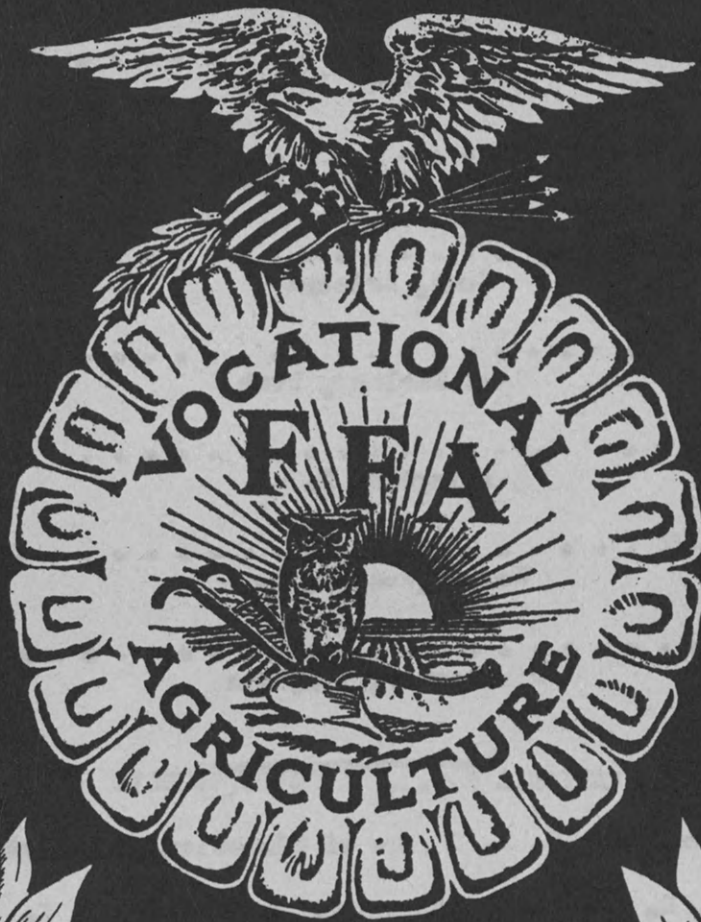


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NATIONAL FFA WEEK, FEBRUARY 21-27, 1948

FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The 1948 State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held on the Kansas State College campus, Room G206, April 27, 1948, at 8:00 a.m. FFA members should be encouraged to begin their preparation for this contest immediately.

THREE COPIES of the speech entered in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be required. College professors who will serve as judges are teaching heavy schedules, time for evaluating is very limited, and by providing each judge with a complete set of manuscripts which he may keep for a longer period, we think a better job of judging will result. One original and two carbon copies will be acceptable. Please be certain that good carbon paper is used in order that the carbon copies can be easily read.

The 1948 State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the national contest.

The speech will be scored, allowing 300 points on Content and Composition and 700 points on Delivery of the production. This is in agreement with the national score card.

The state contest will be open only to boys less than twenty-one years of age who are regularly enrolled high school students, successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work, and who are active members of chartered FFA chapters in good standing with the state and national organizations at the time they are selected to represent their chapter in the state contest. Attention is called to the fact that boys who are still in high school as undergraduates and who have already taken all the vocational agriculture offered in their school may be eligible. Each contestant's speech is to be the result of his own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery is limited to the facilities of the school from which the contestant comes, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Any boy who has participated in any state FFA public speaking contest is ineligible for participation in the 1948 Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest.

Time Limit

Each speech shall be limited to ten minutes in length and five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges.

Subjects

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable. The following list offers many suggestions in choosing a topic for the State FFA Public Speaking Contest.

1. Agriculture and America
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, the Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
6. The Advantages of Being a Farmer
7. Balanced Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture

Public Speaking Contest (continued)

8. The Future of the American Farmer
9. The Future Farmers of America in Relation to American Agriculture
10. Farm Safety
11. The Restoration of Agricultural Stability
12. Why I Choose to Become a Farmer
13. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
14. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
15. Tariffs and Their Relation to the American Farmer
16. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
17. New Markets for Farm Products Through Chemurgy
18. The Utilization of Economics Information in Farming
19. The Economics Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
20. The Part-Time Farmer in American Agriculture
21. The New Era in American Agriculture
22. Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution
23. The Soil - A National Heritage
24. The Necessity for Trainer Farmers
25. Farm Family Partnership
26. Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem
27. The FFA Creed - What It Means to Rural America
28. Soil Conservation - Man's and Nature's
29. Cooperatives and Cooperation
30. Education of the Farmer of Tomorrow
31. Atomic Energy, Its Application to Rural Life

Sources

It is impossible to list all sources of aid for those preparing to take part in the public speaking contest. The following standard sources should not be overlooked.

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen.
2. Readers' Guide - in public libraries and high school libraries.
3. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. (Yearbook, Technical bulletins, and special reports.) Note: In addition to the old line technical bureaus such as Animal Industry, Dairy Industry, Entomology, Chemistry, etc., the following agencies are now a part of the USDA: Soil Conservation Service; Farm Credit Administration; Rural Electrification Administration; Farm Security Administration; Production and Marketing Administration (this agency handles the work formerly cared for by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Agricultural Marketing Act, and the War Food Administration). For information on publications, write the Director of Information, U.S.D.A. Orders for the purchase of USDA publications should be sent to the Superintendent of Public Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.
4. Current National Magazines
5. The Farm Press
6. Census Report
7. Kansas State Board of Agriculture, biennial reports and special bulletins, Topeka, Kansas
8. State newspapers
9. Proceedings of National FFA Convention
10. Winning Future Farmer Speeches, by Judson, published by Interstate Publishing Company, Danville, Illinois
11. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Company, Danville, Illinois.

JUDGES SCORE SHEET
1948 STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

PART I. FOR SCORING CONTENT AND COMPOSITION

Items to be scored	Points Allowed	Points awarded contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Content of Manuscript	20												
2. Composition of Manuscript	10												
Score on written production													

PART II. FOR SCORING THE DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCTION

Items to be scored	Points Allowed	Points awarded contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Voice	10												
2. Stage presence	10												
3. Power of expression	20												
4. Response to questions	20												
5. General effect	10												
Score on delivery	70												

PART III. FOR COMPUTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST

	Points Allowed	Points awarded contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Score on written production	30												
2. Score on delivery	70												
TOTALS	100												
* Less overtime deduction for each minute	2 points												
GRAND TOTALS													
* - Time Keeper's record													

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

<u>Content of the speech includes</u>	:	<u>Composition of the speech includes</u>
Importance and appropriateness of the subject	:	Organization of content
Suitability of material used	:	Unity of thought
Accuracy of statements included	:	Logical development
Evidence of purpose	:	Language used
	:	Sentence structure
	:	Accomplishments of purpose - conclusions
	:	
	:	

Judges Score Sheet (continued)

<u>Voice includes</u>	:	<u>Power of expression includes</u>
Quality	:	Fluency, emphasis
Pitch	:	Directness, Sincerity
Force	:	Communicative activity
Articulation	:	Conveyance of thought and
Punctuation	:	meaning
	:	
	:	
<u>Response to questions includes</u>	:	<u>Stage presence includes</u>
Ability to satisfactorily answer	:	Personal appearance
the questions on the speech	:	Poise and body posture
which are asked by the judges,	:	Attitude
indicating originality, famili-	:	Confidence
arity with subject and ability	:	Personality
to think quickly	:	Ease before audience
	:	
	:	
<u>General effect includes</u>	:	
Extent to which the speech	:	
was interesting, understand-	:	
able, convincing, pleasing,	:	
and held attention.	:	
	:	

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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 15, 1948, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will convene in the office of A. P. Davidson, Education Hall. The principal business of the meeting will be to review the State Farmer Degree applications. Members of the State FFA Executive Committee are L. B. Pollom, State FFA Adviser; Dean R. I. Throckmorton, School of Agriculture, A. P. Davidson, Executive FFA Adviser, L. F. Hall, Executive FFA Secretary; S. S. Bergsma, Ottawa, President of KVAA; and Harland Priddle, Haven, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

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NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Chapters having filed chapter Programs of Work on time with the National Organization of FFA and thereby becoming eligible for competition in the National Chapter Contest, dependent upon intra-state elimination are: Effingham, Beloit, Highland Park, Buhler, Stockton, Winfield, Olathe, Minneapolis, and Coldwater.

The State association may submit two final entries in the National Chapter Contest.

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APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Nominations for the American Farmer Degree should be sent to L. F. Hall, Executive Secretary, Kansas Association of FFA. Please send a letter nominating your 1948 American Farmer Candidate even though you have indicated a nomination previously.

As soon as the name of your candidate is received, application instructions will be sent to the chapter adviser.

The general procedure in the administration of the American Farmer Degree is as follows:

1. The qualifications of the various applicants are carefully reviewed. The Kansas Association of FFA Advisory Committee selects and recommends candidates for this degree to the National Organization of FFA.
2. The National Organization of FFA officially determines the candidates who are to receive the American Farmer Degree.

The candidate, the teacher and the State staff member working on each American Farmer application, must plan for a fixed date for completion of the entry. The application must be received in Washington, D.C., on or before June 30. To be certain that American Farmer applications will arrive in Washington on time, they are to be mailed June 12.

Time is required for typing these applications; therefore, it will be our objective to have the application forms supplied by the National Organization of FFA filled out in perfect form ready for typing by April 26.

We will be glad to cooperate with each teacher and each selected candidate in so far as possible in meeting this schedule.

Between February 15 and March 1.

The application materials for the American Farmer Degree are submitted to this office in the same form as that used for the State Farmer Degree. This means that the State Farmer Degree application is extended to give complete coverage of the candidate's program and activities up to January 1, 1948.

Each candidate's American Farmer application materials must be received for review, evaluation and summarization. This is the first step in determining those candidates who will be nominated by the Kansas Association of FFA for the American Farmer Degree. Plan to send your candidates entry material immediately. If weather permits, it is our hope that most candidates can be visited during the month of March.

Each candidate must be visited by a member of the State staff. At this time additional information is secured, and the exact procedure to follow in filling out the official application forms, which are supplied by the National Organization of FFA, is planned with the candidate, his parents and the teacher.

CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE ELIGIBILITY

Minimum qualifications for election to the American Farmer Degree are set forth in Article IV, Section E, of the national constitution, revised November, 1945.

A candidate for the degree of American Farmer must be an active member of the FFA. The constitution defines Active Membership in Article III, Section B, as follows: Any male student not over twenty-five years of age who is regularly enrolled in an all-day or day-unit class in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership continuously throughout his entire high school career and for three years after the first national convention following graduation from, or leaving high school. No individual, however, may retain his active membership beyond his twenty-fifth birthday.

A member who is in good standing at the time he is inducted into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of his induction without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of three years after the first national convention following completion of high school vocational agriculture class room instruction or leaving school. Members making use of this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings.

Active membership requirements which must be met by any member applying for the American Farmer Degree are set forth under Article VI, By-Laws of the national constitution and read as follows:

1. He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
2. He shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter.
3. He pays his dues regularly.

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STATE FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

We now have 115 applications for the State Farmer Degree on file at the state office. These applications came from 58 chapters. Last year we had a total of 103 applications for the State Farmer Degree. The reviewing committee will undoubtedly reduce the total number of applications for the Third Degree somewhat, but the fact remains that on the basis of present FFA membership the State Executive Committee can recommend only 83 for election. This constitutes another important reason why delinquent chapters should promptly pay state and national FFA dues.

A change in the National FFA Constitution was effected in 1944 whereby the scholarship requirement of a candidate for the State Farmer Degree was changed from "upper 40% of his class" to "have a satisfactory scholarship record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal." This

State Farmer Degree Applications (continued)

does not mean that scholarship is not important. The State FFA Executive Committee still considers scholarship as one of the important factors in selecting candidates to be recommended for the State Farmer Degree.

In order that the House of Delegates may elect all worthy candidates to the State Farmer Degree, it will be necessary to fulfill Objective Number 7, of the 1947-48 State FFA Program of Work. This objective calls for an active FFA chapter in every established department of vocational agriculture in the state with 100% of the vocational agriculture students enrolled as active FFA members. Check your membership status, and if delinquent, send State and National dues at your earliest convenience.

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD

The Agricultural Education Club, KSC, will make an award to the FFA chapter totaling the highest number of points in the 1948 Agricultural Judging, Farm Mechanics Judging, and FFA events held at Manhattan, April 26 and 27. The FFA award will be the heart shaped bronze plaque designed for state level awards, and will bear the following inscription:

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD

Highest Total Score
Agricultural Judging, Farm Mechanics, FFA Events
Kansas State College
1948

Final plans have not been approved by the Agricultural Education Club, but the following points have had the approval of the Club.

Winner will be chosen from the upper ten teams in Agricultural Judging Contests and from the upper ten teams in each of the four areas of agricultural contests; from the upper ten teams in the Farm Mechanics Judging Contests, and from the upper ten teams in each of the seven areas of the farm mechanics contests; from FFA events including chapter contest, public speaking, State Farmer awards, and seating of delegates at the 1948 state FFA convention.

A team to be eligible to win the award must compete in three out of four of the areas in the agricultural contests; in five out of seven of the areas in the farm mechanics contests, and must have entered the state chapter contest and have seated delegates at the 1948 state convention.

The Agricultural Education Club award will be made at the annual banquet, April 27, 1948.

The Agricultural Education Club hopes that this award will stimulate greater all around participation in the events open to FFA members on the state level.

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STATE CHAPTER CONTEST

1. Only chapters having Programs of Work filed with the State Office on or before November 1, 1947, are eligible. Exception: Chapters re-established since that date.
2. In addition to chapter organization and membership, the complete report from each competing chapter shall include:
 - (a) - the goals included in the chapter program of work submitted November 1.
 - (b) - a report on accomplishments.
3. In evaluating chapter program planning and accomplishments, attention will always be focused on activities organized and carried out by the chapter as a group.
4. The report should be limited to activities planned and executed by active members.
5. Chapter histories and stories are not required.
6. Classify all goals and accomplishments under the following eight divisions of the National Chapter Score Card:

I. Supervised Practice	V. Earning and Savings
II. Cooperation	VI. Conduct of Meetings
III. Community Service	VII. Scholarship
IV. Leadership	VIII. Recreation
7. Include in your chapter report all Goals planned in your annual Program of Work submitted to the state office November 1, and add additional activities undertaken since that date.
8. In compiling the chapter achievement report, any one of the following plans may be used:
 - (a) A report on chapter organization, membership, goals and accomplishments, without supplemental materials. (Supplemental materials being interpreted to include pictures, newspaper clippings, ribbons, etc.)
 - (b) A report on chapter organization, membership, goals and accomplishments, followed by a section devoted to supplemental materials. Supplemental materials will not enter into the judging of chapter accomplishments. However, chapters may submit supplemental materials if they wish to do so.
 - (c) A report on chapter organization, membership, goals and accomplishments by divisions, with supplemental materials following the listing of goals and accomplishments under each of the eight divisions.
9. The achievement report should be typed if possible. Type on one side of page only.
10. The following are examples of chapter goals and accomplishments.

State Chapter Contest (continued)

I. Supervised Practice

A. Farming Program Planning

1. GOAL: Each member work out a definite farming program for one year and a tentative farming program for the next three years.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Every member worked out a definite farming program for the current year, and a tentative farming program for the next three years.

B. Farming Program Production Goals

1. Chapter members produce the following amount of food:

- a. GOAL: 25,000 pounds pork

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Produced 29,124 pounds of pork.

II. Cooperation

A. Cooperative Purchasing.

1. GOAL: Purchase 500 pounds certified seed cooperatively.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: We have purchased 920 pounds of certified sorghum seed and 20 bushels of certified oats for chapter members.

2. GOAL: Purchase and mix livestock remedies cooperatively.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: We purchased 29 gallons of Phenothiazine for distribution among chapter members and their families. We also purchased stock sulphathiazol and serums for members.

III. Community Service

A. Pest Eradication.

1. GOAL: Hold a competitive contest in the chapter for the destruction of pests.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: We held a pest eradication contest this year. Pests destroyed included 15 coyotes, 12 coons, 40 skunks, 10 hawks, 1 bobcat, 195 opossums, 9 crows, 49 rabbits, 40 rats, 36 squirrels, 120 sparrows, and 140 mice.

B. Eradication of Animal Parasites.

1. GOAL: Make available to the community a sheep and goat dipping vat.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Our chapter owns a sheep and goat dipping vat. We dipped 1,600 head of sheep and goats for farmers.

(A similar listing should be used for the remaining five divisions of the chapter Program of Work.)

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F.F.A. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility to participate in the many FFA activities at the annual convention of the State Association, April 26 and 27, 1948, Manhattan, Kansas, is predicated upon several factors -- important among which is payment of State and National Dues (10¢ State and 10¢ National - total 20¢). To date 107 chapters have paid their State and National FFA dues for a total of 4129 members. Will your chapter be eligible to participate in the FFA activities at the annual convention of the State Association?

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YOUR COOPERATION NEEDED

Experienced FFA advisers know that during the week of the meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA we can secure a great deal of favorable recognition in the Press relative to FFA activities and achievement.

Local FFA advisers must cooperate in furnishing a great deal of factual data in order that the State Office might have worthwhile information for the Press.

Be sure to fill out form "C. Annual report of chapter membership, delegates, etc., for 1948", and mail on or before April 12. Information gained from these reports form the basis of many FFA newstories for the Press.

The kind and amount of public information made available the latter part of April, 1948, will depend largely upon the quantity and quality of the reports sent in by local FFA chapters.

The State Office is counting on your cooperation.

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"FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA IN ACTION"
(Second Edition)

The State Office has for sale at 15¢ per copy a limited supply of Future Farmers of America in Action, Second Edition. This brochure of 36 pages pictorializes the activities of the Future Farmers of America throughout our nation, and brings the story reported upon up to date - including the great Victory Convention. The second edition of Future Farmers of America in Action will prove most helpful in acquainting school administrators, the press, and the public in general with the nature and scope of this great farm youth organization. This publication will prove of value in having FFA members appreciate the magnitude and importance of their own organization. Teachers of vocational agriculture will find Future Farmers of America in Action, Second Edition, of inestimable value in acquainting prospective students and their parents with vocational agriculture and the opportunity afforded farm youth for growth and development through membership in the Future Farmers of America Organization. Available through the office of A. P. Davidson, KSC, at 15¢ per copy.

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RANKING FFA CHAPTERS

Each year the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter carries an article on chapter ranking based upon percentage of membership. The membership percentage is based upon October 1, 1947, enrollment in vocational agriculture as reported to the State Department of Vocational Education. Send State and National dues at your earliest convenience and make certain that your chapter will be properly ranked.

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F.F.A. FOUNDATION, INC.

Cash budgeted by the FFA Foundation for 1948 totals \$72,291.92. The Reserve Fund carries a total of \$29,976.72. Administrative and Miscellaneous expenses were estimated to total \$2,000. Funds allotted to the Future Farmers of America total \$64,050.00, and funds earmarked by the Foundation for the New Farmers of America total \$6,241. For State Initiated Projects, there was allotted a total of \$20,000.00. There will be available to Kansas for activities under this category a total of \$402.76. The Board of Directors of the FFA Foundation, Inc., has approved a request submitted by the Kansas Association of FFA whereby the State Initiated Project Award money (\$402.76) will be equally divided among the 1948 Gold Emblem Chapter winners in the State Chapter Contest. Winning chapters will be required to write summaries of their outstanding achievements, said summaries to carry pictures and other supplementary materials pertaining to the outstanding goals consummated. The state association of FFA recommends that all chapters in Kansas plan to secure good clear action pictures of outstanding chapter activities upon which they later will expect to write summaries for submittal to the FFA Foundation.

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FUTURE FARMER SUPPLY SERVICE

The Future Farmer Supply Service with headquarters at the National FFA Camp, Alexandria, Virginia, started operation in January as a department of the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

The purpose of the Supply Service is to enable teachers and members to obtain official items of merchandise from one source, and to standardize and control official FFA merchandise. Any small profit which may accrue will be used to promote the FFA cause.

Do not send any orders to the Supply Service until you receive the official printed advertising folder blanks.

NOTE: Until further notice the Kansas Association of FFA will continue to supply FFA materials listed in the September, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. A.P.D.

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HEREFORD AUCTION

A handsomely engraved sale catalog recently received from the Walnut Valley Hereford Ranch announcing the Fourth Annual Sale of 45 registered Hereford cattle, February 2, 1948, at Winfield, Kansas, is of more than passing interest. The Walnut Valley Hereford Ranch is owned and operated by O. Boyd and Kenneth Waite. The Waite Brothers, besides making Hereford history, made considerable FFA history approximately twenty years ago. Boyd was the first president of the Kansas Association of FFA and was the first American Farmer from Kansas, while Kenneth won the first Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest, held in 1930, placed second in the Regional Speech Contest, and was the third boy from Kansas to receive the American Farmer Degree.

The 45 head of purebred hereford cattle sold for \$24,725, averaging \$551, per head.

Congratulations, Boyd and Kenneth. Your success in your chosen occupation will continue to be an inspiration not only to FFA members in Kansas but to Future Farmers throughout the nation.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

National F.F.A. Judging Contests - Dairy Cattle, Dairy Products,
and Poultry, Waterloo, Iowa, September 28-30, 1948.

National F.F.A. Judging Contests - Livestock and Meats,
Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-15, 1948.

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WASHINGTON: As the Future Farmers of America begins its twentieth year, indications from the State Associations are that national membership is continuing its increase and will reach a new high of more than 250,000 boys when reports from the current year come in next spring.

Commemorating the twentieth anniversary, the organization is celebrating "Future Farmers of America Week" February 20 to 27. Local chapters, state associations and the national organization are planning special program in observance of F.F.A. Week.

Plans are underway, too, for a gigantic "Twentieth Anniversary Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, November 14-19, 1948. Slogan for the convention is "Twenty thousand for the Twentieth Anniversary." Kansas City officials have promised that no conflicting conventions or other large gatherings will be booked in the city during that week, thus giving some assurance of adequate housing facilities.

OKLAHOMA: When Claude Millwee, Fort Cobb Future Farmer of America, won the International Livestock Show grand championship with a Shorthorn steer bred in his home community it was an event for celebration--and the whole state joined in. Sponsored by the town of Fort Cobb and other towns in Caddo county the December 18 celebration featured a tour of farms where Shorthorns are bred, a big downtown parade and display of livestock the local FFA members have on feed now. There was a program that featured such speakers as Governor Roy J. Turner (a Hereford breeder, incidently), the presidents of three state colleges, officials of the national Shorthorn Association and others well known in livestock circles. Through it all, Young Millwee, tall, slender and unassuming remembering the near \$10,000 he had collected for "Big Boy", his grand champion, was quietly thinking of the new stock that can now go into his own small Shorthorn breeding herd, and of the calf he has on feed for next year's shows.

OHIO: Walter C. Hoffman, 16 year old Hilliards, Ohio, Future Farmer, won fame in his vocational agriculture farming program when he recently was declared first place winner in the Ohio Duroc Ton Litter contest. Victory Girl, dam of the litter, was purchased by Walter when he first entered the FFA. She farrowed 14 pigs last April 30. By weaning time, June 28, ten remaining pigs weighed 325 pounds and at six months of age they weighed 2,360 pounds. The hogs were self fed on clean clover and timothy pasture. Walter fed a ration of 70 per cent ground corn, 15 per cent ground oats and 15 per cent commercial supplement (40 percent protein) during most of the fattening period.

CHAPTER NEWS

HORTON: Our chapter held the annual project tour October 17, 1947. All projects were visited and the boys told how they cared for their projects.... Twenty members attended the Twentieth Annual FFA National Convention and the American Royal, October 21....For recreation at day meetings we are playing basketball. We play every other Thursday during activity period....Our chapter had twelve boys who made exhibits at the Tri-County Fair at Horton and four boys made exhibits at the County Corn Show at Hiawatha. The chapter also made a booth display of their work....The Kiwanis club of Horton entertained the chapter members in November and the FFA members put on a model meeting for the program....

Arnel Halbauer, Reporter

HOLTON: The annual pest eradicating contest held by the Holton Chapter was completed January 5, 1948. Herb Schultz was captain of the Junior and Senior side while Otis Bowser was captain of the Freshman and Sophomore side. Pests destroyed during the contest totaled 3,767. The Freshman and Sophomores won the contest with a total of 4,033 points....The chapter has been butchering this winter. To date we have butchered 30 hogs and 4 calves. We charge the public \$1.50 to butcher a hog and \$2.00 for a beef, but do not charge parents of FFA members....The members of the chapter sold 82 boxes of Christmas Cards and cleared \$32.....Our President, Herbert Schultz, was selected Honorary Captain of the school football team this year. He was also selected to be Junior Rotarian for the month of December.

Richard Roebke, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: The chapter's Ford tractor was used in sodding the football field in September. Several members helped in this task....Two carloads of FFA members and our adviser, Frank Freeman, attended the American Royal in Kansas City last fall....Our chapter presented a radio program over radio station KXXX, November 29. Soil Conservation was the theme around which the program centered....Twenty-seven varieties of corn were raised on the chapter's test plot on the George Miller farm. Adverse growing conditions caused low yields. Cornhusker 83 yielded best with 24 bushels per acre.... Our annual parent and son banquet was held December 9. The FFA chapter served. One-hundred and twenty attended....A pest eradication program is now under way....In the shop two feed bunks have been built and four cars overhauled. A brooder house and hayrack are under construction.

Richard Townley, Reporter

LONGFORD: Officers for 1947-48 are: Junior Fengel, president; Jim Botz, vice-president; David Kopfer, secretary, Clarence Keim, treasurer; Kenneth Lilley, reporter, and Frank Bach, sentinel....The officers of our chapter attended the American Royal at Kansas City....A magazine selling contest was conducted by our chapter. The losing side sponsored a skating party at Abilene.

Kenneth Lilley, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

WATERVILLE: The officers for the coming year are Wayne Wray, president; Gilbert Green, vice-president; Keith Springer, secretary; Lyle Weichman, treasurer; James Roepke, reporter; and Wayne Sweet, sentinel....Our booth at the Marshall County Fair took first place. The theme was windbreaks.... We had a stand on October 31 up town and the money we made was used to buy officer station drapes and other equipment for the FFA....Our pest eradication contest has just been completed. Gail Taplin was high point individual with 15,000 points and Gerald Toburen was second with 12,000 points. The prizes consisted of a leather FFA belt for first and a leather FFA emblem for second place. The losing side furnished the eats for our February night meeting....The officers received their FFA jackets the last of December.... The junior vocational agriculture class is completing tables for the officer stations....We initiated eight Green Hands at our December meeting....The vocational agriculture classes have built two feed bunks and three trailers for outsiders....There are 26 boys in the agriculture classes and 31 members in FFA....We are repairing the tree sprayer to spray trees in the near future.

Jim Roepke, Reporter

ONAGA: Officers elected for the 1947-48 year are: president, James Harlin Kocher, vice-president, Robert Rezac; secretary, Edward Clark; treasurer, Merle Teske; reporter, Ben Schwandt, and sentinel, Roger Annan....Twelve of our members attended the Twentieth FFA Convention and the American Royal at Kansas City....Our chapter purchased a purebred spotted Poland China boar from Carl Billman at Holton. The FFA member that has the largest litter of pigs from this boar, at four weeks of age, will receive a bushel of Hybrid Seed Corn from Mr. Billman as a prize. Mr. Ladner, the father of two of our FFA members, gave us some trees to be cut for lumber. We spent 5 one-half days cutting and hauling the logs to the saw mill. We now have 27 oak and walnut logs ready to be sawed into lumber. This lumber will be sold to the FFA members at cost....Shop activities at the present time are - three A type hog houses, one large hog shed, three two-wheel trailers, two hog feeders, a calf feed bunk, one porch swing, two hog troughs, and many small jobs such as welding, soldering, blacksmithing, and tool servicing....New equipment in our shop consists of a new electric power saw, a new electric welder, several new electric hand drills....We have ordered a new drill press.

Ben Schwandt, Reporter

MULVANE: We held our annual parent and son banquet December 8 with 90 people present. This was the first banquet since the department was re-activated last year....Pest contest closed after running for three weeks. The losing side gave the winners a chili supper....The chapter just completed a scrap drive which netted \$250 with which the chapter bought a paint spraying outfit. The chapter hopes to earn money with the paint spray outfit to help buy more equipment. We have painted five cars and tractors so far and have a waiting list....The FFA boys have a concession at the basketball games and will use the money earned to purchase a movie film for the school camera to take pictures of their farming programs.

Kenneth Krause, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

LAWRENCE: The officers of the chapter for this year are Donald Howard, president; Dale Button, vice-president; Dwane Schaaake, treasurer; Dick Durbin, reporter, and Frank Hagenbuch, secretary....Our chapter raised seventeen boys from the Green Hand degree to the Chapter Farmer Degree.... We have a basketball team and are playing a ten game schedule in the Lawrence City League. This league consists of high school boys and is sponsored by the Lawrence High School. The chapter will also play a home game with Shawnee-Mission and Olathe FFA chapters....The bankers of Douglas County held the Twentieth Annual 4-H and Vocational Agriculture Fair for the boys in the county who have completed their projects and had shown in the county 4-H and vocational agriculture fair....The members of our chapter played hosts to their dads at the sixteenth annual Father-Son banquet held November 26 at the Lawrence High School cafeteria. The meal was served by the rural girls. The principal speaker of the evening was the Honorable Erriet P. Schrivener, Representative in the House of Representatives. He spoke on his trip through Europe last summer as a member of the Congressional Group studying the agricultural needs in Europe.

Dick Durbin, Reporter

COLDWATER: Our officers for the year are: Vic Thompson, president; Stanley Deewall, vice-president; Donald Whelpley, secretary; Norman Sherman, treasurer; Carroll Heide, reporter; and L. E. Melia, adviser....Our entire chapter attended the Hutchinson State Fair on Sunday and Monday. Six members went to Hutchinson on Saturday and put up the Comanche County Collective Booth. Four other members went up Saturday morning with two truck loads of machinery to enter in the FFA machinery exhibit. We were first on the county collective booth in our division and second in the entire group. We placed third in the machinery exhibit. Our prize check for the booth amounted to \$200, and for the farm machinery \$111. Donald Whelpley won first in the open class on both Norkan and Early Kalo. He won second on his wheatland exhibit. Donald picked these samples himself and we think he did a mighty good job of selecting....We put on a school assembly program, November 12. The program consisted of the following: Hail the FFA - Recording; Opening Ceremony- Officers; Vocal Solo - Gene Gates; Demonstration on the Use of the Gavel - (officers except Donald Whelpley) Cornet Solo - Jerry Hadley; Talk on My Trip to the American Royal - Donald Whelpley. This was a 40 minute program and was very well received by the student body....Boys in our chapter have purchased seventy head of choice calves for deferred feeding next year. Several are also starting show calves on full feed....Our wheat projects were given quite a setback this year due to the dry fall. Practically all of the boys have planted their wheat but very little of it is up yet (December 1.) We have better than an average amount of sub-soil moisture so if we can get an open winter, we may grow some wheat yet.

Carroll Heide, Reporter

STAFFORD: Officers elected for the year are: Richard Newell, president; Dale Sanford, vice-president; Marion Hearn, treasurer; Don Volker, secretary; Bill Bohme, reporter; and J. Park Smith, sentinel....We have started our pest eradication contest. The losing side will be host to the winners at a party. The officers and our adviser attended the American Royal at Kansas City.

Bill Bohme, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

WESTMORELAND: The Manhattan Chapter initiated our Chapter Farmers, October 16. Twenty-three members were advanced from the Green Hand Degree to Chapter Farmer Degree....We held our first fall farming program tour October 25 with over 75% of the members present....Our new Green Hand members are: Arland Blenn, Dale Bradshaw, Charles Caron, Lewis Dailey, Norman Kastner, Bernard Mayer and Roger Sargent....Our pest eradication contest has been under way for two months. The losing side will make all of the arrangements and carry out a stag party at the close of the contest in the spring....We cooperated with the Pottawatomie County Soil Conservation District by sponsoring their program at the vocational agriculture building October 20. Fifty-one people attended the program....Selling subscriptions to magazines for the Curtis Publishing Company was our big money gainer again this year. Our share was \$75. Each boy on the winning side was given a 20¢ treat by the Curtis Publishing Company....Some of our major shop jobs completed are: tractor sweep rake, hay rack, two-wheel trailer, alfalfa rack feeder, power lawn mower, seven chicken feeders, and repairing farm machinery....The new compressor and paint sprayer purchased this fall is being kept busy. We have painted three tractors, two listers, two trailers, one tractor sweep rake, one grain drill, one plow, 1 cultivator and one disc.

Earl Bullock, Reporter

SOLOMON: Our chapter has twenty-nine active members this year. Ten Green Hands were at our regular meeting in December....Officers for 1947-48 are as follows: Carrol Mattison, president; Richard Callabresi, vice-president; Harvey Wood, secretary; Ross Johnson, treasurer; Jerald Peterson, reporter; and Clyde Venneberg, adviser....The chapter sponsored an FFA Fair in conjunction with Community Day this fall....The FFA in cooperation with the Senior class sponsored a carnival last month. After expenses were paid our share of the profits totaled \$205.00....We purchased a 250 chick electric battery last month and expect to put it into operation in the near future. A cooperative broiler project is being considered....Final Summary of record books show a net worth for the chapter of \$6,350.29. Enterprises now in operation total up to 83 head of ewes, 40 lambs, 5 head of breeding cattle, 4 calves, 7 feeder steers, 30 hens, 2 horses, 3 dairy cattle, 220 acres of wheat, 30 acres of oats, and quite a number of acres being planned for other feed crops.

Jerald Peterson, Reporter

WAMEGO: We recently initiated eight Green Hand members.....The losers of the pest eradication contest are treating the winners to a chili supper. Dads will be invited to this party....We are now making plans for the Parent and Son Banquet which will be held March 15....We have four wheat fertilizer test plots....Our chapter purchased a 35 millimeter camera....Shop activities this year follow: one stalk cutter built, two manure spreaders rebuilt, two tractor curlers rebuilt, mower rebuilt, two wagon boxes built, one hog feeder built, and six hog houses built.

Ed Leonard, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

CENTRALIA: Our officers for this year are: president, Joe Mitchell; vice-president, Raymond Petry; secretary, Ward Wilson; treasurer, Don Grable; reporter, Martin Moyer; sentinel, Charles Milner....Eight members and the adviser attended the 20th National FFA Convention....Our parent-son banquet was held at the school auditorium, October 28....Our chapter initiated twelve Green Hands and granted twelve Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees....We sponsored a donkey basketball game, December 12. There were two games, one between high school girls and the other between the Lions Club and the FFA chapter. The Lions won 14 to 12. The chapter net from the games was \$60.25.

Martin Moyer, Reporter

NORTON: Officers for the year are: president, Duane Wray; vice-president, Raymond Walker; secretary, Lawrence Wiltfong; treasurer, Lee Dean Preston; reporter, Cyril Vancura; sentinel, Robert Beckman; and Advisory Council Representative, Myron Veh....Plans are being made for the annual FFA banquet which is to be held March 15....The chapter was divided into two teams for a pest eradication contest which closed January 31, 1948....The chapter bought a thresher and scrapped it for iron, parts, bolts, tin, etc....The chapter has put on two chapel programs this year....We initiated thirteen Green Hand members this year.

Cyril Vancura, Jr., Reporter .

MARYSVILLE: A pest control contest has just been closed. Results were; sparrows, 520; rabbits, 205; starlings, 60; muskrats, 57; mice, 53; rats, 37; opossums, 6; hawks, 5; skunks, 4; crows, 3....Galyn Peterson, Green Hand, had his farming program increased by twin heifer calves recently dropped by a Holstein heifer....Norbert Stohs, chapter secretary, has completed a power posthole digger, and is building a tractor mounted sprayer for field spraying....Our reporter is rebuilding a tractor hay buck which was damaged in a fire.

Willis Frohberg, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: Our chapter bought twelve registered gilts from Fred German cooperatively....The following members received gilts Jim Romine, Dale Romine, Dean Crumb, Jim Akers, Jim Butler, Jack Baxter, and the rest went to C. I.'s. who are in on-farm-training class....The FFA put on a carnival at the high school in November and our chapter raffled off a registered gilt and the money was used to purchase a registered boar from George Wreath of Manhattan....Jim Butler will take the responsibility of feeding and managing the boar....The second year class attended the sheep and swine school at Topeka, January 21....We have a new arc welder in our shop....Boyd Davis is rebuilding and repairing a hay loader....Jack Baxter has built a hog house.

Dean Crumb, Reporter

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"Taxes could be a lot worse. Suppose we had to pay on what we think we're worth."

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Chapter News (continued)

COLUMBUS: Officers for the year are: Bill Jones, president, Eugene Carr, vice-president; LaVerne Smith, secretary; Robert York, treasurer; Billy Bert Jessee, reporter; Henry Hendricks, sentinel; and Teddy Houser, assistant sentinel....Norman Jarrett, Maurice Fee, Billy Bert Jessee, Wayne Ytell, Dale R. Roberds, James Eaton, Dale Slusser, Dale Jones and Gordon Hale entered Fat Steers in the Joplin Junior Beef Show. A number of prizes were taken by the boys....Bill Jones, Billy Bert Jessee, and Dale Roberds represented our chapter in the judging contest....Our officers went to McCune and initiated their Chapter Farmers in November....During December we sold Christmas Cards and netted \$120.00....Our replicated seed corn test plots have been harvested and reports made....Our chapter placed two registered Duroc Gilts, one with Wyman Preston and one with Ernest Dunbar. We sold one registered gilt to Jim Collie and his father....We also sold one sow on the open market. The pest eradication contest is well under way at the present time....New FFA jackets were bought for the officers....Our basketball team has been organized and some new equipment has been ordered. Billy Bert Jessee, Jack Jarrett; Jim Collie, Kent Warstler and Neil Hale will take part in the FFA public speaking contest which will be held at Fredonia.

Billy Bert Jessee, Reporter

KINGMAN: The entire membership of 50 boys attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson....Each member taking vocational agriculture this year was responsible for an interesting oral report on one or more phases of the agricultural and farm machinery exhibits....At the Harper County Fair, the Kingman Chapter livestock team rank third in the contest....Leroy Meisenheimer placed second in individual placing, and Harold Sheahan placed sixth....The advanced class was responsible this year for an educational booth at the Kingman County Fair in October....Many favorable comments were received concerning the artistic and educational values displayed....December 9, we initiated 15 Green Hands and showed the Film "The Green Hand", after which refreshments were served. All of our members were happy to have Mr. Al Hermance, Agronomist for the Frazier Seed Company, Coffeyville, Kansas, with us all day December 15....During the day we ran over 350 soil tests....Mr. Hermance also met with Adviser Lake's Veteran's class that night....We observed fire prevention week by showing a film on fire prevention and by completing some questionnaires on that subject....Due to lack of space and because of the high cost of feed, we have decided not to run our broiler project this year....Shop work has held up good in spite of the bad weather.

Leroy Meisenheimer, Reporter

SYRACUSE: The Syracuse Chapter of FFA recently received a new shipment of FFA emblem rings and belt buckles. The officers also have received their new official FFA jackets. We have scheduled a joint FFA-FHA meeting for the near future, both organizations will give their opening and closing rituals. There were 95 present at the annual father and son banquet held October 22. There are 42 enrolled in vocational agriculture and there are 47 members in FFA. The FFA boys have collected about \$30.00 worth of scrap iron this year. The chapter has been working with a basketball team in order to accept a challenge with Holly, Colorado, and others nearby chapters.

Evan Kidson, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SHAWNEE-MISSION: Thirty members of our chapter were used for the final scene in the new Sears Foundation movie, "That Inspiring Task",....School donations for the Friendship Train were sponsored by our chapter....Collections amounted to over \$150.00....Our chapter also paid for a sack of flour for the Friendship Train....Major construction jobs under way in our shop are: all-metal hay bale loader, a large truck bed, three two-wheel trailers, two four-wheel trailers, a sixteen foot sheep feeder, a tractor trailer, a garden tractor, a saw rig, milk can washing tank....A farm disc, cultivator, and a plow have been repaired....We are making colored concrete tiles for garden walks, and concrete lawn rollers....Our battery brooder is again under way... One hundred baby chicks have been started so far....Between halves at a basketball game, six of our members conducted a coin pitching stunt for the March of Dimes, under the direction of Bob Davis. Fifty one dollars was collected....Our annual program of work was again mimeographed and copies given to each member. Also, our local constitution and by-laws was mimeographed and each member given a copy....In addition to the usual requirements, our Green Hand candidates were required to pass a written examination similar to the Leadership School Information contest....Each candidate is required to pass in all school subjects, pass the FFA examination and to have a satisfactory record of participation....We held a chapter public speaking contest with the following winners: Freshman Division, John Cochran; Sophomore Division, Stanley Hurt; Junior Division, James Sanford; Senior Division, Jackson Dunham, John Allison will represent this chapter in the state contest.

Donald Bogard, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: Officers for the year are: president, David Gillan; vice-president, Dean Sailer; secretary, Rex Ladner; treasurer, Donald Lear; reporter, Jack McVicker; sentinel, Donald Drees; adviser, Mr. Kenneth Henderson. Our chapter initiated 20 Green Hands this year and raised nine boys to the Chapter Farmer degree....We sponsored a concession stand at the County Fair and netted over \$200....We are sponsoring a pest eradication contest again this year....The losing side will treat the winners to a chili supper....We held our twenty sixth annual parent and son banquet January 28. There were sixty one members, their parents, and nine guests present....Prof. L. E. Whipps of K.S.C. gave the main address of the evening....Mr. J. D. Adams, for ten years a teacher of vocational agriculture in the Garden City schools, now Veterans District Administrator, was given the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree

Jack McVicker, Reporter

COFFEYVILLE: At our December meeting we entertained our parents and initiated 16 Green Hands....Our pest eradication contest ended January 26 and Don DeTars side won....Jimmy Miller's side will furnish a party for the winners....There were 364 sparrows, 40 mice, 99 rats, 159 rabbits, 9 crows and 26 starlings eradicated....We are preparing to enter the Fredonia public speaking contest....We are also planning our District poultry judging contest for the first week of March.

Jimmy Miller, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

HOXIE: Our November night meeting was a Parent and Son meeting....The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the parents with the students farming program....At the meeting 19 Green Hand members were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree....Mr. R. B. King, adviser of the Colby Chapter of FFA, was the speaker of the evening....Refreshments were served after the program....At the December night meeting we held the Green Hand initiation....There were 18 Freshmen initiated. They were first given a small taste of what cattle get through the days; led through a small room filled with hay; through a cattle chute and then they were introduced to an electric fence. Following the fun program formal initiation ceremonies were held....The Hoxie Chapter was host to the Sheridan County Soil Conservation Service at a meeting on January 27 at 1:30 p.m. The program was one of the best ever presented. Awards of merit were given to Bernard and Morris Campbell for outstanding soil conservation practices during the last year. The awards were presented by the Kansas Bankers Association. Gene Shipley, Farm Reporter, Radio Station WIBW, gave an interesting talk on why the soils of the world should be preserved. He also demonstrated his tape recorder by interviewing Bernard and Morris Campbell....On February 7, our Chapter broadcasted over Radio Station, KXXX, Colby, Kansas....The topic of discussion was "Insurance for a Sorghum Crop in Western Kansas"....Our chapter is proud of the fact that it has the largest number of members in its history, 63....The FFA cooperating with the 4-H clubs have purchased army surplus buildings to be placed on the new Hoxie fairgrounds. The first of these buildings were placed upon a foundation, Saturday, January 24. The buildings were purchased by the High School Board of Education for use as temporary class rooms while the present building is being remodeled....After five years they will become permanent property of the FFA and 4-H clubs....They will be used as exhibition showrooms for the County Fair and for recreational activities of the 4-H and FFA....Our chapter is conducting a pest eradication contest. Archie Moss and Charles Shafer, captain on one team and Bob Deane and Dale Richardson, captain on the other. The losing team will give a party in honor of the winning team in February. To date the following pests have been eradicated: crows, 3; moles, 2; mice, 464; ground squirrels, 1; sparrows, 548; prairie dogs, 237; rattlesnakes, 99; coyotes, 25; rats, 10; starlings, 7.

Dale Richardson, Reporter

BUHLER: Chapter members made a good showing at the local Community Fair. Kenneth Buller won the most points in the entire fair....He will get a registered Berkshire gilt as a reward....Robert Janzen and others won several blue ribbons....Kenneth Buller showed the Grand Champion Dairy Cow....Since the fair, he has lost her. She had an acute attack of Mastitis....Our pest eradication contest closed January 31. The losing side will give a Hamburger feed to the winner. Thirteen Green Hands have been initiated into the Chapter....The chapter canvassed the City of Buhler in the interest of infantile paralysis. The drive was made in a snow storm. As soon as the drive was over it stopped snowing....Our parent and son banquet will be on February 24....We sent in a program of work to the National Better Chapter Contest.

Robert Janzen, Reporter