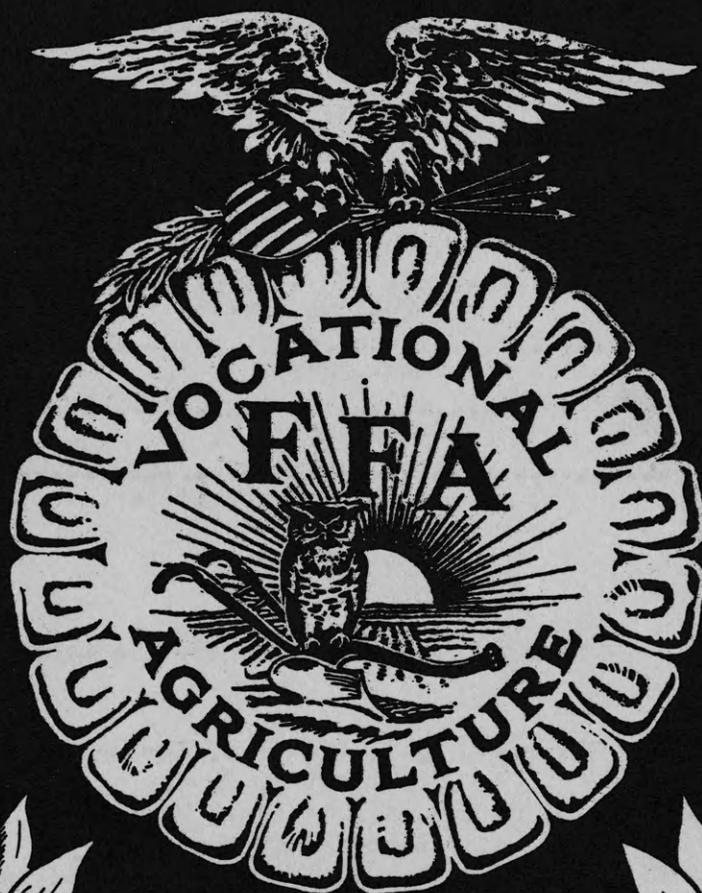


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F.F.A. CALENDAR

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 (send by Express--save first class
postage).....April 12
Annual Meeting State FFA Executive Committee.....April 23
Annual Meeting State FFA Officers.....April 24
State FFA Public Speaking Contest.....April 26

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URGENT

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* State FFA dues as of March 10, 1943, are 25 per *
* cent under the number paid as of that date in *
* 1942. On the basis of dues paid to date, only 3 *
* American Farmers and 60 State Farmers can be rec- *
* ommended. If your chapter has not paid dues for *
* the current year, will you see to it that the dues *
* are sent immediatoly. Kansas should be in a po- *
* sition to clect 80 State Farmers and to recommend *
* 4 American Farmers this year. *
* While a considerable portion of the decrease in *
* FFA dues collected can be attributed to the fact *
* that many chapters are without advisers, part of *
* this decrease is occasioned by chapters with ad- *
* visers overlooking this important item. Will you *
* check your chapter and take action immediatoly. *
* Thanks. *
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18 million victory gardens is the goal for 1943. USDA estimates that 15 million victory gardens were grown in 1942.

WAR TIME EMERGENCY

The adult officers of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, in conference with regional adviser J. H. Pearson, agreed that the following plan would best serve the interest of the Kansas Association for 1943:

1. There will be no meeting of the State FFA House of Delegates.
2. In the absence of such a meeting, the State Executive Committee be authorized to add to its usual duties of reviewing and recommending for advancement the State Farmer and American Farmer candidates, the function of declaring the qualified State Farmer candidates elected to the Degree of State Farmer.
3. The State FFA officers will review the State Farmer applications and select a slate for the 1943-44 State Association officers. (This year it will not be possible for the state officer group to interview candidates for office.)
4. A complete mimeographed statement on each State Farmer listed on the slate selected will be mailed each chapter. This write-up will include detailed information on Scholarship, Farming Program, and Leadership activities.
5. Each chapter will be entitled to two ballots to be returned to the state office at a specified date.
6. The State Officers in their annual meeting will assist in evaluating the Better Chapter contest materials.
7. The May 15, 1943, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter will in addition to the chapter notes, carry the following information:

- a. Newly elected state officers
- b. Winners in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest
- c. Chapter Contest winners
- d. List of State Farmers
- e. American Farmer Candidates
- f. The State FFA President's report.
- g. The State FFA Treasurer's report.
- h. An official audit and a proposed budget

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FFA STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State Executive Committee of the State Association of Future Farmers of America will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 23, 1943, at 10:00 a. m. The meeting will convene in the office of Dean L. E. Call, School of Agriculture. The principal business of the meeting will be a review of State and American Farmer applications. Members of the State Executive Committee are: L. B. Pollom, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture; L. E. Call, Dean, School of Agriculture; W. E. Grimes, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics; A. P. Davidson, Executive Adviser; L. F. Hall, Executive Secretary; F. A. Blauer, President of K.V.A.A.; Erwin Thalman, Vice President, acting for President Wayne Bryant.

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STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The state FFA public speaking contest will be held at Manhattan, Kansas, Monday, April 26, 1943, beginning at 8:00 a. m. Owing to the uncertainty of room demands occasioned by the College War Training program, it will not be possible at this time to announce the room in which the contest will be held.

No elimination FFA public speaking contest will be recongized by the state association and any member meeting the qualifications and state and national regulations may enter.

Two primary reasons are given by the state association for deciding to hold the state FFA public speaking contest without any attempt to eliminate by districts. They are: (1) an honest conviction that farm boys should not be encouraged to be absent from the farm at a time when the labor supply is so acute; (2) in the interest of the conservation of rubber.

The questionnaire mailed the local advisers concerning the advisability of holding district elimination FFA public speaking contests, and such meetings to be expanded to include the announcing of several FFA awards, did not indicate much interest in such meetings. The 19 replies received by the deadline date indicated that eleven favored the district contests, and eight voted for the state contest. Fifteen favored expanding the program provided the district meetings were held. The relatively little interest shown, indicated by the number replying, coupled with the belief that district meetings would not be in keeping with the present war emergency, resulted in the decision to sponsor the 1943 FFA public speaking contest on a state-wide basis.

The state office plans to furnish all local advisers having entries in the state FFA public speaking contest a complete list of entries at the earliest possible moment, hoping that district and local arrangements for transportation to Manhattan will result in as few cars as possible being used to transport the contestants.

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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BRYANT

President Wayne Bryant, U. S. Coast Guard, Davis Creek Barracks, Ferndale California, broke silence after a four months interval. Glad to hear from you Wayne, and will pass as much of your letter along to our FFA boys as the censor (?) will permit.

"Rather busy during the past four months....Furlough home in January and am just getting caught up (work or sleep, Ed.)....Thanks for sending the FFA Newsletter, appreciate it....The Kansas Future Farmers are really doing a super job toward the war effort....Thrilled when the Chanute chapter presented me with a war bond along with a war bond each for all the members of the chapter who are in active service....Am much interested in FFA work and wish it were possible to take an active part in same....Now in charge of 15 horses for the beach patrol; the company has 85 head of horses - Wayne doubts if the army field ration for horses is adequate, but the horses seem to be doing O.K.... In addition to the horses the Beach Patrol has trained dogs to work with the fellows who have to work on foot....Really some out of the way stations - I am 23 miles from nearest town...Rainfall here averages 120 inches per year...Hunting is good - I have enjoyed some excellent venison....Tell all the FFA boys 'hello' and give them my best wishes."

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NEEDED FFA CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

Attention State FFA Advisers and Regional Representatives on the National Advisory Council.

With a complete revision of the national FFA constitution at the 15th national convention it would seem somewhat irrelevant to propose another change in our national constitution at this early date. However, change is one thing the world is full of, and we propose to offer a suggested change in the national FFA constitution that we think is needed and a change that would safeguard the best interests of the National Organization.

Prior to the 15th National FFA Convention there existed a gentleman's agreement that advance information would be furnished all state associations relative to proposed changes in the national FFA constitution. This agreement was completely ignored at the 15th National FFA Convention, and much of the time of the House of Delegates was spent in a revision of the National FFA constitution. War emergency was the excuse offered for the flagrant violation of the "gentleman's agreement." In previous issues of the Kansas FFA Newsletter we reported on how certain old timers at the 15th National FFA Convention pumped their blood pressure up to High C when they found the "gentleman's agreement" abrogated - all to no avail.

The 15th National FFA Convention is water under the bridge. We are interested in the future welfare of the Future Farmers of America. The proposed needed national FFA constitutional change is not original with the writer, but was suggested by W. A. Ross, formerly National Executive Secretary of the FFA, and now Consultant Public Service Occupations (whatever that is). If you will study Article X in the present national FFA constitution you will observe that there is nothing to prevent offering proposed amendments to the National Board of Trustees at the Kansas City meeting, which always occurs just prior to the National Convention. The National Board of Trustees might live up to the "gentleman's agreement" and send all the proposed constitutional changes to the states for review in advance of a given national convention, and then have one or more amendments or by-laws proposed at the Kansas City meeting of the Board of Trustees and these may go into effect if recommended by the National Board of Trustees and passed by a 2/3 majority of the delegates present. THIS EVIDENT WEAKNESS CAN BE CORRECTED BY ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE: "All proposed changes in the national FFA constitution must be submitted to the National Board of Trustees at least 90 days prior to the convention at which they are to be considered." Such a provision would give time to properly notify States, and would avoid a repetition of the experience in FFA constitutional revision experienced at the 15th National Convention.

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NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Louis M. Sasman, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, and Adviser of the Wisconsin Association of Future Farmers of America, has been elected to succeed Hampton T. Hall, State FFA Adviser of Iowa, as the North Central Regional representative on the National Advisory Council for 1943-44.

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"SISSIES" AND MEAT PRODUCTION

In the January issue of the FFA Newsletter we carried an item to the effect that the Seward FFA Chapter of Nebraska planned to produce 158,600 lbs. of meat in 1943. The Jayhawk chapter, Lawrence, Kansas, writes the editor and classifies the Seward boys as "sissies," stating that they expect to produce 195,750 pounds of pork in 1943, not to mention the poultry, beef, and sheep projects carried by the 62 members of their chapter. The Jayhawk boys figure they will have 145 litters of pigs in 1943, expect to average 6 pigs saved per litter, and expect to reach an average weight of 225 pounds per hog marketed. If our arithmetic is sound that will total 195,750 pounds of pork.

Thirty-five members of the Jayhawk chapter own registered Duroc Jersey hogs. The following article from the Lawrence Daily Journal-World under date of March 4, 1943, is of interest in this connection, and tells how a chapter may win a basketball game even though they are on the small end of the score:

"Six years ago this month the Jayhawk chapter of the Future Farmers of America of the Lawrence high school played the men of the high school faculty a basketball game. An admission charge of ten cents was made. The records show the faculty men won the game but the boys collected \$48 from the receipts of the game.

"With \$40 of the receipts the chapter bought a high grade registered Duroc gilt. The gilt was bred to farrow in March and from her first litter raised twelve pigs.

"The faculty might have won the basketball game but the boys won the money. The first bred gilt was given to Roy Goff and he returned two gilts and the two were given to boys the following year.

"This has been going on for the past seven years. Up to the present time 45 boys have participated in the project. The boys give two 200 lb. gilts back but the boys who receive the gilt gets one, registered, cholera immune, and bred to a good boar. If the boys have unusual hard luck the chapter stands part of the loss. The first 34 boys receiving gilts raised an average of 8.2 pigs per litter.

"Last fall 11 boys were given gilts. Not all the boys take the gilt on a cooperative plan, but buy the gilts from the chapter. At the present time there are 35 members in the Junior Duroc association and 28 have taken advantage of the cooperative plan.

"This plan has almost eliminated other breeds of hogs from the chapter. Only one boy, Leslie Demeritt, has hogs of another breed. He has an exceptional good herd of Chester Whites.

"A committee of boys passes on who gets the gilts and other problems. Projects are inspected regularly by the committee. At the present time the chapter has over \$800 invested in war bonds, cash and hogs. Most of the hogs are sold on the market, but many are sold to breeders.

"Plans for 1943 call for 60 litters of spring pigs and 76 litters of fall pigs.* An average of six pigs from a litter would produce 816 pigs and at present prices will make the boys a real profit. In addition to the Durocs there will be about 10 litters of breeds of other hogs and hogs that are not purebred.

"Each year a Duroc boar of good quality is purchased for breeding the chapter gilts.

"The boys take a real interest in their hog projects and most of them are profitable. In 1943, chapter members will sell around \$20,000 worth of hogs and contribute to the war effort to quite an extent.

"Sissies" and Meat Production (Concluded)

"In addition to hogs the boys have a wide variety of projects and as a rule produce the grain used in feeding their hogs.

"There are 62 members of the Jayhawk chapter and 35 of the members are owners of one or more registered Duroc hogs.

"What turned out to be a defeat in a game of basketball has resulted in a real victory for members of the Jayhawk Junior Duroc Breeders association."

(* Total number of litters at variance with the total given by the Jayhawk correspondent indicated above. The 145 total includes a later estimate.)

The Jayhawk Chapter will be interested in the following statement taken from the February 1943 issue of the Nebraska FFA Newsletter: to wit: "The Beatrice Chapter estimates that they will produce over 200,000 pounds of pork in 1943." Now, who's a SISSY?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM NATIONAL FFA HEADQUARTERS

Distinguished Service For Safety Awards: The National Safety Council is offering to individual members or groups of Future Farmers their "Distinguished Service for Safety" award for outstanding acts of safety or achievements in organized safety programs. The State Adviser is charged with the responsibility of furnishing the National Executive Secretary of the FFA with the names of FFA individuals or groups who in his judgement, are worthy of this recognition, together with address, name of school, and brief account of the safety record.

The citation or presentation of awards will be made by a representative of the National Safety Council on the regular FFA monthly radio broadcast and will originate in the Chicago Studios of the Blue Network Company, Inc.

Names of FFA individuals or groups may be submitted at any time.

F.F.A. News Releases: Each Monday morning, from the office of the National Executive Secretary of the FFA, a news release consisting of FFA action stories, is sent to the Associated Press, United Press, farm magazines, and educational publications. Local and state FFA workers are urged to send factual material on newsworthy Future Farmer activities to S. C. Hulslander, acting National Executive Secretary, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

New Time For FFA Radio Program: The Blue Network system has placed the Future Farmers of America program on the second Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 2:00 p. m. C.W.T.*

*This office failed to receive this announcement. However, the official change in radio time was noted in several of the state FFA newsletters.

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The Community Handbook, published by The Progressive Farmer Ruralist Company, Dallas, Texas, pp. 288, price 25 cents. Sections on Programs, Songs, and Yells, Socials, Athletics, Camping, and First Aid, Plays for Rural Groups, and Miscellaneous activities and information. This publications should prove helpful to local FFA chapters and others interested in rural leadership.

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A new film "A Nation's Meat," is now available in 16 mm sound, by writing Swift & Co., Chicago, Ill., and paying express one way. Time of showing, 30 minutes. Interesting and informative.

AMERICAN FARMER

Kansas hopes to be in a position to recommend four candidates for the American Farmer degree at the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. The applications must be in the office of the National FFA Adviser by June 30, 1943. No excuses for later delivery will be accepted. Professor L. F. Hall and a representative of the state staff will visit all American Farmer candidates at the earliest date possible and recommendations will be made to the State Executive Committee on April 23. The following points will be checked by representatives of the State FFA office.

1. Will the candidate have held each of the three pre-requisite degrees by the next national convention.
2. Has the candidate been a continuous active member of the FFA for at least 36 months.
3. Does the candidate have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State association.
4. Has the candidate satisfactorily completed at least three years of vocational agriculture or (if less than a three-year program) all the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended.
5. Will the candidate have been out of high school by at least 12 months prior to the next national convention.
6. Does the candidate have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming which shows comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope of productive projects.
7. Are candidate's records complete, accurate, and neat.
8. Has the candidate earned by his own efforts, during the period covered by this application, from farming and other agricultural work, and deposited or otherwise productively invested at least \$500.00? Was 2/3 or more of this amount derived from his supervised farming program.
9. Does candidate show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation.
10. Has candidate been in the upper 40 per cent of his class in school in all subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction.

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FUTURE FARMERS AT WORK

From the coastal plains of Texas where the rice and Brahman grow,
To the row crops on the high plains, Future Farmers reap and sow.

From the Crimson River Valley to the Lower Rio Grande
With its citrus groves and gardens, Future Farmers till the land.

From the pines of our Big Thicket to the Prairies in the West
Dotted now with sheep and cattle, Future Farmers do their best.

Even where, beyond the Pecos, bad men once were quick to draw,
Working boys will help make Hitler wish he had a legal pa.

--The Lone Star Farmer - Texas FFA
Newsletter.

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FOOD--LABOR TO GROW AND HARVEST

Every Future Farmer in Kansas is cognizant of the importance of Food as it relates not only to his home family needs, but to the big job of winning the war and writing the peace. Also every Future Farmer is acquainted with the 1943 food production goals, and he knows that they must be met. He also knows that with the existing farm labor supply and the shortage of farm machinery it will be necessary to train urban workers to assist in the accomplishment of this titanic task.

One of the large supplies of potential farm workers is the high school group of 14 to 17 year old town boys. The Future Farmers of Kansas have a direct challenge in recruiting, selecting, and assisting with the training of this group of non-farm youth for farming. It is important that all phases of farm work be discussed with these town lads, and every effort put forth to understand the magnitude of the task at hand. Patience, and a willingness to give-and-take must be evidenced on the part of the FFA member and the non-farm youth who is being taught how to take his place in the nation's food production army.

Adviser L. B. Pollom in a talk to a group of town boys interested in helping the farmer meet his production goals said, "It will be easy to find 'softer' jobs than farm work. Work days on the farm must at all times be long and tiresome. They were that way for the boys on Bataan and Corregidor. Some farm homes may not have the comforts and conveniences of a city home. The comforts and conveniences on Guadalcanal were not the best. At times the weather will be uncomfortably warm, but no more so than that of the Solomon Islands. Doubtless the dust from a combine or some other farm machine may be stifling, but no more so than the dust stirred up by the tanks, trucks and bursting bombs in North Africa." This thought should permeate the heart of every non-farm boy as he sets about seriously preparing to assist the farmer in meeting the nation's food production goals.

The following suggestions taken from the Nebraska FFA Newsletter may be of help to the FFA member as he prepares to do his part in preparing the non-farm youth for his place in the food production line:

1. "Invite interested town boys to local FFA meetings. In addition to the regular program have some member give a short talk on 'A Day's Work On The Farm.'
2. "Invite interested town boys to spend the week-ends on the farm with FFA members. Allow boys to help with chores, drive tractor, and other similar work.
3. "Hire non-farm boys for a few days work. Let him work with the FFA member in handling wood, or hay, or shelling corn, or planting potatoes, or other similar work.
4. "Provide farm bulletins for town boy to read.
5. "Assist local adviser in the training program for town boys.
6. "Conduct survey among farmers of the community, and determine number and type of boys needed. Assist in getting the correct type of boys on each farm.
7. "Provide town boys with information on farm safety measures.
8. "Provide some instruction and information for the farmers that plan to hire the town boys. To be 100 per cent successful both the farmer and the town lad must cooperate and understand each other."

There will be many agencies cooperating in this gigantic effort to train

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Food--Labor to Grow and Harvest (Continued)

non-farm youth for farm work, but the schools of Kansas will play a most important part in the program. If the FFA is to meet this challenge, no time must be lost in preparing and putting into action definite plans for assisting - and in many cases furnishing the leadership - in whatever training program the schools are called upon to offer.

What plans does your FFA chapter have for aiding the public schools in this important venture?

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UNIQUE DEDICATORY SERVICE

The Manhattan chapter of Future Farmers of America used the following unique service to recognize their members in the Armed Forces, as a part of their Father-Son banquet held February 26, 1943. The dedication number was the last on the program. A chapter member, Robert Burt, introduced the service by relating some facts concerning the demands of the armed forces, industry and farms for the services of farm boys. He told briefly of the miscellaneous activities of the local and national FFA organization. At the conclusion of his remarks he introduced another chapter member, Herman Bowman, who read the names of Manhattan FFA members serving in the Armed Forces. This was accompanied by the strains of "There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere," played softly on the piano. The names of those in the service were projected on a screen by a slide projector. As Mr. Bowman concluded the reading of the names, he sang the first and second verses of "There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere," which was dedicated to the FFA boys in the service. While the song was being sung, the lights were turned off and a spotlight thrown on the American flag. A small electric fan was used to unfurl the flag and keep it constantly waving. At the conclusion of the song, the chapter president, Harris Ramsour asked all present to join in the flag salute. This closed the meeting.

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CHAPTER RANKING

Each year in the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter the chapters are ranked on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture and FFA membership. The percentage of paid-up membership in the FFA on the basis of total enrollment in vocational agriculture, as submitted by the State Department for Vocational Education as of October 1, 1942, will be the basis of the classification. Drop outs will in part be balanced by additions occasioned by boys enrolling during the second semester and joining the FFA. Holding power of chapters will materially assist in going over the 100 per cent status; however, this factor will be less important this year due to the 18 year old draft regulation. We hope your chapter will be listed in the April issue of the FFA newsletter in the group of 100 per cent plus.

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Little poodle
Asleep on a log
Forest fire--
Hot dog!

ACROSS THE BORDER

MONTANA: Fifteen boys from the Chester chapter stuck and picked 103 turkeys in one afternoon, plan to pick 200 more....The Deer Lodge chapter has 6,080 pounds of certified wheat seed and 225 sacks of blue tag certified netted gem potato seed, which was produced last year....Forty-eight members of the Hinsdale chapter earned \$1,253.50 during beet harvest--1,614 tons of beets were harvested....Medicine Lake chapter gave a benefit card party for Art Leer, one of their members who broke his leg while collecting scrap iron. Net profits amounted to \$71 to which the chapter added \$6 which totaled enough to pay the entire doctor bill.

TEXAS: San Saba chapter has recently completed a building and workshop to house tools valued at \$1,000 which are to be used for farm shop work....41 per cent of the FFA members of the Lytle chapter are farming, either on their own or at home, and 19 per cent are in the armed services....The Green Hand members of the Quanah chapter, 20 in number, picked twenty-six hundred and fifteen pounds of cotton in two hours time on October 30. The money earned was used to pay FFA dues....Sixty-five members of the Hondo chapter have purchased \$4,461.50 worth of war bonds.

NEBRASKA: Harrison chapter remodeled an old slaughter house and have butchered 25 hogs and 2 beeves to date....Ord chapter is making money by building farm equipment for the lumber yard. The yard furnishes the materials, and pay at the rate of \$4.00 for a hog house, and \$2.00 for a feed bunk....Seven hunting knives have been collected to send to our soldiers in New Guinea....The Meligh chapter has a total of 115 sows and litters, of which over 100 are of purebred stock. This represents an increase of 40 per cent over last year...200 cement hog troughs have been constructed in the shop to date....A corn show was sponsored by the Gothenburg chapter. A wagon box, scoop endgate, and hog troughs were awarded as prizes....Pawnee chapter has decorated a bulletin board with charts showing the official insignia of all military forces of the U.S.A. and a Service Star for each former member now serving in the armed forces has a place on the bulletin board....The Hastings chapter has increased hog production over 500 per cent during the past two years....The Humboldt chapter of 25 members plan to produce 8,000 pounds of mutton.

WYOMING: \$80 worth of FFA jackets have been ordered by the Big Horn chapter. The Lander chapter is taking on a project of eliminating the magpie, furnishing traps to members for this purpose....\$2,200 worth of bonds and \$450 worth of stamps have been purchased by the Shoshone chapter....The Jim Bridger chapter started the new year with an eye to the future by purchasing two War Bonds....Buffalo chapter hopes to have each boy furnish a knife to be sent to our soldiers fighting in the jungle.

CALIFORNIA: Escalon chapter organized a "minute-man group," each member to be ready on a minute's notice to help out in an agricultural emergency....Many chapters organized intensive training schedules to teach FFA members pruning skills in order that the members would be in a position to assist in meeting pruning demands which were acute due to the skilled workers being in the armed services...Holtville chapter in cooperation with city officials collected 650 tons of scrap. This is believed to be a national record for any chapter....Jack Webb, Woodlake chapter, has 750 meat birds with a brood of 250 ready for

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Across the Bo rder (Continued)

market averaging three pounds at nine weeks. Jack expects to turn out 300 birds every six weeks this year. Last year he produced 1400 fryers. This meat bird project is conducted on a city lot....Rio Vista chapter members salvaged six pounds of tomato seed from a truck load of tomatoes that was wrecked near their school....American Farmer Harold Johnstone, Petaluma chapter, will be milking 70 cows this spring....Members of the Kern county chapter at Bakersfield sold more than \$18,000 worth of stock at the Great Western....Members of the Rio Vista chapter are sending seeds to England for war gardens. They have sent 10 pounds each of carrot, onion, and beet seed, and 100 pounds of pea seeds....At least 100,000 persons not normally engaged in seasonal crop work, will be needed during 1943 in California.

OKLAHOMA: Fifty-five members of the Garber 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.

OREGON: James H. Thompson, 1942 Star Farmer of America, of the Salem chapter, was the recipient of the Certificate of Merit Award for outstanding contribution to the Food For Freedom campaign. This award was made as a part of the Blue Network program

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SCRAP

The Kansas FFA chapters have done a fine job in cooperating with the national scrap drive. The one thing that must not be permitted to occur would be "resting on our oars" thinking the job had been finished. Scrap is vital to the war effort and Future Farmers must and will continue their collecting, sorting, and shipping of this vital commodity.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard says, "If it can't be used on the farm front, turn it in for scrap, and it will be used on the battlefield."

Willard Barta, State Reporter, Nebraska Association of Future Farmers of America, contributes the following:

"If somewhere, somehow the Japs break through
Will it be because of YOU--
Because YOU failed to gather scrap
With which to lick the tricky Jap--
Because you thought YOUR little mite
Wouldn't count in this global fight."

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The traditionally absent-minded professor entered a barber shop and seated himself in the barber's chair.

"A haircut," he requested mildly. The barber looked perplexed.

"Sir, your hat, you haven't removed your hat."

Instantly the professor was all apologies.

"I'm sorry," said the professor, "I didn't know there were ladies present."

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FLASHES FOR FEBRUARY

Compiled by S. C. Hulslander, Acting National Executive Secretary

ARIZONA: The ten Steer Club is the answer of Arizona's Future Farmers to the nation's demand for more meat. To date 500 feeders are in the pasture and feed-lots of these FFA boys. Any Future Farmer having enough feed and equipment to handle at least 10 feeder steers is eligible to take part in the program. Many Future Farmers are feeding a smaller number of steers as a part of their work in vocational agriculture.

KENTUCKY: Sold! Nearly \$15,000 of war stamps and bonds! Yes sir-ee, this was the result of a recent three-week contest drive by the Hawesville and Lewisport FFA chapters. The Lewisport chapter averaged approximately \$433 per member while Hawesville came through with nearly \$270 per member. LeRoy Lamar of Hawesville was awarded the grand championship for selling nearly \$5,000 worth of stamps and bonds.

WISCONSIN: The scrap drive continues! Members of the Racine County FFA chapter have collected 72,000 pounds of scrap metal and 2,000 pounds of scrap rubber since November 11. Fields, fence corners, and buildings were combed to find materials overlooked in previous drives.

ALABAMA: To aid in meeting the meat shortage problem, the West Point FFA chapter purchased 18 pigs which they plan to fatten to a weight of 240 pounds each, or a total of 4,300 pounds of additional pork. To make this possible the chapter purchased 200 bushels of corn and each member contributed one bushel of corn to this project. Bacon, hams, and pork chops. Yum, yum!

OKLAHOMA: With the money which they won in a recent state-wide scrap iron drive, members of the Moore chapter bought a war bond and invested the remainder in a truck which they will use to gather more scrap iron.

OREGON: At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the State FFA Association, the following objectives were set up for chapters in the "Food for Freedom" program: breed sows twice a year; save one more pig per litter; produce 5 more eggs per hen; strive for 125 per cent lamb crop saved; hold beef cattle for grain feeding and sell at a heavier weight; produce one more pound of butterfat per month per cow; raise all hay, grain, and pasture for livestock; and every Future Farmer to be responsible for a satisfactory garden on the home farm.

MARYLAND: More than 17 tons of food have been raised for "Offense" by members of the Poolesville chapter of FFA. The boys object to terming their work a "defense" project.

ILLINOIS: The Belvidere chapter reports the purchase of a tractor and plow. As soon as weather permits they plan to have a 9-hour training course in tractor operation.

KANSAS: The Chanute chapter has prepared and mailed their chapter newsletter to all of their former members who are now in the armed forces. A splendid idea for keeping the boys in the service in touch with things back home.

F.F.A. ESSAY CONTEST

Open to Future Farmers of America.

Sponsored by the Farmers Digest.

Subject, "The FFA Contribution to National Defense."

Prizes: 1st, Thirty-five dollars; second, Fifteen dollars; Honorable
Mention, One-year subscription to the Farmer Digest.

Conditions of the Award.

1. All articles submitted in the contest must be original.
2. Articles must not exceed 1,500 words in length.
3. Articles must be typed, with double spacing, on one side of the page only.
4. A stamped and self-addressed envelope must accompany the article if the author wishes to have the manuscript returned.
5. All articles must be received at the Editorial Offices of the Farmers Digest, Ambler, Pa., on or before June 1, 1943.
6. A letter from the vocational agricultural instructor should accompany the article confirming the contestant's membership in the FFA.
7. Awards will be announced in the August issue of the Farmers Digest.

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CHAPTER NEWS

WINFIELD: The Winfield Future Farmers held their annual banquet in the high school cafeteria February 10. 150 people were served. The theme of the program was "Farm Mobilization." The invocation was by our secretary, Marion Miller, and the address of welcome was made by Richard Berrie, chairman of our leadership committee. George Reynolds and Willard Wise each made talks on the chapter's part in the war effort. The address of the evening was made by Attorney O. B. Scott, a former teacher of the high school... The chapter through the Farmers Union have ordered two car loads of Northern certified potato seed. The chapter will treat the seed for themselves and farmers at 10 cents per bag. We will use the hot formaldehyde method. The chapter will plant 40 sacks on their cooperative irrigation plot as a commercial project... Our secretary, Marion Miller, wrote six letters to seed firms in our section of the country regarding sorghum and soy bean seed. He found certified sorghum seed was generally quoted at \$6.00 per cwt., and that soybean seed was quoted at \$4.50 per cwt. The chapter plans to buy their seed for planting cooperatively... Our chapter has initiated 25 Green Hands and 21 Chapter Farmers this year... In cooperation with one of the farmers of the community, we are building a new type hog feeder which embraces all the good qualities and leaves out all the bad features of all previously built types. We have built a dozen big type hog feeders this year... In our scrap metal drive last fall we secured some 50 hot water tanks and these we have split in two and converted into hog troughs.

--Paul Bonewell, Reporter

ALTON: At the last regular meeting the Alton chapter voted to hold the annual FFA banquet March 19. The FFA poultry flock will finance the banquet and the program will be given by the members... The chapter is also considering the making of an FFA Honor Roll of the men and boys in the armed services from and around Alton who were former members of the chapter.

--Bob Cordill, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

COLUMBUS: Our officers for 1942-43 are: Richard Brown, president; Norman Bramlett, vice president; Gilford Gaston, secretary; Carlos Eagleson, treasurer; Gordon Hale, watch dog; Louis Scheiner, reporter. We have an enrollment of 35 in agriculture and 40 FFA members....The Industrial Arts building has been remodeled, with the agriculture department occupying the lower floor. The northeast part has been made into a new classroom, office and storeroom. ...The fourth annual parent and son banquet was held November 15 with an attendance of 115 members and guests. The meal was served by the Home Economics girls under the supervision of Miss Jennette McGregor....The following boys have purchased registered stock during the year: Calvin Jarrett, a Hereford cow and heifer calf; Herbert Jarrett, two Hereford heifers and a bull; Norman Jarrett, a Hereford heifer; Carlos Eagleson, two Hereford heifers and a Duroc Jersey gilt; Richard Brown, two Holstein-Friesian heifers and a bull calf; Dale Jones, one Duroc Jersey gilt; Orlan Shanks, one Duro-Jersey gilt....The major jobs in Farm Shop have been three farrowing houses, one wagon box, three self feeders for hogs, one wagon and one ensilage cutter overhauled, fifteen poultry feeders, and one sheep feeder. The chapter purchased a new two by three silk United States flag.

--Louis Schreiner, Reporter

"But Mama, I'm not hungry. I ate all the raisins off the flypaper."

--Ranger

LYNDON: We have been busy the past two weeks packaging and weighing out garden seeds. Our hot bed has been made ready with new manure and new soil for another season. Last year we cleared about \$23 from this project. We put on a PTA program February 15 and all the members participated. The program was composed of meat cutting and rope making and tying demonstrations. Ten of our members have castrated and docked 78 sheep, castrated 38 hogs, culled 300 chickens, castrated 12 calves, butchered 38 hogs, cutting up 12 of them and slaughtered 3 beeves....In shop we made four seed treaters from discarded barrels, keeping two and the Farm Bureau taking the others. We are treating seed oats for farmers and FFA boys in the department. To date we have treated 315 bushels. We plan to treat sorghums later. We will again cut and treat seed potatoes this year....We are planning to start a cooperative pig project immediately....Our pest eradication closed January 1. Bob Athon killed 117 rats and Loren Miller slaughtered 135 sparrows. In the whole campaign we killed and destroyed 1037 pests including rats, mice, sparrows, opossums, skunks, coyotes, etc. The losing side, Dale Barhart's (FFA vice president) will treat the winners, Owen Hillmon's (FFA president) to an oyster stew.

--Jim Waymire, Reporter

KIOWA: Community service projects include the following: castrating 110 pigs and 30 lambs, docking 60 lambs, butchering 47 hogs and 2 beeves. Shop jobs during the winter include building a chicken house, a farrowing house, two electric brooders and repairing several pieces of machinery....We bought two spike-toothed harrow sections and another mowing machine....Dale Tucker built a 10' x 12' brooder house....Three general agriculture boys are raising 75 baby chicks in the shop....We have purchased a 32 lb. sack of onions and 100 lbs. of potatoes to plant on the school farm. We will purchase 300 lbs. of potatoes later.

--Melvin Conrad, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

SIMPSON: Officers of the Simpson chapter are: Dale McClure, president; Max Prochaska, vice president; Neal Prochaska, secretary; Junior Hirsch, treasurer; Bob Gentry, reporter....The chapter and school cooperated in collecting thirteen tons of junk to be used in the fight against the Axis....The largest job undertaken this year for the purpose of raising money was the painting of the Union Pacific depot at Simpson. We removed all loose paint and applied two coats of paint on both the depot and the coal shed as well as painting the roof with tar. We contracted the job for \$95. The profit was invested in a new four man sheep shearing outfit. This outfit will be used for the shearing of sheep belonging to members. After all these are sheared, several of the members have plans for renting the machine and doing custom shearing in the evening, on week ends and after school is out. We believe this will help to relieve the shortage of shearers in our community....During the summer, six members and our instructor went to southeastern Kansas and purchased 25 head of purebred Hampshire ewes as a means of improving our local stock. Up to the present time we have had very good luck with the lambs....A survey of the farming programs indicates each student is endeavoring to enlarge his program as a means of trying to meet the production goals which have been set up by our government....This has been an unusually busy shop year for us. The jobs completed include a hayrack, a 2 wheel trailer, self feeder, sheep panels, 8 feed bunks, trailer hitches, hay bunks, and an overhaul job.

--Bob Gentry, Reporter

CHERRYVALE: At the first night meeting of this school year the Cherryvale chapter FFA members elected their officers for the ensuing year. The officers chosen were: James Sutton, president; Charles Mangan, vice president; Dean Bruck, secretary; Bob Cole, treasurer; and William A. Blanchard, reporter. Mr. C. H. Young is our 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 week 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. The contest resulted in the extermination of 3973 animal pests including 2229 rats. The winner was Dean Bruck, 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.

--Wm. Blanchard, Reporter

SOLDIER: We now have twenty-three members enrolled in our chapter. We have completed our pest eradication contest. One member brought in 30 rats. Mr. Crippen, our agriculture teacher, is leaving to enter the Indian Service as farm agent at the Pottawatomie Indian Reservation. His headquarters will be at Mayetta, Kansas....In shop we have built five hog houses, two wagon boxes, one sheep grain bunk, eight poultry mash feeders, three tool boxes, two hog self feeders, over-hauled one car, made several chisels and punches, two double trees, four single trees and a neckyoke. We have also repaired one set of harness.

--Harold Vanderwall, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

SEDAN: Our FFA owned gilts are doing nicely. One of the nine registered Duroc gilts farrowed seven pigs January 15 when the temperature was 10 degrees below zero. All seven pigs are doing fine but five of them had their tails frozen off. The other eight registered Duroc gilts will farrow the middle of March. The five registered Poland China gilts will farrow the first of March. Bar Y Jimmie, our registered Duroc boar, is at the Sturges farm and they are to keep him until the last of April. The chapter is sponsoring a contest with all the registered gilts, very similar to the Berkshire program. The boy winning the contest is to receive a registered Angus heifer as a reward for his proficiency. We expect to have many registered Duroc and Poland gilts to offer for sale this fall. We have four registered Poland gilts, 12 weeks old, and two registered Hampshire yearling rams to sell....Our farming programs are all worked out tentatively for the year. We have 28 sows and gilts to farrow two litters, also 14 head of registered gilts to farrow two litters, 87 head of feeder pigs on hand, 26 head of beef cows and heifers, 16 beef calves, eight head of deferred steers, 1,250 chickens, six dairy cows, 12 work horses, 163 head of ewes to lamb. We have 210 acres of land for corn and other feed crops, 26 acres legumes, and 12 acres of castor beans. Additional units will be added as the year progresses....Our pest eradication contest will close soon. All the boys are taking part. We chose up sides for this contest. Earl Gray, a Green Hand member, is leading with 1985 points. He has turned in 65 rabbits, 182 mice, 140 sparrows, 70 rats, and other miscellaneous pests. Junior Wickham, the second high boy, has turned in 28 rats, 7 skunks, 40 opossums, 13 sparrows, 10 squirrels, and 2 coyotes. The losing side is to give a party for the winning side....We held our date party recently. Every boy was to bring a date or wear a skirt. All attended the party but three of the boys wore skirts, including Mr. Neill, our advisor....Our third annual parent and son banquet was held February 1, 1943. The Home Economic girls prepared and served the banquet. We served steak, prepared and slaughtered by our boys. 120 students, parents, and guests attended the banquet. Mr. Millard, our principal, gave the address, "Agricultural Occupations." Jimmy Embree, our local boy magician, also performed....In shop to date we have built five portable hog houses, repaired a drill, a mower, a plow, two cultivators, and a tractor. We have built 14 hog troughs, eight feed bunks, and are overhauling a Chevrolet motor and a Cushman engine....The scrap drive has slowed up during the cold weather. A semi-trailer (12 tons) of paper was loaded out about Christmas. This week we loaded a car of scrap rubber, 28 tons. Our next scrap drive is to start soon with the Home Economic girls sharing in the drive. We have a large oil drilling rig to salvage, also two old oil cases to clean up....Our chapter receipts since June 1, 1942, are \$628.56. We expect to take in \$1,000. We aim to buy another bond soon....The community service program is developing nicely. To date the boys have in and out of class time butchered 196 hogs, 92 beeves, and 6 sheep. The boys are performing this service for farmers in the evenings and on Saturdays. They killed and dressed 19 hogs one Saturday....Pneumonia in sheep and cattle has been raging here. We have treated 46 beef cattle and 21 sheep for pneumonia, castrated 68 hogs and 45 calves, dehorned 15 calves, vaccinated 78 hogs for cholera, and wormed 30, vaccinated 16 heifers for Bangs disease and 26 for Blackleg, and treated 62 head of cattle for grubs.

--Leon Smith, Reporter

"Employ thy time well if thou meanst to gain leisure, and since thou are not sure of a minute, throw not away an hour."--Franklin

Chapter News (Continued)

PAXICO: The FFA boys have been busy with repair of farm machinery and the construction of new equipment. Many outside requests throughout the community have come in for this type of work. Under construction at present are two boxes, a box for a four wheel trailer, three hog self feeders, a loading chute and a wheel barrow. Things being repaired are a manure spreader, two haystackers and a disc and wagon box. Items completed this semester were: three hog self feeders and an A type hog house....The agriculture boys made a gravel walk from the school house to the agriculture shop and graveled a space around the shop. We have butchered 22 hogs to date. The farming programs for the year have all been completed with hogs and sheep the predominating livestock enterprise, and corn and oats the main crops. Several of the boys are going to raise chickens this spring....A chapel program was given by the FFA chapter January 29. As part of the program, we broadcast a "Truth or Consequence" program, with students and faculty members being the victims. No truths were ever told so all had to perform a consequence. A new FFA banner has been purchased for the vocational agriculture room.

--Raymond Muckeuthaler, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: Just a year ago a fire destroyed the gym, home economics and our vocational agriculture building. Since then we have erected a new vocational agriculture building. Work was begun on this new building June 7, 1942, and enough of the building was completed so that classes could be held in it the first day of school in September. Since school started the vocational agriculture boys have built three rooms in the building and floored the storage room above the class room. These rooms were made from an old house which the boys had a hand in tearing down. They have finished the classroom tables, built wall benches for the shop, built five cabinets, put in blackboards and bookcases, and laid a rock wall from the main building. Although the finishing touches have not been made the building is beginning to look like a fine vocational agriculture shop and classroom...Some of the things that have been made in the shop this year are: hog houses, wagon boxes, hog self feeder, coal shed, hay rack, sheep feeder, chicken feeder, hog trough, barrel stand, butcher knives, paring knives, cement measure, nail boxes, saw horses, saw vises, first aid cabinet, tool racks, broom holders, milk stool, disc tongue, ladders, basketball goals, wood mallets, feed boxes, child's table, rope halters, feed scoops, funnels, shoe rack, foot jack. Besides making these things in shop, we have collected with the aid of the rest of the school, 30 tons of iron. A wagon box was also made in the shop by one of our local farmers....23 boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture at Williamsburg this year.

--Reporter

MCPHERSON: This year most of the boys are having good luck with their lambs. Charles Moors, 150 per cent; George Hoors, 115 per cent; Martin Stucky, 150 per cent; Howard Johnson, 90 per cent; Willis Barrett, 125 per cent; and Marland Sitts, 90 per cent. All of the boys' ewes have not lambed as yet....So far this year, we have butchered 60 hogs, 12 beeves, and 2 lambs....The agriculture classes are going to dip a half carload of seed potatoes for scab. We will dip them in corrosive sublimate....In shop we are building a double header sheep shearing machine that we will shear our sheep with. We also are building a dipping vat....The boys who have sows are having fairly good luck with their pigs. To date the litters have averaged 6.5 pigs.

--Marland Sitts, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

ARKANSAS CITY: The advanced FFA students held the annual plowing contest October 3 at the Gene Burks farm. They were scored on straightness of opening furrows, neatness of back furrows, evenness of entering and leaving land at each end of the field, keeping furrows straight at each end of the field, evenness of furrow wall, neatness of dead furrow, finishing plowing job without undue loss of time. They were scored on 100 points. The winners were Bill Mathews, first; John Cofeland, second; and Billy Sman, third....The FFA played their first basket ball game with the Alumni December 14. The FFA won by 30 to 14. ...Ralph Adams, our FFA treasurer, and his father moved to Portland, Oregon, to work in a ship yard. Ralph sold his Hereford cattle and Poland China hogs at his father's public sale. His cattle brought \$550 and his hogs \$300. Ralph was one of our candidates for State Farmer and we regret to see him leave but know he will succeed anywhere.

--Billy Sman, Reporter.

BYERS: The Agriculture I and Agriculture III classes helped the county agent put on a pork meat cutting demonstration. The boys were divided in two groups, the county agent taking one group and the agriculture instructor, Mr. Harrington, taking the other. The hog was cut up into wholesale cuts first, then retail cuts. The boys cut up the lard preparatory to rendering....To date in the shop we have completed 14 hog and chicken feeders, most of the feeders holding 40 to 110 bushels. We have 6 small chicken feeders to make, one loading chute and several more large hog feeders to build....We have culled 1,325 hens to date. We are checking on two groups that we culled. The one flock of Austra Whites have laid the most eggs. The best day 94 eggs were laid out of a flock of 102 hens. The other flock of 115 mixed hens have laid as high as 87 eggs in one day....We have butchered 5 hogs, castrated 37 hogs, wormed 63 hogs and 20 sheep, docked and castrated 15 lambs and castrated 10 calves.

--John Jarboe, Reporter

LIIN: Our FFA chapter recently initiated twelve boys as Green Hands. The boys receiving the Green Hand degree were Duane Van Petten, Robert Kenaston, Donald Bisping, Billy Clark, Leonard Oelschlager, Neil Weithers, Clarence Rippe, Delmar Hatesohl, Delmar Kohmeier, Arlo Lindhorst, Carl Frese, and George King. ...Our chapter purchased three high quality Hereford calves October 30. The calves averaged 370 lbs. They will be on full feed of shelled corn, oats, alfalfa hay, and cottonseed meal until school is out. Each member in school will feed the calves for one week....The equipment added to the shop for the War Production class is adding interest to our shop work....We have been compelled to change our schedule of meetings considerably because of gas rationing and the tire shortage. We continue to hold two day-time meetings every month, but have done away with the night meetings.

--Verlin Gross, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: Our chapter has been very busy in shop the past six weeks. Due to the increase in hog production, many farmers are needing swine equipment. We have built 6 A type hog houses, 4 hog troughs, and are just completing a Kansas type self feeder which holds 50 bushels of feed. In addition to this, we have butchered 55 head of hogs and 55 head of steers. One dollar per head is charged for butchering and \$3.00 a piece for the hog houses....By the end of the year we plan to have \$100 in our treasury.

--Derrol Dvorak, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

BIRD CITY: The No. 9 class of our chapter castrated 16 hogs and docked some lambs. We have butchered in our shop 6 hogs and 1 beef for the farmers. We have repaired four log chains, making links for them in the forge and welding them with the acetylene torch. We are overhauling a Chevrolet motor and a mower machine. We have reconditioned 12 punches and made 20 gate hooks and 20 cookie cutters....The No. 10 boys are studying and practicing rafter cutting...The No. 11 boys are completing a brooder house, a two sow farrowing house, and a roster of former chapter members now in the armed services.... We completed a pest contest in which the No. 9 boys got 544 points; the No. 10 boys, 574 points; and the No. 11 boys, 227 points. The losing side is required to furnish an oyster feed for the chapter.

--Walter Chpperfield, Reporter

HIAWATHA: The chapter held its annual parent and son banquet January 21, with 90 persons present. Our guest speaker for the occasion was Walter H. Atzenweiler of Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, former county agent of Brown county. ...In our shop we have completed three wagon boxes, three large hog houses, replaced box on manure spreader, butchered hogs, one of which weighed 600 lbs., made hog troughs, two large feed bunks, overhauled three car motors, made two stands for sinks, twelve chicken feeders, repaired a "Kirlor", a three section harrow, disk, and made a wheel barrow...We ran a pest eradication contest in which the losing side treated the winning side....We entered the Hoard's Dairyman's judging contest.

--Franklin Allee, Reporter

DELPHOS: The Delphos chapter of the FFA has been selling war stamps in the Delphos schools since about the first of November. So far they have sold \$125 worth....We are preparing our hotbed for seeding. We have used this hotbed as a project for the past several years and have made a good profit most of the time. We expect to plant tomato and pepper seeds and later sell the plants to the people in the community.

--Corliss Ballou, Reporter

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FOUR THINGS

Four things a man must learn to do
 If he would make his record true;
 To think without confusion, clearly;
 To love his fellow men sincerely;
 To act from honest motives purely
 To trust in God and Heaven securely.

--Henry Van Dyke

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Two pounds of waste cooking fat will make enough glycerine for five anti-tank shells.

One old copper kettle equals 84 pounds of ammunition for an automatic rifle.

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