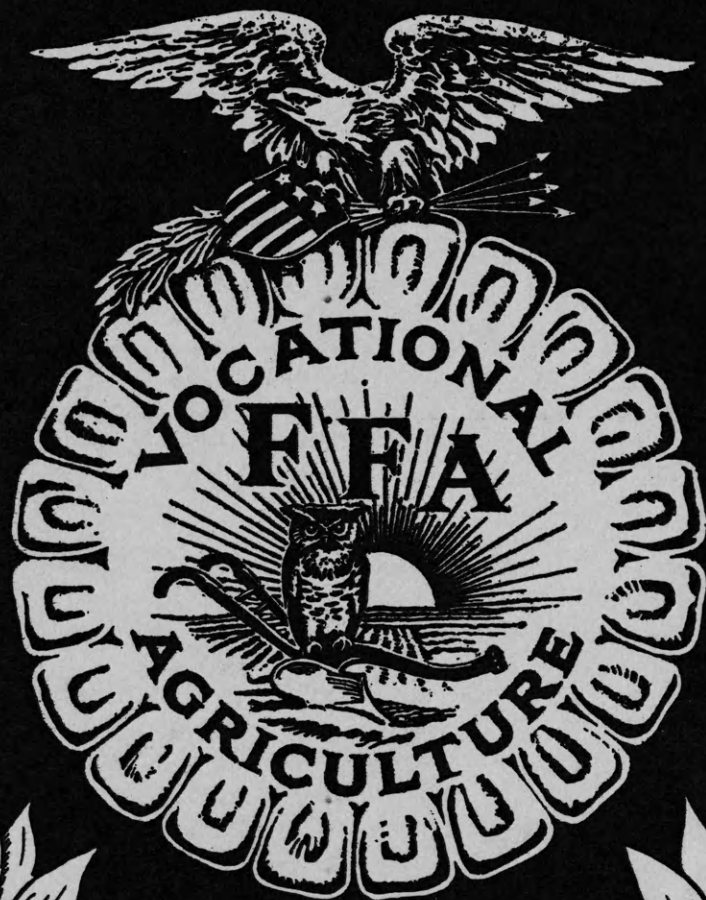


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This issue of The Kansas Future Farmer newsletter carries a report of the fifteenth year of the life of the state association. We are indexing the various articles included and would suggest that the contents of this issue be brought to the attention of your chapter, and that the volume be filed in order to be available to members and officers of next year's class.

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AN ENVIABLE RECORD

The Kansas Association of FFA centered its 1942 War Effort in four areas, namely:

1. Salvage; 2. War Bonds & Stamps; 3. Farm Machinery; 4. Food Production.

Results reported by chapters:

5,842,005 pounds of scrap collected; \$96,194 War Bonds and Stamps purchased; 3,675 Farm machines reconditioned; 46,664 acres of crops and 155,000 animals grown by members.

For detailed report of Kansas War Efforts, see pages three-five of this issue, which carries the "Fifteenth Annual Report of the Kansas Association of F.F.A."

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STREAMLINED FFA CONVENTION

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America conducted its annual business on a streamlined pattern occasioned by the urgency of war demands. The State Executive Committee in their meeting of April 23, assumed the responsibility of reviewing all State Farmer applications and electing those meeting the qualifications. Garnet Price, secretary of the State Association, represented the FFA at the State Executive Committee meeting.

The House of Delegates meeting was canceled, and the business of electing the 1943-44 state officers was handled by mail. In reviewing State Farmer applications, Professors L. F. Hall and A. P. Davidson selected seventeen applicants who were outstanding in scholarship, leadership and in farming programs. These members were visited on their home farms and from the list, eight boys were chosen to be presented to the chapters by mail and to be balloted upon by mail. A picture of each candidate together with his scholarship, leadership and farming program record was submitted to the chapters for their information and guidance in voting.

The state officers met Saturday, April 24 in room 7, Education Hall, Kansas State College. Vice president Erwin Thalmann presided in the absence of president Wayne Brant. Two principal items of business were considered, namely, approval of the plan for electing state officers for the ensuing year, and reviewing chapter activity reports. By motion the plan for electing state FFA officers by mail was approved. The remainder of the day was spent in reviewing chapter reports.

On Monday April 26, the state FFA Public Speaking contest was held, secretary Garnet Price, presiding.

By conducting a "streamlined" annual meeting of the State Association, it was estimated that a total of 37,200 man hours were saved, and tire miles conserved totaled 123,000 miles.

It is the hope of your outgoing officers that 1944 will see a cessation of hostilities and that we can again bring a large number of our members to our annual meeting on the Kansas State College campus.

--Garnet Price, Secretary  
Kansas Association of F.F.A.

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1943-44 STATE OFFICERS

The balloting by mail on candidates for state officers of the Kansas Association of FFA resulted in the following officers being elected: Irwin Alefs, Great Bend, president; Lynn Lukert, Sabetha, vice president; Robert Sawatzky, Buhler, secretary; Bob Overbaugh, Tonganoxie, reporter; Calvin Jarrett, Columbus, treasurer; L. B. Pollom, Topeka, advisor; A. P. Davidson, Manhattan, executive advisor; L. F. Hall, Manhattan, executive secretary.

The counting of the ballots was delayed until May 8 as several advisors wrote in stating that the second class mail containing ballots and history of candidates, mailed from this office April 26, was delayed and did not reach them in time for them to submit their votes by May 1.

The outgoing officers extend congratulations and best wishes.

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There is only one place you can find success without work--in the dictionary.



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION  
OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Due to war conditions which occasioned the curtailment of many FFA activities, this year's annual report of the president is considerably abbreviated.

President Wayne Brant, shortly after his election to the state presidency was inducted into the armed services and is at present serving with the Coast Guards. Your vice president, having assumed the duties of the office of the president, presents this annual report of the president of the Kansas Association of F.F.A., as of April 30, 1943.

Because of the scarcity of vocational agriculture teachers, occasioned by the many teachers in service, joining in the war effort--armed services, defense industries, food production--and teachers in preparation going directly into the armed services, we find it necessary to report a decrease in the number of active chapters and a decrease in total active membership. No new vocational agriculture departments were established, and no new chapters were chartered.

Curtailment of FFA activities saw the following events discontinued:

FFA Day at the Topeka Free Fair  
FFA Day at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson  
Ten district FFA Leadership Schools  
Vocational Agricultural Congress, held annually in  
connection with the American Royal Live Stock Show

However, the Kansas Association of FFA did have a definite War Program, and the following report shows that we have every right to feel proud of our accomplishments bearing directly on All-Out-War Effort. The 1942-43 war effort of the total membership was centered around four principal areas of activity, namely:

1. Continue to collect salvage
2. Purchase of bonds and stamps
3. Increase food production
4. Recondition farm machinery

The following is a summary of the 1942-43 Kansas FFA War Effort:

Total face value of war bonds purchased by chapters.....	\$ 5,252.50
Total face value of War Bonds and stamps purchased by members..	90,941.81
Pounds of scrap metal collected by chapters.....	5,497,773
Pounds of paper collected by chapters.....	314,805
Pounds of rags collected by chapters.....	9,786
Pounds of rubber collected by chapters.....	23,940
Number of burlap bags collected by chapters.....	5,710
Number of Victory Gardens grown by members.....	2,129
Total acreage in gardens.....	1,324
Number of farm workers placed on farms through aid of FFA	1,420
Number of FFA members who assisted Victory Farm Volunteers to become acquainted with farm life.....	529
Total number of farms serviced by Victory Farm Volunteers.....	720

## Fifteenth Annual Report (Continued)

Number of farm machines repaired by FFA members.....	3,675
Total number of FFA members serving in armed forces.....	2,489
Total amount of money invested in farming by FFA members.....	\$980,599.87
Average amount of money per member invested in farming.....	245.00

At the time this report was written, Kansas had a membership of 3992. While the state has 165 departments, 21 of the departments were inactive due to the fact that they were unable to secure a vocational agriculture instructor. Of the 144 departments having instructors, 124 had active chapters.

Of the 3992 members, 1597 were Green Hands and 2395 Chapter Farmers.

The State Executive Committee of the Kansas Association called off the House of Delegates meeting and assumed the responsibility of reviewing and electing the 1943 class of State Farmers. 79 State Farmers were elected to the State Farmer degree from a list of 96 applications. During her 15 years as an association, Kansas has elected a total of 632 State Farmers. This figure includes the class of 1943.

Kansas has a total of 35 American Farmers. Four American Farmers were nominated and elected to this degree at the streamlined 15th National FFA Convention held in Kansas City. The State Farmers receiving this degree were: Maurice Black Jr., Tonganoxie; Leonard Sharp, Great Bend; George Schlickau, Haven; George Stelter, Abilene. George Stelter was named Star Farmer of Kansas.

At the 15th Annual FFA Convention, Kansas was represented by George Stelter, Abilene, and Erwin Thalman, Haven. Garnet Price, Lebanon, and Harold Minter, Clay Center, were alternates. *either Silver or Bronze*

Highland Park represented Kansas in the National Better Chapter contest,

121 activity reports were filed with the state office by November 1, 1942.

Kenneth Engle of the Abilene Chapter, first place winner in the State FFA Public Speaking contest, brought distinct honor to Kansas by winning first place in the North Central Regional Contest held in Chicago, during August, 1942, and placing first in the National Public Speaking contest, held at Kansas City in November. The subject of Mr. Engle's oration was "Food Our Weapon."

Blank chapter forms, conforming with those sent out by the National Organization of FFA were sent to all chapters in the state for use in filing programs of work.

Nine issues of the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter have been published the past year. Five hundred thirty copies of this publication are issued each month.

Two former presidents of the Kansas Association of FFA, Albert Coates, of the Shawnee Mission chapter, and Paul Kelly of the Solomon chapter, graduating this year from Kansas State College, have made enviable records for themselves during their four years of college. We list their achievements:

**Albert Coates:** Harwood award in Anatomy; president Junior Chapter of the American Medical Association; Who's Who Among College Students; Phi Kappa Phi; Dynamis, Gamma Sigma Delta; President Sigma Nu fraternity; 1st Lt. U.S. Veterinary Reserve Corps.

**Paul Kelly:** Freshman Sears scholarship; Sophomore Sears scholarship; Freshman Phi Kappa Phi recognition; elected to Phi Kappa Phi; Alpha Zeta; Gamma Sigma Delta; Jr. Livestock Judging team; editorial staff Kansas Agricultural Student; American Bankers scholarship junior year; graduate assistant in agricultural economics 1943; member of Navy Reserve; Phi Kappa fraternity.

Kansas is indeed proud of these past FFA officers and their records.

## Fifteenth Annual Report (Continued)

A fine record was made by Kansas in the 12th annual Hoards Dairyman's Cow Judging contest. More than 50,000 entries were received. S. S. Bergsma, Ottawa, was the national champion in the vocational agriculture instructor's division and 2nd high in the entire contest. The Great Bend Chapter was one of three chapters given honorable mention. Donald Cook of the Great Bend chapter was declared junior champion. One of the two highest scores ever made in a Hoard's Dairyman's contest was turned in by Cook. Third place in the Junior Division went to Kenneth Kruckenberg, also of Great Bend, and Joe Esfeld of Great Bend placed eighth.

This in brief covers the 1942-43 activities of the Kansas Association of FFA. Though many activities have been curtailed, I feel our association has had a very successful year. We are justly proud of our war efforts, and the many former FFA members who are serving in the armed forces.

Together with the officers of the Association, I express our appreciation to all cooperating chapters and their advisors.

--Erwin Thalman, Vice President  
Kansas Association of F.F.A.

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STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Eight contestants participated in the 1943 annual Kansas FFA Public Speaking contest, held Monday, April 26, beginning at 8:30 a. m., in Education Hall. This number is considerably below that of 1942 due to the fact that very few district public speaking contests were held.

First place winner was Dale Sterner, Chapman, who spoke on the subject, "Why I Plan to Remain on the Farm." Second place was won by Robert Wasson, Shawnee Mission, speaking on "For the Want of a Bolt;" and third place winner was Norman Bramlette, Columbus, whose subject was, "Soil Conservation, Man's and Nature's."

Judges were Dr. C. V. Williams, chairman, Education; Dr. V. L. Strickland Education, and Professor Franklin Parsons, Economics and Sociology. The meeting was in charge of Mr. Garnet Price, Lebanon, secretary of the Kansas Association of FFA, acting for Wayne Brant, president, now serving in the Coast Guards.

Mr. Sterner will represent Kansas in the North Central Regional FFA Public Speaking contest this fall.

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OMISSION

The Kansas Association regrets the omission of the Girard FFA Chapter from the list of chapters in the "Paid Up Members" story carried in the April 15, 1943 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter. Girard has a membership percentage of 126 on a basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture. Mr. Ronald B. King is the advisor of the Girard chapter.

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"Brown never completed his education did he?"  
"No, he lived and died a bachelor."

1943 CLASS OF STATE FARMERS

Alefs, Irwin, Great Bend	Johnson, Everett, Scandia
Allen, Gene, Seaman (No. Topeka)	Jones, Donald, Frankfort
Arand, Harry Lee, Wanego	Keith, Thomas, Burlington
Bailey, Keith, Seaman (No. Topeka)	Kellenberger, Galen, Sabetha
Baker, Donald, Highland Park (Topeka)	Kettler, Dale, Paola
Banks, Jerome J., Effingham	King, Ward, Hiawatha
Beard, Garold, Fredonia	Lukert, Garth, Highland Park, (Topeka)
Becktelheimer, Daryl, Sabetha	Lukert, Lynn, Sabetha
Berneking, George W., Simpson	Meyer, Norvan, Holcomb
Bramlette, Norman, Columbus	Meyer, Raymond, Fairview
Brown, Bill, Lebanon	Mitchell, Earl, Lawrence
Brown, Richard Jr., Columbus	Moore, Jeffrey, Auburn
Burt, Robert, Manhattan	Moore, Warren, Holton
Cable, Eugene, Howard	Moors, George W., McPherson
Carlat, Dale, Auburn	Mott, Gene, Pratt
Carnahan, Junior, Parsons	Nelson, Dale, Atwood
Coleman, Harold D., Harveyville	Odgers, Melvin, Morrowville
Combs, Dorrance, Bird City	Olivier, Ted, Harper
Daggett, Billy, Lawrence	Overbaugh, Bob, Tonganoxie
DeYoe, Richard, Coldwater	Parker, William C., Mulvane
Doyen, Ross, Concordia	Pearce, Wayne, Ottawa
Ernst, Max, Osborne	Peckman, Harold C., Paola
Garrett, Kenneth, Shawnee Mission	Pittman, Harry Jr., Independence
Gasten, Gilford, Columbus	Prellwitz, William, Morrowville
Gehrt, Arthur, Alma	Ramsour, Harris, Manhattan
Gillan, Dale, Garden City	Ream, Duane, Lebanon
Goering, Olin V., Moundridge	Regan, Bill, Lebanon
Gremell, Leo, Chanute	Sawatzky, Robert, Buhler
Hageman, Arnold, Osborne	Schaben, Lyle, Bazine
Harding, Dale, Goodland	Scheetz, Kenneth, Seaman, (No. Topeka)
Haselett, Melvin, Arkansas City	Schrag, Eldon D., Norwich
Hatesohl, Melvin, Linn	Spiller, Conrow, McPherson
Hefty, Glen, Effingham	Sprang, Francis, Effingham
Heilman, Neal, Chanute	Stockwell, Glenn, Randolph
Herndon, Norval, Lebanon	Thiessen, Vernon, Beloit
Hoff, Donald, Olathe	Thomson, Cecil, Winfield
Holeman, Allen, Norton	Thuma, Richard, Hiawatha
Huiting, Duane, Downs	VanDyne, Donald, Independence
James, Tommy, Shawnee Mission	Wendland, Lowell, Randolph
Jarrett, Calvin, Columbus	

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NATIONAL BETTER CHAPTER CONTEST

The Lebanon F.F.A. Chapter, F. A. Blauer, advisor, will represent Kansas in the National Chapter Contest this year.

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Prof: "Tom, I wish you wouldn't whistle while you work."  
Tom: "I'm not Prof, I'm just whistlin'."



F.F.A. BOOKS AUDITED

The following is a report made by H. M. Stewart, certified public accountant, who recently audited the books of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. The report was made to Professor A. P. Davidson, executive adviser of the Kansas Association. Mr. Stewart's report follows together with his report of cash receipts and disbursements.

Audit of Kansas Association of F.F.A. books from April 14, 1942, to April 12, 1943.

Scope of Audit:

The bank balance at the beginning of the period was the same as the bank statement as of that date. All receipts as shown by the records were deposited in the Union National Bank, Manhattan, Kansas, and all disbursements per records were made by check.

The prices of individual items; such as pins, keys, and supplies, which were purchased for sale to members were compared with catalogue prices and found to be correct. No inventory of pins, keys, supplies, and membership cards was made at the beginning or close of the fiscal period. However, a comparison of recorded items of pins and keys bought and sold would indicate an increase of 275 items for an approximate value of \$200, and a similar comparison for supplies would indicate an increase of 192 items for an approximate value of \$25.

The bank balance per books at the close of the period was reconciled with the balance shown by the statement from the bank. Two checks were outstanding at this time, one written to Paul Engle on April 30, 1942 for \$1.00 and one to L. G. Balfour Company on April 7, 1943 for \$145.60. The check to Paul Engle has been outstanding almost one year and should be added back to the bank balance if it is not to be cashed.

The receipts and disbursements in the auditor's statement are \$6.45 less than the deposits in the bank and the bank charges due to one check, which was deposited in the bank, then charged back and later redeposited when it was made good. The same difference in the bookkeeper's record of receipts and disbursements is accounted for in the same way.

The savings account was checked to the savings account book of the Union National Bank, Manhattan, Kansas. The two series "F" defense bonds are in lock box number 675 at the Union National Bank, Manhattan, Kansas, and were inspected by the auditor.

Subject to the above comments, the attached statement in my opinion is correct.

The records appear to have been kept in good shape.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Stewart, Auditor

## Books Audited (Continued)

EXHIBIT "A"

Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the period April 14, 1942 to April 12, 1943.

Bank balance per books, April 14, 1942 \$ 880.38

## Receipts:

Dues - 4473 @ 20¢	\$ 894.60
Pins and keys	666.31
Supplies (manuals, books, songs, officers' jackets)	104.70
Contributions of vocational agriculture teachers to help defray expense of 1942 banquet	57.10
Refund of expense money of Erwin Thalmann to K.C.	10.00
Refund from L. G. Balfour Co.	9.65
Partial expense of regional speaker by nat'l organization	3.18
Postage	1.49
Contributions to Leading Americans	.30

Total receipts

1,747.33

Total cash to be accounted for

\$2,627.71

## Disbursements:

Dues - 5321 @ 10¢	\$ 532.10
Pins and keys	861.69
Taxes on pins and keys	99.37
Suppls. (manuals, books, songs, officers' jackets)	137.44
Printing	18.50
Nat'l convention expenses (includes pictures)	29.81
State officers' expenses	25.00
State meeting expenses	54.67
F.F.A. banquet expenses	10.70
Public speaking contest expenses	85.53
Auditing services	7.50
Miscellaneous	6.27
Check charged back for which no funds received	3.20

Total disbursements

1,871.78

Bank balance per books, April 12, 1943

\$ 755.93

Assets per books as of April 12, 1943

Bank balance per above statement	\$ 755.93
Savings account and interest to Jan. 10, 1943	591.88
2 Series "F" defense bonds with accrued int.	742.00
Total assets	<u>\$2,089.81</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial statement of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, closing the fiscal year as of April 12, 1943. Statement made from figures based on state office records.

Bank balance per books, April 13, 1942 \$ 880.38

Receipts:

4473 Dues @ 20¢	\$ 894.60	
116 Chapter Farmer pins @ 21¢	24.36	
599 Chapter Farmer pins @ 28¢	167.72	
84 Green Hand pins @ 19¢	15.96	
786 Green Hand pins @ 35¢	275.10	
405 Manuals @ 15¢	60.75	
50 Parliamentary Procedures @ 10¢	5.00	
8 Adviser's pins @ 23¢	1.84	
58 Secretary's books @ 25¢	14.50	
55 Treasurer's books @ 25¢	13.75	
Postage	1.49	
60 State Farmer keys @ \$2.24	134.40	
9 State Farmer keys @ \$4.77	42.93	
2 State Farmer keys @ \$2.00 (replacement)	4.00	
5 Officers jackets @ \$2.00	10.00	
4 Whither Agricultural Education @ 10¢	.40	
3 Contributions to Leading Americans @ 10¢	.30	
2 Songs @ 15¢	.30	
Returned check (acct. closed) by Starosta made good	6.45	
Contributions of voc. agriculture teachers to help defray expense of 1942 FFA banquet	57.10	
Partial expense of regional public speaker by national organization	3.18	
Refund of expense money advanced by state asso. to Erwin Thalmann to nat'l convention (Thalmann's expenses paid by U. P. RR)	10.00	
5 per cent refund from L. G. Balfour (for handling supplies)	9.65	
Total cash to be accounted for	1753.78	2634.16

Bank balance per books 4/13/43	\$ 880.38	
Total receipts from 4/13/42 to 4/12/43	1753.78	
Total cash to be accounted for	2634.16	
Less Total Disbursements	1878.23	
Check book balance, 4/12/43	\$ 755.93	

Bank balance 4/12/43	902.53	
Checks outstanding, Keith Engle, \$1;		
Balfour Co., \$145.60	146.60	
	755.93	

Assets per books as of 4/12/1943		
Bank balance per above statement	755.93	
Savings account and interest	591.88	
2 Series "F" defense bonds	740.00	
Total assets 4/12/43	\$2087.81	

## Financial Statement (Continued)

## DISBURSEMENTS

From 4/13/'42 to 4/12/'43

L. G. Balfour Co.....		\$ 961.06
Defense tax and sales tax on merchandise listed below	\$ 98.95	
65 State Farmer keys @ \$2.00	130.00	
3 Public Speaking medals	4.30	
9 State Farmer pins @ \$4.25, postage 24¢	38.49	
15 Advisor pins @ 23¢, 42¢ tax	3.87	
65 State Farmer pins @ \$2.00	130.00	
900 Green Hand pins @ 35¢	315.00	
70 Green Hand pins @ 19¢	13.30	
800 Chapter Farmer pins @ 28¢	224.00	
15 Chapter Farmer pins @ 21¢	<u>3.15</u>	
French Bray Printing Co.....		102.64
1 Scrap Book	3.00	
250 Manuals @ 15¢	37.50	
251 Manuals @ 14¢	35.14	
12 FFA Songs	1.50	
51 Secretary's books @ 25¢	12.75	
51 Treasurer's books @ 25¢	<u>12.75</u>	
Art Craft Printers.....		18.50
1200 Napkins, 850 Programs	12.50	
200 Annual Reports	<u>6.00</u>	
Returned checks.....		9.65
Allen Starosta (this check made good)	6.45	
W. H. Thomas*	<u>3.20</u>	
F.F.A. National Organization.....		532.10
5321 Dues	<u>532.10</u>	
Kenneth Engle to Regional and National Public Speaking Contest....		84.53
Dr. Hill, coach, expense to Kansas City	8.94	
RR ticket, \$33.44, Hotel \$7.70, Taxi, \$1	42.14	
RR ticket	<u>33.45</u>	
Expenses of Officers to State Meetings.....		68.25
George Stelter	9.15	
Keith Lloyd	18.00	
Irvin Schenk, Nat'l president	11.90	
Leonard Sharp	6.95	
Robert Barnes	14.00	
Erwin Thalmann	<u>8.25</u>	
Secretarial Services .....		1.70
Kathleen Newman	1.00	
Dorothy Acker	<u>.70</u>	

\* Mr. Thomas made this check good, but in sending a duplicate check, sent it to his superintendent, Elgin Sloan, who wrote the Kansas Association that the Norwich chapter would remain on the inactive list, and that the money was being refunded to the members.



Financial Statement (Continued)

Universal Uniform Co.....		\$ 19.80
5 Officers Jackets	\$ 19.80	
National Convention - Delegates .....		23.16
Cash advanced	15.00	
Aladdin Hotel - rooms	8.16	
Parliamentary Procedures.....		15.00
Dr. W. H. Stewart, 50 @ 10¢	5.00	
Enterprise Coop. Co., 100 @ 10¢	10.00	
Miscellaneous Disbursements.....		41.84
Paul Engle - Pianist for FFA banquet	1.00	
L. F. Hall - Postage, American Farmer applications	3.57	
Harry Stewart - Audit of FFA books	7.50	
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce - Financial help on FFA banquet	9.70	
Building and Repair - Use of Public Address system	8.67	
NuWay Cleaners - Cleaning FFA banner	1.00	
Kansas State Cafeteria - Dinner for state officers	2.75	
Mrs. R. W. Manley - Practice room for Kenneth Engle	1.00	
Anderson Photo Co. - Pictures of National Convention	6.65	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$1878.23</u>

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The Florida Association published a special FFA War Effort edition in March, 1943. Florida was the first State Association to purchase a \$1,000 war bond, and Palmetto Chapter, Florida, claims to be the first chapter to purchase a \$1,000 war bond. The State Association has launched a "Jeep" campaign in which the 5000 members in 124 chapters propose to buy enough bonds to purchase 100 jeeps. Their state goal is one bond for each chapter and one bond for each member as the minimum.

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"Whatever Life may bring to us  
 Of Fortune, or of Fame,  
 Whatever future years may add  
 In honors to our name,  
 There is a greater, richer joy  
 That makes them all seem small -  
 A knowledge of each day well lived  
 The greatest joy of all."  
 Tony Won's "Scrapbook"

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1943 CHAPTER WINNERS

121 chapters filed activity reports during the year 1942-43. In 1941-42 the number filed was 152. This decrease was occasioned in part by loss of teacher personnel, in part by increased teacher load, and in a few instances can be attributed to carelessness. An FFA chapter without a definite activity program is not likely to accomplish much, and certainly jeopardizes the life of the local unit. Congratulations are in order for each of the 121 chapters that filed activity reports.

The number of completed reports filed in time to be given consideration in the state ranking of chapters was considerably smaller this year than in the past. This was due largely to the expanded programs of the chapters in their effort to aid with the war effort, and in part to a misunderstanding on the part of certain local advisers. The special report asked for by the state FFA office which had to do with chapter membership, cooperation with the state program of work, and a special report on "wartime goals" caused several local advisers to conclude that this was intended to take the place of the annual chapter report which was due April 13. A special article in the February issue of the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter which called attention to the fact that descriptive material would not be necessary as a part of the completed activity report this year probably caused several local advisers to conclude that the "special" report would supplant the regular chapter activity report.

Kansas has never had more extensive FFA activity programs reported upon than was the case in 1942-43, and the state association wishes to congratulate the local chapters on their contribution to the war effort. (See president's report for summary).

In scoring the chapter report preparatory to ranking in the state Better Chapter contest, three major areas were studied, as follows:

- I. Wartime program. The state and national programs of work emphasized this feature, and unless a chapter participated in each of the four fields listed said chapter could hardly be considered in the Outstanding group. The four fields indicated in the wartime program were:
  - A. Salvage
  - B. Food production
  - C. Bonds and Stamps
  - D. Recondition Farm Machinery
- II. Cooperation with the State FFA Program of Work. Areas considered in addition to the MUST Wartime Program were: Membership, Library, FFA Publicity, Home Improvement, Farm Accidents, Farm Fires, Livestock Losses, Complete FFA Paraphernalia.
- III. The eight divisions around which the total chapter program is centered, namely: Supervised Practice, Cooperation, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings and Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, and Recreation.

The following chapters together with their advisers were listed as the ten Outstanding:

## 1943 Chapter Winners (Continued)

Winfield, Ira Plank and John Lowe, advisors; Lebanon, F. A. Blauer, advisor; Manhattan, Harold Kugler, advisor; Highland Park, Topeka, F. E. Carpenter, advisor; Great Bend, Fred Schultis, advisor; Buhler, J. A. Johnson, advisor; Sedan, Joe Neill, advisor; Columbus, Robert Lay, advisor; Chanute, Ellery Collins, advisor; Cherryvale, C. H. Young, advisor.

Ten chapters were listed as Honorable Mention. They were: Clay Center, Ray Morrison, advisor; Coldwater, L. E. Melia, advisor; Fairview, Keith B. Wagoner, advisor; Hiawatha, C. C. Milligan, advisor; Junction City, Frank Cooley, advisor; Lawrence, E. R. Essick, advisor; Morrowville, Otis Dewey, advisor; Mulvane, Francis Shoup, advisor; Seaman, Topeka, I. E. Peterson, advisor; Washburn, Topeka, Howard Wildman, advisor.

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An angry kangaroo suddenly yanked its offspring from its pouch and smacked it across the snoot, exclaiming bitterly: "I'll teach you to eat crackers in bed."--Purple Cow.

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KANSAS FFA PUBLIC SPEAKERS EXCEL

The FFA public speaking feature has been made a part of the educational program of Future Farmer members on the assumption that it is important for farm boys to be able to discuss intelligently matters pertaining to agriculture. Rules governing the FFA Public Speaking contest have been few and pertain primarily to eligibility, length of speeches, and a definition of areas to be discussed. All speeches must be on topics having agricultural significance. That leaves plenty of latitude for the speaker and at the same time causes the member to confine his effort to problems in his own field.

Kansas has not sponsored official district FFA public speaking elimination contests. It has been the policy of the state association to encourage boys who have an interest in this type of activity to compete in chapter and district contests when possible--and where chapter and district contests are not available--to compete in the state contest.

To bring the history of the FFA Public Speaking contest up to date we are publishing herewith, a complete list of state winners, together with the name of the chapter, the title of the speech, and the rank attained in the regional FFA public speaking contest, and for those who won the regional contest a statement of their rank in the national FFA public speaking contest.

The record of the thirteen Kansas FFA contestants who have participated in the regional contest is an enviable one. There are 12 states in the North Central Region. Kansas contestants won: 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 2 third placings, 2 placed seventh, 2 placed ninth, and one tied for eleventh place. The three regional winners placed 1st, 2nd, and 4th in national competition. Winfield chapter has had three state winners, with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing in the regional contest, and a 2nd place in the national. Abilene chapter has had two state winners, with a 1st and 2nd place in the regional and a 1st place in the national contest. Shawnee Mission won the state and regional contest once and placed 4th in the national.

Congratulations are in order for this list of Kansas FFA members who established this fine record in regional and national competition.

(Table found on following page)

## Kansas FFA Public Speakers Excel (Continued)

Year	State Winner	Chapter & Title of Speech	Rank in Regional	Rank in Nat'l
1943	Dale Sterner	Chapman "Why I Plan to Remain on the Farm"		
1942	Kenneth Engle	Abilene "Food Our Weapon"	1st	1st
1941	Harold Ray	Iola "Why Education for Life on the Farm"	7th	
1940	Russell Barrett	McPherson "Why I Want To Be a Farmer"	9th	
1939	Billy Weigand	LaCrosse "Why Be a Farmer"	3rd	
1938	Raymond Wolf	Solomon "Living on the Farm"	11th	
1937	Harmon Bear	Abilene "R.E.A. Power for American Farms"	2nd	
1936	Paul Smith	Lebanon "The Farmer and the Farm Problem"	9th	
1935	Frederick Renick	Newton "Under All--The Land"	2nd	
1934	J.W. England III	Shawnee Mission "The Challenge of Rural Leadership"	1st	4th
1933	Mabry Wheeler	Mound City "The Future of the American Farmer"	7th	
1932	Fred Muret	Winfield "The Challenge of Adversity and the American Farmer"	3rd	
1931	Earl Parsons	Winfield "The Future of the American Farmer"	1st	2nd
1930	Kenneth Waite	Winfield "Taxation and the Farmer"	2nd	
1929	No State Contest			

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EVOLUTION

John Bannister Tabb

Out of the dusk a shadow,  
 Then, a spark;  
 Out of the cloud a silence  
 Then, a lark  
 Out of the heart a rapture,  
 Then, a pain;  
 Out of the dead, cold ashes  
 Life again.

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FLASHES FOR APRIL

compiled by S. G. Hulslander, Acting National Executive Secretary

OKLAHOMA: Ten tons of pork by June 1st! That is the pledge of the 46 members of the Minnehah FFA Chapter as their part in the Food for Freedom campaign.

KENTUCKY: The Kentucky Future Farmers, desiring to do their bit for the war effort, and to help cushion the meat shortage, have on feed at the present time 45 carloads of steer calves. It is expected that these calves, when marketed will increase the production of beef by nearly 400 tons - and that's a lot of beef!

KANSAS: "Sissies and Meat Production" is the name applied to a bit of friendly rivalry between the Seward, Nebraska FFA Chapter and the Jayhawk Chapter at Lawrence, Kansas. It all started when the Seward boys announced their plans to produce 158,600 pounds of meat in 1943. In quick response the Jayhawk boys stated they plan to produce 195,750 pounds of pork in 1943, not to mention the poultry, beef, and sheep projects of the 62 members of their chapter - and then they classified the Seward boys as "sissies." Now the Beatrice Chapter of Nebraska estimates that they will produce over 200,000 pounds of pork in 1943. The question is, "Who's a sissy?" The result of the game, it appears, is more food for freedom! We need more players!

MISSISSIPPI: In addition to helping produce more food on 6,000 farms, Mississippi FFA boys have collected more than seven million pounds of scrap metal and have purchased over two hundred thousand dollars in war stamps and bonds.

NEBRASKA: FFA members at Hastings have increased their hog production 500% in the last two years. They plan to continue this increase until they are producing a quarter million pounds of pork annually. That's one way to go over the top on the home front!

IDAHO: Two Buhl Chapter members, Preston Hughes and Bob Palat, placed first and second in a recent scrap metal drive conducted by their chapter. These freshman boys, each weighing less than 100 pounds and less than five feet tall collected a total of 23,000 pounds of scrap. While the report states that these boys borrowed a car to carry this load amounting to 115 times their own weight, it's still two small boys with a lot of scrap.

PENNSYLVANIA: The FFA members of the Mehoopany Chapter are working together in an expanded program of fruit and poultry production. Their group projects of 160 apple trees and an incubator with a capacity for producing 300 chicks for market, twice a week, is a real contribution to the food for freedom program.

GEORGIA: Members of the Washington Chapter are enlarging their community cannery and installing new cannery equipment. Last year they processed 76,000 pints of food. They are planning to enlarge their plant to a capacity of 200,000 cans per season.

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To move an army division (15,000 men) by train requires 1,300 cars; 26 Pullman cars, 330 tourist cars, 82 baggage cars for field kitchens, 9 box cars and 895 flat cars. The flat cars carry big guns, jeeps, tanks, other wheeled vehicles, such as ambulances and laundries.

CHAPTER NEWS

SEDAN: Officers elected for the coming year are: Rollin Casement, president; Leon Smith, vice president; Dale Carpenter, secretary; Robert Rathourn, treasurer; Rozelle Leonard, reporter; Eugene Sawyer, watch dog....Chapter Farmer Eugene Sawyer is caponizing chickens for those who desire this service for 5 cents per head. He pays 25 cents for each one he kills....We are trying to complete the following shop jobs before school is out: 1 brooder house, 2 hog houses, 2 hog feeders, 1-4 wheel trailer, 1 hay rack, 1 loading chute, and a wagon tongue....All FFA gilts have farrowed. The nine registered Duroc gilts farrowed and saved 79 pigs. One litter of 10 was all boars....Bar Y Jimmie, our herd boar will be for sale at the end of this breeding season. We will purchase another Duroc Boar this spring to head our herd.

--Leon Smith, Reporter

CONCORDIA: Our chapter held its annual parent and son banquet on March 31... We have completed several projects in our shop, the largest of which have been 2 A type farrowing houses, 1 double farrowing house with combination type roof, 2 self feeders, 2 chicken feeders, and 2 farm trailers....At a recent meeting our chapter decided to buy a \$25 war bond. We also decided to have a hayrack ride for our spring outing....We received a paint study cabinet from the Lead Industries Association....Our chapter has been given the responsibility for the judging of the Chamber of Commerce Victory garden contest.

--Bob Anderson, Reporter

OLATHE: We treated 270 bushels of oats and 5500 pounds of Atlas sargo in our shop....A sheep shearing school was held in the agriculture shop March 12 and 13. We had a good turnout with the boys from Lynn, Miami, and Johnson county. The chapter bought an electric "shear master" to shear some of the sheep owned by the boys....We have culled and deloused 1500 birds, castrated and docked a flock of lambs, dehorned 3 herds of cattle, and castrated some 64 pigs and calves....We have purchased one fourth pure bred Duroc bear for our cooperative swine project. He came from Orchard Home stock....Newly elected officers for 1943-44 are Bill Russell, president; Charles Seute, vice president; Raymond White, secretary; Joe Zemites, reporter; Bill Whitemack, treasurer.

--Charles Page, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: The annual parents and sons meeting was held Friday, April 8, in the high school auditorium. There were 51 guests present....Our chapter owns one \$25 war bond and members own \$359.10 worth of bonds and stamps. Our members contributed 48,045 pounds of scrap metal to the scrap drive and have sold three tons of scrap paper....Shop jobs completed are: 6 benches for the Methodist Church, 5 wagon beds, hog feeders, 8 V shaped chicken feeders, 1 loading chute, 2-7 piece individual hog houses, an obstacle course for the high school. We have also painted a running gear of a wagon and some scoop boards.

--Reporter

OTTAWA: Future Farmer members have just completed a wagon box which they expect to sell at a private sale....The Home Economics club were entertained with a picnic at the Scout cabin at the city park....We cooperated with the Williamsburg chapter in having a judging school at the Ransomville Guernsey farm, where we had a chance to judge some of the best Guernsey cows in Kansas.

--Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

SHAWNEE MISSION: Five months operation of our chapter brooder project resulted in growing 500 birds to three pounds or over, totaling 1600 pounds of meat. Dressed birds were sold at \$1.00 each and we cleared \$240 which was invested in war bonds....In shop we have built a power lawn mower, a lawn mower attachment for a garden tractor, a food dehydrator, and have rebuilt two farm wagons, three mowers, two wheel barrows, and several lawn rollers. We "invented" a device to cut loose, green grass so as to make it easier to unload into a silage cutter. Salvaged scrap parts were used....The Owl's Nest (chapter annual) will be sent to each member in the armed services. The number of chapter members and former members now in the armed services is 73. ....We have already met our goal of \$25 maturity value war bond per month, and have enough money left in our treasury to start next year's program.... Officers for next year are: Bob White, president; Bob Klein, vice president; Boyce Dougherty, secretary; Bob Volz, treasurer; Kenneth Zillhart, reporter.  
--Robert Volz, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: Our annual parent and son banquet was held March 30....This year our chapter has cooperated with two of the members in a turkey project. After all cash cost was deducted, the FFA netted \$182 on the feeding project. The chapter and the Scholfield boys are cooperating on a turkey laying hen project. The turkeys have met the requirements of the Kansas Poultry Improvement Association, and eggs are sold by contract to the association. We are getting 29 cents per egg.  
--Reporter

KINGMAN: We can report 67,115 pounds of scrap iron collected to date this year; also 4,084 pounds of rubber, 1,348 pounds of paper, 100 pounds of rags, and a total of \$840.40 worth of bonds and stamps, which is nearly enough to buy one jeep. We have sold \$30 worth of garden seed this spring, and have marketed 25 Hampshire Red broilers which were started in the electric brooder, and have 16 more to market. All indications point toward a good profit on the broilers....FFA members have done major and minor repair jobs on 122 machines.  
--James Bartholomew, Reporter

PRATT: We held our father and son banquet May 10. We used 25 of our broiler for the banquet. These broilers weighed three pounds at the end of 10 weeks. ...We were among the 50 fortunate departments to receive a paint study cabinet from the Lead Industries Association....We have tested over 60 seed samples for purity and germination....We have overhauled two car motors and five gasoline engines, made six hog and poultry feeders and two portable grain elevators.  
--Lester Goyen, Reporter

GARDNER: The Gardner chapter regrets the loss of our adviser, Mr. Raines. Mr. Raines is located at Liberty, Mo., with the Navy in the William Jewell College, where he teaches navigation. We held a party March 13 for Mr. Raines and presented him with a floor lamp....In shop the new jobs completed are: 3 loading chutes, a corn planter, a cultivator and walking plow, torn down, assembled and repainted. We also painted the front of the city auditorium.  
--Ralph Walters, Reporter

Things of This World--Pastor: "What is your consolation in life and death?"  
Miss 1943: "Well, I don't mind telling you his name, but where his outfit is is a military secret."

## Chapter News (Continued)

HOLTON: Seventeen wagon boxes and two hayracks have been built by the vocational agriculture boys to date....Our chapter owns a two man sheep shearer and up to May 1, over 400 head of sheep have been sheared....During December and January, 34 hogs were butchered in the shop....Four boys have brought to the shop cars that have been junked and have overhauled them, stripped them down, and put truck transmissions in them, and now have tractors that will do a lot of work....The Junior class has contoured 30 acres of land and has supervised and laid out terraces on a 20 acre field....The boys are learning how to make good mixtures of paint.

--Warren Moore, Reporter

KINCAID: We held our first achievement day on Thursday April 22. Eighteen farm shop articles and five educational exhibits were on display....The local chapter published a bulletin of the year's activities which they called, "The Kincaid Future Farmer."...Our FFA members have purchased \$243.75 in war bonds and \$14.75 in stamps. We are planning to grow 10 acres of oil bearing crops and 10 farm gardens and 65 acres of feed crops. We also have 62 head of laying hens and 450 baby chicks, 40 head of fat hogs, 5 fat calves, 33 fat ewes and 25 lambs....We have helped 183 days with the farm labor....Three farm implements and 32 tools have been repaired. 19,000 pounds of scrap iron and 3,040 pounds of scrap rubber were collected.

--Donald Riggs, Reporter

BUHLER: The annual parent and son banquet was held March 30....Our pest eradication contest for the year shows a total of 259 rats, 227 crows, 956 rabbits, 63 gophers, 57 prairie dogs, 132 opossums, 654 sparrows, 365 mice, 48 skunks, and 24 civit cats killed....We have had more demand for breeding stock than can be filled, especially in the Berkshire and Duroc breeds. Our chapter sold two Berkshire gilts for \$100 each....The agriculture classes have helped plant 83 trees for the school....Homer Nickle is going to have charge of the chapter's portable dipping vat again this year. Several orders for sheep dipping have been placed.

--Ray Ratzlaff, Reporter

PARKER: Our chapter is preparing now for our banquet which is to be May 14. ...Six boys from our district went to the sheep shearing school in Olathe last month. One of our members, Darrell Hubler, won the first prize of \$10 for fast shearing by shearing the sheep and tying the wool in 15 minutes....We held a farm machinery school at the school house recently.

--Eldon Brownback, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: Our chapter had a combination of Future Farmer initiation and dad's night at our April night meeting. The meeting was attended by 50 dads and boys. ...Our chapter's hog trough sales turned out very successful. The boys have sold 80 troughs and we have orders for more....The garden seed sales were also very good. Each boy received a defense stamp for every dollar's worth of seed that he sold....We have tested over 50 samples of seed in our seed germinator so far.

--Melvin W. Stohs, Reporter

Prospective Roomer: "This window is quite small. It wouldn't be much good in an emergency."

Landlady: "There ain't going to be no emergency. My terms are cash in advance."



## Chapter News (Continued)

WASHBURN: Our chapter sold \$48.50 worth of garden seed and treated 13.5 bushels of seed potatoes for FFA members....On April 1 our chapter held its second annual parent and son banquet. There were 80 members and guests present....To date, individual members have purchased war bonds totaling \$1,182 with money made from their projects....Up to the present, 25 of the purebred Duroc gilts owned by chapter members have farrowed a total average of seven living pigs.

--Alfred Hanson, Reporter

HALSTEAD: We bought an old building for \$35 and have doubled our money on it and still have some material left to sell. Some of this lumber was used on 8 double A type hog houses, several chicken and hog feeders, 1 chicken house, and 1 single A type hog house which we built. We used the single type hog house for the chapter sow which we bought this spring....We recently held an achievement banquet which was attended by 64 guests.

--Jack Pitus, Reporter

OXFORD: Our chapter held its annual banquet at the high school with 85 guests in attendance....We have butchered 75 head of hogs and 3 beeves. We have also ordered 40 bushels of certified seed potatoes for planting....We are building a hog feeder that will hold 50 bushels of grain....Two of our boys are shearing their own sheep because of the shortage of shearers.

--Willis Conover, Reporter

NEODESHA: Eleven purebred Duroc Jersey gilts were recently purchased by nine boys in our chapter....Joe Allen, our State Farmer last year, is putting out 80 acres of soybeans and flax and Virgil York is planting several acres of castor beans....A sheep shearing school was held in our shop on the 22nd and 23rd of March. Several of our boys did some shearing.

--Reporter

AUBURN: The officers for the year are: Jeff Moore, president; Harold Lowry, vice president; Dale Carlat, secretary; Robert Nelson, treasurer; Paul Gersch reporter; Noel Engler, watchdog....Shop jobs completed are: 4 new wall bench and four tool cabinets installed, built trailers, 4 A type hog houses, a large hog self feeder, cattle feed bunks, gasoline barrel stands, 24 cement hog troughs, 150 metal fence posts, 2 chicken feeders, 2 wagon boxes, 1 brooder house, made 2000 feet of rope, 7 leather halters and 6 bridles, and oiled 10 sets of harness....We collected 70,000 pounds of scrap in our scrap drive....We have 2 seed treaters for use by the community. Over 500 bushels have been treated....The chapter purchased cooperatively 300 berry plants and 300 fruit trees to be set out by members. We have in operation 150 square feet of hot bed. We plan on selling 6000 plants.

--Reporter

WAMEGO: We held a hayrack ride April 7. Most of the members took dates. The members took sack lunches and the FFA furnished the ice cream....The chapter has decided to award a prize to the outstanding Freshman boy and to the boy who has the best swine project....The Wamego Lions Club is sponsoring a ton litter contest for all FFA members.

--Harry Lee Arand, Reporter