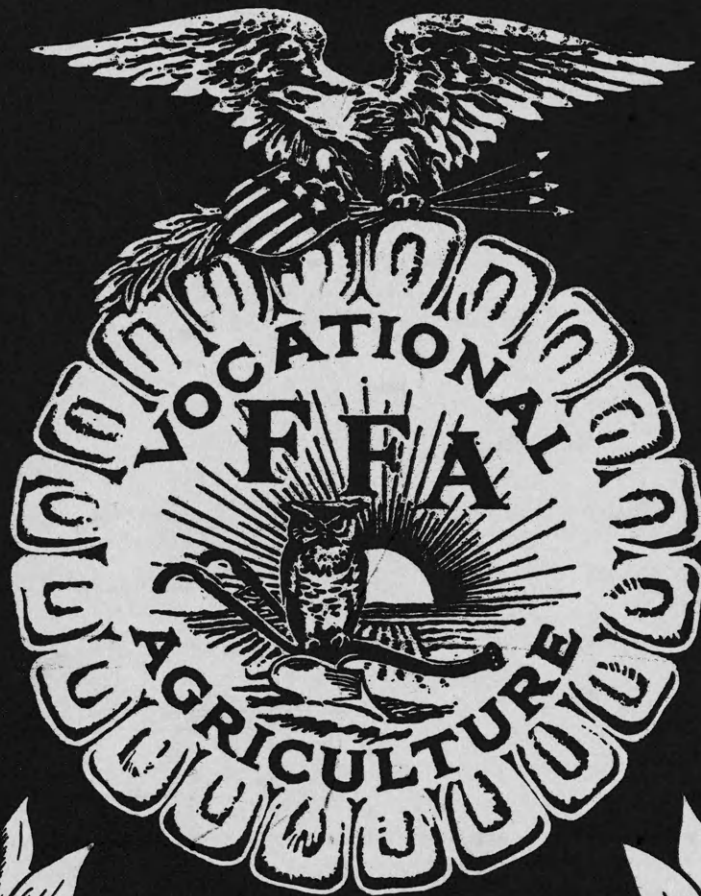


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1945-46 STATE FFA OFFICERS

The following FFA members have been chosen by their fellow members to lead the Kansas Association during the 1945-46 year:

Rollin J. Casement, Sedan chapter, President
Boyce Dougherty, Shawnee Mission chapter, Vice President
Gerald Martin, Clay Center chapter, Secretary
Robert Fulmer, Wamego chapter, Reporter
Herman Popp, Haven chapter, Treasurer

The plan of electing state FFA officers was the same as the one used in 1943, when tire and gasoline restrictions made it impossible to hold a meeting of the House of Delegates. ODT regulations this year prevented

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the state association from convening its House of Delegates. Authority for electing State Farmer members was given the State FFA Executive Committee. The state FFA officers conducted the remaining business of the state association.

In selecting the 1945-46 state officers, the following procedure was followed: Local FFA advisers indicated the State Farmer candidate from their chapter whom they considered of state officer caliber. State Farmer application materials for the group of 20 candidates designated was carefully evaluated. A representative from the state office visited the potential candidates and interviewed them on their own home farms. From the group of candidates visited a list of eight candidates for state office was chosen. Pictures of the eight candidates were built into a composite picture, on which was listed the name of the candidate, his chapter, and the office for which he was a candidate. A summary sheet was then compiled for each individual. The summary sheet listed the age of the candidate; year in high school; number of years in vocational agriculture; scholarship rank; FFA leadership by years; high school leadership by years; not worth by years; condition of accounts; and farming program for each year. This material was mimeographed and made available to each chapter, together with the pictures of the candidates and the ballots. Each active chapter was entitled to two ballots. Local chapters had ample time to study carefully the records of each candidate before voting.

While the state association does not recommend a mail ballot for electing state officers as a regular procedure, we do think the plan a very satisfactory one for years when it is not possible to hold a meeting of the House of Delegates. That local chapters gave careful attention to the mimeographed materials concerning the candidates for office was evidenced by the many letters accompanying the ballots setting forth reasons for voting for certain candidates. In one case, the reason stated for not voting for either candidate for a given office was that neither candidate measured up to the chapter's ideal of the qualifications for the office.

The state office wishes to compliment the local chapters on the splendid interest shown in the selection of state FFA leaders for next year, and to assure the membership that we have in our newly chosen officers a very capable group of young men. Congratulations and best wishes are herewith extended.

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STATE OFFICERS AND STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The State FFA Executive Committee met Thursday, April 19, 1945, and reviewed the candidates for the State Farmer Degree. The National Board of Trustees authorized the State Executive Committee to not only recommend candidates for the State Farmer Degree, but to elect the successful candidates to that degree. Accordingly, the State Executive Committee declared elected to the State Farmer Degree 78 candidates who met the minimum qualifications for the third degree. The state FFA officers met on April 20 and 21 and conducted the regular business of the state association. Entries in the state chapter contest were reviewed and classified, the state FFA public speaking contest was held, and a thirty minute radio program was given over station KSAC.

1945 CLASS OF STATE FARMERS

Abbott, Morse, Lebanon ✓	Kubin, Galen, McPherson ✓
Allison, Bob, Chanute ✓	Kugler, Wyvern, Lebanon ✓
Andrews, Keith, McDonald ✓	Leslie, Keith, Beloit ✓
Archer, Arlie, McDonald ✓	Martin, Gene, Clay Center ✓
Archer, Vernon, Norton ✓	Martin, Gerald, Clay Center ✓
Arnold, Loren, Holton ✓	Maydew, Norris, Lebanon ✓
Beckwith, Dwight E., Hiawatha ✓	Mulder, Duane, Norton ✓
Blake, Bob, Winfield ✓	Munson, Robert, Clay Center ✓
Burr, Willis L., Bird City ✓	Nutsch, Francis, Morrowville ✓
Carter, Louis, Morrowville ✓	Olandt, Elmer, Morrowville ✓
Casement, Rollin J., Sedan ✓	Oloman, Ronald, Garden City ✓
Chase, Earl, Fairview ✓	Pacey, Franklin, Miltonvale ✓
Cleveland, Norman, Concordia ✓	Parker, Kenneth, Howard ✓
Cory, Rex, Concordia ✓	Patton, George, Kincaid ✓
Cook, Wayne, Hope ✓	Pianalto, Charles, <i>atwood</i> Arkansas City ✓
Denholm, Harold, Tonganoxie ✓	Piesche, Vincent Jr., Minneapolis ✓
Dewald, Melford, Bazino ✓	Popp, Herman, Haven ✓
Dougherty, Boyce, Shawnee Mission ✓	Priest, Vellie, Winfield ✓
Farr, Eugene, Emporia ✓	Putthoff, Bill, Effingham ✓
Flach, Robert, Paxico ✓	Riederer, Robert, Holton ✓
Flehr, Veryl Dean, Randolph ✓	Rosesner, Arlie Keith, McDonald ✓
Foltz, Eugene, Washburn ✓	Sabbert, Marvin, Hiawatha ✓
Fulmer, Robert, Wamego ✓	Sammons, Wilbur Dec, <i>Stockton</i> ✓
Gatz, Bernard C., Newton ✓	Sanderson, Keith, Norton ✓
Gigstad, Albert, Effingham ✓	Schmidt, Lloyd, Haven ✓
Goodwin, Riley, Belleville ✓	Smith, Marshall, Arkansas City ✓
Green, Provine, Concordia ✓	Spengler, Gilbert, Winfield ✓
Hahn, Victor, Garden City ✓	Springer, Lee A., Independence ✓
Hale, Gordon, Columbus ✓	Standley, Roland, Osborne ✓
Hanzlik, Joe, Belleville ✓	Stevenson, Harold, Holcomb ✓
Harden, Owen L., <i>atwood</i> Arkansas City ✓	Traulsen, Herbert, Beverly ✓
Hauk, Darrell, Lawrence ✓	Treaster, Donald D., Beloit ✓
Hefley, Donald, Columbus ✓	Turner, Jack, Effingham ✓
Hetzko, Clifford T., Moundridge ✓	Uhl, Gene M., Coldwater ✓
Hildenbrand, Howard, Highland Park ✓	Watson, Johnny, Shawnee Mission ✓
Hilt, Billy, Coldwater ✓	Widows, Gilbert, Garden City ✓
Kardosh, Norman R., Stockton ✓	Wohlots, Walt, Effingham ✓
Kellenberger, Gene, Sabotha ✓	Zemites, Joe Jr., Olathe ✓
Kissinger, Frederick, Ottawa ✓	Zielke, Charles, Coldwater ✓

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SIGN OF PROSPERITY

During the "dusty" thirties, the state association in placing orders for State Farmer charms rarely had the opportunity to order the 10K Gold, \$5.18 charm. In 1945, more than half of the State Farmer class ordered the \$5.18 10K Gold charm. This either spells prosperity or a mild form of inflation. However, we are glad to see the farm boys with a little more money to spend. The successful State Farmer candidates worked hard for their degree, and the 10K Gold charm is evidence of the significance these young men attach to the third degree.

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THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, 1944-45

As has been true for the last few years, war conditions have curtailed the FFA activities of the Kansas Association, but we again have the right to be proud of the record made by this association. 104 chapters submitted programs of work to the state office, and the 4237 members cooperated in an all out war effort.

The annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America was held April 29, 1944. Previously, the adult leaders had visited some fifteen or twenty outstanding State Farmer candidates, and from this group, a slate of eight was selected, from which the state officers were elected. The officers elected by the House of Delegates were: Jack Hall, Highland Park, President; Bob Jones, Ottawa, Vice President; Dick Smith, Eldorado, Reporter; Allen Windhorst, Minneapolis, Secretary; and Charles D. Armstrong, Effingham, Treasurer. 67 State Farmers were elected, bringing the total number of State Farmers elected by the Kansas Association to 779. Six Honorary State Farmer Degrees were given to agricultural education workers, all members of the faculty at Kansas State College. The men thus honored were: Dr. C. W. McCampbell, Prof. R. I. Throckmorton, Prof. F. C. Fenton, Prof. M. R. Wilson, Prof. L. F. Payne, and Prof. F. W. Atkinson.

Earl Mitchell, Lawrence chapter, won the state FFA Public Speaking Contest. His winning oration was entitled "My World." Earl was accidentally killed by a train on August 1, so the Kansas Association was not represented in the Regional FFA Public Speaking Contest held at Chicago, August 14.

Kansas delegates to the 17th National Convention were Irwin Alefs, Great Bend chapter, immediate past president of the Kansas Association, and Jack Hall, Highland Park chapter, president of the state Association, and the alternates were state vice president Bob Jones, Ottawa chapter, and state treasurer Charles D. Armstrong, Effingham chapter. At the national convention, four boys from the Kansas Association were elected to the American Farmer degree. These were: Erwin Thalmann, Haven chapter; Irwin Alefs, Great Bend chapter; Robert Sawatzky, Buhler chapter; and Calvin Jarrett, Columbus chapter. Erwin Thalmann, past president of the Kansas Association, was named Star Farmer of the North Central Region. The Buhler chapter, J. A. Johnson adviser, was one of six chapters to receive the Gold Emblem classification in the National Chapter Contest. Mr. Johnson was also given the honorary American Farmer degree. At the Kansas City, Mo., Chamber of Commerce banquet, given for the delegates attending the national convention, Bruce Johnson, Highland Park chapter and a 1944 State Farmer, sang two numbers. Bruce delighted his audience of 500 people and brought honor and distinction to the Kansas Association of FFA.

Twelve district FFA Leadership Schools were held during the year. Points stressed were ritualistic improvement, broader knowledge of the FFA, and an exchange of ideas on building and executing a worthwhile program of work. In the Information Contest, the high five chapters were: Inman, W. J. Braun, adviser; Sedan, Joe Noill, adviser; Washburn, Clark Milligan, adviser; Beloit, Howard Bradley, adviser; and Stockton, F. A. Blauer, adviser. The average high five chapters per leadership school were: Buhler Leadership School; Parsons Leadership School; Beloit Leadership School;

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Highland Park Leadership School; and Seneca Leadership School.

During the year three new chapters were chartered. They were Valley Center, with 23 members; Coffeyville, with 25 members; and Hugoton, with 20 members.

Sears Roebuck and Company annually gives the State Association money which is to be awarded to outstanding chapters, the money to be used in some form of cooperative activity, preferably in the field of food production. Chapters winning the 1943 Sears Award* were: Winfield, Ira Plank and John Lowe, advisers; Chanute, Elery Collins, adviser; Columbus, Robert M. Lay, adviser; Sedan, Joe Neill, adviser; Buhler, J. A. Johnson, adviser; Great Bend, Fred Schultis, adviser; Highland Park, F. E. Carpenter, adviser; Manhattan, Harold Kugler, adviser; Lebanon, F. A. Blauer, adviser; and Cherryvale, C. H. Young, adviser. Each chapter received \$44.82. The 1944 Sears Roebuck award was distributed equally among the Gold Emblem Classification winners, using the 1944 achievements as the basis of the awards. The 1944 Sears Roebuck Award winners were: Buhler, J. A. Johnson, adviser; Columbus, Robert M. Lay, adviser; Great Bend, Fred Schultis, adviser; Hiawatha, C. C. Milligan, adviser; Highland Park, F. E. Carpenter, adviser; Lebanon, F. A. Blauer, adviser; Sedan, Joe Neill, adviser; and Winfield, Ira Plank and John Lowe, advisers. The amount awarded each chapter was \$57.64.

In 1944 the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company established an FFA award, restricting it to State Farmer Degree members who have not been out of high school more than 12 months, the money to be used for the purpose of aiding outstanding FFA members to become established in farming. The Kansas 1944 Firestone winners were selected on the basis of progress in farming, scholarship and leadership. There was \$536.57 awarded to Kansas, which was divided as follows: Jack Hall, Highland Park chapter, \$136.57 (Outstanding in the 1944 State Farmer Class); Bob Jones, Ottawa chapter, \$100.00; Allen Windhorst, Minneapolis chapter, \$100.00; Dick Smith, ElDorado chapter, \$100.00; and Charles D. Armstrong, Effingham chapter, \$100.00.

The Farm Underwriters Association award of \$100.00 was won by Robert Sawatzky of the Buhler chapter.

The Victory program of the Kansas Association is one that every member can well be proud of. With more former FFA members in the Armed Forces than we now have active members in the state association, it is gratifying to note that the 4,237 active members backed the war effort by purchasing more than \$170,000 in War Bonds and Stamps, collected approximately 1,000,000 pounds each of scrap metal and paper, repaired 4,470 farm machines, and had invested in farming 912,522.69. The complete Victory Program will be found on page 9 of the May 15, 1945 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by

Jack Hall, President
Kansas Association FFA

* - The Sears Roebuck award for both 1943 and 1944 are included in President Jack Hall's report. This was necessitated by the fact that the 1943 Sears award was not distributed until after the 1944 FFA audit was completed.

THE REPORTER'S ANNUAL REPORT
Kansas Association Future Farmers of America, 1944-45

Including the May 15, 1945 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, nine copies will have been printed and distributed during the year.

As was done last year, requests for local chapter news for the Kansas Future Farmer were sent from the state office. During the year 369 requests were sent, and 216 responses were received. This is a response of 59%, indicating that 41% of the requests for local chapter news failed to bring responses.

The chapter notes were satisfactorily written in most cases. Items from the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter were reprinted in several publications in the field of agricultural journalism, including newsletters sent out by other State Associations; The Kansas Farmer; American Farm Youth; Agricultural Leaders Digest; and many others. Kansas chapter notes were quoted by National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, in his monthly FFA broadcasts over the NBC during the Farm and Home Hour.

Respectfully submitted by

Dick Smith*, Reporter
Kansas Association FFA

*Dick Smith is serving with the U. S. Navy and the above statistics were compiled by the state office staff. - Ed.

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1945 STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Six contestants participated in the 1945 Annual Kansas FFA Public Speaking contest, held Saturday, April 21, beginning at 10:00 A. M., in Education Hall.

First place winner was Boyce Dougherty, Shawnee Mission, who spoke on the subject "When G. I. Joe Comes Home." Second place was won by Jarold Sparks, Burlington chapter, speaking on "Food Our Weapon." Third place winner was Dale Apol, Sedan chapter, whose subject was "Soil Erosion."

Judges were Dr. Randall C. Hill, Chairman, Department of Economics and Sociology; Professor Glenn Long, Economics and Sociology; and Dr. George Gommoll, Head of the Department of Home Study.

The meeting was in charge of President Jack Hall. The winner, Boyce Dougherty, will represent Kansas in the North Central Regional FFA Public Speaking Contest this fall.

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FFA MEDAL IN PHILIPPINES - Sgt. Ralph J. Kuehn while on patrol duty in the Philippines came across a Future Farmers of America medal. He had read in the overseas edition of The Country Gentleman an article on the Future Farmers of America. Editor Robert H. Reed has forwarded to Sergeant Kuehn the name and address of the soldier boy who lost his treasured medal.

1945 STATE CHAPTER CONTEST

The State FFA Chapter Contest, held annually in Kansas since 1932, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort over a wide range of activities. Certificates are granted chapters in accordance with the merit of their planned and executed programs. The four major classifications for recognizing the merit of chapter programs are: Gold Emblem Classification, Silver Emblem Classification, Bronze Emblem Classification, and Honorable Mention Classification. Chapter ranking in the 1945 State Chapter Contest follow:

Gold Emblem Classification - (Highest Rank)

Beloit, Howard Bradley, adviser
Buhler, J. A. Johnson, adviser
Clay Center, R. W. Morrison, adviser
Emporia, J. W. Tayler, adviser
Great Bend, Fred Schultis, adviser
Haven, Glenn Schulthess, adviser
Highland Park, F. E. Carpenter, adviser
Manhattan, Harold Kugler, adviser
Sedan, Joe Neill, adviser
Washburn, C. C. Milligan, adviser
Winfield, Ira Plank and John Lowe, advisers
Shawnee Mission, H. D. Garver, adviser
Silver Emblem Classification - (Second Rank)

Columbus, Robert M. Lay, adviser
Lebanon, Donald E. Hall, adviser
Stockton, Floyd Blauer, adviser

Bronze Emblem Classification - (Third Rank)

Inman, W. J. Braun, adviser
Kincaid, Lloyd Gugler, adviser
Morrowville, Otis Dewey, adviser
Phillipsburg, Frank Freeman, adviser
Washington, I. E. Peterson, adviser

The state officers assisted in ranking the chapter programs. In evaluating the chapter contest entries, the following items were given careful consideration:

1. Number enrolled in vocational agriculture.
2. Number of FFA members.
3. Per cent of membership based on enrollment.
4. Per cent response to requests for FFA news
5. Have State Farmer candidate.
6. Have American Farmer 1944.
7. Have an FFA Public Speaking entry.
8. War Bonds purchased:
 - a - By chapter.
 - b - Average per member.
9. Number of farm machines repaired - rank in state.
10. Pounds of scrap metal collected - rank in state.
11. Pounds of paper collected - rank in state.

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12. Pounds of rubber collected - rank in state.
13. Average per member invested in farming - Rank in state.
14. FFA Leadership School, Information Contest - Rank in state.
15. FFA Leadership School, Information Contest - Rank in district.
16. FFA Leadership School, Ritual Contest - Rank in district.
17. Have state officer 1944-45.
18. Each of the eight divisions of the chapter program were checked against a minimum list of essential goals and scored A, B, C, or D.
19. Did chapter follow recommended rules for preparing the report?

The national chapter contest score card weightings were used.

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COOPERATION

"To Participate in Cooperative Effort" is the 9th Purpose of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. One important method by which cooperation can be put on a participating plane is by encouraging prompt payment of state and national FFA dues. Our sincere thanks go to the 113 chapters who paid state and national dues for 4,237 members, thereby "accentuating the positive" so far as the ship of state (FFA) is concerned. The state office appreciates the difficulty local officers and local advisers have in maintaining a high degree of interest in FFA work during war times, when of necessity many FFA activities are curtailed. We are proud of the fact that the 113 active chapters have a membership in FFA equal to 108% of the enrollment in vocational agriculture in these same chapters as of October 1, 1944. Such highly gratifying results can come only through COOPERATION - spelled with capital letters.

Five local FFA chapters have not paid state and national dues to date. We have every reason to believe that the five chapters now delinquent will pay their state and national dues before June 30, 1945, thereby making it possible for the Kansas Association to report 100 per cent active chapters when it submits its annual report to the National Organization.

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The Smith Center chapter and the Sedan chapter each collected, graded, tied and shipped enough waste paper during the past year to make 1,000,000 cartons for packaging United States army field ration "k".

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FFA members in Kansas during the past year repaired 4,470 major farm machines. This is an average of slightly more than one machine per member.

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It is estimated that each of the ten chapters in the Kansas Association reporting more than \$500 invested in farming, produced sufficient food to feed 100 soldiers or sailors for one year.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION 1944-45 VICTORY PROGRAM

The following summary shows the Victory Program accomplishments of the Kansas Association of FFA for 1944-45:

1. Total face value of war bonds purchased in the name of the chapters during past year.	\$ 10,318.90
2. Total face value of war bonds and stamps purchased by individual members of the chapters during past year.	160,508.20
3. Total face value of war bonds and stamps purchased by chapters and individual members since Pearl Harbor	368,883.54
4. Pounds of scrap metal collected by the chapters during the past year.	947,592
5. Pounds of paper collected by the chapters during the past year.	911,274
6. Pounds of rags collected by the chapters during the past year.	10,330
7. Pounds of rubber collected by the chapters during the past year.	97,918
8. Number of burlap bags collected by the chapters during the past year.	13,240
9. Number of members and former members serving in armed forces of the U. S.	5,628
10. Number of Victory Gardens grown by members (total acreage) . .	2,786A
11. Number of farm workers placed on farms through the aid of the FFA.	1,000
12. Chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work.	90%
13. Number of farm machines reconditioned or repaired by members during the year	4,470
14. Guarding and protecting life and property; chapters participate in - first aid, safety, fire prevention	80%
15. Average amount of money per member invested in farming. . . .	\$215.37
16. Total amount of money invested in farming by FFA members. . .	\$912,522.69

Rank of chapters reporting more than \$500.00 per member invested in farming:

1. Buhler - \$651.50
2. Great Bend - \$614.58
3. Highland Park - \$553.85
4. Washburn - \$545.00
5. Garden City - \$530.00
6. Harper - \$529.38
7. Atwood - \$525.00
8. Sedan - \$508.00
9. Phillipsburg - \$505.77
10. Winfield - \$502.80

(One chapter with an average investment of \$541.50 did not sign its name to its report)

High Ranking chapters in number of farm machines repaired:

1. ElDorado - 133
2. Parker - 106
3. Lebanon - 102)
4. Emporia - 102) tie
5. Sabetha - 93

Highlights of the Kansas Association 1944-45 Victory Program (continued)

High Ranking chapters in collection of scrap:

1. Emporia - 40,637 lbs.
2. Parsons - 40,000 lbs.
3. Washburn - 35,223 lbs.
4. Minneapolis - 25,761 lbs.
5. Sedan - 24,000 lbs.
6. Eldorado - 23,755 lbs.
7. Marysville - 23,300 lbs.
8. Winfield - 21,581 lbs.
9. Parker - 20,000 lbs.)
9. Kinsley - 20,000 lbs.) tie
9. Clay Center - 20,000 lbs.)

High Ranking chapters in collection of paper:

1. Smith Center - 118,420 lbs.
2. Sedan - 96,000 lbs.
3. Parker - 34,000 lbs.
4. Kiowa - 28,000 lbs.
5. Lebanon - 20,000 lbs.

High Ranking chapters in collection of rubber:

1. Sedan - 28,000 lbs.
2. Kiowa - 12,000 lbs.
3. Parsons - 3,500 lbs.
4. Washburn - 1,093 lbs.
5. Eldorado - 990 lbs.

High five chapters in total amount of war bonds purchased in the name of chapter:

1. Winfield - \$1,000.00
2. Independence - \$959.45
3. Olathe - \$400.00
4. Cottonwood Falls - \$225.00
5. Sedan - \$200.00

High five chapters in average amount of war bonds and stamps purchased by individual members:

1. Miltonvale - \$115.85
2. Winfield - \$66.86
3. Harveyville - \$64.74
4. Garden City - \$58.13
5. Beloit - \$54.72

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America is proud of the 4,237 members from 113 active chapters who produced such an enviable record. These high school youth, outnumbered by former members from their chapters now serving in the Armed Forces, made a valuable contribution to the war effort through the purchase of war bonds and stamps, the repair of farm machines, collecting salvage, and in the production of food.

FFA AND FOOD PRODUCTION

One can not help but marvel at the total quantities of food produced by the Gold Emblem chapters in the Kansas Association.

The Sedan chapter, 34 members, produced during the past year: 79,720 lbs. of milk; 29,124 lbs. pork; 24,571 lbs. beef; 22,830 eggs; 4,416 lbs. lamb; 663 lbs. poultry; 810 lbs. wool; 2,240 bu. oats; 1,775 bu. corn; 1,135 bu. sorghum; 142 T. silage; and 120 T. prairie hay. In addition they raised 20 victory gardens, and had 1,100 acres of pasture.

The Great Bend chapter, 38 members, produced during the past year: 44,000 lbs. beef; 10,500 lbs. pork; 13,474 lbs. poultry; 10,000 lbs. mutton; 11,000 bu. grain, and 600 T. silage.

The Sedan and the Great Bend chapter reports on food production were selected to typify the Gold Emblem chapter effort in food production in Kansas. It should be kept in mind that the food production program of the Future Farmer members is carried on by farm boys, regularly enrolled in high school, who participate in a wide range of high school activities outside their own chapter program.

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A SPLENDID RECORD

In checking the score sheet used in ranking chapters in the State Chapter Contest, it was found that the Sedan Chapter, Joe Neill adviser, made an enviable record. This chapter had an FFA membership of 109 per cent based on enrollment in vocational agriculture; responded 100 per cent to calls for FFA news; submitted a State Farmer candidate (successful); entered a contestant in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest, and the contestant placed third, ranked as follows in the state association Victory Program: 1st in the collection of rubber; 2nd in the collection of paper; 5th in the collection of scrap metal; 5th in average amount of war bonds purchased per member; and 8th in average amount invested in farming per member. Under FFA leadership, this chapter ranked 2nd in the state FFA information contest, and ranked 1st in both the district FFA Ritual and FFA information contests. The chapter was given a score of "A" on goals set and achieved in each of the eight divisions of the chapter program of work. A total of 41 farm machines were repaired, which was above the state average per member. For the above accomplishments, the state association was pleased to award the Gold Emblem Classification certificate to the Sedan chapter.

Rollin D. Casement, the newly elected president of the Kansas Association of FFA, is completing his second year as president of the Sedan chapter.

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1945 HOARD'S DAIRYMAN COW JUDGING CONTEST

In the 1945 Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest, Paul McNeil, Jr., Centralia, Kansas, placed sixth in the Junior Division. R. G. Raines, Altamont, Kansas, won Honorable Mention in the Vocational Agriculture Teachers contest. In the High School Division, the Newton chapter placed third.

FFA BOOKS AUDITED

The following is a report made by H. M. Stewart, certified public accountant, who recently audited the books of the Kansas Association of FFA. The report was made to Professor A. P. Davidson, Executive Advisor of the Kansas Association. Mr. Stewart's report follows, together with his report of cash receipts and disbursements.

"In accordance with your request, I have audited the cash records of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America for the fiscal period, March 20, 1944, to March 29, 1945, and submit the attached Exhibit "A" together with my comments.

Scope of the Audit:

The bank balance at the beginning of the period was reconciled with the bank statement as of that date. All receipts as shown by the records were deposited in the Union National Bank, Manhattan, Kansas and all disbursements per record were made by check.

The prices of individual items; such as pins, keys, and supplies, which were purchased for sale to members were compared with the catalogue prices and found to be correct. No inventory of pins, keys, supplies, and membership cards were made at the beginning or close of the fiscal period. However a comparison of recorded items of pins and keys bought and sold would indicate a decrease of 448 items for an approximate value of \$97, and a similar comparison for supplies would indicate a decrease of 222 items for an approximate value of \$3.

The bank balance per books at the close of the period was reconciled with the balance shown by the statement from the bank. One check, written to Highland Park FFA Chapter on 1-26-45 for \$57.64, was outstanding at this time.

The savings account with accrued interest amounting to \$600.78 was transferred to the checking account on 7-10-44. The two series "F" defense bonds with an accrued value of \$760 were inspected by the auditor.

Subject to the above comments, the attached statement in my opinion is correct.

The records appear to have been kept in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry M. Stewart
Certified Public Accountant"

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During the past few weeks, a battle took place which was a record breaker in several respects. When the Russian tanks rolled into the flaming rubble-strewn streets of Berlin, it was the beginning phase in the actual capture of the biggest prize of three World Wars. Fighting on both sides of the great battle for the doomed capital were perhaps 4,000,000 troops making it one of the largest single engagements in history. On the offensive was an army that staged one of the greatest military comebacks ever recorded, having marched 1,000 miles from the gates of Moscow into the very streets of the

FFA Books Audited (continued)

Exhibit "A"

Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
for the period March 20, 1944, to March 29, 1945

Bank balance per books, March 20, 1944 \$ 1,110.90

Receipts:

Dues - 4435 @ 20¢	\$ 887.00
Pins and keys	1,092.84
Supplies (manuals, books, songs, officers' jackets)	182.40
Partial expense of delegates by Nat'l convention	3.30
Contribution from Burlington Railroad	100.00
Contribution from Sears, Roebuck & Co.	461.12
Contribution from Farm Underwriters Ass'n.	100.00
Contribution from Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.	536.57
Contributions of Leading Americans (sale)	.50
Transfer from savings account	600.78
Postage	.48
Overpayments for supplies and dues	<u>3.35</u>
Total receipts	<u>\$ 3,968.34</u>
Total cash to be accounted for	<u>\$ 5,079.24</u>

Disbursements:

Dues - 7922* @ 10¢	792.20
Pins and keys	939.27
Taxes on pins and keys	168.73
Supplies (manuals, books, songs, officers' jackets)	160.75
Printing and engraving	499.20
State convention expenses	93.95
State officers' meeting expenses	10.23
Badges	21.73
Pictures and picture framing	8.28
Burlington Railroad contribution paid out	100.00
Sears, Roebuck & Co. contribution, 1943	448.20
Sears, Roebuck & Co. contribution, 1944	461.12
Farm Underwriters Ass'n. contribution	100.00
Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.	536.57
Auditing services	8.50
Miscellaneous	6.15
Refund of overpayments for supplies and dues	<u>3.35</u>
Total disbursements	<u>\$ 4,358.23</u>

Bank balance per books, March 29, 1945 \$ 721.01

Assets per books as of March 29, 1945

Bank balance per above statement	\$ 721.01
2 Series "F" defense bonds with accrued int.	760.00
Total assets	<u>\$1,481.01</u>

* - Includes 3,574 dues for current year.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM OUR NEIGHBOR

The following items of interest are taken from the March 1945 issue of the Nebraska FFA News.

BEATRICE: Each fall our Chapter issues a certified seed and purebred livestock bulletin. This makes it possible for FFA members to locate good seed and livestock as close to home as possible. It is also a service appreciated by local breeders and pure seed producers.

NELIGH: Each spring we put a chart on the "Ag." bulletin board listing each sow owned by an FFA member. Other columns include date farrowed, number farrowed, and number alive at four weeks. This little activity has increased the percentage of pigs saved.

FAIRBURY: All FFA boys that conduct three or more production projects receive an FFA Marker free.

BEATRICE: We hold our project tour early in the fall so that the Freshmen can see some good projects. A score card is filled out on each project visited.

FREMONT: We have an exhibit day each year for project books and pictures.

DEWITT: Each year we publish in the local paper a complete story of the most outstanding Betterment Projects of the year.

KEARNEY: Our Chapter sponsors a Poultry Improvement program for 7th and 8th grade rural students. Our Chapter furnishes the baby chicks, and the students raise them on shares. This project is improving the poultry in our community, and it is giving our Chapter some fine contacts with the younger boys.

NEBRASKA CITY: This year our Chapter offered a prize for the best library owned by an FFA boy.

BEATRICE: Our Chapter has prepared sets of blue prints on "Learning to read blue prints." These were sold throughout the State at 15 cents per set. It made us a little money, and was a service appreciated by many schools.

O'NEILL: Our January meeting was handled entirely by the Greenhands. They opened the meeting, conducted the business, led the group in some games, and served refreshments.

HUMBOLDT: At the May meeting we always invite the nearby 8th graders. Part of the meeting is put on especially for them.

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Scrap rubber turned in by the public since 1942, totaling some 750,000 tons, is being used at the rate of about 35,000 tons a month to make vital military products, and for recapping civilian automobile tires.

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It takes the wool of twenty-six sheep to maintain one soldier for a year.

CHAPTER NEWS

NOTE : Because this issue of the Newsletter carries a complete story of the 17th year of the Kansas Association of FFA, we find it necessary to delete a considerable portion of the chapter news. In this process a portion of the news from each chapter was omitted. We have, however, attempted to include the most significant items from each chapter. Ed.

HARPER: At a recent assembly conducted by our chapter, Prin. W. W. Ferguson was initiated as an honorary member into our chapter. A demonstration of parliamentary procedure was then given by the members of the chapter. We have been having open shop three nights a week for the farmers of the community to come into the shop and use shop equipment for building and repairing equipment....A covered dish luncheon was held for the families of the farmers who have been working in the school shop.

Bob Grove, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: Chapter members sold \$50 worth of garden seeds this spring. The three members who sold the largest amounts were Merlin Glouc, Charles Richardson and Merlin Butler....In addition to seed tested by students on their farm, we have earned \$6.70 in fees for this service....Due to the scarcity of lumber, a large number of sheet metal projects have been constructed. Up to date we have made 20 feed scoops, 12 dust pans, 6 funnels, 10 all metal chicken feeders....Members of our chapter pruned 50 trees in the city park.

Frederick Kupfersmith, Reporter

BURLINGTON: We have made several trips to farms to dehorn cattle. Our chapter bought a power saw. We worked it over and will sell it or hire it out. We have bought a fanning mill and will do custom work cleaning seed for farmers....In our shop work during the year we have completed 3 wagon boxes, 2 hay racks, 2 sheep feeders, several chicken feeders and a 7 x 14 hog house. An acetylene welding outfit has been added to our shop. We are practicing welding and expect to make some manure loaders and other labor saving devices later on.

George Hogwald, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: We held our annual parent and son banquet Friday, April 20, 1945. The main part of the program consisted of a talk on the local chapter activities by Lyle Duntz and a talk on the Kirwin Flood Control and Irrigation project by John M. Gray from Kirwin....The outstanding home improvement in our chapter was the cooperative purchasing of 12 early Richmond and 12 Montmorency cherries, 25 Concord grape vines, and 6 hybrid plum trees which the boys are planting on their home farms.

Max Hayes, Reporter

DOWNS: Our chapter sponsored a sheep shearing school Feb. 26 and 27. A total of 75 head of sheep were sheared. Duane Huiting, who is a candidate for the American Farmer Degree, was in charge of the school....Eight members received certificates in the cream quality program and made farm summaries. For our shop projects we have made a wagon box, a cupboard, nail house, a cement post form, rebuilt a trailer box, and repaired chairs, and made some grass cutters.

Francis Burch, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

WINFIELD: The Winfield Future Farmers have gone all out for lawn mowers this spring. Five are under construction at the present time and more are contemplated. Most of these machines are of the whirlwind type constructed mostly of scrap iron and powered by a Maytag or Briggs Stratton motor. All of these mowers were originally designed and all of them more or less streamlined. Adjustable blades and winrowing are special features....Our Board of Education has authorized a special election to vote \$325,000.00 in bonds to build a new Vocational building. The construction will be of native stone and will be in the shape of a huge E. The Vocational Agriculture department will occupy approximately 7,680 square feet of floor space in the building and the rest of the building will be occupied by Manual Arts and other Vocational and Trade units.

Ronal Heffron, Reporter

IOLA: Our vice-president, Lester Hillbrant, has been high scoring individual in the Guernsey Judging contest at the Ransom farms at Ottawa, the district shop contest at Independence, and the Junior division of the public speaking contest....6 members bought registered Duroc gilts from the Washburn chapter this winter. The chapter has also distributed 36 bushels of Kansas hybrid seed corn.

Robert Sherrill, Reporter

COLUMBUS: We held our second line party in April which consisted of boys and their dates, or else go through the belt line. Four boys took the belt line. 29 attended the party which was one of the best that we have had in a long time....At this time we are finishing our Farm Shop work and putting the shop in shape to begin school next fall....We are planning on running a hybrid seed corn test plot this summer on the Belt farm in an attempt to discover a hybrid that will do well in Cherokee County.

Jack Graham, Reporter

HAYS: 7 of our FFA members are going into the Hampshire Hog business. Bred gilts were purchased from Millard Moore an alumni member. The gilts are not registered but of well bred stock. Millard has four gilts in the herd which he plans to register for his foundation stock. Registered Bears have been used for the past ten years. He had about 75 gilts bred for May farrowing....Our FFA chapter is planning on a fishing party to start in the afternoon of the last day of school and staying out all night....Alvin Denning the winner of the Higher View Dairy prize bred Holstein Heifer is the proud owner of a male calf. He was hoping for a heifer as he plans to build a herd for milk production....A news letter is being sent to 26 former FFA members who are in the armed forces.

Vernon Binder, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: The Phillipsburg chapter held their banquet on April 12.... We have obtained varieties of hybrid numbers for our corn test plots.... Loran Anderson is caring for our cooperative turkey project which has produced over \$530.00 worth of eggs to the present time. We purchased 9 bushels of hybrid seed corn cooperatively, as well as 500 pounds of potatoes which have been planted, and 600 pounds of sorghum seed have been ordered.

Keith Lemon, Reporter

HOLCOMB: We sponsored a joint carnival with the Home Reserves. We divided expenses and profit; our share was \$62.54....The chapter voted to get a young boar from Stuart Graham at Canyon City for the O.I.C. Hog Project. This project has put 24 purebred hogs into this community since the spring of '44.

Jasper Schiffelbein, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

OTTAWA: Our chapter held a sheep shearing school March 29. The 18 sheep sheared were brought in by the FFA members. We have recently received a pair of electric shears which will be used only by the members....Our last year's president, Bob Jones, who was elected Vice President of the State Association of FFA last year, was selected to be a candidate for the American Farmer degree....Our chapter was invited to the W. O. Boehle farm near Lawrence to compete with four other chapters in a Guernsey Type School held on April 10. Our chapter won the contest and Mr. Boehle gave us a Registered Guernsey bull calf for a prize. The calf was sold to Herman Strauss, one of our members.

James Bauck, Reporter

KINCAID: Our Annual Achievement Day was held April 4 with the F.H.A. girls who planned the program. The main parts of the program were: Style Show by the F.H.A. girls; Demonstration - Testing Soil, by the Farm Management class; Presenting FFA awards and Distribution of the Kincaid Future Farmer....The Kincaid Future Farmer was sent to all local chapters in the state association and to 45 former members who are in the service of our country. The Kincaid chapter gave \$20 to Welfare organizations....All boys passed the Quality Cream test and made 33 surveys....A special meeting was held for the 8th grade boys April 25. Each FFA member was a "big brother" to the nine guests during the day.

John R. Conner, Reporter

KIOWA: We are now shearing and dipping sheep; to date we have shorn 340 head and have dipped 5 flocks....Our farming programs are the best we have had for several years. Acres under cultivation have been increased 40% over last year; numbers of livestock have been increased 60%. The FFA has placed Chester White Gilts on a loan agreement with 70% of the No. 9 class. Each gilt will farrow a spring litter....We have purchased certified Atlas Sargo, Sumac, Hong Kong Soybeans and garden seeds for various members....We gathered wastepaper, rubber and scrap once each month. A part of our paper is marketed locally and a part is sold to a government contractor....The total acreage of our FFA farm is in wheat this year. Our income from pasturing cattle during the winter paid all expenses of planting and cash rent.

Duane Bryant, Reporter

OVERBROOK: During the year the chapter purchased 250 pencils with the basketball schedule on them and 500 with the Student Council officers and the Principal's name on them. We made \$25.00 on the pencils....During the year we have made 2 hay racks, 2 box wagons, 2 trailers. We have constructed the frame work and put a tin roof on a 32 by 40 foot cinder block barn, rebuilt and overhauled a mowing machine, two cultivators, manure spreader and a corn binder. A fire in the school damaged quite a lot of our classroom equipment.

Marlan Musick, Reporter

SYRACUSE: The FFA chapter held its Father and Son Banquet, March 27. 40 attended....We had a scrap drive which brought in around \$100.00. We are now collecting waste paper. 2 of the boys are making power take off post hole diggers. 2 gas engines are being overhauled....The chapter raised 100 chickens to 5 weeks which were sold at a profit. We mixed our own feed and have mixed some for members of the class.

Thad Bray, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

CLAY CENTER: We elected chapter officers for the coming year at our last meeting....We held our parent and son banquet. There were 90 parents and school board members present....Our high school principal, Mr. George C. Stevens, made awards to 10 boys for best grades, outstanding work in shop, improvement in grades, and scholarship....During the last of February and the first of March we went on field trips and took pictures of our projects for the year book. Our chapter sent to Fort Hays Experiment station and secured trees for boys that wanted to plant them. In our shop Pat Homphill repaired a plow that was badly worn. Robert Munson converted a horse drawn wood cutter into a tractor drawn wood cutter to help save time. Herman Lippert made a double row tractor stock cutter from parts of an old horse drawn stock cutter.

Maynard Blake, Reporter

QUINTER: On the afternoon of April 20, we cooperated with the Quinter Community Club in pruning trees at Sheridan State Lake....We have docked 210 lambs, castrated 190 lambs, 15 pigs and 6 calves. In shop we have overhauled and painted two plows, three one-way disc plows, three mowing machines, one harrow, one two-wheel trailer. In our shop program we have built one new hay rack, one grain box for pick-up truck, a two-wheel trailer, 6 sheep grain bunks, made 7 window screens and repaired a wheel barrow....We are now running germination tests on grain sorghums for the farmers of the community.

Bob Hoff, Reporter

SEDAN: The winners of the chapter farmer farming program investment contest are: Rollin Casement, \$1480.00; and Harold and Robert Rathbun, each of whom had an investment of \$1068.50. In the chapter farmer gain in net worth contest, Rollin Casement won first with an increase of \$646.00, with Jim Koller winning second with a gain of \$450.97 and Stanley Wilmoth, third, having an increase of \$418.64. The winners in the greenhand farming program investment contest are: Bob Lampson, \$1,075.46; Bill Lampson, \$1,071.46; and Jimmie Urie, with an investment of \$906.40. Dale Apel won first in the chapter farmer scholarship contest by having six straight A's. Harold Rathbun was second and Leon Smith was third. Grant Great won the greenhand scholarship contest with Glynn Utterback, second; and Jackie Bruner, third. Dale Apel won first in the chapter farmer record book contest, with Leon Smith second, and Rollin Casement, third. Frank Miller has the best greenhand record book, with Jackie Bruner having second best and Harold Joe MacLister, third. The chapter farmers winning the chapter farmer farming program contest are Leon Smith, first; Dale Apel, second; and Stanley Wilmoth, third. Harold Carpenter won the greenhand farming program contest with Frank Miller, second, and Bob Lampson, third....The school recently purchased \$60.00 worth of government surplus lumber to be sold to the boys for building farm equipment....A news story was recently sent to 15 state newspapers, state magazines, and national magazines. Several inquiries have been received asking for additional details and pictures, which assures the boys that at least some of the magazines will print the story.

Dale Apel, Reporter

Note: This comparatively full treatment of the Sedan notes is for the purpose of portraying the chapter's broad contest program, affecting farming programs, records, and scholarship. Ed.