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WHAT DOES AMERICA HAVE TO DEFEND?

A spiritual heritage, the most precious gift from our forefathers.

A people's government, conceived by heroic men determined to be free.

A great people, over 132 million souls of many races and creeds,

A vast wealth, found in our natural resources from sea to sea.

A hopeful future, to leave to our children and to generations unborn.

--The National Education Association.

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F.F.A. CALENDAR

American Farmer Candidate, notify A. P. Davidson	Feb. 1
State Farmer Application, including records to Jan. 1, 1941.....	Feb. 1
State Farmer Candidate's current year's record book.....	April 14
Public Speaking entry and manuscript.....	April 14
Better Chapter Contest Report.....	April 21
Thirteenth Annual Meeting of Kansas Association.....	April 28-29*

* Tentative dates.

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ANOTHER NEW CHAPTER

To Junction City goes the honor of being the first chapter to be chartered in 1941. This chapter was granted a charter on January 1, 1941 with 23 charter members. Officers of the Junction City chapter are; Herman Roesler, president; Billy Upham, vice president; James Hood, secretary; Robert Janke, treasurer; Edward Rogers, reporter; Mr. Frank Cooley.

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CONCERNING STATE FARMER DEGREE APPLICANTS

The closing date for acceptance of application of candidates for the State Farmer degree is FEBRUARY 1, 1941. Applications not in the mail on FEBRUARY 1, 1941, cannot be accepted. This rule is necessary in order to facilitate the proper scoring of the candidates. The State Farmer application blank when completed should be sent to A. P. DAVIDSON, KANSAS STATE COLLEGE, MANHATTAN, KANSAS.

NOTE: Chapter must have filed activity program with the State office by November 1, 1940, in order to have members eligible for State Farmer degree.

Scholarship requirement: To be eligible for the State Farmer Degree a boy must rank in the upper forty per cent of his class. (In case extenuating circumstances prevail, the case will be submitted to the State Executive Committee and action of this committee will be final.)

The standards as set for the State Farmer Degree in Kansas are high. There would be little reason for such awards if they did not stimulate high standards of performance. Each teacher should present his candidate as favorably as possible. However, it would be better not to win a State Farmer Degree than to win it by over promotion. The State Executive Committee has every confidence that only those qualities and credentials will be presented that can be unquestioned by fellow students or neighbors of each State Farmer candidate.

Application blanks with complete directions are sent the local chapter following notification to the State office of the number of State Farmer candidates.

Mounted pictures add to the completeness of the entry and should be included if possible.

In order to be given credit in State Farmer competition, projects carried while student is regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture must have been officially reported to the office of the State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture as a part of the teacher's annual project report.

All projects submitted must be accompanied by a financial statement, giving the present net worth earned by the candidate. For this year's projects the financial statement to be sent in to the State Supervisor's office February 15, 1941, will be considered up-to-date.

Record books for each year's farming program carried while the student was regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture must be submitted for detailed analysis and scoring. Notification will be given if the record book carrying program from January 1, 1941, is needed by the examining committee.

Records for supervised practice work for candidates who have completed the regular vocational agriculture course must be submitted if such work is to be included in the candidate's supervised practice program. (Refers to boys out of department 1 to 3 years, active in F.F.A., and less than 21 years of age on May, 1941.)

Qualifications for the State Farmer Degree are set up in the revised FFA Manual, Article V, Section D. The State Executive Committee has the power to modify the ruling relative to earnings.

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A woman in training her Chinese servant to answer the bell, rang it herself and the servant came to the door.

A day or two later she was piqued by a continual ringing of the bell. At last, as no one went to the door, she did so herself, and opened it to find the servant on the step.

"Whatever are you doing, Li?" she asked.

Said Li: "Yesterday you foolee me: now I foolee you."

CANDIDATES FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The American Farmer applications are due in the Washington office on or before May 1, 1941. Chapters having candidates for this degree should notify the State Executive Advisor, A. P. Davidson on or before February 1.

Minimum qualifications for election to the American Farmer Degree as set forth in Article V, Section E of the new national constitution:

1. Must have held the degree of State Farmer for at least one year preceding election to the degree of American Farmer, have been an active member of the F.F.A. continuously for at least three years, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State Association.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture (or have completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school attended) and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming which shows comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope as substantiated by complete, accurate, and neat records.
3. Must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$500 (at least two-thirds of the amount must be derived from his supervised farming program). In cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.
4. Show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation.
5. Be in the upper 40 per cent of his class in all school subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction.
6. Be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of Future Farmers of America.

A candidate for the Degree of American Farmer must be an active member of the F.F.A. This means enrollment in an all-day, day-unit, or part-time class in vocational agriculture. However, according to the constitution, an F.F.A. member may retain his active membership for three years "from date of graduation, completion of high school classroom instruction, or leaving school", and so is, therefore, eligible during this period to be nominated by a State Association for American Farmer honors, providing he meets active membership requirements as defined in By-Law VII of the national constitution which reads as follows: "An active member shall be considered in good standing when: 1. He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity. 2. He shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter. 3. He pays his dues regularly."

All chapters should notify the State Executive Advisor, A. P. Davidson, of possible American Farmer candidates by February 1, 1941. This will give time during February and March to visit all candidates and to encourage those deserving to make application for degree. April will be the month during which Form 665 revised, will be filled out and forwarded to the Washington office.

We shall expect the names of all State Farmer members who can meet the qualifications for the American Farmer degree to be filed not later than February 1, 1941.

NOTICE

RADIO. The following notice from W. A. Ross, national F.F.A. executive secretary, warns F.F.A. chapters and individuals relative to the use of electric transcriptions of F.F.A. songs in broadcasting.

"No doubt you are aware of the controversy which has been going on for months between the American Society of Composers, Authors and Producers (ASCAP) and the radio industry regarding the future use of certain musical numbers 'on the air.' Due to the fact that the 'Future Farmer March', written by Captain W. J. Stannard, is published and copyrighted by an ASCAP Company, it cannot be used on the radio after January 1, 1941, except over radio stations holding an ASCAP license. Failure to observe this regulation may involve court action. This applies to all types of F.F.A. radio programs and to the electric transcriptions manufactured and sold by the U. S. Recording Company of Washington, D. C. Since the copyright to "Hail the F.F.A." is held in the name of the Future Farmers of America organization, the use of this number may be continued on F.F.A. radio broadcasts in the future."

A letter to this effect was sent from this office under date of December 30 to all advisors of F.F.A. chapters in the Kansas Association.

F.F.A. GOODS. The Hollywood Athletic Company of Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, dealing in silk emblems, felt goods, sweatshirts, and other wearing apparel, according to Mr. Ross, is not an officially designated merchandising concern for the F.F.A. Kansas F.F.A. chapters should patronize only the officially designated FFA concerns, as such firms pay a commission to the national organization, and in that way contribute to the support of the Future Farmers of America.

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KANSAS F.F.A. RADIO SCHEDULE

According to A. A. Haltom, chairman of the KVAA radio broadcast committee, the following is the complete schedule of F.F.A. broadcasts of the Southeast Kansas chapters. These broadcasts are given over station KGGF, 1000 kilocycles, at 6:40 a. m., the first and second Wednesdays of each month.

February 5, Parsons chapter
 February 12, Columbus chapter
 March 5, Benedict chapter
 March 12, Sedan chapter
 April 2, Independence chapter
 April 9, Girard chapter
 May 7, Neodesha chapter
 May 14, Howard chapter

Broadcasts were given by the McCune chapter on January 1, and the Chetopa chapter on January 8.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Kansas Association of F.F.A. will not conduct district public speaking contests this year, but several try-out contests are being planned and will be held in connection with the various district judging schools. These contests will be managed by the vocational agriculture advisors where such contests are held.

The 1941 State F.F.A. Public Speaking contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the National Contest. The State contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age who are regularly enrolled high school students, successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work, and who are active members of chartered F.F.A. chapters in good standing with the State and National organizations at the time they are selected to represent their chapter in the State Contest. Attention is called to the fact that boys who are still in high school as undergraduates and who have already taken all of the vocational agriculture offered in their school, may be eligible. Each contestant's speech is to be the result of his own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery is limited to the facilities of the school from which the contestant comes, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Time Limit

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

Subjects

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

1. Why Be a Farmer
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, the Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. The Challenge of Adversity and the American Farmer
6. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
7. The Farm Credit Situation
8. The Future Farmers of America
9. The Advantages of Being a Farmer
10. Diversified Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture
11. The Present and Future of American Farming
12. The Future of the American Farmer
13. A Live-at-Home Program as a Farm Relief Measure
14. The Future Farmers of America in Relation to American Agriculture
15. What Vocational Agriculture and the F.F.A. Mean to Me and
Other Farm Boys
16. Does Controlled Land Utilization Hold the Key to Present Farm
Problems
17. The Restoration of Agricultural Stability
18. Why I Choose to Become a Farmer

Public Speaking (Continued)

19. Farm Management and Cooperative Marketing as a Solution to Farm Problems
20. The Agricultural Situation
21. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
22. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
23. The Farmer's Own Farm Relief
24. Tariffs and Their Relation to the American Farmer
25. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
26. The Back to the Land Movement
27. Subsistence Farm Homesteads and Their Relation to American Agriculture
28. Education as Permanent Farm Relief
29. Emergency Organizations and Their Relation to the American Farmer
30. How a Commodity Adjustment Program Affects the Individual Farmer
31. The Utilization of Economic Information in Farming
32. The Economic Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
33. The F.F.A. and the Youth Movement
34. Horse and Mule Power in American Agriculture - Their Economic Relation
35. The Part-time Farmer in American Agriculture
36. Training for Leadership Through the F.F.A.
37. Agricultural Adjustment and a Balanced Agriculture
38. The New Era in American Agriculture
39. Equalization of Taxes as a Farm Relief Measure
40. Taxation, Its Relation to the Rural Community
41. Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution
42. The Relation of the Farm Credit Administration to the American Farmer
43. The Necessity for Trained Farmers
44. Chemurgy As An Aid to the American Farmer
45. Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem
46. The F.F.A. Creed - What It Means to Rural America
47. The Master Farmer
48. Young Men in Agriculture
49. Soil Conservation - Man's and Nature's
50. Save our Soil
51. A Contented People Make a Contented State
52. Cooperatives and Cooperation

Sources

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

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen
2. Readers' Guide - in public libraries and high school libraries
3. Publications of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration ,
Washington, D. C.
4. Publications of the United State Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Public Speaking (Concluded)

5. Special Reports of the Bureau of Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
6. Publications of Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.
7. Current National Magazine
8. The Farm Press
9. National and Columbia Radio Broadcasts. Study in advance program schedule, listen to numbers that deal with any phase of your chosen topic. Often it is possible to procure a copy of the address in which you are interested by writing the author of it.
10. Census Report
11. State Newspapers
12. Proceedings of National F.F.A. Convention
13. Winning Future Farmer Speeches, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill.
14. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, by Judson, Published by Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill.

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Sapphira: "How did you'all like do new preachah, Mirandy?"

Marandy: "We likes him fine. Why dat man asks do Lord fo' a lot ob things de other one didn't eben know he had."

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DUES

Membership dues which were due January 1 have been coming in regularly. However, at least half of the chapters in the Kansas Association have not paid their dues for 1940-41. It might be a good idea for the advisors to check up with their respective officers and see whether or not the dues for their chapter have been sent to the state office. At the present time the enrollment in vocational agriculture in Kansas is 6025. This year we hope to have a paid up membership in the Kansas Association of 5,500 members. Although the dues are due as of January 1, 1941, they will be accepted up until May 1. However, we urge that they are sent in at once.

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ADVISORS' PINS

For the convenience of the F.F.A. advisors, this office will handle the advisors' new pins. The pins sell at 23 cents. Cash must accompany all orders. Mail your orders to A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, Vocational Education, Manhattan, Kansas.

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According to government figures, one-half of all auto owning families in the United States have incomes of \$30 a week or less.

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CHAPTER NEWS

HOLTON: At our May meeting Charles Glenn was elected president of the Holton chapter for the ensuing year. Dean Mumaw, Andres Reiderer, Leonard Gerhardt, and Ellwood Cook were elected respectively as vice, president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter. The Holton chapter held their regular meetings throughout the summer months. The summer program consisted of an ice cream supper at the regular meeting time in June. In August 18 boys enjoyed a summer outing of three days at the Nemaha Lake....Some boys cooperatively purchased 134 head of West Texas ewes for livestock projects....We invited all the freshman boys enrolled in agriculture to our September meeting in order to acquaint these boys with the purposes of our organization....The third year agriculture boys visited the stock yards at St. Joseph, Missouri, in September. Dean Mumaw marketed a fat beef at this time....On October 7, the Holton chapter entertained 17 organizations of the Northeastern district at an Officers Training School....The main field trip practice has been culling chickens. The boys have culled 500 chickens this fall....Eight Green Hands have been initiated into the organization....Our annual butchering program has begun to function with Harold Ireland and Floyd Amon responsible for its duties....The popcorn sales of the four football games have netted us approximately \$6....Our annual pest eradication contest is under the leadership of Leonard Gerhardt and Shannon Zibell....The shop projects have been extensive and have been well managed. At present four boys are constructing wagon boxes. These boys are Harold Ireland, Donald Kaul, Earl Spencer, and Gerry Patton. Arnold Eubanks, Warren Moore, and Andrew Reiderer are making sheep feeders for their respective projects. Shannon Zibell is making a four wheel trailer with a "built-on box". After the regular meetings the boys will enjoy themselves in the high school gymnasium for an hour's recreation.

--Ellwood Cook, Reporter

COLUMBUS: On October 7 and 8 the following boys entered calves in the Joplin Fat Stock show: Vern Reese, Herbert Jarrett, Calvin Jarrett, Jay Cowan, Carlos Eagleson, Jimmie Holland, Cloyd Bower, Arnold Baird and Harold Hammer. Several of the boys were awarded prizes as follows: Calvin Jarrett, 6th; Herbert Jarrett, 7th; Cloyd Bower, 16th; and Harold Hammer, 18th in the Shorthorn division. In the Hereford division Harold Hammer placed 14th; Calvin Jarrett, 15th; and Herbert Jarrett, 19th....On November 11 the boys entered the second annual Corn Show held in Columbus and received \$17 in prizes. Ted Rader received first in the yellow corn class. Orland Shanks placed 3rd; Chester Roark, 4th; Thomas Gillispie, 7th; Lee Sellers placed 4th in the white corn entries. Lee Mercer took 1st and 2nd in the mixed corn entries; 2nd in the other sorghum entries; 1st in the big ear of corn entry and 2nd in the long ear of corn entry....Herbert Swearingin purchased a registered miling Shorthorn heifer from the Gore Brothers of Oswego....The boys of our chapter are attempting to raise their grade average in all the departments represented. At the end of the second six weeks the following results were obtained: 1.3 per cent more A grades; 12 per cent more B grades; 4.1 per cent more C grades and a decrease of 9.3 per cent in the D grades; and 8.1 per cent in the F grades....The following jobs have been completed or are under construction in the farm shop at the present time: 1 wagon box, 1 A-type hog house, calf feeders, sheep feeders; overhauling of 1 manure spreader, one corn sheller, and many smaller jobs....At the present time, the boys own 27 head of calves which they are feeding on the deferred plan.

--Robert Lay, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

WINFIELD: The Winfield Future Farmers chapter has set its goal for attendance this year at an average of 80 per cent of all its members. At the beginning of the year our attendance was below 50 per cent, but we have increased it considerably and hope to have 100 per cent attendance at our annual banquet in February....Our November meeting was an initiation meeting and 23 dads and 14 mothers were present. There were 25 Green Hands and 12 Future Farmers initiated....The Winfield Future Farmers have purchased new basketball suits. They opened their basketball season with a double header with the Arkansas City chapter winning the first team game and losing the second team game. A return game will be played in February....The Winfield chapter has started working for the shop contest in the spring and have also started their speeches for the district speech contest to be held at ElDorado in April

--Neul Hinegardner, Reporter

BIRD CITY: Our officers are: Bob Brubaker, president; Merle Burr, vice president; Virgil Query, secretary; Keith Dorsch, reporter; Rex Hithcock, treasurer; Wayne Blair, watch dog....During the summer the judging team attended two fairs. At the Thomas County Fair they paced second. At the Goodland Fair they placed third....October 12 the officers attended the training school that was conducted at Oakley. Out of the nine schools competing in the opening ceremony contest, Bird City placed first....During the month of November, the chapter conducted a grain show for the business men. Due to stormy weather there were not as many entires as we had expected....The Bird City chapter sent a delegate to the American Royal this year. Money given our chapter by the Burlington railroad was used to pay his expenses. Jack Maring, the delegate, accompanied the advisor and a delegate from the McDonald chapter to Kansas City.... November 22 the Bird City chapter held a joint meeting with the McDonald chapter to initiate the Green Hands of the two chapters. Thirteen boys were initiate....The Green Hands put on a fashion show at the senior carnival to raise money. They made \$10. The members of the chapter also cut broom corn and made \$32. This money was used to go to the stock show that was held at Denver.

--Keith Dorsch, Reporter

LACYGNE: Our new officers for 1940-41 are as follows: Donald Burnett, president; Ward Allen, vice president; Glen Lindsey, secretary; Richard Ross, treasurer; Junior Calvin, reporter; Leland Jarred, watch dog....Our chapter members sold 150 chances on two Thanksgiving turkeys, which netted \$11.50...At our second regular monthly meeting on November 4 our chapter initiated 22 Green Hands....Members of our chapter got together last summer and worked out a cooperative sheep project. The chapter bought 106 four and five year old Northwestern ewes. We also bought two purebred Shropshire rams, which were used to breed the ewes. The Ottawa Production Credit Association is financing the project as a group loan....During the last few weeks of school last year, our chapter cooperated in laying a concrete floor in our farm shop.

--Junior Calvin, Reporter

HANOVER: Our officers for the year are: Melvin Niemeier, president; Louis Martin, vice president; Floyd Bruna, secretary; LaVern Lohmeyer, treasurer; Henry Riekenberg, reporter; Wesley Sedlacek, watch dog....We have held our Green Hand and Future Farmer initiations. The Hanover chapter has 21 members.

--Henry Riekenberg, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

WAKEFIELD: October 16, 1940, we had our annual parents' night to which parents of all boys were invited. The object was to explain the work of the year to the parents of the new members, and acquaint the parents of the old members with the changes that we expect to make. Some of the points covered were farming programs and how they are built, F.F.A. and its value to the boy, shop work, and home practice activities....At the present time, we have at our school farm five head of Hereford and five head of Angus calves that we are feeding according to the deferred plan; two brood sows and eight pigs we are fattening out; a ewe flock of 15 P.E. Hampshires and 15 head of grade ewes, and 100 certified white Leghorn pullets mated to ROP cockerels....On Thursday evening, December 5, we were guests of the Manhattan chapter for a joint initiation of Green Hands. We had five boys initiated. We expect to return the favor to the Manhattan boys when we have a joint initiation of Future Farmers here sometime in March....On Saturday, December 7, our instructor and five boys went to Salina where we put on a radio broadcast on the topic, "Cooperative Activities". We discussed how we thought cooperative activities might and should help the boys.Our pest eradication contest was brought to a close on Monday December 20.

--Alan Sparrowhawk, Reporter.

KINCAID: The Kincaid FFA chapter during the month of August, shipped 214 western breeding ewes from San Angelo, Texas. They were sold to the members of the chapter for \$4.25 per head. Then they were put on the boys' farms and all of them were bred to native rams. Five registered Shropshire rams were purchased and put with some of the flocks....Our officers are: Arden Lewis, president; Tom Herynk, vice president; Orville Rogers, secretary; Arden Wilcox, treasurer; Joe Church, reporter....The following boys went to a livestock judging contest at Eureka, October 19: Blair Finkenbinder, Wilbur Louk, Jim Holmes, Arden Wilcox, and Frank Martin....During the months of September and October, the vocational agriculture classes drenched 630 sheep for the farmers in the vicinity. The solution we used was nicotine sulphate and copper sulphate. We helped several farmers vaccinate and castrate pigs.

--Joe Church, Reporter

Counsel (cross examining a Future Farmer): "Now don't quibble. Do you understand a simple problem or not?"

Future Farmer: "I do."

Counsel: "Then tell the court this: If 15 men plowed a field in 5 hours, how long will 30 men take to plow the same field?"

Future Farmer: "They couldn't do it."

Counsel: "Why not?"

Future Farmer: "Because the 15 men have already plowed it."

BEVERLY: The Beverly FFA broadcast over KSAL was given January 11. The program consisted of a trumpet duet by Loren D. Schroeder and Harold Bell and a trombone solo by Earl Morton. The subject of the broadcast was judging livestock. The boys who took part in this discussion were: Daryl Percival, Darrell Plinsky, Larry Greene, and Bob Schmidt....The chapter held its Green Hand initiation December 2. Those who were raised to the Green Hand degree were: Guy Anderson, Dean Anderson, Richard Choate, Bob McCormick, Bob Payne, Harold Morrival, Robert Greenway, and Donald Vawter. The chapter held the Future Farmer initiation January 6. Our chapter held a rabbit hunt December 8 to raise money for the Father-Son banquet. A complete broiler plant has been installed in the school basement and the FFA plans to produce 25 broilers a week for a special market in Salina.

--Earl Smith, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MCPHERSON: Our officers are: Lenard Hedlund, president; Eugene Ball, vice president; Edwin Ball, secretary; Dean Chinberg, treasurer; Robert Decker, reporter; Elmer Cooper, watch dog; Richard Patton, advisor....The chapter has purchased cooperatively 138 ewes. 84 are Northwestern, 54 Texas, and 2 pure-bred Hampshire rams. We also purchased 16 feeder calves. Most of them are Herefords....Eleven boys of the chapter went to the FFA camp last summer at Ponca City....Five boys attended the Abilene fair last August....Eugene Ball won a trip to the American Royal at Kansas City....The chapter placed second at the State Sorghum Show at Sedgwick, Kansas....We started our annual rodent killing contest the 15th of November...The No. 10 Agriculture class visited the packing plant at Wichita last month....We have a basketball team and are scheduling games with other chapters....We are having boxing lessons twice a month with Mr. Patton, our agriculture teacher, acting as coach. We have meetings every Thursday at 10:15....Our chapter was very highly favored with a talk by Mr. Bittinger, who has been a missionary in Africa for eight years.... The chapter was in charge of the assembly program on December 6 and for our main feature we had a hog calling contest....Victor Kaufman had two feeder calves last year and when he sold them this fall he made a nice profit of \$83.35....One hundred per cent of our freshmen have paid their FFA dues and have been initiated into the Green Hand degree. The chapter has an enrollment of 46 members. We are building a butchering room in the shop this year. We plan to butcher livestock and sell the meat....Among the articles we are re-conditioning this year are: punches, chisels, large trailers, tool boxes, sheep feeders, wheelbarrows, basketball goals, saws, farm gates, a fanning mill, and benches....We have a lot of new equipment in our shop this year and have about twice as much room as we formerly had.

--Robert Decker, Reporter

COLDWATER: Our chapter has purchased cooperatively, 57 head of choice Hereford calves this fall. These were distributed mostly in groups of five among the members for deferred feeding. However, a good many of the heifers will be kept for breeding stock. The calves cost us 9 cents per pound for the heifers, and 10 cents per pound for the steers. We secured a group loan of \$1888.40 from the Greensburg Productive Credit Association. Several of the boys borrowed their money from the local bank....Our last meeting was held the evening of December 10. This was our Christmas meeting and we had a Christmas tree and gift exchange. Rev. DeBoor gave us a talk. This was followed by the showing of a film strip, "Seeing Washington". During the business meeting we voted to buy a breed Poland China gilt from J. M. Henderson & Son of Hereford, Texas. These hogs were recommended to us by Mr. Raymond O'Hara, and we hope to improve the quality of our Poland Chinas with the gilt....We plan to buy a gilt out of the sow, Elberts. Mr. Henderson bought this sow from O. D. Larsen of Clarrion, Iowa, at a cost of \$150. The gilt's sire is Glad Master, whose litter sister was Junior Champion at the Tri-State Fair at Amarilla last fall....Clinton and Clayton Sherman plan to buy a boar pig from Mr. Henderson. Our advisor, Mr. Melia, and one or two other boys plan to drive to Hereford to select the hogs, and bring them back.

--Merle Kropf, Reporter

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American Indians are rarely bald and pure-blooded Negroes are never bald.

Chapter News (Continued)

MORROWVILLE: Our chapter has 12 ewes which are bred for early lambs. We are feeding them ground sorgo fodder and a mixture of ground sorgo heads, soybean oil meal, and molasses. The reason for feeding molasses is to prevent lambing paralysis as we have a limited amount of space for lots. This project is carried by the Junior vocational agriculture class. Each member of the class has \$2.00 invested in the project and the FFA furnishes the rest of the money needed. When the project is completed this spring, the profit or loss will be divided between the FFA and the class, according to the amount invested....Our chapter also has two steers and six pigs. The steers are on a full feed of lespedeza hay, corn, and tankage. The steers are being cared for by the Junior class and the pigs are being cared for by the Sophomore class....We have four new FFA members. We now have 45 members. Our eleventh annual FFA parent and son banquet will be held February 28.

--Harold Durst, Reporter

CHANUTE: The Chanute chapter held its fourth annual parent and son banquet Saturday, December 14. The program consisted of the Opening Ceremony by the officers. Music was furnished by Johnnie Womack of the Iola chapter, Elmo Alexander, and Dillard Cox. Talks were given by Junior Allen, Hal Welch, Eugene Macmillan, George Washburn, Wendell Brant, and Mr. L. H. Petit, superintendent of the Chanute schools. The film, "Future Farmers at Work" was shown. The officers initiated 18 Green Hands in the Chanute chapter....Members of our chapter purchased 34 head of purebred Hereford calves this fall to be fed on the deferred feeding plan....The Future Farmers entertained the school at an all school party October 29. The room was decorated with leaves, baled hay, fodder, and pumpkins. The evening was spent dancing, playing ping pong, bingo, and other games of skill. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.Our chapter will sponsor our fourth annual district public speaking contest, February 3, 1941. There will be four divisions: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, and the division for boys planning to enter the state contest....The members of our chapter bought 5 tons of cottonseed cooperatively at a saving to each member.

--Robert Heaton, Reporter.

SMITH CENTER: The Smith Center organization of the FFA held its annual hayrack ride this year on Tuesday night, November 19. Guests on this ride were the R.O.H. girls and members of the faculty. The people who attended were transported out to the picnic grounds by means of two hayracks and a tractor. Games were played and a lunch consisting of apples and fresh lamb sandwiches was served. Then followed the trip back to town with a noisy, singing crowd.The Agriculture II class purchased 2 pure bred Hereford steer calves to feed out for a cooperative beef project which they will take to the American Royal at Kansas City next year....This fall the Agriculture III class made a small trench silo and filled it with bundled sorgo and covered it with straw and dirt. Recently they opened it and found the feed in almost perfect condition....Randall Libby from the Smith Center Chapter received the American Farmer degree at the national convention of the FFA held in Kansas City during November.

--Billy Christolear, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

ONAGA: The cooperative committee consisting of Donald Tessendorf and Everett Fonjour has functioned very well in the activities of the chapter. They have secured 11,500 pounds of protein supplement and 800 pounds of mineral supplement. This is made available to the members and their fathers at the purchase price.Calvin Berges, Irwin Teske, Virgil Wegner, Vernon Zeckser, and Lawrence Clark were raised to the Future Farmer degree December 23 by the local officers.Fourteen pigs weighing about 60 pounds each were purchased December 10 at the Onaga Community sale by the chapter. It will be the first cooperative feeding project the chapter has carried. Corn will be furnished by the boys; each having an allotted amount to bring. The protein supplement will be Trinity mixture consisting of 50 per cent tankage, 25 per cent soybean oil meal, and 25 per cent alfalfa meal. The chapter has this on hand....Sixteen boys served the mother-daughter banquet November 19....Mr. and Mrs. Wildman honored the officers of the chapter with a dinner November 7. The guests included Delbert Clark, Vernon Kilterman, Floyd Teske, Duane Malone, Max Moody, Marvin Honig, and Donald Tessendorf. After the dinner, we discussed programs for the future meetings of the year.... The recreation committee, consisting of Arthur Schwandt, Calvin Berges, and Dale Hodge, have divided the chapter into six basketball teams. An intermural tournament began December 23....Some of the shop jobs that have been completed this year are: building a ping pong table, wheelbarrow, bookcases, sheep feeders, rope halter making, cattle feed bunks, a trailer, saw and knife sharpening....The chapter attended a Hallowe'en party given by the Girl Reserves October 29. In return the chapter made a book case for them....The inventories of the boys show there are 27 hogs, 164 sheep, 42 beef cattle, 68 chickens, 5 dairy cattle, and 6 horses in the chapter....The vocational agriculture classes entered a new building when they came to class December 30 after the Christmas vacation. The building is built of native limestone. It is 96 feet long and 36 feet wide. The classroom has cream colored walls with a celotex ceiling. It is 35 feet long and 20 feet wide. Equipment will consist of two large cabinets, one with a sink in it; a large library; seven tables with chairs; a notebook case; and a magazine case. A small office joins the classroom on the southeast and a tool room joins the office on the east. A large hall leading from the classroom to the shop joins the office and tool room on the north. The furnace room joins the hall on the north and locker room joins the furnace room. The shop is 51 feet long and 36 feet wide. The walls are white limestone with a celotex ceiling. Work benches run along the north and south walls. Eight tool cabinets are placed above the work benches along the walls. Lighting fixtures are numerous in both the classroom and shop. We feel that we will be able to do better work in the new building because it is much more convenient in every way.

--Max Moody, Reporter

ST. GEORGE: Our chapter had a wolf hunt on New Year's day to rid the community of wolves and to help make money for the chapter. The wolves have done quite a bit of damage this year....John Bock led the FFA honor roll this month with 12 points; Bill Woodruff and Robert Sematter were next with 11 points each. Seven points are required to get on the honor roll....The FFA boys have been doing some community butchering this month and have butchered 3 hogs so far....On November 8 the chapter had a meeting for the parents of the Freshmen. Donald Lamb and John Bock explained their farming programs. Robert Sematter told how he planned to meet the farm program standards....Our chapter is having an outside speaker at each night meeting.

--Lee O'Neil, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

INMAN: Our officers for this year are: Frederick Worden, president; Walter Buller, vice president; Frank Ediger, secretary; Willie Neufeld, treasurer; Edwin Wiens, reporter; Franklin Pankratz, program chairman; Salomon Ediger, watch dog; W. J. Braun, advisor....The chapter sold pop corn and pop at the Inman Community Fair and cleared \$21. Many of the boys entered their projects in competition at the Fair. All of the boys taking part agree that the 1940 Fair was one of the best ever held at Inman....FFA letters were awarded recently to the 1940 FFA letter men. They are as follows: livestock team, James Bartel, 2-bar letter; Abe Thiessen, 2-bar letter; and one-bar letters to Emerson Pankratz and Herb Ediger; shop team - letters to Edwin Wiens and Robert Achilles; public speaking letter to Frederick Worden and FFA letter to State Farmer, Harry Voth....Twelve FFA boys are listed on the all school honor roll for the second six weeks....Two very outstanding projects at Inman are the ton litter of Chester White hogs raised by Elmer Newfeld. His gilt farrowed 11 pigs and at the age of six months the pigs weighed 2115 pounds. Harry Voth, our State Farmer, has a Hereford calf which at the age of five months weighs 550 pounds. These are records for other boys to try and equal....Three projects purchased recently are: a polled registered Hereford heifer to Arnold Wittorff; a registered Berkshire gilt by Dale Zimmerman from Leo Ediger of the Buhler chapter, and a 2 year old Hereford heifer to Abe Neufeld from Mr. George Towes of Inman....The chapter is holding a pest eradication contest this month. The losing side will give a party to the winning side. Green Hand initiation will be held in the near future.

--Edwin Wiens, Reporter

PAXICO: Our officers are: Edwin Stambaugh, president; Donald Schuetz, vice president; Alvin Zeller, secretary; George Muckenthaler, treasurer; Nolan Colcher, reporter; and Gussie Stork, watch dog....We treated about 200 bushels of seed wheat with copper carbonate this fall. To date we have butchered 18 hogs....Some of the shop jobs which we have for the shop are building chicken feeders, stock gates, recreation tables, and saw horses, besides the complete overhauling of a corn binder and other minor jobs....We divided out chapter into two groups and held our annual pest eradication contest. Harold Iott and Jack Nuttmann were leaders of the two groups. This year in addition to sparrows, we included the following pests in our drive: rabbits, rats, moles, chicken hawks, mice, crows, and coyotes. Jack Nuttmann's group won the contest. The losing side provided the refreshments at the Green Hand initiation. Glenn Reiners, who last year brought in 1106 sparrows, was again the high scoring eradicator with 2268 points. Phillip Karnowski was high scorer on the losing side....On December 16 we initiated the following Green Hands: Donald Deiter, Joseph Breitenstein, Gerald Mock, Edward Werner, Orville Schuetz, James Michaeli, Clarence Flach, and Cyril Muckenthaler....Edwin Stambaugh is a candidate for the State Farmer degree.

--Nolan Colcher, Reporter

HARPER: Our officers are: Herbert Mathes, president; Eldon Clements, vice president; Fred Davis, secretary; Ted Olivier, treasurer; Halford Maninger, reporter; Marion Gerber, watch dog; P. W. Russell, advisor....Our chapter earned \$50 this fall by hauling straw for the Harper County Fair Association, and also received \$5.00 booth prize money at the county fair....On December 5 we held our annual Green Hand initiation and parents night. Nine Green Hands were initiated. After the program, refreshments were served to 68 persons. Our next meeting in January will be held jointly with the FHA girls. For entertainment we are planning a skating party.

--Halford Maninger, Reporter.

Chapter News (Continued)

WELLSVILLE: November 22 the Future Farmers held a barnwarmer in the agriculture building. Eighty students and teachers attended. Tickets were sold for fifteen cents and food was sold to raise money. Sixteen dollars was realized as profit. Old time party games were played under the direction of Mrs. Shoup.The second and third year classes vaccinated several herds of hogs for cholera this fall and one herd of cattle for blackleg. Six turkeys were dressed in the agriculture shop this winter and three hogs were butchered....At the December Future Farmer meeting eleven Green Hands were raised to the Future Farmer degree. Initiation for the Green Hands will be held at the January meeting.... Last year a small building was constructed by the Agriculture II and III classes for a pop stand for the softball league. We made approximately \$10 during the football season from the sales of pop.... We now have seven pure bred Duroc Jersey gilts out on shares with members....Some of the jobs which are under construction in the shops are: a tractor trailer made from a 31 Chevrolet truck dual wheels with hay rack, using the acytelene welding equipment, a circular saw frame cut of angle iron to be driven by a two horse movable electric motor, three gasoline motors are being repaired, a Chevrolet car to be repaired, engine and transmission, three sets of double trees from native lumber; six stock feeders; one power lawn mover, power to be furnished by a washing machine gasoline motor....All members of the Agriculture II class have sharpened one or more saws or are sharpening them now. A grain drill is to be repaired....The committee on basketball is planning a few games with near-by chapters....35 members attended the American Royal one day. Transportation was furnished by a school bus.

--Junior Bloss, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: Our new officers are: Stephen Brockhoff, president; Clarence Minton, vice president; Billy Owen, secretary; Augustine Meyer, treasurer; Lawrence Smith, reporter; Forrest Jones, watch dog and song leader; Norman Hallauer, program chairman; Keith B. Wagoner, advisor....Our standing FFA committees have been appointed, have met and sent in our annual program of work....The chapter conducted an initiation for new members October 18. Glenn Minton, Kenneth Owen, Walter Sinner, Ben Thomas Torkelson, Merrill Hinkle, Jay Fraser, Gene Schmitt, and Gene Banks were awarded the Green Hand degree. Thirteen Green Hands were raised to the Future Farmer degree at the same time....Mr. Wagoner, James Howard, and three farmers from the vicinity of Fairview attended Swine Feeders Day at Manhattan October 19....Our chapter held its annual father and son banquet December 18 in the high school gym. Most of the food was donated by the boys. The girls of the vocational homemaking department, under the supervision of Miss Johnson, prepared and served a fine dinner consisting of breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sweet pickles, hot rolls, salad, coffee, cherry pie, and chocolate milk. The tables were colorfully decorated with candles and the FFA colors. Stephen Brockhoff, president of the chapter, acted as toastmaster. The following program was given: Group songs led by Forrest Jones; Invocation, Paul Banks; Opening Ritual, FFA Officers; Welcome, Stephen Brockhoff; Response, Mr. Chase; Talks, Kenneth Owen, Norman Hallauer, Leland Kleopfer, and Lloyd Rogers; Special numbers, Donald Erb. Our honor guest was Mr. L. B. Pellom, State Supervisor. He gave us a very interesting after dinner speech. The program was completed by singing the FFA song, "Hail the FFA".

--Lawrence Smith, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

SIMPSON: The officers of the Simpson FFA chapter made their first radio appearance over KSAL November 23. The topic of our discussion was "The Duties of FFA Officers."....At the regular December meeting we raised two Green Hands, Wybern Berneking and Robert McGaughey to the degree of Future Farmer....The chapter committees held a farmerette New Year's party December 31. Members and their dates and the faculty members were guest. Those who attended without dates suffered a penalty....Fifty baby chicks have been purchased by the chapter to be battery brooded for the parent and son banquet to be held in February or March. The chicks not used, will be sold after the banquet....We had a jack rabbit hunt on December 15. Because of very bad roads, only a few attended. Fourteen jack rabbits were killed and sold for seven cents each....The agriculture boys have finished two hayracks and are expecting to make two more. The class has a new two-wheel trailer for the school almost completed. Other smaller jobs include 8 feed bunks ranging from 8 to 14 feet long. We also have finished a ping pong table, which was placed in the basement. This serves as good recreation after meetings and at other odd times.

--Reporter

VINLAND: Officers for 1940-41 are Paul Lauglin, president; Lloyd Jameson, vice president; Ted Crady, secretary; Kenneth Hubbard, treasurer; Raymond Schimmel, reporter and watch dog. Out enrollment is a little larger than last year. We have six Freshmen, who became "Green Hands" last October....The farm mechanics department arranged a table display to be shown at different school functions held at the school. The FFA chapter is going to display their shop work in the Lawrence Hardware window sometime in January....We plan to have our father and son banquet sometime in January....Our chapter is planning to mix minerals for dairy cows, to sell to farmers. The minerals to be mixed will be bought at wholesale. The formula for mixing the minerals will be obtained from the department of Dairy Husbandry at Manhattan....Most of the boys enrolled in vocational agriculture planted hybrid corn for their projects. Those who planted it were very well satisfied with the results.

--Raymond Schimmel, Reporter

HOWARD: Several of our members participated in the Angus Field Day at the E. L. Barrier farm near Eureka....Our chapter has purchased some used machinery which we expect to repair and sell this spring....One hayrack has been rebuilt and sold at a profit. Judging from the inquiries concerning the rack we think we might be able to sell two or three more....Our annual Christmas party was held at the home of the advisor, Mr. Bergsma. Several games were played after which there was an exchange of gifts....We have purchased three Angus calves which we expect to feed on the deferred plan of feeding....We expect to cooperate with the State Board of Agriculture and run germination tests for farmers who have seed that they want to sell.

--Ivan Morse, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: As a reward for their outstanding projects and record books, Raymond Regier, Arnold Regier, and Merlin Krehbiel went to Kansas City for the American Royal. Wilbert Goering also went with expenses paid because of his outstanding shop work....The afternoon classes of vocational agriculture attended a Milking Shorthorn sale in Hutchinson one afternoon in October....Seven boys and Mr. Sample attended the hog feeders day program at Manhattan, October 19....The chapter has played a softball game and two basketball games with the McPherson chapter. We lost all the games.

--Austin Regier, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

ALTA VISTA: Our judging team placed fourth at the Barrier Field Day last fall. The boys greatly enjoyed the meat cutting demonstration and the barbecued beef at noon....The feed project has been incorporated with the sheep project, the shares in the feed project being transferred to the sheep project. Four of our fifteen ewes have lambed, the first lamb coming December 7. With lots of sorgo to feed, we should be able to hit the early high market....The classes have been giving the barn two coats of white paint. They completely remodeled the interior and constructed feeders....The second and fourth Fridays have been set for our regular meetings. At our last meeting, we initiated some more Green Hands.Our annual FFA banquet is scheduled for January 21. Mr. Hall will be here at that time to show the film, "Future Farmers at Work"....The shop was wired for electricity this summer and we have a new power grinder which is in almost constant use....Our pest eradication contest closes December 31. Rabbits, starlings, and sparrows furnished the largest number of points.

--Donald Colloer, Reporter

ARGONIA: The Argonia chapter held initiation for the Freshman Green Hands December 8. We had as our guest, Mr. Brown of Kansas State College. There were ten members initiated....Several weeks ago the FFA boys voted to have a sparrow hunt in which they all participated. The president appointed three supervisors for each side, and anyone hunting sparrows had to have a supervisor with them. The hunt was very satisfactory. A total of 2,300 sparrows were killed....The first of October this year, the FFA boys with the help of the merchants, sponsored a poultry show. We gave prizes for first, second, and third places. We had a great show and next year we hope to enlarge it and also have a grain show.

--Delbert Larson, Reporter

MAYETTA: Our officers are Harold Taylor, president; Everett Frazier, vice president; Loren Robson, secretary; Jay Hewitt, treasurer; Warren Landon, reporter; Jim McCauley, watch dog....Our chapter is buying used machinery at sales and from farmers and repairing it in shop this winter. Next spring, we plan to hold a sale and we hope to make enough money to take a trip when school is out. ...The school board purchased a new electric welder this fall which has been a great help to us in repainting this machinery. Our FFA boys are also selling popcorn at the basketball games.

--Warren Landon, Reporter

BLUE RAPIDS: Our officers for this year are: Armand Dolen, president; Everett Kovanda, vice president; Elton Smith, treasurer; Bob Fincham, reporter; Howard Baker, secretary; Dick Spunaugle, program chairman; Percy Strader, watch dog.The boys who attended the American Royal are Dick Spunaugle, Gail Skalla, and Jack Ratliff. Mr. Cohorst, our advisor, sponsored a contest for FFA boys and gave as a prize for first place a free trip to the American Royal. The contest was estimating future prices on corn, wheat, hogs, cattle, and sheep. The trip to the Royal was won by Jack Ratliff....Another item of interest is that Jim Honeycutt, a former chapter member, took a calf to the Royal which won fifth place and brought 16 cents per pound.

--Bob Fincham, Reporter

HOLCOMB: Officers this year are: Collin Upshaw, president; Dominick Herman, vice president; Billie Ried, secretary; Wayne Gibbons, treasurer; Norvan Meyer, reporter; Raymond Crist, watch dog....We presented a chapel program November 15.Several of our boys entered to compete in the Finney County Fair October 3-4. The prizes won were: one 1st; three 2nds; one 3rd; two 4ths.

--Norvan Meyer, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

LAWRENCE: The annual father and son banquet was held in the high school cafeteria, December 6. The meat served was raised by one of the members. A fat barrow from one of our cooperative swine projects was butchered....There are 70 members in the chapter, 25 of them being Green Hands. This is the largest membership the chapter has ever had....The chapter gave out 11 registered Duroc gilts this fall and all are bred for spring litters....The annual Christmas party was held December 18 with a good attendance. The first part of the evening was spent in playing games, and after refreshments, the party went to the gymnasium and danced until time to go home.

--Kenneth Richardson, Reporter

CLIFTON: Our chapter has started a pest eradication contest to run two months.Early in October our chapter put out lime and phosphate plots on both new and old alfalfa fields in several locations in the community. These plots were staked out and the material was applied with a push type applicator. The local phosphate dealer furnished the phosphate and the farmers paid for the lime used.The Green Hands were initiated into the chapter the latter part of October. The parents were invited to attend the initiation....We are now making plans for the first parent and son banquet to be held by the Clifton chapter.

--James Wood, Reporter

KIOWA: At our October meeting we initiated seven Green Hands....Some of our recent shop activities include butchering five hogs and one beef. We have also installed sewer, gas and water lines to the shop; and gas and water into our class room....The Kiowa school opened the season with the second team playing the FFA a very close game.... The chapter has participated in two night hunting trips and had the misfortune to find a skunk, which was not appreciated by the rest of the school....Through the cooperation of the local editor, the FFA has had a column in the paper since September.

--Bill Houlton, Reporter

PAOLA: Wilbur Menefee, Clifford Everhart, Marvin Wendte, Gerald Hoffman, Charles Pursell, John Hoffman, Leon Miller, and Mr. Campbell attended the Officers Training School at Shawnee Mission, October 5. Our boys entered the Askit Basket contest, the parliamentary law procedure contest, the opening-closing ceremony contest, and the radio skit contest. We brought home the prize for the radio skit contest....October 10 Paola held a joint meeting with Ottawa at Ottawa and raised their Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree....November 11 Mr. Campbell and five boys purchased a carload of feeder 400 lb steer calves. The project was financed by the Miami County National Bank....December 12 we initiated 12 Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree....Ralph and Dale Kettler have purchased a purebred Black Poland China gilt....Wilbur Menefee and Marvin Wendte are candidates for the State Farmer degree....Our main shop jobs have been the construction of a 100 pig self feeder, two wagon boxes, one A type hog house, one sow and litter, self feeder, and one trailer.

--Charles K. Pursell, Reporter

SCANDIA: Newly elected officers of the Scandia chapter are: Irvin Nondorf, president; Glenn Johnson, vice president; Frand Stanley, treasurer; Dean Johnson, secretary; and Darwin Householder, reporter....Our chapter surveyed and layed out a 60 acre field for terracing....We hold a meeting each week during the school year....Our officers attended the officers training school held at Clay Center.

--Darwin Householder, Reporter