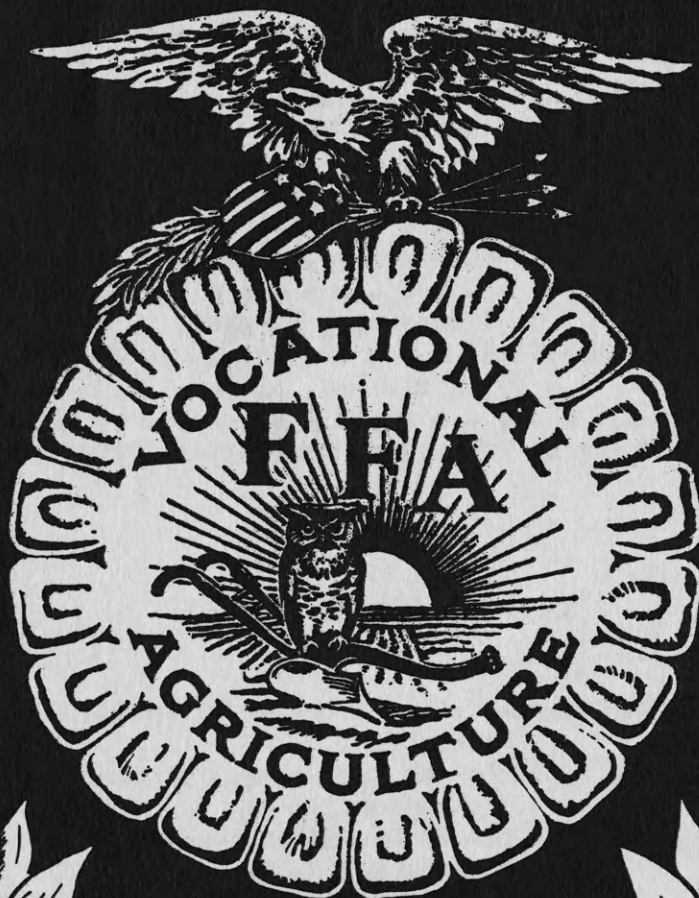


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READY! 1945

Hoads up! A New Year beckons us  
To swing along.  
Lot's go, alert to do our work  
With zest and song.

Be strong, we only need today,  
Tomorrow's sun  
Will find us always ready if  
Today's well done.

--C. H. Blanchard.

FFA CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues were due as of January 1, 1945. Dues are 20 cents per member, 10 cents national and 10 cents state. To date 54 per cent of the chapters have paid dues, representing 60 percent of the total vocational agricultural enrollment in the state.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST: National Chapter contest entries--consisting of the chapter program of work in each case--must be in the U. S. Office of Education, addressed to Acting National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, not later than January 31, 1945. The following chapters designated as "Gold Emblem Chapters" in the Kansas Association Chapter contest of 1944 are eligible to enter: Buhler, Columbus, Great Bend, Hiawatha, Highland Park, Lebanon, Sedan, and Winfield.

FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

While no definite plans have been formulated for holding the 1945 State FFA Public Speaking contest, we have definite assurance that the contest will be held. FFA members should be encouraged to begin their preparation for the State FFA Public Speaking contest immediately.

The 1945 State FFA Public Speaking contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the national contest.

The speech will be scored allowing 300 points on Content and Composition and 700 points on Delivery of the production. This is in agreement with the national score card.

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

Any boy who has participated in any state FFA public speaking contest is ineligible for participation in the 1945 Kansas FFA public speaking contest.

Time Limit

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

Subjects

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

1. Agriculture and America
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, the Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. Food Our Weapon
6. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
7. The Farm Credit Situation
8. The Future Farmers of America
9. The Advantages of Being a Farmer
10. Diversified Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture
11. The Present and Future of American Farming
12. The Future of the American Farmer
13. The Future Farmers of America in Relation to American Agriculture
14. What Vocational Agriculture and the FFA Mean to Me and Other Farm Boys

## Public Speaking Contest (continued)

15. The Restoration of Agricultural Stability
16. Why I Chose to Become a Farmer
17. Farm Management and Cooperative Marketing as a Solution to Farm Problems
18. The Agricultural Situation
19. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
20. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
21. Tariffs and Their Relation to the American Farmer
22. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
23. Subsistence Farm Homesteads and Their Relation to American Agriculture
24. From Soil to War
25. Food for Freedom
26. The Utilization of Economic Information in Farming
27. The Economic Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
28. Horse and Mule Power in American Agriculture--Their Economic Relation
29. The Part-time Farmer in American Agriculture
30. The New Era in American Agriculture
31. Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution
32. The Soil--A National Heritage
33. The Necessity for Trained Farmers
34. Chemurgy as an Aid to the American Farmer
35. Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem
36. The FFA Creed--What It Means to Rural America
37. Soil Conservation--Man's and Nature's
38. A Contented People Make a Contented State
39. Cooperatives and Cooperation
40. Why Be a Farmer

## Sources

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

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen.
2. Readers' Guide--in public libraries and high school libraries.
3. Publications of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, USDA, Washington, D. C.
4. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (Yearbook, Technical bulletins, special reports of Farm Security Administration)
5. Special Reports of the Bureau of Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
6. Current National Magazines
7. The Farm Press
8. National and Columbia Radio Broadcasts. Study in advance program schedule, listen to numbers that deal with any phase of your chosen topic. Often it is possible to procure a copy of the address in which you are interested by writing the author of it.



## Public Speaking Contest (Concluded)

9. Census Report
10. Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Biennial Reports and special bulletins, Topeka, Kansas
11. State newspapers
12. Proceedings of National FFA Convention
13. Winning Future Farmer Speeches, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill.
14. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Local FFA chapters planning to submit a candidate or candidates for the American Farmer degree should notify Executive Secretary L. F. Hall, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, of this intention not later than February 1, 1945. Upon receipt of this notification of intention of chapter to submit an American Farmer candidate or candidates, the state office will mail materials and instructions as to procedure of the local chapters concerned.

The American Farmer candidates to be submitted to the National Organization of Future Farmers of America will be selected by means of a careful evaluation of the entry materials submitted to the state office, together with visits to the candidates on their home farms by one or more adult members of the state officer group.

Minimum qualifications for election to the American Farmer Degree are set forth in Article IV, Section E of the national constitution, revised November, 1943.

A candidate for the degree of American Farmer must be an active member of the FFA. The constitution defines Active Membership in Article III Section B as follows: Any male student not over 25 years of age who is regularly enrolled in an all-day or day-unit, in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any regular FFA chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership throughout his high school career and for three years after the first national convention following completion of high school vocational agriculture class room instruction or leaving school.

Active membership requirements which must be met by any member applying for the American Farmer degree are set forth in By-Law VII of the national constitution and read as follows:

1. He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
2. He shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter.
3. He pays his dues regularly.

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A picture of a concrete feed box, designed by L. E. Melia, and built for the R. E. Parcel ranch, Coldwater, Kansas, appears in the January, 1945 issue of the Successful Farmer, page 66. Salt, bone meal, and limostene are fed to cattle in this three-divisioned feed box. This type box is giving satisfaction on many cattle ranches in Comanche County.

ACROSS THE BORDER

FFA Items Taken from Annual Reports of State Associations for 1944.

CALIFORNIA: In their state FFA war bond campaign, 3,000 attractive posters bearing pictures of Future Farmer activities were displayed. The posters were prepared by the United States Treasury. During the Fourth War Loan Drive, 4 FFA chapters within a small area sold more than \$450,000 worth of bonds through auctions....Every vocational agriculture department in California had an active FFA chapter. Three chapters whose advisers had left for the war appointed school principals as advisers and continued in the active column....A monthly illustrated FFA magazine is printed and distributed to members upon a subscription basis - the subscription price being 10¢ per year....The average investment in farming programs per member was \$140.00.... The State Association owns war bonds with a maturity value of \$9,000.

CONNECTICUT: War supporting activities received considerable emphasis in all chapters. Besides increasing farming investments and intensifying farming efforts, members nearly doubled last year's purchase of war bonds and stamps, practically tripled both paper and rag salvage, and collected an average of 180 burlap bags per individual....Active membership in the state association showed a gain of 25%....Glastenbury Chapter served as committee for local arrangements and hosts for the State FFA Convention. 78% of the chapters sent delegates to the convention.

KENTUCKY: Emphasis on war time activities was the keynote of the Kentucky Association's program. In spite of reduced enrollment due to loss of departments, the Kentucky Future Farmers produced more food during the past year than any year in the history of the association....Members purchased \$197,000 worth of war bonds and sold more than \$500,000 worth of bonds and stamps.... The Kentucky Future Farmers Inc. did more than \$130,000 worth of business during the year. Cooperative purchases included 31 carloads of hereford calves, bought in Texas and Oklahoma; 1,600 yearling ewes purchased in Montana, and approximately 200 dairy calves purchased in Wisconsin. Phenothiazine was purchased and distributed to members through the Cooperative and plans were made to handle hybrid seed corn and possibly other seeds.

MINNESOTA: Over 600 FFA members attended the annual state FFA convention. 80 chapters with 160 delegates were present....The state FFA band consisting of 45 members representing 24 schools was under the direction of Gerald McKay, agriculture instructor at Brainard, Minnesota, and participated in the program of the convention....54 schools were represented by 374 members and advisers at the 7th annual Future Farmer and Vocational Agriculture students livestock marketing school held at St. Paul. The students marketed 595 animals

OKLAHOMA: The FFA continued to expand both in membership and activities during the past year. The State Association had an increase of 1,500 members and 1 chapter over the previous year....5,865 members purchased \$350,423 in war bonds. The state association owns \$3,000 worth of war bonds. Farm machinery repaired or reconditioned totalled 9,310 pieces....FFA members treated 109,092 cattle for diseases and parasites....160 chapters and 4074 members participated in the various phases of conservation practices such as terracing, contour farming, construction of ponds, planting trees, use of fertilizer, and other practices. Steps are now being taken to provide soil testing kits for 100 departments in the state.

## Across the Border (concluded)

TEXAS: Active FFA membership was 21,674....The State Association purchased \$4,000 in war bonds which brings the total amount owned by the State Association to \$10,000. FFA members in 497 chapters purchased a total of \$689,906 in war bonds and stamps....A total of \$2,266,139 was invested in farming by active members, this was an average of approximately \$106 per member.... 85,930 farm machines were repaired or constructed by FFA members in 506 chapters....12,096 members in 431 chapters were engaged in organized conservation work with soils, water, trees, protection of wild life, prevention of forest fires, and vital wartime materials....549 chapters had libraries with 5 or more FFA books.

MICHIGAN: The Michigan Association increased its membership during the year from 5003 to 5547....947 members from 96 chapters attended 11 FFA Leadership Training conferences....145 chapters were represented by 289 delegates at the annual state convention....Five issues of the Michigan Future Farmer newsletter were published....39 chapters published their own newsletter.... The \$10,000 Department of Agriculture Fund, provided by the legislature to promote Future Farmer work, was used as follows: premiums for fat stock show; leadership training conference programs; public speaking contest; approximately \$50.00 per chapter for individual achievement awards; expenses for team to the state and regional contest; and FFA delegate expenses to the State Convention. Awards from this fund may be paid only to active members in good standing.

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FFA PROJECT MARKER SIGNS AVAILABLE

Permission has been granted the St. Louis Button Company to manufacture FFA Project Markers, and the company informs us that they are now ready for the filling of orders.

Markers are regularly packed 25 to a carton; however, for those chapters not requiring 25 at a time we can supply smaller quantities at the following prices to which must be added the postage according to your zone from St. Louis:

| Quantity                  | Parcel Post Zone |    |    |    |    |    |    |      |
|---------------------------|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
|                           | 1                | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8    |
| 4 for \$1.25 plus postage | 11               | 11 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 20 | 24 | 27   |
| 8 for 2.25 " "            | 13               | 13 | 16 | 22 | 28 | 34 | 42 | 49   |
| 12 for 3.25 " "           | 14               | 14 | 18 | 25 | 34 | 41 | 52 | 51   |
| 18 for 4.50 " "           | 16               | 16 | 22 | 32 | 44 | 56 | 70 | 83   |
| 25 for 6.25 " "           | 19               | 19 | 28 | 43 | 61 | 77 | 98 | 1.17 |

A single Marker, as a sample, will be shipped postpaid upon receipt of 50¢ in postage stamps. Payment in full is to accompany each order and must include cost of mailing. Ask your post office, or mail man, for the zone to St. Louis. The address of the company is:

St. Louis Button Company  
415 Lucas Ave.  
St. Louis 2, Missouri



## 16 CHAPTERS FAIL TO FILE PROGRAM OF WORK ON TIME

Sixteen chapters failed to file programs of work on time. This is two less chapters than were late last year, but represents approximately the same per cent. It is not surprising that 14 of the 16 delinquent chapters for 1944-45 were so classified last year. Ten of the chapters failing to submit programs of work also failed to attend the district FFA leadership schools.

The above statement is made in no vindictive spirit, but simply represents a statement of fact. We appreciate the many difficulties one can encounter in attempting to plan his program so that he can attend scheduled meetings. We also appreciate the fact that the overworked teacher might find it difficult to so arrange his work as to get the chapter program of work filed before the November 1 deadline. We are convinced, however, that a live and well ordered chapter will prepare and file the program of work without a great deal of assistance from the teacher.

Failure to file a program of work on time does not mean that the chapter will be inactive. Such failure does eliminate the chapter from competition in all FFA contests - chapter contests, State Farmer and American Farmer awards, and the FFA public speaking contest.

An active FFA chapter is a valuable tool in the hands of a skillful teacher and will aid materially in consummating a well balanced program of vocational agriculture.

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## "OUR GANG"

An occasional mimeographed letter, consisting of two or three pages single spaced, is sent to all former members who are in the Armed Forces by the chapter adviser and Mrs. "H.D." of the Shawnee Mission chapter. This is a commendable venture - and one that should be duplicated by all chapters in Kansas. The "Our Gang" letter is full of home news and in addition carries much information about former members now in the service. The response from the boys in the Armed Forces is ample evidence of their appreciation - and is pay a-plenty for the time and energy spent on the project by the local adviser and his helper.

It might be of interest to H. D. and Mrs. H. D. to know that a copy of "Our Gang" was passed around among the persons in attendance at the North Central Regional meeting of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural supervisors held at Chicago last August. Many favorable comments were heard, and the wish was expressed that all FFA chapters might do a similar thing.

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The three-year-old boy had taken his mother's powder puff and was fixing his face as he had seen her do, when his five-year-old sister grabbed it from him:

"You mustn't do that," she said. "Only ladies use powder. Gentlemen wash themselves."

FFA FLASHES

TEXAS: While former members are distinguishing themselves in the lines of active service on the front lines, Sinton Chapter members at home have been working faithfully on the "home front". In addition to gathering one hundred and eight and one-half tons of scrap iron during the drives this year, bonds were bought with part of the funds from the sale of the salvage iron. In reviewing the production since the beginning of the war, the Sinton boys have had the following approximate yields: Beef, 134,834 lbs.; cotton, 16 bales; pork, 23,964 lbs.; and, 570 bushels of corn.

PENNSYLVANIA: Members of the Nicholson FFA Chapter are continuing to maintain their outstanding tin can salvage record. The chapter collected 2,000 cans thus enabling their high school to earn the honor as the highest ranking school in Wyoming County in tin can salvage.

KANSAS: Shop projects in the Haven Chapter are now under construction including 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. They now have three welding outfits in their 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 are to be used in the shop. The boys 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.

WISCONSIN: The members of the Clear Lake Chapter of Future Farmers, under the direction of their instructor in agriculture, Earl McKenzie, are rendering a valuable service in their community by operating a portable sheep dipping tank. In addition to the dipping of the sheep, the boys treat the flocks for parasites. This service is rendered the farmers for the nominal cost of fifteen cents per head.

CALIFORNIA: It isn't often that Future Farmers have an opportunity to assist commercial farmers in basic research in agriculture. Yet this is exactly what Shafter Future Farmers are doing on the Shafter High School farm. Potato production is big business in the Shafter area and potato production has its problems. One of these problems is seed - clean seed - free of disease from which bumper crops of high-grade marketable potatoes can be grown. Two years ago the Kern County Potato Seed Growers' Association decided that test plots were necessary where seed could be grown under controlled conditions, where disease could be carefully observed, and eventually practically eliminated. They had come to the conclusion that diseasefree seed was the answer to most of their production ills. The Shafter School farm proved to be the ideal location for the test plots. The junior and senior Future Farmers would do the detailed work under the expert supervision of the Shafter's three agriculture teachers and T. H. Hankins of the Seed Growers' Association. This gave the Future Farmers an opportunity for community service and at the same time an education in potato growing which few boys get. Potato growers from Washington, Oregon, Nebraska, Idaho, South Dakota and California have grown 50 different lots of seed on Shafter test plots. The past year more than 250 growers had a field day at the Shafter farm looking over the progress of the

## FFA Flashes (concluded)

experiment. The Union Pacific Railroad which is making a picture of potato production is photographing the progress of this work.

OREGON: The Corvallis Chapter purchased a hammer mill for the members to use. The hammer mill has been mounted on runners so that it can be moved about quite readily. The Chapter cooperative rented five acres of river bottom ground for two years. The boys are clearing the land with a bulldozer. A contract for green Hubbard squash seed has been secured as the Chapter project.

NEBRASKA: The 55 members of the Neligh Chapter have \$22,543 invested in farming, won the Sears award for their district, collected 11,100 pounds of metal, 4,000 pounds of paper, conducted project tour and purebred hog sale, and had a project book contest. Cooperative activities include - food mixing, sheep shearing, mineral mixing, making hog trough, and a potato project. They also sponsored a four-man band, Farmer-Farmeretto Party, Parent and Son Picnic, and a watermelon feed.

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THE AMERICAN FARM YOUTH MAGAZINE

The American Farm Youth magazine under the editorship of Robert Remack is in its 10th year and is without doubt the most outstanding current magazine devoting its full attention to farm youth. The greater part of emphasis of this comparatively young publication is given over to activities of the Future Farmers of America Organization, and for that reason alone, the publication should find a place in every local FFA chapter in Kansas. The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter attempts to keep the FFA members of Kansas informed on matters pertaining to the National Organization, the Kansas Association, and newsworthy happenings in the local chapters in the state, but we are not in a position to give a report on the activities of Future Farmers in other state associations. The American Farm Youth magazine does a splendid job of reporting on FFA activities throughout the nation. The subscription price is 75¢ per year for single orders, and 50¢ per year in group orders of 5 or more to schools. Local FFA officers and advisers need information concerning their fellow FFA members scattered throughout the nation, their achievements should be the basis of much of our inspiration, and your editor knows of no publication that will be more helpful in furnishing new ideas that can be put into practice than The American Farm Youth Magazine. We are confident that the Kansas Association of FFA would be strengthened if 100% of our membership were not only subscribers, but readers of this splendid publication. In case this magazine is not in your library, send for a sample copy to The American Farm Youth Publishing Co., Danville, Illinois.

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Winston Churchill is said to have hailed a cab and told the cabbie to drive him to BBC, where he was scheduled to broadcast. "Sorry, sir," said the driver, "yo'll 'ave to get yourself another cab. I can't go that far."

Mr. Churchill was somewhat surprised and asked the cabbie why. The driver apologized, "Ye see, sir, Mr. Churchill is broadcasting in an hour, and I wants to get 'ome to 'ear 'im."

Churchill was so pleased he handed a pound note to the driver, who took one quick look and said, "Hop in, sir. T'holl with Mr. Churchill."

HINT FOR THIS MONTH

Does your chapter own a Future Farmer emblem cut, for printing your chapter stationery, program of work, banquet place cards, and similar material? Do you know that you can have your own emblem for as little as 20 cents?

There are four styles and sizes of emblem cuts. The most widely used is listed as No. 1. It is the regular emblem, about one and one-half inches high. If a smaller emblem is desired, the No. 2 is available--about one inch high.

For printing stationery, the No. 3 emblem is most desirable. It is surmounted by a banner line bearing the words "Future Farmers of America." This one is two inches wide, and is also the one most commonly used to head up a Future Farmer news column in your local paper. The No. 4 emblem is similar to this but larger, measuring more than three inches wide and nearly three inches high. This one would be suitable for a large poster, cover of a year-book or other job requiring a big emblem cut.

Now, you can do one of two things--either get an "electrotype," which is a hard metal plate ready for mounting on a wood base; or a "matrix", which is a paper mold from which your local newspaper man can readily cast a perfect emblem. Either one is perfectly satisfactory. You will need the help of your local printer or newspaper to mount the electrotype on the right kind of wood base and exactly "type high."

These emblem "electros" or "mats" may be readily obtained from the French-Bray company, Candler Building, Baltimore, Md. The prices of the "electros" are \$1.25 each for the No. 1 or No. 3 style, \$1.00 for the No. 2 or \$1.75 for the No. 4. The prices of the "mats" are 25 cents each for the No. 1 or No. 3 style, 20 cents for the No. 2, or 40 cents for the No. 4. These prices include postage.

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PENICILLIN - THE WONDER DRUG

Penicillin is no "cure-all," although the pure drug is efficient against certain microbes even if diluted to one part in 80,000,000, and other microbes can be killed in solutions of one in 30,000,000. There are still some microbes, however, such as those which cause typhoid and tuberculosis, which it will not kill. However, against staphylococcus, a microbe which is the most common cause of infection in man, and streptococcus, which gives the most serious infections, and pneumococcus, meningococcus, and gonococcus, it is proving to be truly miraculous.

The DeLaval Monthly  
November-December 1944

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A house on two or three acres, a station wagon, two cars, a gasoline grass cutter, a bed of flowers, a saddle horse, a poodle, six white rabbits, a couple of ducks--isn't farming, although it's surprising the number of folks who seem to think of it as such.



CHAPTER NEWS

MCPHERSON: A new electric welder has been added to the shop....We have organized two FFA basketball teams and both are entered in the high school intramurals....Myron Goering and Marion Schafer, with their sponsor Mr. Patton, went to the Fred Chilen Angus Farm and purchased registered heifers to start an Angus herd....George Moors placed third and fourth on his two pens of Hereford steers entered in the deferred feeder show and sale at Kansas City.

Galen Kubin, Reporter

WEBSTER: The officers elected for the year 1944-45 are: President - Jack Baxter; Vice-President - Elwin Cabbage; Treasurer - Junior Buckner; Secretary - Bernard Carlson; Reporter - Wayne Sutton; Sentinel - Earl Cabbage; Adviser - Mr. Stricklin....A number of the boys have been helping farmers harvest thin sorghum crops this fall....In shop we have made several ropes and other articles. For the Red Cross we have made dart games, watch holders, writing boards, and ringtoss games which will be distributed to Army Camps.

Wayne Sutton, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: So far this year we have made in shop two wagon boxes, constructed three gates, a small building, 16' by 8', which joins our shop on the north side, and many other projects....The sophomore FFA boys culled and wormed 125 pullets....Our chapter sponsored a corn contest between November 12 and 16. Mr. Petefish, vocational agriculture teacher of Hiawatha judged the corn. The classes and first prize winners follow: I Yellow Hybrid - Kenneth Kruse; II Yellow Open-pollinated - Marvin Bauerle; III White Hybrid and White Open-pollinated - Henry Hartman; IV Longest ear of corn - Eugene Jurgensmeier; V Pop corn - Henry Hartman....Hiawatha and Fairview chapters are sponsoring a pest eradication contest which will run from December 14 to January 24. The losing chapter will furnish a supper and entertain the winning chapter....The boys in our chapter have bought \$456.40 worth of war bonds and stamps since school started.

Marvin Bauerle, Reporter

HAVEN: Our members have sold 600 pencils with the basketball schedule printed on them. 50% of the returns are clear profit....The junior class made an exhibit of the Southwestern Corn Borer showing its life cycle, types of injury and methods of control. The exhibit was displayed in a local store window....The sophomore class recently repaired and repainted our large HAVEN sign which was badly damaged last Hallowe'en night....14 new members were awarded the Green Hand degree at our last meeting before Christmas vacation....The sophomore class enjoyed a Beef cattle judging trip December 19, and wormed and castrated a number of pigs several days later....Our pest eradication contest is obtaining good results. Harold Johnson is leading at present with 4 coyotes which have a high point value....All the vocational agriculture classes have completed their outlines for their farming programs for this year and three years in advance....Major shop projects nearing completion are a manure loader, baled hay elevator, livestock squeeze truck bed, a 35 bushel hog feeder and numerous smaller projects.

Homer Yoder, Reporter

Whether it's on the road or in an argument, when you see red, STOP!



## Chapter News (continued)

PAXICO: On October 2, Dr. Juan Sivello of Ecuador, South America, visited our department. He is in this country making a study of agriculture for his government. He was located on a farm near here for three weeks. Our chapter presented a chapel program the day he was with us, using our opening and closing ceremony and having Dr. Sivello as our guest speaker. He met with us in our agriculture classes and gave us some very interesting facts about agriculture as well as other conditions in his native country of Ecuador.... Our Green Hand initiation was held December 3 and 13 were initiated.... Butchering season this year was limited to one week before and after Christmas. To date we have butchered 15 hogs, 2 beeves and a goat. We have orders for 17 hogs and 5 beeves for the week following our vacation.... In cooperation with the Wabaunsee County agent, Howard Meyer, a cattle grub, louse, and dehorning demonstration was given in our community on December 20. 26 head of cattle were treated for grubs and lice by both the spray and dust method. 11 calves were dehorned by the bloodless hot iron method. All FFA members were present at this demonstration.... Each boy enrolled in agriculture has been making a survey each week of the cattle at home for the appearance of cattle grubs. To date very few grubs have been discovered. Each boy plans to treat at least 5 cattle for grubs and lice at home for one of their supplementary practice jobs.

Earl Muckenthaler, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: We have a chapter fund of \$150 which was earned through cooperative work in shop. We hope to more than double this amount before the end of the school year. Our Ag. Barnwarmer in October made a profit of \$13.00.... The chapter purchased 15 coyote traps. The traps are sold to members and arrangements have been made whereby the proceeds from the first coyote caught go to the chapter. If none are caught, the boys are to pay for the traps at the end of the school year.... Our pest eradication contest is well under way. The winning side will be entertained by the losing side.... We have completed in shop this year 16 wagon boxes, 5 feed bunks, 2 manure spreaders, 2 tumble-bugs, 2 two-wheel trailers, 2 four-wheel trailers, 10 scoop endgates, 1 tractor mower, 2 kafir headers, made 1 car into pick-up, wrecked and sold parts on Model A, changed bodies on Model A, and have dipped 500 sheep, and drenched 250.... 5 of our members qualified for the "Certificate of Achievement" in the examination given by the Kansas Butter Institute, and will make surveys of 20 dairy barns. The boys qualifying for the survey are Charles Neal, Don Linden, Fredrick Turner, Wendell Davis, and Floyd Greenfield.... We hope to be able to treat at least 500 cattle for grubs. The County Farm Bureau will furnish the spray machine, and the Ag. boys will contact the farmers and make arrangements to do the work.... Our chapter will also cooperate with farmers in the treatment of horses for bots. We have the necessary equipment.... The Guernsey judging school held at the Ransom Farms was sponsored by the Ottawa and Williamsburg chapters. Our part in furnishing awards was to offer a subscription to the American Farm Youth for the 4 high ranking individuals. This contest was well attended, and from the reports received, was much worthwhile. Our chapter, with the cooperation of nearby chapters, will conduce a spring poultry judging contest.

Wendell Davis, Reporter

"Yes'm, the children's names all start with an haitch. There's 'Oraco, 'Erbert, 'Enry, 'Aroid, 'Arriett--all except the last one, and we named 'er Halice."

## Chapter News (Continued)

HILL CITY: We have 43 members in our chapter....We, in conjunction with the county 4-H, had a crops display with farmers of the Farm Bureau on the annual meeting day of the Bureau. FFA boys displayed 23 sorghums; 14 samples of corn, 10 ears each; and two of pop corn. We had 7 blue ribbons for the sorghums, and 7 for the corn. The FFA sponsored a Hayrack Ride, pulling a large 4-wheel trailer with Logere's tractor. It was cold but we soon were warmed up after our arrival as there was plenty of wood collected for a big fire to roast wienies, marshmallows and apples. We played some games, then back to town 5 miles to a roller skating party.... Our pest eradication is in full swing with more than 100 rabbits, 26 coyotes, 45 rats, 15 skunks, 4 badgers, etc. The contest will end February 1.... A former FFA officer, Latin Strong, was listed as missing on the U. S. Destroyer Warrington. His brother Bob is a Green Hand member of our chapter....We have our hotbed located and staked out ready to build....Dale Ninemire bought two very good Shorthorn heifers. Dorringer and Albertson are getting more ewes. Harvey bought two registered Shropshire ewes at Assaria, Kansas....In shop there are three trailers under construction. Several of the #10 class are making sticking, butcher and skinning knives as forging projects....The FFA is selling pop and popcorn at the basketball games, and doing well, too. Bill Korb, Reporter

INMAN: The Inman FFA boys hold formal initiation for the following Green Hands on Wednesday evening, December 13, 1944: Dolbert Ediger, John E. Friesen, Elmer Rump, Walter Neufeld, LaVern Willoms, Howard Smith, Warren Hurt, LaVerne Neufeld, Roy Ensz, Lavern Pauls, Wilfred Toews, Jimmy Willoms, Nicholas Schmidt, Milford Penner, John Martens, Edwin Zielke, Johnnie Martens, John Voth, Pete Neufeld, Monné Ediger, Eldo Krocker, Harvey Toews, Leland Nikkol, and Richard Hassman....The Inman chapter presented its annual program before the Inman High School student body on January 11.... The annual pest eradication contest began December 1 and will last until February 1. The losing side is to treat the winners to a party. At present there is a difference of 5,720 points between the two teams....The Inman FFA chapter cleared \$30.00 at the Inman Community Fair. Mr. Braun, the local advisor, is the secretary of the local fair. The Inman voc. ag. boys established quite a record in winning the following number of ribbons at the community fair: 4 purple; 69 blue; 52 red; 22 white; 1 yellow; and 1 green. Walt Neufeld, Reporter

SEAMAN: The members of the #11 class have constructed a barrel-type seed treater. This machine was constructed for use by voc. ag. students as well as others desiring to use it for treating seed this spring....Eugene Ziegler, a sophomore, is reconditioning a garden tractor to be used in a truck-garden which he and another #10 student, Larry Hurlbut, are going to operate as a joint project....Our chapter was credited with selling \$7,297.80 worth of bonds in the WIBW Bond Selling Contest. Myron Kelsy, a freshman, led the contest with \$2,537.50 worth of bonds sold....The chapter held its Christmas party December 20. There were 37 of the 51 active members present. Each year the chapter gives a Christmas basket to some needy family. This year the members decided to give baskets to two families....The annual FFA banquet will be held jointly with the FFA on February 7.

Marvin Davidson, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

MOUNDRIDGE: On October 25 our chapter presented an assembly program. We used the program worked out by the Manhattan chapter last year on the rank of the ten leading agriculture products of Kansas....On October 31 we had a Hallowe'en party in the gym. Later in the evening we went to the athletic field for cats which were furnished by the city officials for boys and girls of Moundridge as a Hallowe'en feed....On Monday night, December 18, we held Chapter Farmer initiation. Fifteen Green Hands were raised to the degree of Chapter Farmer. After the initiation we played basketball and finished the evening by partaking of refreshments....Our pest eradication contest ended on December 22. During the contest, the following pests were killed: 262 mice; 84 rats; 1197 sparrows; 10 crows; 244 starlings; and 2 gophers....Our shop has been busy with the following jobs--poultry feeders, sheep feeder, tool cabinets, tractor hay buck, tractor post hole digger, hog troughs, funnels, dust pans, biscuit cutters, salt box, repair of farm tractor, repair of grain binder, sorghum topping knife, babbiting bearings, relining car brakes, installing car muffler and tail pipe, back stop for basketball goal, saw filing, car fender welding, making hog troughs from old hot water tanks.

LeRoy Stucky, Reporter

BELOIT: Beloit FFA chapter has 62 paid up members, the largest number in the history of the chapter. Four of our members who are out of school left recently for the armed service....We held our stag turkey feed December 18. Our members enjoyed eating a 45 pound live weight turkey with all the trimmings. Green Hand members peeled the spuds, waited on tables and washed the dishes. The wife of our adviser cooked the meal after the Green Hands had prepared it....Eldon Treaster, senior and last year's State Farmer, will be a candidate for the Carl Raymond Gray scholarship. Our president, L. Prewett, carried the lead in the junior play, and our vice-president, Harold Walker, carried one of the other male parts. Eldon Treaster and Miles File are on the High School first basketball team....Shop work is progressing in good shape, and closing inventory time has now come around.

Billie Campbell, Reporter

OTTAWA: Our annual crop show was held November 14 and 15 and our poultry show was held December 16 and 17. 100 entries were made in the crop show and 70 entries were made in the poultry show. Winners in each show were determined by earning points on the exhibits. One point was given for entering, 6 points for a 1st place, 4 points for a 2nd place, 2 points for 3rd, and 1 point for 4th place. The high scoring boys in the poultry show were James Boucek, Gene Mohr, Herman Strafuss, Billie Bishop and Joe Hume. The high scores in the crop show were made by Donald Webster, Frederick Kissinger, James Boucek, Glenn Willhite and Gene Mohr. 44 Ottawa merchants contributed prizes which were awarded to all of the boys who made exhibits.... 20 members passed the quiz over the bulletin Methods and Practices in Quality Cream Production and they plan to make farm surveys on dairy farms in this community....Our chapter has the candy and pop concession at all of the home basketball games this year....We held a Christmas party at our last meeting, gifts were exchanged among the members....Our annual pest eradication contest started December 22 and will continue until the end of the semester....We recently entertained the Home-Ec Club with a hayrack ride to the Ross rock quarry. Winners and pop were served for refreshments. 75 members and guests attended.

James Boucek, Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

HIAWATHA: In October the Thompson Soybean Mill was dedicated by Governor Schoepfel with an attendance of 2000 people from N.E. Kansas. Our chapter handled the educational display showing the necessity of good local markets for farm produce, and in addition showed continuously a 20 minute talking movie on how to grow soy beans. 400 people watched the showing. We handled the concessions during the football games, and cleared \$80. The chapter voted to buy a 300 watt S.E.V. film strip projector provided the school board will invest some money in a film library and day light screen....A post eradication contest is being held, cooperating with the Fairview chapter. The losers are to entertain the winning chapter with a feed and entertainment. We know Fairview is very active and a hard outfit to beat. 6 weeks from now we will know the story....With 26 boys enrolled and a paid membership of 35 we feel that we are doing all right. Our next goal our chapter has set to meet is the collection of waste paper. Our chapter is limiting its activities to the rural area. Other groups are doing a good job in the city of Hiawatha. Collection from rural areas, we find, necessitates a great deal of planning - however, we think we will meet our quota.

Wayne Meyer, Reporter

WASHBURN: Our officers this year include: President - Fred Jopson; Vice-president - LaVerne Sidfrid; Secretary - Eugene Feltz; Treasurer - Rudolph Rocha; Reporter - Garland Bundy; Sentinel - Ed Conway....In shop, we have built two wagon boxes for farmers in this community; repaired a mowing machine are building a supply cabinet for the vocational agriculture department; and have made a magazine rack for the home economics department; constructed nine typing book stands for the commercial department; besides the many projects the members are making for themselves. We have cooperated with the home economics department in sponsoring a school carnival, which included eight skits, a short play, a cake walk, and twelve concessions. We had \$170 left after expenses were paid....Green Hand initiation ceremonies were conducted by the chapter for 21 candidates. 8 members were initiated into the Chapter Farmer degree....Dick King, LaVerne Sidfrid, and Philip Shideler have secured registered Duroc gilts for their project since school started. Dick King has constructed a hog house for a home improvement project.

Garland Bundy, Reporter

PRATT: Our members have purchased 25 FFA T-shirts, 25 Green Hand pins, 20 Chapter Farmer pins, 15 felt emblems, and 200 windshield and baggage stickers. ..Our officers are making plans for the purchase of several purebred gilts that will be placed with members on the share basis. We also plan to buy certified mile seed for our members, some of which will be grown for certified seed production....Our chapter is again sponsoring machinery repair classes which have been operating for the past three months under the Food Production War Training....Our shop is again filled with machines undergoing repair; three trucks, one grain drill, one mower, two trailers, one grain blower, three feeders, one lister and one shelter belt tractor drawn hoe....Welding, blacksmithing and rope making are popular with the #9 class; home improvement and machinery repair with the other classes....Our chapter is cooperating with the county rat control program. Mr. Blevins, county sanitarian, explained the plan and had a speaker from the U. S. Health Dept. who showed pictures and explained control measures....We have had 1 play night consisting of a round-robin basketball tournament, followed by refreshments of cocoa, ham sandwiches and mountain oysters.

Eugene Swindler, Reporter

## Chapter News (concluded)

FREDONIA: We initiated 35 Green Hands at the beginning of the school year. New officers for 1944-45 are: President - Howard Porter; Vice-President - Lyle Mellon; Secretary - Melbourne Barnes; Treasurer - Royce Lashbaugh; Reporter - Richard Smith; Sentinel - Kenneth Chapman; Adviser - Mr. James Peddicord....In November several of the members visited the stockyards at Coffeyville and were shown how to treat cattle for grubs. Members of the Coffeyville department of agriculture furnished lunch for the visitors. The Sedan, Independence, Coffeyville and Fredonia chapters were in attendance at this meeting. Since returning from this trip, a grub eradication demonstration was given for the Fredonia Farm Bureau members.... At present we are working on a pest eradication contest. Two teams are contesting to see which can destroy the most pests....A goal is set for 5,000 sparrows....We plan to initiate two honorary members into our chapter in January. We also plan to organize a basketball team.

Richard Smith, Reporter

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## HISTORY OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

of Less Than College Grade  
in the United States

History of Agricultural Education of Less Than College Grade in the United States, a cooperative project of workers in vocational education in agriculture and in related fields, compiled by Rufus W. Stimson, Research Collaborator in Agricultural Education, and Frank W. Lathrop, Specialist in Agricultural Education Research, Vocational Division bulletin number 217, Agricultural Series number 55, U. S. Office of Education, is just off the press. This paper bound volume carries 648 pages, with relatively few illustrations, and is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., price 75 cents.

This publication is a record of the experience of 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico with agricultural education of less than college grade. It is a condensation of approximately 5,500 typed pages from 170 contributors. The contributors have participated in the events which they portray. Some of them were active in vocational education in agriculture in the years immediately following 1917. Others have been associated with pioneers who have passed on. This historical project was undertaken at this time so that the testimony and the records of leaders and pioneers might be brought together while they are still available.

The distinctive features of the program of education in agriculture as carried on in each state has been admirably portrayed by the editors. The study includes the teaching of agriculture in elementary and secondary schools which preceded and has been concurrent with vocational agriculture.

The publication is divided into three parts and twelve chapters. The contents will aid in showing the broad scope of this historical report.



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This publication is without doubt the most extensive and authentic treatment of the story of agricultural education of less than college grade in the United States extant, and should be in every library serving workers in the field of agricultural education.

The editor wishes to extend congratulations and sincere thanks to Dr. Rufus W. Stimson and Dr. F. W. Lathrop for compiling and editing this veritable storehouse of information concerning a program in education that is vital to the welfare of the nation.

Note: We apologize for carrying this book review on the back page of the January Newsletter. The explanation lies in the fact that all the stencils for this issue of the newsletter were cut before the History arrived. - Ed.

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## Professor Hall

Friends of Professor L. F. Hall will be interested to learn that he is satisfactorily recovering from a blood infection. The organism causing the difficulty belongs to the Lepto Spirro group, and penicillin stopped the attack.

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## COUNT THAT DAY

If you sit down at set of sun  
 And count the acts that you have done,  
 And, counting, find  
 One self-denying deed, one word  
 That eased the heart of him who heard--  
 One glance most kind,  
 That fell like sunshine where it went--  
 Then you may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,  
 You've cheered no heart, by year or nay--  
 If through it all  
 You've nothing done that you can trace  
 That brought the sunshine to one face--  
 No act most small  
 That helped some soul and nothing cost--  
 Then count that day as worse than lost.

--George Eliot

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