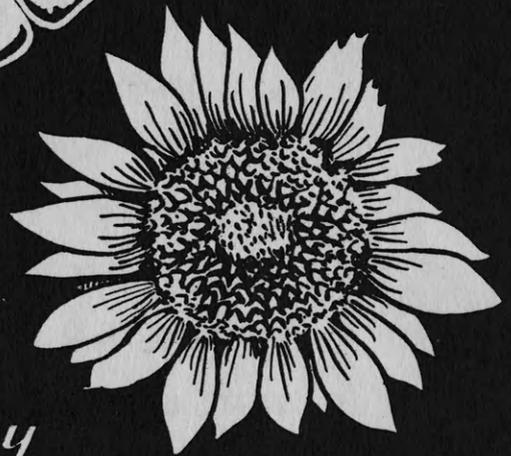
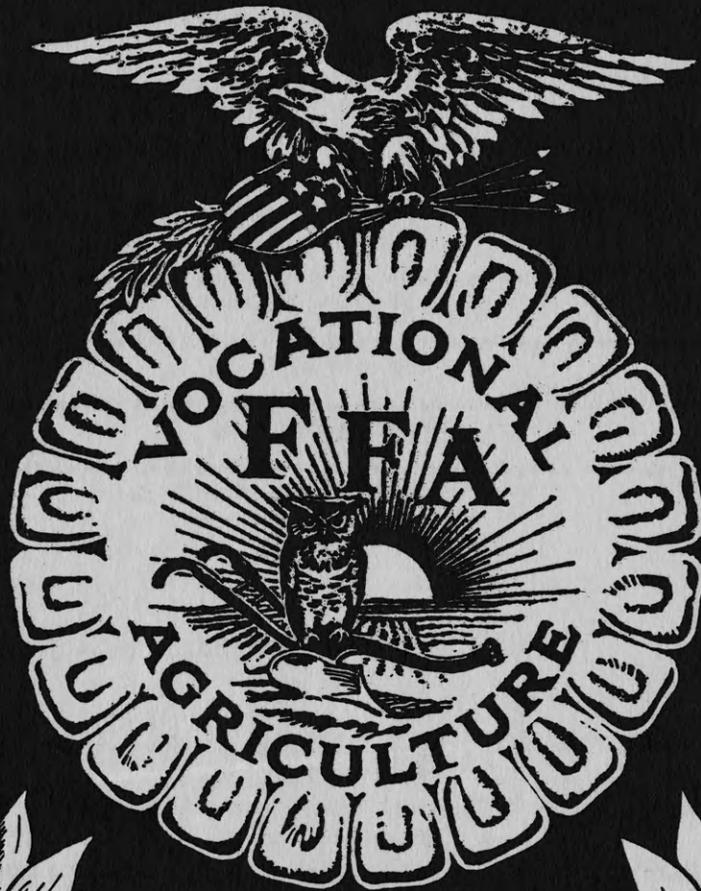


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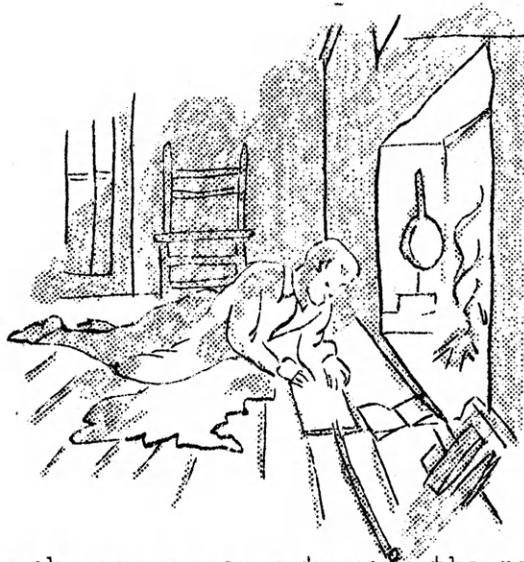
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"If we do not make common cause to save the good old ship
of the Union on this voyage, nobody will have a chance
to pilot her on another voyage."

--A. Lincoln, Feb. 16, 1861

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F.F.A. CALENDAR

State Farmer Candidate's current year's record book if called for.... April 12
Public Speaking entry and manuscript..... April 12
Better Chapter Contest Report..... April 12

--FFA--

2,500 pupils of the Palestine, Texas, schools will get free lunches daily as a result of the 30 acre Victory garden grown by the Future Farmers, from which 60,000 cans are being filled this summer by Future Homemakers for next year's consumption.--F.F.A. Flashes.

CHANGES IN NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The National FFA Organization has made two changes in the rules governing the National FFA Public Speaking Contest. They follow:

1. An eligible FFA member may compete more than once in the Regional FFA public speaking contest.
2. Winners in the National contest will be selected by using one set of judges. Previously, one set of judges scored content and another set of judges scored delivery.

Note: A copy of the printed 1942-43 announcement and rules governing the National FFA Public Speaking Contest are being made a part of the February 15, 1943, copy of the Kansas Future Farmer mailed chapter presidents.

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1943 KANSAS FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Plans are underway for conducting the 1943 Public Speaking Contest to be held by the Kansas Association of F.F.A.

Public Speaking entries and one typewritten copy of the manuscript must be filed with the state office, addressed to Professor A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, by April 12.

Eligibility: The State FFA Public Speaking contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age who are regularly enrolled undergraduate high school students and who are active members of chartered FFA chapters in good standing with the state association. All boys who participated in any previous State FFA Public Speaking contest are ineligible to compete in the 1943 contest. (See January 15, 1943, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, pp 4,5,6.)

Method of Selecting Winner: A slight deviation will be made from the rules governing the National FFA Public Speaking contest. In Kansas two sets of judges will be used to determine the winner. One set of judges will score content, and one set of judges will score delivery. The judges scoring delivery must ask questions.

The time allowed for delivery of the speech is ten minutes, with 20 points deducted for each minute of overtime.

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W. A. ROSS

Word from National Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross, informs us that he has recently changed jobs. At present he is listed as Consultant, Public Service Occupations--whatever that is. The FFA work will be carried on by Mr. S. C. Hulslander of the Office of Education, whose title will be Acting National Executive Secretary of the Future Farmers of America.

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"Pop, what's a millenium?"
 "The same thing as a centennial, only it has more legs."--Triangle

"America has furnished to the world the character of Washington. And if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind."

--Daniel Webster, Speech
Completion of Bunker
Hill Monument.



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1943 NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Lebanon chapter, F. A. Blauer, Advisor, was the only Kansas chapter submitting an entry in the 1943 National Chapter Contest. The closing date for entry was January 31, 1943.

Important changes in the National Chapter Contest Rules for 1943:

Under II, Eligibility, items E and F have been changed to do away with the necessity for competing chapters submitting scrap books. For 1943 the complete chapter report, therefore, will be:

- (1) An entry consisting of the chapter program of work, submitted to the national FFA office not later than January 31, 1943.
- (2) The final report on chapter accomplishments, in terms of the program of work as revealed in the entry sheet, to be submitted to the national FFA office on or before September 1, 1943.

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1943 KANSAS BETTER CHAPTER CONTEST

The Kansas Association never required a scrap book to be submitted, but strongly urged chapters to include descriptive materials with their activity report. The state association did set up regulations on the maximum size of the scrap book to be submitted as a part of the activity report. The association recommends that the chapter activity report for this year be less pretentious than some submitted in previous years, and one that will not require too much time in compiling. This does not mean that the report will be incomplete in any sense. Careful planning and cooperation will result in a full report with ample descriptive material to enable one to judge of the scope and quality of work accomplished. Advisers and members are busy with war work, materials are becoming scarce and more expensive, and it is for these reasons that the state association is recommending the submittal of modest activity reports.

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F.F.A. "SPELLDOWN"

Each year as we read project agreements, plans, stories, and other entries in the Kansas Farm Record Books submitted by State Farmer candidates, we are impressed with the lack of ability to spell on the part of Future Farmers in question. Just why this particular group of farm boys misspell so many simple words we are not in a position to state. Whatever the reason Future Farmers can well afford to give attention to the business of improving their ability to spell.

Ohio has found the same spelling deficiency among her F.F.A. members. The following list of 50 "new" words, together with apparent meanings, as found in the Ohio project record books was taken from the Ohio F.F.A. Newsletter, Jan.-Feb. issue. Why not use this list of words in a chapter "Spelldown" at one of your regular meetings?

<u>Word</u>	<u>Apparent Definition</u>
Guilt	A young female pig
Descases	Afflictions, for example, cholera, which animals suffer
Craked	Corn as prepared for poultry rations
Barly	A grain
Choped	Ears of corn cut into small pieces for steers
Recieve	To accept
Casterating	Unsexing male pigs
Combonation	Mixing feeds together in certain proportions
Cerial	A feed, such as corn; any grass yielding seeds suitable as food
Competition	Two forces, one working against the other
Rurral	A variety of potatoes
Yieldiers	Varieties having ability to produce
Disolved	Separated - split apart
Laxitive	Having a tendency to loosen, relieve
Protien	Nitrogenous material in foods
Naval	A depression in the middle of the abdomen
Disenfect	To cleanse, purify, destroy germs
Brand	A feed consisting of the broken coat of the seed of wheat

F.F.A. "Spelldown" (Continued)

<u>Word</u>	<u>Apparent Definition</u>
Gragually	A series of regularly progressing changes
Weined	To accustom to loss of mother's milk
Breeding	Act or process of reproducing
Deliane	A breed of sheep
Polo China	A breed of swine
Polean China	The same breed of swine
Experinced:	Made skillful by means of trials
Carring	Transporting goods from place to place
Purching	A breed of horses
Stoted Poland China	A breed of hogs
Russits	A variety of potatoes
Thrinety	A protein mixture - a feed for hogs
Poltery	Domestic fowls reared for food
Timithy	A grass grown for hay
Furinsh	To provide - to make available
Manur	Excrement from livestock
Havly	To be burdened with a great weight
Nessacary	Something one cannot do without
Sertiffied	Approved seed - potato, wheat, etc.
Bettween	The space that separates objects
Visable	That which can be seen
Fertilizerzer	Plant food supplied in commercial form
Exerice	Physical movement to give strength
Brodder	A building used to raise chicks
Arce	An area of land covering 43,560 sq. ft.
Cheviote	A breed of Sheep

FORMER FUTURE FARMER WON'T ADMIT IMPOSSIBLE

How many times have you heard people say, "We'll never make it--it can't be done." Farmers, looking at the food and textile production goals they are expected to meet for 1943, if the United States is to feed its armed forces and its civilian population and allies, are already saying "It can't be done."

On the cover of the magazine, "The California Future Farmer", January 1943, issue, is a picture of a former Future Farmer who refused to admit that what he set out to do couldn't be done. This young man is Cornelius Warmerdam, a former Future Farmer from the Hanford chapter. When sports writers all over the United States were predicting that no one would ever vault over a bar 15 feet above the ground, Cornelius Warmerdam was preparing to prove that you can do just about anything you really set your mind to.

A letter from J. Herman Harper, adviser of the Future Farmer chapter at Hanford, reads as follows:

"Cornelius took vocational agriculture for two years, was a Future Farmer and a good one. He was high man in the San Joaquin valley in poultry judging, winning the first medal he ever won up to that time and one that he is very proud to have now.

"He specialized in poultry raising in his home Future Farmer project work. He was a good student, and stood at the top of his class in school work. He was quiet, unassuming and shy, but a good thinker and worker."

After "Dutch" Warmerdam left Hanford high school, he attended Fresno State College, where he excelled in track and prepared himself for teaching. When he broke the world's record several times, and nobody seemed to come near his mark, it would have appeared a good time to retire to rest on his laurels. His best mark was 15 feet 7 3/4 inches, made in a meet at Modesto on May 23, 1941. That ought to be high enough for anybody to push himself.

But, here we come to the reason why Cornelius Warmerdam's picture is on the cover of the California Future Farmer magazine. Do you know what he plans to do now? Vault 16 feet during this year? Why? Well, maybe he heard somebody say, "It can't be done."

We have been hearing a lot of talk about farmers facing a shortage of machinery, and it's not a rumor, it's a fact. We all know that a machine that is badly worn is not efficient, and is an aggravation. Now, is that a reason for lying down on the job of food production for 1943?

Do you know what kind of a pole Warmerdam used to boost himself more than 15 feet in the air a total of 22 times in two years? I'll tell you--it came from a junk pile!

That's not an exaggeration. Warmerdam was practicing at Stanford in 1939. Up to that time he had never been able to reach his first goal--to break the then existing world's record of 14 feet 11 inches. He found this old bamboo pole on a junk pile near the Stanford gymnasium where its previous owner had thrown it as useless.

Warmerdam took this old pole and soared to a world record with it. It wasn't easy. The pole was too light for Cornelius' 180 pounds. But he didn't say "It can't be done"--he just took 15 pounds of weight off and at 165 pounds, found the pole just right. The pole that carried him to the unheard-of heights was not only found in a junk pile--it looked the part. It was taped from top to bottom. The lower end was fuzzy from being jammed into the wooden planting pit. When Warmerdam vaulted, the pole creaked like it was going to give way.

Of course, there are limits to what a pole will take, so finally, Cornelius laid it away. He thought he was through because the pole was through.

Former Future Farmer Won't Admit Impossible (Concluded)

But a few months ago, he was given another pole--also a second-hand affair that the owner couldn't use. At first, Warmerdam tossed the pole on a pile with others he had tried. Then one day he got hold of it, and somehow, it seemed to be just what he wanted.

Now with this new "junk" pole, he has his sights set for 16 feet. He's 27 years of age, married and with a family, teaching full time at Piedmont high school.

When some of you Future Farmers go out to the implement shed and look at that old grain drill, or that cultivator with the bent frame, don't say, "We can't get a crop planted or harvested with this pile of junk." Get in and fix it. Put in the crops. Set your own goal as the highest productivity of your land and livestock equipment.

George P. Couper.

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INVITATION ACCEPTED

Kenneth Engle, Abilene chapter, 1942 FFA National Public Speaking winner, has accepted an invitation to deliver his winning address before the American Association of School Administrators in their annual meeting at St. Louis, Monday, March 1, 1943. This is an honor that comes to few young speakers, and we have every confidence that Kenneth will more than do his part to uphold the honor of the Future Farmers of America.

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F.F.A. SEPARATE

The FFA separate mailed to the presidents of the FFA chapters in Kansas last month should be carefully filed. Upon inquiry we find that the supply of additional copies is extremely limited. Since this separate contains the revised FFA constitution it will prove to be basic until a new issue of the FFA Manual is printed. May we suggest that you take good care of the separate mailed your chapter president in order that your members may have available at all times the revised form of the National FFA constitution.

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"MISSING IN ACTION"

According to Mr. R. L. Welton, vocational agriculture instructor at Tongonoxie, Kansas, Lt. Ivan W. Salts has been reported "missing in action" since January 14. Ivan was a former member of the Mayetta, Kansas Future Farmer chapter, and was a Union Pacific scholarship winner and a State Farmer. Lt. Salts was flying a P-38 Lightning in North Africa.

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Uncle Sam has opened his 700th camp motion picture theatre, and thus became the largest chain operator of "movie" houses in the United States. Capacity of these 700 theatres is little over a half a million seats. Each week 4,630 programs are exhibited.

F.F.A. FLASHES FOR JANUARY

Compiled by W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary

OKLAHOMA: Fifty-five members of the Barber Chapter completed derris treatment for cattle grubs on 2,104 head of beef cattle in that community. Members were divided into teams of three or four boys who competed for cash prizes. The winning team treated 442 head. Such treatment should increase the value of each hide by 2 to 3 dollars.

MONTANA: To assist in the excess grain storage and farm labor problems, "Future Farmers" at Cascade built two commodity granaries and replenished their Chapter treasury to the extent of \$100.

NEW YORK: Empire State's F.F.A. chapters have been active in all salvage campaigns. Recent reports show the following results: scrap metal collected, 981,880 pounds; paper collected, 168,719 pounds; rags collected, 8,410 pounds; rubber collected, 219,450 pounds; burlap bags collected 58,520. War bonds and stamps purchased by chapters and members was \$43,947.84.

OREGON: James H. Thompson, 1942 Star Farmer of Salem, Oregon, was the recipient of the Certificate of Merit Award for outstanding contribution to the Food for Freedom Campaign presented by the Blue Network and the National Farm and Home Hour.

PENNSYLVANIA: The Hopewell Township Chapter announces that 24 former members are in the armed forces and 10 others will be leaving soon. Former members are known to be in Hawaii, Panama, Iceland, and Great Britian.

MINNESOTA: Members of the Mountain Lake F.F.A. Chapter have earned reputation as good credit risks. In a little over one year the local bank has loaned these boys more than \$6,000 with which to finance their supervised farming programs. This has made it possible for 60 of the boys to own 154 head of hogs, 83 head of cattle, and 57 sheep. Credit wisely used is an important round in the ladder of success.

WYOMING: "Cooperation of F.F.A. in the War Effort" will be the theme of the 16th annual convention and Public Speaking Contest to be held from April 15 to 17 at Casper. Even though all other State-wide activities have been curtailed, the State association feels this meeting is so essential to the organization's success that its curtailment has never been considered.

TEXAS: The supreme sacrifice for his country has been made by Captain Robert M. Gray, former "Future Farmer" of Killeen, Texas. Captain Gray, who participated in the air raid on Tokyo, lost his life in a plane accident over Asia. For his part in the Tokyo raid he was awarded the American Distinguished Service Cross and an honor medal from the Chinese Government. The main street of his home town has been renamed Gray Street and April 18 each year has been set aside as "Robert Gray Day."

SOUTH DAKOTA: The Alcester Chapter took an active part in their recent school scrap drive by aiding in the collection of over 26,000 pounds of scrap metal. Of this total, 22,486 pounds were donated to the F.F.A. as payment for hauling. This large collection was possible only through the cooperation of the entire membership.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEODESHA: Our chapter this year has 47 members, 16 of whom are Green Hands. Our officers are: Loren Jensen, president; Robert Estes, vice president; Bill Casebourne, secretary; Bill Estes, reporter; Dean Osborne, treasurer; Kerles Presser, watch dog; K. T. Sherrill, adviser....To date we have castrated 30 hogs, burchered 8 animals, and wormed 130 sheep....The chapter set as its goal to purchase \$150 in war bonds before the end of the school year. We have already passed this goal by purchasing \$375 in bonds so far....Our annual pest eradication contest ended January 11, after two months of destroying rodents in a feverish effort to rid our community of the farmer's pest, the rat. The losing team will entertain the winning team at a party in the near future.... We have two candidates for the State Farmer degree, Loren Jensen and Bill Casebourne. At present our chapter has 5 State Farmers and 1 American Farmer. ...We are making concrete hog troughs in shop and selling them for 75 cents each, as a means of raising money for the chapter....An Honor Roll of all the boys who were formerly enrolled in vocational agriculture and are now in the armed services of our country, is being compiled and this list will be decorated in a frame and posted in the chapter room. We have about 35 former members in service at present....One large A-type hog house, a disk, and a buck-rake are being overhauled in the shop class....We have started testing some seed in class. Each boy brings a sample of the seed he is going to plant and it is tested in our farm laboratory.

--Bill Estes, Reporter

MCDONALD: Our chapter is very active in war production work....Our officers are: Richard Moreland, president; Arlie Archer, vice president; Gerald Mann, treasurer; Kermit Downing, secretary; LaVern Goltl, watch dog; Richard Payne, reporter; Mr. Theo Claassen, adviser....We cooperated with the farm labor situation by shocking feed and building farm equipment. The total amount made was \$32. We are charging 20 per cent of the lumber bill on all farm equipment made....We started a new organization which we call, Coop Ag Students, and the money we earn for shocking feed and building farm equipment was put in the treasury for this organization. We will invest the money we make in food production and war bonds and stamps....The following equipment has been completed in our farm shop: two A-type hog houses, one cozy type hog house, three 40 bushel Kansas type self hog feeders, two chicken mash feeders, four chicken feeders, four sheep feeders, one cattle feeder, four sections of chicken nests. ...We expect to complete the following jobs in the near future: three A-type hog houses, two loading chutes, four cozy type hog houses, two 50 bushel sheep feeders, and two dehorning chutes....We have nine Green Hands and a 100 per cent Future Farmer enrollment....Our chapter sold hamburgers at a local basketball game at McDonald....We held our annual FFA carnival on January 26. The main features were boxing, wrestling and concessions. We cleared \$76.93, \$55 of which were invested in war bonds and stamps.

--Reporter

FREDONIA: On November 24 the Fredonia chapter held a box supper and carnival. It was very successful and netted the chapter \$55....A Christmas party was held a short time before Christmas. The members exchanged gifts and had an enjoyable evening....A pest eradication contest has aroused the interest of the members. Many pests have been exterminated on the farms.

Royce Isohbaugh, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

SHAWNEE MISSION: Our 15th annual parent-son FFA banquet was attended by 160 persons. Mr. Ben Henthorn, president of the Shawnee Mission Cooperative Club was the speaker. Part of the program was the presentation of a chapter service flag with 52 blue stars and four gold stars. The flag hangs in our FFA reading room, beneath a new silk American flag....Our chapter battery brooder which was started November 5, has been going along in a satisfactory way. We have doubled production, and are now adding 50 baby chicks each week. Birds are sold at three pounds weight at \$1.00 each....The battery brooder committee is planning to dry droppings from the broiler plant and sell them for fertilizer. They will be ground and mixed with superphosphate and sold locally....We have repaired the following machines in shop: 3 mowers, 2 grain drills, 4 harrows, 2 discs, 1 go-devil, a corn planter, a corn picker, and have built a wagon bed, and several smaller pieces of farm equipment, including a work bench, feed cart, manure drier for our battery brooder, and numerous saw horses, etc. Two power lawn mowers are under construction, 2 old cars are being made into tractors, and another old car is being used for practice work in studying farm motors. Mr. Ottis Fisher, Chevrolet dealer and father of one of our members, gave us this car....Our 12th annual Christmas party was held in the American Legion Hut, December 14. Forty-eight members attended, and food for three Christmas dinners for needy families, was collected. The evening was spent playing games....Our war production committee has organized the chapter into a contest similar to the "Bombs Over Tokyo" contest of last year. This year our chapter will be divided into two groups, the Reds and the Blues, to see which side completes its leg of a large "V" with stars. Recognition for such war efforts as scrap iron, paper, burlap, rags, tin cans, etc., will be shown on the chart; also production of meat, crops, war bond buying, victory gardens, pest control, and anything else helping out in the war effort will be allowed. The losing side will treat the winning side some time in the spring.

--Reporter

MCPHERSON: Our officers for this year are: Willis Barrett, president; Demasoy Perkins, vice president; Marland Sitts, reporter; Carroll Tillman, secretary; Virgil Rowley, treasurer; and George Moors, watch dog....This year there are 50 students enrolled in FFA....Due to the shortage of farm labor we have been helping the farmers with their farm work. So far we have helped fill silo, shock feed, thresh alfalfa, vaccinate and dehorn cattle, castrated and wormed pigs, culled chickens and drenched ewes....We are using Phen-Ovine drench this year for control of stomach worms in sheep, and like it much better than the old copper-sulphate method....Five Duroc gilts were purchased this fall and used in the boys' farming programs. Boys getting the gilts were: Virgil Hedlund, Swon Burk and Virgil Rowley. Conrad Spiller showed one of his Duroc gilts at the Hutchinson fair....The boys adding ewes to their farming program are: Marland Sitts, George Moors, Charles Moors, Johnnie and Howard Johnson and Martin Stucky....The FFA exhibited the McPherson county booth at the Hutchinson fair and won prize money amounting to \$42.50....At our last FFA meeting we voted to use some of the chapter's money in purchasing a brood sow. The gilt pigs are to be placed among the boys and the boys getting the gilts will return the choice pig to the chapter from the first litter. This way we feel that the boy can get started in hogs with but little financial output....Some of our shop projects include the building of trailers, hog feeders, "A" type hog houses, chicken feeders, watering troughs, and tool repair.

--Morland Sitts, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

KENSINGTON: The officers of our chapter are: Ivan Levin, president; Lawrence Reynolds, vice president; Thaine Larson, secretary; Dick Dilsaver, treasurer; Fred Currier, reporter; and Louis Emme, watch dog. Mr. Don E. Hall is our adviser. Our FFA chapter has done a good deal of work in both shop and class room this year....In class we are filling our note-books with important material that every farmer should know. Whenever a problem arises in one of the boy's farming program he brings it to class and it is discussed. In this way every boy learns what to do on such an occasion....Our class started this year in shop by filing saws and sharpening and repairing small farm tools. The boys have rehandled hammers, spades, hoes, axes, pitch forks, corn knives, a sledge hammar and various other tools. Several of the boys brought in cars and overhauled them. The Green Hands have been learning their rope work and also soldering and working on the forge. They have also completed several good bench-hooks. The older boys have completed three feed bunks for cattle. The bunks were 4 feet by 16 feet. They have also completed five wagon boxes and have one more under construction. The workmanship on the wagon boxes was exceptionally good. We have also made numerous useful articles for the home and farm. We have made plans for several additional feed bunks and feeders for farmers. The farmer furnishes the materials and the boys charge a small fee which is added to the chapter fund....Because of the success of last year's hot-bed project, we plan to enlarge it this year. We will build a portable sheep dipping vat and carry on a dipping program in this community this spring.

--Fred Currier, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: The Atchison County chapter of the Future Farmers are submitting three candidates for the State Farmer degree this year. They are: Glen Hefty of Valley Falls; Jerome Banks of Effingham, both senior boys; and Francis Sprang of Effingham, a junior. These boys have very suitable farming programs and the chapter hopes that they will be elected as State Farmers....The chapter has done outstanding work in shop this semester. To date the boys have constructed 14 wagon boxes, 8 hog houses, 20 chicken feeders, 15 sheep feeders, 3 hog self-feeders, and they have also painted two cars and have turned out many smaller projects. They were given a test on 150 shop tools so that the boys would become acquainted with the tools they use every day. The way things look now, this next semester will be a busier shop time than ever....The sophomore and junior vocational agriculture students are all entering the nationwide Swift and Co. essay contest. The essay is to be about meat or on the meat industry...The FHA joined with the FFA and presented a 3-act play entitled, "Footloose" on November 23, 1942. It proved a success and the two organizations cleared approximately \$30 on it....The initiation ceremonies for the Green Hands was conducted on December 16...There are 21 boys that are now classified as Green Hands, about 49 boys as Chapter Farmers in the organization today, and the chapter has had 8 boys elected to the State Farmer degree....We are cleaning up the last of the scrap iron that we bought, sorted, and now are selling. The latest figure we have is 105 tons which we have sold. In this way we are doing our bit to help win the war.

--Chas. Armstrong, Reporter

Pat Smith, A Green Hand of Buffalo, was hurrying to school, and as he hurried, he prayed, "Dear God, don't let me be late." Then he happened to stumble and said, "You don't have to shove."

Chapter News (Continued)

TONGANOXIE: Our chapter has given out three purebred Duroc Jersey gilts to members and have two more to give out. We sold two barrows on the market in November. We also sold one gilt to a farmer. The members of the chapter now own 15 purebred females....Our chapter sent Christmas boxes to former members in the service overseas. We have received letters from these boys, thanking us for the boxes....The vocational agriculture students have changed classes with the homemaking students for two weeks. The boys are cooking and studying foods while the girls are studying poultry and gardening....The FFA gave a party January 8 and invited the Pep Club and faculty. We showed films on the "History of Aviation," and "Football Thrills of 1940," after which there was dancing and refreshments....The school board gave our chapter a picture of the settlers crossing the plains. This was hung on the walls of the vocational agriculture room. ...Our shop has been filled all fall with farm implements being repaired and new equipment being built....We will band trees for canker worms again this spring.

--Preston Hunter Jr., Reporter

PRATT: The members of our chapter have dismantled two combines and other machinery. We are saving the usable parts for use in the shop; other parts are being sold for scrap....The chapter entertained with a date party at the beginning of the year to stimulate new membership. We had a very good time and a large attendance....The advanced class is doing a large amount of motor mechanics work in the shop....We are also holding a pest eradication contest. The losers of the contest will entertain the winners at a regular meeting....A chick brooding project has been started to raise poultry for the father and son banquet. The sophomore class is in charge of the project....We are scheduling two basketball games with Great Bend. Both games will be followed with refreshments. ...Our boys here are doing their part toward the war effort. The total value of stamps and maturity value of bonds purchased by members of this chapter is \$1,473.90.

--Lester Goyen, Reporter

HAVENSVILLE: The Havensville FFA chapter initiated the following boys in the Green Hand degree: Harland Jenkins, Noel Shove, and Roy Berry. This makes a total of 27 boys actively enrolled in FFA....The annual Christmas party sponsored by our chapter was held Tuesday evening, December 22. The whole school turned out with only a few absent. After Santa passed out the gifts, refreshments were served....Last year's record books have been closed and the vocational agriculture boys have been selecting this year's projects and getting their new books started....In shop four wagon running gears have been repaired and one new wagon box built. One of the sophomore boys built an "A" type hog shed for his father. An old car was also brought in, and after putting it in good running order, it was converted into a small truck. Two wagons and a manure spreader are being worked on now besides several other odd jobs the boys are undertaking.

--Gene Shove, Reporter

PARKER: This year our chapter has done a lot of shop work. We have built 3 wagon boxes, 1 hay rack, 2 neckyokes, 5 wagon bolsters, 5 pair of double-trees, 10 singletrees, 7 chicken feeders, 1 rabbit pen, 6 knives, 22 chisels, 16 punches, 14 funnels, 20 baled hay hooks, 12 pair of gate hinges, 15 door pulls, 2 wood mallets, and repaired 1 trailer. We have also taken many field trips to judge cattle and study soil.

--Eldon Brownback, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

KINCAID: The Kincaid FFA chapter held its Green Hand initiation January 27. The following boys were initiated: Dean Boone, Willard Brooks, Eugene Cooper, Marion Cushing, Bobby Hardesty, Marion Osborne, George Patton, Frank Raloy Jr., and Raymond Tull....The chapter voted to sell magazines and garden seeds as an activity....The activity program which has been started this year offers points for different activities the boys have done in vocational agriculture and FFA work. The goals are 600 and 850 points. The prizes will be FFA emblems....The victory program is to salvage scrap iron, buy defense bonds, help farm labor shortage, repair farm machinery and help in the production of food. ...Members of the No. 11 class plan to get test crop seeds for the farmers. ...The Chapter Farmer initiation will be held February 3.

--Donald Riggs, Reporter

KINGMAN: The farm labor situation has had an ill effect on the membership of the Kingman chapter. Ten of the members dropped out of school to help with the farm work at home. Four of the boys finally returned after the fall work was taken care of. This cuts our active FFA membership to 31....Some splendid major mechanics jobs are near completion in the shop: 1 wagon grain box, 1 truck bed, 1 set of pick-up sideboards, and 2 chicken feeders....The financial reports on last year's farming programs have not been tabulated, but the record books are ready....The scrap drive is progressing nicely, although the big drive which was to have been launched in the county on December 7 was postponed because of snow. However, FFA members have collected scrap as follows to date this year: scrap iron, 53,995 lbs.; rubber, 3260 lbs.; and paper, 648 lbs. Stamps and bonds totaling \$738 have been purchased by the members.

--James Bartholomer, Reporter

GARDNER: During the month of December our chapter initiated 27 students in the Green Hand degree....We closed our 1942 Kansas Farm Record books and opened our new books after returning to school from the Christmas vacation....On our field trips we have butchered several hogs, one beef, docked and emasculated lambs, castrated boars, rung and vaccinated hogs....Mr. Raines, our FFA advisor, recently gave a pork cutting demonstration before the No. 11 boys. He also gave a beef cutting demonstration before the vocational homemaking III girls and the No. 11 boys....Shop jobs under way at the present time are: overhauling a rake, mower, gasoline engine. Several cars and trucks have been repaired. A large hog feeder was completed and a set of 16 nests built. Many basic skills are under way as soldering, forging, rope work, elementary carpentry, etc.... We have just closed a pest eradication contest. The winners were entertained by the losers.

--Ralph Walters, Reporter

ALTON: Our annual FFA banquet was held at the high school and a line party at the show followed. Every member brought a date. Miss Bell, the home economics teacher, prepared the supper. Poultry and eggs were furnished from the FFA laying flock, and groceries were bought with FFA funds....The menu served at 6:30 p. m., consisted of chicken, salad, pie, and cake....After the dinner everyone loaded into a truck, which had been covered and fixed for the occasion, and drove to Osborne where they attended the show. Fifty-two tickets were purchased for the show. All reported a very fine time.

--Bob Cordill, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

CONCORDIA: Our chapter donated two Thanksgiving dinners for two unfortunate families who couldn't afford a dinner this year....Our members are selling garden seeds, the proceeds of which will go toward the expenses of our parent and son banquet this year...We have made a wagon box, two trailers, two wooden hog troughs, 15 metal hog troughs, several dust pans and milk stools, one set of house screens, and are also working on a Chevrolet motor to be on a stand for auto-mechanics shop practice work....Our FFA members have aided in organizing classes in auto-mechanics and farm machinery repair courses....Most of our members are enlarging their farming programs and the majority have victory gardens. We are going to assist town boys in gaining farm experience so they may help on farms in the busy season next summer. Some of our members are taking these boys out on the farm with them during week ends to get acquainted with farm work. These boys will also spend time in an organized groups after school and some Saturdays in studying farm mechanics.

--Bob Anderson, Reporter

WAMEGO: Our chapter has set February 18 as the date for the parent and son banquet. The banquet will not be as formal as it has been in the past. Instead, it will be on the order of a potluck supper with every member bringing some dish. The program will consist of talks by the members of the Junior Ag class, a talk by a mother and a father of one of the members, an outside speaker, a picture show, and a weight guessing contest....The Junior Ag class went on a field trip to Louisville to a crops meeting....The FFA basketball team has played several games and a few more will be scheduled....We have under construction in the shop at the present time 2 hog self feeders, 1 sheep self feeder, 1 hog house, 1 brooder house, 1 mother nature brooder, 1 ladder and numerous single trees, double trees, and neck yokes. We are also oiling and repairing sets of harness and repairing 2 cultivators, 1 grain drill, and 1 corn binder.

--Harvey Lee Arand, Reporter

BELLEVILLE: In cooperation with the war effort we have over \$1,125 in war bonds and \$30 in stamps....We are now planning our gardens, selecting seed and outlining our garden plans. We are planning to order garden seeds which we will sell in order to raise money for the chapter funds....We have been saving money by mixing our own mineral supplements in class periods. Although we have no mechanical mixer yet we mix it well with scoop shovels and a little elbow grease....As soon as the weather permits we are going out and run some contour lines on some of the farms in our locality....We have under construction at present in our shop, 2 hog houses, several chicken feeders, a small two brood hen brooder, a wagon box, several self-feeding hog feeders, numerous articles for bee-keeping, some home furniture projects, a power driven lawn mower, many trough type feeders, some milking stools and some farm repair jobs.

--Reporter

BUHLER: We collected and hauled 18 tons of scrap iron....Robert Sawatsky is our candidate for State Farmer. His net worth at the close of 1942 was \$1,227.88. He has purchased five \$25 war bonds....We presented a pageant on the history of Kansas at chapel January 21....The chapter has butchered 7 hogs; nearly 100 pigs have been castrated; 7 self feeders and many other smaller projects have been completed....The members still in school from last year had a total net worth of \$5,852. (16 members). The average per member projects completed was six. The average number planned for 1943 is six, including the freshmen..

--Ray Ratzlaff, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

GOODLAND: Robert Cowan is entering the annual Swift essay contest....Our chapter is planning a party for Phillip and Eugene Pyles in recognition of their leaving for the service....The vocational agriculture department is working on the following shop projects: cattle feeders, wheelbarrows, hog self feeder hog troughs, chisels, nail boxes, and a truck box for Mr. Tony Martin....The following boys attended the Denver Livestock show: Adviser J. C. Kyle, Harold Van Fleet, William Sheopener, Laddie Harrington, Henry Tagtmeyer, William Laughlin, Lowell Hutton, Dale Harding, Kenny Armstrong, Wayne Tuttle, Joe Gutsch, Bob Barnes, Maurice Barnes, Bob Cook, Gene Pyles, Phil Pyles, Bruce Pyles, Vernon Sexson, Ralph Topliss, and Wendell Curry.... The vocational agriculture classes are studying the following subjects: farm motors and farm machinery, marketing and farm accounting, livestock judging, hog production....Lowell Hutton purchased a purebred Chester White boar and six purebred Chester White gilts....Our chapter held its annual banquet December 22....The dinner was served by the vocational homemaking girls of the high school. There were two instrumental numbers preceding the program, and group singing throughout the program. Wm. Laughlin, president of the FFA, opened the chapter meeting and acted as toastmaster. He welcomed the parents and guests, and Lester Sage responded for the guests. Members of the Future Farmers told of their work, Joe Gutsch explaining the keeping of project record books, and a member of each class told of his own projects and the combined projects of the class. Class members speaking on projects included Maurice Barnes, Eugene Daise, Ralph Topliss, and Kenneth Armstrong. These reports showed progressive attainment throughout the course. Bob Barnes reviewed the chapter activities, and Phil Pyles told of the shop work. Dale Harding explained the State and American Farmer degree, and Eugene Daise gave a reading. The treasurer's report was given by Eugene Pyles, who stated that the total worth of the FFA boys' projects was \$22,000, an increase over last year of about \$9,000. The FFA quartette sang two numbers. Professor J. C. Kyle, vocational agriculture instructor, spoke of the awards due various members of the chapter. E. S. Colvin talked on the value of agriculture to the home front and the participation of the schools in the war effort. E. H. Coles, superintendent of the state experiment farm at Colby, was the guest speaker.

--Carroll Rohr, Reporter

CHERRYVALE: Our officers this year are: James Sutton, president; Charles Mangan, vice president; Dean Bruch, secretary; Bob Cole, treasurer; and William Axlanhard, reporter; Mr. C. H. Young, adviser....In an effort to improve the scholarship of its members, the FFA organization is sponsoring a scholarship contest among the classes with prizes being awarded to the members of the winning class. The junior-senior class has won the contests for the first two six weeks of school....As an added stimulus to bond buying the prizes in all chapter contests this year are being awarded in war stamps....The chapter has just completed its annual pest eradication contest, which was held this year in conjunction with the state wide rat "liquidation" program. It resulted in the extermination of 3973 animal pests, including 2229 rats. The winner was Dean Bruch, whose score had been negligible until the final day of the contest, when he brought in 766 rats....Many of the scheduled activities have had to be postponed due to the exigencies of the war effort.

--William Axlanhard, Reporter

A pilot of a bomber can perform 25 operations by simply pressing a button.

Chapter News (Continued)

MARYSVILLE: Our chapter is again going to sell garden seeds this spring. Our local seed dealer sells the seeds to us in bulk and we put it up into packages. In this way the chapter makes a nice profit....We are planning the initiation of the Chapter Farmers in the March meeting. Approximately ten members will be initiated....We are now making hog troughs and many orders are coming in for them....Our chapter plans to start a small broiler project. We plan to get about 100 chicks and raise them in a chick battery in our ag shop, which is automatically heat controlled....We held a pest eradication contest during December. The losing side furnished refreshments for the February night meeting....Projects that our boys have made in shop last fall and this year are: 2 wagon boxes, 3 A-type hog houses, numerous chicken feeders, 2 self feeders, and overhauling a hay rack, a manure spreader, and a corn binder.

--Melvin Stohs, Reporter

WASHBURN: The past month has been spent by the second and third year agriculture classes in closing the inventory of their Kansas Farm Record books. The first year class has been planning their long time farming programs....The agriculture classes together have set up a goal to produce an average of 4,000 pounds of meat per boy for the year of 1943. Of the 17 first year boys enrolled in agriculture, 15 plan to have swine enterprises for the coming year....A number of jobs have been completed in shop and numerous others are in progress. The jobs completed: a two-sow hog house, four hog feeders, three poultry feeders and one cattle bunk. Shop jobs in progress are: one grain wagon box and one brooder house....The third year agriculture class butchered a lamb during shop hour and cut it up the next day.

--Alfred Hanson, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: 100 per cent of the 33 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture are FFA members....We are selling seeds and butchering to make money for our chapter. We are planning on collecting iron, paper, and old bones to make money....In shop we have completed 9 hog houses, 2 hog feeders, 4 chicken feeders, 21 games for the Red Cross, worked on several cards, worked on 2 radios, and had a pest eradication contest. The losers had a party for the winners....We won first place on our panel at the Hutchinson State Fair....To save on tires we have our meetings during school time when all the boys have study hall....We are going to have a rabbit drive.

--Donald Sims, Reporter

MULVANE: The local FFA chapter closed its pest eradication contest. George Storey was high point man with 1,905 points. With 30 boys participating, there was a total of 5,319 points. Jack Mayfield ranked second with 745 points. The chapter met in the gymnasium Monday night and the losing side prepared and served chile to the winning side....In shop we have either completed or are working on the following items: one large stock rack for a truck, three mesh feeders; one 4-wheel trailer, one 250 bushel self feeder, one 18-foot ladder, many punches, chisels, funnels and small articles. The farm management class are picking out a short one-act play which we plan to give in chapel....We have butchered 33 hogs and 4 beeves in the farm shop this winter.

--Merle Wentworth, Reporter

Conversation overheard in chicken incubator: "Come on fellows, let's go. Last one out's a rotten egg."

Chapter News (Continued)

CENTRALIA: The FFA boys have various shop jobs completed or are working on them at present. We have finished 6 ladders, 37 rope halters, 8 singletrees, 2 neckyokes, 3 hog troughs, 3 chick feeders, 4 hay hooks, 12 meat hooks. Several old cars were dismantled for scrap. We saved the tin and other parts which we could use in shop. Jim Mordock has brought in a cultivator to repair. ...Mr. Burton Lohmuller talked to the boys about financing and loans for their farming programs at the day meeting of the FFA, January 13....We are testing different kinds of seed which will be planted this spring. The tester equipment was added to the department this year....A number of field trips have been taken for butchering and other livestock work.

--Ernest Chadwick, Reporter

OTTAWA: We were entertained with a Halloween party by the girls of the Home Economics Club. We expect to entertain them with a hay ride....Our chapter has just finished a pest eradication contest. Glenn Wilhite won the prize of one dollar for having the highest score....Our chapter adopted two needy families at Christmas time. They were given food, clothing and toys that they too might have a merry Christmas....Some of our shop projects have been: two brooder houses, one wagon box, A type hog house, two self feeders, several rope making machines; and we have also done forging, made chisels, punches, gate hooks and clevises.

--Harlan Page, Reporter

HAYS: Our chapter has slaughtered 76 hogs and 6 beeves since October 1, 1942. ...We will have our annual FFA parent-son banquet February 11, 1943. We will have our annual FFA parent-son banquet February 11, 1943. We will serve 175 members including parents and guests....Our chapter had a skating party at which time we had a wiener roast. This party was held January 20....Our president and adviser attended the Ellis FFA parent-son banquet January 27.

--Assistant Reporter

"Shangri-la"--Like the fictitious place from which the U. S. bombers were supposed to take off on their Tokio mission, we had a news item from "Sedgwick" and we do not have a chapter in a town by that name. The copy boys must have gotten mixed a bit. Jack Titus was the reporter. We are sorry, and if Jack will identify his chapter we will be glad to run the item in the March issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. Ed.

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"Life is a sheet of paper white
whereon each one of us may write
His word or two and then comes night.
Greatly begin; though thou hast time
But for one line, be that sublime.
Not failure! But low aim is crime."

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