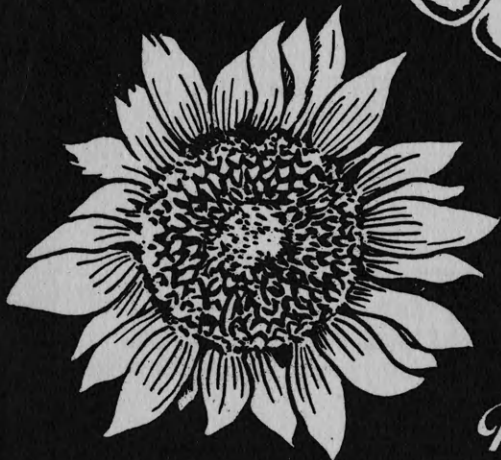
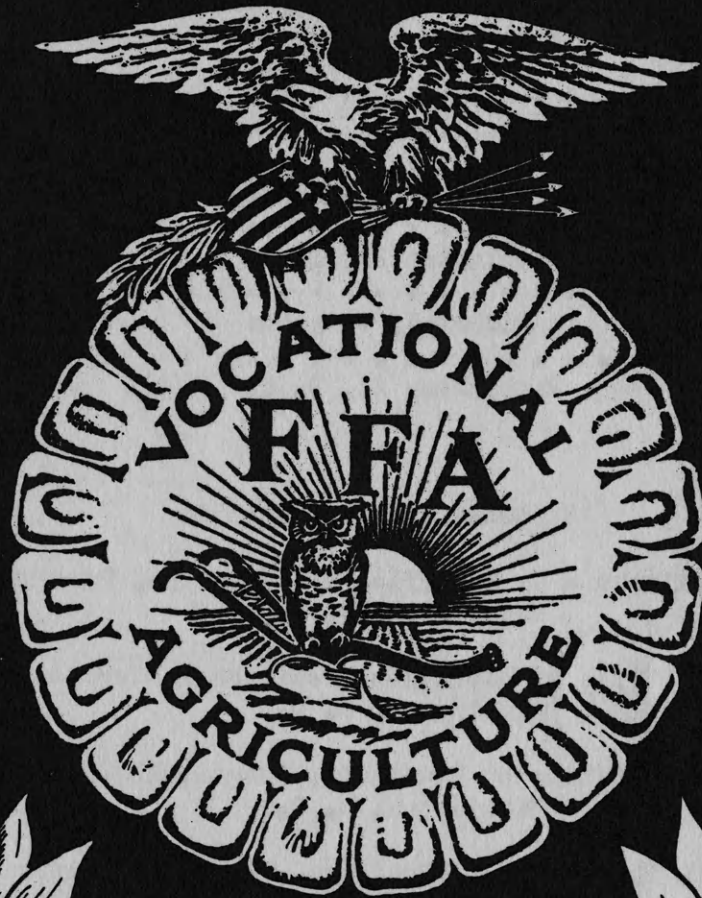


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Future Farmer members of Kansas can rightfully feel proud of the many important contributions they have made to the war effort. Victory now seems near at hand. However, continued loyal support by every FFA member will help bring the conflict to a close sooner. Let's all be good finishers, with no let-down in our efforts.

Our goal for 1944-45 in the FFA Victory War Program is to surpass last year's good record. To accomplish this goal each FFA member will need to do his full part in carrying on such important activities as machinery repair, farm labor recruitment, bond and stamp purchases, food production, conservation, and salvage.

Already some World War II veterans have returned from service and many more will likely come home during the year. F.F.A. Chapters have an opportunity and a responsibility to aid these returning veterans in solving some of their problems. I suggest that each chapter include this activity in its program of work for the year.

Every member should set his leadership, scholarship, farming program, and cooperative activity goals high; and work diligently toward achievement of these goals throughout the year.

Plans for improvement of chapter records and reports, parliamentary and ritualistic proficiency, publicity, and chapter libraries deserve our attention in this year's program.

Because we will have fewer active chapters than we had last year, it is highly important that we have 100% cooperation on the part of chapters in the matter of securing F.F.A. membership. It is equally important that we have full cooperation of all chapters in carrying out the State Association program of work.

It is hoped that each chapter will be represented at one of the District Leadership Schools which will be held early this fall. These schools should be of real value to all new F.F.A. Chapter Officers.

With a realization of the many worthwhile opportunities open to every FFA member in Kansas, let us all resolve to go forward together and make this FFA year one of outstanding accomplishment.

Jack Hall, President
Kansas Association of FFA

1944-45 STATE FFA PROGRAM OF WORK

1. A farming program of maximum size and scope for each boy commensurate with the ability of the boy and the home farm opportunity.
2. A continuous program of repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment.
3. Prevent waste of all kinds. (Conserve natural resources; Control Farm Fires, Livestock Losses; Eradicate Pests.)
4. So far as possible produce on the farm all the needs of the farm and farm family.
5. As individuals and as chapters purchase all War Bonds and Stamps possible.
6. Take every precaution against farm accidents. They result in suffering, loss of manpower, damaged equipment, and sometimes cost lives.
7. Carry on a continuous salvage campaign. The scrap metal and rubber from American farms can be vital factors in winning the war.
8. Assist returning veterans in becoming established in farming.
9. One hundred per cent of the Kansas vocational agriculture departments establish chapters of FFA and strive for 100 per cent enrollment of eligible members.
10. Each chapter to have a definite program of activities for the year and this program to be submitted to the state office not later than November 1, 1944. Each chapter to present an achievement report at the annual meeting of the State Association. Only chapters submitting activity programs by November 1 will be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates, and to participate in the state FFA public speaking contest.
11. Nine issues of the FFA newsletter to be published, beginning with September and monthly thereafter for nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all state advisers, and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders.
12. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management, and financing of supervised farming programs.
13. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that each chapter own sufficient copies of both the FFA manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure to furnish a copy of both for each officer. It is further recommended that sufficient copies of both publications be owned by the chapter to make both readily available to all local members.

1944-45 State FFA Program of Work (Continued)

14. Encourage 100 per cent of chapters to use official FFA secretary's and official FFA treasurer's books.

15. Support FFA contests of state and national scope.

16. Publicity--Encourage local chapters to keep the public informed as to worth while activities, and the State Association to give publicity to activities of state and national interest.

17. Encourage home improvement by members of local chapters to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and conveniences.

18. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following list paraphernalia:

U. S. Flag
Owl
Ear of Corn
Pictures of Washington and Jefferson*
Plow
Gavel
Seal
Charter*
Creed
Secretary's Book
Treasurer's Book
FFA Manuals (Minimum of six)
Filing Case
Mounts for Officers Emblems
FFA Song
Purposes*
Picture, Henry Groseclose*

*Framed under glass

19. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be: (Figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed).

- a. FFA Manual, 1943 edition, for each officer. (1) 15¢
- b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer (1) 10¢
- c. Complete file of the Kansas Future Farmer for the current year.
- d. Most recent issue of the Proceedings of the National Convention.
- e. Forward FFA by W. A. Ross. (10) \$1.00
- f. Contributions of Ten Leading Americans to Agriculture. (1) 10¢
- g. Writing FFA News, C. E. Rogers. (8) \$2.00
- h. At least one copy chosen from:

Your Career in Agriculture, Homer Paul Anderson. (11) \$2

1944-45 State Program of Work (Continued)

Fifty Famous Farmers, Ivins & Winship (3) \$2.00
Agricultural Arts, Eugene Davenport and Aretas
Nolan, (11) \$1.75.

j. At least one copy chosen from:

Tom of Peace Valley, Case (5) \$1.50
Moon Valley, Case (5) \$1.50
New Land, Schmidt (6) \$2.00
Shadow Over Winding Ranch, Schmidt (9) \$2.00
Short Stories for Future Farmers (7) \$1.67

k. At least one copy chosen from:

Fun and Work, Scranton (7) \$2.00
Programs for Future Farmers Chapter Meetings, Tenney
(7) \$2.00
Practical Activities for Future Farmers, Tenney (7)
\$2.00
Winning FFA Speeches, Judson (7) \$2.00
If You Please, Allen & Briggs, (5) \$1.40

- (1) A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Manhattan, Kansas
- (2) John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 44 Fourth Ave., New York
- (3) The Macmillan Company, 2459 Prairie Ave., Chicago
- (4) Longsman Green & Company, 55 Fifth Ave., N.Y.
- (5) J. B. Lippincott Company, 220 North Michigan Ave., Chicago
- (6) Robert M. McBride & Company, New York
- (7) Interstate Printing Co., 132 N. Walnut St., Danville, Ill.
- (8) Collegiate Press, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa
- (9) Random House Publishing Co., N.Y.
- (10) The French-Bray Printing Co., Baltimore, Md.
- (11) Girard Press, 119 W Park Ave., Champaign, Ill.

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AMERICAN FARMER CANDIDATES

The applications for the American Farmer degree for the following Kansas FFA members have been approved by the National Board of Trustees and the National Advisory Council, according to a letter from National Advisor, W. T. Spanton, received under date of July 31, 1944:

Erwin Thalmann, Haven chapter
Irwin Alefs, Great Bend chapter
Robert Sawatzky, Buhler chapter
Calvin Jarrett, Columbus chapter

The state association considers the 1944 American Farmer class from Kansas one of the strongest groups of candidates presented by the state association during its sixteen year history.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

November 1 is the deadline date for filing local chapter activity programs with the state department. Address same to Executive Adviser A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Official Activity Program Blanks in sufficient quantities to supply a copy of the local chapter activity program for the state office will be mailed all chapters at an early date. In former years the state office furnished sufficient copies of the official activity program blanks to provide one copy for the local chapter. This year, due to scarcity of paper, the local chapter will be expected to furnish its own paper for the program of work going in the chapter files.

Helpful Suggestions for building the chapter activity program will be found in the special issue of the Kansas Future Farmers, October 1, 1938, and in the official FFA Manual, pp 51-36.

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

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

All-Out-War Effort should be given increased emphasis this year. The purchasing of war bonds and stamps, the repair of farm machinery, collecting scrap and waste materials, prevention of waste, and increased food production should be MUST features of the 1944-45 FFA activity programs.

War Time Accomplishment of the Kansas Association of FFA in 1943-44:

Total face value of war bonds purchased by chapters.....	\$ 7,436.
Total face value of war bonds and stamps purchased by members.....	103,198.
Pounds of scrap metal collected by chapters.....	2,754,261.
Pounds of paper collected by chapters.....	1,406,628.
Pounds of rubber collected by chapters.....	170,500.
Pounds of rags collected by chapters.....	10,350.
Number of burlap bags collected by chapters.....	6,723.
Number of Victory gardens grown by members.....	1,861.
Total acreage in gardens.....	942.
Number of farm workers placed on farms through aid of FFA chapters.....	1,370.
Number of FFA members who assisted Victory Farm Volunteers to become acquainted with farm life.....	510.
Total number of farms serviced by Victory Farm Volunteers..	860.
Number of farm machines repaired by FFA members.....	5,550.
Total number of FFA members serving in Armed Forces.....	4,872.
Average amount of money per member invested in farming.....	\$ 226.16
Total amount of money invested in farming by FFA members...	\$993,076.

Note: For partial list of activities included under the eight divisions of the chapter program of work, see pp. 6-9, September 15, 1943, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

17TH NATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM - FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
Kansas City, Missouri - October 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1944

- Sun., Oct. 8 8:00 a.m. - Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
2:00 p.m. - Meeting of F.F.A. State Advisers, President Hotel
6:30 p.m. - Got-together Dinner for National FFA Officers and Delegates, Aztec Room, President Hotel
- Mon., Oct. 9 8:00 a.m. - Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
9:00 a.m. - Opening Session, 17th National Convention of F.F.A., Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
1:30 p.m. - Second Session, F.F.A. National Convention
8:00 p.m. - "Award Night" Program, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
- Tues., Oct. 10 9:00 a.m. - Third Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
1:30 p.m. - Fourth Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
8:30 p.m. - F.F.A. National Public Speaking Contest, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
- Wed., Oct. 11 9:00 a.m. - Fifth Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
1:30 p.m. - Closing Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
4:30 p.m. - Joint Executive Session, 1943-44 and 1944-45 F.F.A. National Boards of Trustees. (Place to be announced)
6:30 p.m. - Annual Banquet. Guests of Kansas City, Mo., Chamber of Commerce, Hotel President. (Tickets obtained at time of registration.)

Attendance will be limited, as far as possible, to the national officers, two official delegates, and two alternate delegates from each state, American Farmer candidates and the state adviser or his designated representative. It is expected that travel to and from Kansas City will be by common carrier, thus economizing on gasoline and tires.

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DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Irwin Alofs, immediate past president of the Kansas Association of FFA, Great Bend chapter, will serve as delegate number one, and Jack Hall, president of the state association, Highland Park chapter, will serve as delegate number two from Kansas. Vice President Bob Jones, Ottawa chapter, and Treasurer Charles D. Armstrong, Effingham chapter have been named as alternates.

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WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES

Following is a list of FFA supplies and where they can be purchased. See that this list is filed so that when your chapter is in need of supplies your secretary will have the necessary information where the material can be purchased, thereby eliminating the necessity of writing the state office for this information. ORDERS FROM THE STATE OFFICE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CASH.

Adviser's pins (11) 26¢	Membership cards (11) Cards sent only upon payment of dues
Arm bands, felt (2)	Music:
Badges and buttons (6)	"FFA March" (8)
Banners, felt (2)	"Hail the FFA" (11) 15¢
Belts and Buckles (1)	"Hail the FFA" (11) quartette, 25¢
Caps, convention style (2)	"March of FFA" (band) (8)
Caps, swagger style (3)	Napkins (4)
Caps, military style (3)	Nocties (3)
Charters for chapters (11)	Newspaper mats (4)
Collegiate chapter pins (1)	Parliamentary Procedure (11) 10¢
Cups, trophy (1)	Pennants, felt (2)
Cuts, emblem (4)	Pictures, Washington and Jefferson (10)
Degree pins and keys (11)	Pins, degree (11)
Electrical transcription of "FFA March and Hail FFA" (5)	Green Hand, 40¢; Chapter Farmer, 32¢
Electrotypes (4)	Place Cards, (4)
Emblems, felt (2)	Plaques (1)
Emblem stickers (4)	Flows, miniature (9)*
Envelopes (4)	Printed supplies (4)
Felt goods (2)	Ribbons, prize (6)
Flags (6)	Rings, finger (1)
Gavels (6)	Scrap books, (6)
Handbook for Future Farmers (4)	Secretary and Treasurer's books, (11) 30¢
Jackets, corduroy (3)	Shirts (3)
Jewelry (1)	Stationery (4)
Keys, degree (11)	Stickers, baggage (4), windshield (4)
Letterheads (4)	Trousers, Uniforms (3)
Manuals (11) 15¢	

- (1) L. G. Balfour Co., Attleboro, Mass. Jewelry
- (2) Staunton Novelty Co., Staunton, Va., Felt Goods and Convention Caps
- (3) Universal Uniform Co., Van Wert, Ohio
- (4) French-Bray Printing Co., Candler Building, Baltimore, Md., printed supplies, stationery, emblem cuts, etc.
- (5) U. S. Recording Co., Earle Theater Bldg., Washington, D.C.
- (6) St. Louis Button Co., 415 Lucas Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Celluloid buttons ribbons, badges, markers, flags.
- (7) W. M. Welch Scientific Co., Chicago, Ill.
- (8) Cundy-Botteney Co., Hyde Park, Boston, Mass.
- (9) John Deere Co., Moline, Ill. Miniature Plows*
- (10) Swift & Co., Chicago, Ill., Agricultural Research Dept.
- (11) A. P. Davidson, Executive Adviser, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas

*Request must be accompanied by letter from State Executive Adviser.

F.F.A. 1944 LEADER SHIP SCHOOLS

SHAWNEE MISSION, October 2, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Lawrence, Tonganoxie, Olathe, Bonner Springs, Wellsville, Paola,
Parker, Gardner, Shawnee Mission

HIGHLAND PARK (Topeka), October 3, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Silver Lake, Auburn, Berryton, Washburn, Overbrook, Seaman, Holton,
Harveyville, Paxico, Alma, Onaga, Lyndon, Highland Park

SENECA, October 4, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Effingham, Fairview, Sabotha, Seneca, Soldier, Hoyt, Valley Falls,
Horton, Centralia, Marysville, Hiawatha

CLAY CENTER, October 5, Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Manhattan, Junction City, Longford, Wanage, Barnes, Greenleaf, Linn,
Washington, Delphos, Haddam, Morrowville, Clifton, Miltonvale, Abilene,
Chapman, Solomon, Frankfort, Randolph, Wakefield, Waterville, Clay
Center

BELOIT, October 16, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Jewell, Belleville, Scandia, Concordia, Beverly, Minneapolis, Osborne,
Kensington, Smith Center, Lebanon, Alton, Beloit, Downs, Glasco

HILL CITY, October 17, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Wakeeney, Hays, Norton, Phillipsburg, Stockton, Webster, Quinter,
Ellis, Hill City

OBERLIN, October 18, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

St. Francis, Bird City, McDonald, Atwood, Hoxie, Oberlin, Goodland,
Grinnell, Colby

KINSLEY, October 19, Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Ford, Spearville, Ashland, Coldwater, Pratt, Byers, Stafford, Bazine,
Kiowa, Kinsley, Garden City, Holcomb

EMPORIA, October 23, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Ottawa, Williamsburg, Burlington, Hope, LeRoy, Cottonwood Falls,
Ramona, Kincaid, Emporia, Reading

BUHLER, October 24, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Eldorado, Iman, Maundridge, Newton, Great Bend, Haven, Burns,
McPherson, Valley Center, Buhler

HARPER, October 25, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Kingman, Medicine Lodge, Kiowa, Harper, Attica, Arkansas City,
Winfield, Mulvane, Oxford, South Haven, Leon, Argonia

PARSONS, October 26, Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Columbus, Parsons, Cherryvale, Chanute, Altamont, Neodesha, Howard,
Fredonia, Iola, Chetopa, Girard, Independence, Sedan

FFA BROADCASTS OVER STATION KSC 1944-45

Time 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Show appreciation by sending card to Station KSC.

DATE	TITLE	RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAM
Sept. 2	The Victory War Program of the Kansas Association of FFA	State Association of FFA
Oct. 14	Highlights of the 17th National Convention of Future Farmers of America	State Association of FFA
Oct. 28	The FFA and Service to a Community	Manhattan Chapter
Nov. 11	Developing Worthwhile Farming Programs for FFA Members	Winfield Chapter
Nov. 25	Teaching FFA Members to Work Together Through Cooperative Activities	Shawnee Mission Chapter
Dec. 9	Importance of Accurate FFA Farming Program Records	Solomon Chapter
Jan. 13	Farm Mechanics Instruction and Establishment in Farming	Clay Center Chapter
Jan. 27	Experience in FFA Cooperative Activities	Effingham Chapter
Feb. 10	Education in Farm Mechanics for FFA Members	Minneapolis Chapter
Feb. 24	Developing FFA Members Through Sound Farming Program Experience	Ottawa Chapter
Mar. 10	How the FFA Can Aid Out-of-School Farm Youth	Emporia Chapter
Mar. 24	The FFA Serves Its Community	Highland Park Chapter
Apr. 14	Behind the Scenes Preparation for the 17th State FFA Convention	State Association of FFA
Apr. 27	Review of Achievements of Outstanding Candidates for the State Farmer Degree	State FFA Officers
Apr. 28	Report on 17th State FFA Convention	State FFA Officers

KANSAS FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNER KILLED

We are sorry to announce to our FFA members and friends that Earl Mitchell, Lawrence chapter, the 17 year old winner of the 1944 state FFA public speaking contest, was struck by a train on August 1, while driving a pick-up truck across the railroad tracks on his home farm and died without regaining consciousness. Funeral services were held at Lawrence, August 4. The state association of FFA sent flowers. Executive Adviser A. P. Davidson and Dr. Howard T. Hill of KSC attended the services.

Earl Mitchell was rated by Kansas adult FFA leaders on a par with the 1942 national winner from Kansas, Kenneth Engle, of the Abilene chapter. Earl's subject was "My World", and in his speech he painted the picture of the kind of a world he wanted to live in. He had high hopes for the important part he visualized the FFA taking in the shaping of his new world.

A copy of the winning speech will appear in the October issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, and we urge every FFA member in Kansas to read Earl's splendid visualization of "My World", the kind of a world FFA members want to live in and have a part in helping build. The October issue of the American Farm Youth Magazine will carry a review of this speech.

Earl has left a living message in his winning speech which should be a challenge to every FFA member in Kansas, and while we mourn his loss, we do appreciate the idealism left us by him through his exemplary life and his conception of the kind of world he visualized.

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REGIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The North Central Regional FFA public speaking contest was held in Chicago, Illinois, August 14, 1944. Paul Stanley Anderson, Grand Rapids chapter, Minnesota, speaking on "Agriculture - Our Basic Industry" won first place and will represent the region in the national FFA public speaking contest, Little Theatre, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 10, at 8:30 p.m. Contestants from Missouri, Nebraska, and Illinois, ranked second, third, and fourth in order named. The judges were T. G. Chase, Estes P. Tayler, and A. W. Turner.

At the close of the contest the audience stood for a moment in silent tribute to Earl Mitchell, Lawrence, Kansas, chapter, whose tragic death prevented him from competing in this contest.

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NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM

Mr. Robert B. White of the Blue Network informs us that the National Farm and Home Hour will be presented only one day per week beginning June 19, 1944. That program will appear on Saturdays, and the National FFA Organization will be allotted a total of FOUR minutes on the SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. This four minute allotment of time will be used for Future Farmer news, special bulletins, and other features.

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NATIONAL BETTER CHAPTER CONTEST

The Buhler chapter, Mr. J. A. Johnson, local adviser, is the Kansas entry in the National Better Chapter contest this year. The state association extends best wishes.

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KANSAS FFA BOY HAS BEST FAT LAMB

John Doak, Olathe chapter, exhibiting a choice Southdown lamb won the grand champion award at the Mid-West Vocational Agriculture Fat Lamb Show, held in Kansas City, during June 1944. The lamb weighed 85 lbs. and sold to Swift & Co., for \$1.50 per pound. This is the first time a Kansas boy has won the grand championship award at this show. Mr. E. L. Raines is the local FFA adviser.

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CORRECTION

The following corrections should be made in the "Highlights 1943-44 Victory War Program" carried in the May 15, 1944, issue of the Future Farmer Newsletter, pages 14-16.

PAPER - Sedan chapter with 50 tons collected ranked first, with Smith Center chapter with 40 tons placing second.

RUBBER- Sedan chapter with 63,000 pounds collected ranked first.

ARMED FORCES - Lebanon chapter with 123 members in the Armed Forces ranked first.

-- FFA --

Private: "See that sailor over there annoying that girl?"
 M. P.: "Why, he's not even looking at her."
 Private: "That's what's annoying her."

-- FFA --

AWARDS

Sears Roebuck & Co. - Each of the following chapters received \$44.82 from the Sears award - this money to be used in some form of cooperative activity - preferably in the field of food production. Winfield, Chanute, Columbus, Sedan, Buhler, Great Bend, Highland Park, Manhattan, Lebanon, and Cherryvale. Those awards were based on 1943 achievements.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Company - This company established an FFA award in 1944, restricting the same to State Farmer degree members who have not been out of high school more than 12 months. No single award of less than \$100 or more than \$250 shall be made. The award money was 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, Topeka, \$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

Charles D. Armstrong, Effingham chapter, \$100.00

The awards were made with the understanding that the amount received be used to enlarge and expand the farming programs for increased food production.

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THE JOHN DEERE FARM MECHANICS AWARD

John Deere will make four awards to members of the 1944 American Farmer class, based upon farm mechanics activities carried to completion while in high school and during the time elapsing between high school and the date of application for the American Farmer degree. Four boys will be declared winners, one designated as the national winner, and a winner will be selected for each of the three remaining administrative regions. The following score card will be used in selecting the winners:

Participation in Farm Shop Activities at School.....	500 points
Participation in Establishing & Equipping a Home Farm Shop.....	250 points
Participation in Farm Mechanics Activities in Home Farm Shop...	500 points
Participation in Farm Mechanics Act. on the farm outside	
Home Farm Shop.....	500 points
Inventory of Farm Machinery & Equipment owned by Participant...	250 points

Robert Sawatzky, Buhler chapter, is the 1944 Kansas contestant for this award.

CHAPTER NEWS

ABILENE: Our Durocs, which were purchased a year ago, and their offspring made a fine showing at the Central Kansas Free Fair....Von Engle is really in the hog business, winning fifteen firsts, five of which were championships; five seconds and two thirds. Bill Sexton won two firsts, one a championship, and five seconds. Vernon Allen also won several prizes on his Durocs, one being grand champion....Other winners at the Fair were: Robert Whitley, breeding ewe and ram lamb; Clarence Garton, shorthorn heifer; Frank Garton, ayrshire heifer; John Webb, fat steer and hereford heifer....Our officers are: Frank Garton, president; Joe Clarence, vice-president; Quenton Kessler, secretary; Bill Sexton, treasurer; Bob Whitehair, watchdog; and Donald Woods, reporter.... Plans are being made for several of the boys to show at the Hutchinson Fair.... It is a little early to predict the size of our Department this year. So far we have over fifty enrolled in the three classes.

Donald Woods, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: At the regular meeting in May, officers were elected to serve the Atchison County Chapter for the coming year as follows: President, Walt Woielitz; Vice-president, Bill Puthoff; Secretary, Albert Gigstad; Treasurer, Richard Banks; Reporter, Jack Turner; and Watch Dog, Daryl Weimann....Members of the chapter enjoyed a picnic at the Atchison County lake on Sunday, July 2. Recreation consisted mostly of boating, swimming, and fishing, but a few stories were exchanged. A potluck dinner was served with cold drinks on the chapter treasury. A business meeting followed with a discussion of summer problems confronting members....Our August meeting was held in Atchison at Jackson Park on August 6, with another potluck dinner. We were glad to have as our guest, Mr. Ward of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, who presented the \$100 check to our former Vice-president, Charles D. Armstrong. Charles has been an outstanding member and well merits this award as well as the Sears Scholarship he received a few days before. We were also honored by having several other members of the Firestone force with us. Some of these folks were from the Atchison stores and some from the Kansas City office. They seemed to enjoy the business meeting that followed the presentations almost as much as they did the fried chicken....Certificates from the St. Joseph Stock Yards were presented to Charles Armstrong and Leslie Nottingham for producing good lambs for the marketing day held in St. Joseph in June. These boys had lambs that all graded good or choice - most of Charles' lambs graded choice....Our chapter had an FFA stand at the County Fair. The rainy weather the first and last days ruined the stand business, but on the two good days we took in over \$400 which will net us a nice profit to add to our treasury. The last day the fair was rained out completely and the first day was rather poor, but most of the members who worked in the stand had about enough of bottle opening, cooking hot-dogs and hamburgers, to say nothing of dishing up icecream cones....Three car loads of Texas feeder lambs for members have been ordered to date. We will probably order some more later as the heavy rains have made an abundance of pasture and the corn and feed crops look unusually good. Most of the boys who had lambs last year made a nice profit and we hope to do even better this year.

Jack Turner, Reporter

"My dear," said the head-of-the-house, valiantly trying to carve the evening meat, "did you by any mischance buy this steak with your No. 18 coupon?"

Chapter News (continued)

KINGMAN: Officers elected last spring who will take over their new duties at the opening of school are as follows:--Pres.--Alfred Thieme; Vice-Pres.--Omar Voran; Secretary--Melvin Handkins; Treas.--Loris Sims; Reporter--Harold Snyder; Sentinel--Leonard Richardson....The shop has been used extensively during the summer. Ray Flickner completely overhauled his truck, and Fred Rohlman did a major overhaul job on a plow. The Voran boys built a truck grain box. Several other smaller jobs were completed....Preliminary enrollment figures indicate a good freshman vocational agriculture class is in the making. Some of our older boys will be unable to return this year because of duty in the Armed Forces, and lack of farm labor....The department has secured some new equipment including $\frac{1}{2}$ H.P. electric motor, soldering coppers, blow torch, tinner's wood mallets and a few small tools. A project tour and several field trips have been planned during the first few weeks of school....F.F.A. Chapter day meetings will be held only twice monthly this year because of a change in our daily school program. Regular night meetings will be discussed and a definite decision made as soon as possible.

Harold Snyder, Reporter

LYNDON: The Lyndon Chapter of the FFA sponsors the State Game and Fish Departments distribution of Quail in this district....Last year we distributed 70 birds to Chapter members. This season the boys report 42 coveys of quail from the 70 birds, as some of them mixed with the mature birds....This year we distributed 100 birds among the incoming freshmen. The Chapter is receiving a great amount of favorable comments from the local sportsmen. Our District Game Warden visits the boys at school three or four times a year to talk over the conservation of wild life....The Chapter will put on a paper drive the middle of September.

Bob Athon, Reporter

RANDOLPH: We will have an enrollment of thirty-eight in Vocational Agriculture this year. Our FFA chapter has a lot of work planned for the coming year....Our officers for next year are: Lester Anderson, President; Wendell Eggerman, Vice President; Earl DeWylke, Secretary; Voryl Doan Flahr, Treasurer; Donald Howe, Sentinel; and Gene Dettmer, Reporter....We have been busy this summer repairing farm machinery in the shop. Our advisor, Mr. Stephens, has secured an electric drill and an ox-acetylene welder for the shop....Several of our members had livestock exhibited at the Riley County 4-H Fair which was held in Manhattan....Randolph had the misfortune of having a flood during August. Water got about four feet high in our shop covering a lot of our tools and three of our electric motors....Our chapter will be strengthened this year by the addition of students from the Garrison High School which had to be closed on account of a shortage of teachers....We are planning a trip to the fair in Topeka. Eugene Bergsten, a freshman this year, has two fine baby beef which he is going to take to the fair. Hal Jarvis Kunze, an out-of-school member will also exhibit cattle....Raymond Gugenhan, one of our out-of-school members recently purchased a purebred Hampshire ram for his flock of forty ewes.

Gene Dettmer, Reporter

When eggs are sixty cents a dozen,
It's good to have a Country Cousin.

Chapter News (continued)

SENECA: Officers for the coming year are: Jim Koehler, President; Charles Gross, Vice President; Merle McQuaid, Secretary; Don Fairfield, Treasurer; Wayne Heiniger, Reporter.... In shop last year our chapter members increased the value of farm machinery and equipment \$660.00. We plan to assist with milk-wood pod collection as soon as they are ready.... Our shop was open to farmers the past summer for farm machinery repair and as a result our shop was in use 50% of the time during the summer. Plans are being made to continue our farm machinery repair school for farmers. Our Chapter has a cooperative Sorghum project in operation. 240 pounds of Certified Mexican Sorghum seed was purchased last spring and put out on shares to chapter members. For each pound of seed received three pounds of clean seed is to be returned. The member is to have the field certified.

Wayne Heiniger, Reporter

TONGANOXIE: Election of the following officers for the year 1944-45 was held the first week in May. President - Joe Smith; Vice-President - Norman McEnulty; Secretary - Bob Klinkenberg; Treasurer - Eugene Schultz; Reporter - Delbert Bradley.... We held a scrap drive in May. Four tons of paper as well as iron, rubber and burlap was collected. Total receipts were \$71.00. Our judging team attended the school and contest sponsored by the Olathe Chapter, held at the Red Top Farms. Leonard Hitzeman was the high individual of the contest. Other members of our team were Walter Lee Denholm and Bob Overbaugh. Our team placed second.... Several Chapter members have repaired farm machinery in the school shop this summer.... Chapter members who are serving the Leavenworth County Fair as Superintendents or assistants of departments this fall are, Bob Overbaugh, Superintendent of Beef Cattle; Walter Lee Denholm, Assistant Horse Department; Harold Denholm, Assistant Swine Department; Eugene Schultz, Assistant Beef Department; Junior Black, Superintendent Sheep Department; Bob Meints, Assistant Poultry Department; Joe Smith, Superintendent Vocational Agriculture Department; Bob Klinkenberg, Assistant Vocational Agriculture Department; and Norman McEnulty, Assistant Dairy Department.... In June, Eugene Schultz, Bob Overbaugh, and Norman McEnulty accompanied by our advisor, Mr. Welton, observed the operation and management of the Midwest Breeding Farms at Trenton, Missouri. It is our plan to sponsor artificial insemination of dairy cattle in this community after the war.

Delbert Bradley, Reporter

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"People grow through struggle. We are prouder of things we attain by our own efforts, through struggle, than we are of what we inherit. Most people who have attained distinction reached it through poverty and struggle. If we plant the seeds of hope and ambition in the minds of youth and men and women, we will have given them a real benefit payment that will help buy food and clothing, education, and beauty for all the years ahead. - Dr. C. B. Smith, USDA

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Chapter News (continued)

BUHLER: Our officers for the coming year are; President, Roland Friesen; Vice President, Roland Ediger; Secretary, Reuben Loepp; Treasurer, Raymond Dick; Reporter, Ralph Field. Robert Sawatzky has been selected as one of the candidates from Kansas for the American Farmer Degree....Robert was also selected to represent Kansas in the National Farm Mechanics Contest. The Chapter started a Farming Program tour on August 23rd. When we were about 2/3 through a rain storm came up and we had to discontinue. The watermelons were eaten in the garage at the school building. They tasted good. The Freshman boys were invited as guests. A moving picture film is being taken of the projects. It will be shown at our annual Parent and Son's Banquet. A 50 foot film was taken of Robert Sawatzky's projects. He and his father have sold 80 bushels of alfalfa seed from 35 acres. They still have 6 more acres to thresh....The chapter was busy for several weeks getting an Achievement Report ready to send in for the National Better Chapter Contest....Two members, Don Harma and Robert Wall won blue ribbons at the County 4H Fair. Don won on an Ayrshire Heifer and Robert on a fat barrow. The Buhler judging team won second in livestock judging and first in dairy judging....The reporter had an experience this summer that he doesn't care to repeat. The day school was out he was on the receiving end of a dynamite loaded mule's foot. Thus he spent several weeks in the hospital. He passed up planting time and most of cultivating. He got home in time to help guard the watermelons and help sell them....We are again planning to prepare and exhibit the Reno County Collective exhibit at the State Fair.

Ralph Field, Reporter

LAWRENCE: Our Fourteenth Annual Future Farmer Fair held in cooperation with the Douglas County 4H Clubs was held Friday August 25, 1944. We had good exhibits with a big percentage of the boys showing the products from their projects. Bill Daggett, Chapter president, was the fair manager and was in charge of the evening program....We have had two meetings this summer and both meetings were well attended. The chapter membership arranged the program and a committee furnished the refreshments....There will be an enrollment of about 25 beginners in Vocational Agriculture. We expect a total enrollment of about 50 for the school year of 1944-45....The entire community and especially the Jayhawk Chapter was saddened by the death August 2, of State Farmer Earl Mitchell as a result of a train and truck collision. Earl was the winner of the 1944 State FFA Public Speaking contest and was to represent Kansas at the regional contest at Chicago August 14.

John Flory, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: In our pest eradication contest more than a 1000 pests were killed....1000 trees were purchased cooperatively and sold to the FFA boys at cost. Since we had a wet spring most of the trees grew....Three of our boys, former State Farmer members - Guy Jennings, Wayne McNish, and Lute Richardson, are Second Lieutenants in the Air Corps and are all Navigators. Lt. Jennings is located in England; Lt. McNish is located in the South West Pacific, and Lt. Richardson is located at the Army Air Base at Salina, Kansas....Our present plans call for three steers, 6 hogs, and 15 feeder lambs, in our cooperation FFA livestock project....The officers for this year are: Pres., Junior Sawyer; Vice-Pres., Elmer Olandt; Treas., Louis Carter; Sec., Pearl Menke; Reporter, Francis Nutsch; Watch Dog, Calvin Grover; Advisor, Mr. Dewey....Our Chapter is running a school book exchange this year.. We are planning on a salvage paper drive soon.

Francis Nutsch, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SHAWNEE MISSION: Our June meeting was held Sunday afternoon at the home of Joe Mackey. After a picnic dinner, a special meeting was held in which seventeen Green Hands were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree by the new officers who were installed just previously. Bob Klein gave his oration. About seventy-five parents and members were present. The day ended with swimming, soft ball and other games....Our new officers are: Boyce Dougherty, President; John Watson, Vice President; Bill Poffinbarger, Secretary; Wayne Miller, Treasurer; Richard England, Reporter; Darrel Williams and Frank Hudson, Sentinels; Jesse Gorman, Program Chairman; H. D. Garver, Adviser....Our chapter has set up a goal of a sack of milk wood pods for each member in service, making 112 sacks to be gathered, or about two sacks for each member in school....Four of our members in service have received citations for bravery. They are: Lt. Kermit Spears, Lt. Marvin Prinds; Sgt. Tom Moody; S/Sgt. Earl Coughlin. Marvin Prinds was wounded in Normandy soon after D Day. Charles Christman is reported missing in action in the Pacific. The following members are commissioned officers: Lieutenants - Robert Singleton, Floyd Smith, Walter Smith, Stanley Breyfogle, Marvin Prinds, Kermit Spears, Eugene Trent, John Sleeper, Edward Moody. Al Coates is a captain, and Bob Roy is an ensign in the Naval Air Force. This makes ten per cent of our members in the service holding commissions. Five are State Farmers....A machine lathe and an arc welding outfit have been added to our shop, in addition to a number of small hand tools....Bob Klein, winner of 2nd place in the state FFA public speaking contest, gave his winning speech before the Shawnee-Mission Cooperative Club in June. Governor Andrew Schoepfel was guest speaker of the club, and he spoke very highly of Bob's speech.

Richard England, Reporter

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 FFA Manual 15¢
 Membership cards (Sent only
 upon payment of dues)
 Music "Hail The FFA" 15¢
 Parliamentary Procedure 10¢

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 Green Hand 40¢
 Chapter Farmer 32¢
 Secretary's Book 30¢
 Treasurer's Book 30¢