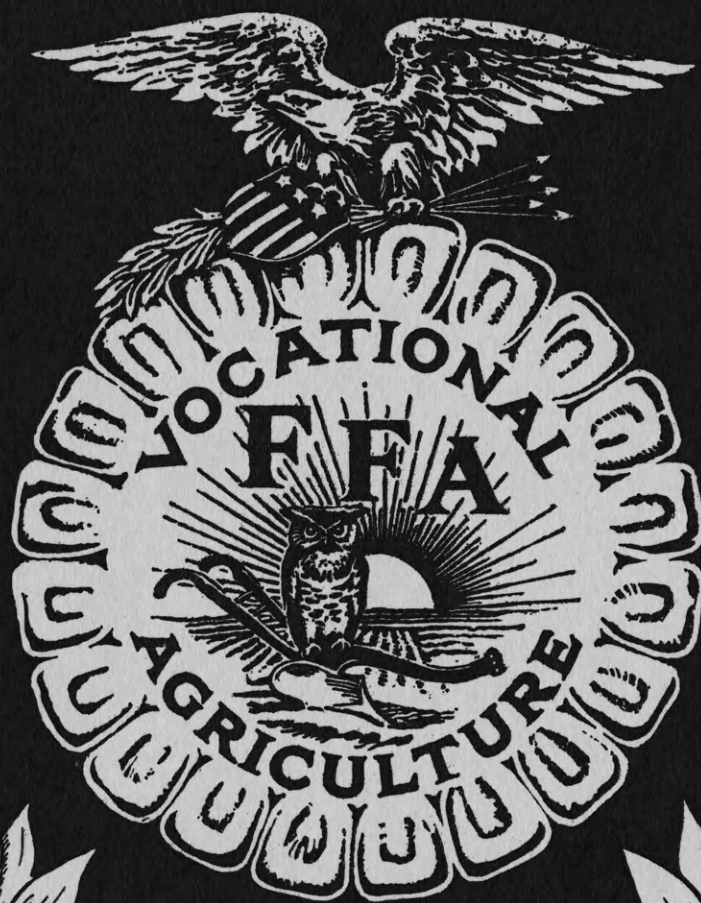


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Ye that have faith to look with fearless
eyes
Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife,
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend your
heart,
That God has given you for a priceless
dower,
To live in these great times and have
your part
In Freedom's crowning hour;
That you may tell your sons who see the
light
High in the heavens - their heritage to
take--
"I saw the powers of Darkness put to flight,
I saw the Morning break."

--Sir Owen Seaman

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL F.F.A. CONVENTION

The 13th National FFA Convention, November 9-16, 1940, held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, was highly satisfactory to approximately 7,000 members who attended one or more sessions. 98 delegates representing 47 states, Puerto Rico and Hawaii, responded to roll call.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10. Registration in the Grand Foyer of the Municipal Auditorium was the principal item of business throughout the day. Advisors and coaches attended various scheduled meetings. A get-together dinner for the national FFA officers and delegates was held at the Aladdin, 5:30 p. m. The 100 piece Minnesota official FFA band gave a concert in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Gerald McKay, of Brainerd, Minnesota, High School, directed the band. Members of the band came from 75 chapters throughout the state. Bud Molin and Bill Garrett pleased the audience with a bit of fancy twirling. The entire program was of a high calibre. 170 FFA members from Minnesota with their leaders made the trip by special train.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11. The House of Delegates meeting of the Thirteenth Convention was officially opened by President Ivan Kindschi. Kansas was represented by State President, Raymond Kaup, Smith Center chapter and James Cunningham, Eldorado chapter. The speakers' stand was decorated in the FFA colors, royal blue and gold. Across the front were the flags of the 47 participating states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, flanked on the ends by a large FFA flag and the Colors. At the rear of the stage well above the heads of the chairmen was the 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' x 16' oil painting of the rising sun. Royal blue curtains draped the entire Exhibition Hall. The setting was very effective. Immediately following the seating of delegates, Holler, delegate from Georgia, presented a gavel to President Kinschi, a gift of the Georgia Association of FFA. The gavel was made from cedar from a tree grown on the farm of the late Dudley M. Hughes, co-author of the 1917 Smith-Hughes act.

Principal activities of the opening day included the annual report of the National Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross, officers' reports, the opening NBC broadcast over 100 stations, and the nomination and election of the American Farmer class. Among other things, Ross reported the purchase on the part of the National Organization of FFA, of a 26 acre tract of land located 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Mt. Vernon in Virginia, and 14 miles from Washington, D. C. on Highway No. 1, for the purpose of developing a permanent camp for Future Farmers of America. This camp site cost \$12,000 and an additional \$1,300 has been spent in development. Plans are under way to open on May 1, 1941, temporary housing to accommodate 200 members. This site is a part of the original land holdings of the nation's first president, George Washington. The camp will be available to Future Farmers from all over the nation at a small charge, and in addition it is planned to use the camp as headquarters for all national FFA leadership training schools.

Future Farmer boys, according to Mr. Ross, have more than \$11,000,000 invested in farming; 5,170 chapters out of 6,954 chapters engaged in some form of cooperative purchasing and selling during the past year. 4,857 chapters held parent and son banquets; 1,797 chapters gave one or more radio programs, and 78,193 home, having one or more boys belonging to the Future Farmers Organization, listened to one or more National Farm & Home Hour FFA broadcasts. The Future Farmers of Greece and Bulgaria, and the Progressive Farmers of Albania, all patterned after the Future Farmers of America, were not heard from. Due to the war in this section of the world it is extremely doubtful if these organizations have been able to continue their work.

Thirteenth National Convention (Continued)

Kansas had five members in the class of 156 raised to the American Farmer Degree. The members from Kansas receiving this highly coveted degree were: James S. Cunningham, Eldorado chapter, Harold Hackerott, Alton chapter, Harry Stauffer, Frankfort chapter, John McCall, Lebanon chapter, and Randall Libby, Smith Center chapter. Congratulations are in order for this fine group of FFA members from the sunflower state. The national officers are to be congratulated for the fine manner in which they executed the fourth degree ritual.

At 7:30 p. m. the Eleventh National FFA Public Speaking contest was held in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. "Our landlord voluntarily gave us 14 acres of corn this year . . . Our landlord voluntarily gave us 14 acres of corn this year, for the fifteenth consecutive year, because my father operates his farm as though it were his own". These two statements representing the Alpha and Omega of the talk delivered by 16-year old Douglas Charles Fisk, of the Rising Sun chapter, Hunter, North Dakota, sum up the picture presented by young Fisk in his contention that a large part of the landlord-tenant problems could be solved through simple friendly cooperation. Speaking to the subject "Between Men", using his father's experience as an example, Douglass Charles Fisk was declared the winner of the 1940 National FFA Public Speaking contest. He had the distinction of being placed first by all six judges connected with the contest. Alvin Bauer, Woodland, Washington, "Chemurgy: A New Era In Agriculture", placed 2nd; Hoosaku Furumoto, Hawaii, "The Gigantic Task Which Lies Ahead of The F.F.A.", won third place; William King, Gaithersburg, Maryland, "The Cooperative Movement in Agriculture", ranked 4th, and Henley Adams Vansant, Douglasville, Georgia, "The Breaking Fullness of Day", placed 5th. Approximately 3,000 FFA members and friends were in attendance at the public speaking contest.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12. This was National FFA day. The three highlights of this day's program were the NBC broadcast, the arena parade, and the Talent and Fun Program. The NBC Farm & Home Hour broadcast of this date was the best we have heard to date. Everett Mitchell opened with his characteristic "It's a BEAUTIFUL day in Kansas City" - followed by a few explanatory statements regarding the actual temperature and the wintry blasts, turned the meeting over to Art Ross, who in an attempt to show the truth of the FFA's claim to national scope, introduced the following members of the organization and questioned each one concerning his farming program: Hershel Smith, Maine, potatoes; Howard Furumoto, Hawaii, swine, poultry, and sugar cane; Don Stebbin, Washington, dairy; and Marcus Curet, Puerto Rico, tobacco, coffee, and sugar cane. Following this demonstration of the scope of the National Organization, Gordon Holle, Garber chapter, Oklahoma, who showed an Angus steer which was declared grand champion of the junior division, was interviewed. Douglas Charles Fisk next presented his winning speech. Everett Mitchell giving an Indian yell that would start a stampede in most any wigwam then turned the meeting back to Chicago.

The FFA parade in the Arena of the American Royal Livestock Show with the announcing of the Star Farmers by Editor W. A. Cochel of the Weekly Kansas City Star was an impressive and inspiring sight. Free tickets to the matinee horse show were available to the "official family". The Star Farmer announcements with awards follow:

Star Farmer of America - \$500 award

Gerald Reyenga, Emmit, Arkansas

Regional Star Farmers - \$150 award each

North Central Region - Lewis Kelly Jr., Lexington, Ky.

North Atlantic Region, - John Wm. Shaffer, Bedford, Pa.

Pacific Coast Region, - Jesse Anderson, Hanford, Calif.

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State Star Farmers - \$100 award each

James S. Cunningham, Eldorado, Kansas

LeRoy Duvall, Lama, Missouri

Jack Deason, Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma

The evening program in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium was comprised of five major divisions, namely, announcing state association winners, winning chapters, Honorary American Farmers, the Talent & Fun Program, and the showing of "The Green Hand" film.

THE STATE ASSOCIATION CONTEST WINNERS:

Gold Emblem Winners (High)

Virginia Association

Montana Association

Wyoming Association

Texas Association

Silver Emblem Winners (Second)

Louisiana Association

West Virginia Association

Maine Association

North Dakota

Bronze Emblem Winners (Third Division)

KANSAS Association

Vermont Association

Georgia Association

Oregon Association

Kentucky Association

Arizona Association

Florida Association

Nevada Association

Tennessee Association

North Carolina Association

California Association

Utah Association

Oklahoma Association

Hawaii Association

THE CHAPTER CONTEST WINNERS:

Gold Emblem Winners (High)

Ponca City, Oklahoma

Clarendon, Texas

Deer Lodge, Montana

Stephens City, Virginia

Silver Emblem Winners (Second)

HIGHLAND PARK, KANSAS

Kingwood, West Virginia

Hanford, California

Canal Winchester, Ohio

Hornersville, Missouri

Villa Grove, Illinois

Belgrade, Minnesota

Salem, Oregon

Bronze Emblem Winner (Third Division)

Toheca Chapter, Penn.

Sunset Chapter, Louisiana

Tri-Ag Chapter, Conn.

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES AWARDED:

Clarence Peo, Raleigh, N. C.

Fred Smith, Little Rock, Ark.

T. R. Schreiner, Ponca City, Okla.

Robt. A. Wall, Stephens City, Va.

Robert Romack, Danville, Ill.

Wm. P. Beard, Washington, D. C.

Capt. Thos. Darcy, Washington, D.C.

J. R. Gillham, Clarendon, Tex.

Wm. E. Anderson, Deer Lodge, Mont.

Thirteenth FFA National Convention (Continued)

The Talent & Fun program with Everett Mitchell, NBC's chief announcer from Chicago, acting as Master of Ceremonies, kept the audience in a high state of excitement and amusement for more than two hours. The 50 piece Texas FFA band, under the capable leadership of H. G. Rylander, opened the program. The Texas band was followed by string bands, Hill Billy bands, brass bands, vocalists, comedians, baton twirlers, tap dancers, and hog callers.

Austin Wirth, baritone soloist, Nebraska City, Nebraska, was tops among the vocalists. Everett Mitchell prophesied that the lad will go places in the music world, and all agreed. (Mitchell, upon insistent audience demand, responded with a vocal solo which was especially well received.) The Mississippi Hill Billy band, with Azone Barnes on his bass viol constructed from a washtub and a few accessories, pleased the audience. The Illinois string band, directed by vocational agricultural instructor, Burdette Graham, of Prairie City, Illinois, featured Toni Razaitis on the accordian. Another of the band members presented "Oh Johnnie, Oh," a-la wee Bonnie Baker. The Iowa brass sextette, College Springs, Iowa, pleased with a special arrangement of "Betty Cood". Their Bazzooka player was featured. The Shoals Indiana FFA Boy's quartet was very good. The champion string quartet came from the Winfield chapter, West Virginia. Alvin Melvise, fiddler par excellence, won a place in the hearts of the audience with his rendition of "The Mocking Bird". Donald Payne, same chapter, is the first boy bone rattler we have seen in many a moon. The tobacco auctioneer, Taylor Dodson, Bethany chapter, North Carolina, caused one to think he was listening to a broadcast of a popular cigarette program. We are not positive who made the purchase from auctioneer Dodson, but we think it was Hill of Illinois, the only chain cigar smoker of our acquaintance who has been at it for 20 years and is still going strong. Next came the Hog Calling contest. Thirty-five contestants - count 'em - made a stab at this famous American outdoor sport. Commenting on the folk music of the American farm we are forced to admit that aside from one or two numbers, it was distinctly "Major Bowesque". The hog calling contest should be plowed under. The "Green Hand" film was well received. Alpha Fowler, the FFA boy who played the lead in this film was a delegate from Georgia.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13. Routine business before the House of Delegates. The house recessed for committee work during the afternoon. At 6:00 p. m. in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium the Kansas City, Missouri Chamber of Commerce was host to 1,331 guests, composed of FFA members who were participants in the 13th National Convention, prize donors and agricultural leaders. More than \$2,000 worth of merchandise, and checks totaling \$3,000 were distributed among individual and team winners in the various judging events. Through their state association California brought walnuts, Florida added pecans, Idaho furnished butter. Indiana pumpkins were in the pies, black-eyed peas from Texas graced the plates, lettuce and cheese spoke eloquently of Wisconsin. North Dakota bees made the honey, and Wyoming furnished the FFA napkins.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14. This is the day for legislation. Mississippi pressed for the adoption of an original song written by the father of an active member of that state, California wanted the Future Farmer degree terminology changed, a bigger and better FFA exhibit at the Royal was advocated, and so on and on. Committee reports were heard, debated, and for the most part adopted. The Program of Work sets a membership goal of 250,000. The Organization will operate on a budget of \$31,000. \$10,000 of the amount budgeted will be spent on the national FFA camp. After all the business of the afternoon was properly "washed up" we had to wait for 30 or 40 minutes for the committee on nominations to get together on its report to the convention delegates. The following officers were elected:

Thirteenth National FFA Convention (Continued)

Harold Pritchard, Booneville, Mississippi, President
 James Cunter, Conway, Texas, Vice President, representing the Southern
 Region
 Henri Miller, Manti, Utah, Vice President, representing the Pacific
 Coast Region
 Frank Hill, Montgomery, Vermont, Vice President; representing the North
 Atlantic Region
 Roy Funt, Vine Grove, Kentucky, Vice President, representing the Central
 Region
 Earl Walter, Starkweather, North Dakota, Student Secretary
 J. A. Linke, Office of Education, Washington, D. C., Advisor
 Henry Groseclose, Blacksburg, Virginia, Treasurer
 W. A. Ross, Office of Education, Washington, D. C., Executive Secretary

Too much credit cannot be given Ivan Kindschi and Art Ross for the part they played in making the 13th National FFA convention one of the best in the history of the organization.

The 14th National FFA Convention will be held October 18-27, 1941. We'll be seeing you.

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CONVENTION OBSERVATIONS

32 states sent exhibits and the Little Theatre presented the most pleasing appearance to date....No kidding, but those red Hampshires in the Office of Education official FFA exhibit should be called to the attention of Ripley.... Sorry to learn of the ill health of Henry Groseclose, but glad to know he is well enough to be back on the job....Michigan was present with 120 FFA members, came by special train at total cost of \$31 per, with four days in Kansas City.The cross section of the ear of corn and the letters FFA have been trade marked.. Firms selling FFA merchandise without official sanction take heed.... 38 states sent judging teams....Texas expected 400 FFA members to attend the convention. 212 came on the special train. Advisor Rutland states that they had a membership of 27,515 last year and that next year's goal is 28,000. The Clarendon chapter, one of the Gold Emblem winners, exhibited 200 hogs at the State Fair at Dallas, and won the carload lot of fat hogs....Hideo Nonaka, Hanapepe, Kauia, Hawaii, is the new American Farmer from Hawaii....This was the first year Puerto Rico sent delegates....The average length of state association conventions last year was 2.65 days. More time is needed if boys and their leaders are to Know The FFA....There are 36 Collegiate chapters of FFA....Casein from 26 gallons of skim milk will produce enough fabric to make a suit of clothes for a man, according to the Chemurgic speaker - what a boon for the college professor....Shawnee Mission chapter furnished the ear of corn used at the station of the Secretary....Movie camera operators and candid camera fiends kept one in a dither most of the time....Ivan Kindschi traveled 19,000 miles in the interest of FFA work last year but still kept in practice with the baton - his two handed twirling still rates tops....Hoosaka Furumoto, President of the Hawaiian Territorial Association of FFA spent two weeks as guest of friends in Kansas on his way to the convention....Approximately 2,000 members from Kansas attended one or more sessions of the 13th convention. Tuesday saw the largest number registered - 988...."Bloopers" is the word used in radio parlance to describe

Convention Observations (Continued)

Everett Mitchell's attempt to locate Kansas City in a state of organic fertilizer instead of in the state of Missouri....We do not know the exact definition of the word sinecure, but it is exemplified by Guin of Interstate who has two fine young chaps, Bob Romack and Tony Razaitis to do all the work for him.... Phil Erickson, president of the Shawnee Mission chapter, and five or six of his members served as page boys for convention officials throughout the week.... Professor Charley Rogers, Ames, Iowa, who is writing a book on the FFA was a welcome visitor and spoke to the House of Delegates on the subject of "What is News"....Andy Sundstrum, past national president of the Future Farmers of America, and now watching the ramparts via the National Farm Journal, spoke to the boys in session and renewed old acquaintances. Glad to see you back Andy.... Hugh Curtis, Successful Farming, is wondering what the emergency program will do to their recently launched Building Contest....Harvey Sweitzer, past national officer, is attending college but took time off to lend a hand with the 13th convention....Paul Zillman, first national student secretary, is teaching vocational agriculture at Hamilton, Missouri. Paul is still interested in the organization and was present at several sessions of the convention....We were glad to have Bob Elwell, immediate past president, with us for the week....Julius Black, former national student secretary, Ames, Iowa, was present for most of the convention. Julius informs us that he has finished college at Iowa State and is actively engaged with his father in the business of farming - hybrid seed corn a speciality....G. D. Daniels, Villa Grove, Illinois, teaches vocational agriculture and directs an FFA chapter. He has a unique FFA emblem which can be adapted to a slightly unofficial opening ceremony....FFA merchandise, equipment and supplies are all too high, according to many delegates to the convention....One of the Ohio delegates overlooking some of the "fine print" in an announcement pertaining to laundry service at the hotel where he was staying, gathered up all his dirty linen and bundled it off to the "free" laundry service. The \$2.40 charge caused this delegate to cut out all desserts for the remainder of his conventioning days - but he did look resplendent in his freshly laundered outfit. That's what comes of sending boys - Weiler and McClarren - to look after the delegates. We were of the opinion that Fife and Stewart taught their boys to read the fine print in all contractual relations....Dr. George Eckstrum, University of Minnesota, lost a glove and hated dreadfully to head back into that untimely blizzard sans glove. We hope too many of his friends will not send him - collect - the glove they found at the convention....Dad Linke has radiated wisdom for so many years, and has spent so much time sitting by the Owl, that his friends think there is growing to be a slight resemblance. ...Aside to Art Ross. Those \$150 stenotype machines are equipped to automatically close all meetings with a "motion to adjourn giving full authority to the Board of Trustees", so the record proves nothing....Albert Coates, immediate past national officer from Kansas, was in attendance at several sessions.... Hall of Iowa is a candid camera addict and judging from his brass bands is doing a good job with his FFA....The Nebraska officials sat up all night coaching their delegates. There ought to be a law....Sherman Dickinson tells the world that there are 49 steps from the press room down to the Exhibition Hall, and exactly 49 steps up on the return voyage....George Couper of California did yeoman service for the Organization in getting the news out and making it interesting.... Because of their interest in FFA, Ray Cuff, L. E. Hawkins, and W. A. Cochel shall always be our friends....Those young officials you saw walking on thin air at the convention were Knuti with his official band, and DeAlton with his winning public speaker.

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* AMERICAN FARMER CANDIDATES *

* Advisors having prospective candidates for *

* the American Farmer degree in 1941, should *

* notify the state advisor, A. P. Davidson, *

* in order that arrangement for inspecting *

* the candidate's program may be made. Since *

* the final report for each American Farmer *

* candidate is due in the National office by *

* May 1, 1941, it becomes necessary to take *

* care of the inspectional duties at an early *

* date. *

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CHAPTER PROGRAMS

One hundred forty-two chapters filed activity programs on time. This is the largest number filed by November 1, in the history of the state association, and represents 92 per cent of the chartered chapters. Of the 17 chapters not filing programs, 8 were repeaters. Eleven chapters filed activity programs that did not file last year. Twelve chapters failed to file programs that filed activity programs in 1939-40.

Advisors should seriously study the value of a program of work that is initiated, executed and reported upon by boy members. Is not the principle of cooperation one of our fundamentals in the program of vocational agriculture instruction. Does not the chapter program of work touching the eight areas, supervised farm practice, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings, conduct of meetings, scholarship, and recreation offer a plan whereby member interest can be enlisted in the consummation of the principal objectives set forth in vocational education in agriculture. Chapter programs should evolve under advisor leadership and should never be handed down from above. Skillful teachers who have the proper conception of the purpose and place of the chapter program of work are meeting with continued success in their teaching effort. The FFA and the chapter program of work are not instruments tacked on to vocational agriculture, but instead represent a medium through which greater efficiency can be attained in this important field of instruction. We congratulate the 142 instructors who are successfully using the chapter program of work as a means of developing a satisfying teaching experience, and commend its use to the 17 instructors who failed to file chapter programs of work.

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BURNS RECEIVES CHARTER

To Burns goes the honor of being the first of this year's new departments to receive an FFA charter. The charter was granted under date of October 28, 1940, with 28 charter members. Officers of the group are Rex Jackson, president; Frederick Barker, vice president; Vernon Monken, secretary; Jim Vestring, treasurer; Eugene Obee, reporter.

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CHAPTER NEWS

SEAMAN: The Black and White Show held at St. Marys April 15 was attended by Ralph Tice, Bob Scheetz, Clyde Cochran, Dwight Jackson, Ben Fink, and Warren Kimbal....May 21 the chapter went to the State Lake at Tonganoxie for an overnight trip....June and July monthly meetings were held at Gage Park, playing soft ball and swimming, with a picnic lunch for refreshments....The No. 9 course is being offered to Freshmen for the first time at Seaman....The chapter conducted an initiation for new members October 16. Robert Falley, Gene Allen, Darold Main, Keith Bailey, Harold Ausherman, Kenneth Scheetz, Jack Fleenor, Donald Carter, Kenneth Taylor, John Csitkivits, Carl Johnson, Robert Catron, Joe Pollom, Paul McKinley, Albert Besser, and Robert Dean were awarded the Green Hand degree....Mr. Peterson and ten of the chapter members attended Swine Feeders' Day at Manhattan October 19....Thirteen Green Hands were raised to Future Farmers October 23....Recently completed shop jobs are basketball back stops for West Indianola grade school, safety stop signs, and a concrete septic tank....Approximately 50 members attended the American Royal November 12. Lauren Whiteman, past president, provided transportation with his new truck and the Seaman Future Farmer truck was also used....Officers for the year are Ralph Tice, president; Roland Levering, vice president; Earl Peterson, secretary; Warren Kimbal, treasurer; Robert Scheetz, reporter; Wayne Lippold, watch dog; I. E. Peterson, advisor.

--Robert Scheetz, Reporter

ATTICA: The Attica chapter completed a very profitable, entertaining, and educational summer program. The chapter members are entering into the winter portion of the program with hopes of great success. The chapter sold pop at the 4-F softball games and made a profit of \$11....Twelve of our members attended a spring fishing party on the Little River at Halstead, Kansas. Another group of 15 boys went on a mid-summer fishing trip to Pratt State Lake near Pratt, Kansas, and to Medicine Lake. The boys all returned with lots of tall tales about the "one which got away"....The chapter members kept their farming programs exceptionally well organized throughout the summer vacation....We opened the school year with a watermelon feed to which all freshmen, faculty members, and other students interested in F.F.A. work were invited. Our program for the watermelon feed consisted of impromptu speeches and lots of melons....The chapter officers, John Allen, president; Virgil Brown, vice president; Wendell Patterson, secretary; Walter Drake, treasurer; George Crenshaw, reporter; and Carlos Hilliard, watch dog, attended the Officers' Training School held at Mulvane, Kansas. The chapter officers entered the opening ceremony contest. The Attica chapter was especially fortunate in having their chapter secretary, Wendell Patterson selected to lead the group discussion among all the chapter secretaries assembled there....Virgil Brown and George Crenshaw, both members of the Attica chapter, participated in the Kansas National Fat Stock Show, held at Wichita, Kansas, from October 15-19. Virgil Brown showed his Hereford steer, over 850 pounds, into the red ribbon group. George Crenshaw, showing Angus steers in both light weight and heavy weight classes, received blue ribbon awards on both his steers, and a blue ribbon in the Beef Showmanship contest.

--George Crenshaw, Reporter

GREENSBURG: Our new officers are Marvin Johnson, president; Gilbert Rose, vice president; Curtis Unruh, treasurer; Orland Hopkins, secretary; Jesse Kyle, reporter; Avery Brown, watch dog. Committees have been appointed, shelter belts visited, and there are 25 students enrolled in vocational agriculture.

--Jesse Kyle, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MCCUNE: The McCune chapter started out the new year with 40 active members and the following new officers: Mark Warren, president; Eugene King, vice president; Junior Buckle, treasurer; Gale Mullen, secretary; Junior Ross, reporter; Floyd Rose, sergeant at arms; Mr. Paul Wilson, advisor. All of our officers attended the training school held at Fredonia, October 1. Ira Johnston, our junior vice president, gave the Creed as our part of the program.... There are 24 Freshmen in our No. 9 class who are planning to be initiated in the near future...Our livestock judging team placed third at the Barrier Field Day held at Eureka, October 19. The team included Mark Warren, Eugene King, and Junior Buckle....Some of our members competed at the Joplin Beef Show October 7 and 8. Richard Winger, our last year's president, took first in the Shorthorn class over 56 others winning \$25 in prize money. Junior Buckle placed third in the same class and won \$12. Mark Warren was second over 74 others in the Hereford class and netted \$20 in cash prizes....We held our annual fall party October 17 with about 85 attending, each boy having the privilege of inviting one guest. Our refreshments included pear cider which had been made in the agriculture shop by the eats committee.

--Junior Ross, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: The Medicine Lodge chapter of Future Farmers has a complete new set of officers this year. Treasurer and watch dog are sophomores, and secretary and vice president are juniors, the president and reporter are seniors....Initiation ceremonies were held for the new members on October 8 at an evening meeting. There were eight new members. Nine Green Hands were raised to the degree of Future Farmers in a regular meeting on October 15. Our total enrollment this year numbers 35....For athletics this year we are planning to have softball, volleyball, and basketball teams. Challenges to the neighboring chapters will be issued....Thus far we have only three boys on the honorable mention, honor roll, Richard Balding, John McCracken, and Elmer McEndree, our president....Our achievements in judging are: Harper, third, Kingman, second, and Eureka, second. Milton Lee Gant was high individual at Eureka. Our chapter being on the first 5 received a copy of Red, White and Roan, by Alvin H. Sanders, presented by the Shorthorn Breeders Association....The Medicine Lodge F.F.A. is planning to hold a public speaking contest this winter for the chapters in our end of the south central district....Our chapter is having a rodent killing contest. This takes in rats, gophers, moles, crows, prairie dogs, sparrows, and coyotes....Our dues are 50¢; 10¢ national, 10¢ state, 10¢ local, and 20¢ for a pin....For a cooperative activity a school carnival is being sponsored by the F.F.A. and F.F.A. chapter....Our officers with their sponsor, Mr. Hines, attended the Mulvane Officers' training school and won the opening ceremony contest.

--Ralph Lukens, Reporter

LEBANON: Our officers are: Randall Maydew, president; Jack Cullen, vice president; Bob Isom, reporter; Mervin McConnell, secretary; Clyde Herndon, treasurer; Bud Warner, watch dog; Warren Flood, parliamentarian; Bob Goodell, song leader. ...The chapter sponsored a parents meeting on September 13. There were 150 present....156 western ewes were purchased cooperatively by chapter members. during the summer....Annual achievement day was held October 18, at which time the members exhibited 150 head of livestock and 250 crop samples.

--Bob Isom, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

HARVEYVILLE: Our chapter officers for the year are: George Spangler, president; Gail Riggin, vice president; Kenneth Chelf, secretary; Max Henderson, treasurer; Ira Butler, reporter; and Paul Peterson, watch dog....We decided at the last meeting to hold our regular night meetings the first Wednesday in the month and that the president would call any other meetings as he deemed necessary...The chapter hired a man to cut the Atlas feed last Friday and several of the members shocked the feed in the afternoon. We plan to get the chapter's corn harvested as soon as it is dry enough to store....Many of the boys had exhibits at the local fair. In the afternoon there was a baseball game. The chapter sold cold drinks and candy bars. After all expenses were paid we made \$6.00. Bob Converse was chairman of the committee in charge of the stand.The Green Hands were taken into the chapter at the last meeting..

--Ira Butler, Reporter

FREDONIA: We are still thinking about the Officers Training School that we held October 15. There were fifteen chapters present....We also took a chapter trip this summer to Camp Wentz at Ponca City, Oklahoma. We all had a good time and enjoyed the wonderful swimming pool....Jimmie Cline purchased a purebred Duroc-Jersey gilt from the Fredonia school farm recently....Our new officers are: C. J. Jordan, president; Drexler Markle, vice president; Rex Barb, secretary; Joe Timmons, treasurer; Jimmie Cline, reporter; Ward Dannels, watch dog.Our advisor, Elmer Schrag, and four of the members, C. J. Jordan, Kenneth Smith, Jimmie Cline, and Maurice Stryker, went to Eureka, Kansas to the Barrier Field Day held at the Barrier ranch....18 vocational agriculture students were initiated at a special meeting October 21, as Green Hands. The group included all Freshman boys....The officers met at the home of the advisor Wednesday night, October 21, to work on the activities for this year....Lloyd Eby, of our chapter, won the Southeast Kansas corn husking contest at Neodesha Wednesday, October 9. Lloyd shucked 6.8 bushels in one hour....Several members of our chapter attended the American Royal held in Kansas City.

--Jimmie Cline, Reporter

HOXIE: On August 29 six Hoxie boys attended a livestock judging contest at the Rooks County Fair held at Stockton. James Pratt was fourth high individual. The team placed fifth....The Hoxie chapter under the supervision of Irwin Miller won \$90.25 in prize money on the Sheridan County Collective Agricultural Booth exhibit at the Hutchinson Fair....Our officers won second place in the Opening and Closing Ceremony contest held at the Northwest Kansas Officers' Training School at Oakley. Raymond Kaup, state president, and Professor A. P. Davidson of Kansas State College spoke to the group....The vocational agriculture department is conducting a landscaping project for the high school grounds. The entrance railings were replaced and the lawn was leveled and graded. The lawn will be sodded next spring....Our first meeting was held October 2. After the meeting a watermelon feed was held....The No. 10 class went on a field trip to Phillip Corke's place October 15 and 16 and dug and filled a small trench silo which was 6 feet by 25 feet long and 6 feet deep. The silo was filled with whole bundles, lapped in as shingles would be lapped. The cost was nothing as it takes only a little sweat and elbow grease to make a silo of this kind....The No. 10 and 11 classes went on a field trip October 11 to attend the County Sorghum Field Day.

--Phillip Corke, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

NORCATUR: Our officers for the year are: Cadet Harmon, president; Harry Galentine, vice president; Harold McChesney, secretary; Verle LaFevre, treasurer; George Bell, reporter....A charter was issued to this chapter in 1931 and the chapter was active up to and including 1935 when it became inactive because vocational agriculture was taken out of the school. The chapter was revived again this year....At the first meeting of this chapter it was decided that the officers would go to Oberlin, if it was satisfactory with the advisor and members of the Oberlin chapter, and be raised to the degree of Green Hand, and, on the return, raise the remaining members to the degree of Green Hand.

--George Bell, Reporter

HOPE: The first regular meeting of the school year was held September 11. Our officers are: Vincent Lorson, president; Max Stroda, vice president; George Snively, secretary; Bill Anderson, treasurer; Fred Lorson, reporter; Lowell Medlock, watch dog; and Mr. Dewey, advisor....During the school year so far we have had H. H. Brown and L. E. Pollom as visitors to the department....The trips to Hutchinson and to the Officers Training School were called off due to the infantile paralysis scare....The vocational agriculture department has a record enrollment this year. There are 17 boys taking Agriculture I, 9 in Agriculture II, and 6 taking the farm management course....The Vocational Agriculture III class and Mr. Dewey attended the American Royal....The Hope F.F.A. officers put on a broadcast November 2 over station KSAL Salina. The program was on the "FFA Program of Work".

--Fred Larson, Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: Our officers are: Daryl Ford, president; Billy Dan Coons, vice president; Richard Noel, treasurer; Fred Koons, secretary; Calvin Sales, reporter; and George Figs, watch dog....The F.F.A. chapter has been putting hogs out to different boys on shares for the last three years. In this way the boys could get started in the hog business and the F.F.A. would also make some money. These hogs are purebred Hampshires. The F.F.A. department purchased an old shed which the vocational agriculture boys wrecked. The lumber was used for making hog houses. We have mixed mineral supplement to be used by the boys for their hog projects....We have also culled chickens for them....We participated in a radio program over station KMBC on the topic, "Better Herds Through Breeding"....Projects now under construction are: one trailer to rebuild, three hog troughs to be made, one car to recondition, and a double tree set...The FFA is planning on picking up walnuts and selling them to the community. They are also planning on having a party with the Home Economics department soon....We have shop on Tuesday and Thursday and class time the rest of the days. The interest in vocational agriculture and F.F.A. has been high and the attendance has been good.

--Calvin Sales, Reporter

GLASCO: The Glasco chapter held its yearly steak fry September 18 with the officers in charge....Our officers are: Joe Sheridan, president; Raymond Gibson, vice president; Otto Barnum, reporter; Junior Wright, treasurer; Dick Olson, secretary; George Chapman, watch dog; O. L. Norton, advisor....Alan Berndt tied for second place as the high individual at the Glasco Cloud County Fair judging contest. Joe Sheridan won first in dairy judging and Junior Wright tied for first, second, and third in the sheep department....A team of three, Alan Berndt, Joe Sheridan, and Junior Wright, won third place.

--Otto Barnum, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

OSBORNE: The Osborne FFA chapter held its May meeting and elected the following officers: Merwin Gilmore, president; Kenneth Taylor, vice president; Dean Miller, treasurer; Dale Pruitt, secretary; Harold Corbett, ~~reporter~~; Lester Gorsuch, watch dog....Each boy in the third year class has been given a heading under which comes many activity reports to be written about. These reports will be entered in the Better Chapter contest....The Osborne judging team went to Downs to a contest and ranked first with three high individuals, and Dale Pruitt, as high individual in the entire contest. Prizes were given to the individuals which amounted to \$3.25. The contest consisted of sorghum identification and grain judging.... A week or so before school began the judging team went to Stockton and placed third in judging livestock....During the summer months a group of teachers from Kensington, Lebanon, Smith Center, Osborne, went to Wyoming and bought 780 head of sheep and brought them back and distributed them among the farmers and chapter student. Five pure-bred bucks were bought by members of the chapter. The Osborne chapter owned several feeder lambs, so decided to buy a few more and fatten them out, then place them on the market. These sheep are to be the chapter's project....The chapter has set a goal to try to get 40 members to join the F.F.A. There are only 37 in vocational agriculture....On one of the chapter's night meetings a watermelon feed was held at the Osborne Scout Cabin. The members enjoyed this feast very much....The officers of the F.F.A. chapter attended the American Royal.

--Harold Corbett, Reporter

READING: The Junior officers planned the activity program on June 4, 1940. They went to the Reading Lake for a picnic supper after which they planned the program....On July 4 the boys went on a swimming party to the Emporia swimming pool....Our officers are: Duane Moore, president; Ben Price Jr., vice president; Dale Davies, secretary; Ernest Bocquin, treasurer; Warren Bryan, reporter; Charles Whitaker, watch dog....On September 29 the Officers Training School was held in Emporia. Our officers and one member attended. They were Ben Price Jr., Dale Davies, Warren Bryan, Charles Whitaker, and Robert Blow. Ben Price Jr. led the treasurers' group discussion and Dale Davies gave the welcome for the group....September 25 we held our project tour. We visited all of the boy's homes and looked at the projects....On October 2 the vocational agriculture classes and F.F.A. held a parents' meeting. Some of the boys gave talks on the F.F.A. and others spoke of the vocational agriculture courses and farming programs....On October 19 the judging team went to Eureka to the Barrier Field Day. The members of the team as they placed were: Warren Bryan, Ernest Bocquin, Duane Moore and Donald Ford. Donald Ford also judged....October 29 the Annual F.F.A. Grain Show and Fun Nite was held....At our monthly November meeting we plan to initiate the members of the Lyndon chapter.

--Warren Bryan, Reporter

HADDAM: Chapter officers are: Melvin Rhine, president; Alvin Bellenger, vice president; Verlin Douce, treasurer; Delbert Carlson, secretary; Robert Howley, reporter; Elson Landis, watch dog....October 1 the chapter held a roller skating party at Stewberry, Kansas....A scholarship was awarded Kenneth Rhine and a prize was awarded to Robert Howley for increasing their net worth the most....Chapter plans are to have a rebuilding project this year.

--Robert Howley, Reporter

There is no personal charm so great as the charm of a cheerful and happy temperament. It is a great error to suppose that this comes entirely by nature - it comes quite as much by culture. -- Van Dyke.

Chapter News (Continued)

CLAY CENTER: The Clay Center chapter members made a trip to the Ozarks August 1-6. They went through Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. We visited the penitentiary, Sni-Bar Farms, Ozarks, Bagnell Dam, Natural Bridge, Bennet Springs Arkansas, Lake Lurricane, Pea Ridge Battlefield, Jesse James Jump, Oklahoma mines. We also had a joint meeting with the Parsons chapter of F.F.A. before returning home....We had a watermelon feed for the Freshmen, inviting them to join the F.F.A....We were hosts of the North Central Kansas district of F.F.A. in which 17 schools were represented on September 30....Our chapter gave a radio broadcast over KSAL of Salina, October 19, on the subject of "What is the F.F.A."?....We returned the annual Home Economics-F.F.A. party October 29 with a Hallowe'en party....We are getting our first returns of our purebred Duroc project. Dale Steward's gilt farrowed 14, Wilbur Blake's 14, Homer Caley's 13, and Bud Gibb's 8. Duane Wynn's gilt had 13 but she got milk fever and lost six. We are getting an average of 11 pigs even if we did have some difficulties.

--Wynn Bauer, Reporter

WAKEENEY: The Junior agriculture class has formed a sheep club. All 11 members of this class have joined. Each member and the sponsor put in \$2.00. \$76 was borrowed from the bank. With this money ten ewes were bought. In the spring these ewes and their lambs will be sold and the profits divided equally. Each member does an equal share of the work involved....The agriculture department built a set of bleachers for the school football field. It will seat 150 persons. It cost about \$125 and all of the labor was supplied by the agriculture students....The F.F.A. has decided to use a form of cooperative insurance to protect the members from big losses which might be caused by the death of some of their livestock projects. Five cents on the dollar will be paid to an F.F.A. committee selected for this purpose. At the end of the year a per cent of the value of the dead animals will be paid to the owners, according to the amount collected. If not enough of the animals die to use all of the funds, the remaining money will be prorated to those participating.

--Isaac John Nixon, Reporter

FRANKFORT: The officers of the Frankfort chapter for this year are: Robert Johnston, president; Cleo Feldhausen, vice president; Junior Stauffer, secretary; Ewald Lofdahl, treasurer; and Donald Jones, reporter....We are proud of the fact that our last year's president, Harry Stauffer who received the American Farmer degree awarded at the National Convention November 11. Harry has developed a nice herd of purebred Ayrshires, consisting at the present time of five cows, two yearling heifers, one bull and four calves, all of which are purebred. He also has several grade dairy cows, has over 300 turkeys nearly ready for market and has included several crops in his farming program....We are planning to hold our 14th annual livestock judging contest next spring. This contest has been designated as the official north east Kansas district livestock contest this year....Our officers all attended the Officers Training School at Holton October 3.

--Donald Jones, Reporter

"Are you the girl who took my order?" asked the impatient gentleman in the cafe.

"Yes sir," replied the waitress, politely.

"Well, I declare," he remarked, "you don't look a day older."

Chapter News (Continued)

COTTONWOOD FALLS: Our chapter held its annual watermelon feed August 28. This year 60 dads and boys attended. The general purpose of this meeting was to briefly explain our year's program and get acquainted with new and prospective students. About 600 pounds of melons were consumed....This year's officers for F.F.A. are: Glendon Barrett, president; Leeroy Meyer, vice president; Keith Cooper, treasurer; Thomas McKee, secretary; Clarence Pratt, watch dog; Poward Schwilling, reporter....During the past three years the Cottonwood Falls chapter has represented Chase county at the State Fair at Hutchinson and this year represented the county at the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka with a booth showing farm products from the county. This year's results were seventh at Topeka, second at Hutchinson, and first at the Chase County Fair....Our officers, Glendon Barrett, Leeroy Meyer, Tommy McKee, Clarence Pratt, Keith Cooper, Howard Schwilling, and their advisor, L. E. Croy, attended the meeting of the South Central Kansas Officers Training School at Emporia....The livestock judging team of the vocational class of the Chase County Community High School won first place in the second annual meet on the Bert Barrier livestock farm in Greenwood County. The team included Glendon Barrett, Tommy McKee, Leeroy Meyer, and Claude McCabe....The regular monthly meeting of the Cottonwood Falls chapter of F.F.A. was held October 23, and was called to order by the president. Five officers and 14 members answered the roll. After the regular business was attended to the following Green Hands were initiated: Leeroy Herman, Ivan Cooper, Jake Archer, Earl Crathures, Russell Schwilling, Sid Cahoone, Vernon Scott, Kenneth Jones Jr., Marvin Wambsganss, Bill Atkins Jr., and Gerald Bray. Refreshments of doughnuts and cider were served.

--Howard Schwilling, Reporter

HIGHLAND PARK: Officers of our chapter this year are: Robert Rake, president; LeRoy McCollum, vice president; Eugene Herschell, secretary; Harold Bertschinger, reporter; Wesley Wulfkuhle, treasurer; Robert McDaniel, sargeant at arms; Bud Hertzler, student council representative....Five members and our advisor attended the Officers Training School sponsored by the Shawnee Mission chapter. Our chapter won first place in the Opening Ceremony contest and received an F.F.A. banner as a prize. We also won second place in a Parliamentary Procedure contest....During August members of our chapter enjoyed a picnic held at Lake Shawnee near Topeka....Twelve head of purebred beef calves were purchased cooperatively and distributed to six of our members for a part of their farming programs this year....As a part of our F.F.A. meetings reports from books in our F.F.A. library have been given by the older members of the chapter for the benefit of new members. An F.F.A. quiz contest is being managed by members of the Crops class....Robert Rake, Eugene Herschell, Wesley Wulfkuhle, Weeden Tibbitts, and Dale Prossgrove exhibited livestock at local fairs and at the Kansas Free Fair, Topeka. Several first place awards were won by these members.Wesley Wulfkuhle entered two Shorthorn calves at the American Royal....Armin Samuelson, Robert Rake, Wesley Wulfkuhle, and Garth Lukert, attended Swine Feeders day held at Manhattan, October 19.

--Harold Bertschinger, Reporter

A Scot was engaged in an argument with a conductor as to whether the fare was 5 or 10 cents. Finally the disgusted conductor picked up the Scotsman's suitcase and tossed it off the train, just as they passed over a bridge. It landed with a splash.

"Mon," screamed Sandy, "isn't it enough to try and overcharge me, but now you try to drown my little boy"?

Chapter News (Concluded)

MANHATTAN: The new chapter officers are Melvin Barry, president; Darold Ukena, vice president; Robert Walters, secretary; Loys Guest, reporter; Kenneth Parker, treasurer; and Tom Prideaux, watch dog....Our chapter had a number of summer activities, the first being a summer camp. The camp was held in cooperation with the Wamego chapter at Wamego during the first part of June. We played two games of baseball, Manhattan winning one, and Wamego, one. Overnight we camped on the Kaw river....Six members marketed livestock cooperatively at the Mid-West Fat Stock Show at Kansas City. Kenneth Parker and Tom Prideaux sold 11 hogs; Don Wells, Alvin Abbott, and Robert Hoerner sold 25 head of fat lambs, and A.G. Beck, a fat Angus baby beef. Another 25 head of fat lambs were shipped cooperatively the last of June....The opening of school was delayed this year to October 4 which has put us a little behind schedule on activities. The new officers held a dinner meeting September 24 at the home of Mr. Kugler, advisor. The year's program of work was discussed and chairmen of the standing committees were appointed. The remainder of the evening was spent in entertainment. ...The meats judging team, composed of Grant Poole, Del Wilson, and Bill Neff, represented Kansas in the national meats judging contest held in connection with the American Royal November 9-10. Results of the contest were not known at the time this article was written....The first night meeting of the school year was held October 22. The new program of work was adopted and the premier showing of our own technicolor film which shows the Manhattan Future Farmers at work was given, and was enjoyed by all....Our chapter holds two day meetings a month. Program chairman A. G. Beck arranged an ask-it-basket contest at the last meeting using questions appearing in the October issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. Kenneth Parker placed first and won the concrete hog trough offered by the chapter....Other activities scheduled soon include the pest eradication contest, Green Hand initiation in cooperation with the Wakefield chapter and the organization of a basketball team.

--Loys Guest, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: Our officers are: Dale Willhite, president; Cloyce Thornbrugh, vice president; Donald Ast, secretary; George Stansbury, treasurer; and Paul Keller, reporter....The Chapter members held a weiner roast at Hetticks Grove October 7. All Future Farmer members attended....Fourteen boys in our organization have as a part of the farming program an average of 14 sheep per boy, or a total of 204 sheep owned by Future Farmer members. These ewes have all been drenched, put through a flushing period bred by registered rams, to lamb in February and March....33 Future Farmer members attended the American Royal and national F.F.A. convention, November 12. Transportation was furnished by the school....Boys in farm mechanics classes this year will have completed by the end of this six weeks' period, 1 hay rack, 4 wagon boxes, 1 concrete packer, and several sheep feeders.

--Paul Keller, Reporter

WASHINGTON: The Washington chapter of F.F.A. held its annual Green Hand initiation October 15. Twelve candidates were voted into the chapter. Boxing was the entertainment. After the program, food was served later by Mrs. "Coach" Sperline and Mrs. "Advisor" C. R. Bradley....Our chapter ran a stand at the State Cornhusking contest held here October 23. We served hamburger, hot dogs, doughnuts, coffee, and pie. We enjoyed running the stand and it was also a financial success as we cleared \$60 on the venture.

--Lester Luttle, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

PAXICO: Our new officers are as follows: Edwin Stambaugh, president; Donald Schuetz, vice president; Alvin Zeller, secretary; George Muckenthaler, treasurer; Nolan Colcher, reporter; and Walter Niedfeldt, watch dog....Our chapter went on an all night camping trip in August....We held two summer meetings in June and August. During this school year we will have a day meeting each Wednesday, and a night meeting the first Wednesday of each month. The theme of our October meeting is "Our State"....Edwin Stambaugh and Ben Michealis purchased some western ewes cooperatively through the Effingham chapter....We did not attend the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka as planned due to the infantile paralysis epidemic....So far this fall we have treated 200 bushels of seed wheat for stinking smut. We have also culled several laying flocks....Our officers and advisor attended the Officers Training School at Emporia, October 2.

--Nolan Colcher, Reporter

PLEASANTON: Officers for 1940-41 are Archie Holmes, president; Eugene Umphenour, vice president; Edward Umphenour, secretary; Robert Patterson, treasurer; Melvin Umphenour, reporter; and Dick Copple, watch dog....Our chapter had a picnic at the City Lake during the last week of school last spring. During the summer months we held two chapter meetings at the high school agriculture room. At one of these meetings we discussed cooperative projects, and at the other meeting we worked on this year's program of work. During the first week of school we held our first chapter meeting of the school year at which time we welcomed the first year agriculture students....We sent five of our officers to the Shawnee Mission Officers School on October 5....We held a night meeting on September 24. At this meeting our superintendent gave us a talk on home training and education. At the close of the meeting we played basketball for recreation. We expect to have our second night meeting October 30. One of our local bankers will give us a talk at this meeting....We have completed the plans for our program of work this year, and have sent it to the state office....We sold candy and pop at one of our football games this season....We have every member of the chapter on some committee for carrying out the activities of our program of work.

--Melvin Umphenour, Reporter

OVERBROOK: The F.F.A. boys have completed the two tennis courts south of the building, and everyone is enjoying themselves playing tennis. A maintainer was secured to shin off the sod and the boys hauled the rock dust and leveled it off, and put up a fence all around it. The expense was borne by the district....32 of our members went on a three day journey to the heart of the Ozarks August 15-17. Everyone had a good time and are planning on going to the mountains this next summer....Wednesday October 2, the advisor Mr. Anderson and the officers attended the Officers Training School at Emporia, and took part in the opening ceremony and placed fourth. The officers were Jim Land, president; Jack Wells, vice president; Edgar Finley, treasurer; Everett Kentch, secretary; and Albert Smith, reporter....The boys are planning on helping the seniors with a carnival to help raise some money. At present they are selling Christmas cards....Monday evening, October 21, the chapter held its regular meeting and each member invited a girl. The girls enjoyed the meeting and all had fun after the meeting, playing games, eating doughnuts, and drinking cider.

--Albert Smith, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

ABILENE: All members of the chapter attended the American Royal and National Vocational Agriculture Convention at Kansas City. The trip cost each boy almost \$4.50 for the two days at the Royal and their bus fare. The school furnished us a bus to go to Kansas City and return for \$20.00. Thirty boys attended in a group....The state champion livestock judging team received their awards from the Santa Fe Railroad Co. The check paid their expenses at the American Royal. The team and their coach, Professor Fred D. Allison were in Kansas City for eight days. A representative of the Santa Fe Railroad presented the awards to the judging team at the regular noon luncheon of the Rotary Club of Abilene which was held at the Gamer hotel. George Stelter gave the "Thank You" speech to the Santa Fe Railroad Co. George stated that the winning of the state contest was not all to the credit of the agriculture department of the high school. He stated that it was also due to the "complete cooperation of our parents, the department of speech who helped us so much with our oral reasons and of course, Mr. Allison is the person to whom we owe the most credit". Members of the judging team are: George Stelter, Omer Kuh, and Phillip Bear. Carl Woods is the alternate....Officers of the Abilene chapter are: George Stelter, president; Carl Woods, vice president; Kenneth Engle, secretary; George Hanson, treasurer; Calvin Kohman, reporter. All of the officers attended the Officers Training School at Clay Center, September 30....Class projects are under way. 100 White Leghorn pullets were placed in the layhouse last month and 55 per cent production is now in progress....The beef project is now started. 25 calves were bought on the range in Texas and were received this week. The calves will be cared for by the boys of the chapter in the second year course. About 10 pigs will be purchased in the near future to run behind the calves.

Calvin Kohman, Reporter.

LINN: Our newly elected officers are Elmer Heitman, president; Waldemar Meier, vice president; Neil McGregor, secretary; Kenneth Duitsman, treasurer; Delmar Myer, reporter; Robert Boerger, watch dog; and Wilbur Oestreich, song leader.Softball games were played during the summer with the F.F.A. teams from Washington, Greenleaf, and Clifton....We held our annual F.F.A. watermelon feast August 17. Boys graduating from the eighth grade last year were guests.... 15 members of the Linn chapter went to Abilene August 20 to enter the judging contest at the Central Kansas Free Fair....Linn placed first among the 14 schools entered in the livestock judging contest held in connection with the North Central Kansas Free Fair at Belleville, August 27. Members making the team are: Loren Lange, Kenneth Duitsman, Delmar Meyer, Herbert Heyerhoff, Wilbur Oestreich, Robert Boerger....Our chapter was well represented at the Washington County Fair. Our booth, illustrating phases of range lamb feeding, placed third and the Linn shop exhibit was rated second....Linn boys entering livestock at the fair were Kenneth Duitsman, and Verlin Gross, who entered Shropshire sheep and Raymond Woerner who showed Duroc-Jersey hogs....Among the livestock entries from Linn were second place and fifth place Shropshire lambs shown by Kenneth Duitsman. A Shropshire ewe, also entered by Kenneth, placed fifth. Kenneth's entry of wheat was rated third, and his hall tree, entered for individual honors in shop work, was awarded second prize....Raymond Woerner captured second and third places with the fat barrows he showed, and a third place on a Duroc-Jersey gilt. His chicken feeder, entered under shop work, placed third.

--Delmar Meyer, Reporter