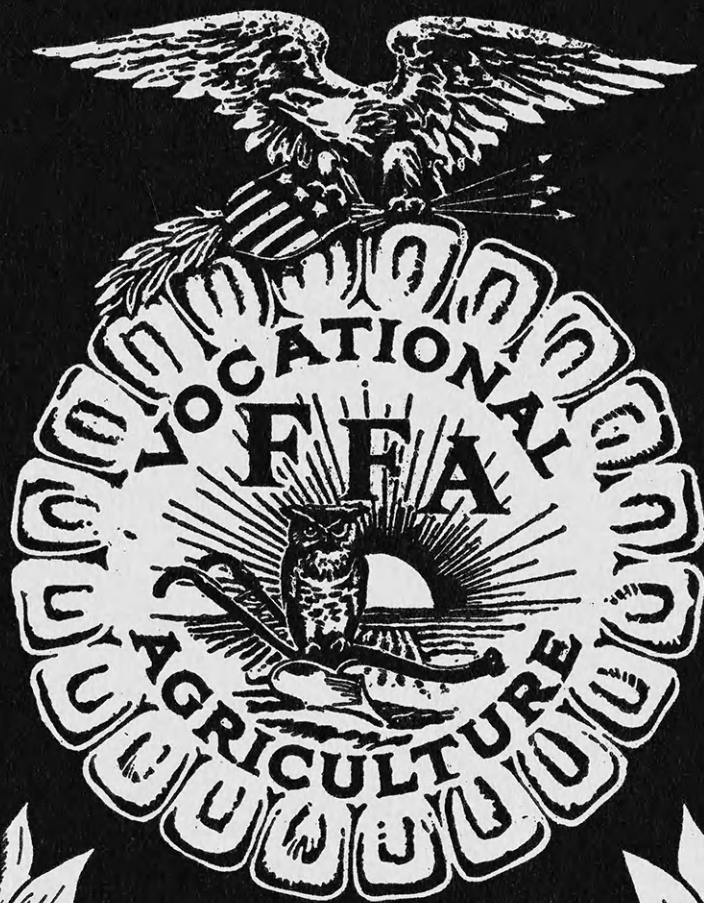


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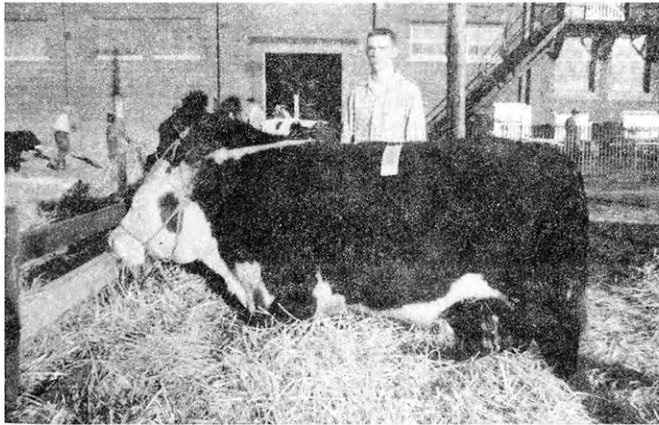
Upon this group of State FFA Officers rests the responsibility of planning for the 27th Kansas Association FFA Convention which will be held at Manhattan, Kansas, May 2 and 3, 1955. LR - Lynn Perkins, Secretary, Howard; John Milton, Reporter, Ottawa; Ronald McKinnie, Treasurer, Beloit; Waldo Anderson, Vice-President, Oberlin; Dean Peter, President, Edson; Paul Faidley, Sentinel, Clay Center.



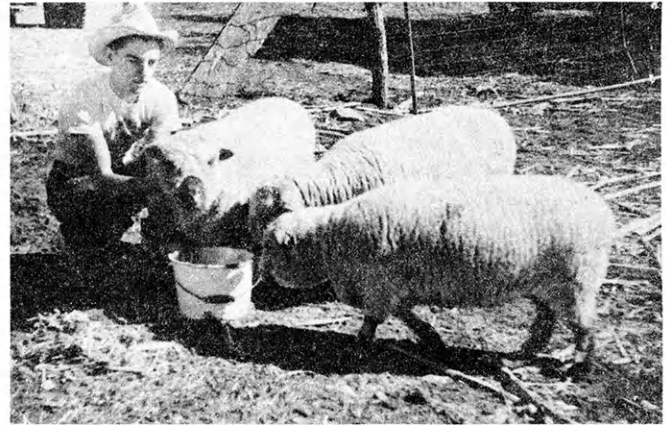
Kenneth Henderson, Garden City Chapter FFA Adviser, checking farm account book records preparatory to the selection of candidates for the State Farmer Degree.



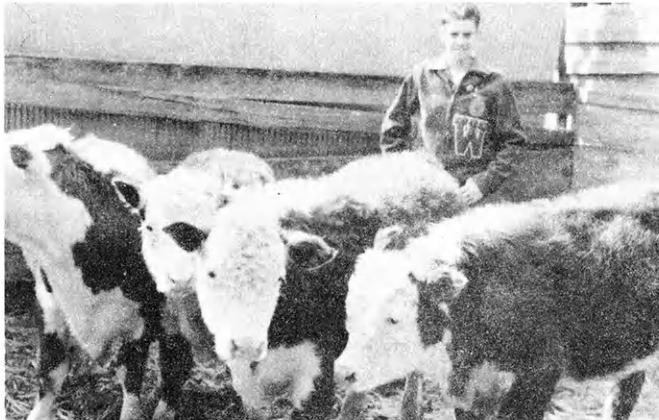
FARMING PROGRAMS OF KANSAS FFA BOYS



Larry Gilmore, Highland Chapter, is the owner of this Hereford steer calf.



George Bartholomew, Erie Chapter, with his three Shropshire ewes.



Don Edson, Washburn Chapter, likes deferred fed steers for his farming program.

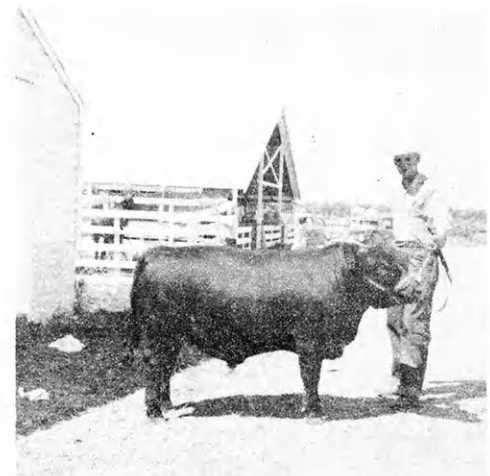


Silas Foiles, Arkansas City Chapter, is the owner of these two Ayrshire heifers.



Don Peter (left), Edson Chapter, weighs his healthy Duroc pigs.

Ralph Becker (right), Downs Chapter, is the owner of this registered Angus bull.



PRESIDENT PETER ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

The Twenty-seventh Annual State Convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America will be held May 2 and 3, 1955, at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

The annual convention is a climax to the FFA work of the year and I urge you to attend and participate actively in the activities in order that this year may be one of continued progress.

The House of Delegates must take action upon many business matters this year and I urge all delegates to cooperate in the efficient transaction of these items. Those chapters who have paid their state and national dues and who had filed a program of work by November 1 will have the privilege of seating delegates.

We are fortunate in that Bill Gunter, National Student President, Live Oak, Florida, will represent the National Organization of Future Farmers of America at our convention this year. I am looking forward to meeting and working with Bill during the convention and am sure you will enjoy meeting him also. Those attending the House of Delegates meeting the evening of May 2 will have the privilege of hearing this young man speak.

I am hoping to see as many of you as possible at our Twenty-seventh Annual Convention and hope that you will make it a point to attend.

Dean Peter, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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PRESIDENT WM. D. GUNTER, JR., WILL ATTEND STATE FFA CONVENTION

Kansas FFA members will be pleased to learn that National FFA President Wm. D. Gunter, Jr., Live Oak, Florida, will attend and assist with the 27th convention of the Kansas Association of FFA. He will address the House of Delegates meeting May 2, and will bring greetings from the national office at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet May 3.

Gunter, a junior in agricultural education at the University of Florida, is a partner with his father in a 120-acre dairy farm. He owns 35 registered Guernsey cattle.

Gunter was chosen outstanding freshman in ag education at Florida University last year. In high school he was president of the FFA chapter at Suwanee High School in Live Oak, was winner of the Florida public speaking contest, and was vice-president of the Florida Association of FFA. Last summer he was in England as an exchange student for the National Federation of Young Farmers Club.

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REMINDERS

1. Check your calendar for all mailing dates for FFA contest materials.
2. THREE copies of the FFA public speaking manuscript are required.
3. Most chapter contest reports are classified as first class mail.
Express is cheaper and almost as fast.
4. Annual report of chapter on membership, cooperation with state and national FFA programs of work, etc., is needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at time of convention.
5. Deadline mailing dates for all FFA events as well as for all agricultural judging and farm mechanics contests will be rigidly enforced.
6. Deadline mailing dates:
 - a. FFA Public Speaking Contest, April 4, 1955.
 - b. Chapter Membership, Officers, Delegates, etc., April 4, 1955.
 - c. State Chapter Contest, April 4, 1955.
 - d. Entries in the Agricultural Judging Contest, April 14, 1955.
 - e. Entries in the Farm Mechanics Contest, April 14, 1955.
 - f. Payments for cots and box lunches, April 14, 1955.
7. Box Lunch - 80¢ each - contestants only. Money due in mails April 14, 1955.
8. Teacher application forms for the Honorary American Farmer Degree are available at the office of A. P. Davidson, Holton Hall, K.S.C. Completed forms are due in the State Office at Manhattan July 15, 1955.
9. State FFA Speech Contest:
 - a. Order of appearance may be obtained from the secretary, Room 103, Holton Hall, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 1955.
 - b. Deductions for over time and under time:
 - (1) Twenty points for each minute or part thereof for speeches over ten minutes in length.
 - (2) Forty points for each minute or part thereof for speeches under eight minutes in length.
10. The annual meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee will be held in Holton Hall, Room 103, April 7, 10:00 a.m.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

Applications for the American Farmer Degree, approved by the state adviser, must be in the national office not later than midnight of June 30, or shown by postmark or other reliable evidence to have been mailed to the national office on or before June 15, prior to the national convention at which the application will be considered.

Kansas applications for the American Farmer Degree are due in the Topeka office May 15, 1955. Address application materials to Assistant Supervisor L. E. Whipps, State Board for Vocational Education, 1025 Kansas Avenue.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES WILL MEET IN COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

The House of Delegates will hold its annual meeting in the College Auditorium Monday, May 2, 1955, 7:30 p.m. We want to express our appreciation for the fine cooperation of the Music Department at KSC in making the auditorium available for our use. Since we will have ample room for visitors, it is recommended that teachers invite parents of State Farmer candidates and others who may be interested to attend the Monday evening meeting of the House of Delegates.

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JOHN MILTON WINS IZAAK WALTON AWARD

State Reporter John Milton has been selected to represent Kansas at the Izaak Walton Young Outdoor Americans Conference to be held in Chicago March 30-31, 1955. The award consists of an all expenses paid trip for attendance at the conference. Factors influencing the selection of the Kansas winner were scholarship, leadership, and conservation practices planned and executed. Under Conservation of Natural Resources John showed a formidable list of activities under Land Conservation, Water Conservation, Wild Life Conservation, Farm Products Conservation, and Farm Beautification.

Immediate past president Nelson Galle won the Izaak Walton award in 1954.

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A former national president of the Future Farmers of America, Jimmy Dillon of Bonita, Louisiana, has been employed on the advertising staff of the Future Farmer Magazine. Kansas FFA members will remember Jimmy as the national FFA president who did such a fine job in handling the Silver Anniversary program in 1953. The Kansas Association of FFA extends herewith congratulations and best wishes.

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EVALUATING FFA CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

Ranked into broad classification groups: Each year the state FFA officers and adult leaders have the task of evaluating local chapter activity programs and ranking them into broad classification groups. This is an interesting, but difficult, task. It is difficult because of the many intangibles involved. However, we believe that there are enough factors common to all chapters to enable the evaluating committee to satisfactorily rank a chapter.

Use both chapter program of work and achievement report: In evaluating chapters in Kansas the local chapter program of work and the achievement report are carefully analyzed by an adult committee. Final rankings are made by a committee comprised of the state FFA officers and members of the state staff.

Supplemental materials not required: In 1941 the State Association ruled that supplemental materials would not enter into the judging of chapter accomplishment. This rule will hold for the 1955 State FFA Chapter Contest. However, it is agreed that supplementary material is of value in substantiating claims of chapters as well as in many cases aiding the judges in forming correct opinions as to performance standards.

Values accruing from participation in state chapter contest: The question is often asked whether all the detail involved in filing a written chapter program and an achievement report is justified. The answer in both cases is yes. Values accruing are:

- (1) In preparing the written chapter program of work the local adviser and chapter members are forced to be definite in their objectives.
- (2) The written program avoids misunderstandings because it is always available for reference.
- (3) The achievement report constitutes a definite check on failures as well as successes.
- (4) Both the program of work and the achievement report should be of value in improving the work of the chapter from year to year.
- (5) The chapter contest offers an excellent means of broadening the perspective of the local FFA adviser and the perspective of chapter members.
- (6) The chapter contest stimulates a wide range of experience on the part of the local FFA adviser and chapter members.
- (7) The participants will develop a sense of community responsibility, will acquire a higher regard for scholarship, and will learn to cooperate by working and playing together.

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

How Chapter Programs Are Ranked

- (1) The chapter goals set up in the program of work submitted to the state office before November 1 are checked against the accomplishments listed in the achievement report submitted.
- (2) The scope of chapter goals and accomplishments are checked against the goals included in the program of work of the State Association of FFA.
- (3) The chapter entry is scored on each of the eight divisions around which chapter programs are built.
- (4) The scoring committee checks on a list of fundamental activities that properly fall under the various divisions of the program of work.
(See pages 6-8 this Newsletter.)
- (5) The scoring committee checks items which may or may not be included in the eight divisions of the program of work. Examples:
 - a. Percentage of membership based on enrollment.
 - b. Candidates - State Farmer, American Farmer.
 - c. FFA speech entry.
 - d. FFA offices - district, state, national.
 - e. FFA information contest - rank in district, in state.
 - f. Ritualistic performance - district.
 - g. Average pupil net worth.
 - h. FFA library.
 - i. Complete FFA paraphernalia.
 - j. Chapter contribution to state FFA Newsletter.
 - k. Prevention of waste (conservation of natural resources, fire prevention, livestock loss control, pest eradication, safety, etc.)

National Score Card Weightings

The National Organization of FFA gives the following weightings to the eight divisions around which the local chapter program is centered. The judging committee scores each division on the basis of A,B,C,D. The weightings are of value only in maintaining perspective. The national chapter score card follows:

	Planned	Execution	Total
1. Supervised Practice.....	50	150	200
2. Cooperation.....	40	120	160
3. Community Service.....	40	120	160
4. Leadership.....	30	90	120
5. Earnings and Savings.....	30	90	120
6. Conduct of Meetings.....	20	60	80
7. Scholarship.....	20	60	80
8. Recreation.....	20	60	80
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Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

The following is a listing of some of the points the scoring committee keeps in mind in checking and evaluating chapter achievement under the eight divisions around which the program of work is centered. The list is not complete, and is varied from year to year to comply with national and state FFA objectives.

Supervised Practice:

1. Feed crop grown by members.
2. Definite farming program financial goals.
3. High per cent quality specified animals.
4. High per cent certified seed - or, quality specified.
5. Farming program tour.
6. Improvement practices for each boy.
7. Supplementary practices for each boy.
8. Soil conservation practices a part of planned program.
9. Definite farming program production goals for chapter.

Cooperation:

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| 1. Treat seed | 4. Marketing: |
| 2. Test seed | a. Livestock |
| 3. Purchasing: | b. Wool |
| a. Mineral mix | c. Fruit |
| b. Used lumber | d. Vegetables |
| c. Medicine for livestock kits | e. Plants |
| d. Seed | 5. Exhibits: Shop - Fair - School |
| e. Nursery stock | 6. Demonstrations |
| f. Livestock | 7. Financing |
| g. Feed | 8. Harvesting crops - planting |

Community Service:

1. Young farmer (part-time) classes
2. Landscaping - public grounds
3. Painting public equipment - buildings
4. Mother-son receptions; father-son; and parent-son banquets
5. Pruning - spraying - culling - soil testing - seed testing
6. Home beautification - landscape, grade and sand roads, paint, etc.
7. Pest eradication

Leadership:

1. Delegates to state and district meetings
2. State and district FFA contests (public speaking, ritual, FFA information)
3. State and district officers
4. State Farmer and American Farmer candidates
5. FFA officers leadership school
6. A definitely planned publicity program
7. Assembly program
8. Definite plans for degree advancement
9. Committee responsibility in planning program of work
10. Committee responsibility in executing program of work

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11. Committee responsibility in reporting chapter achievement (state chapter contest)
12. FFA radio and TV broadcast
13. Formal installation of officers
14. Maintain chapter library

Earnings and Savings:

1. Have budget
2. Purchase U. S. savings bonds
3. Seed treating; hot bed; butchering; feed mixing, etc.
4. Salvage drive; scrap iron, waste paper, per cent of sale
5. Farm machinery repair and sale
6. Dipping sheep; shearing; butchering; mineral mix; etc.
7. Concession stand; milk vending machines
8. Sale of shop jobs (feed bunk, livestock buildings, etc.)
9. Sale of chapter members' services (shock feed, harvest plots, etc.)

Meetings:

1. Use official FFA paraphernalia
2. Definite schedule
3. Special feature planned - alumni, parents, meeting of officer group
4. Definite plan for officer training
5. Definite plan for committee assignments and reports
6. Definite plans for improving parliamentary procedure and ritualistic performance
7. Attendance goal set
8. FFA news items at each night meeting

Scholarship:

1. Have definite scholarship goals
2. Encourage members to improve grade average
 - a. National Honor Society
 - b. School honor roll
 - c. FFA honor roll
3. Chapter grade average higher than school grade average
4. Give recognition for scholarship attainment

Recreation:

1. Have a definite recreational program as a part of regularly scheduled chapter meetings
2. FFA tournaments - ping pong, horseshoe pitching, boxing, wrestling, etc.
3. Overnight camping and fishing parties
4. Date parties, hikes, barnwarmer, folk games, hayrack ride, etc.

Cooperation with State FFA Program:

1. Membership
2. Minimum FFA library
3. FFA publicity
4. Home improvement

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

5. Complete FFA paraphernalia
6. Use of official secretary and treasurer books
7. Prevent waste
 - a. Conservation of natural resources
 - b. Prevent farm fires
 - c. Control livestock losses
 - d. Eradicate pests
 - e. Safety education

The judges in the state chapter contest in Kansas do not claim to be infallible, and they welcome suggestions and counsel at all times. In addition to the written reports submitted by the local FFA chapters, the judges have first hand information dealing with chapter standards of performance obtained by means of personal visits by members of the state staff. While there is a spirit of friendly rivalry between the local chapters in the state, it is overshadowed by a spirit of cooperation on the part of local advisers and the state staff in an effort to make a chapter contest a means of stimulating individual members to greater all-round development.

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AN ANALYSIS OF A SELECTED LIST OF CHAPTER PROGRAMS

The following analysis of 31 FFA chapter activity programs includes the 1954 Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem classification winners in the Kansas Chapter Contest.

Deadline Mailing Date and Penalty. A ruling of the House of Delegates of the Kansas Association of FFA sets November 1 as the deadline date for filing local chapter activity programs with the state department at Manhattan, addressed to State Deputy Adviser A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Kansas State College. This ruling also makes local chapters and their members ineligible for FFA competition on the state level if the local program of work is not filed on time.

Helpful Suggestions for building a chapter activity program will be found in the Official FFA Manual, pages 36-40.

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

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

An Analysis of a Selected List of Chapter Programs (continued)

The following is a list of activities under the eight divisions of the chapter program of work carried to completion by 31 Kansas FFA chapters in 1954. The number to the left of each activity indicates the number of chapters participating.

SUPERVISED PRACTICE

30	Improved quality livestock	: 18	Soil conservation program
29	Farming program planning	: 16	Farm program & record book contest
29	Farming program tour	: 14	Clean and treat seed
28	Livestock & crop production goals	: 11	Variety & expansion of projects
27	Growing feed crops for livestock	: 10	Boys take pictures of projects
25	Goal for planting certified seed of adapted varieties	: 9	Farming program completion
25	Increase net worth of members	: 8	Culling poultry program
21	Financing farming programs	: 8	Approved practices encouraged
20	Livestock sanitation & disease control	: 6	Safety program
20	Home beautification and improvement	: 6	Higher quality products
19	Average projects per member	: 6	Soil testing of crop projects
18	Supplementary farm practices	: 6	Picture display of projects
18	Home farm shop & machinery repair	: 5	Farming program publicity
18	Farming program improvement	: 4	Secure cooperative loans
		: 4	Increase home food production
		: 2	Chapter Star Farmer contest
		: 2	Insect and weed control
		: 1	Control of bindweed

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

21	Cooperative purchasing & selling	: 6	Make rat poison available
20	Chapter boar and gilt ring	: 6	Livestock medicine cabinet
19	Exhibit booth at state fair	: 6	Soil testing
18	Cooperate with local civic and service organizations	: 6	Cooperative hog trough program
16	Assist with school repair jobs	: 6	Cooperative spraying
12	Cooperate with school activities	: 6	Seed purchase cooperatively
10	Vaccinating and castrating	: 5	Buying certified seed and trees
9	Feed mixing	: 5	Chapter livestock projects
9	Chapter yearbook published	: 4	Cooperative butchering program
9	Clean and treat seed	: 4	Purchase FFA items
9	Conduct judging school	: 4	Fertilizer test plot
9	Cooperative crop plots	: 4	Sponsor floats
8	Purchase shop supplies cooperatively	: 4	Make and sell farm equipment to members
8	Cooperative borrowing	: 3	Cooperative poultry project
7	Operate "for Sale" & "Wanted" Bulletin	: 3	Send officers to camp
6	Seed testing program	: 2	Purchase typewriter, camera, or projector for member use
6	Cooperate with veterans	: 2	Tree and shrubbery planting
6	Disease and parasite control	: 2	City Halloween clean-up

An Analysis of a Selected List of Chapter Programs (continued)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

29	Castrate livestock	:	8	Window display in store windows
28	Pest eradication	:	8	Repair & build school equipment
27	Cull poultry	:	7	Butchering
25	Contribute to worthy causes	:	7	Soil conservation
25	Dehorn cattle	:	6	Grub cattle
20	Prune orchards	:	6	Livestock loss prevention
20	Safety campaign	:	6	Help with farm labor
20	Repair machinery	:	6	Provide FFA highway signs
19	Test soil	:	5	Spray crops and trees
18	Vaccinate livestock	:	5	Spray livestock
15	Improve school grounds & buildings	:	4	Worm hens
14	Dock lambs	:	4	Treat pigs & poultry for lice
13	Lay out terraces	:	4	Spray farm buildings
13	Construct buildings for farmers	:	4	Ear notching & branding
13	Fire prevention survey	:	3	Drench sheep
12	Treat grain and seed	:	3	Shear sheep
12	Improve home grounds	:	3	Treat bindweed
12	Test milk	:	3	Dip livestock
12	Test seed	:	2	Treat hogs for mange
10	Worm livestock	:	2	Band trees
10	Shop facilities & equipment available to farmers	:	2	Demonstration plots
9	Plant trees and shrubs	:	1	Mineral and supplement mixing
9	Paint public equipment & buildings	:	1	Squeeze chute for community use
		:	1	Mix county gopher poison

LEADERSHIP

30	Publicity in state FFA Newsletter and newspapers	:	14	Officers & members have FFA jackets
30	Parent-Son banquet	:	13	Attend state association meeting
30	Promote candidates for State Farmer Degree	:	12	Maintain FFA display in ag room
29	All officers participate in leadership school	:	11	Hold parliamentary training for members
28	Enter team in state contests	:	10	Exhibit at fairs
27	Enter district judging contest	:	8	Program for civic organizations
21	Maintain FFA library	:	7	Elect junior FFA officers
20	Send delegates to State House of Delegates meeting	:	7	Keep a scrapbook
19	Radio program &/or TV program	:	6	Have state officer candidate
19	Assembly program	:	6	Every member learn creed
16	Acquaint 8th grade with FFA	:	5	Hold parent-son meeting
16	Hold officers' meeting	:	5	Open house
15	Participate in National Convention	:	4	American Farmer candidate
14	Enter chapter and district public speaking contests	:	4	Project tours
		:	4	Publish FFA annual or magazine
		:	3	Chapter leadership contest
		:	2	Give demonstrations
		:	1	Tractor driving contest

An Analysis of a Selected List of Chapter Programs (continued)

EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

22	Set up chapter finances (budget)	: 4	Rent farm equipment
22	Concession stand	: 4	Have life insurance
19	Build and sell projects	: 4	Popcorn machine
18	Project earnings back in project	: 3	Waste paper drive
16	Increase individual earnings goal	: 3	Treat seed
15	Earn money from exhibits and booths	: 3	Sponsor carnival
15	Sell pencils	: 3	Box supper
11	Savings bonds investment	: 3	Hire chapter out to help farmers
10	Scrap iron drive	: 2	Sponsor all-school party
10	Sell magazines and calendars	: 2	Sell garden seeds
10	Members have savings accounts	: 2	Care for football field canvas
9	Gilt ring	: 2	Treat potatoes
8	Sell hog troughs	: 2	Donkey basketball game
8	Prepare sports programs	: 2	Coke machine; milk dispenser
7	Sell Christmas cards	: 2	Trailer project
7	Mix feed, mineral & supplements	: 2	Loan fund
7	Crop project	: 1	Recondition farm equipment
		: 1	Hot bed project

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

31	Regular day meetings	: 12	Exchange meeting with another chapter
30	Use opening and closing ritual	: 11	Formal installation of officers
26	Initiate Green Hands	: 10	Summer meetings
25	Membership attendance goal	: 10	Goal for number of manuals owned and available to members
25	Use complete FFA paraphernalia	: 9	Confer honorary Chapter Farmer degree
24	Regular night meetings	: 9	Motion pictures
24	Follow parliamentary procedure	: 8	Chapter meeting improvement
24	Committee work	: 8	Goal for membership participation in programs
23	Use official secretary and treasurer's books	: 8	Program of Work committee
21	Initiate Chapter Farmers	: 5	Use official stationery
19	Monthly calendar of activities	: 3	Safety & fire prevention meeting
14	Outside speakers	: 3	Make study of FFA organization
14	Refreshments at night meetings	: 3	Invite visitors to meetings
13	Entertainment at night meetings		
13	Programs planned in advance		
12	All vo-ag students enter FFA		

SCHOLARSHIP

27	Members have average of C or better in all subjects	: 18	One member to qualify for Chapter Star Farmer Award
23	Encourage reading - subscribe to farm magazines	: 17	One member to qualify for Farm Mechanics Award
22	Members on school honor roll	: 16	One member to qualify for Farm Electrification Award

An Analysis of a Selected List of Chapter Programs (continued)

16	One member to qualify for Dairy Farming Award	: 11	FFA library meet minimum state requirements
15	One member to qualify for Public Speaking Award	: 8	Field trip to outstanding members
14	One member to qualify for Farm Safety Award	: 7	Each member give oral report every six weeks
14	One member to qualify for Soil and Water Management Award	: 6	Sears Scholarship
14	Award for outstanding records	: 6	Carl Raymond Gray Scholarship
12	Chapter scholarship awards	: 6	Members have home library
12	Vo-ag honor roll	: 5	Officers maintain B average
12	Subscribe to national FFA magazine	: 3	Kroger Scholarship
		: 3	National Honor Society
		: 3	Each student have one extra-curricular activity

RECREATION

16	Fishing trip	: 6	Summer trip
16	Trip to American Royal	: 6	Christmas party
15	Basketball team	: 6	Weiner roast
15	FFA and FHA party	: 6	Coyote and coon hunt
14	Recreation at night meetings	: 5	Square dance
12	Watermelon feed	: 5	Basketball tournament
12	Barnwarmer	: 5	Trips to places of interest
11	Date party	: 5	Fun night
10	Picnic	: 4	Ping pong
9	Skating party	: 4	Boxing and wrestling
9	Hayride	: 4	Overnight camp
8	Group singing, FFA quartet & band	: 4	Pie and box supper
7	Softball	: 3	Volleyball
7	Chili supper	: 2	Horseshoe tournament
7	Stag party	: 2	Halloween party
7	Swimming party	: 1	Chuck wagon feed
7	Picture show		

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CONGRATULATIONS LaCYGNE CHAPTER

Congratulations are in order for the LaCygne FFA Chapter and their adviser, Mr. Lloyd Gugler, for a high quality job of public information during National FFA Week. Under the caption "LaCygne Chapter Celebrates National FFA Week" the LaCygne Kansas Journal gave approximately 80 column inches to activities of the chapter. The coverage included reporting on a worship service at a local church for FFA members and parents, a special high school assembly, individual farming programs, farm shop projects, FFA banquet, State Farmers (with photos), Chapter Star Farmers, National FFA Convention, State FFA Convention, FFA speech contest, chapter contest, farming program story, gilt project, pest contest, trip to American Royal, and softball tournament.

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INCORPORATEDBUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR STARTING JAN. 1, 1955
AND ENDING DEC. 31, 1955

(Basis for allotment of funds between the FFA and NFA)

1. Total Paid Up FFA Membership as of June 30, 1954.....	371,592
2. Total Paid Up NFA Membership as of June 30, 1954.....	38,026
3. Total Paid Up FFA and NFA Membership as of June 30, 1954.....	409,618
4. Percentage FFA Membership is of total.....	91.00%
5. Percentage NFA Membership is of total.....	9.00%

ASSETS

Balance on hand January 1, 1955

1. Foundation Reserve Fund:		
A. Present worth of Government Bonds.....	\$117,931.50	
B. Cash.....	5,485.32	\$123,416.82
2. Certificates of Deposit.....		75,000.00
3. Cash.....		97,990.14
Total Assets.....		\$296,406.96

THE BUDGET

1. Reserve Fund (includes \$117,931.50 present worth of Government Bonds and \$6,860.46 in cash).....	\$124,791.96
2. Amount Budgeted.....	171,615.00
3. Administrative Expenses.....	7,000.00
4. Balance to apportion between FFA and NFA.....	164,615.00
5. Apportioned to FFA.....	149,800.00
6. Apportioned to NFA.....	14,815.00

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.

A. F. Davis, Secretary of the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio, has been elected to serve as 1955-56 chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. He succeeds W. A. Roberts, president of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company. In addition to choosing a chairman, the Board of Trustees at their January meeting approved a budget of \$171,615.00 for expenditure by the Foundation during this year. A breakdown of the budget shows \$149,800.00 for awards to Future Farmers of America members, \$14,815.00 for awards to New Farmers of America, and \$7,000.00 for administrative expenses.

Changes in the program over that followed in 1954 included (1) increasing awards for American Farmer degree winners from \$50 to \$75, (2) budgeting \$5,000 to provide plaques and certificates for the revised National Chapter Contest, (3) setting up a fund of \$3,000 to print a brochure for explaining Foundation Awards to FFA members.

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BAND AND CHORUS EXPENSE

The Kansas Association of FFA raised state dues from 10¢ to 20¢ in 1949 for the purpose of meeting budget expense in connection with the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus. The following is a report on the income from the 10¢ assessment for 1954 and the total expense underwritten by the Kansas Association of FFA for National Band and National Chorus.

Income:

7,424 members @ 10¢ per member..... \$742.40

Expense:

11 uniforms (Kansas Association paid half the total cost of the uniforms).....	\$ 82.50	
Total paid for band travel and subsistence.....	224.07	
Total paid for chorus travel and subsistence....	395.68	
Pictures.....	6.00	
Total Expense.....		\$708.25
Balance.....		\$ 34.15

Two uniforms costing \$15.00 each were paid for by the Kansas Association and were not used. It might be possible to salvage as much as \$18.00 on these uniforms, depending upon whether or not they can be used by Kansas band and chorus members in 1955.

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NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

The following dates for the National FFA Judging Contests will be of interest to local FFA advisers having teams qualified to participate in these events:

To be held in Waterloo, Iowa:

Judging Dairy Cattle, October 3, 1955
Judging Dairy Products, October 4, 1955

To be held in Kansas City, Missouri:

Judging Meats, October 12, 1955
Judging Poultry, October 12, 1955
Judging Livestock, October 13, 1955

Hotel reservations for members of judging teams should be made early. Requests for reservations should be sent to Robert B. Coyner, Manager, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

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NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS WINNERS

National judging contests for vocational agriculture students were begun in 1925, three years prior to the organization of the Future Farmers of America. All national judging contests for students in vocational agriculture were discontinued during World War II. Since 1947 all national judging contests involving vocational agriculture students have been classified as Future Farmers of America National Contests.

Upon the recommendation of a National Committee comprised of one supervisor of agricultural education and one teacher trainer in agricultural education from each of the four administrative regions in the United States, the national judging contests for students in vocational agriculture were revived in 1947. Three principal recommendations of the National Committee were embodied in the reactivated judging program, namely: (a) the contests to be known as National FFA Judging Contests, (b) teams and individuals competing in the National FFA Judging Contests to be ranked on the basis of Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, and Honorable Mention, and (c) the contests to be made more educational.

The following lists the Kansas winners in the five National FFA Judging Contests since their inception in 1947.

Dairy Cattle

1947	Simpson	Bronze Emblem
1948	Coffeyville	Honorable Mention
1949	Belleville	Gold Emblem
1950	ElDorado	Gold Emblem
1951	ElDorado	Silver Emblem
1952	Hillsboro	Silver Emblem
1953	Chanute	Bronze Emblem
1954	Pretty Prairie	Bronze Emblem

Dairy Products

1947	Newton was to represent Kansas but failed to get entries in on time	
1948	ElDorado	Silver Emblem
1949	Olathe	Silver Emblem
1950	Clay Center	Gold Emblem
1951	Cherryvale	Silver Emblem
1952	Silver Lake	Silver Emblem
1953	Clay Center	Silver Emblem
1954	Clay Center	Gold Emblem

Meats

1947	ElDorado	Gold Emblem
1948	Coffeyville	Bronze Emblem
1949	Concordia	Bronze Emblem
1950	Clay Center	Silver Emblem
1951	Yates Center	Silver Emblem
1952	Partridge	Silver Emblem
1953	Quinter	Silver Emblem
1954	Yates Center	Silver Emblem

National FFA Judging Contests Winners (continued)

Livestock

1947	Beloit	Gold Emblem
1948	Belleville	Gold Emblem
1949	Belleville	Honorable Mention
1950	Beloit	Silver Emblem
1951	Newton	Bronze Emblem
1952	Moundridge	Silver Emblem
1953	Hill City	Silver Emblem
1954	Winfield	Bronze Emblem

Poultry

1947	Concordia	Silver Emblem
1948	Chanute	Silver Emblem
1949	Cherryvale	Gold Emblem
1950	Stockton	Gold Emblem
1951	Chanute	Gold Emblem
1952	Chanute	Gold Emblem
1953	Cherryvale	Gold Emblem
1954	Belleville	Gold Emblem

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NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD

At a meeting of the advisers of the 1954 Gold Emblem chapter winners during the 1954 Vocational Agriculture Teachers Conference, it was agreed that the Ellsworth Chapter, Lester L. Crandall, Adviser, and the Emporia Chapter, Emory Groves, Adviser, would represent Kansas in the 1955 National Chapter Contest. The Washburn Chapter was designated as the third representative from Kansas, provided the active membership in the State Association of FFA exceeded 7,500.

Kansas FFA chapters entering the 1955 National Chapter Award program will have to conform with the plan approved at the 26th National FFA Convention. The general plan includes:

1. Standard Chapter Award
2. Superior Chapter Award
3. National Emblem Awards - Bronze, Silver and Gold

The Kansas chapters will be competing in the National Emblem Award and will have to meet the following requirements:

1. Meet the standards for a Superior Chapter.
2. Receive recommendation of the State Association of FFA.
3. Meet most of the standards for a National Emblem Award.
4. Submit a copy of the chapter's program of activities to the state office (A. P. Davidson, State Deputy Adviser, Department of Education, KSC) which includes an explanation of ways and means by which the activities were accomplished.

Announcement, rules and application forms of the National Chapter Award program have been sent the above designated chapters. Rules governing this award will be available for distribution at the 1955 annual meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA.

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RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

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

On October 1 there were 6,803 students enrolled in 208 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The total FFA membership as of April 1 was 7,356. This is one of the best membership records in the history of the Kansas Association, and the officers wish to express their appreciation to the local chapter officers and their advisers for this splendid showing.

A careful study of FFA membership for the school year 1954-55 as of April 1 on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture shows a range in percentage of membership from 211 per cent to 41 per cent.

Two hundred three chapters have paid dues to date. Five chapters are delinquent.

One hundred sixty-five chapters reported a paid-up membership of 100 per cent or more. Thirty-eight chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

Altamont with a paid-up membership of 126 leads all the chapters in the state in the number of dues paid. Winfield Chapter with 90 members ranks second, while Effingham with 87 ranks third. Emporia ranks fourth with 80 and Shawnee-Mission fifth with 72.

The percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 203 chapters having paid their dues is 110 per cent. Last year this figure stood at 111 per cent.

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

Those chapters having a membership range from 171 per cent to 211 per cent:

Haddam	Hoxie	Udall
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Those chapters having a membership range from 151 per cent to 170 per cent:

Atwood	Centralia	Frankfort	Harper	Phillipsburg
Beverly				

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

Abilene	Bird City	Linn	Mullinville	Toronto
Beloit	Hanover	McPherson		

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

Belleville	Effingham	Goodland	McCune	Osborne
Colby	Emporia	Jetmore	Moundridge	Smith Center
Dowds	Garden City	Leon	Olathe	Wakeeney

Rank in FFA Membership (continued)

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

Alma	Ellsworth	Hoyt	Manhattan	Quinter
Altoona	Erie	Humboldt	Medicine Lodge	Sabetha
Arkansas City	Glasco	Kingman	Shawnee-Mission	Simpson
Ashland	Herington	Kinsley	Norcatour	Spearville
Barnes	Highland	Liberal	Peabody	Wellsville
Burlington	Hill City	Little River		

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

Alta Vista	Fort Scott	Jennings	Norton	Salina
Burns	Greenleaf	Kiowa	Oberlin	Scandia
Clafflin	Haven	LaCygne	Osage City	Washburn
Clifton	Hiawatha	McDonald	Parsons	Troy
Columbus	Hillsboro	Meade	Pratt	Wakefield
Edson	Holcomb	Miltonvale	Randolph	Wamego
Fairview	Holton	Morrowville	Rose Hill	

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

Alton	ElDorado	Howard	Marysville	Plainville
Berryton	Eureka	Inman	Meriden	Sedan
Burlingame	Garnett	Iola	Minneapolis	Severy
Chanute	Goessel	Jewell	Natoma	Stafford
Chapman	Great Bend	Lawrence	Neodesha	St. Francis
Clay Center	Harveyville	Lebanon	Ness City	Stockton
Coffeyville	Hoisington	Lyndon	Overbrook	Ulysses
Concordia	Hope	Mankato	Faola	Washington
Cottonwood Falls				

Those chapters having a membership of 100 per cent:

Almena	Ensign	Lindsborg	Parker	Trousdale
Altamont	Eskridge	Marion	Rossville	Wetmore
Blue Mound	Ford	Newton	Silver Lake	Williamsburg
Buhler	Geneseo	Ottawa	St. Marys	Wilson
Cheney	Hugoton	Palco	Tonganoxie	Yates Center
Ellinwood	Junction City	Paradise	Highland Park	

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

Attica	Delphos	Kincaid	Onaga	Riley
Bazine	Ellis	Lakin	Partridge	Riverton
Cedar Vale	Frankfort	Longford	Piedmont	Solomon
Chetopa	Hays	Louisburg	Powhattan	Syracuse
Coldwater	Independence	Mulvane	Pretty Prairie	Westmoreland

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

Brewster	Fowler	Oxford	Waterville	Winfield
Clearwater	Seaman	Soldier		

Those chapters having a membership range from 41 per cent to 79 per cent:

Bunker Hill	Caney	Dodge City	Girard	Valley Falls
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HAZARD HUNTING*

Did you ever go hazard hunting around your home? Maybe you would think it a very profitable sport if you fully realized that there are, annually, some 29,000 deaths and 4,000,000 injuries due directly to hazards in the home. Naturally, as a class of things these are trivial, and when mentioned as dangerous conditions commonly provoke laughs-up-the-sleeve. But before you show your disbelief, take one more look at this page to that astounding figure - 29,000 deaths.

Below are 31 killers with which people live unalarmed until that day comes along:

1. Slippery roof: Stay off it! Hire the work done.
2. Base of ladder too close to house; also has broken rung. Set ladder 1/4 its length out from house.
3. Damaged step: rapair at once. Roller skates on step.
4. No handrail on attic stairs; steps congested. All stairs should have handrail; store stuff elsewhere.
5. Broken slat projecting into passage: repair it.
6. Slippery rugs: attend to them.
7. Heater plugged into light-wired extension cord: plugged directly into wall socket. Use 3-conductor cord to ground the metal casing of heater.
8. No non-skid bathtub mat. Without one, don't take baths.
9. Uninsulated pull chain. Insert an insulating link.
10. Night light rarely used. Practice economy elsewhere.
11. Loaded gun. It's not robbers you should be afraid of.
12. Unscreened fireplace. This will burn 'em fast.
13. Loose lamp socket. Besides indicating shiftlessness, it'll hurt you.
14. Glass front door. Cover with a grill - your head may be found sticking through.
15. Frayed lamp cord lying loose on floor. It's too obvious to mention.
16. Pot handles within child's reach: like setting a trap for the kids.
17. Dry-cleaning fluid used indoors. Recall your high school chemistry days for a moment.
18. Loose furnace pipe. This hazard strikes while you sleep: your neighbors are the ones to find it out.
19. Flammable material. A few more steps would have placed this waste in the incinerator.
20. Patched electrical cord. Poor economy at best.
21. No heat-insulating stand under iron. Whose wife doesn't do this commonly?
22. Electrical wiring used as clothesline. An ideal way to get killed.
23. Washer not grounded. Insist that your serviceman do this. Be prepared for him to say it isn't necessary.
24. Floor under washer damp. Use a wooden rack.
25. No relief valve on water heater. What could be more dangerous?
26. Dimly-lighted stairs, and objects on steps. If you could only have seen it? But why was it there?
27. Electric circuits over-fused. 15-ampere size for each circuit.
28. Insecticide or other poisonous substances. Keep them in locked cabinets or on high shelves.
29. Objects precariously stored. Hamp things up; place them in cabinets; provide shelf space.
30. Trash burned near garage & house. Put incinerator well away from buildings.
31. Clothesline hazard. String it above head. Don't string across a walk.

* Colorado A&M College, Ag Ed Roundup, March, 1955.

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE FOR VO-AG TEACHERS

Application forms for the teacher's application for the Honorary American Farmer Degree are available upon request at the State Office (Manhattan). Not more than 25 degrees will be awarded per year. The applicant does not have to possess the State Farmer Degree. Teachers' applications are due in the State Office (Manhattan, A. P. Davidson, State Deputy Adviser) July 1, 1955, and are due in the National FFA Office July 15, 1955.

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ACROSS THE BORDER

VIRGINIA: The Amherst Chapter of the FFA recently secured a post peeler for their farm shop. The sturdy piece of small machinery, electrically operated, serves a dual purpose. First, it gives the chapter members the opportunity to receive practical instructions in the use of the equipment. The boys bring fence posts from their homes and have the bark stripped from them. The boys may also solicit business from their neighbors on a small fee basis. During Christmas vacation the chapter members took full advantage of the opportunity to earn extra money. According to H. H. Higgins, vo-ag instructor, the fence posts can be peeled easier if the posts are cut and peeled before they have an opportunity to dry. If the posts are dry, the machine does not do a thorough cleaning or peeling job. Several months ago the chapter members made a wood preserving unit. During the winter and early spring, they are planning a program of peeling and preserving posts for the people in the community.

MONTANA: Six members of the Sidney Chapter formed a "Junior Lamb Feeders Cooperative" by pooling their money and purchasing a carload of 273 feeder lambs from a Miles City grower. Fifty-three head were resold as surplus and the remaining 220 head divided with five boys taking 40 head and the other boy 20. They will be fed on six different rations for a 90 day period. A group of 100 have been shorn to compare rates of gain with those not shorn. Each group of lambs averaged within 1.5 to 2 pounds of all other groups so they were very evenly divided as to weight. At the end of the feeding period the lambs will be re-grouped and the vocational agriculture instructor will grade them on their degree of finish, weigh each member's lambs according to grade, and they will then be sold. Not counting freight and shrink the lambs cost \$3787. The members set up a special checking account at the bank for their association with some members arranging for credit from the bank for their share of the purchase price.

OHIO: The Willard FFA Chapter set up a committee last year to see about an apple machine in order to raise money for our chapter activities. A local orchard furnishes the machine and supplies the apples daily. The chapter receives 10% of the total returns. Last year the machine was installed for a 30-day trial during the month of April to determine whether the machine would pay out. In order to solve the problem of apple cores, we put barrels at each entrance of the school. This year we have the same agreement as last year. The machine has been installed to operate the entire year. The first month we received \$24.00 commission.

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CHAPTER NEWS

CEDAR VALE: One of the present fund raising projects of the Cedar Vale FFA has been the feeding of two pigs. These pigs are surplus gilt ring pigs that were turned back to the chapter. Each member is donating a bushel of grain to help feed them out. We feel this will increase our chapter funds, as the pigs didn't cost anything and of course the feed was free. We are also building some shop projects for the farmers around the community. We are building a calf chute and gates which should reap us a nice profit, and we have been working on these projects every Tuesday night...February 4 we held our annual Parent and Son Banquet. Our favors were miniature feed bunks and our place cards were small rural mail boxes with the individual name on the side. Table decorations also included small farm implements. We elected two Honorary Chapter Farmer members, one of which is a former vocational agriculture teacher who is now farming in this community. He is Frank White and received his degree because of the many things he has done to help us be a successful chapter. Our speaker for the evening was Assistant Supervisor Loren Whipps from the State Office at Topeka. He gave an interesting talk on successful Future Farmers, and I am sure the parents went away with a better understanding of the workings of the FFA...Cecil Green, Jim Ridings, and Maurice White put on an electrical demonstration at a general assembly for the high school.

Raymond Littrell, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: We have 200 broilers that are nine weeks old and weigh three pounds each. One hundred twenty of them have been butchered and sold to people in the community...Our average net worth per member including incoming Green Hands for the year was \$415.00. Fifty per cent of the chapter members grew all of their feed for their livestock with the exception of protein supplement. Eighty-five per cent of our chapter members have planted pure or hybrid seed. Ninety per cent have made long time farming program plans and 70 per cent of them carried them out last year as planned. Eighty per cent of the chapter members have made safety surveys on their home farms. Ninety per cent of the chapter members own 100 per cent of their livestock. Twelve per cent of our members entered the Kansas Farm Record Book Contest. It was won by Thomas Kelly and Bob DeMaranville. We conducted a pest eradication contest. The losing side will have to do the cooking for the camping trip we are taking when school is out. Sixty per cent completed at least four supplementary jobs. We have dehorned 10 head of cattle and castrated 25 head of hogs and cattle. We have pruned 25 trees. Eighty-five per cent of the chapter members have reconditioned at least 12 different farm tools. Twenty per cent of the members have a soil improvement crop. All of our officers have official FFA jackets. Nine per cent of our members are on the high school honor roll. We initiated 20 Green Hands in December. We have averaged one officer meeting per week during the school year. Ninety-six per cent of our vocational agriculture students are FFA members. One hundred per cent of the members own and use their own manuals. One hundred per cent of the members subscribe to at least two farm magazines. We have sold \$75 worth of Farm and Town Journal subscriptions. We have made two radio broadcasts...Our chapter ran a clothing check stand at every home basketball game, clearing \$49.75 for the season...We held our Parent and Son Banquet March 22, which a total of 172 attended, 88 per cent of the members and their guests. Stormy weather kept some away.

Fred Goble, Jr., Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

CONCORDIA: Our annual pest eradication contest ended February 1 with the sophomore-senior team winning. We eradicated 3,800 sparrows, 400 mice, and other pests...November 17 we held a tractor driving contest for all ag boys. The boys backed a two-wheel trailer into a shed made of stakes. The two boys with the most points from each class competed in the final contest. In the final contest they backed a four-wheel trailer into the shed, belted their tractor up to another tractor, and pulled an evener to represent a harrow behind the tractor through a gate. David Carlgren, a senior boy, won the contest...January 17 we held a party with the FHA chapter as our guests. They chose five candidates from the FFA and elected one to be the FHA King at the party; we chose five candidates from the FHA and let them compete to decide the FFA Sweetheart. The girls had to bake a cake, build a hog trough from boards already sawed, identify ten agricultural crops and take an agriculture test of ten questions. The weather was too bad to get the cow for them to milk. The FFA Sweetheart, Cynthia Trost, received a white FFA sweetheart jacket, and the FHA King, Duaine Sherwood, received a billfold...February 22 we sold the hogs that we were experimenting with. They gained 165 pounds in 116 days for an average gain of 1.4 pounds per day. The pigs fed the commercial pellets and corn gained 25 pounds each more than the ones fed soybean meal and corn...As part of our cooperative project we bought garden seeds wholesale from a local dealer, sent a list of the seeds to the parents, had them check the seeds they wanted, and packaged and distributed the seeds to the parents...March 22 we held our annual Parent-Son Banquet. Our chapter was founded on March 5, 1930, so this was our Silver Anniversary Banquet. We invited all charter members and their wives to be our guests at the banquet. Jerome Johnson, a former FFA member, showed some very interesting slides of his trip to Europe...To help beautify our school grounds, our chapter planted a tulip bed last fall and plans to plant an oak tree this spring.

Jim Walker, Reporter

BLUE MOUND: Sixteen members have received the Green Hand Degree in the Blue Mound Chapter, and fourteen members received the Chapter Farmer Degree...Some of our activities have been a pest eradication contest, which ended January 21 with the losers serving the winners a chili supper. We have castrated 21 head of calves, dehorned 46 head of cattle, butchered four beeves and one hog. We have cut the brush from five corners, made one pickup bed and several nail boxes. We are starting a scrap iron drive...Recreational activities include a coon hunt and an oyster fry, which we enjoyed very much...We have sold two gross of FFA pencils and 88 boxes of Christmas cards, which netted us a nice profit...We have shown a safety film to which we invited the public and also have shown a film, "The Ruminant," to the group...We gave an assembly program on March 25.

Charles Weber, Reporter

WETMORE: We have just completed our annual pest eradication contest...We are planning a skating party soon, which is going to be held jointly with the Kayettes...Some of the major shop construction jobs are: three four-wheel trailers, one two-wheel trailer, blue grass stripper, replacement of old drill box and numerous small jobs.

Kieth Nickell, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

LA CYGNE: Our chapter celebrated National FFA Week by attending the Christian Church as a group, having a special assembly for the high school and having a special page in the local newspaper of our year's activities...Our Parent-Son Banquet was November 30. The Silver Anniversary film was shown...In our gilt project we have three Spotted Poland China gilts being raised by Dee Seals, Melvin Brown and Junior Feldman and a Duroc Jersey gilt by Joe Maschler... Junior Creager was winner of our farm shop contest which includes welding, rope work, tool sharpening and carpentry skills...Junior Creager won in our local public speaking contest. Other FFA medal winners were: Farm Safety, Theron Miller; Farm Electrification and Soil and Water Management, Junior Feldman; Star Chapter Farmer and Dairy Farming, Johnny Andrews. Junior Feldman was selected Star Green Hand with Honorable Mention going to Junior Creager and Theron Miller...Larry Capehart was winner of the pest contest. Charles Weickert will be the recipient of the DeKalb agricultural achievement award...We have purchased two boxes of FFA pencils and are selling them to members at cost, 6 for 25¢...Three former members, Frankie Noel, Clayton Carothers and Junior Clay, were winners in the American Farm Youth Farming Program Story Contest...Our financial projects were a refreshment stand with the FHA at the football games and a waste paper drive.

Bill Rhynerson, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: Through the cooperation of the Kiwanis Club and business firms of Arkansas City our chapter was given \$1,800 to establish our FFA gilt ring. The purpose of this ring is to promote the meat type hog in this community and at the same time assist chapter members in establishing their farming programs. For the gilt ring our chapter purchased ten purebred registered Hampshire bred gilts from the Robin Lane Farms of Thornton, Iowa. These gilts were awarded to ten boys in the freshman and sophomore classes. Each boy receiving a gilt will return to the chapter 1/3 of the number of pigs born in the first litter when they are 12 weeks of age. The remaining pigs and the gilt become the property of the boy. Of the 1/3 returned to the chapter ten will be awarded to another group of boys next fall and the remainder sold to insure financing and continuation of the project. The sire of the pigs from our gilts is "Commanding Ike", the 1954 Sr. All-American Hampshire boar. The chapter purchased a boar from Harry Knabbee and Son of Nehawka, Nebraska, to use as our future herd sire... Our milk vending machines are still doing very well as is evident by the fact that our two machines netted us a profit of \$125.40 for the month of February. ..Our chapter observed National FFA Week by 47 of our members attending services as a group at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 20. Later we met for a dinner meeting at which Mr. Ira Plank of Winfield was the speaker. We also sponsored spot announcements about FFA Week over our local radio station.

Jim Webb, Reporter

NEODESHA: We have 37 members enrolled in vo-ag this year, 24 Chapter Farmers and 13 Green Hands...We had an FFA basketball team this year for recreation. We won four out of the seven games we played...We are going to plant grass on our high school lawn this year...We will have our annual banquet May 9. There will be films shown, and some students will give reports.

Charles Dixon, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

BELOIT: Our chapter gilt ring, which now consists of 2 mature sows and 5 gilts which are farrowing this spring, is soon to be returning more gilts than the chapter can handle. One of the gilts, a registered Yorkshire, farrowed 14 pigs for Larry Murray about 4 weeks ago and he was able to save 13 of them. The gilt's dam last spring farrowed 16 for Ernest Melton and of these he raised 14. The ring also includes registered Hampshires...At the present time our farrowing crate is our most used piece of chapter equipment. Before it is passed on from one member to another it is thoroughly scrubbed...Our 100 broilers are now past 2 weeks old. We expect to have them large enough to fry for our parent and son banquet May 9. The project is carried on in shop with the freshman boys keeping the records and doing the chores...On our 6 acre wheat field last fall we applied various amounts of fertilizer. To date very little difference in growth is apparent...Major shop projects under construction at the present time include: a trailer for a row-crop tractor, 2 squeeze chutes, 4 loading chutes, a power posthole digger and a bale wagon... In our chapter pest eradication contest the boys destroyed 583 pests. The pests killed included 294 English sparrows, 5 starlings, 50 raccoons, 44 opossums, 141 mice, 7 rats, 3 skunks, and 9 coyotes.

Jerry Broadbent, Reporter

ULYSSES: We have 28 members, 8 Green Hands being initiated February 7...Our program of work is well under way and most of the goals have been reached. One of the goals was to finish paying for the popcorn machine which we purchased last year. We were able to complete this objective before Christmas... At the present time we have the following projects being constructed in the shop: 3 double horse trailers, 1 pipe frame feed rack, 1 power grinder, 1 pipe stock rack, 1 steel loading chute, 1 tractor loader, 1 utility trailer, 2 wooden feeding bunks, 2 community laying nests, 1 bale wagon and 10 irrigation dams. Projects already completed and taken out of the shop consist of: 15 irrigation dams, 1 barrel feed bunk, 1 spare tire rack...The entire ag body attended a crops grading and livestock judging school that was held here in the county earlier in February.

Leon Young, Reporter

HOISINGTON: The chapter now has 25 Green Hands and 18 Chapter Farmers. We held our initiation in January...A TV program was broadcast over KTVH in October, the theme was "Making Better Concrete." Boys in the show were Eddie Drees, Melvin Kaiser, Larry Heathcock, Dwight Stoskopf, L. R. Stoskopf, John Mayfield and James Rube...To help rid the community of undesirable pests the chapter divided into two teams. At the end of the contest the losing team treated the winners to a chili feed...Shop projects include 2 turkey feeders, a trailer, farm gates, hog and sheep feeders, 2 silage feed bunks, one truck overhauled and many small repair jobs and small tools serviced.

Gary Laudick, Reporter

ROSSVILLE: The Rossville Chapter held its annual pest eradication contest. The juniors won the contest and were treated by the rest of the chapter...A barbecue of fried chicken will be featured at the Parent-Son Banquet April 19. The chickens have been purchased and are now being raised by the chapter. The gilt ring has been started and Keith Cowan has the Hampshire gilt.

Clyde McKenzie, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

OBERLIN: We held an FFA box supper in cooperation with the FHA chapter and cleared \$57.21...Twenty-two Green Hands were advanced to the degree of Chapter Farmer this year and 14 members received the degree of Green Hand...The school provided the paint and materials and the members of the local FFA chapter redecorated the shop...Some items of equipment being constructed in the shop are: 1 squeeze chute, 1 loading chute, 4 4-wheeled rubber tired wagons, 2 post hole diggers, several self-feeders and waterers, 1 creep feeder for calves...Repair jobs include 2 small gas engine overhauls, 1 irrigation engine overhaul, 2 car overhaul jobs and several tractor and machinery paint jobs...Our FFA chapter net worth this year was \$57,379.45, with the average net worth per member of \$1,125.87. This is an average increase in net worth per member of \$163.57...Winners of our rodent control contest this year were Harrold Foster, first; Vyrl Rush, second; Wayne Zwickle, third; and Richard Hays, fourth. Two thousand six hundred seventy-two pests were eradicated during the contest.

Duane Unger, Reporter

MEADE: Our FFA adviser showed slides to the Kiwanis Club of FFA and vocational agricultural activities...The Plains FFA came over for one meeting, after which we played volley ball...For our safety program we ordered scotch light red tape from the Farm Bureau Safety Council. We are selling it to all FFA members. If any tape is left it will be sold to other high school boys...One of our community service projects is repairing of a cement mixer for the lumber yard...Major shop projects are rabbit hutches, dog houses, several chicken feeders, painting tractors, feed bunks, pipe saw horses, 3 gates, scoop for tractor, rake for tractor, auto gate, minor car repairs, self feeder bunk, fixing a grain auger, squeeze chute and repairing a cement mixer...We elected sweethearts for our banquet.

Arlen Blattner, Reporter

INMAN: The Inman Chapter is proud of its members, Eldon Becker, Bobby Schmidt, Don Miller, Delbert Heidebrecht, and Dale Gaeddert. They are members of the Inman High School basketball team that won the district and regional tournaments and are competing for state honors at Emporia this week...The annual Parent-Son Banquet was held January 26. We had an attendance of 110 persons. One hundred per cent of our members, 98 per cent of the parents and 100 per cent of the board members and faculty members attended...The FFA members are looking forward to their spring Farming Program Tour during the first week of April. The high school principal and members of the school board are invited to go on these tours.

Bobby Schmidt, Reporter

BURLINGTON: The Burlington Chapter of Future Farmers of America held their annual Parent-Son Banquet in February. They also initiated the freshmen as Green Hands at the banquet...Larry Faxon and Don Sobba gave an "Electric Demonstration" on television February 17...Orville Schilcter is making a manure loader in our vo-ag shop. Larry Faxon is making a truck bed...The FFA organization had a display at the local Firestone Store in Burlington for a week.

Don Sobba, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

LIBERAL: We finished our pest contest in January with the losing side serving a chili feed to the chapter members. In our contest 24 starlings, 82 sparrows, 95 blackbirds, and 4 prairie dogs were killed. Pests seemed to be hard to get this year...We sold concessions at a basketball game in January and made close to \$40...We had a broadcast over Station KSCB of Liberal during National FFA week. We used our own script for the radio broadcast... At our last regular day meeting we showed the film "Petroleum Safety" put out by Cities Service Oil Company. It was an excellent picture on safety... We have built 8 beef calf feeders in our shop this year. Other projects completed are: tractor radio, trailer, various projects on the metal lathe, garden tractor repair and car repair jobs.

Charles M. Freeman, Reporter

MILTONVALE: We have 36 active members in our chapter...The theme of our annual Parent-Son Banquet was "Farm Safety," the decorations were common farm accidents, pictured by miniature farm equipment and little dolls...We sponsored a square dance March 22 for the school...Shop projects made and being made are: 2 loading chutes, 1 2-wheel machinery trailer, 4 4-wheel flat bed trailers, 1 2-wheel trailer, 2 cattle squeeze chutes, six gates, 1 lawn mower, 3 coffee tables, 2 card tables, 2 wooden awnings, 1 sickle grinder, 1 blade for back of Ford tractor, two lawn chairs, 1 flare box, 1 calf self-feeder, 1 self-loading and unloading bale sled, and repaired a few pieces of farm machinery...A gas forge, power hacksaw, portable grinder and other small tools have been added to shop equipment this year.

Maynard Kline, Jr., Reporter

KIOWA: We held a hog raffle on December 18. We sold 393 tickets. For every ten tickets a boy sold he received one free ticket for his family. This encouraged the sale of tickets and we made a profit of \$151.75. This money was used to complete our feed house at the FFA lots. The house is eight feet by forty feet, and there are six separate rooms for the members to use in which to store feed. We used tile for the wall that was donated to the chapter for tearing down a building. We used galvanized tin for the roofing and plan to put a cement floor in the house. We plan to build another feed house as soon as possible...In February one of our registered Duroc sows farrowed eight pigs. We now have three sows, one boar and eight pigs that belong to the chapter.

Fred Landis, Reporter

WILSON: The Wilson FFA has set April 19 as the date for our annual Parent-Son Banquet. This year we will show colored slides of our activities and projects...We completed our pest eradication contest. Jim Zamrzla was high individual with a total of 3,150 points...Some of our major shop projects under construction are 2 A-type hog houses, 2 double unit type hog houses, 3 4-wheel trailer beds, 3 large combination cattle feeders, 2 self feeders, 2 scraper blades for Ford tractor, 1 post hole digger. Several machines have been repaired and painted.

Robert Peirano, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

WASHINGTON: For the first time the members of the Washington FFA Chapter elected an FFA Sweetheart. She was presented an official FFA Sweetheart Jacket in an assembly before the student body...Twenty-two gilts owned by chapter members have farrowed 238 pigs and saved 172. The most pigs saved from one sow was twelve. The chapter now owns two registered Duroc herd boars which are used by chapter members...We won the Grand Champion Plaque at the Pfister Hybrid District Corn Show held at Washington...We are sponsoring a pest contest this year. Over 3,000 sparrows have been turned in... We have completed 5 hog houses in our shop this year...We have ordered 400 Red Cedar trees to distribute among the chapter members...The chapter is financing the building of a cattle squeeze.

Martyn Apley, Reporter

LYNDON: Our chapter is handling 175 broiler chicks in its poultry project this year. We will dress about 50 of these and use them at our annual FFA Banquet...We had a skating party at Ottawa March 21...The ag department is helping landscape the yard of the new grade school addition...Our pest contest was a successful one. It ended January 4 with the Freshmen and the Sophomores winning. The losers are sponsoring an all night fishing party... Our annual Father-Son Chili Supper was held January 18. Fourteen Green Hands were named and initiated and the Chapter Farmers received their pins... Shop jobs include: painting of a truck, car, plow, cultivator and several tractors. We have made a portable hoist, overhauled two engines, made one gate, two hog troughs, and installed new electrical outlets in the shop.

Leo Williams, Reporter

OSBORNE: The pest eradication contest was won by the senior-freshman group... Our chapter entered into a pest control contest with Alton FFA Chapter. The Alton Chapter won by a comfortable margin. We entertained the Alton FFA in our gymnasium Thursday, March 24...We held our FFA Banquet March 31. For our community service activity we plan to repair the Fair Board Bleachers and paint them...Some of our shop activities have been completed. They are: silage trailer box, cattle pickup rack, portable dehorning chute, portable hog shed, cattle feed bunk, 3 steel gates, oxyacetylene cart. We are rebuilding two bicycle racks for school, two dehorning chutes, one cattle rack, 2 feed bunks, rebuilding bale loader, portable hog house, portable roughage cattle feeder and hog trough from hot water heaters.

Tom Wristen, Reporter

POWHATTAN: Powhattan has thirty active members in the chapter...Our chapter held a paper drive the 26th of March...We are very busy in shop. Teddy Rockhold is building a loading chute, John Schuetz a hog house, Jimmy Lowe and Pat Moynagh trailers, Gary Meyer overhauled tractor motor, Bernard Schuetz put new floor in truck and overhauled motor, Herbert Wenger a hay loader, Tom Fee two feed bunks, Bernard Schuetz a stock cutter and put rubber wheels on plow, and Kenneth Rodvelt two feed bunks.

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Chapter News (continued)

EMPORIA: We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet March 30. Assistant Supervisor L. E. Whipps was the speaker...We recently initiated 17 Green Hands and raised 18 Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer degree. We have a total of 80 active members this year...On March 2 we had a stag party for all FFA boys. We had a mountain oyster fry. This was a rare treat for many. Adviser Groves proved to be a good cook and everyone was well fed.

Paul Beyer, Reporter

ALMA: A project tour was planned for March 21 taking in all our members' projects. Due to the unexpected snow it has been postponed to a better day. The tour will start at school in the morning and last until late in the afternoon with a picnic lunch at Lake Wabaunsee...Tom Dillingham, sophomore ag student, has a sow which farrowed 17 pigs. Tom still has all of them, 8 on the sow and 9 on dried milk. The pigs are three weeks old and Tom is hoping to save all of them...We are working on having our own FFA weaning pig sale this spring. We are planning on about 110 to 120 pigs.

Wayne Heder, Reporter

BIRD CITY: We completed our pest eradication contest with emphasis placed on the common farm pests and enemies of this section of the state...Some of the projects turned out in the agriculture shop this year include: horse trailer, livestock show box, save-all farrower, heavy-duty grinder, sheep feeder, clothesline poles and barrel racks...Our chapter has built forms, poured concrete, laid, finished and cured concrete sidewalks as a community service...The members plan to provide the labor and equipment necessary for the planting of shade trees and grounds improvement of the high school football field.

Christopher Scherer, Reporter

ALMENA: Dean Peter, State FFA President, was the guest speaker at our Fourth Annual Parent-Son Banquet. Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees were awarded to Al Norman and Lcu Erpelding, owners of the City Motors Company of Norton, for furnishing the department with a Dodge pickup for the second year...The officers initiated 24 Green Hands from the Long Island FFA Chapter at their building dedication...Thirty dehorning gates were made and sold to local farmers on a community service project and also as a money making project...Advertisements were sold to business men for a local FFA calendar as another money making project...Projects under construction in the shop include 2 creep feeders, 1 garden equipment house, 3 loading chutes, 3 feed bunks, 2 hog troughs, 3 folding stepladders, 2 picket fences, 4 saw horses, 4 dehorning gates, 1 pipe gate, 3 rake wheel gates, 1 mounted hay rake, 1 power lawn mower, 1 hay rack, 1 two-wheel trailer, and 1 automatic water heater.

Dean Sides, Reporter

CXFORD: Our chapter presented a one hour assembly program during National FFA Week. We had a safety film strip, "Sawdust Sam," which we acted out, a judging demonstration, several readings, and an FFA talk. One of the Green Hands recited the Creed, and two of the boys played their guitar and harmonica...Our FFA basketball team played three games this year...Shop projects under construction include a swing type implement carrier, 28 foot hay elevator and a loading chute.

Johnie Martin, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

FRANKFORT: The Frankfort Chapter has bought 1,000 feet of 1 3/8 inch pipe, 3,000 feet of 7/8 inch rod, 2,500 feet of 5/8 inch tubing and is making shop projects of this material. The projects are: 6 hay feeders, 2 gates, 1 loading chute, 1 gas stand, 1 wagon box, 1 stock rack, 1 2-wheel trailer, 4 pairs of clothesline poles, 1 sickle grinder, 4 TV antennas, and 1 ladder. We are making concrete hog feeders and are selling them for 75¢ apiece. The new overhead hoist was recently built and is giving satisfactory service. The boys have six weeks in which to pay for the materials used in their projects...The pest eradication contest ended February 15 and 1237 sparrows, 355 starlings, 113 pigeons, 269 mice and rats, 34 jackrabbits and 31 coyotes were disposed of. Everyone had to bring in 10,000 points or he was automatically on the losing side. The losers treated the winners to a hamburger feed...We now have 38 members in FFA...We purchased a pencil machine that was installed in study hall. We also purchased a sno-cone machine and have paid for it by operating it at basketball games...We put on a television program, "Installing a Three-Way Switch," on WIBW TV March 31.

Ronnie Rasmussen, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: We started our pest contest in November. Our FFA boys enjoy this very much and also the farmers appreciate it. We collected about 3,000 pests, which consisted of crows, sparrows, mice, etc...Our chapter raised 8 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers...The junior FFA boys visited Hutchinson through the local cooperative organization in Moundridge. The highlight of the day was the Board of Trade. We saw how they tested and graded wheat. In the afternoon we visited the elevator where they can store 15,000,000 bushels of wheat. They also had a test laboratory where they check the wheat...We are planning a Father-Son Banquet. This is one of the highlights of our FFA chapter.

Jerry Becker, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: We have an active membership of 43 members who are completing the following shop projects: 4 squeeze chutes, portable loading chute, hog self-feeder made from a combine bin, 2-wheel trailer, 5 clothesline poles, 2 television poles (lay down type), Jungle Jim, 3 picnic tables, playground swing, 4 wheel feeders, 30 foot carry-all, turning mineral feeder, and many other smaller projects...Our junior officers consisting of sophomores had charge of the March night meeting. This included opening and closing ceremony and the complete program which consisted of singing, a safety talk, special talk by a school board member on "FFA in our Community," and eats. The regular officers advanced our Green Hands to Chapter Farmers...Plans are being made to start our Young Farmer class in April...Our safety program has been set up with a special committee in charge...The chapter members are preparing for the district contests and completing our achievement report...The spraying committee and other members are checking and repairing our two sprayers (insecticide and herbicide) and the jeep for the 1955 season. Our achievement report shows that we sprayed over 1080 acres during summer, 1954.

Chuck Neel, Reporter