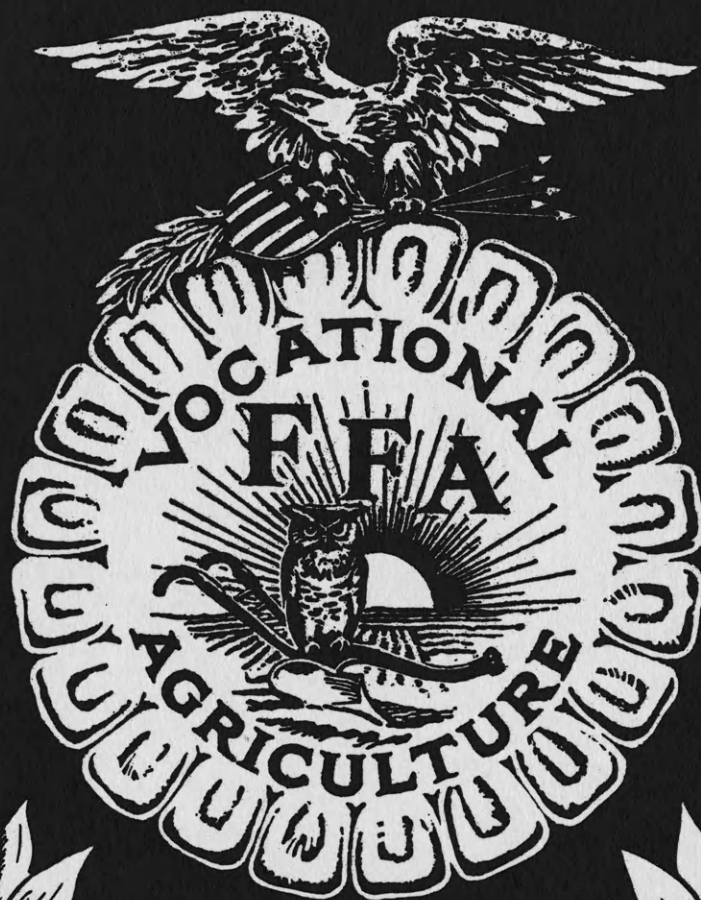


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FFA CALENDAR

Notification of intention to enter candidates for State Farmer Degree,
American Farmer Degree, Carl Raymond Gray Scholarship due.
(Notify L. F. Hall).....November 1
Chapter Activity Programs due in State Office.....November 1

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* KANSAS FUTURE FARMERS ARE PROUD BECAUSE *
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* 1. Erwin Thalmann, past president of the Kansas Association *
* of FFA, was declared the Star Farmer of the North Cen- *
* tral Region. *
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* 2. Buhler chapter, J. A. Johnson, adviser, received the *
* Gold Emblem Classification in the National Chapter *
* Contest. *
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* 3. Bruce Johnson, a member of the 1944 State Farmer Class, *
* Highland Park chapter, Topeka, sang at the banquet *
* given by the Kansas City, Mo. City Chamber of Com- *
* merce, Wednesday night. Bruce delighted his audience, *
* distinguished himself, and brought honor to the Kan- *
* sas Association of FFA. *
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* EVERY FUTURE FARMER SHOULD KNOW THAT - *
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* 138,548 former FFA members are serving in the Armed Forces *
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* \$8,121,856.78 in War Bonds and Stamps have been purchased by *
* FFA members and chapters *
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SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Kansas City, Missouri, October 8 to 11, 1944

Streamlined: The plan of holding a streamlined convention was continued.
No bands, no parades, strictly business.

Headquarters: Municipal Auditorium--Registration in the Grand Foyer; all sessions in the Little Theatre.

National Officers: All of the national officers elected at the 1943 convention served their terms out, and all were present for the seventeenth convention. We wish to pay tribute to this splendid group of national FFA officers for the splendid manner in which the entire convention was handled.

Delegates: Eighty-four delegates from forty-four states were present. No delegates were present from either Hawaii or Puerto Rico. Official delegates from Kansas were: Irwin Alefs, Great Bend Chapter; Jack Hall, Highland Park Chapter; Jack Armstrong, Effingham Chapter (Alternate); and Bob Jones, Ottawa Chapter (Alternate).

Distinguished Visitors: Representatives of the Governments of Brazil, Columbia, and the Republic of Mexico were present, as was the Honorable Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture.

American Farmers: The 1944 American Farmer Class totaled 175. The following Kansas boys received this highly coveted award:

Immediate past state president Irwin Alefs, Great Bend chapter.
Past state vice president Erwin Thalman, Haven chapter.
Immediate past state secretary Robert Sawatzky, Buhler chapter.
Immediate past state treasurer Calvin Jarrett, Columbus chapter.

Calvin Jarrett is now listed as Private, number 37751659, Co. C, 64th Bn., 13 Regt., Camp Fannin, Texas. It took a special letter to his commanding officer to get him permission to come to Kansas City for his American Farmer degree. Calvin drove from Columbus to Kansas City, arriving at 1:00 p.m. Monday. He left Kansas City immediately after receiving his degree, and hoped to get back before his three-day pass expired.

Honorary American Farmer Degrees: Hon. Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Albert S. Goss, Master, National Grange, Washington, D. C.; Edwin J. Sommer, President, Mid-States Steel & Wire Company, Crawfordsville, Indiana; H. M. Railsback, Director of Advertising, Deere & Company, Moline, Illinois; Edwin F. Flato, Corpus Christi, Texas; Kerlin O. Judy, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Hurricane, West Virginia; Thomas W. Glaze, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; J. A. JOHNSON, VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTOR, BUHLER, KANSAS; John Welbes, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Albany, Oregon; R. C. Mitchell, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Alpine Texas; A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary, FFA, Washington, D. C.; E. J. Johnson, Federal Agent - Pacific Region, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Seventeenth Nat'l Convention of FFA (continued)

Star Farmer Awards:

- Star Farmer of America, and Star Farmer for the Southern region--
Elton Ellison, Ralls, Texas. Private Ellison, of Camp Roberts,
California, was unable to attend the convention. His wife, Mrs.
Betty Ellison, came from California to receive, in her husband's
name, the award and the accompanying \$500 check from the Kansas
City Weekly Star. Editor W. A. Cochel presented the award.
- Star Farmer of the North Central region, and Star Farmer of Kansas--
Erwin Thalmann, Haven chapter, Kansas.
- Star Farmer of the Pacific region--Amelio Bell, Fallon chapter, Nevada.
- Star Farmer of the North Atlantic region--Robert Lawyer, Mt. Gilead,
Ohio.
- Star Farmer for Missouri--Joe Espey, Maryville chapter.
- Star Farmer for Oklahoma--Pete Gunn, Temple chapter.
- Star Farmer for Arkansas--Ewell Ray Coleman, Dowdy chapter.

FFA National Public Speaking Contest:

- First: Vincent Orr, Alto, Georgia - "The Victory Farmer".
Second: Von Packard, Meridian, Idaho - "From Soil to War".
Third: Harold K. Keller, Middletown, Maryland - "Bang's Disease
and the War".
Fourth: Paul S. Anderson, Grand Rapids, Minnesota - "Agriculture
Our Basic Industry".

State Association Awards: Out for the duration.Chapter Awards:

Gold Emblem:

Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Thomas W. Glaze, Adviser
Buhler, Kansas; J. A. Johnson, Adviser
Albany, Oregon; John Welbes, Adviser
Alpine, Texas; R. C. Mitchell, Adviser
Hurricane, West Virginia; Kerlin O. Judy, Adviser
Flathead, Montana.

Silver Emblem: Alma, Michigan; Athens, Alabama; Mount Morris,
Illinois; Isabella, Alabama; Talbotton-Woodland, Georgia;
Magnolia, West Virginia; Lincoln, Utah; Mountain Lake, Minne-
sota.

Bronze Emblem: Beaver, Utah; Livingston, Texas; Pahoa, Hawaii;
Rocky Mount, Virginia; Houstonic Valley, Connecticut; Loving-
ton, Illinois; Lowell, Michigan; Neligh, Nebraska; Rugby, North
Dakota; Brookings, South Dakota; Pioneer, Nebraska.

Honorable Mention: Yuma, Arizona; Tolleson, Arizona; Conway, Ar-
kansas; Paragould, Arkansas; Tri-Ag, Connecticut; Dexter, Georgia;
Poclesville, Maryland; Turmont, Maryland; Bassfield, Mississippi;
Binford, Mississippi; Velva, North Dakota; Branchville, South Car-
olina; Johnston, South Carolina; Miller, South Dakota; Bledsoe,
Tennessee; Bruceton, Tennessee; Amelia, Virginia.

Seventeenth Nat'l Convention of FFA (Continued)

Farm Mechanics Award: The John Deere Company made available this year for the first time awards in the field of farm mechanics. A national winner and three regional winners were named. Contestants were restricted to the American Farmer class, and each state was allowed to present one candidate. Robert Sawatzky, Buhler chapter, was the Kansas contestant. The winners follow:

- George Fogle, Okemos, Michigan, was declared national winner and received a check for \$500.
- Dean Elliot, Fort Benton, Montana, was winner in the Pacific region, and received a check for \$250.
- Roy Henke, Kerryville, Texas, won for the Southern region and received a check for \$250.
- Owen E. Hess, Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, was declared the winner of the North Atlantic region, and a check for \$250 was given him.

1944-45 National FFA Officers: The officers elected to guide the destiny of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America for the next year are:

- President - Oliver H. Kinzie, Cushing, Oklahoma.
- 1st Vice President - Sifvald J. Sandberg, Ortonville, Minnesota.
- 2nd Vice President - David B. Jameson, Castle, Pennsylvania.
- 3rd Vice President - Merrill J. Hallam, Spanish Fork, Utah.
- 4th Vice President - Tom Vaughan, Yorkville, Tennessee.
- Student Secretary - George C. Fry, Gaithersburg, Maryland.
- Executive Treasurer - Dowell J. Howard, Winchester, Virginia.
- Executive Student Secretary - A. W. Tenney, Washington, D. C.
- Adviser - Dr. W. T. Spanton, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

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WICKARD SEES PROMISING FUTURE FOR AGRICULTURE

The Honorable Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, in addressing the Seventeenth National FFA Convention delegates, said in part: "During the next few years, farming can be made more interesting, more challenging, and more secure than ever in its history. You young men can contribute by (1) being efficient farmers; (2) preparing yourselves for leadership." The Secretary received the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the hands of President Bob Bowman. The degree presentation and the Secretary's speech were broadcast over KMBC during the Farm and Home Hour.

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The Kensington chapter, Superintendent Clark R. Gilbert adviser, was the first to pay FFA dues for 1944-45. Kensington paid their dues as of June 26, 1944. The chapter has 23 members.

Fairview chapter, R. D. Brent adviser, was the second chapter to pay the current years dues. This chapter has a membership of 25, and paid their dues September 8.

CHANGES IN NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION

The following amendment to the national FFA constitution affecting Article IV, Sections C and D was passed by the House of Delegates in session: "Amend Article IV, Sections C and D, paragraphs 1, by striking out the words "for at least one year immediately" in paragraphs 1 of Sections C and D."

The House of Delegates amended the national FFA constitution affecting the second paragraph on page 22 of the Official Manual. This paragraph, a part of Article VI of the By-Laws, was changed to read as follows:

"In case a local department of vocational agriculture in which a chartered chapter of FFA is located is discontinued, the chapter so involved may be permitted to operate officially for a period not to exceed 36 months from date of the discontinuance of the department in the school concerned, providing proper supervision and guidance can be given to the chapter work by a member of a school faculty having the approval of the State adviser. Local chapter charters must be surrendered to the State adviser at the end of the 36-month period indicated if vocational agriculture is not in operation again at that time."

The necessity for changing Article IV, Sections C and D was occasioned by a literal interpretation of the FFA constitution by the Board of Trustees. This board ruled that the statement "at least one year immediately" meant a calendar year of twelve months. With such an interpretation, many American Farmer degree applicants would automatically be ruled ineligible for the degree because in one or more cases during their degree advancement a school year was used instead of a calendar year. The above constitutional change does not permit a member to advance more than one degree per year, although the calendar year may not be so rigidly adhered to.

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SEE NOVEMBER FUTURE FARMER NEWSLETTER

Several important items were omitted from this issue because of lack of time between the close of the 17th FFA Convention and the printing date for the October issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. The FFA Foundation, Regional Star Farmer Erwin Thallman's record, and the achievement record of the Buhler chapter in winning the Gold Emblem Award will be found in the November 15, 1944, issue of our newsletter.

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"If a farm boy comes to this convention and returns home without being thrilled and inspired, he had just as well give up." - Keesey Kimball, Alpine, Texas, President Texas FFA Association, in a response given at the Santa Fe Railroad breakfast for trip winners.

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FFA SERVICE FLAG UNVEILED

One of the most impressive ceremonies of the Seventeenth National FFA Convention was the unveiling of a service flag honoring 138,548 former FFA members who are now in the Armed Forces. The 4' x 6' service flag was of pure silk - only one other of equal quality is to be found in Washington, D. C., and that hangs in the Library of Congress. Following a splendid laudatory speech by 1st Vice President O. Beverly Roller, Weyers Cave, Virginia, the National Anthem was played and the flag was unveiled. The audience stood with bowed heads in a moment of silent tribute.

The fitting speech of Beverly Roller, delivered without notes, follows:

"We now come to one of the most important ceremonies of our convention - one in which we pay tribute to those boys in the armed forces who have served so gallantly, and to the members on the home front who have served so willingly.

Since the war began, Future Farmers of America have distinguished themselves on the battle fronts of the world. We know the story of those former Future Farmers who flew in the Jimmy Doolittle raid bombing Tokyo. A liberty ship last year was named after Edwin J. O'Hara for heroism aboard a Merchant Marine ship. The name of Homer Paul Anderson, Sgt. Bert Jordan, Wesley Sawyer, and other former members are familiar throughout the Nation. These are only a few of the many former members who have distinguished themselves on the battle fronts of the world. They are helping to write today's history with courage and valor.

The Future Farmer chapters everywhere have placed major emphasis on activities that would help in winning the war. Members of the FFA may be justly proud of the contributions they have made. Millions of dollars worth of food have been produced, tons of scrap materials have been collected, and over 8 million dollars worth of bonds have been purchased by members of the FFA.

Many of the members here today will soon be entering the Armed Forces who will serve in all branches including the Army, the Navy, the Marines, the Air Corps, and the Coast Guard. Members of the Future Farmers stand ready to serve their country wherever needed - on the farm front and on the battlefronts of the world. We know that they will serve to the best of their ability and bring added honors to the FFA. They are striving to uphold the high ideals of our organization and our Country.

It is fitting and proper that we should pause today and honor the members of our organization who are in the Armed Forces - many of whom have made the supreme sacrifice.

We have prepared a service flag to display at our Convention. This service flag will be unveiled with the assistance of Private Chester Asay, former Future Farmer of the Level, Wyoming chapter, and Seaman Jim Hutchins, American Farmer from Estalline, Texas.

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One car to another: "Funny we haven't met; we live on the same block."

LIFE MAGAZINE COMES TO KANSAS

Kosti Ruchoma, Black Star Pictures, 420 Lexington Avenue, N.Y., N. Y. was assigned by Life Magazine to come to Kansas to take pictures of Erwin Thalman, Regional Star Farmer, Haven chapter. Ruchoma, with a Kansas spot writer in the person of Russell Roberts, Emporia Gazette, accompanied by Executive Adviser A. P. Davidson, and Executive Secretary L. F. Hall, descended upon the Haven community Thursday, September 28, 1944. Life Magazine wanted a pictorial story of Thalman. Acting National Secretary, A. W. Tenney, Washington, D. C., wanted everything kept a deep dark secret. Of course, Erwin, being smart enough to be one of our outstanding candidates from Kansas for the American Farmer degree, never suspected a thing. We followed a 2-inch rain and had plenty of mud and too many clouds. Two and one-half days were spent taking pictures. Approximately 300 shots were taken, from roofs of buildings, top of windmill, lying prone on the ground -- and what position have you? Our subject, his parents, the school superintendent, the vocational agricultural instructor, and the entire student body of the Haven high school cooperated one hundred per cent. It so happened that the Haven FFA chapter was giving the first all school party, the "FFA Harvester", the night we arrived. There was to be a crowning of a queen, followed by a dance. Erwin crowned the queen, danced with her, and they partook of refreshments while the camera clicked. The student body wondered what it was all about, as well as Geo Stark, the comely queen.

We hope the pictures were good, and hope they will make the Life Magazine. There is a possibility that the pictures will be used by OWI in their foreign picture service. If OWI should use some of the FFA pictures taken at Haven, wouldn't it be a thrill for the 65 former teachers in the Armed Forces, and for the more than 4300 former FFA members from Kansas now in the Service,

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Material for FFA Jackets is getting mighty scarce. We doubt if there will be any for next year's state officers. Mr. Tolin, Universal Uniform Company, Van Wert, Ohio, doubts if his company can continue to put the FFA emblem on the back of the jacket, because of skilled labor shortage.

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The House of Delegates appointed a committee with power to act to study the possibility of furnishing FFA T-shirts and FFA sport shirts.

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"It is my hope that all farmers of the future will have the benefit of experience and training in the FFA" -- President Bob Bowman in his opening address to the 17th National FFA Convention.

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Some men are like wheelbarrows • they go around only as they are pushed.

ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

By A. W. Tenney, Acting Executive Secretary

The following are excerpts taken from A. W. Tenney's report to the Seventeenth National FFA Convention.

Members of the Future Farmers of America are proud of their wartime achievements. FFA chapters and members have placed major emphasis on war activities. The following national summaries show the scope of these achievements:

1.	Total maturity value of war bonds purchased in the name of the State Association	\$ 63,715.00
2.	Total maturity value of war bonds and stamps purchased by chapters and individual members	8,121,561.78
3.	Pounds of scrap metal collected by chapter	62,343,443
4.	Pounds of paper collected by chapters	20,625,448
5.	Pounds of rags collected by chapters	1,179,559
6.	Pounds of rubber collected by chapters	2,721,694
7.	Number of burlap bags collected by chapters	735,017
8.	Number of members serving in the armed forces of the United States (active and associate)	138,548
9.	Number of Victory Gardens grown by FFA members	89,220
	Total acreage	63,411.4
	Number of Victory Gardens grown by FFA chapters	6,442
	Total acreage	4,769
10.	Number of farm workers placed on farms through the aid of the FFA	19,849
11.	Number of farm machines repaired by FFA members	245,807
12.	Number of FFA members who helped Victory Farm Volunteers to become acquainted with farm life	14,325
13.	Number of Victory Farm Volunteers helped by FFA members to become acquainted with farm life	20,588
14.	Number of pieces of farm equipment constructed	95,932
15.	Number of food conservation centers constructed and equipped with the assistance of FFA chapters	1,091
16.	Number of No. 2 cans of food processed by FFA chapters	2,482,806

The FFA has received recognition from the U. S. Treasury, Office of Civilian Defense, and National Safety Council in connection with war bond campaigns, assistance rendered in defense activities, and for achievements in the field of safety.

State associations have again made outstanding records in the purchase of war bonds. Hawaii has purchased \$11,000 worth in the name of the association; California, \$9,000; Mississippi, \$5,000; Texas, \$4,000; and Virginia, \$4,000. Impressive records have been made by FFA chapters and members in many States in the purchase of war bonds and stamps. The following States have made significant contributions in this respect: Texas, \$689,906.88; Illinois, \$606,961.30; California, \$584,154.42; Ohio, \$461,773.12; Oklahoma, \$350,423.05; and, North Carolina, \$314,210.00.

Annual Report of the National Executive Secretary (Continued)

Many State associations have been active in the sale of war bonds and stamps. Alabama sold \$1,480,291.95; South Carolina \$935,841.96; California, \$850,000.00; Kentucky, \$522,397.00; and Mississippi, \$500,000.00.

In scrap metal collections Texas reported 6,724,450 pounds; Oklahoma, 4,277,198; Ohio, 3,973,128; Kentucky, 3,830,506; and Mississippi, 3,484,000.

Members of the Future Farmers of America are doing their part on the battlefronts of the world. We receive many thrilling stories of their activities. First Lieutenant Mack Bunderson, State Farmer from Ferron, Utah, won the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three oak-leaf clusters for distinguished service in the U. S. 13th Air Force in the South Pacific. Mack was escorting liberator bombers on a raid in Japanese territory when several zeros attacked him and the escorted liberators. His compass was knocked out, he was injured in the right forearm and the controls were likewise injured. Mack flew homeward with the sun in the general direction of his base and numerous zeros followed him. He guided the plane with his knees and made a wheels-up landing and was immediately rushed to a hospital.

Lieutenant Colonel Chesley Gordon Peterson, one of the top fighter pilots in the European theater of operations was an active member of the Future Farmers of America in Santaquin, Utah. Colonel Peterson is the youngest fighter group commander in the Eighth Air Force, and has a row of British and American decorations. The German Luftwaffe pilots have special instructions to shoot him down at all costs. "Future Farmers" are proud of Colonel Peterson's outstanding achievements.

Ralph Hanks, former member of the Red Bluff, California, Chapter recently became an "ace" by downing five Jap Zero planes in the South Pacific. However, Lieutenant (j.g.) Hanks got his five in a most peculiar way - all in one 24-hour period!

For gallantry in action last July 30th, the War Department has announced award of the Silver Star to First Lieutenant Donald W. Hedrick of Willapa, Pacific County, Washington. Lieutenant Hedrick won his decoration when, single-handed, he attacked a formation of twenty-four Japanese bombers and thirty fighter planes over Heng Yang. He is credited with destruction of five bombers and one probable fighter plane in the attack. On the second run against the enemy he was forced to retire when five of his guns were disabled. Lieutenant Hedrick is a graduate of Valley High School, where he majored in vocational agriculture. Don was made a State Farmer in 1934, and served as State president for the year 1934-35. He was a State delegate to the National Convention the same year.

Members of the Future Farmers of America serving in the armed forces have not forgotten the FFA. Private Mack Collins, a former member of the West Buncombe, North Carolina, Chapter has organized a Future Farmers of America chapter in New Guinea, according to a letter received by R. H. Lankford, vocational agriculture teacher at West Buncombe High School. The letter stated that he had met several FFA boys from this and other states and that the group decided to form a chapter and install him as its president and wanted information as to what kind of crops would grow there.

Annual Report of the National Executive Secretary (Continued)

You have a just right to be proud of the service being rendered by the members of the FFA in the armed forces of our Country. These hard-hitting troops from the farm are helping write today's history on the battlefronts of the world in a thrilling manner with their heroic deeds.

This is a young man's war - on the farm as well as on the fighting front. The record of achievement by members of the FFA in helping to produce food, buying war bonds, protecting life and property, collecting scrap, repairing farm machinery, and in helping perform other essential activities has proven vital to our success on the battlefronts of the world.

SUMMARY

A partial summary of the work done by the various State associations for the year ending June 30, 1944, based on the information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

Total number chartered active local chapters.	6,502
Total reported active membership in chartered chapters.	204,175
Number of members who participated in producing food for Victory.	158,624
Number of members who participated in salvaging needed war materials.	140,601
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.	110,410
Number of members who purchased war bonds and stamps.	134,085
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs during the year.	106,030
Number of members who used improved livestock practices.	108,711
Number of members who used improved crop production practices.	99,857
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment.	97,853
Total amount reported as invested in farming by active members as of January 1, 1944	\$20,988,468.33

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PROFESSOR L. F. HALL INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT

On October 5, while returning from Topeka by car, Professor L. F. Hall was involved in a highway accident which caused him to spend a week in the hospital at Wamego, Kansas. The accident was caused by a young farmer lad backing a stock truck onto the highway from a farmyard lane which was obscured from Professor Hall's vision by a group of ornamental plantings. Professor Hall's car was badly demolished, and he suffered serious injury to his right hand. We are happy to announce that Mr. Hall is well along the road to complete recovery.

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CHAPTER NEWS

ALTAMONT: Our officers for the coming year are as follows: President - Ronald Bryson; Vice President - Jimmie Johnston; Treasurer - Harold Lansdown; Secretary - Dean Endicott; Reporter - Eugene Carnahan; Adviser - R. G. Raines....We have 27 freshmen enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year....We butcher the meat for the cafeteria in our school. We have butchered one hog and one beef to date....We have Shropshire Sheep and Chester White Hogs for our class projects....We are purchasing four heifers weighing around 400 pounds to feed out. They will be butchered and the meat used in the school cafeteria....The chapter officers will attend the Leadership School held at Parsons on October 26....Chapter meetings are held every Wednesday during the activity period....The chapter entertained the new members with an ice cream party September 27....Committees have been appointed and we have started setting up the program of work. The entire chapter is participating....Plans are being made for the annual Parent-Son banquet which will be held November 10.

Eugene Carnahan, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: The Cottonwood Falls chapter of Future Farmers started the school year with a watermelon feed August 25. We had a half a ton of watermelons to dispose of and the 60 members and their dads present did a pretty good job of disposing them....New officers elected last April are: President - Harry Pendegraft Jr.; Vice President - Danny Trayer; Secretary - Melvin Koegeboehn; Treasurer - Loyd Adkins; Reporter - Neil Thompson; and Sentinel - Neil Cross....We entered a county collective agriculture booth at the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson and placed second in the Central Kansas group. We placed fourth in the whole state.

Neil Thompson, Reporter

HIGHLAND PARK: Chapter officers for 1944-45 are: President - Herbert Whitlow; Vice President - Bernard Barr; Secretary - Bill Oliver; Treasurer - Robert Anderson; Reporter - Don Mackie....A group of our members exhibited livestock and crops at the State Fair in Topeka, and were winners of numerous blue and red ribbons....To collect 150 sacks of milkweed pods is the chapter's goal. A harvesting campaign started in August....At a special summer meeting held on August 11, we had the honor of having our first Chapter president, Captain Rush Elmore of the USMC, as our guest speaker.... Jack Hall, who was president of our chapter last year, was presented with the Firestone Award by Mr. J. F. Ward, District Manager of the Firestone Company, at a special meeting in August....Jack Hall participated in the Kansas FFA Association Broadcast over Station KSAC, September 2....Our FFA booth entered in the Open Class at the Kansas Free Fair, placed third.... Bruce Johnson, 1944 State Farmer from our Chapter, will sing at the National FFA Convention Banquet meeting at Kansas City, Wednesday evening, October 11.

Don Mackie, Reporter

"Our chemists wise, it comes to pass,
Are making milk from grain and grass;
But lovers of this fluid say
They still prefer the udder way."

Chapter News (continued)

BELOIT: Beloit's newly elected officers for this year are: President - L. Prewett; Vice President - Harold Walker; Secretary - Keith Leslie; Treasurer - Donald Treaster; Reporter - Billy Campbell. These officers are all the proud owners of the official FFA corduroy jackets....The chapter held a summer picnic with 40 members present. Harold Walker, Donald Treaster, and Keith Leslie are the three boys working toward State Farmers Degrees....There are 45 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year, and the FFA goal will be 60 members....The Farm Management class attended the State Fair at Hutchinson. Everyone enjoyed the Fair...The officers are making plans for a successful Officers Training School to be held at Beloit, October 16th....The FFA boys cleaned and sacked 240 bushel of certified pawnee seed for Mitchell County. Harold Walker, one of our members, was one of 24 farmers selected each to receive 10 bushels of this seed wheat.

Billy Campbell, Reporter

BURLINGTON: The officers of our chapter for this year are: President - Wayne Keith; Vice President - Everett Giesy; Secretary - Bill Giesy; Treasurer - Jarold Sparks; Reporter - George Hegwald; Sentinel - Marlin Redding; Program Chairman - Edward Earnshaw....We had a watermelon feed on September 13, with the freshmen boys, high school principal and superintendent invited guests....September 27 we had a regular FFA evening meeting with opening and closing ceremonies program and refreshments. Freshmen boys were invited. We plan to have two meetings a month during the school year, one during the activity period and one in the evening.

George Hegwald, Reporter

KINSLEY: The parents of the FFA members, boys taking Vocational Agriculture for the first time and their parents, enjoyed a short program followed by the election of chapter officers and a watermelon feed on Friday night, September 15. The officers elected were as follows: President - Robert Schmitt; Vice President - Elmer Frick; Secretary - Robert Lobmeyer; Treasurer - Cecil Crocket; Reporter - Floyd Crockett, and Sentinel - Charles Smith....Sunday afternoon, September 17, thirty Vocational Ag students boarded a truck and headed for the State Fair at Hutchinson. A pleasant time was reported by all the boys attending....On October 19 the Kinsley Chapter will be host to 16 Southwest Kansas FFA Chapters at the annual Leadership School.

Floyd Crockett, Reporter

JUNCTION CITY: The following members were elected to office at our September meeting: President - Otto Roesler; Vice President - Norman Manz, Secretary - Herman Cott; Treasurer - Kenneth Hartung; Reporter - Billy Gfeller. We decided to hold a night meeting once a month, along with the weekly day meetings....Fifty boys are enrolled in Vocational Agriculture, and are getting off to a good start....A group of Vocational Agriculture boys went to the Hutchinson Fair with our instructor, Mr. Miller....The FFA officers attended the district FFA Leadership School at Clay Center, Thursday, October 5.

Billy Gfeller, Reporter

This is a funny world,
Its wonders never cease;
All "civilized" nations are at war,
All savages at peace.

Chapter News (continued)

CHANUTE: Our newly elected officers for this year are: President - Bob Allison; Vice President - Warren Briener; Secretary - Bill Kepley; Treasurer - Bill Burghart; Reporter - Vyrl Burghart; Sentinel - Harvey Carter.... In August, our chapter had a watermelon feed with forty boys present and 600 pounds of watermelon disappeared....Our beginners' dance was held September 19. Nine new members learned how to dance. Twenty-five were present....In helping farmers harvest this fall, our members have put in approximately 800 hours to October 1, not including work at home. Most of the work is filling silos for which the boys receive 50 cents an hour.A corn show, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Chanute, was held October 12, 13, and 14. Our chapter is cooperating and entered all the corn we could, took part in the parade, and sold tickets for a special entertainment feature.

Vyrl Burghart, Reporter

HILL CITY: At the regular meeting in May, officers were elected to serve for the coming year. They are: President - Curtis Albertson; Vice President - Wayne Beecher; Secretary - Richard Gansel; Treasurer - Randall Nickelson; Reporter - Bill Korb; Sentinel - Eugene Gano....We are starting a cooperative pig project this fall. Purebred Durocs will be used....We are again selling pop and pop corn at the football games. Last year we cleared \$78.70 for our FFA account....Our adviser, Mr. Kobler, took 21 FFA boys to the State Fair at Hutchinson. It was the first time any of the boys had been to a state fair. Professor F. W. Bell of K. S. C. gave us a lot of information on selecting and judging good livestock. On our return trip we stopped at the alfalfa dehydrating plant near Hutchinson and observed how alfalfa was dehydrated, ground and sacked ready for shipment, to be mixed into mashes. All of us enjoyed stopping at the Walker Air Base near Hays, and we were taken by a guide through restricted areas to see how massive the B-29 bombers are checked and overhauled before every flight. We boys feel the trip was well appreciated and we hope to get good livestock for projects and possibly show at the fairs....In shop a big per cent of the boys have had to bring in parts off of binders, drills and tractors to be welded; as well as putting on two extra sprockets and a chain to handle the tall, rank sorghums that we have this year. Three trailers are being constructed.... Our adviser secured fifty 2-3 year old ewes to be distributed to the boys. We have fifty-five boys taking agriculture. Twenty-five are freshmen.

Bill Korb, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: Officers for the coming year are: President - Alfred Growing; Vice President - Charles Jackson; Secretary - Paul Banks; Treasurer - Robert Allen; Reporter - Marvin Bauerle; Sentinel - Lyle Dodge; Adviser - R. D. Brent; Parliamentarian - Alvin Wenger....We have 25 active members. We have a day FFA meeting every two weeks and two night meetings every semester....In July, Lyle Dodge, Carl Timberlake, Kenneth Kruse and Glen Winterscheidt, and Mr. Brent attended the annual outing held each year between Hiawatha and Fairview chapters at Sycamore Springs....We rearranged the shop so that we may have more room. An O.S.Y.A. course is scheduled to start Oct. 16 in our shop....Our chapter bought two cultivators, and one lister and plan to repair and sell them....So far we have gathered 50 sacks of milkweed pods and made drying racks for them. We have gathered and sold 3,650 lbs. of scrap iron this year. Marvin Bauerle, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

HAVEN: Our officers for the coming year are: President - Herman Popp; Vice President - Earl Blocker; Secretary - Lloyd Schmidt; Treasurer - Carl Stelter; Sentinel - Wendell Hill; Reporter - Homer Yoder....A total of 2600 sheep were dipped last spring and during the summer, using the chapter's portable dipping vat....There are five boys putting out Certified Pawnee wheat this fall. A total of eighty acres is to be seeded.... The Freshman boys sold soda pop and hot dogs at the football game, bringing in a profit of nearly \$9.00....Shop projects now under construction include a hog house, two baled hay elevators, wagon box, manure loader to be placed on a tractor and a truck bed with grain box and stock rack.... We now have three welding outfits in our shop. A new oxy-acetylene and an arc welder have been purchased this year....The Sophomore boys are wrecking an old combine which was donated to the chapter. The sheet metal and angle iron is to be used in the shop....We are going to put out three fertilizer plots on three types of soil in this vicinity. The fertilizer is to be mixed in with the wheat when sowed. All three plots are along a state highway and signs will be put up by the plots on the treated and untreated soils....Four of our members showed livestock in the open classes at the Hutchinson State Fair, winning four firsts, seven seconds, two fourths, two fifths, and one sixth....The FFA had charge of the first all school party October 1. The party was called "The FFA Harvester". Dancing, games, crowning of the "Queen", together with seasonal decorations all totaled up to a successful party.

Homer Yoder, Reporter

PAXICO: Officers for 1944-45 are: President - Thomas Scheutz; Vice President - Elmer Mock; Secretary - Robert Flach; Treasurer - Raymond Muckenthaler; Reporter - Earl Muckenthaler....On August 10 a fishing party was held out on Mill Creek, but mostly party and no fish was the outcome.... We will hold a regular night meeting the first Wednesday of each month.... Greenhand initiation will be held November 1....The Freshmen members were given a watermelon feed by the chapter on September 24....Seven members of the Freshman Class have purchased Registered Durco Gilts. So far this year the Agriculture boys have culled 835 chickens, wormed 350 chickens, wormed 87 sheep and 45 head of pigs....In the shop, we are repairing 2 grain drills, a hay rake, 2 corn binders, 2 hay stackers, a grain binder, mowing machine, wagon and box....We have under construction, a wagon box, a tractor hay buck, a chicken feeder, 3 cattle feed bunks, a double row stock cutter, and smaller articles such as chisels, punches and funnels....The upper class boys laid a 6' x 20' concrete feeding floor on the farm of one of the boys parents....We have puttied and paneled all the windows in the shop....A new bench grinder and a marquette arc welder have been added to our shop equipment.

Earl Muckenthaler, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: Officers for this year are: President - Clifford Hetzke; Vice President - Jonas Flickner; Secretary - Howard Kaufman; Treasurer - Vernon Goering; Reporter - Junior Goering; Sentinel - LeRoy Stucky; Adviser - C. C. Griffin....We started the school year with 30 enrolled in Vocational Agriculture classes....The fanning mill in our Farm Shop has cleaned over 850 bushels of wheat, and 50 bushels of Rye so far this season. All the boys attended the Hutchinson State Fair....Most of our meetings will be held during the afternoon activity period this year.

Junior Goering, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

COLDWATER: We held our first meeting September 12. We elected officers. The officers elected were: President - Robert McKinney; Vice President - Charles Zielke; Secretary - Russell Harness; Reporter - Gene Uhl; Treasurer - Doyl Hoffman; Sentinel - Allen Hoffman; Adviser - Mr. Melia.... We exhibited a Comanche County booth at the Hutchinson State Fair again this year. We won 1st prize in the Western Division and received a check for \$190.39. The committee members who went to Hutchinson to put up our booth were Robert McKinney, Billy Hilt, Edwin Carleton, and Jim Burt. We were disappointed not to receive the Grand Champion ribbon which went to Reno County exhibit, prepared by the Buhler FFA Chapter. Our hats are off to the Buhler Chapter. They had a very attractive exhibition.

Gene Uhl, Reporter

PAOLA: We elected officers at our September 12 meeting. They are: President - Kenneth Kaiser; Vice President - Norman Prothe; Secretary - Roy Yackle; Treasurer - Clifford Milstead; Reporter - Elza McDill; Sentinel - Ralph George. Our chapter has 25 members....We have an oxy-acetylene welder coming for the shop....Kenneth Kaiser exhibited five lambs and five fleeces at the Midwest Lamb Show in Kansas City, Mo. His fleeces won 1st, 2nd, 4th and grand champion. Kenneth invested his prize money which was \$100 in a \$100 War Bond.

Elza McDill, Reporter

ELDORADO: This year's officers are as follows: President - Ivan Dennis; Vice President - Jim Hill; Secretary - Carl Henn; Treasurer - Harold Greenwell; Reporter - Richard Chase; Sentinel - Harold Dodson; Conductor - Raymond Banks....Sixteen boys attended the FFA summer camp held at Camp Wentz, Ponca City, Oklahoma last summer. Ivan Dennis was elected mayor of the camp....We held three meetings during the summer....Thirty-four boys attended the State Fair at Hutchinson....Our chapter owns five S.P.C. gilts, one S.P.C. bear, two Duroc gilts, and one Duroc boar. At present the gilts are all out on the cooperative swine program....Some of our members are ordering FFA jackets with the small emblem on the front.... We are completing our chapter Program of Work....We plan to attend the FFA Leadership School to be held at Buhler, October 24.

Richard Chase, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: At our regular meeting September 19, we elected officers as follows: President - Bill Martinek; Vice President - Duane Cockran; Secretary - Bob Martinek; Treasurer - Dale Kirkwood; Reporter - Bob Prochaska; Sentinel - Ben Weiler....Mr. Robert Turner is our new adviser. The agriculture class is going to dig up the small trees around the agriculture building and sell them....We have two welding outfits and an electric drill for our use in the school....We are going to hold a farm machinery repair school....Our FFA meetings will be held once a week on Tuesday.

Bob Prochaska, Reporter

Real Estate Salesman: "Would you like to see a model home?"

Prospect: "Glad to, what time does she quit work?"

Chapter News (continued)

FREDONIA: There are sixty-two boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. Of this number, thirty-four were initiated into the chapter as Green Hands, at the parents meeting held October 4. The program consisted of the initiation, and a model meeting. After the program, the recreation consisted of a volley ball game between the fathers and sons, while the mothers were in the cheering section....The chapter is making plans for a chapel program to be given in the latter part of October....The present officers are as follows: President - Harry Chapman; Vice President - Howard Porter; Secretary - Buddy Fately; Treasurer - Rex Olenhouse; Reporter - Royce Loshbaugh; Adviser - Mr. James R. Peddicord.

Royce Loshbaugh, Reporter

GOODLAND: Goodland chapter of the FFA started the year with the following officers: President - Gene Daise; Vice President - Rex Amos; Secretary - Bob Johnson; Treasurer - Bruce Pyles; Reporter - Howard Sherrrod; Sentinel - Maurice Barnes....The boys started out the year with much vigor and have plans for accomplishing many things both in their farming programs and in shop....The FFA boys are helping in the war program by assisting farmers in shocking the big feed crop in Sherman county this fall. The FFA has also sponsored the training and allotment of town boys for help in this harvesting project....Goodland chapter has 36 members this year....The wheat experimental plots that were planted by FFA boys last year under supervision of Dr. John Parker turned out very satisfactorily for the new varieties - Pawnee, Wichita and Commanche.

Howard Sherrrod, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Our officers this year include: President - Lee Gauby; Vice President - Dean Stratton; Secretary - Norman Stewart; Treasurer - Ivan Hinkle; Reporter - Eugene Stoffel....We attended the district Leadership School at Clay Center October 5. Eugene Stoffel gave a three minute report on how to keep the school, community and state informed about the local chapter....A free watermelon party was held at the city park September 5. Freshmen Vocational Agriculture boys and their parents were guests as well as the parents of all FFA members....The FFA sorted and sold 2200 lbs. of scrap in September. The FFA is headquarters for collecting milkweed pods. Signs are up and bags hanging over wire near the shop....Some of the shop jobs completed to date include installing a new bottom in the Farm Bureau sheep dipping vat, fitting a number of shop tools, making an arc welding table, helping install an air compressor, a new grinder, and relocating an electric drill and building a tool cabinet....At the county fair our shop display won first, FFA booth second, and we placed third in judging.

Eugene Stoffel, Reporter

SEAMAN: Two of our members exhibited spring farrowed pigs at the Kansas Free Fair. Max Wright showed two gilts and received two second prizes. Marvin Young exhibited one gilt and received first prize. He received two second prizes on two barrows which he exhibited....Thirty boys are enrolled in the No. 9 class this year, this being about twice as many as last year....Our chapter is continuing the practice of printing the school football programs. This activity provides a nice net return for the chapter treasury. Our new adviser this year is W. F. Thoman.

Marvin Davidson, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

INMAN: Officers elected at the annual FFA election for the coming year are: President - John Smith; Vice President - Marlow Ediger; Secretary - Ernie Wiens; Treasurer - Henry Neufeld; Sentinel - Earl Lachenmayr; Program Chairman - Oscar Willems; Activity Program Chairman - Howard Shierling....Thirty-nine boys are enrolled in Vocational Agriculture....The Inman Community Fair will be held October 19, 20, 21 and the Inman FFA will sell pop corn and run a penny pitch to raise money for the FFA treasury. All FFA boys plan to show exhibits and do their part for the coming fair....The local chapter enjoyed a melon feed on Wednesday, September 20....We are sorry to report that Vernon Eugene Thomas, a former Inman Vocational Agriculture boy is reported lost by the War Department, a victim in the hurricane sinking of the U. S. Destroyer Warrington.

Walt Neufeld, Reporter

VALLEY CENTER: We have had Vocational Agriculture in our school only the past two years. We have one of the best modern equipped shops in the State. This shop was completed January, 1942....We have not had FFA in our ag. work so far, but plans are under way for organizing a chapter....We had our first meeting and elected officers for the coming year: President - Robert Jacobs; Vice President - Claude Harpster; Secretary - Guy Sawhill; Treasurer - Ronnie Froman; Reporter - William McVicar....We have been taking some time to study the History of the FFA in Kansas, and also our Official Manual. We plan to go to the Leadership School at Buhler on October 24.

William A. McVicar, Reporter

MCPHERSON: The following boys were elected FFA officers for the coming year: President - Lloyd Peterson; Vice President - Sammy Cramsey; Secretary - Wayne Schaffer; Treasurer - Galen Case; Reporter - Galen Kubin....Forty-one boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture, and we have fifty-two FFA members....The Ag. 11 class has finished the farming program tour and voted Galen Kubin's and Myron Goering's programs as being the best....The following boys have received purebred Duroc gilts from the chapter to add to their farming program - Lowell Sawyer, Myron Goering, LaVern Larson; and Merlyn Johnson....We are running an alfalfa variety test, the varieties used are Kansas Com, Buffalo, Ranger, and Ladak....The boys who sent in wool this spring to have it made into blankets have now received the blankets. They cost \$3.77 plus the wool and make very nice gifts for the boy's mothers.

Galen Kubin, Reporter

PRATT: At our regular meeting in May the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: President - Charles Bergner; Vice-President - Dale Rosenbaum; Secretary - Leo Seidel; Treasurer - Bill Briggeman; Reporter - Eugene Swindler; and Sentinel - Eugene Wing.... 32 members of our chapter attended the Vocational Agriculture Judging Demonstration at the Hutchinson State Fair....At our last regular meeting it was decided to have a joint meeting with the Stafford Chapter, inviting them to meet with our chapter for Green Hand initiation....Our chapter officers are making plans to attend the Leadership School at Kinsley on October 19....We plan to sponsor the Farm Machinery night class for farmers again this year....Donald Bergner was elected to represent our chapter on the Junior High School Student Council.

Eugene Swindler, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

MILTONVALE: Thirty-five of our members and our adviser, Mr. Bruner, were guests of the State Fair at Hutchinson....Because of changes in membership and vacancies in office positions, it was necessary to hold a new election in the FFA. The new officers are: President - Rea Rose; Vice President - Bill Catlin; Secretary - Max Reed; Treasurer - Thayne Comfort; Reporter - Oakley Gawith; Sentinel - Harvey Fosdick....The Farm Shop boys have dug a 120 foot trench for installing water in the shop, and the plumbing has been completed....The wood flooring in the Farm Shop will be taken out soon and the shop boys will lay a cement floor in its place....The FFA is helping to get the farm shop ready for a Farm Machinery school for which we have been approved. The shop boys are installing new equipment and building cabinets, tool racks, etc.

Oakley Gawith, Reporter

STOCKTON: The new officers elected for this year are: President - Bob Daniels; Vice President - Norman Kardosh; Secretary - Gail McComb; Treasurer - Dee Sammons; Reporter - Carl Bridwell; Sentinel - Leon Baxter; Adviser - Mr. Blauer....The Junior Fair was held September ninth....We planned and had a meeting for our parents October third. An interesting and worthwhile program was given and seventeen freshmen boys were initiated as Green Hands. This brings our membership to 39 active members....Norman Kardosh, our chapter vice president, exhibited 16 of his birds at the Hutchinson State Fair, 15 of them placing. Norman also acted as assistant superintendent of the poultry show at the State Fair.

Carl Bridwell, Reporter

OLATHE: At our last meeting in May we elected the following officers for the school year 1944-45: President - Raymond White; Vice President - Joe Zemites; Secretary - Bill Whitenack; Treasurer - Myron Kordes; Reporter - Bob Tippin....John Doak, senior and State Farmer '44, had the grand champion fat lamb at the June fat lamb show in Kansas City. John's 85 pound southdown lamb sold for \$1.50 per pound....Five of our members entered sheep and fat calves at the Midwest Vocational Agriculture Fat Stock Show and Sale. All of our sheep graded top. We came out with \$27.00 in premium money. Ten of our members attended the educational features....Our August meeting was our annual ice cream social and program for the parents.... Our chapter members gathered over 100 sacks of milkweed pods to October 1.... Monday, September 25, was number 9 parents night. It was one of our most successful #9 meetings....John and Bill Doak won \$75.00 in premiums on their Southdown sheep at the state fair at Topeka and \$65.00 at Hutchinson.... Friday, September 15, was Fair day for our chapter at the county fair. 20 boys made 50 entries in the livestock and crops departments. Ribbons, cash, won, experience gained, and cooperative experience indicate that this was one of our best years at the fair.

Bob Tippin, Reporter

Mrs. Murphy: What do you hear from your boy, Mike, in Australia?

Mrs. Clancy: It's bad news. He writes that he's running around with a jeep!

Mrs. Murphy: Don't worry, Mrs. Clancy, that's what they call those army automobiles.

Mrs. Clancy: Praise the saints, I thought a jeep was a female Jap.

Chapter News (continued)

OTTAWA: Our officers for 1944-45 are as follows: President - Frederick Kissinger; Vice President - Glenn Willhite; Secretary - Donald Barnes; Treasurer - George Streebin; Reporter - James Boucek....Bob Jones, our last year's president, has received the following honors: He received the State Farmer degree and was elected to the office of Vice President of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers. He received the Firestone award of \$100.00 cash. He was alternate delegate to the national convention of Future Farmers, and he received the Santa Fe trip award to the national FFA convention....We plan to have four special night meetings this year....At our annual August picnic, we entertained the eighth grade graduates and other probable new students....Our officers attended the Shawnee Mission FFA Leadership School on October 2....We cooperated with the Williamsburg chapter and the Ransom Farm at Homewood, Kansas in sponsoring a Guernsey field day and judging school held October 14.... Forty-five boys are enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year.

James Boucek, Reporter

SABETHA: Our chapter officers, elected last May, are: President - Gene Kellenberger; Vice President - Ival Haflick; Secretary - Joe Steiner; Treasurer - Arnold Althouse; Reporter - Glenn Aeschliman; Sentinel - Howard Brunner....Our chapter is sponsoring Milkweed Pod Collection and on September 30 we had collected for drying approximately 1,033 pounds. October 1 we will start collecting the Climbing Milkweed. Charles Baker holds the record of 185 pounds collected, with Billy Ross a close second, having collected 175 pounds, and Aurel Montgomery and Donald Montgomery tying for third with 135 pounds each....Our Seed Germinator has been started this fall and we are now testing Red Clover for seed purposes.... The Vocational Ag 111 Class did Field Selection of Certified Atlas Sargo on September 21. The class of 13 members selected some 20 odd 10-head samples of Atlas and then our teacher judged and placed the best 10-head sample. These 10-head samples will be used for seed purposes.... Dale Keim, Gene Kellenberger, Gerald Wenger, with Marvin Lamparter as alternate, represented our chapter in a livestock judging contest at the county fair September 22. We ranked second and won a cash prize of \$4.00.... Lynn Lukert and Dick Funderburgh recently purchased some fancy Registered Hampshire gilts from the herd of Leonard Harden. These members will use these gilts as foundation stock....Gary Keim recently purchased a Registered 16-month old bred Angus heifer from the herd of Harry Danlikor at Hiawatha. This heifer will be used in the starting of a herd of fine Angus for Gary....Lynn Lukert, past vice president of the state association, our past president Daryl Bechtelheimer, and Ivan Montgomery are now farming and doing a fine job.

Glenn Aeschliman, Reporter

Reluctantly he faced the army oculist, who asked him to read a chart.

"What chart?" asked the draftee.

The doctor persevered: "Just sit down in that chair and I'll show you."

"What chair?" asked the draftee.

Deferred because of bad eyesight, the draftee went to a nearby movie. When the lights came on, he was horrified to discover the oculist in the next seat. "Excuse me," said the conscript, "does this bus go to Albany?"