenant farmer, as well as of the farmer who owns and operates his farm. Farm children early in life are taught to assume responsibility. Their experience is varied and wholesome. The surroundings are pleasant, the air is pure and life is lived as I think our Creator intended it to be lived. These advantages of the farm home, too often unappreciated by many of us, are frequently sought by successful business men when they establish residences outside the city limits. These suburban homes are established primarily to give their children the advantages commonly found on only the farm.

The farm is the place to grow the family's food supply. We all recognize that food is man's first necessity. By growing the food supply on the farm, one is assured of sufficiency, as well as high quality of products. An adequate diet is essential. Every man is a cog in our national emergency machine. In time of war, even sickness is an asset to our enemies. If a man is sick, and fails in his work, the machine refuses to function properly. We must exert every effort to maintain health and we know that good food is playing a

vital role in maintaining the health of the nation.

Finally, I must and I wish to earn my living. Income is one of the measures of the success of a business. Intelligent, planned farming produces a reasonable income, and more than that, a reasonable security. The farmer who practices diversification has many sources of income. Very seldom is there a complete failure on the farm. While the net income of the farmer is lower than that earned by many workers, the security of the vocation of farming is one of its most important compensating factors.

Future Farmers, together, let us strive to create that respect for farm

Why I Plan to Remain on the Farm (Concluded)

life which you and I possess because we love farm life, the farm life that is too frequently misunderstood because of misrepresentation. With faith let us look forward and with courage let us work toward the dawn of a new and better day for the vocation we love.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

There is no question but what a meeting of the House of Delegates of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America next spring would result in unlimited good for the FFA, but whether or not such a meeting should be held is a mooted question. Some FFA adult leaders believe such a meeting would be in order if conditions remain the same. Any favorable development in either the war situation or the tire situation would enhance the possibility of holding a House of Delegates meeting. The state office plans to seek local adviser opinion on this question soon after the holiday season, and will be guided largely by the recommendations of the local FFA advisers. It is not too early to give the subject careful consideration.

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CHAPTER NEWS

SENECA: Officers for this year are: Joe Krogman, president; Leonard Gress, vice president; Paul Wempe, secretary; Harry Droge, treasurer; Herman Smith, reporter...We have 25 Future Farmers at the present and hope to raise out membership to 100 per cent. We hold a meeting each Monday. The program at our meetings consist of discussing what other chapters are doing, fun skits, talks by members, debates, specials, and parliamentary procedure practice. We have a guest speaker at most of our meetings...Our officers attended the Leadership School held at Sabetha, and won fourth place in the FFA Information contest...We are planning a parent-son banquet for this fall....On October 26, our chapter was host to a joint initiation of Green Hands for the chapters of our county. Sabetha and Centralia met with us. All three chapters took part in the initiation ceremony and program. Lynn Lukert, of Sabetha, vice president of the Kansas Association, talked to us about, "The FFA in Kansas." The show, "The Green Hand," was shown to the group by Mr. Pitman.

--Herman Smith, Reporter

BURLINGTON: Our officers attended the Emporia Leadership School this year. The officers are: Neal Kelly, president; Jim Jaunerig, vice president; Wayne Keith, secretary; Edward Heywald, treasurer; Jarold Sparks, reporter; W. H. Patterson, adviser; Bill Thompson, watch dog...We had our annual watermelon feed this year which was attended by a number of new members...We have purchased a new hoist and a number of other improvements are being made about the shop....Our chapter is going strong and Mr. Patterson, our new adviser, is getting things done.

-- Jarold Sparks, Reporter

A New York City boy on arrival at Camp Phillips near Salina, Kansas, wrote home, "This is a big, wonderful country. No matter how far west you go there are still evidences of human life."--Lyons News.

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Chapter News (Continued)

COLUMBUS: The officers for this year are: Gilford Gaston, president; Robert Robbins, vice president; Gordon Hale, secretary; Louis Schriener, treasurer; Donald Hefley, reporter; and Jack Graham, watch dog....Our first FFA meeting was held September 22 with 46 members on the roll...We attended the Officers Training School at Parsons and placed third in the ritual contest...Last June we entered the Joplin Fat Lamb Show and our entries all placed. We went back in October for the Joplin Junior Beef Show. This time we had to be content with one 4th, one 5th, two 6ths, two 7ths, and one 12th place...The banquet committee has started work on the fifth annual banquet...We have one grain drill, a manure spreader, a three section spike tooth harrow, and a corn sheller undergoing repair in shop at the present. We have under construction, one hog house, hay rack, feed bunks, step ladders, chicken feeders, heg trough, and many other smaller articles...The scrap drive is underway and we hope to make a thorough check for the various kinds of scrap in the community.

—Donald Hefley, Reporter

HORTON: Our officers are: Deane Thorson, president; James Gaskell, vice president; Charles Small, secretary; Urban Wintersheidt, treasurer; Donald Yockey, reporter; Weldon Gullickson, sentinel; J. L. Jacobson, adviser...

James Gaskell, Charles Small, and Donald Yockey attended the Leadership school at Sabetha with Mr. Jacobson...In the state fairs and stock contests, our president, Deane Thorson, took several firsts and two Grand Champions on pure bred Jersey cattle. Keith Knudson had the Grand Champion barrow at the St. Joseph Interstate Baby Beef and Pig Club Show. The barrow was a Poland China and sold for \$51 cwt...Loren Geydusek, an alumni member has purchased \$1500 in war bonds this summer. This money came from his farming program....Our sentinel is overhauling a mower for one of the local farmers. This is just one of the jobs which our chapter is doing.

-- Donald Yockey, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Our officers for the year are: Franklin Pacey, president; Bob Emrich, vice president; Lloyd Moore, secretary; Don Blake, treasurer; Don Hauck, reporter; Bill Catlin, watch dog...Thirty-five boys attended the Ottawa County Fair, and won first in the judging contest. Rex Rose was high individual with 95 boys competing...We have chosen sides for a scrap drive and pest eradication contest. The losers are to give a feed to the winners. Twenty-four boys have purchased \$156.50 worth of stock in our laying flock project...So far we have butchered 1 beef and 1 hog, culled 895 hens, deloused and wormed 230...At the FFA party for new members, we consumed about 500 pounds of watermelons. Four of the officers and our adviser, Mr. Pike,

-- Don Hauck, Reporter

WATERVILLE: Our officers are: Bill Green, president; Milton Anderson, vice president; Don Sedlacke, secretary; Melvin Tommer, treasurer; Mr. Stephens, adviser; Don Gordon, reporter.... Our chapter holds a day meeting every other Friday and a night meeting the second Wednesday in each month... We have our scrap drive underway and plan to collect at least 20 tons of metal to help make Germany and Japan another Italy... We have decided to have a Thanksgiving and penny carnival together... Our shop work consists of working on an automobile, repairing farm machinery, and working on carpentry projects.... The Waterville State Farmer candidate for this year is Raymond Lindquist.

-- Don Gordon, Reporter

WINFIELD: Winfield Future Farmers took first and second places in the contest in connection with South Central Kansas Leadership School at Argonia. The contest dealt with officer efficiency in connection with the work and management of local chapters of the FFA. Ralph King and Richard Berrie tied for first place, with 43 points each. Vollie Priest was fourth with 372 points. Officers attending from Winfield were: George Reynolds. president: Robert Blake, vice president; Richard Berrie, socretary; Ralph King, treasurer; Vollie Priest, reporter; Gerald Lawrence, watch dog. John Lowe, sponsor, accompanied the boys. Other important matters taken up by the school was the problem of linking the vocational agriculture program with the war effort. The Winfield boys have their plans already made for this year.... The local chairmen and their goals are as follows: Ronald Schmidt is head of pasture production. His goal is to have 30 boys with 300 days of pasture for all livestock. Bob Briscoe, head of feed production, has a goal of 1,000 tons of silage, 1,000 bushels of grain, and 1,000 bushels of wheat. Jerry Hoover, as chairman of the soil crop will strive for 1,000 bushels soy beans, and 25 tons of hay. Donald Holt, head of pork production, expects 65,000 pounds of live pork. Bert Berrie's goal on beef is 10,000 pounds. Jerry Holman's goal in sheep production is 24,000 pounds of lambs and 2,400 pounds of wool. In dairy production, the goal is 60,000 pounds of milk, 2,000 pounds of poultry meat for market use. Chairman is Gerald Lawrence.... Future Farmer committee members are supervised farming, Paul Bonewell; cooperative activities, Vollie Priest; community service, Raymond Biddle; leadership, Robert Ircton; earnings and savings, Ralph King; conduct of meeting, Richard Berric; scholarship, Bob Blake; recreation, Donald Heffron, general, Mace Archer.

-- Vollie Priest, Reporter

NORTON: We elected two new officers this fall as Donald Mann and Phillip Wiltfong did not return to school this fall. The new officers are Bill Mathes, treasurer; and Vernon Archer, secretary. All of our officers attended the Leadership School held at Hill City...We have the largest enrollment this year that we have had for some time. We have 35 members...We have 150 broilers which weigh two pounds at the present time. We plan to have them ready for the Thanksgiving market. The Junior class caponized 20 of them. We plan to carry these over for the Easter market, and sell them locally....In shop we have completed or have under construction, one brooder house, 8 wagon boxes, 2 A-type houses and 50 feet of pannels, ten 100 hen mash hoppers, 1 trailer, and many small articles such as tool cabinets, shop tools, etc....We plan to start our pest eradication contest next Monday and plan to exterminate at least 2,000 pests...The Sophomore class is planning to castrate about 40 head of pigs.

--Keith Sanderson, Reporter

SOLDIER: We held our annual election of officers September 15, at which time our program of work was discussed...On September 17, we had our annual parents' night for parents of the freshman boys with about 85 per cent attendance. The vocational agriculture program was explained to the parents....Some of the boys showed calves at the American Royal taking 4th, 5th, 8th, and 13th places...At our regular October meeting all new boys were guests. The boys attending the Royal, gave reports at this time.

-- Albert McClacherty, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: The officers for this year are: Duaine Sawin, president; Floyd. Elder, vice president; Truman Shaw, secretary; Francis Nutsch, treasurer; Harold Mathy, watch dog, and Mr. Dewey, adviser ... We have submitted our program of work to the state office, which entitles us to enter the state Better Chapter contest next spring We are going to start the farm machinery repair school before long. We are waiting on some more equipment to arrive. We have one large Smith torch and a smaller aircraft torch and a generator, a chain hoist, a large jack, and many smaller pieces of equipment. This equipment is having a favorable effect on the day school boys, for so far we have have done a lot of work in shop. We have completed or are working on the following projects: 5 wagon boxes, 2 hay racks, 1 trailer box, 1 trailer chasis, 2 hog houses, 19 cement hog troughs, 9 chicken feeders, 3 wood hog troughs, 1 calf feeder, I wind charger, I hog feeder, besides several smaller projects such as hay hooks, single trees, double trees, also I large feed bunk ... We have two steers and 16 hogs on feed in our school lots. We have on hand two ton of alfalfa, 100 bushels of oats, and some corn.... The boys sold about \$100 worth of stamps and bought about \$350 worth of bonds so far this year Some of the boys are feeding cut feeder lambs this year. Louis Carter has purchased 20 lambs and we have three more boys who will feed cut 50 more.... The freshman boys will be invited to our November meeting Fach meeting will have refreshments and also some sort of recreation. All meetings will be held in the day time.

-- Louis Carter, Reporter

BYERS: Thirteen of the 18 boys in high school this year are taking vocational agriculture...At our first meeting we elected the following officers: Jim Brown, president; Bill Hatzenbuehler, vice president; Bill Smith, secretary; Dale Ohley, reporter; Ivan Stotts, treasurer; Sam Gilliland, watch dog...We attended the Leadership School held in Kinsley. We received a world of good instruction, had a good time and an excellent banquet. All officers attended...We are putting in the machinery course for adult farmers this fall. We are fixing up a part of the school garage, have run the cement floor, and will build the partition this week. The boys are doing all the work...We have received the following machines to date: a saw and jointer, air compressor, are welder, chain hoist, and valve resurfacer...We have a two sow hog house built on skids, 8 x 16 with a floor almost completed. It will cost \$86 completed. We have butchered four hogs for farmers this fall....The boys helped put on a joint program (box and pie supper) with the junior class Friday night. We cleared \$33 for our half.

-- Dale Ohley, Reporter

HOLCOMB: Our officers are: Harold Stevenson, president; Jack Towles, vice president; Bill Earnest, secretary; Jarvis Brushy, treasurer; Dale Warner, reporter and Lawrence Roth, sentinel. These officers and our adviser, Mr. Miller, attended the Leadership School at Kinsley, and enjoyed it very much. We had a chance to meet our state president, Irwin Alefs, and Mr. A. P. Davidson, state executive adviser...We have 22 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture, and they have been very busy on their yearly program of work for some time. At present a large number are out for beet harvest which is in full swing. The sugar beet factory reports a higher sugar content in the beets than last year. The boys who are not out for beet harvest have been collecting scrap metal for the drive which ends here November 1. At present they have about five or six truck loads of scrap iron.

-- Dale Warner, Reporter

JUNCTION CITY: The officers for this year are: John Peterson, president; Otto Roesler, vice president; Norman Mans, secretary; Dale Collins, treasurer; Herman Cott, reporter; Shirley Janke, watch dog. The officers and their advisor, Mr. Porter, attended the Leadership School in Clay Center, September 30.... Eleven boys were formally initiated at the last night meeting The vocational agriculture boys built a dressing room in the shop 16 x 9 feet. The top of the room will be used for a lumber rack and storage space Two rack wagons have been completed in shop. One wood wagon was 8 x 14, and an all steel wagon was 8 x 18': A 30 bushel hog feeder has also been completed.... The freshman and sophomore classes started out this year by making funnels, chisels and punches. Four tractor mounted steel kay bucks are under constuction now. Two manure spreaders are being rebuilt. Two box wagons are under construction and one has been completed Several field trips have been made. On these trips a total of 80 hogs have been castrated and 200 chickons culled. ... A "For Sale" and "Wanted" bulletin board has been started in the classroom. ... The FFA purchased two pairs of boxing gloves, which are a good source of entertainment at our night meetings.... At one of our meetings we elected Mr. Paul B. Gwin and Mr. Charles Murphy as honorary members...Our chapter will present four candidates for the State Farmer degree this year....Our prices for butchering in shop are as follows: 50 cents for hogs for vocational agriculture boys and FFA members; 75 cents for beef, for vocational agriculture boys and FFA members; \$1.00 for hogs for outsiders and \$1.50 for beef for outsiders. We expect to butcher a number of hogs.

-- Herman Cott, Reporter

HIAWATHA: The members of our chapter have been busy making shop articles. At present we are constructing two self feeders, a two sow farrowing house, a loading chute, two wagon boxes and many smaller articles. We hope to have many of the wood construction jobs out of the way before starting a farm machinery repair school on November 30....Wayne Meyer marketed a litter of nine pigs that weighed 1995 pounds in 172 days....The Spotted Poland China gilt owned by our chapter, farrowed ten pigs and weaned nine. Philip Korthanke saved a litter of pigs by placing three of them with another sow We attended the fairs at Horton and Topeka and the Nc. 11 class attended a dairy demonstration at Falls City....Our chapter conducted the scrap metal drive for our high school Our officers attended the Leadership school at Sabetha. They won first place in the opening ceremony contest and the information contest. Marvin Sabbert was third high individual and Frank Allee was fifth high in the information quizz.... The chapter exhibited a new wagon box in the Hallowe'en parade.... A date party was held October 24 at Sycamore Springs.... Our chapter is operating a hot dog stand at the football games and intend to purchase a \$100 war bond with the profits.

-- Robert Goodwin, Reporter

KIOWA: Our officers this year are: Dale Tucker, president; Melvin Conrad, vice president; Earl Fausett, secretary; Kenneth Gillig, reporter; Dick Rathgeber, treasurer; Raliegh Roland, sentinel. Bob Rathgeber, our former reporter, joined the Navy, Oct. 12....Our chapter had a snowcone concession at the Barber County Fair at Hardtner, Kansas, September 1-3. We also had a stand at the Kiowa Labor Day pionic...At our first night meeting we held initiation ceremonies for 11 Green Hands. We have a 100 per cent membership... Our community service projects are as follows; wormed 170 hogs and 40 sheep, castrated 90 hogs and 20 calves, culled, deloused, and wormed 3,445 chickens. --Kenneth Gillig, Reporter.

FAIRVIEW: Our officers this year are: Earl Chase, president, Dale Brockhoff, vice president; Kenneth Kruse, secretary; Eugene Jurgensmier, treasurer; Kenneth Owen, reporter; Gene Schmitt, watch dog; and Walter Skinner, parliamentarian. Glenn Minton was elected president, but left to go into the armed forces. The vice president Earl Chase was made president, and Dale Brockhoff was elected to the office of vice president. Our officers attended the Leadership School at Sabetha. Kenneth Kruse received a copy of "Forward F.F.A." from the state association for reciting the FFA Creed letter perfect....Our chapter has purchased a large FFA banner for our meeting room....We had a Hallowe'en party and initiated 8 Green Hands. We also raised five Green Hands to the degree of Chapter Farmer Our chapter purchased a \$100 War Savings Bond recently In shop we have built 4 wagon boxes, reconditioned a motor, put new bearings in a truck drive shaft and put a new pinion shaft in a truck. We built a Gambrel roofed, single sow hog house, and are just starting a group of three two-sow hog houses; have made several hog troughs, a chicken feeder, some new tool cabinets and other things Our shop was remodeled last summer, which adds a great deal to the interest shown in shop work....Our chapter is collecting scrap iron, and we salvage what we can and sell the unusable iron. ... Our school paper carries news in each publication concerning the FFA.... We have repaired some farm machinery and are planning to repair some more. We have some machinery for sale.

-- Kenneth Owen, Reporter

COLDWATER: Our chapter entered the county collective booth at the state fair this year. Just the committee attended because of the infantile paralysis epidemic. On the committee were Ross Beeley, Billy Hilt, Robert McKinney, and Calvin Warren. This is the fourth consecutive year that we have taken the Grand Championship prize....Our officers are: Richard Deyoe, Robert McKinney, Bob White, Clifford Tucker, and Robert Tucker. All attended the Leadership School at Kinsley, and had charge of the parliamentary procedure demonstration. They brought back blue ribbons for the ritual and FFA Information contest...We participated in the all school scrap drive which took place last week. The FFA boys collected 30 tons of the scrap that was collected. This county has already gathered more scrap metal per capita than any other county in Kansas.

-- Robert Tucker, Reporter

RANDOLPH: The No. 10 and 11 classes have been making two wagon boxes, soldering, working with iron, repairing a corn binder, gumming saws, and painting the shop trailer....We had 13 Green Hands join the Randolph FFA Chapter, Oct. 29....Our chapter sponsored an all school scrap drive. We collected five tons to add to the 85 tons collected last year. We are going to have an all school party, since we collected that much scrap iron...Our state farmer candidates for this year are Marvin Swenson and Wendell Eggerman...Our pest eradication contest started November 3.

-- Reporter

ALTON: In adopting our program of work every effort was made to use all parliamentary procedure possible, thereby effecting a parliamentary drill on an interesting and practical problem.

-- Doyle Conrad, Reporter

CHETOPA: Our officers for the coming year are: Delmar Blankenship, president; Charles Goldsberry, vice president; Robert King, secretary; Clifford Holbert, treasurer; Marvin Armstrong, reporter; and Curtiss Broyles, watch dog....Our shop remained open during the summer for members and farmers to repair broken machinery. It will remain open to these people throughout the year....For the past few weeks we have been studying mechanical drawing....Our officers attended the Leadership School at Parsons....We assisted in the school scrap drive this fall. We used Mr. Barrick's car and trailer for hauling the scrap. While we were on the scrap drive we obtained some metal which is suitable for practice welding....There are 47 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year which is the largest enrollment we have had in a long while.

-- Marvin Armstrong, Reporter

MCPHERSON: Our chapter has 62 members this year which is ten more than we had last year...Our officers are: Wayne Schafer, president; Kenny Smith, vice president; Leroy Rowley, secretary; George Moors, treasurer; Lloyd Peterson, reporter; Gilbert Bridgens, sentinel...Our chapter purchased cooperatively 31 head of good quality Hereford heifors from Commanche county...Last summer we dipped and drenched 2000 head of sheep...The FFA entertained the Home — Economics girls on a hay rack ride and roller skating party. Three hay racks were used and were pulled with a rubber tired tractor...The cabinet members attended the Leadership School at Buhler...Some of our shop jobs are: building trailers, farm machinery repair, building chicken feeders, feed bunks, brooder houses and making small articles as cold chisels, punches, crow bars, etc.

-- Lloyd Peterson, Reporter

PAXICO: We have 21 boys in our department this year. We plan to hold our Green Hand initiation December 1. Refreshments will be served by the losing team in our pest eradication contest...Our chapter is building a haystacker which has already been sold. We have also purchased a grain drill which is to be repaired and sold...The following pieces of machinery are being repaired in shop: 2 haystackers, 2 manure spreaders, 1 grain drill. In addition to this we have built 3 University of Illinois type hog houses, 1 self hog feeder, 1 hayrack, wrecking bars, chiscls, punches, feed rack.

--Reporter

SMITH CEMTER: Our chapter opened this year with 51 members. Our efficers are:

Darrel Dovlin, president; Roger Rerabaugh, vice president; Marvin Kinion, secretary; Marcus Watts, treasurer; Bernard Buck, reporter; and Darryl Barry, sentinel...Just before school started the chapter held a watermelen feed for the new members and their fathers...We helped spensor a county fair by preparing a place for the stock and poultry, and exhibiting a booth. We took first prize on the booth...Our efficers attended the Officers Training School at Beleit...We have 100 White Legherns and 35 pigs as a class project.

—-Reporter

BURNS: Our officers are Wilmer Wedel, president; Richard Wyss, vice president; Clyde Waggy, secretary; Howard Knaussmen, treasurer; Fred Horst, reporter; Louis Larson, watch dog..., Under the supervision of Mr. Bolar, our chapter attended the fair at Hutchinson....Our chapter has taken on the job of beautifying the school grounds....We have a pre-induction training school every Monday and Thursday night....We attended the Leadership School at Buhler.

-- Fred Horst, Reporter

GEORGE STELTER REPORTING Immediate Past 3rd National Vice President

I wish to take this opportunity to discuss with you Future Farmers of Kansas some of the major activities I have taken part in since I became your representative on the National Board of Trustees.

First, I wish to remind you that our organization is strictly democratic, and all business is handled by the National Board of Trustees or on the convention floor; every measure which is proposed by any authorized group must be reviewed by the boy officers and recommended.

Being your regional representative I have had the privilege of doing things and meeting people which otherwise would not have been possible.

As I had only about 100 days in which to do a year's job, I was kept mighty busy. The trip to Washington, D. C., to attend a meeting of the National Board of Trustees and to review and pass on the American Farmer Degree applications, was the first event of major importance. While in Washington, we had the privilege of visiting with Mr. Claud R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture. I had a very enjoyable dinner with Dr. J. C. Wright, Assistant Commissioner of Education, and as your representative, was privileged to view many sights which no civilian could today hope to see.

My return trip to the east and southern region where I had the great honor of being the guest of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America and attending their joint Rally with the Future Home Makers of Virginia, might be listed as the second event of major importance. While in Virginia I had the opportunity of visiting extensively with Mr. Henry C. Groseclose, better known as the Founder of FFA.

The third activity of major importance had to do with the preparation for and the holding of the 16th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America at Kansas City. You doubtless do not realize the great amount of work and preparation necessary to the holding a well organized national convention.

I traveled over 10,000 miles in the interest of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, and received \$408.30 for travel expense.

Serving you as your 3rd National Vice President has been the richest highlight of my life, an experience I will never forget. I cannot find words adequate to express my gratitude to you fellow Future Farmers for allowing me this privilege.

It was my pleasure to assist state Executive Adviser, A. P. Davidson, with four of the district FFA Leadership Schools. I sincerely regret that conflicting dates with the meeting of the National Board of Trustees and the FFA convention made it impossible for me to attend more of the district FFA Leadership Schools in Kansas

In closing, I merely wish to say, "thank you."

-- George Stelter

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Not long ago in a little town in southern Pennsylvania the postman went for a walk one Sunday afternoon. He were his gray postman's uniform and walked out into the country. He never came back. Several days later an old farmer came to town and during a conversation was heard to remark: "When I was a huntin' t'other day I seen one o' them danged Confederates in the woods, so I shot 'im."

--Widow

MY TRIP TO THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION by Robert Johnston

Lynn Lukert, State Vice President, and I drove to Kansas City with State Executive Adviser A. P. Davidson Sunday afternoon, October 10. When we arrived at our hotel we met Irwin Alefs, our state president. We checked in, then went to eat dinner, and spent the evening in getting acquainted with other FFA delegates and state and national officials.

Monday morning we went to the auditorium and registered. After the opening session of the convention we had the afternoon off. Being farm boys we went out to the stockyards to look around. There were only about 45,000 head of cattle on hand as compared with the 65,000 head of a week or so later. Monday evening Mr. Davidson and I ate at one of the cafeterias while Irwin and Lynn enjoyed a banquet. However, Mr. Davidson and I attended the program which followed the banquet and arrived in time to enjoy the pictures shown by our fellow Kansan, George Stelter, National 3rd Vice President.

Tuesday was the important day for me when I was awarded the American Farmer degree in the afternoon, and named Star Farmer of Kansas that evening.

I sincerely hope that many more boys may receive this degree in years to come. Next year I hope the convention will again have normal attendance with many of our members now in the armed forces home, and present at the meetings.

I would like to thank Mr. John Mathre, my vocational agricultural instructor and chapter adviser, and everyone who has helped me win the American Farmer degree.

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1942 FARM, FOOD, AND FIBRE FACTS IN THE U.S.

by E. J. Johnson, Acting Federal Agent, Agricultural Education.

Farmers do not get decorated for producing food.

Farmers' hens laid an average of a billion eggs a week.

Food from 42,000 acres eaten by workers building a 35,000 ton battleship.

Food from a quarter section eaten by workers building a bomber.

Food from 43 acres eaten by workers building a tank.

We eat 52 pounds of fat yearly or 39 per cent as much as a soldier.
We eat 104 pounds of sugar yearly and 29 per cent is produced in continental
U.S. and 15 per cent comes from the Phillippines.

Fats are needed by men and for munitions and hogs produce more fat than beef, with the same amount of grain; therefore we produced leaner beef and hogs that are larger and fatter.

Milked 25 million cows or enough milk to fill a lake 150° wide, 31° deep and 75° miles long.

We send overseas to Lend-Lease and our armed forces 50 per cent of our cheese, 58 per cent of our dried skim milk, 32 per cent of our evaporated milk, 80 per cent of our dried milk powder and 15 per cent of our butter.