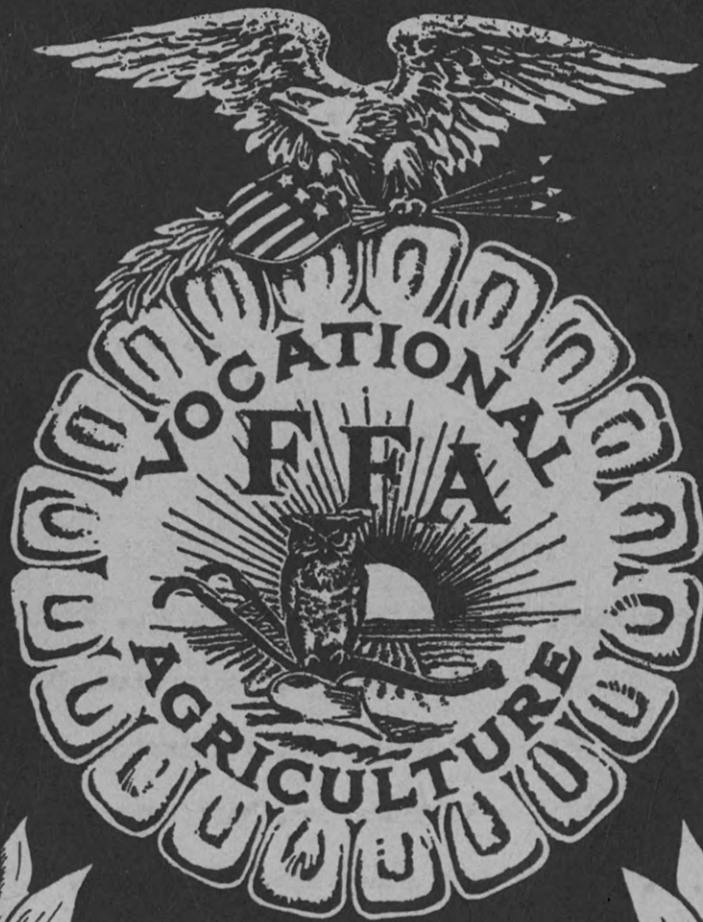


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FFA CALENDAR

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PRESIDENT PRIDDLE ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

Last fall many Kansas FFA members had the privilege of attending the convention of the National Organization. This spring on April 26 and 27th we will have an opportunity to attend and participate in the 20th Annual Convention and FFA Contests of our own State Association.

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

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

Harland Priddle, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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REMINDERS

1. Check your calendar for all mailing dates for FFA contest materials.
2. THREE copies of the FFA Public Speaking manuscript are required.
3. Most chapter contest reports are classified as First Class mail. Express is cheaper and almost as fast.
4. Annual report of chapter on membership, cooperation with state and national FFA programs of work, etc., needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at time of convention.
5. Deadline mailing dates for all FFA events as well as for all Agricultural Judging and Farm Mechanics Contests will be rigidly enforced.
6. Deadline mailing dates:
 - a. FFA Public Speaking Contest, April 12.
 - b. Chapter Membership, Officers, Delegates, etc., April 12.
 - c. State Chapter Contest, April 12.
 - d. Entries in the Agricultural Judging Contest, April 19.
 - e. Entries in Farm Mechanics Contest, April 19.
 - f. Payment for cots and box lunches, April 19.
7. Be prepared to "Raise the Roof" by assisting with the singing of "Hail the FFA" at the annual banquet.
8. REMEMBER the Agricultural Judging Contests and the Farm Mechanics contests begin at 7:00 a.m.
9. Box Lunch - 70¢ each - Contestants only, money due in mails April 19.
10. If you plan to house your group in Nichols Gym, send check and cot reservation to K. L. Ford not later than April 19.

RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

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

On October 1st there were 4989 students enrolled in approximately 141 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The term "approximately" was used advisedly, because of the fact that departments have been reactivated at various dates during the year.

A careful study of FFA membership for the school year 1947-48, as of April 1, on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture shows a range in percentage of membership from 190 to 54 per cent.

The Morrowville chapter, with an enrollment of 21 and a paid up FFA membership of 40 has the honor of being the chapter with the highest percentage of membership, 190 per cent.

122 chapters have paid dues to date.

86 chapters reported a paid up membership of 100 per cent or more. 36 chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

Altamont with a paid up membership of 100, leads all the chapters in the state in the number of dues paid. Effingham chapter with 94 members ranks second while Shawnee Mission with 82 ranks third and Smith Center with 72 ranks fourth. Winfield and Beloit are tied with 70 for fifth.

The percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 122 chapters having paid their dues is 108%. Last year this figure stood at 104%.

The Kansas Association hopes to report 100 per cent active chapters at the time of the annual meeting on April 26 and 27.

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

Those chapters having a membership range from 161 per cent to 190 per cent:

Morrowville

Those chapters having a membership range from 151 per cent to 160 per cent:

Beloit

McDonald

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

Abilene

Smith Center

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

Clifton
Garden City

Goodland
Haven

Hill City
Hoxie

Phillipsburg
Valley Falls

Rank in FFA Membership (continued)

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

Beverly	Hiawatha	Lebanon	Stockton
Centralia	Inman	McPherson	Tonganoxie
Chapman	Kingman	Norton	Wakeeney
Effingham	Kiowa	Randolph	Washington
Girard			

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

Altamont	Concordia	Kinsley	Moundridge
Atwood	Frankfort	Leon	Overbrook
Belleville	Greenleaf	Linn	Silver Lake
Berryton	Harper	Lyndon	Waterville
Bonner Springs	Holton	Miltonvale	Westmoreland
Chanute	Horton	Manhattan	Winfield
Columbus	Kincaid		

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

Alton	Downs	Oberlin	Soldier
Bird City	ElDorado	Osborne	Highland Park
Buhler	Holcomb	Shawnee Mission	Valley Center
Clay Center	Little River	Sabetha	Powhattan
Colby	Seaman	Simpson	

Those chapters having a membership of 100 per cent:

Coffeyville	Haddam	Paola	Syracuse
Coldwater	Hillsboro	Seneca	Wamego
Dodge City	Howard	Solomon	Williamsburg
Glasco	Osage City		

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

Cottonwood Falls	Hugoton	Marysville	Oxford
Fredonia	Independence	Mulvane	Parsons
Great Bend	Iola	Onaga	Washburn
Hays	Lawrence		

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

Arkansas City	Bazine	Fort Scott	Longford
Auburn	Burlington	Hoyt	Medicine Lodge
Barnes	Fairview		

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

Emporia	Harveyville	Stafford	St. Francis
Gardner	Neodesha		

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

Hope	McCune
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Rank in FFA Membership (continued)

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

Fowler

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

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NATIONAL FFA BAND

Plans are under way to have a National FFA Band at the Twenty-First National FFA Convention. Members of the National FFA Band will be required to be in Kansas City by noon of the week previous to the National Convention, which will be held November 14-18, 1948.

The State Association plans to await the results of the 1948 High School Music Contests before making final recommendations. However, it is not too early to be giving this subject consideration and if you have some outstanding FFA members whom you think are qualified, the State Executive Adviser would appreciate having you so inform him.

Kansas had two members in the first National FFA Band which did a highly creditable job in connection with the Twentieth National Convention. We hope to be represented by at least two members in the 1948 National FFA Band.

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NATIONAL FFA GLEE CLUB

The House of Delegates at the Twentieth National FFA Convention voted to have a National FFA Glee Club present at the Twenty-First National FFA Convention. We understand that the National Board of Trustees has approved this recommendation. To date we have had no official recommendations as to how candidates for the National F.F.A. Glee Club shall be selected. If you have one or more FFA members whom you think is capable of representing Kansas in the National FFA Glee Club at the Twenty-First National FFA Convention, kindly notify the state FFA Executive Adviser by mail or in person while attending the Twentieth Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Twentieth National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, November 14-19, 1948.

National FFA Judging Contest - Dairy Cattle, Dairy Products, and Poultry, Waterloo, Iowa, October 5-7, 1948.

National FFA Judging Contest - Livestock and Meats, Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-15, 1948.

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.

Kansas FFA members and their advisers will be interested to learn the names of the 23 donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. They are: Standard Oil Company (Kentucky); Agricultural Leaders' Digest, Chicago, Illinois; Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Better Farming Methods, Mount Morris, Illinois; Consumers Cooperative Association, Kansas City, Missouri; Country Gentleman Magazine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois; Ferguson Foundation, The, Detroit, Michigan; Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York; General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois; J. I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin; Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, Crawfordsville, Indiana; Kraft Foods Company, Chicago, Illinois; Progressive Farmer Company, Raleigh, North Carolina; Sears, Roebuck and Company Chicago, Illinois; Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Chicago, Illinois; Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, New York, New York; Successful Farming Magazine, Des Moines, Iowa; Westinghouse Educational Foundation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Ray Cuff, Kansas City, Missouri.

We should keep in mind the fact that all contributions to the FFA Foundation are made anonymously. The type of FFA contests, amount of award, and rules governing all contests are set up by the Board of Trustees of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. This Board of Trustees is comprised of Agricultural Education workers in the U. S. Office of Education and from State Boards for Vocational Education. Anyone desiring full information concerning the activities of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., may obtain same by writing Doctor W. T. Spanton, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C.

On October 20, 1947, Mr. Robert E. Wilson, chairman of the Board, Standard Oil Company (Indiana), representing the donors to the FFA Foundation addressed the National FFA House of Delegates meeting. Bob E. Taylor, Grants Pass, Oregon, first vice-president National Organization of the FFA, responded to Mr. Wilson's address. Because Bob Taylor did such a magnificent job of presenting the FFA viewpoint as it relates to the activities of the Foundation, we are pleased to include his response in this Newsletter. Bob's response follows:

"Gathered here today are representatives of the Future Farmers of America and representatives of business and industry. Both are striving for a better understanding between business, industry and the farmers of tomorrow. We fully realize the need for a closer unification of Americans in all walks of life and their interdependence.

I consider it both a privilege and an honor to represent the FFA. Speaking for myself and Future Farmers from the State of Washington to Puerto Rico and from the State of Maine to Hawaii; may I say we deeply appreciate your interest and support of our program, aims, goals, and ideals through your contributions to our Foundation.

As the world has developed from detached independent groups on various parts of the globe, to its present smallness in an era dominated by scientific miracles, jet propulsion and atomic power, these modern wonders along with their problems, have brought us to this realization: that man is going to have to live in harmony with his neighbors in various parts of the world, it is truly the beginning or the end. Just as nations have found they can no longer isolate themselves, living apart from the rest of the world; farmers,

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businessmen, Americans in all walks of life foresee the need for better understanding, closer cooperation between agriculture, business and industry. All of us recognize the necessity of fusing our efforts toward a closer affiliation of aims and ideals.

A prominent characteristic of this post-war period is the unlimited opportunity for achieving the values and ideals of American life, a feature unequalled in our history. During the war we gained much in the art of living and working in unified effort. We have learned the need of better relationships in developing our agricultural resources. We all are aware of the interdependence of business, industry and agriculture. Success and prosperity must be shared, one cannot thrive without the support and well being of the other. Facing this actuality, we as farmers of the future pledge ourselves to that end, of actively and vigorously working toward a better understanding. The Foundation is a visible means of showing the relationship between these related fields of endeavor. We fully realize business in our ally.

Possibly as a donor to our Foundation you are wondering as to the actual good derived from your contributions. Let me assure you your donations are being well spent. In my travels throughout the nation I have heard the testimonials of many Foundation Award winners stating their gratitude and appreciation. Words seem inadequate in expressing their heartfelt thanks.

Those who actually receive cash awards are not the only ones benefitted from the Foundation. Thousands of other farm boys who participate in its activities are being assisted. While they may not always win they gain much through their participation and experience. With this award money Future Farmers are buying livestock, feed, seed and equipment, a material assistance to them in becoming established in farming. Improved agriculture in our nation and more efficient farm-citizens are being advanced by the Future Farmers of America Foundation. The Foundation is also creating a greater interest and pride in agriculture and farm life. It stimulates the training of boys for their chosen occupation, farming. Just as doctors and lawyers train for their occupation, so must farmers. Farming today is a highly scientific business, a business that requires a know-how that is not acquired quickly, it comes only after years of study and practice; if it were ever so, farming is no longer a refuge for those who have failed elsewhere. We have just reason to be proud of our chosen occupation.

We deeply appreciate your confidence in our abilities and in our ideals evidenced by your contributions to our Foundation.

It is gratifying to a group of young farmers such as the Future Farmers of America to know that business and industry are interested in their work. I am sure the worthy deeds and achievements accomplished by our members under the stimulus of this great Foundation will have a marked influence on the future of American agriculture.

As one of the nations farm leaders recently said, "Europe looks to the U.S. for stability and leadership. Agriculture looks to farm youth organizations such as the FFA". Yes, agriculture needs courage, energy and faith in the future. Fellow Future Farmers, we have been entrusted with mankind's greatest resource--the soil. With determination, dauntless spirit, and high hopes we face the future, our future in the nations greatest heritage--the soil. We shall not forsake that sacred trust or those who rely and believe in our capa-

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bilities. We know full well these things cannot be done alone. Man proposes, but God disposes. For with His help we shall not fail.

On behalf of the Future Farmers of America, I say to you representatives of donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation; we are thankful there is gratitude in the hearts of every member throughout the nation.

For 19 years this great farm boy organization has served America in a commendable manner. The progress and development of our members stand as living examples of advancement in agriculture, citizenship, and rural living. It is up to us, the active members, to guide the destiny of our organization so the founding ideals of developing agricultural leadership, citizenship, and cooperation will continue to influence the youth of rural America.

This is the challenge that can and will be accepted and by the grace of God this great farm boy organization will continue its contributions to American agriculture and our members will take their places as worthwhile citizens of a great nation."

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NATIONAL F.F.A. CAMP

The National FFA Camp will open June 1 and remain open until September 10. The camp is located on U. S. Highway No. 1, about 9 miles below Alexandria, Virginia, by Dogue Run Creek. In coming from the north go through Washington, cross the Potomac and take the George Washington Memorial Highway to Alexandria Virginia, until you reach the traffic light with a marked right turn, "To Richmond", which takes you over to the Richmond Highway. Continue on toward Richmond, Virginia, about 9 miles. Turn left on paved Highway No. 235 to Mount Vernon and look for the entrance sign to the camp, on the left side of the road. The camp entrance is about 100 yards from Highway No. 1. The old entrance from Highway No. 1 has been closed. In coming from the south on Highway No. 1, look for Mount Vernon Highway No. 235 after you pass Fort Belvoir. The FFA camp is located about 1 mile from the Fort.

Accommodation can be provided only for FFA boys and their advisers. A fee of 50¢ per day will be charged each person staying at the camp. A deposit of \$2.50 will be required at the time of registration.

Reservations are now being accepted through the office of National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D.C. In making reservations, list date of arrival, date of departure, and number of individuals. Groups planning to use the FFA camp should take sheets, blankets and towels with them.

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NATIONAL F.F.A. CONTEST PLAQUES

Kansas teams and individuals participating in the 1947 National F.F.A. Judging Contests have been awarded plaques by the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. The plaques were made available by funds furnished by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. One-hundred two teams and 227 individuals had ratings in these contests which entitled them to receive F.F.A. plaques.

AN ANALYSIS OF A SELECTED LIST OF CHAPTER PROGRAMS

The following analysis of 29 FFA chapter activity programs includes the 1947 Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem classification winners in the Kansas Chapter Contest. A few additional chapters were added to the list of winners in order to obtain state wide distribution.

The analysis of the 29 chapter activity programs is being run in this issue of the Newsletter for the purpose of aiding local FFA committees in building their chapter program of work.

Deadline Mailing Date and Penalty. A ruling of the House of Delegates of the Kansas Association of FFA sets November 1 as the deadline date for filing local chapter activity programs with the state department. This ruling also makes local chapters and their members ineligible for FFA competition on the state level if the local program of work is not filed on time.

Helpful Suggestions for building a chapter activity program will be found in the Official FFA Manual, pages 33-37.

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

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

Official Activity Program Blanks in sufficient quantities to supply a copy of the local chapter activity program for the state office will be mailed each chapter in September.

The following is a list of activities under the eight divisions of the chapter program of work carried to completion by 29 Kansas FFA chapters in 1947. The number to the left of each activity indicates the number of chapters participating.

SUPERVISED PRACTICE

22 Farming program tour	:	9 Goal for complete financial
22 Better quality of livestock	:	responsibility by members
20 Increase net worth of members	:	8 Financing farming program
19 Goal for planting certified seed	:	7 Improved methods of production
18 Number of projects per boy	:	6 Improvement of farm home shop
16 Growing feed crop for livestock	:	6 Farming program contest
15 Farming program publicity	:	5 Record book contest
13 Livestock production goals	:	5 Test project seed
13 Farming program planning	:	4 Control disease
12 Farming program investment	:	3 Individual page for annual achieve-
11 Supplementary farm practice	:	ment report
11 Farming program completion	:	3 Soil conservation program
11 Food production goals	:	3 Chapter's Coop Duroc Gilt Project
10 Plan long-time farming program	:	3 Plan pasture program

Chapter Activity Program (continued)

2 Study livestock diseases	:	1 Prevent losses by fire or pests
2 Farming program reports at each night meeting	:	1 Plant trees for windbreak
2 Repair machinery	:	1 Increasing acreage of legumes
2 Victory or home gardens	:	1 Maintain soil fertility
2 Chapter loan fund	:	1 Parents day
2 Achievement Day and Banquet	:	1 Purebred association membership
1 Develop agricultural libraries	:	1 Honorary members
1 Boys taking pictures of farming program	:	1 Chapter yearbook
1 Chamber of Commerce shop contest	:	1 Chapter star farmer
		1 Seed and stock supplies furnished

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

21 Parent and son banquet	:	3 Cooperate with city civic clubs
19 Cooperative purchase of certified seed	:	2 Butchering project
17 Participate in Fair	:	2 Grinding feed
15 Cooperative purchase of livestock	:	2 Prune trees
11 Joint meetings with other chapters	:	2 Collect scrap iron
9 Chapel program	:	2 Concrete block making
7 Cooperate with other school organizations	:	2 Make football programs
6 Mixing minerals and feed	:	2 Cooperative purchase of equipment
6 Operate concessions stand	:	2 Cooperation with state association
6 Operate a For Sale and Wanted bulletin service	:	2 Culling poultry
5 Treat seed cooperatively	:	2 Chapter livestock project
5 Cooperative purchase of feed	:	2 Contribute to "drives"
5 Cooperative Production Credit Loan	:	2 Pest eradication
5 Conduct Judging Schools	:	2 Building repair
5 Improve ability caring for farm machinery	:	2 Purchase paint, nails, lumber, etc.
4 Cooperative sale of livestock	:	1 Sheep shearing
4 Castrate livestock	:	1 Open house
4 Collect wastepaper	:	1 Conduct on-farm training
4 Yearbook plans	:	1 Tear down old buildings for lumber
4 Trips	:	1 Pasture purebred cows
3 Cooperative swine project	:	1 Cooperative purchase of chicks
3 Cooperative sheep project	:	1 Drench sheep
3 Cooperative sale of wool	:	1 Do janitor work
3 Dipping sheep	:	1 Purchase waste paper baler
3 FFA bulletin or other publication	:	1 Purchase popcorn machine
3 Display in store window or exhibit	:	1 Sell pencils
3 Cooperative purchase of trees	:	1 Battery brooder
3 Exchange grain samples	:	1 School improvement
3 Purchase materials for farm livestock medicine chests	:	1 Hog worming
3 Buy FFA jackets	:	1 Spray bindweed
3 Buy T-shirts	:	1 Make concrete hog trough
3 Buy FFA emblems	:	1 Cooperative purchase of books
3 100% paid membership	:	1 Caponizing chickens
3 Vaccinate cattle	:	1 Purchase surveying level
3 Films purchased	:	1 Purchase tools for home farm shop
3 Provide registered duroc gilts	:	1 Purchase of sprayer
		1 Dehorning cattle
		1 Greenhouse project
		1 Cooperative purchase of garden seed
		1 Testing milk
		1 Fertilizer plots

Chapter Activity Program (continued)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

19	Castrate farm animals	:	5	Sponsor Inst. On-Farm Training
19	Pest eradication	:	5	Shear sheep
18	Culling chickens	:	4	Drench sheep
14	Docking lambs	:	4	Farm accident prevention campaign
13	Test soils	:	3	Community improvement
13	Prune trees	:	3	Livestock loss prevention campaign
13	Vaccination of livestock	:	3	Window display in store window
12	Safety campaign	:	3	Worm sheep
12	Butchering	:	3	Help needy family
11	Improvement of school or vocational agriculture grounds	:	3	Bindweed control
11	Testing seed	:	3	Demonstration plots
11	Seed treating	:	2	Fair
9	Testing milk	:	2	Parent Teacher meeting
9	Home improvement	:	2	Open House
9	Repair farm machinery	:	2	Caponizing
8	Demonstrations	:	2	Dipping of sheep
7	Plant trees	:	1	All school exhibit
7	Fire prevention campaign	:	1	Spray trees
7	Lay out terraces	:	1	Repair and paint mailboxes
7	Dehorn cattle	:	1	Shock feed
7	Worm pigs	:	1	Cement hog troughs
6	Improvement of farm home and other buildings	:	1	Selling garden seeds
6	Assist veterans	:	1	Fertilizer spreader
5	Spray cattle	:	1	Operate farm labor bureau
		:	1	Junior Red Cross
		:	1	Hotbed

LEADERSHIP

27	Participate in contests	:	4	Bulletin board
22	Publicity in State FFA News	:	3	Project tour
19	Secure local publicity	:	3	Chapel program
15	Officers training school	:	2	Parent meeting
15	Promote candidates for State Farmer Degree	:	2	FFA stationary
14	FFA Library	:	2	Duroc judging contest
12	Have entry in state public speaking contest	:	2	Purchase officer jackets
11	Attend conventions	:	2	Fair exhibit
10	Enter Hoard's Dairyman Contest	:	2	Acquaint 8th graders with FFA
10	Parent-son banquet	:	1	Programs for PTA and other organizations
9	Assembly program	:	1	Conduct local pest eradication contest
8	Public speaking contest in chapter	:	1	Train demonstration teams
8	Leadership training	:	1	Summer news letters
5	Radio program	:	1	Public FFA Annual
5	Send delegates to State House of Degelates meeting	:	1	Judging school
5	Parliamentary training for members	:	1	Candidate for National FFA Band
5	Committee experience	:	1	FFA stag turkey feed
4	Scrapbook committee	:	1	Program for civic organizations
4	Local officers meeting	:	1	Improve chapter records
4	Elect honorary members	:	1	Assistant local chapter officers
4	Encourage members to show at fair	:	1	100% membership in FFA
		:	1	Sponsor FFA Harvester
		:	1	Activity Book

EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

25 Set specific amount for FFA dues	:	2 Turkey raffle
16 Operate a sales stand	:	1 Purchase U. S. Savings Stamps
12 Set up a chapter budget	:	1 Sheep dipping
11 Goal for investment in farming	:	1 Well organized project tour to stimulate wise investment and planning
7 Recondition machinery and sell it	:	1 Sell shop materials from year before
6 Project earnings back into project	:	1 Establish a loan fund
6 Booth at fair	:	1 Turkey shoot
5 Construction work	:	1 Farm Machinery Exhibit
4 Charge for shop work for other than dads	:	1 Wax and polish cars
4 Cooperative swine project	:	1 Banding and spraying trees
4 Hold pie and box supper	:	1 Coke machine
4 Sell scrap metal	:	1 Sale of Christmas cards
3 Charge for treating seed for farmers	:	1 FFA Boxing show
3 Earn money from fair exhibit	:	1 Donkey basketball game
3 Registered gilt	:	1 Test seeds
2 Goals for individual labor incomes	:	1 Rent on concrete troughs
2 Sell garden seed	:	1 PCA reserve
2 Hotbed	:	1 Award to boy with best record book
2 Life insurance	:	1 Start savings account
2 Sell scrap paper	:	1 Trim and set out trees
2 Basketball pencils	:	1 Treat trees on campus
2 Treat seed potatoes	:	1 Care for football field
2 Spraying livestock	:	1 Pay assembly
2 FFA - Faculty basketball games	:	1 Rental of power sprayer
2 Basketball programs	:	1 Sell subscriptions to farm magazines

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

23 Goal for attendance at meetings	:	5 Hold formal installation of officers
22 Have day meetings	:	5 Goal for membership participation in programs
20 Use opening and closing ceremony at every regular meeting	:	4 Motion pictures at meetings
19 Hold night meeting each month	:	4 FFA Banquet
18 Have monthly calendar of activities	:	4 Hold one meeting with FHA girls
16 Complete FFA paraphernalia owned and used by the chapter	:	4 Exchange meeting with another chapter
15 Following parliamentary procedure at all meetings	:	3 Have definite theme for each month
14 Have outside speaker occasionally	:	3 Goal for number of Manuals owned and available to members
14 Use official secretary and treasurer books	:	3 Each officer have official FFA jacket
14 Officers know FFA rituals	:	3 Have all officers attend officers training school
11 Hold officer meetings	:	3 Safety and fire prevention meeting
10 Have refreshments at all night meetings	:	2 Hold parliamentary drills
10 Election of officers in spring	:	2 Hold Dad's night
9 Goal for membership	:	2 Make systematic study of the FFA organization
8 Hold summer meetings	:	2 Election of officers in fall
7 Entertain parents	:	2 Singing and special music at all meetings
6 Each member serve on a committee	:	1 Invite representatives of civic clubs to FFA meetings
6 Elect Honorary members	:	1 Committee reports
6 Entertainment at night meetings	:	

Chapter Activity Program (continued)

1 FFA achievement special meeting	:	1 Mothers night
1 Monthly parliamentary procedure contest	:	1 Entertain new members at water-melon feed.

SCHOLARSHIP

23 Members have better than average of C in all subjects	:	3 Yearly "B" average
19 Give scholarship certificate or awards	:	2 Students have higher grades than school average
12 FFA library requirement	:	2 Record Book contest
12 Have members on school honor roll	:	2 U. P. Scholarship
12 Encourage reading - subscribe to farm magazines	:	2 Members keep graph of grades
6 Inter-class scholarship contest	:	1 Home practice book
6 Encourage candidacy for State Farmer degree	:	1 Notebook contests
6 FFA honor roll	:	1 Enter scholarship contests
4 National Honor Society	:	1 Swift Essay Contest
4 Representation in scholarship contests	:	1 Sears scholarship
	:	1 Eligibility for FFA athletics
	:	1 American Royal trip to outstanding members

RECREATION

20 FFA basketball team	:	2 Quartette
10 Roller skating party	:	1 Ice cream social
8 Entertainment at meetings	:	1 Softball
8 Hayrack ride	:	1 Recreational meeting for prospective members
6 Camping trip	:	1 Dances
6 Fishing party	:	1 Beginners dance
5 Watermelon feed	:	1 Sponsor all-school party
5 Baseball	:	1 Entertain associate members
5 Boxing tournament	:	1 Touch football
5 Trip to Royal	:	1 Free throw contest
5 Motion pictures at night meetings	:	1 FFA open house
4 FFA picnics	:	1 Donkey basketball
4 Joint social meetings	:	1 Stunt night
4 Summer outing	:	1 FFA chorus
4 Christmas party	:	1 Five-piece orchestra
4 Ping pong	:	1 Box supper and skating party with F.H.A.
4 FFA - FHA party	:	1 Last day of school party
3 Ice skating party	:	1 Noontime recreation
3 Volley ball	:	1 Football
3 Weiner roast	:	1 Chili supper with dates
3 National FFA convention	:	1 Purchase games for chapter
3 Theater party	:	1 Stag turkey feed
3 Dramatics	:	1 FFA barnwarmer
3 Trip to Hutchinson State Fair	:	1 Trap shoot
3 School Carnival	:	1 Halloween party
2 FFA party	:	1 FFA mixer after basketball game
2 Horseshoe pitching contest	:	1 Hamburger fry
2 Participation in athletics	:	1 Barn dance
2 Fun night	:	
2 Invitation party	:	

FFA BUDGET PROBLEMS

The Kansas Association of FFA in making a cursory check of its income and expenses finds that our expenditures will exceed our income by a considerable figure this year. Fortunately, we have a reserve fund that can take care of this situation for this year; however, certain changes in the fiscal policy of the State Association will have to be made if we expect to have the State FFA Treasury solvent.

The meeting of the House of Delegates handling routine measures that are necessary, does not give time to discuss future policies of the State Association. It would seem expedient therefore, that the State FFA Committee together with the adult State FFA officers give some study to the future policy of raising FFA funds for supporting FFA activities on the State level. The following questions should be given consideration:

1. Shall we raise the State dues.
2. Shall we continue to pay 1/2 the cost of FFA jackets for State officers.
3. Shall we continue to pay total expenses involved in sending Kansas boys selected for the National FFA Band.
4. Shall we pay any or all the expenses for Kansas boys selected for the National FFA Chorus.
5. Shall we continue to pay \$25.00 toward the expenses of the State Public Speaking Winner to the Regional FFA Speech Contest.
6. Should any effort be made on the part of the State Association to collect \$1.00 per chapter for the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
7. Should we give consideration to setting up the House of Delegates meeting to run concurrently with the Agricultural and Farm Mechanics Contests.

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HONOR TO SHAWNEE MISSION CHAPTER

Eight years ago the Successful Farming Magazine, Des Moines, Iowa, ran a feature story on the Shawnee Mission Chapter of Future Farmers of America. A color cover page featured Adviser Harold Garver and some of his FFA members in action.

Early in February, 1948, the Successful Farming Magazine sent a representative to spend two days with the Shawnee Mission Chapter to obtain material for a forthcoming feature story dealing with this chapter. The major part of the forthcoming story will be devoted to the present activities of the local FFA boys featured eight years ago. Kansas FFA members are looking forward to seeing the feature story concerning the Shawnee Mission Chapter activities planned by the Successful Farming Magazine. This magazine is one of the nations leading farm publications.

The Kansas Association of FFA wishes to extend congratulations to Adviser H. D. Garver and his FFA chapter for twice meriting recognition by this great national farm paper.

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CLAY CENTER FFA CHAPTER MAKES WESTERN TOUR

(Editor's Note - This story was intended for the September, 1947, FFA Newsletter. Due to lack of space the story was held over. Since this is the time of the year when chapters begin making plans for summer tours, we think that the Clay Center Tour story is timely. APD)

Twenty-one FFA boys, our adviser Mr. Morrison, his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Goodin left Clay Center, July 28, 1947, on our trip. Each boy paid fifty dollars (\$50.00) to Mr. Morrison for our eats while on the trip. This trip was to last approximately two weeks.

The first night we stopped at Kearney Lake in Nebraska. At this place the boys had to start cooking their own meals. After about two days we worked out a schedule for the cooking of meals. Five boys took turns cooking the meals from then on.

From Kearney Lake we went on to the Black Hills. The Black Hills, we think, had some of the best scenery of all the mountains we saw. The trees were the tallest that most of us had ever seen. While we were in the Black Hills we saw Mount Rushmore from a distance of about thirty miles. We stayed all night at Sylvain Lake, Custer State Park, South Dakota.

As we left the Black Hills we entered the Big Horn Mountains. These mountains were the ones that gave us the real thrills. Riding through them made most of us sick for about an hour one afternoon. While we were in these mountains we had to do a lot of waiting while the roads were being repaired.

Next we entered Yellowstone National Park. We visited Old Faithful and several other places of interest. We drove around in Yellowstone one day, then we went on into the Teton Mountains. The Tetons were the real highlight of our trip. While we were in the Tetons we visited Jenny Lake. We stayed one afternoon and one morning there. The first evening it had been raining for awhile but they said it usually rains about three or four times a day. After it had quit raining we went for a ride in speedboats. Each speedboat would carry fifteen people and go about thirty-five miles per hour. The driver of the boat stopped out in front of some mountains and told several interesting items about the mountains. He told of Hidden Falls, which about half of our group hiked up to the next morning while the rest of us rented motor boats and went for a ride. The motor boats cost one dollar an hour. About fifteen of us rented boats. Several of us rented the boats for three hours.

From the Tetons we went into the edge of Idaho down to Salt Lake City, Utah. We went swimming in the Great Salt Lake while we were there. Most of us agreed that Salt Lake City was the best town that we saw. While we visited Salt Lake we went through the largest open copper mine in the world. On our way up the mountains to the copper mine, we went through a one-way tunnel one and a fourth miles long straight through the mountain. To us this was a great thrill. As we went to the mine, we went through the mining town. Unless a person could see this town, the mountain tunnels, and the mine itself, he couldn't realize what it is really like.

From Salt Lake City we went on through the Rockies into Denver, Colorado. We spent one day and one night in Denver. The next morning we went to Colorado Springs. While we were here several boys climbed Pikes Peak. They left at about 8:30 at night, reached the top at about 4:00 the next morning, and came back down about 10:30. While these boys hiked up Pikes Peak, the rest of the boys rented motor scooters for the evening and next morning.

Clay Center Chapter Tour (continued)

The next day we started for home. We didn't get quite home that day. We stayed all night at Stockton, Kansas. Most of the boys went to the show in the evening. The next morning we left for Clay Center, Kansas. We arrived home at noon. All the boys were glad to get home, even though the temperature was 114 degrees. I believe the biggest part of the boys went swimming that afternoon.

This completed our trip. But as Mr. Morrison took moving pictures of our trip, we had the pleasure of seeing it all over again when we held a special meeting to show the pictures to our parents, brothers, and sisters. We were very pleased with the moving pictures. We also had a watermelon feast for our parents. We are looking forward to a trip which we hope to make next year. We are thinking of going to either the Great Lakes or the Ozarks.

Ray Reed, Reporter
Clay Center Chapter

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HOW TO DETERMINE THE VALUE OF AN FFA CHAPTER

The following article was taken from the February, 1948, issue of the California Future Farmer. The article was entitled "What Cash Value is Chapter Worth", and was designed to aid FFA chapter members and local advisers in the preparation of talks before service clubs and other groups during the National FFA Week, February 21-27.

"How much is your FFA chapter and vocational agriculture department worth to your community?"

A novel approach to this topic has been taken in terms of an imaginary chapter of 40 members, as follows:

1. Each trained farmer is worth \$1500 per year more than an untrained farmer, because of greater efficiency, soil building practices and general good management. We graduate an average of eight boys per year, so this is \$12,000 per year.
2. Every Future Farmer has a home farming enterprise, with an average net income over the state of approximately \$200 per year per boy. This is in addition to chores and other work done on the home farm. If we had no vocational agriculture boys would probably be working for their parents, all right, but having their own enterprise makes boys work lots harder and longer, and produce more. Assuming this is half more than it would be working for the parents this is \$4000 per year.
3. Every Future Farmer chapter conducts community service, such as putting war surplus buildings, tractors, trucks and other equipment bought by the school, into serviceable condition. Other typical services consist of cleaning up and landscaping school grounds, parks and community buildings, rodent control, etc. We figure our community service conservatively worth \$1000.
4. Future Farmers are encouraged to bring into the community good livestock, poultry, trees, vines and seeds. In our district this is certainly true. The value of improved livestock, in terms of higher productivity and

How to Determine the Value of an FFA Chapter (continued)

greater value in sale of purebreds, is reasonably worth \$2000 per year.

5. The value of good livestock, better sprays and fertilizers, better mechanical practices, is by no means limited to the Future Farmers. When Dad and the neighbor finds out that Johnny's cows are producing twice as much butterfat on approximately the same feed. Bill's pigs get to market at five and one-half months, and Joe's grain didn't get the smut because it was properly treated and selected, there is always a carry-over to the adult side. Value unknown, but let's say \$5000 per year.

6. A great deal is heard about youth delinquency, and it can happen in rural California, too, if the boy has no interest in farming save as a laborer -- paid or unpaid. No boy who has had a successful FFA project and really become interested in chapter and community leadership, has ever been a delinquent. The cost of each delinquent is estimated by the courts at \$3000 per year. Suppose that our Future Farmer chapter activities, home projects and inspiration is preventing one delinquent a year, that's worth \$3000.

7. Last, but not least, is the invention and adaptation of farm machinery and new mechanical devices. Almost every one of the 200 California communities with Future Farmer chapters has one or more examples of outstanding inventive genius which started with an FFA boy in his agricultural mechanics shop. The ability of farm boys to lay concrete floors, do plumbing and farm electrical work, carpentry, sheet metal work and welding, is of great value to the community. Let's conservatively place this value at \$2000 per year.

If you have been using your pencil, you will note that these items total \$29,000 per year. Of course, there is no actual way to measure on a cash basis the value of learning to be better farmers and better citizens. But whether or not these figures are correct, it must be agreed that there is a definite and considerable value, whatever it may be.

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THAT INSPIRING TASK

Word from Mr. R. V. Mullen, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, 3333 Arthington Street, Chicago, Illinois, under date of February 16, 1948, informs us that the new Future Farmer, 16 mm, technicolor, sound film will be available for general distribution "in about a month". We trust that the film will be available by the time the April 1, issue of the Newsletter reaches you.

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CHANGE OF DATE

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 8, 1948, at 10:00 a.m., instead of April 15, as announced in the February, 1948, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. The change of date was necessitated because of a conflict with the annual conference of teacher trainers and supervisors in the field of Agricultural Education to be held in Chicago the week of April 12-17.

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WINS PEST ERADICATION CONTEST SINGLE HANDED

Earning a total of 29,120 points in a chapter pest eradication contest between the Clay Center and the Miltonvale FFA chapters, Karl P. Rau, a member of the Clay Center chapter destroyed single handed enough pests to total more points than the entire Miltonvale chapter combined. The Clay Center chapter won the pest eradication contest with the Miltonvale chapter by a score of 99,950 points to 19,000 points. The following is a total list of pests killed by the Clay Center Chapter in their contest with the Miltonvale Chapter, which opened December 1, 1947, and closed January 31, 1948.

76 Coyotes	876 Starlings	261 Pigeons
125 Gophers	220 Rats	634 Mice
56 Crows	95 Opossums	2441 Sparrows
410 Jack Rabbits	58 Racoon	
1 Ground Squirrel	1005 Cottontails	

Karl P. Rau was second high man in the pest eradication contest held by his chapter last year. He came back this year and outdistanced all competitors. The pests destroyed by Karl totalled more than one-fourth of all the points earned by members of his chapter, and exceeded the total number of points won by the members of the Miltonvale chapter. There are 36 active members in the Clay Center chapter and the Miltonvale chapter has 32 active members. The following is a total list of pests destroyed by Karl P. Rau.

5 Crows	36 Opossums	125 Gophers
8 Pigeons	36 Racoon	132 Jack Rabbits
29 Coyotes	226 Sparrows	154 Rats
34 Starlings	269 Bunnies	314 Mice

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NATIONAL FFA BAND RECORDINGS

There are four records available from Mr. Edward A. Roche, Sound Engineer, 1310 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri. The price of the records is \$1.50 each. Each record contains two numbers by the National FFA Band.

Record No.1	- No. EAR-74 "America Exultant"
	No. EAR-75 "Harvard Special"
Record No.2	- No. EAR-76 "Selections from "The Student Prince"
	Part I
	No. EAR-77 "Selections from "The Student Prince"
	Part II
Record No.3	- No. EAR-78 "Future Farmers March"
	No. EAR-79 "Grandioso"
Record No.4	- No. EAR-80 "Yankee Doodle in Swing"
	No. EAR-81 "Our Director"

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One of the interesting enterprises is that of Lee Corbin, son of the vice-principal at Covina, California, High School. Lee grows calendulas in a new citrus planting, and expects to branch out into other flowers which will provide a year-around marketing for him.

Because he has a relative in Wichita, Kansas, Lee was shipping his calendulas to this mid-western city. He picks several hundred blooms, takes them to an air express station at Alhambra, and they are in Wichita within a few hours.

ACROSS THE BORDER

NEBRASKA: (Taken from "Over the State" by State Executive Secretary, H. W. Deems.) A recent surprise has been the rather brisk demand for Washington's Profanity Order. Always glad to see the Chapters get this whether they need it or not....We had the opportunity to observe the seventh annual Creed Speaking Contest at Harrison recently. They hold the preliminary contest by classes, then the top boys enter the finals. They are held in the auditorium, before the entire high school group. The winner receives an FFA jacket.... We visited with Leon Rathke of Wisner, recently. He has 35 bred sows and gilts for spring farrowing. He feels he secured one of the top Duroc boars of Iowa for his new herd sire....We visited with a young FFA lad at Alliance that owned 100 purebred Hereford cows. A lad from Hay Springs made a profit of \$1604.00 on five fat steers. They sold for an average of 52¢ per pound, right in his home county. He put the profit into ten purebred heifers..... In checking the preliminary project reports, we noticed several boys with from seven to ten production projects. One lad from Grant has 80 acres of wheat. Sows and litters are still the popular project in the eastern half of the State, while beef cattle top the list in the western areas. Betterment projects leading the list appear to be painting farm buildings and establishing or improving the farm shop....We talked to one FFA boy who says his income tax in 1947 is over \$900.00....The Falls City and Humboldt FFA Chapters exhibited and marketed almost a 100 head of cattle, hogs and sheep at the St. Joseph Vocational Agriculture marketing day, held recently.

OOLTEWAH, TENNESSEE: Forty-one members of the Ooltewah FFA chapter in 1947 completed 169 farm enterprises totaling 540 acres of crops and 404 head of livestock. Gross receipts for all members was \$58,835.70, and when they had deducted expenses there was left a labor income of \$26,736.96, or an average of \$652.12 per member.

CHAPEL HILL, TENNESSEE: The month of March is designated as gate "building and repair month" by the Forest FFA chapter at Chapel Hill. The period is to be observed by each chapter member by building at least one new gate and repairing three or more others on his home farm. Next scheduled activity is a "farm clean-up week", to be started as soon as the gates have been fixed.

TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA: Larry Keener, Tuskegee FFA member, bought 95 chicks for one of his projects. Within a week a dog broke into the brooder, killing all but five of the chicks. Larry didn't bother to count the dead, just buried them. A month later he found twenty-five white Plymouth Rock broilers in the hammock below his house, all alive and thriving. It's barely possible that some of the first chicks survived, but Larry suspects that his fellow FFA chapter members may have had a hand in the doings.

CANTON, SOUTH DAKOTA: Are high school vocational agriculture students contributing to the world food supplies? W. R. Bryant, Future Farmers of America adviser for the Canton chapter thinks they are, and offers the record of his 41 students for proof. In 1947 the boys, as a part of their supervised farming program, produced 15,307 pounds of beef, 2,829 pounds of poultry, 60,947 pounds of pork, 2,375 pounds of mutton, 2,140 bushels of corn, 2,128 bushels of oats, 98 bushels of beans, 35 bushels of tomatoes, and 400 bushels of potatoes. This production was in addition to the regular home farm work which they did for their families. Gross income from the 1947 farming projects was \$44,127.31, or an average of \$1,076.28 per boy.

CHAPTER NEWS

BELOIT: Vernon McKee, chapter vice-president, was master of ceremonies at the FFA Chapter and Pep Club Box and Pie Supper. Seventy-eight boxes and pies were sold, and a total of \$200 was received.....Don Hewitt, Richard Jostes, and Darrell Treaster were winners in the Farm Record Book Contest for the third year vocational agriculture boys. Jim Bean, DeWayne Black, and Norman Dameron were winners in the Record Book Contest in the second year vocational agriculture class. First and second prizes were FFA emblems; third prize was an FFA belt and buckle.....The FFA chapter is planting fifteen acres, at the new fair grounds, to grain sorghum as a class project. The plowing, planting, etc. will be done cooperatively.....The FFA chapter received thirty per-cent of the profits at the concession stand operated at the Beloit Regional Basketball Tournament. The amount received was \$110. The assistant managers at the stand were Keith Wiles, Richard Golladay, Jack McInroy, and Darrell Treaster.

Richard Jostes, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: The chapter held its annual FFA Parent and Son Banquet, April 9. The principal speaker was Phil Evans, Farm Director of KMBC, Kansas City, Missouri.....The chapter has purchased a purebred, Duroc-Jersey gilt, which was put out to a deserving freshman, who will return to the chapter two bred gilts at 200 pounds weight, and keep all other pigs and the sow...Our chapter donated \$5.00 to the Red Cross drive...Our main sources of income have been the pop-corn machine, collecting waste paper, and scrap iron, and the sheep shearing outfit. We served popcorn at all basketball games and tournaments. We purchased the popcorn machine at the beginning of the school year for \$400.00. This machine has netted us \$450.53 to date. Our 15,530 pounds of waste paper netted \$114.37...Our date party was held March 29...In shop, we have a new air compressor, and a steel bolt cabinet.....War surplus angle iron was used to build wall brackets for steel cabinets.....The chapter has purchased a waste paper baler, and a new 14 KW generator from the WAA....The chapter has butchered six hogs and one beef.....We are getting our sheep shearer ready for shearing. We will shear during Ag class periods, after school, and on Saturdays. We will also loan the outfit to former FFA veterans, and boys who graduated last year...A committee has been appointed to make arrangements for the annual after school fishing trip.

James Freund, Reporter

EMPORIA: We held our annual Green Hand initiation on October 2. The 21 Green Hand candidates were initiated by a belt line....Our annual Chapter Farmer initiation ceremony was held in the vocational agriculture building, February 13....Fifteen boys were initiated....The Emporia FFA started a pest contest beginning November 15, 1947, and closing January 15, 1948. The losing team paid a set fee of 50¢ each....Twenty-seven coyotes, 42 coon, 697 muskrats, 674 sparrows, 78 rabbits, 314 rats, 615 mice, 12 skunks, 22 opossums, 88 starlings, 46 crows, 2 fox, 49 pigeons and 56 squirrels were killed....The losing side gave a skating party January 20....The FFA sponsored an all-school Christmas party on December 19....John Hinshaw gave 3/4 of an acre of land to the senior high school. Mr. Richards, superintendent, said the FFA could use the land. Last fall President Bob Edwards plowed it and then we fenced it. We intend to plant it to pop corn. We call it the FFA Ranch....We will hold our annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet on April 14. The banquet will be served by the Home Economics girls....We held a district FFA shop contest on March 20....We are sponsoring a judging contest in livestock at the Jerry Moxley Ranch to be held April 17.

Donald DeLong. Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

MILTONVALE: The officers for this year of 1948 are Neil Campbell, president; Duane Hadorn, vice-president; Carl Richards, secretary; Duane McNeil, treasurer; Robert Rauch, reporter; and Duane Stites, sentinel....We held a pest eradication contest with the Clay Center chapter, which Clay Center quite handily won. A joint night meeting was held between the two chapters with Miltonvale giving a chili feed....We have been testing seed grain in our germinator....New shop equipment includes an electric welder, 5 acetylene welders, three electric drills, and many other new tools....We are planning a fishing trip for the chapter at the end of the school year.

Robert Rauch, Reporter

BIRD CITY: Our pest eradication contest closed February 29. The contest was successfully planned and conducted by the Community Service Committee and the two team captains, Melvin Pettit and Leemn Cress. Melvin Pettit's team won the contest and are now anxiously awaiting the "date" party which will be held on April 1....Seventeen members and our adviser attended the National Western Stock Show at Denver in January....Many prize livestock were on exhibit and all who attended felt the trip very worthwhile.

Don Cress, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: Our chapter is planning a father-son banquet for May 12. It is to be financed entirely by the chapter at an approximate rate of \$1.00 per plate. The purpose of the affair is to demonstrate to the parents and the friends of the chapter members the accomplishments of the chapter in the school year.....The chapter has also planned a lawn liming project which is expected to net a large sum for the treasury....An eighth grade day, designed to recruit new FFA members for next year is also planned for the near future.

Roger Warren, Reporter

PARSONS: We held our annual initiation of Green Hand and Chapter Farmers, February 9. After the initiation the remainder of the evening was spent in playing games and boxing. Refreshments were served by the losing side in the pest contest. Those initiated as Green Hands were Bobby McMillan, Bobby Good, Raymond Emery, Jerry Bussinger, Charles O'Hara, Keith Graver, and Eugene Gulic.Chapter Farmers were Fred Allen, Dick Wood, Joe O'Hara, Jack O'Hara, Jack Vogel, Dwain Hall, Bob Shields, Loren Dillenger, and Kenneth Blevins....In our pest eradication contest, which was held during the Christmas vacation, Paul Heady was high with 770 points....In the Public Speaking Contest and basketball tournament held at Fredonia, we placed second in both divisions....Our basketball team was nosed out by one point by Coffeyville in the championship game, 7-6....We placed second at the S.E.K. Poultry Judging School held recently at Coffeyville....Four of our team members placed in the ten high individuals in the contest....Our FFA basketball team has had a very successful season. We were Intramural Basketball Champions at our school this year and will have in our possession a trophy until next season, bearing the names of our team members.. So far we have played seventeen games, winning fifteen and losing two. Three of our players, Harold Berends, Jack Aitken and Gerald McMillan placed on the Intramural All-Star Team.

Jack Aitken, Reporter

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The only way to be rid of worry about the things we have not done, is to do them.

Chapter News (continued)

INMAN: FFA officers are: president, Willie Regehr; vice-president, Edwin Newfeld; secretary, Albert Pauls; treasurer, Menno Loepp; reporter, Vernon Pauls; sentinel, Edgar Neufeld; program chairman, LaVern Willems....The pest eradication contest ended February 2, 1948. The following number of pests were killed: coyotes, 13; raccoons, 34; badgers, 5; opossums, 111; minks, 3; civet cats, 10; starlings, 114; sparrows, 872; mice, 339; rats, 12; cotton-tails, 605; jackrabbits, 399; muskrats, 3; prairie dogs, 1. The three high individuals are, first, Howard Hassman; second, Vernon Pauls; third, Leon Rump....The following Green Hands were initiated at our regular meeting in November: Wilber Achilles, Howard Hassman, Wayland Slabach, Darwin Enns, Roy Unruh, James Heidebrecht, Wilber Wiens, Johnny Ediger, Waldo Froese, Leon Rump, Lynell Postier, John Kroeker, Billy Kroeker, Elmer Kroeker, Richard Stucky, Philip Spohn, Wilbert Martens, Cornie Neufeld, and Melvin Martins.

Vernon Pauls, Reporter

HILL CITY: We held our annual pest eradication contest during December and January. The total number of pests killed was 4,000. The captains were Verlyn Ginther and Charles Griffith. The losing side sponsored a skating party for the winning side....On October 18 our chapter broadcast over radio station KXXX, Colby, Kansas. Our topic was "Harvesting Sorghum"...On October 24, we gave an assembly by giving a model meeting. The program consisted of some stunts given by some active members. Since this was during pheasant season, Billy Keiswetter, an active member, gave a talk on the safety of fire arms on the farm....Every candidate to become a Green Hand is required to learn the Creed....We have sold pop, candy bars and ice cream bars at every football and basketball game this year. Our net receipts are about \$150, which is put into the chapter funds....We have chosen a committee to plan our annual parent and son banquet....Our chapter has purchased, temporarily, a pop cooler which is operated by members. The first month we sold fifty-four cases. Members take turns servicing the machine....All officers and advisers are purchasing FFA jackets with emblems. The jackets will be bought from the chapter fund....We have repaired six cars in our shop. We also built a hog house, several hog troughs and beehives. We repaired two trailers.

Verlyn Ginther, Reporter

OSBORNE: The following were initiated as Green Hands, February 26: Rex Curry, Wayne Carlin, Bill Gregory, James Hlad, Thomas Johnson, Robert McKinney, Donal Moore, Doyle Mitchell, Leroy Thornburg, Kenneth Winders, Loren Curry. We held our Chapter Farmer initiation for: Duayne Alflen, Robert Bader, Dean Bliss, Jim Boyd, Robert Forney, Donald Griegg, Lora Grieg, Waldean Hibbs, Robert Hlad, Bob O'Connor, Jereld Wheeler, Kenneth McMillan....Our chapter held a pest eradication contest during the two weeks Christmas vacation period; Robert Hlad won first with 1015 points; Kenneth Winder was second with 600 points; Dean Bliss was third with 430 points....We had a Garden seed sales contest this spring. We bought 100 packages of seed and sold all but four packages. Marwin Kaser and Duayne Alflen were high individuals. They sold 20 packages each.

Merwin Kaser, Reporter

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My wife and I our costumes choose
Of similar styles and stocks;
Milady wears the toeless shoes,
And I the toeless socks.

Chapter News (continued)

SENECA: Most of our chapter activities have been of a social or financial nature...We were invited to Centralia, February 25, for a joint meeting. After a short meeting, we enjoyed boxing and basketball games. Our hosts served a lunch later....We sponsored a Donkey Basketball game March 8. The donkeys were furnished by Ralph Godfrey of Crescent, Oklahoma. The Seneca FFA played the Sabetha FFA. There was a good crowd out to see the fun which made our treasurer very happy.....We have just started a magazine selling campaign in cooperation with the Curtis Publishing Company....We held our Parent-Son Banquet, March 18. This will be our tenth anniversary party....The Livestock Judging School will be held at Seneca, April 16.

Paul Jones, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: Members of the Atchison County High School FFA chapter were glad to have part in the National FFA week by participating in a radio broadcast over Station KFEQ, St. Joseph, Missouri, February 6. The program, dealing with FFA activities in the local chapter and also the state and national organization, was presented by John Gigstad, president; Dale Gigstad, secretary; and Carl Anderson, chapter treasurer.. The program closed with the recitation of the FFA Creed by Green Hand, Donald Signor. Donald earned the honor and privilege of giving the Creed at our Parent and Son banquet, and at this broadcast because he ranked highest in the tests given last Fall when the freshmen boys were learning the Creed.....The pest eradication contest for our chapter closed March 1. The freshmen and sophomores competed with the Juniors and seniors. After four months of smelly rat tails, crow heads, coyote scalps, and other evidence of pest eradication brought into the agriculture room, the underclass boys won the contest 3,406 to 2,931. This means a feed for the chapter with the Juniors and seniors paying the bill. High individuals in the contest were: Glenn Reichart, first; Earl Wohlgemuth, second; and Bob Watowa, third. Our boys placed third at the district crops contest held at Valley Falls....The Northeast District FFA Speaking Contest is scheduled for April 7 and we are glad to have the opportunity to serve as the host chapter to FFA members living in this part of Kansas. We have sent invitations to 22 schools. There will be three divisions: freshmen with two minute speeches, sophomores with five minute speeches, and the older boys who plan to attend the state contest with 10 minute talks. Medals will be awarded the high ranking speakers in each division, and ribbons will be presented those ranking in second and third place.

Sam Hundley, Reporter

CONCORDIA: Our chapter was host to the district poultry judging school on February 7. The Clay Center chapter won first as a team and also had the high individual....We entered the district contest at Frankfort and our team won first. Members of our team were Robert Larson, Don Hudsonpillar, and Lyle Lagasse....Our pest eradication contest ended February 1 with the Freshmen and Sophomores winning over the juniors and seniors. Over 600 pests were killed. The winning side was treated to a roller skating party by the losers.The plaques won by the poultry team at Waterloo, Iowa, last fall have been received and will be presented to the school and the team members at our Parent-Son Banquet on April 6. We have invited Gene Shipley from WIBW to speak at our banquet. At the banquet we plan to show a 20-minute 16 mm colored movie taken of our chapter to depict four of the twelve purposes of the FFA. The movie was started last summer,...In the shop we are building five trailers, two tumble bugs, an A type hog house, hog feeder, lamb feeder, and have repaired two harrows and other farm machines.....We have been making money for the chapter by painting three tractors and one plow....We also sold Christmas cards and are now selling assorted greeting cards.

Don Hudsonpillar, Reporter

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KIOWA: At our night meeting, February 6, we had a hamburger fry. This fry was paid for by the members of the losing side in our pest eradication contest which ended February 1. Each member of the losing side paid one dollar and the chapter paid the remainder.....We helped the school in the purchase of a new General Electric light meter. We traded our old meter and enough difference to retain one-half interest. We plan to use it with our 35 mm camera and the new 16 mm motion picture camera that the school bought recently....We have also purchased two additional pages in the high school Annual, and plan to fill these pages with pictures of our members and the activities that we completed this year.

Bill Tidwell, Reporter

CLIFTON: We recently held a pest riddance contest in which all of the local chapter members participated. The losing side agreed to treat the winners to a party but it was postponed due to weather conditions. The chapter members plan to set a definite date for the party at our next meeting.....The junior and senior shop boys are quite busy. Daryl Cox is remodeling a disk, Chuck Howley is constructing a wagon box, and Eldon Racette is finishing up a loading chute.

Bob Nicholson, Reporter

ALMA: Chapter officers are: president, Donald Deiball; vice-president, Glen Czirr; secretary, Vernon Thowe; treasurer, Donald Anderson; Watch Dog, Laurence Bandel; and reporter, Donal Erikson....Our judging team which consists of Donald Dieball, Glen Czirr, Vernon Thowe, Donal Erikson and Laurence Bandel, took third place in Wreath and Germann Judging Contest in Manhattan....The "Shop" has been well supplied with farm machinery which is in need of repair. To date there has been two manure spreaders rebuilt, a two and four wheel trailer has been rebuilt, some feed bunks, hog feeders, bail elevators and many more items.

Donal Erikson, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: We held a joint pest eradication contest with Miltonvale Chapter. The contest closed January 31, 1948. Clay Center won by a score of 99,950 to 19,000. During this contest, pests were killed by several different means. The boys used clubs, guns, gas guns, etc., to kill the pests. Most of the farmers seemed to think it was a good service to the community as several farmers invited the boys to their farms to kill the pests. Pests killed by the Clay Center chapter were: 76 coyotes, 125 gophers, 56 crows, 410 jack rabbits, 220 rats, 95 opossum, 58 raccoons, 1005 cottontails, 876 starlings, 261 pigeons, 634 mice, 1 ground squirrel, 2441 sparrows. Karl Rau, Clay Center Chapter was high individual with 29,120 points. Our chapter went to Miltonvale to be entertained at a "Chili" feed by the losing chapter, February 25.

Ray Reed, Reporter

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"I prescribe absolute quiet for your husband",
said the Doctor. "Here's a sleeping powder."
"When do I give it to him," asked the wife.
"You don't give it to him", said the Doctor.
"You take it yourself."

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OBERLIN: The annual FFA banquet was held February 16. Approximately 200 guests and members were present. Kodachrome slides of shop, shop projects, and farming programs made an interesting part of this year's program. The chapter purchased and butchered a beef for the occasion....The pest eradication contest ended March 1. 85 coyotes, 31 rats, 655 sparrows, 22 prairie dogs, 33 gophers, and numerous other pests were killed by members of the FFA. Ralph Goss won first prize which was a \$15 set of socket wrenches, Harold Richardson won second - \$7.50 set of box end wrenches, Dale Olson won third - two boxes of shotgun shells, Ivan Lemmon won fourth - a large pair of vise grip pliers, and Shelton Dennis won fifth - two boxes of 22 shells. All prizes were purchased out of the FFA treasury funds....The FFA chapter members voted to purchase a slide and film strip projector and a large size beaded screen for the Agriculture Department...Our chapter was host to the district shop contest and school on March 19 and 20....Some of the larger shop projects that are completed or in the process of completion in our shop are 4 two-wheel trailers, 8 rubber tired four-wheel farm wagons, a hydraulic scoop and manure loader, tractor power mower, tractor fence roller, four power lawn mowers, cement mixer, and numerous feed bunks, loading chutes, hog troughs, chicken feeders, hen nests, wheel barrows, and others....Much interest is being shown in the FFA public speaking this year....New officers elected for the coming year are: president, Don Waldo; vice-president, James Jaderborg; secretary, Vaughn Miller; treasurer, Lee Walinder; reporter, Merlin Anderson; sentinel, Loyd Moore.

Dale Smith, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: Our chapter presented an assembly program on January 30....We closed our pest eradication contest on January 12 with the following pests killed: 2733 sparrows, 86 rats, 720 starlings, 551 mice, 88 crows, 49 gophers, and 65 chicken hawks....On January 12, we held initiation for the Green Hands, and presented this degree to 24 members of our chapter at that time....We were hosts to the district poultry judging contest on March 20....Our annual Father-Son Banquet was held on March 30. Mr. Lester Weatherwax, Farm Director of KFBF was our guest speaker....We have had basketball games with McPherson and Inman this season. McPherson won from us, while we won from Inman....We have the following projects under way in our Farm Shop: A-type hog house, shed type hog house, hog feeder, 3 hog troughs, saw horses, feed scopes, spot lights made from seal beam discards, and a grass mower under repair....Several boys have straightened car fenders, and welded up broken car fenders.

Gerald Kaufman, Reporter

HOYT: The Hoyt Chapter of FFA has been reactivated after six years of inactivity. The Holton Chapter came to Hoyt to initiate the members as Green Hands....We elected Don Broadus, president; Roland Rickel, vice-president; Gene Hainline, secretary; Jack Long, treasurer; Howard Wyatt, reporter; George Rickel, sentinel....A new electric welder and some new hand tools have been added to the shop equipment....We chose sides and held a pest eradication contest during November and December....Roland Rickel and Gene Hainline were captains.

Howard Wyatt, Reporter

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"The greatest remedy for anger, is delay."

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HAVEN: Our chapter presented a program at the U. B. Church in recognition of National FFA week.....Our chapter and the Girls' Club put on a box supper, March 25. We had twenty cake walks, a bingo stand and a box sale....Our Parent and Son Banquet is scheduled for April 19.....Erich Schmidt's sheep have the highest lambing percentage at the present time -- fourteen of his twenty-eight ewes have lambed, producing twenty-nine lambs of which twenty-six lived.....The sophomore class attended the Berkshire Associations State Sale at Hutchinson, Tuesday, March 2....George Stelter, Roy Dean Lanning and Leland Wiebe each bought a bred gilt at the sale....A new arc welder and drill press have been added to our shop equipment this past month. We also have added an elastrator to our laboratory equipment.. The elastrator is a new tool for docking and castrating lambs by the rubber band method.....Large shop projects nearing completion include a 125 bushel hog feeder by George Stelter; and equipment trailer, Vernon Bogner; 8' x 12' hog house, Erich Schmidt; two 10' grain feeders for lambs and a feed cart, Billy Geffert; live-stock squeeze, Merle Oldenettel.

Louis Guhl, Jr., Reporter

TONGANOXIE: Our officers for the year are: Bob Oakson, president; James Davoren, vice-president; Bud Conrad, treasurer; Bernard Hansan, secretary; Calvin Knapp, reporter; and Jerry Baker, sentinel....Our chapter will introduce the new oat variety Nemaha this year by planting two variety tests.... The annual FFA assembly was held in the high school auditorium February 13.... We gave the play "She was only a Farmers Daughter". Five female parts were taken by members of the chapter....The chapter is financing two gilts cooperatively for members....Plans are being made for our annual barbecue on May 15....We will collect scrap paper twice during the school year to help our chapter finances....Our chapter will assist the Jayhawk chapter in the District Crop Contest to be held in Lawrence this spring....We received a \$10 Christmas gift from Mr. Charles E. Miller, who is an Honorary member of our chapter.

Calvin Knapp, Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: Our chapter was host to the Northeast Kansas District Crops contest. The contest included the judging of grain, the grading of grain and hay, and the identification of 30 samples each of grain crops, forage crops, and weeds....There were five teams present although 13 were registered, but due to the heavy snow eight teams found it impossible to come. The three high teams were Frankfort, first; Horton, second; and Effingham, third. The three high individuals were from Frankfort. The Valley Falls chapter gave a cup to the high team. Pins were given to the three high individuals. The host chapter did not compete for honors.

Clayton True, Reporter.

RANDOLPH: October 21 the FFA sponsored an all school hay rack ride. We had three tractors and trailers. After the ride the Y-Teens served lunch.....Our school is building a new vocational agriculture building. The size of the building is 50 feet x 100 feet. The shop is 62 feet x 49 feet and the class room is 38 feet x 49 feet. November 17, 1947, the foundation was dug for the new building. The vocational agriculture boys unloaded the brick and cinder block. There were two carloads of brick and three carloads of cinder block. We received \$149.00 from Mr. Wheeler, the contractor, for hauling the cinder block and brick. December 30 the footings were poured and we helped level the

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cement for which we received \$20....In shop the following projects have been built: a loading chute, a three sow hog house, a dehorning chute, a post hole digger to put on the draw bar of an H Farmall, stock rack and canvas for Mr. Stephens truck, steel gates, metal feed bunks, chicken crates, overhaul electric motors, a two wheel trailer, and worked on cars.... January 7, we had our Green Hand initiation. It was presented in an assembly with a picture show entitled, "The Green Hand"....Our FFA banquet was held March 18 in the high school auditorium.

Louis Hargrove, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Officers for the Washington chapter are Kenneth Kern, president; Ray Soder, vice-president; Carl Wineinger, secretary; Sherman Ditmars, treasurer and Dean Merritt, reporter....Ray Soder and Sherman Ditmars are trying for the State Farmer Degree....We attended the District Poultry Judging Contest held at Concordia. The team won second place. Ray Soder was sixth high individual.....Our pest contest started November 1 and closed March 1 with the Freshmen winning the contest....We sponsored a donkey basketball game in the gym on March 9. The two teams were the Lions Club vs the Chamber of Commerce. It was an exciting and funny basketball game since the players had to ride a donkey throughout the entire game. Substitutes were made of FFA members and our adviser. We gave the spectators a wonderful show. Most of the players were stiff and sore the next day...Each noon approximately 30 FFA members gather in the agriculture room where they eat lunch and listen to the markets, weather reports, and world events over our new radio which the chapter purchased.

Dean Merritt, Reporter