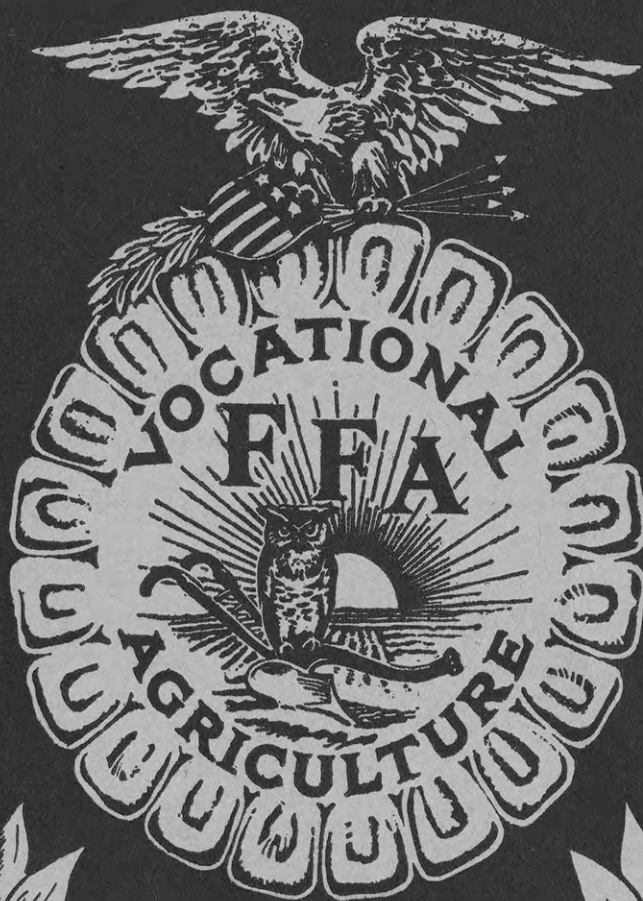


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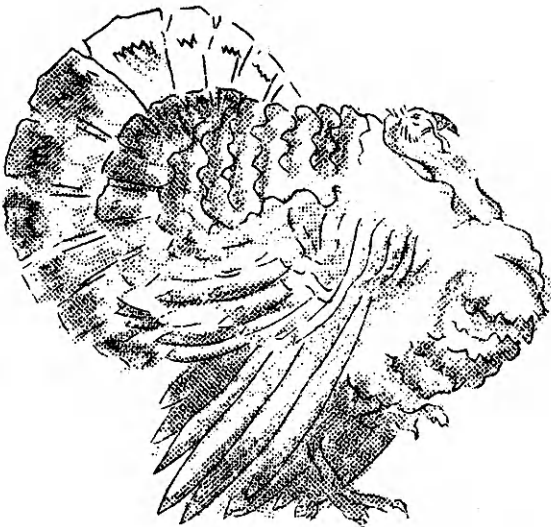
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"Were thanks with every gift expressed
Each day would be Thanksgiving;
Were gratitude its very best,
Each life would be Thanksliving.

--Chauncey R. Piety.

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FFA EDUCATION

"A great source of disappointment and anxiety to me has been the fact that most of us know relatively little about the organization of which we are a part. If the FFA is to make continued growth and develop in future years, then it must have a constant, steady supply of strong, worthy, and aggressive leadership from within. Leadership coming from individuals with creative minds and honest judgment. These few months of experience as your National President have brought me to the realization that for this type of leadership to be always available, we must first be thoroughly acquainted with our organization. We must know its history, its working principles, its goals, its achievements, its possibilities, and last, but not least, we must have a deep respect for and an earnest desire to serve the FFA."--D. Harold Pritchard in his report of the national president to the 14th National Convention of F.F.A.

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14TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

The 14th National FFA Convention, October 20-24, 1941, held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo., is history. Approximately 7,500 members attended one or more meetings. 97 delegates representing 47 states, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii, responded to roll call.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19. Registration in the Grand Foyer of the Municipal Auditorium. A get-together dinner for the national FFA officers and delegates was held at 5:30 p. m., President Hotel. Band concert in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p. m., by the Michigan official FFA band, under the direction of Nick H. Musselman, Okemos High School, Okemos, Michigan. An interesting item concerning this band is the fact that they have been together for three years and are entirely self supporting, at present having \$600 in the bank. The band included 64 boys from 50 chapters. The special drum number presented by Eldon Diamond, Charlotte chapter, as a part of the Sunday evening concert was written by Ernest Capron, a member of the Three Rivers chapter and a former member of the band.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20. President Harold Pritchard called the convention to order. Immediate past president Ivan Kindschi gave the invocation. Reports of national officers were received. Excerpts: President Pritchard traveled 31,306 miles, spent 149 days in FFA work and travel outside his home state and received the following gifts during the course of his travels. In Hawaii a hand-made ukelele, two unique rings carved from cacadamia nuts, 31 flower leis, one containing 19 orchids. In California a crate of California oranges, a gift of the state association. The state association of Oregon presented Pritchard with a royal blue Indian blanket bearing the words, "Oregon F.F.A."....Membership in the national organization was reported 241,024....FFA royalties for the year totaled \$4,451.63....invested in the national FFA camp \$29,176....camp opened June 1, 1941, closed September 1, 1941, with 500 boys from 17 states, using the camp--will open May 1942--E. D. Tyler former president of the FFA, is in charge of the camp....total monetary value of the national FFA is \$51,977.09....90 per cent of state associations have official FFA papers....95 per cent of chapters had programs of work....Arkansas had largest per cent of membership increase.... 7,325 chartered chapters.

A delegate from Georgia presented a gavel to President Pritchard, a gift of the Georgia Association of FFA. The gavel was made from cedar from a tree grown on the farm of the late Dudley M. Hughes, co-author of the 1917 Smith-Hughes act.

Kansas was represented in the House of Delegates meetings by state president George Stelter, Abilene, and immediate past state president Raymond Kaup, Smith Center.

The nomination and election of 170 American Farmer candidates constituted one of the most important items of business. The successful American Farmer candidates from Kansas were, Grant Poole, Manhattan chapter, named Star Farmer for Kansas, Raymond Kaup, Smith Center, Carl Beurskens, Neodesha, and Harold McKinney, Coldwater chapter.

The NBC broadcast the first of three programs from the floor of the House of Delegates meeting at 11:30 a. m. Bill Dripps, agricultural director and Everett Mitchell, chief announcer for the NBC, were in charge. The audience was asked to stand by, at a given signal the Michigan FFA band played "Youth of America", and then Everett Mitchell opened with "It's a beautiful day in Kansas City, Missouri"--he then announced that this was the 126th regular broadcast of the Future Farmers of America over a coast to coast network of 111 stations,

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with a potential audience of 43,000,000 people. The stage setting was beautiful with a large rising sun in the background on a field of blue and gold, a large U.S. flag on the east of the rostrum and a large FFA flag on the west--the space between being filled with flags hanging on staffs, representing each of the 47 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. National officers and members of the House of Delegates assisted with the program.

An audience of 2,000 people enjoyed the FFA National Public Speaking contest which was held in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p. m., President Pritchard presided. The contest was preceded by a concert by the Michigan FFA band. The contestants placed as follows:

- 1st. R. L. Jones, Carrolton, Alabama. Subject, "The Soil--A National Heritage".
- 2nd. Charles Scott, Hawaii. Subject, "Beef and the Defense of the Pacific".
- 3rd. Alex Weimer, Fort Morgan, Colorado. Subject, "Agriculture and National Defense".
- 4th. Ignatius Baird, River Falls, Wisconsin. Subject, "Home Beautification".
- 5th. Basil Hoover, Harrisville, West Virginia. Subject, "Agriculture and America".

Prizes of \$250, \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50, in addition to FFA medals were awarded

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21. The three highlights of this the National FFA Day were the coast to coast broadcast over NBC from the convention floor, the arena parade at the American Royal, and the fun and talent night held in the arena of the Municipal Auditorium. The scope of the national organization was shown during the national broadcast by introducing delegates from Maine, Hawaii, Washington, and Puerto Rico.

The FFA parade in the arena of the American Royal Livestock show with the announcing of the Star Farmers by Editor W. A. Cochel of the Weekly Kansas City Star was an impressive and inspiring sight. The Star Farmer announcements with awards follow:

- Star Farmer of America--\$500 award.
 - Duane Munter, Coleridge, Nebraska.
- Regional Star Farmers--\$150 award each.
 - North Atlantic Region, Milton Fox, Prospect, Ohio.
 - Pacific Coast Region, Everett Struckmeier, Cloverdale, Ore.
 - Southern Region, John G. Scott, Carnegie, Oklahoma
- State Star Farmers--\$100 award each.
 - Kansas, John Poole, Manhattan
 - Arkansas, O'Neill Cook, Bismarck
 - Missouri, Guy Wayne Libbee, Hannibal.

The evening program in the arena of the Municipal Auditorium attracted 2500 friends and participants. The program opened with band concerts by the Michigan official band assisted by the 50 piece FFA band from Texas. The concerts were followed by announcing State Association winners, winning chapters, Honorary American Farmers, and the Talent and Fun program. The program was closed with a special number entitled, "Building the Flag".

THE STATE ASSOCIATION CONTEST WINNERS:

Gold Emblem Winners (High)

Oregon Association
Texas Association
Virginia Association

Wyoming Association
Montana Association

The State Association Contest Winners (Continued)

Silver Emblem Winners (Second)

North Dakota Association
West Virginia Association

Wisconsin Association
Louisiana Association

Bronze Emblem Winners (Third Division)

Utah Association
Florida Association
California Association
Mississippi Association
North Carolina Association
Pennsylvania Association
Vermont Association
Kentucky Association

Georgia Association
Arkansas Association
Missouri Association
Nevada Association
Tennessee Association
Ohio Association
New Mexico Association

Honorable Mention

Kansas Association
Oklahoma Association
Idaho Association
Illinois Association
Alabama Association

Colorado Association
Nebraska Association
Hawaii Association
Michigan Association
New York Association

THE CHAPTER CONTEST WINNERS:

Gold Emblem Winners (High)

Norman Chapter, Oklahoma
Hamilton Chapter, Missouri

Salem Chapter, Oregon
Hanford Chapter, California

Silver Emblem Winners (Second)

Bagdad Chapter, Kentucky
Albion Chapter, New York
Cotulla Chapter, Texas

Toheca Chapter, Pennsylvania (Quakertown)
Williamston Chapter, Michigan

Bronze Emblem Winners (Third Division)

Pahokee Chapter, Florida
Sunset Chapter, Louisiana

Ripley Chapter, West Virginia

Honorable Mention Winners

Tri-Ag Chapter, Connecticut
Presque Isle Chapter, Maine
Sherwood Chapter, Maryland
Woodston Chapter, New Jersey
Belgrade Chapter, Minnesota
Fort Payne Chapter, Alabama
Douglas County Chapter, Florida
Smoky Mountain Nat'l Park Chapter
No. Carolina

Xenia Chapter, Ohio
Oakwood Chapter, Illinois
Columbus Chapter, Indiana
Shawnee Mission Chapter, Kansas
M. J. Connelly Chapter, No. Dakota
Lincoln Chapter, Arkansas
Morgan City Chapter, Mississippi
Fountain Inn Chapter, So. Carolina

Honorable Mention Chapter Winners (Continued)

Carpenter Chapter, Tennessee
Mesa Chapter, Arizona
Deer Lodge Chapter, Montana
Manti Chapter, Utah

Lebanon Chapter, Virginia
Blue Waters Chapter, Colorado
Carson Valley, Nevada
Olympic Chapter, Washington

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES AWARDED

Arthur W. Large, Agricultural Development Agent of Rock Island lines.
Ralph McGill, Executive Editor of the Atlanta Constitution.
G. J. Steward, Vice President of Swift & Co.
William Danforth, Founder of the American Youth Foundation.
Roger Keyes, Director of Farm Foundation.
Earl Cooley, Oregon State Supervisor of Agricultural Education as Advisor of the Gold Medal State Association.
Herman Harper, Teacher and Advisor of the Hanford, California Gold Medal Chapter.
Jens Svinth, Teacher and Advisor of the Gold Medal Salem, Ore. Chapter.
Paul Zillman, Teacher and Advisor of the Hamilton, Mo., Gold Medal Chapter.
E. F. Foreman, Teacher and Advisor of the Norman, Oklahoma, Gold Medal Chapter.

The Talent & Fun program with Everett Mitchell will long be remembered by those in attendance. It was the finest and most enjoyable program given to date. Emilio Dutti, an FFA member from Santa Maria, California, with his accordian, an engaging personality, and a splendid voice delighted the audience. "Rancho Grande", and "South of the Border" seemed to please most....the string band comprised of four FFA members from Winfield, W. Virginia, will long be remembered because of their fine imitation of the freight train among the hills of W. Virginia, and the splendid presentation of the mocking bird number....the Mississippi Hill Billy band, with Axone Barnes on his bass viol constructed from a wash-tub and a few accessories, opened the fun and talent program and elected to take the tough spot of closing the variety of numbers....Francis Bryde, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, a member of the official band, did a superb piece of baton twirling....Schubert's Ave Maria, by Bill Kutzner, Memphis, Mo., on his violin, accompanied by his father on the piano, was especially well received....accordian numbers, piano numbers and rope tricks followed. The program was closed with a number entitled "Building the Flag". A large U. S. flag with a blank field was placed on the stage. As the names of the states were called in order of their being chartered, a representative from that state marched to the platform and pinned a star on the blank field. Beginning with Virginia and ending with Mississippi, the field was filled with stars each representating a state association of FFA. With the pinning of the last star on the field by the Mississippi delegate, all lights were turned out--a spotlight played on the completed flag--President Pritchard at one side, Art Ross at the other, both standing at attention, the Michigan band played the Star Spangled Banner. The audience rose as a man and stood at attention until the number was finished, thus bringing to close in a very impressive manner the FFA program for the day designated as National FFA Day.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22. This is the day for committee work on the part of the delegates. At 6:00 p. m. in the arena of the Municipal Auditorium the Kansas City, Missouri Chamber of Commerce was host to 1700 guests, composed of FFA members who were participants in the 14th National Convention, prize donors and agricultural leaders.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23. This is the day for real legislation. Committee reports were debated and adopted. So many states asked the privilege of furnishing

14th National FFA Convention (Concluded)

food for the 15th Convention banquet that a delegate from Tennessee took the floor and asked that his FFA association be privileged to furnish paper bags "with which to carry away the excess food." A Colorado delegate asked that their association be permitted to furnish lamb chops--let's see, 1700 times two chops, equals how many lambs? The program of work and the budget were the two principal items adopted. Then the election of officers was held. The following officers were elected for 1941-42:

Irvin J. Schenk, Evansville, Indiana, president
Carl Fought, Lindsay, Ohio, first vice president
Joseph Giacomini, Fortuna, California, second vice president
George Sisk, Joiner, Arkansas, third vice president
LaRoy Duvall, Lamar, Missouri, fourth vice president
Pennewill Isaacs, Lincoln, Delaware, student secretary
W. A. Ross, Washington, D. C., executive secretary
Dowell J. Howard, Winchester, Virginia, treasurer
W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C., adviser

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CONVENTION NOTES

Thirty-five states had exhibits in the Little Theatre. Kansas portrayed a story of wheat and won a Gold Award ribbon....the House of Delegates voted to ban commercial exhibits from the Little Theatre at the 15th national convention thereby giving more space to state associations...at the banquet for delegates and officers, president Pritchard showed 1500 feet of movie film, much of it technicolor, taken on his trip to Washington, D. C., the Pacific northwest, and Hawaii....officially it was the first time up for national officers Spanton and Howard, both demeaned themselves admirably...."Dad" Linke was back greeting friends, talked to the House of Delegates, received his past-national officer pin and a beautiful engraved Elgin gold watch, compliments of the National Organization of FFA, and assisted with the judging in the national FFA public speaking contest....Linke's Farm--in questioning the speaker from Alabama, Linke wanted to know what the lad would recommend for him to do with a piece of sandy land sloping down to the river, in order to get it to the place where it would pay taxes; the speaker thought of contour and strip cropping, but Linke insisted it was not wash land; the boy next thought of Lespedeza and Kudzu, and the farm owner stated the land was too sour for that; then the lad "sawed the limb off" by recommending that the land be turned back to timber. Out in Kansas when we are faced with a crucial decision of that nature we recommend "giving it back to the Indians".... Ervin Denisen, second vice president of the National Organization, 1939-40, is teaching vocational agriculture at Watertown, Minnesota. Ervin and a group of his students attended the convention....Shawnee Mission, Kansas, chapter had a group of 50 members divided into squads and scheduled to assist in handling the convention, and the boys did yeoman service....Mayor Gage termed the FFA the most democratic organization of any rural youth organization....Roy Metford, Area Supervisor, Texas, introduced to the House of Delegates in session the Richland Springs, Texas, meat judging team. Metford lined the boys up and presented Howard England, James Poole, and Charles Germany, thereby presenting England on one side, Germany on the other, with a Poole between....The Thrift Bank goal in the National program of work has been broadened to include sound investment in farming....W. A. Cochel appeared on one of the NBC programs broadcast from the convention floor. Mr. Cochel in his usual calm, deliberate, effective manner told

Convention Notes (Continued)

of his and the Kansas City Weekly Star's continued interest in the FFA...when Paul Zillman, vocational agriculture teacher of the Gold Emblem chapter at Hamilton, Missouri, was called to the stage to receive his honorary American Farmer key, it was learned that Paul earned an American Farmer key back in the early days of the FFA as a student member. We think this is the first instance of a boy earning the American Farmer key and later being awarded the honorary American Farmer key...the Texas FFA band was comprised of 36 members from 24 chapters and was led by H. G. Rylander...there are 7826 vocational agriculture departments in the U.S. and insular possessions, with an enrollment of 332,925; there are 7325 chartered chapters, with 241,024 members...Nebraska brings all State Farmer members of the current year to the convention...more than 300 FFA members were present from Texas, with 209 coming on their special train...the Texas association turned in a 138 page report, 8½ x 11 paper, bound in heavy embossed leather, courtesy of Billy Cooper, Rochell chapter. The art work consisting of the emblem, name of association, year of report, was superb...the Michigan FFA band is self supporting and has money in the bank. They get that way by charging for concerts, having received as much as \$500 for one stand...Mississippi delegates were especially anxious to have an FFA song written by a father of three FFA members of their state adopted as an official FFA song. The vote of the House of Delegates on the motion to adopt the song stood 42 for and 44 against. Write chapter adviser D. C. Smith, Soso, Mississippi, if you are interested in securing copies of the song, 10¢ per copy..."Sitting on pins & needles" would come near describing chapter adviser W. C. Haase of Evansville, Ind., while he was waiting for the report of the committee on nominations. Haase was three times president of the Indiana Association of FFA during his student days, and was elected to the American Farmer degree in 1930, serving as a delegate to the national convention in that year, but I doubt if any of these achievements caused as much "sweating" as the long wait for the report of the nomination committee. The anxiety was worth the price extolled, since Irvin J. Schenk of the Evansville Indiana chapter was elected president of the National Organization of FFA for 1942...Schenk is a neighbor of immediate past vice president Roy Hunt of Kentucky, who last spring failed to watch a playful jab of the left hind leg of one of his mules, making it impossible for him to attend the Kansas state convention. We hope Irvin and Roy might arrange to drive out and see us next spring and help us with our convention--this is an invitation boys. We are confident that Haase is the first American Farmer teaching, who has had the pleasure of developing a National FFA president....250,000 members is set as our national goal for 1942, and 100 per cent of local officers are to have 1940 editions of the Manual if we fulfill the goal set....Ray Cuff and a state executive adviser observing the stage setting during the first session of the House of Delegates noted what they thought to be an error in the arrangement of the large gilded figures which were hung on both sides of the large rising sun picture. To ease an awkward situation one of the "observant" pair tiptoes up to Art Ross's station and called Art's attention to the fact that the figure one was on the wrong side of the figure four, and that as a result of the "misarrangement" the sign appeared to read "14" instead of "41". Imagine the high degree of consternation when it was pointed out to the complainants that the figures were intended to read 14 for the 14th convention, and had nothing to do with the year of our Lord--from then on out the "fixers" attended to the selling of their peanuts and Art received no further suggestions....While everyone in the know is willing to concede Art Ross to be one of the best leadership trainers extant, some of us got a kick out of one of the early House of Delegates actions. Ross had just finished reading his report

Convention Notes (Continued)

to the convention. A motion to accept the report as read was made and properly seconded. Art called attention to the fact that the report was not read in full and suggested that a proper motion would read that the report be accepted in full and not as read. Immediately a delegate gained the floor and in a loud voice--aided by the loud speaking system--moved that the report be accepted "as read". The motion was seconded and carried. All of which reminded us of the late Ring Lardner's "Live and let learn" contribution to human knowledge.... Plans are under way for the 15th National Convention, and one and one-half decades should call for the greatest FFA conclave in history--our only hope is that the plans will not attain the level of electing a Beauty Queen. See you in '42.

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1941 STATE ASSOCIATION CONTEST

Virginia, Texas, Wyoming, Montana and Oregon were declared the Gold Emblem winners in the 1940 state association contest. This is the fifth time Virginia has been designated as a leading state association since she received charter No. 1. For the fourth consecutive year Wyoming has been designated among the nation's best state associations. Both Texas and Montana were listed as Gold Emblem winners in 1940. Oregon is a newcomer to this select circle.

The following points of interest were taken from the annual reports of the winning state associations for 1941:

VIRGINIA. 249 chapters represent 100 per cent vocational agricultural departments with chartered chapters....100 per cent of the chapters were active. ...no chapter became inactive or was dropped during the year....grand total membership 8,874; active membership 8,088....57 chapters held ten per cent or more of their members as active during the three years following completion of or on leaving high school....100 per cent of members owned official Manuals....117 thrift banks with a total deposit of \$73,761....87 chapters held a public speaking contest....216 chapters engaged in organized buying and selling.

TEXAS. 642 vocational agricultural departments with 642 active FFA chapters. ...27,588 active members....state divided into 10 areas for administrative purposes....each area publishes an FFA monthly paper which is exchanged....71 chapters issue publications regularly....the state association prints the Lone Star Farmer which has a circulation of 29,000....85 per cent of chapters sent news items to the state FFA paper....23 American Farmer candidates of the 28 submitted approved....625 chapters and 16,919 members participated in organized home improvement....524 chapters engaged in organized cooperative effort....635 chapters engaged in some type of organized conservation....324 chapters gave one or more radio broadcasts....more than 300 members attended the 14th National FFA Convention at Kansas City.

WYOMING. 41 vocational agricultural departments with 41 active chapters.... 1018 FFA members out of 1344 vocational agricultural students representing an increase of two members over 1940....100 per cent chapters had parent-son banquets....100 per cent chapters held public speaking contests....95 per cent of chapters engaged in organized conservation work....90 per cent of chapters had libraries with five or more FFA books.

MONTANA. 62 vocational agricultural departments with 62 active FFA chapters....78 per cent plus of enrollment active in FFA....49 chapters engaged in organized home improvement work....49 chapters held parent and son banquets....

1941 State Association Contests(Continued)

56 chapters engaged in organized cooperative effort for chapter treasury benefit. ...61 radio broadcasts were given by local chapters.

OREGON. Every high school offering vocational agriculture has an active FFA chapter, 53 in all....2040 members out of 2400 boys enrolled....100 per cent of chapters have full meeting equipment....49 chapters held public speaking contests....100 per cent of chapters participated in leadership training schools. ...50 radio programs were broadcast.

Kansas was given honorable mention in the State Association contest.

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NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

The following briefs of the Hamilton chapter, Missouri, and the Norman chapter, Oklahoma, two Gold Emblem chapters, are from the U.S. Office of Education press releases. These briefs are listed to show nature and scope of activities planned and executed by these top ranking chapters.

HAMILTON CHAPTER. Borrowed \$1000 from the bank to handle purchase of 100 ewe lambs for resale to entering freshmen....second largest exhibit and champion carlot for the second consecutive year. June lamb show Kansas City....cooperatively purchased seeds, mineral for livestock, fertilizer, livestock, trees and medicinal supplies; arranged bus transportation to national convention of FFA, cared for school yard and city park....cooperated with Rotary in bird house contest, conducted 21 hybrid seed plots, made lists of available seed and stock for farmers, promoted conservation of wild life, built portable vat and dipped 4000 sheep, vaccinated 275 hogs for farmers, assisted in Christmas decoration of city. ...parliamentary team placed first in state contest, chapter placed second among 10 schools in radio program presentation....recreation included parties, basketball, motion pictures, visiting other chapters, and presentation of skits before student and adult groups....members averaged \$250 labor income, and had average of more than \$500 invested in farming.

NORMAN CHAPTER. The 55 chapter members had 308 productive enterprises, average of five per boy, 62 per cent of the members secured registered dairy animals 30 breeding heifers and sires were sold to adults in the community as a means of spreading good blood lines....only tested animals were purchased by members....all members tested home dairy herds, kept production and cost records, and used only purebred sires....8000 dozen eggs sold by members and parents to hatcheries, 245 cockerals sold for breeding purposes....82 per cent of members living on farms adapted to beef cattle raising made arrangements to obtain registered foundation animals....87 per cent of the members carried swine projects, with every one of the registered sows bred to purebred males....under cooperation we find farm surveys, financing chapter projects, selling poultry, purchasing feed, purchasing high-producing dairy stock, securing seed, landscaping school grounds, sponsoring judging contests....in community service boys helped secure good foundation stock for neighbors, pruned 23 orchards and vineyards, made blood tests on poultry flocks, hatched quail eggs for the state fish and game commission, aided needy families, ran 13 fertilizer plot tests, ran terrace lines on 23 farms, tested soil, and tested seed....under leadership, every member served on some committee, boys exhibited at Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Muskogee, Okla; Dallas, Texas, and Chicago, winning more than \$1000 in cash and 250 ribbons; two members exhibited poultry at the International at Chicago, and all members showed at the Texas State Fair, where they had grand champion bird of the show....chapter earned more than \$650 through group activities for chapter purposes....average labor

National Chapter Contest (Continued)

income per member \$283, with average investment per member in farming of \$800. ...two-thirds of members were in upper half of their class in scholarship.

Editor's note: Press releases do not constitute fair basis of evaluating a chapter report. Undoubtedly there must have been set forth in the report the portion of the 8000 dozen eggs sold to hatcheries by members and the portion sold by parents; the number of farms suitable to beef cattle raising in order to give the percentage factor some significance; whether or not the "arrangements" to obtain registered foundation animals were carried out; the number of registered sows bred to purebred males must have been listed so as to give significance to the statement concerning this phase of the program; the press release fails to give number and nature of farm surveys, the report certainly must have included this information, and omitting the nature of "help" in securing good foundation stock for neighbors leaves us limp and vague.

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HOPE

Kansas agricultural education workers have never exerted any pressure to bring about the achievement of Objective No. 1 in each of the 14 annual programs of work set forth since the chartering of the state association in 1929. It has been assumed all these years that if the FFA was worth while, vocational agricultural departments would espouse its cause. We have hoped that the No. 1 objective would be attained on this basis, but to date the hope has been in vain. Last year 100 per cent of the chartered chapters were active chapters--a fine record, but four chapters remained unchartered. With the chartering of the Centralia chapter our hope is strengthened. Jewell, Kinsley and Greenleaf, remain unchartered. Jewell and Kinsley are preparing programs of work preparatory to petitioning, and we HOPE Greenleaf is giving serious thought to the possibility of joining the 167 chartered--thus for the first time making it possible for the Kansas Association to enter that distinguished group of state associations which chartered chapters in 100 per cent of their schools where federally and state aided vocational agriculture is offered.

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CENTRALIA CHARTERED

Centralia, a new department last year was chartered October 16, 1941, under the leadership of Raymond Stewart, vocational agriculture instructor. Officers are: Kenneth Newman, president; Calvin Clay, vice president; Byron Murphy, secretary; Francis Fritch, treasurer; Bob Drumnu, reporter.

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Robert A. McAnany, former member of the Shawnee Mission chapter, was killed in an airplane accident while on an air mission for the Royal Air Force. Bob received his pilot training in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and left for Canada last spring. He presumably was to join the R.A.F. bomber service, but whether the accident occurred while he was in this service or in active combat activity is not known. Bob served as reporter for the Shawnee Mission chapter, and graduated from high school in 1936.

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COVERS FOR BETTER CHAPTER ENTRIES

Suitable covers for annual FFA Better Chapter entries may be obtained by sending your orders to F. E. Carpenter, Highland Park High School, Topeka, Kansas. The price is \$1.75 each. All orders must be accompanied by cash. The price is subject to there being 50 or more orders. December 1, 1941, is the deadline for receiving orders.

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PROGRAMS OF WORK

Chartered chapters in Kansas have filed with the state office 151 programs or work. This is slightly more than 91 per cent of the 165 chartered chapters in the state.

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NATIONAL CHAPTER ENTRIES

Chapter entry blanks for entering the national better chapter contest are being sent the FFA chapters in Kansas that were listed among the ten outstanding chapters for last year. These blanks properly filled in by interested chapters are due in the national office on or before January 31, 1942.

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WRITING FFA NEWS

"Writing FFA News" by C. E. Rogers, published by The Collegiate Press, Ames, Iowa, price \$2.00, is just off the press. A review of this important FFA book will appear in the next issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

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LISTED IN WHO'S WHO

Robert Randle and Bob Singleton, past officers of the Kansas Association, now enrolled at Kansas State, were listed in Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges.

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FIRST TO FILE PROGRAM OF WORK

Overbrook chapter had the distinction of being the first to file their 1941-1942 program of work. Paxico chapter was second.

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Books are not made for furniture but there is nothing that so beautifully furnishes a house. A little library growing each year is an honorable part of a man's history. It is a man's duty to love books. A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.--Henry Ward Beecher.

CHAPTER NEWS

MANHATTAN: During the summer six members marketed 16 lambs at the Morrell Packing Co. in Topeka....The new officers met for a dinner meeting at the home of Mr. Kugler, our adviser, early this fall. The officers also attended the Officers Training School held at Clay Center. They placed first in the opening ceremony contest. Our chapter presented a skit on "Preparing a Chapter Program of Work", and the adviser and treasurer had charge of the treasurer's group....22 members and the adviser attended the American Royal....Grant Poole, a Manhattan chapter member, received the American Farmer degree, and the Star Farmer for Kansas award. He is the first one of our chapter to attain this degree....A pest eradication contest is under way and will close December 2....Our chapter held a joint initiation with the Wakefield FFA chapter Monday evening, November 3. Eleven members were initiated as Green Hands....Our 1941-42 program of work has been completed for the year and the committee chairman appointed for the various committees. Some of the new activities planned for this year include purchase of U. S. Bonds, rifle shooting match, Hybrid seed corn test plots as part of farming programs. We are also considering the possibility of a tractor driving contest....Members of the second year shop class have completed overhauling a John Deere manure spreader at a total cost of \$34.40, including the original cost. Pictures of the spreader were taken before and after the repair and a feature article is being written for use in the local paper during education week. A modern touch was added to the spreader by the addition of serk oilers....Chapter members are conducting the used farm machinery survey in co-operation with the State Defense Council.

--Harris Ramsour, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: Twenty boys attended both the state fair and the American Royal this year....Officers from the Williamsburg chapter attended the Officers Training School at Holton. Secretary Bob Barkley purchased a registered ewe and two lambs last spring for \$35. This summer he entered the two lambs and the ewe in two fairs, receiving \$10 in prize money as a result of his first experience in showing....Myron Meyer, second year Ag student, exhibited his Blackhull kafir at five fairs taking several blue ribbon prizes. His prizes for the summer amounted to \$25....Of the nine members in the No. 11 course, there is a project average of nine hogs per boy, and eight breeding ewes per boy. All boys have used purebred rams with their flocks, and six of the nine boys have registered hogs....So far this year the following jobs have been completed in shop: 5 wagon boxes, 2 two-wheel trailers, 1 self-feeder, wheels for two concrete packers, and 50 concrete hog troughs....Marion Snodgrass and Bob Barkley recently purchased two registered Spotted Poland gilts....A 1100 mile trip was taken last summer by 13 of the Future Farmer members. Transportation cost per boy was 80 cents. \$48 was earned by members of the chapter by shearing sheep, and this was used to pay expenses on car and pick-up....Three states were visited, Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

--Dwayne Barton, Reporter

ABILENE: The Abilene FFA boys held a swimming contest in connection with the Central Kansas Free Fair in July....The trip to the Hutchinson fair was taken by the FFA classes on September 22, 1941....Two FFA cooperative laying flock projects consist of 70 hens and 350 pullets. Of the pullets 300 are Hollywood White Leghorns and 50 are New Hampshire Reds.

--Keith Glate, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

GIRARD: One of our summer activities was a father-son meeting. An educational program dealing with farming programs was presented and a watermelon feed was held afterward....The freshmen were invited to our first night meeting this fall. The main business of the evening was the reading of, and the chapter approval of, the annual program of work. Mr. King then showed a motion picture and served punch and cookies for refreshments after recreation....Our adviser made several improvements in our class room and shop this summer, building a large cabinet in the class room and several tool cabinets in the shop. The work benches and other equipment were also repainted....35 FFA boys, Mr. King, our adviser, and Mrs. King went to the American Royal for FFA Day. One of the school busses was chartered for the trip....The write-up of president John Mengarelli's farming program is to appear in the local paper this week. It is the first of a series of such articles the chapter is publishing as part of our activity program. Articles are published in the school news through the cooperation of the journalism department....The automatic canteen the FFA has had placed in the shop brings our chapter a profit of \$2 to \$3 per month with no trouble whatsoever to the chapter.

--Reporter

WAKEENEY: During the summer months a trip to the Rocky mountains was taken. We secured a truck for transportation and each boy furnished his own bedding, cup, spoon, and knife. The tents and the cooking utensils were furnished by a special committee. For food costs and miscellaneous expenses, each boy placed \$3.00 in a common fund and the transportation was paid for out of the money already in the treasury. We traveled 1000 miles and visited many places of interest, some of which were the U. S. mint, the museum, stock yards, and the State Capitol at Denver, Grand Lake, the zoo and other sights at Colorado Springs. 28 boys and our adviser, J. Oscar Brown, went on the trip. The transportation expense amounted to about \$60. We started August 3 and returned August 8....This fall we raised our chapter dues and added a few more requirements in an effort to obtain better and more attentive membership. We have 35 members.

--Jacob Schneider, Reporter

LEROY: On September 29 the LeRoy chapter initiated 13 Green Hands. We had a parent meeting September 23 at which 50 people were present. Our FFA officers entered the Training School contest at Iola September 25 and won a gold trophy cup for the best presentation of the opening exercises....Five of the Junior Ag boys went to the American Royal October 21-22....Our eradication contest is underway....Several of our members have bought registered bucks, which they are using to improve their flocks....October saw the final payment on all loans made through the Chanute Production Credit Association for last year. Over \$600 was borrowed. New loans are now near that figure again for this year. Most of our loans are on sheep with some on white-faced yearling steers....Our chapter is raising money this year by selling Christmas cards. We have already made over \$30 and have sold over 75 boxes of cards. In addition to this each member is expected to bring in a minimum of 25 pounds of iron which will be sold and credited to the chapter.

--Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: We have 20 members in our chapter....The FFA boys redecorated the room and built tables and benches for the hot lunch program in our school....Members of our chapter sweep the class room as a means of raising chapter money.

--Gerald Kooser, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

CHERRYVALE: The Cherryvale chapter elected officers last May and installed them at the opening of school. They were installed by the following alumni members: Floyd Barker, president, 1938-'39; Earl Stigenwalt, secretary, 1939-40; Ralph Jewett, president, 1940-'41; and Harold Mishler, treasurer, 1940-'41. Our officers attended the leadership training school at Iola, and our secretary, Dean Bruch, gave a talk on "Building the Program of Work", extracts of which may be found in the October 15, 1941, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer....Regular day meetings are being held once each week in addition to at least one night meeting each month....Our chapter in cooperation with the Future Homemakers operated an eats stand at one of our home football games and made a net profit of \$6.88 for each organization....Prospective FFA members were invited to a watermelon feed early in September. 300 pounds of watermelons were consumed....Green Hand initiation was held the night of October 15 and 15 new members were taken into the local chapter....Eleven members, our adviser, C. H. Young, and Superintendent W. R. Whitzel attended the National Convention and American Royal.

--Max Campbell, Reporter

NORWICH: Our chapter has 20 active members in the chapter this year....Four officers and two substitutes attended the So. Central Kansas Officers Training School at Oxford....We have treated nearly 250 bushels of barley seed this fall. ...We have made several rope halters and a shipping crate for farmers of the community....Our chapter potato crop was harvested in July. It averaged 72 bushels per acre. Our feed crop has not been harvested yet because of the wet weather....Twelve freshmen were awarded the degree of Green Hand, October 15. Refreshments of cider, apples and cookies were served to the boys after the ceremonies were finished....Our officers have set up a merit system. A prize will be awarded the boy with the highest number of points at the end of the year.... The boys did most of the work on the Norwich fair pens. We received \$22.50 for our labor. The FFA float won first prize of \$2.50 in the parade. FFA boys had complete charge of most of the agricultural exhibits at the fair.

--Alvin Williams, Reporter

IOLA: We held a family picnic Sunday, August 31. Approximately 100 people were present....Bill Morand won a pure bred Duroc breeding gilt from Sears and Roebuck last spring by writing an essay entitled, "The Advantages of a Cow, Sow and Hen Program of Farming". He took this gilt to the Topeka Free Fair this fall to compete against 15 other gilts given by Sears and Roebuck. Bill's gilt won first. As a result he was awarded a 10-months old registered Jersey dairy heifer.... The Iola chapter entered a judging team at the Barrier Field Day and placed 6th. Howard Ray tied for third high individual....A thrift bank for the purpose of promoting thrift among the members was recently established at Iola. To date 20 boys have accounts in this bank....36 FFA members attended the American Royal on October 21.

--Howard Ray, Reporter

FRANKFORT: Our officers attended the Officers Training School at Holton....Ten boys and adviser attended the American Royal....Our chapter recently purchased a mold from the Linn Concrete Co. for the making of concrete hog troughs....Some of our boys did very well at the county fair this year. Robert Johnston took 2nd on a two-year old Holstein cow, 2nd on a senior yearling Holstein bull, 3rd on Duroc Boar pig and in vocational agriculture competition class he took 1,2,3,4,5, on Duroc gilts under six months. Linnea Stiner took 1st on some Pioneer Hybrid corn. Donald Jones has a steer junior yearling that took first prize. He also had two yearling ewes that took first prizes.

--Eugene Hooper, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

GREAT BEND: The officers, adviser, and Leonard Sharp, vice president of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, attended the Officers Training school at Buhler, October 14....October 22 we initiated 22 Green Hands into our chapter. Our active membership at present is 47....45 boys are enrolled in our vocational agriculture department....A group of FFA boys purchased 39 head of bred ewes for a group project....Our chapter set up a Barton County agricultural booth at the state fair at Hutchinson last September. We ranked 3rd in our division....In a financial way our chapter has been doing fairly well this year. We cleared \$70 on the booth at the Hutchinson fair, took in \$102 on our concession stand at the Great Bend-Kinsley football game, and received \$30 for dipping a flock of sheep for a neary-by farmer. We also have 120 bushels of wheat in storage. The wheat was produced on our 6-acre cooperative chapter project last summer....We purchased a six tube Delco radio for our chapter last month, so we can now listen to market reports and various other programs.

--Victor Koelsck, Reporter

LEBANON: Our chapter met regularly during the summer and also had a picnic and ice cream social....On September 23 the chapter held a parents meeting. All the freshman boys and their parents were introduced. There were 200 people at the meeting....A judging team was entered in the judging contests of the following fairs: Belleville, Stockton, Smith Center and Downs....14 members attended the Officers Training School at Beloit, where the officers placed first in the opening and closing ceremony....The annual FFA Achievement Day was held October 24 with a parade and program. There were 135 livestock entries and about 200 crop entries. Over 500 people visited the show....The chapter has purchased 100 ewes and 10 rams cooperatively for members.

--Don Herndon, Reporter

PARSONS: The farms taken by the national government for the shell loading plant were all evacuated and the buildings sold at auction. Our chapter cooperatively bought several machine sheds, chicken houses, granaries and other material reasonable. The lumber was of fair quality, some being rather good lumber. The members took several Saturdays and went into the plant area and wrecked the buildings and hauled the lumber to the ag shop where the boys during their shop period built a number of useful buildings for their farming program. Some of the boys are building hog houses, sheep sheds, brooder houses, and all types of feeders. ...15 boys accompanied by their instructor F. R. Brandenburg, attended the American Royal. The boys all had a nice time and reported a very educational trip.

--Ray Kephart, Reporter

MCCUNE: Twenty-six members went on a 3-day camping trip to Roaring River, June 1. We went in a school bus....Our chapter purchased 14 head of feeder steers from the Kansas City stockyards September 3....Our officers ranked third in the south eastern Officers Training school's opening ceremony contest and our FFA quartet sang two numbers at the school....Seven out of 26 of our chapter placed in the money at the Junior Joplin Beef Show held at Joplin, Mo., October 7 and 8. Our livestock judging team won first out of 18 schools in the contest held at the Barrier Field Day at Eureka, October 4....Twenty-six members of our chapter attended the American Royal.

--Ira Johnston, Reporter

"The smart man can always catch on. The wise man knows when to let go."

Chapter News (Continued)

RANDOLPH: Members from our chapter with our adviser, principal, and janitor, attended the American Royal on FFA Day....Our officers attended the Officers Training school at Clay Center. Carl Johnson placed 5th in the reporter's contest....Our programs of work are completed and ready to be mailed. Some of the enterprises in this year's program of work are: a public bulletin board, a chapter scrap book, sponsor a roller-skating party....The chapter has been selling popcorn, candy, chewing gum, and hotdogs, cooperatively with the G. R. and Hi-Y at football games. We will continue to sell these items through the basketball season. The FFA also distributes programs at basketball games. They are paid for by advertisements. We have found this project to be quite profitable.

--Carl Johnson, Reporter

INDEPENDENCE: Our chapter held an all night fishing trip in August with 22 members attending. Not many fish were caught but a good time was reported by all who attended. Four carload of Texas ewes were shipped into Independence for vocational agriculture boys and farmers in the community....At our night meeting in September we invited all the potential Green Hands as our guests. After the business meeting a watermelon feed was held....We visited the American Royal this year with 20 boys making the trip....Used lumber had been purchased for use in construction of farming program equipment in the shop. Some of the shop work under construction follows: "A" type hog houses, sheep feeders, calf feeders, chicken feeders, overhauling of motors and of used farm machinery.

--Wendell Imel, Reporter

BURNS: At our July meeting we had the picture show, "The Green Hand"....Our sophomore, junior, and senior classes attended the state fair at Hutchinson and expected to stay for the night show but got rained out....The officers attended the Officers Training school at Emporia and placed third in the opening ceremony contest....The chapter observed National FFA Day, October 21, by having a day meeting. At this meeting we listened to a radio program broadcast from Convention Hall. At noon we were served a lunch cooked by the Home Economics girls. At 2 o'clock we listened to the broadcast featuring the Star Farmer awards. J.K. Dooley, a farmer living near Burns was our guest and speaker.

--Carol Logan, Reporter

ALMA: On June 26 the FFA gave a farewell party for Mr. Hawk who was succeeded July 1 by Mr. Roy Morrison. There were 20 members present. We went on a hike and a weiner roast. The farewell gift present to Mr. Hawk was a popcorn set....On August 8 the FFA boys went to Topeka for their summer picnic....New equipment for our shop this year consists of a double electric forge, an electric rip saw, a power drill, three electric motors, and some new planes....Some of our shop projects are, 2 two-wheel trailers, 1 grain box, stock rack for a pick-up, loading chute, chicken feeders, repairing a corn sheller and hay rack, wheelbarrow, painting a car, buzz car frame, and feed bunk.

--Charles Bohn, Reporter

HOLCOMB: We attended the judging school at the Hutchinson fair...Our chapter now has a pest eradication contest underway, the losing side to give an oyster supper to the members of the winning side...14 members were initiated as Green Hands and five members were raised to the Future Farmer degree at our September meeting. We now have a membership of 41.

--Gene Clare, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

STOCKTON: October 8 our chapter officers drove to Beloit to take part in the ritual contest held there....Our chapter attended the state fair at Hutchinson. Although we missed a few days of school we feel that the trip was well worth both the time and money....our annual carnival, Goblin's Glory, was held October 29. Total profit was \$50....Some of the projects completed in shop are an A-type hog house, two complete wagon boxes, and three to be completed soon, 3 two-wheel trailers, and 2 four-wheel trailers, wheel barrows, loading chutes and miscellaneous motor jobs....We have recently added an arc welder to our shop equipment....Our chapter paid dues for 48 members which is 100 per cent membership.

--Donovan Knight, Reporter

LACROSSE: Five officers and our adviser, Mr. Bonewitz, represented our chapter at the district Officers Training school which was held at Garden City, Oct. 16. Eugene Legge, our vice president was elected as the district president for the coming year....We helped build stands for the band carnival. We entered a float in the Fall Festival and placed 3rd. Our float showed the farmers' part in Defense....We assisted the county agent in harvesting sorghum variety tests sponsored in cooperation with the Crop Improvement Association....We assisted with the Poultry Show, which had 500 birds entered. The birds were sold at auction and brought a very good price.

--Glen West, Reporter

NORCATUR: Our chapter cooperated with the Oberlin chapter in preparing a float for the Decatur County fair at Oberlin last summer. A trailer pulled by a tractor was decorated to show shop work, class work and farming program work....Besides our regular shop jobs we have built 10 sheep feeders and helped build a 20' x 30' chicken house having a concrete floor, straw loft with rear entrance nests. The FSA has placed an order for as many irrigation tile as we can make....For an improvement project this year each boy will rebuild his farm shop and make some improvements in it.

--Kenneth Price, Reporter

POWHATTAN: 25 members of the Powhattan FFA chapter took a trip, June 3 to Omaha. ...During the latter part of the summer 15 members enjoyed a camping party, lasting two days and nights at the Atchison County Lake....During the Powhattan picnic the FFA chapter operated a pop and hot dog stand, which netted us \$7.70....The agriculture classes and some of the other FFA members attended the state fair at Topeka....13 of the FFA members went to the American Royal, October 21.

--Harold Kneisel, Reporter

GREENSBURG: The Future Farmers held their first recreational meeting October 21. They met at the vocational agriculture building and then after the business meeting went to the high school gym for entertainment....The Future Farmers are making a machinery survey of their individual farms....Three Future Farmer boys of the Greensburg High School have enrolled at Hays college where they have secured positions to work for all expenses. These positions were secured on the basis of their farming programs while attending high school.

--Bennie Peters, Reporter

PLEASANTON: Our crops judging team won first place trophy at the Mound City fair. ...The officers attended the Officers Training School at Shawnee Mission....Oct. 21, 26 boys attended the American Royal....Our FFA basketball team has not been defeated for four years.

--Arthur Carpenter, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

ARKANSAS CITY: Our officers attended the Officers Training School at Oxford... At the Cowley county fair our FFA team placed second. The boys who won prizes at the county fair with their livestock are as follows: Ralph Adams, 1st and 2nd on Hereford heifer; Richard Warren, champion FFA Jersey heifer, 1st in fitting-shoeing contest; Dale Gottlob, Ayrshire cattle, 1st, 3-4 year old cow, 1st 2-3 year old cow, 1st, heifer calf over 6 months old, under 1 year; 1st, heifer calf under 6 months....Arkansas City represented Kansas in the milk judging contest at the American Royal and placed 5th. This team was composed of Dale Gottlob, Ira Popplewell and Ray Marrs. Twenty-three states competed. Dale Gottlob was 11th high individual. Ira Popplewell was 12th high and Ray Marrs, 38th.

--Dale Gottlob, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: We had our annual fishing party May 19, 1941. We caught about 25 lbs. of fish...We had our FFA watermelon party August 20 to get acquainted with the new students and their Dads. Nearly 74 people attended....The Cottonwood Falls judging team attended Barrier's Field Day in Greenwood county, October 4, and placed 8th....The Senior class and Mr. Croy attended the American Royal October 18 and 19....During the past four years the Cottonwood Falls chapter has taken a county collective booth to the Kansas state fair at Hutchinson and also a kafir booth to the county fair. This year we placed second at Hutchinson and first at the county fair...24 boys from our chapter attended the Kansas state fair at Hutchinson...We had our first FFA-Homemaking party of the year October 8. We usually have two or three such parties a year.

--Marvin Schwilling, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Our chapter sodded the football field to Buffalo grass last spring. We made \$25 on the project....Our officers attended the Officers Training schools at Oxford....We initiated 14 new members as Green Hands on October 14....We have 40 members this year....Our judging team placed 2nd at the third annual Barrier Field Day at Eureka. Erwin Walker was 5th high individual...Our chapter is conducting a rodent killing contest....Our judging squad attended the judging school sponsored by the Argonia chapter October 25.

--Albert Harbaugh, Reporter

COLBY: The Colby chapter elected their new officers last spring. The new officers took charge this fall....Our secretary is taking pictures of the FFA boys and their projects to be kept permanently in the secretary's book....On October 17 the FFA gave an assembly program....The Colby chapter sponsored the Officers Training School this year. Officers from nine schools were present....The No. 12 class is learning to use the oxy-acetylene process in their course.

--Ray Kersenbrock, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: Our officers attended the Officers Training School at Emporia.... To make out our chapter Program of Work, instead of appointing committees as we usually do we had a meeting of some of the officers and some of the other members. During this meeting we expressed ideas which were written down. Our adviser then read it before his classes and they expressed their ideas. When this was done we read it and voted on it at the meeting. This seems a better way because it usually takes considerably longer when committees are appointed.

--Herschel Davis, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

ST. FRANCIS: The judging team from our chapter won second place at the Goodland fair. Alvin Bandel was high point individual...The vocational agriculture boys remodeled the vocational agriculture building by putting on new plywood and varnishing it....Our officers attended a meeting at Colby October 11....October 5, Deroy Warner took a load of lambs to Denver and topped the market. One week later he and Gus Shoemaker purchased cooperatively about 40 head of ewes.

--Ben Andrist, Reporter

LINN: The Linn FFA officers and adviser attended the Officers Training School in Clay Center....At the county fair our chapter placed fourth as a team. Both our shop exhibit and booth placed third. Roland Kolm placed third high as an individual out of 178 contestants. The FFA chapter and boys took in approximately \$45....Our chapter will conduct a hog fattening project as a class project. The members can purchase shares at \$1.00 per share. The rest of the money needed will come from the chapter's treasury.

--Melvin Hateschl, Reporter

OSBORNE: Our chapter ran two concession stands at the Jamboree celebration. We cleared about \$40....Our officers attended the Officers Training School at Beloit and placed 2nd in the opening and closing contest....Our judging team placed 3rd at the Downs fair October 18....The chapter purchased 130 western yearling ewes cooperatively during the summer. They also have purchased 12 gilts cooperatively.

--Fred Conn, Reporter

HOPE: October 8 nine Green Hands were initiated. We now have 30 members....Last July and August, four boys bought 40 head of Texas yearling ewes, 15 head of Idaho ewes, 3 bucks and 1 gilt. This has been financed cooperatively by a group loan from the Production Credit Association....An FFA band has been organized. The band will pep up meetings and will be good advertising for the chapter....A pest eradication contest is underway.

--Robert Brickie, Reporter

HOYT: Our officers attended the Officers Training School at Holton October 6. Six new members were initiated at our night meeting October 14....17 boys and our adviser attended the American Royal October 21....11 boys and our adviser, Mr. Longberg spent two days and one night at Nemaha State Lake last August. We had a nice time swimming and boat riding. Some of us tried fishing but didn't have much luck.

--Robert Rogers, Reporter

ALTAMONT: Last summer we had a three day camping trip at Roaring River State Park in Missouri....We built our program of work for this year during class time. The final program was approved at regular meeting. Our program consists of: an annual activity report, farm program tour, spring field day, farm machinery sale, spring lamb production program, two chapter programs, joint meeting with home making club, home beautification, pest eradication, judging teams, farm mechanics contest, parent-son banquet, publicity, better scholarship, camping trips, etc.

--Amos Hart, Reporter

SYRACUSE: Our most important event during the fall was the Hamilton county fair. Prize money was raised by selling advertising to the local business men. About 15 members of the FFA competed in the fair drawing nearly \$35 in prize money.

--Albert Blase, Reporter