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State Chapter Contest Report.....April 10

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PRECIOUS

MESSAGE

Abraham Lincoln in words of unsurpassable beauty and charm, in his Second Inaugural Address, gave to the American people a message that is as vital today as it was on the day of its utterance.

The closing sentence of that address will be treasured by the American people for unnumbered generations, not only as a classic, but as the expression of a mind and heart nourished in the struggles of America for the highest freedom and noblest expansion.

His message should be repeated often in the ears of the American people, to keep fresh its idealism and pure its mission.

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle; and for his widow and his orphan - to do all which may achieve and cherish just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

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ERWIN THALMANN, HAVEN CHAPTER

1944 STAR FARMER NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Earlier issues of the Kansas FFA Newsletter carried congratulatory notices of Erwin's selection as Star Farmer of the North Central Region. This is the first time Kansas has had a Regional Star Farmer since the plan of designating Regional Star Farmers was inaugurated in 1936. Erwin's recognition brought honor and distinction not only to himself but to the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

The following is an abbreviated review of the activities that lead to Regional Star Farmer of the North Central Region award.

Erwin was 18 years old at the time of his application for the American Farmer degree. He started his supervised farming program in vocational agriculture in the fall of 1939 under the direction of Mr. E. R. Ausherman, local FFA adviser and vocational agriculture instructor in the Haven High School. Mr. Glenn Schulthess took over as local FFA adviser and vocational agriculture instructor in 1943-44 after Mr. Ausherman entered the armed forces. Erwin began his supervised farming with Angus cattle, Chester white hogs and western ewes. He expanded his supervised farming program through the natural increase of livestock, the growing of crops, and reinvesting in farming the profits from the sale of his livestock and crops. Erwin expanded his registered Angus herd, established a herd of registered Berkshire hogs, and switched from western ewes to registered Southdown sheep. His labor income for his supervised farming program while in school amounted to \$6,970.06. His expanded farming program and financial statement a year after graduating from high school indicates that he is becoming well established in farming.

Erwin held the office of vice-president of his local chapter and was vice-president of the Kansas Association of FFA in 1942-43. Wayne Bryant, Chanute chapter, was elected president of the state association in 1942-43, and entered the armed forces soon after his election. Erwin was named acting president of the state association and handled the duties of that office for the remainder of the year. Erwin demonstrated his ability to work with others through his participation in many cooperative activities. His leadership ability was demonstrated by his work with the local chapter, the state association and as a delegate to the National FFA Convention.

Carrying active membership in the American Aberdeen Angus Breeders' Association, American Berkshire Association, and the Southdown Sheep Breeders' Association is evidence of Erwin's interest in improved livestock. He has successfully exhibited his livestock at the Kansas State Fair and other fairs.

Without detracting in the least from the outstanding record of Erwin, we wish to pay tribute to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thalmann, to his school officials, and to state FFA leaders for the cooperation and encouragement given. Especial credit should go to Professor L. F. Hall for his continued assistance and for the high degree of perfection attained in the candidate's application for the American Farmer Degree.

The following is a summarized outline of Erwin's supervised farming program, taken from his American Farmer Application.

FIRST YEAR FARMING PROGRAM

Cattle - Registered Angus

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Heifers Reg.	2	Cows Reg.	2
Heifers P.B.	2	Cows P.B.	1
Steer	1	Steer	1
		Heifer calves Reg.	2
		$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. Bull	$\frac{1}{2}$
		Steers	2
		Bull calf	1
Bought		Sold	
$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. Bull	$\frac{1}{2}$	Steer	1
Steers	3	Heifer	1
			<u>11$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Born			
Heifers	2		
Bull	1		
	<u>11$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		

Swine

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Chester white sow	1	Chester white sow	1
Fall pigs	6	Chester white fall pigs	11
		Berkshire reg. sow	1
		Berkshire fall pigs	7
Bought		Sold	
Berkshire Reg. gilts	2	Market hogs	11
Berkshire sow	1	Chester white sow	1
		Berkshire gilts	2
Born		Lost	
Spring pigs	20	Pigs	10
Fall	14		
	<u>44</u>		<u>44</u>

Sheep

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Western ewes	9	Western ewes	14
Bought		Sold	
Western ewes	15	Ewes	9
		Lambs	9
Born		Lost	
Lambs	9	Ewe	1
	<u>33</u>		<u>33</u>

Crops

Barley	17A
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SECOND YEAR FARMING PROGRAM

Cattle

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Cows Reg.	2	Cows Reg.	2
Cows P.B.	1	Cow P.B.	1
Fattening Cattle	3	Heifers Reg.	3
Heifer Reg. Calves	2	Bull calf	1
$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. Bull	$\frac{1}{2}$	Heifer P.B. calf	1
Bull calf	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. Bull	$\frac{1}{2}$
Bought		Sold	
Heifer Reg.	1	Market cattle	4
Born			
Bull calf	1		
Heifer calf	1		
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Totals	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		12 $\frac{1}{2}$

Swine

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Berkshire sow	1	Berkshire gilts	5
Berkshire fall pigs	7	Berkshire sow	1
Chester white sow	1	Fattening hogs	4
Chester white fall pigs	11	Bear	1
Bought		Sold	
Berkshire Reg. bear	1	Chester white sow and	
		10 pigs	11
		Berkshire gilt	1
Born		Berkshire bears	3
Spring pigs	29	Market hogs	1
		Feeder pigs	5
	<hr/>	Lost	
		Other hogs	2
		Pigs	6
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Totals	50		50

Sheep

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Western ewes	14	Western ewes	53
		Hampshire ram	1
		Lambs	5
Bought		Sold	
Western ewes	42	Lambs	18
Born		Lost	
Lambs	23	Ewes	2
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Totals	79		79

Crops

Barley 20A

THIRD YEAR FARMING PROGRAM, 1942

Cattle - Registered Angus

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Cows	3	Cows	5
Heifers	3	Heifers	4
Bull	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bull	$\frac{1}{2}$
Heifer calf	1	Bull	1
Bull calf	1	Fattening cattle	3
Bought		Sold	
Cows	2	Breeding heifer	1
Heifers	1	Breeding bull	1
Born			
Heifer	1		
Bulls	3		
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Totals	15 $\frac{1}{2}$		15 $\frac{1}{2}$

Swine - Registered Berkshire

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Sows	1	Sows	5
Breeding gilts	5	Breeding gilts	8
Boar	1	Boars	5
Fattening hogs	4	Fattening hogs	3
		Fall pigs	13
Bought		Sold	
Boar	1	Sows	1
		Breeding gilts	7
		Boars	6
		Market hogs	7
Born			
Spring pigs	31	Home use	3
Fall pigs	31		
	<hr/>	Lost	
		Spring pigs	6
		Fall pigs	7
		Other hogs	3
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Totals	74		74

Produced 16,765# pork

Note: Sold breeding stock (gilts and boars)

Sheep - Western Ewes

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Western ewes	53	Western ewes	47
Hampshire ram	1	Southdown ram	1
Lambs	5	Lambs	15
Bought		Sold	
Southdown ram	1	Ewes	5
		Lambs	36
Born		Lost	
Lambs	63	Lambs	18
		Ewes	1
Totals	<u>123</u>		<u>123</u>

Crops

Barley	18A
Oats	10A
	<u>28</u>

FOURTH YEAR FARMING PROGRAM

Cattle - Registered Angus

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Cows	5	Cows	8
Heifers	4	Heifers	4
Bull	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bulls	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Bull calf	1	Fattening cattle	2
Fattening cattle	3		
		Sold	
Born		Market cattle	1
Heifers	3	Lost	
Bulls	3	Heifer	1
Totals	<u>$19\frac{1}{2}$</u>	Other cattle	2
			<u>$19\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Swine - Registered Berkshire

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Sows	5	Sows	4
Breeding gilts	8	Breeding gilts	16
Boars	5	Boars	3
Fattening hogs	3	Fattening hogs	8
Fall pigs	13		
Bought		Sold	
Gilts	3	Sows	2
Boars	4	Breeding gilts	16
		Boars	7
		Market hogs	12

		Home use	2
Born		Lost	
Spring pigs	49	Spring pigs	5
		Other hogs	15
Totals	<u>90</u>		<u>90</u>

Sheep - Range ewes and Registered Southdown

Beginning Inventory		End of year Inventory	
Western ewes	47	Southdown Reg. Ewes	17
Southdown ram	1	Southdown Reg. Ram	1
Lambs	15	Southdown Reg. ewe lambs	4
		Southdown Reg. ram lambs	7
Bought		Sold	
Southdown Reg. ewes	18	Market lambs	50
Southdown Reg. ram	1	Range ewes	47
Born		Lost	
Grade lambs	47	Grade lambs	12
Southdown purebred lambs	12	P _c B _c lambs	2
Totals	<u>141</u>	Southdown ewe	1
			<u>141</u>

Crops

Cats	20A
Atlas sorgo	5A
Barley	18A
	<u>43A</u>

SINCE JANUARY 1, 1944

Cattle - Angus Registered

Beginning Inventory		Sold	
Cows	8	Bull aged	$\frac{1}{2}$
Heifers	4		
Bulls	$1\frac{1}{2}$		
Fattening Cattle	2		
	<u>$15\frac{1}{2}$</u>		
Bought		Lost	
Bull 1 year	$\frac{1}{2}$	Heifer calf	1
Born			
Heifer calf	<u>1</u>		
	17		

Swine

Beginning Inventory		Sold	
Sows	4	Marketing hogs	8
Breeding gilts	16	Boars	2

Bears	3	Breeding gilts	13
Fattening hogs	8	Spring pigs for breeding	3
Bought			
None			
Born from 7 sows		Lost	
Spring pigs		Boar pigs	8
Boar pigs	26	Sow pigs	6
Sow pigs	32		
	<u>58</u>		

Sheep - Southdown Registered

Beginning Inventory		Sold	
Ewes	17	Ram lambs	2
Ram	1		
Ewe lambs	4		
Ram lambs	7		
	<u>29</u>		
Bought		Lost	
Ram	1	Lambs	4
Born			
Lambs	20		
	<u>50</u>		

Crops

Oats	20A
Atlas sorgo	5A
Barley	18A
	<u>43A</u>

Equipment

- 1 Hog House 12' x 16' - \$79.00
- 4 Hog panels 2½' x 16' - \$12.00

FARMING PROGRAM

Beginning of first year net worth	\$257.50
End of first year net worth	943.50
End of second year net worth	2,224.35
End of third year net worth	4,768.76
End of fourth year net worth	6,947.20

Gifts - 366.88

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If the removal of one's appendix is called an appendectomy, and the removal of tonsils is called a tonsillectomy--what would you call the removal of a growth from the head?

We'd call it a hair-cut!

NEW FFA CHAPTERS

We are happy to announce three new chapters chartered during the present school year. Two of the chapters, Coffeyville and Hugoton, are in newly established departments of vocational agriculture. The chapter at Valley Center is in a department that operated one or more years under state supervision but without federal or state aid, due to the fact that no funds for reimbursement were available. The Valley Center department is now approved for federal and state aid, and we are happy to report a chartered FFA chapter in the newly approved for aid department. The state association extends congratulations and best wishes. The new chapters with date of chartering, number of charter, number of members, and officers follow:

Valley Center, #187, chartered November 16, 1944 - 23 members.

Officers: Robert Jacob, President
 Claude Harpster Jr., Vice President
 Guy Sawhill, Secretary
 Rongel Froman, Treasurer
 William A. McVicar, Reporter
 R. D. Harrington, Adviser

Coffeyville, #188, chartered November 16, 1944 - 25 members.

Officers: Melvin Cotner, President
 Ray Clark, Vice President
 Robert V. Partridge, Secretary
 Eugene Brinkman, Treasurer
 Wayne Scouel, Reporter
 Marvin Castle, Adviser

Hugoton, #189, chartered January 11, 1945 - 20 members.

Officers: Eugene Reser, President
 Jerry Mills, Vice President
 Lee Sturgeon, Secretary
 Roy Barber, Treasurer
 Dean Roehr, Reporter
 E. D. Chilcott, Adviser

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THE NAVY EATS!

Last year the Navy bought and consumed, among other things:

250,000,000 pounds of fresh meat
 59,000,000 pounds of ham
 57,000,000 pounds of sausage
 51,000,000 pounds of fresh pork
 34,000,000 pounds of bacon
 17,000,000 pounds of fresh liver
 500,000 cases of Vienna sausage
 210,000 cases of corned beef
 192,000 cases of luncheon pork

Ships, September, 1944.

INTERPRETATIONS OF REQUIREMENTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The following interpretations of minimum qualification requirements for the American Farmer degree contained in Section E, Article IV of the National FFA Constitution, revised 1944, will be of interest to all workers in the field of vocational education in the field of agriculture as well as to all FFA members. The interpretations were set forth by the National Advisory Council as of January 1945.

Chapter advisers and others interested in preparing American Farmer application materials should place this copy of the newsletter in a permanent file.

The interpretations as set forth by the National Advisory Council follow:

The Advisory Council calls attention to the term minimum and the way in which it is used in the National FFA Constitution. To secure the American Farmer Degree, a candidate must meet each and every one of the minimum qualification requirements for this Degree. High qualifications in one or more of the requirements cannot be used to offset or make up for less than the minimum qualifications in another requirement.

I. Paragraph 1, Section E, Article IV of the National FFA Constitution, in setting up minimum qualifications for the American Farmer Degree, provides that the candidate "Must have held each of the three prerequisite degrees prior to election to the Degree of American Farmer, have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least 36 months, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State association."

A. "Must have held each of the prerequisite degrees prior to election to the Degree of American Farmer..." means that the candidate must have held each of the previous degrees as indicated in Sections B, C, and D of Article IV and appearing in the Official FFA Manual, revised 1944.

B. "...satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State association" is interpreted to mean that the candidate must be an active member of the organization at the time of filing the application.

C. "...satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter..." is interpreted to mean that the candidate must show a list of not less than six local FFA chapter activities in which he has participated actively during the period covered by this application.

D. "...satisfactory participation in the activities of the... State association" is interpreted to mean that the candidate must have attended not less than two FFA activities of the State association or any of its recognized subdivisions above the local chapter level during the period covered by his application.

II. Paragraph 2, Section E, Article IV of the National FFA Constitution provides that the candidate "Must have satisfactorily completed at least three school years of instruction in vocational agriculture, or have completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended..".

A. This statement is interpreted to mean that a candidate will be considered as having satisfactorily met this requirement when he has, for a period of 3 school years, or during the time required to take "...all the vocational agriculture offered in the school last

attended,..." completed the requirements for a passing grade in vocational agriculture, including his supervised farming program in the school which he attends. The current year's supervised farming program of any candidate must be listed in the application but will not be considered as one year of the total supervised farming program requirements. This same provision applies in the case of candidates attending schools where less than 3 years of vocational agriculture are offered.

A candidate who has had only 2 years of vocational agriculture must show in his application that the school he attended offered only a total of 2 years of vocational agriculture while he was enrolled.

B. Paragraph 2 of Section E of the National FFA Constitution also provides that a candidate "Must...have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming. Productive projects must show comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope..." "...have in operation..." is interpreted to mean that a candidate must have during the year he is a candidate for the American Farmer Degree, and at the time his application is submitted, personal responsibility for the management, actual operation, and financing of his "...outstanding program of supervised farming...". A candidate who is not living on the farm continuously throughout the year must show, by a detailed statement, his personal responsibility for the operation and management of his outstanding program of supervised farming.

A candidate will not be considered as having an "...outstanding program of supervised farming..." unless one or more of his productive enterprises, show at least 2 years' continuation. A candidate's supervised farming program will not be considered outstanding unless it shows improvement in quality or shows expansion, or both, and that he is becoming established in a specific type of farming or farming occupation. The provisions in this paragraph do not prohibit a candidate from being awarded the American Farmer Degree who is a full-time salaried employee as a farm manager.

It is further interpreted that "...outstanding program..." must include not less than five improvement projects and 10 supplementary farm practices as defined in Bulletin 225 of the U. S. Office of Education.

C. The latter part of paragraph 2 of Section E of the National FFA Constitution requires that the candidate's supervised farming program shall be "...substantiated by complete, accurate, and neat records." These records shall be sufficiently clear, legible, and orderly, so as to be read easily and understandingly. It is suggested that these records be carefully checked and certified to by the State Adviser as to completeness and accuracy.

No application will be approved if the total amount of errors in the candidate's supervised farming program is more than 5 percent of total labor income. The total amount of errors in the candidate's present financial statement, page 10, shall not be more than 5 percent of the value when compared with the supplementary information found on pages 15 and 16 of the American Farmer Degree application, Form 665, revised 1945, from which it was secured, or in the totals of candidate's assets and liabilities.

III. Paragraph 3, Section E, Article IV of the National FFA Constitution requires that a candidate for the American Farmer Degree "...must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work and have deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$500..."

A. A candidate will be considered as having \$500 productively invested if his earnings have been used to purchase livestock, invested in a growing crop, used to purchase land, agricultural equipment, buildings, and supplies, or used to pay premiums on life insurance policies or to buy stocks and bonds, or invested in notes and mortgages or savings and thrift accounts. Miscellaneous expenditures for such items as musical instruments, bicycles, guns, school books, automobiles for personal use, radios, travel, and college or school expenses for self or others, including fees, will not be considered.

B. The latter part of paragraph 3 of Section E of the National FFA Constitution provides that "...In the cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment." "...support of dependents..." is interpreted to mean actual cash or its equivalent which belongs to the candidate, and which has been given toward the support (food, clothing, shelter, and medical care), relief, or comfort of immediate members of the family.

IV. Paragraph 4, Section E, Article IV of the National FFA Constitution requires that a candidate must "Show outstanding ability as evidenced by his leadership and cooperation...". This statement is interpreted to mean that a candidate will be considered as:

A. Showing outstanding ability in leadership -

1. If he has (a) held some constitutional office in the local chapter, or (b) served as chairman of one of the committees responsible for a major division of a local chapter's program of work as shown in the FFA Manual, ANA;
2. If he has participated in some local, county, district, area, or State activity, such as public speaking, parliamentary procedure, fitting and showing of livestock; dairy, livestock, poultry, and farm mechanics contests; scrap drive, war bond sale, and food conservation, AMD;
3. If he has had leadership experience beyond the level of the local chapter, such as holding an office or serving as a delegate.

B. Showing outstanding ability in cooperation -

1. If he has actively participated in at least three different group activities, such as (a) cooperative buying and/or selling of agricultural products, (b) conducting educational tours, and (c) conducting FFA recreational activities. At least one of these activities must be of such a nature as to require chapter or chapter group financing in cash or in kind, such as purchase of feed cooperatively, breeding stock, fertilizer, and pest control material.

V. Paragraph 4, Section E, Article IV of the National FFA Constitution requires that a candidate must "...have a satisfactory scholarship record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal."

A. A statement that the candidate has a satisfactory scholarship record, signed by the local school superintendent or principal will fulfill the scholarship requirement.

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The emptier the pot the quicker it boils. So, watch your temper.

--Better Equipment Magazine

FFA FLASHES

OKLAHOMA: Future Farmers in Oklahoma are stressing cattle grub control work throughout the State. A number of the chapters began treating livestock herds in December and the activity will be continued through January. At a cost of only approximately five cents per head the vocational agriculture students estimate they are saving livestock owners an average of \$5.00 per animal, taking into consideration the loss in value to hides when the stock is not treated, as well as decreased vitality of the animals. Over 109,000 head of livestock were treated in the program last year and an even greater number of cattle will be given the grub control treatment by Oklahoma FFA chapters this year.

UTAH: To promote interest in increasing food production, Future Farmers in all of the Utah chapters have inaugurated a Future Farmer Dairy Herd Improvement Program. This includes the testing for butterfat and the weighing of milk from each cow on the farms of all the members. Records of the same will be kept, together with a feed classification which will enable the members at the end of the year to cull out the low producers, improve their feeding program, and build a greater interest in increasing milk production. The Utah State Bankers' Association will award a purebred dairy heifer to the chapter having the greatest achievement in each of the eight Future Farmer districts in the State.

ALABAMA: In cooperation with the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce and the State Department of Conservation, members of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America have planted more than 800,000 pine seedlings on their farm lands during the past two years. Six hundred thousand seedlings have been set aside for FFA members for this year. Chapter programs devoted to tree planting, forest conservation and fire protection are conducted periodically throughout the State.

NEBRASKA: Bob Beck, Nebraska State FFA President, electrified purebred Hog circles with his auction of 50 Spotted Poland Chinas for \$8,930.00. There were 40 boars and 10 gilts in the offering. The top was \$1,205 for a boar. The next boar brought an even \$1,000.

NORTH CAROLINA: Members of the FFA in North Carolina had a total labor income, from the Supervised Farming work during the past year, of \$1,870,718.81. During the same period these boys invested over \$300,000.00 in War Bonds and Stamps and a total of \$656,482.00 in farm equipment and various farm improvements.

PENNSYLVANIA: The Winola Chapter Future Farmers of America of the Falls-Overfield Vocational School has just completed a year of very practical cooperative activities. With their chapter-owned tractor and pick-up bailer, these FFA boys baled 300 tons of hay from the mow and averaged 800 bales each day from their field pick-up operations. In one instance they baled seventy tons of hay in twenty hours. In addition to cooperative training received by the boys, they have rendered real wartime service in relieving the farm labor shortage in their community.

VERMONT: Gilman Robinson, FFA member at Woodstock High School, was adjudged the Master Dairyman of the Vermont FFA Association and received an award of \$150.00. Gilman has been in the dairy enterprise several years, and with his brother, now owns 44 animals, seven of which are registered Aryshires.

CHAPTER NEWS

COLUMBUS: During October we collected 9,475 pounds of scrap paper and 235 pounds of rags. These were sold to the Joplin Waste Paper Company for 60¢ per hundred....Our annual Pest Eradication contest was held during November and December. Prizes were given to the five boys having the most points; Eugene Cassoll was first with 3051 points and received \$2.50; Albert Draeger, second, 2137 points, \$2.00; Lloyd Shearer, third, 1690 points, \$1.50; Dale Herreld, fourth, 678 points, \$1.00; Dale Roberds, fifth, 406 points, 50¢. The boys were divided into two groups, the losing side to pay 25¢ per member into the FFA treasurer. The following pests were destroyed during the contest: 22 jackrabbits; 261 rabbits; 180 mice; 332 sparrows; 1 coyote; 60 muskrats; 23 chicken hawks; 19 crows; 273 opossums; 44 rats; 1 owl; 144 blackbirds....The sixth annual Parent-and-Son Banquet was held January 17. There were 117 members, parents and guests, present....We were represented at the Southeast Kansas Shop contest held at Independence on January 29, by Gordon Hale, Gilford Gaston, Louis Schreinerand, Marvin Draeger. The team ranked fifth in the contest and Gilford Gaston was third high individual in the contest....We purchased four Hereford steers January 31. Gilford Gaston gets two of the steers and Jack Graham and Dale Roberds get one each. This makes 11 head that the boys have on feed at the present time....We are going to purchase a new service flag in the near future, also an album in which we will list all the members who are in the armed forces, together with their picture and rank. So far we have two gold stars on our flag: John Dunbar who was lost in the South Pacific Area, and Richard Vincent who was killed in action on the western front.

Jack Graham, Reporter

GOODLAND: Goodland chapter of FFA has helped in the war effort in many ways, the most recent of which is by donating blood to the Red Cross. Mr. Little and Robert Fixsen, Bruce Pyles, Raymond Hilborn, Calvin Borgman, Maurice Barnes, Eddie Chatfield, and Kenneth Harper of the Goodland chapter went to Colby and donated blood. One of the boys, Raymond Hilborn, has donated two pints since school started this year....The annual barn warmer was held this fall. Each boy brought his girl friend and the evening was spent in dancing the old-time square dances and playing party games. Refreshments consisted of pop and hot dogs....Rex Amos, our Vice President, and Bruce Pyles, our Treasurer, have both recently entered the armed forces. Most of last year's officers are in the service of their country now....In shop the Ag. boys are making a set of drill press wheels out of cement. They are also making concrete blocks and selling them to help finance the chapter activities. Butchering trips have been made quite frequently during the recent cold weather.

Reporter

HOWARD: We have 40 members in our chapter. Our pest eradication is in full swing with the boys bringing points each day. The losing side will treat the winners to an all-night fishing party. We cleared \$35 on our book sale....The FFA had assembly January 26. We had several boxing and wrestling matches....We are making trailers, wagon racks, and many other things in our shop....We are giving \$100 to the P.T.A. for a motion picture projector, which we will share in our FFA chapter. We are getting up a FFA basketball team. We have play nights twice a month.

Kyle Patrick, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

CHAPMAN: Our FFA Parent-Son covered dish banquet was held November 25th in the dining room of the Community Building. Everyone had more than enough to eat and the program was enjoyed by all, according to the favorable comments expressed then, and still being expressed....Our chapter had charge of the school assembly, January 3, the main feature of which was a pantomime, "Farmers call the Doctor."....Our annual corn show was held December 22. Mr. Gwinn, County Agent from Geary County, acted as judge. In class I, Yellow corn, first - Bob Zumbrunn; second - Eldon Hoover; third - Herbert Hoover. In class II, White corn, first - Harold Facklam; second - Eugene Hartenstein; third - Ted Hartenstein. In class III, Mixed corn, first - Bob Gfeller; second and third were field variety tests. In class IV, largest number of kernels on single ear - John Amsbury. In class V, largest ear in circumference - John Amsbury. In class VI, Yellow pop corn, first - Keith Sutton; second - Eugene Hartenstein; third - Jack O'Neal....Our annual corn husking contest and harvesting our variety tests were held at the same time, January 5. In the husking event the cash prizes were three, two and one dollars. First place going to Robert Jamis with 14.5 pounds per minute, after deductions were made. Second place to Karl Hannan with 13.3 pounds and third to Frank Jamis with 11.9 pounds. The three high varieties of the twelve tested were Funks 88, with 82.3 bushels per acre; Funks 135 with 65.8 bushels and KIH with 64.2 bushels. Our shop is filled as usual, everybody fighting for floor space.

Armin Scriptor, Reporter

NORTON: The junior and sophomore class have been building a barn which is almost completed. It is 24 x 36. They ran a cement floor and foundation. It has 2 milk stantions, a grain bin, and a sheep shed. This barn was made out of old lumber....The sophomore class butchered a beef at Wiltfongs which weighed about 900 lbs....In shop we have made a feed bunk, overhauled a trailer and many other articles....Our parent and son banquet will be held in March this year....We have added vice, an electric welder, and many small tools to our shop.

John Sides, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: The following members were recently raised to the Chapter Farmer degree: Wardith French, Jack Bromerman, George Berry, Victor Jones, Clayton Comfort, James Luther, Ellis Adeo, Herb Essig and Ivan Sumerall. The chapter has had two ice skating parties this winter. After the skating the group had refreshments at our advisor's home. We presented a radio program over KSAC February 10. In the shop most of the second year boys are overhauling one-cylinder engines, and five power lawnmowers have been built to use with these engines. The farmstead yards should be neater this summer....Two washing machines and their motors are being repaired....In advanced class all but one boy has just given his car motor an overhaul job and now the class is starting work on farm plumbing.

Kent Pridey, Reporter

WAKEENEY: Our FFA members have finished their record books. They had good luck with their feed and livestock. The average net income is \$382.65. Robert Whisler came out first with a labor income of \$807.71 and Clyde Mong ranked second with \$724.10....We invited prospective members to our last FFA meeting. We had a speech by Melvin Folkers on the requirements for membership, a rope demonstration by Willard Phillips, and at the close we all sang "Hail the FFA." The FFA is planning a skating party and plan to invite the alumni FFA members.

Elvin Shubart, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ELLIS: The following persons will serve as FFA officers for the year '44 and '45: President - Harold Homburg; Vice President - Arnold Homburg; Reporter - Verlin Deutscher; Treasurer - Eddie Honas; Secretary - Joe Weber. ...Our organization made a considerable amount of money selling pop and ice cream at the Junior Fair which is held each year in Ellis....Our shop equipment has been increased by the addition of an electric welder and acetylene generator. The work done in the shop consists of making chisels, cattle racks, overhauling car motors, combine motors, constructing a power hack saw, and repairing farm machinery....We held an FFA party December 28. The evening was spent playing basketball, volleyball, boxing and other games. Refreshments were served by our adviser and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wells....The FFA put on an assembly for the high school. The program started with the opening exercise of a regular FFA meeting. The creed was given by a freshman. Several sophomore and junior boys furnished music.

Verlin Deutscher, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Friday night, January 19, several of the FFA boys and others met at the home of Dick Wright and went on a raccoon hunt. Our adviser, Mr. Shoup, was also invited and enjoyed hunting with the group. No raccoons were caught but several opossums and skunks were....Our pest eradication contest is progressing very well; many rats, mice, prairie dogs, sparrows and other pests have been caught....Every vocational agriculture student studied the bulletin "Quality Cream Production" and have taken the test; about 90% of the boys passed the test. At present we have 42 active members....Articles that have recently been completed or soon will be completed in our shop are several gates, hog trough, tank heater, baled hay elevator, funnels, chicken brooders, and several ladders. The FFA officers presented an assembly program in which they gave a parliamentary demonstration. Oren Johnson gave a short talk on FFA and did the announcing....The sophomore and junior classes have gone out into the country and watched the spraying for cattle grubs. The juniors dusted Dean Reneau's cattle for cattle grubs. The sophomore class have been castrating some hogs. Some butchering has been done in the shop. The FFA boys plan to get together and hunt coyotes some time in the near future.

Bill Palmer, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: Individual winners in our pest eradication contest were: First - Leland Schwarz; Second - Merlin Glue; Third - Donald Millenbruch....In our shop we have constructed 3 wagon boxes, 1 ladder, 24 chicken nests, 3 chicken feeders, 2 saw horses, 1 - 3-strand ropemaking machine, overhauled one Model T motor, relined 2 sets of brakes, replaced one Model A axle.

Frederick Kupfersmith, Reporter

STOCKTON: Jack Hall, our State President, visited the Stockton Chapter on October 17....The Stockton Chapter sponsored their annual Goblin's Glory or High School Carnival on October 31. This event was well attended, netting the chapter \$229.73....A skating party was held at Phillipsburg on November 28 for the members and their dates. The freshmen had complete charge of our FFA meeting December 11. A special meeting with the Christmas gift exchange was held on December 18.

Carl Bridwell, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

HAYS: We have treated 41 head of cattle for ox-warble. We plan to treat 300 or more as soon as derries powder is available....We had our FFA skating party on the evening of January 4. We served weiners, oranges, pop and pickles....Our FFA members and their dads were guests of the Hays C. of C. at a dinner and afternoon meeting. The afternoon meeting was devoted to a discussion of soil conservation and soil conservation districts....Our classes are slaughtering hogs and beef for families represented in the Vocational Agriculture Department. We slaughtered 38 hogs and 2 beefs so far this season.

Vernon Binder, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: On December 29, 18 members of our chapter visited the Walker Air Base. It is at Walker where they train the men to fly the B29's. These crew members take 24 hour training flights going as far as Cuba and return non-stop. The trip to the air base proved to be very interesting to the boys. ...Our chapter entertained the Hi-Y club at one of our regular day meetings before Christmas. The FFA was guests of the Hi-Y on January 25....In shop the boys have completed four single sow farrowing houses that are seven by seven. One Chevrolet car and a single cylinder John Deere have been overhauled. A two-wheel trailer is under construction. The boys are also doing a lot of practice work on the arc and acetylene torches. We have butchered 10 head of hogs and 2 beeves. We get \$1.00 for butchering a hog and \$1.50 for butchering a beef....We have received the final returns on our turkey poult program. This program that was conducted in cooperation with Loren Anderson on a fifty-fifty basis made a total net return of \$242.28 on 150 head over labor, feed and miscellaneous items. This does not include a charge for equipment. After an equipment charge the FFA chapter has a net of \$95.93. The FFA now owns 89 head of turkey hens and 9 toms for breeding purposes. These birds are all blood tested and approved to meet the U. S. approved standards. Eggs are to be sold to Jule Derousseau, Clyde, Kansas.

Keith Lemon, Reporter

DOWNS: In shop our boys are making tool boxes, book shelves, nail boxes, magazine racks, tables, two power lawn mowers, an ensilage wagon box, and working on several engines and cars. We have added the following equipment to our shop: a tandem disk cutter, valve seat grinder, micrometer set, and we have the use of a circular saw. We installed natural gas in our shop by running 200 feet of 2" pipe to the old coal stove and then installed an 18-inch natural gas burner....In our classroom we have been taking notes on different jobs and are closing our Record Books. We held a Corn Carnival in December, and the Wheat Milling and Baking Contest proved to be very interesting and educational. Dr. John Parker of the Kansas Wheat Improvement Association; Mary Fletcher, Home Economist; and Walter Scott of the Kansas Corn Improvement Association, all from Manhattan, Kansas, were here for the evening program....The FFA chapter held a joint meeting with the Solomon Valley 4-H club, January 8, 1945. The following pictures were shown to the group: "Green Hand," "Under the 4-H Flag," and a comedy picture. One of the FFA members baked cupcakes, and these, with apples, were served for lunch.

Francis Burch, Reporter

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Of all the surprises there's nothing to compare
With treading in the darkness on a step that isn't there.

Chapter News (continued)

KINCAID: On December 6 we held our annual FHA and FFA party. The evening was spent playing games. About 32 boys and girls were present....For recreation at our day meetings the Sophomore boys challenged the rest of the boys in basketball. There were 9 members on each team. The sophomores won the first two games....To raise money for the chapter, we purchased 30 pounds of cattle grub powder for use in the community. We also plan to sell garden seeds....Our past president and State Farmer of 1944, Junior Adams, won the project story contest in the American Farm Youth magazine for December. He also had an article on the Idea Exchange page telling how he made a self feeder and waterer for his pigs and steers from old barrels....As our former Vice-President, Richard McVaigh, has moved away, we elected Billy Lee Kersely to take the office of Vice President....During December, the boys studied Farm Dairying as outlined by the Dairy Department of Kansas State College. Eleven of 21 FFA members were eligible to make farm surveys. So far 23 surveys have been made.

John R. Conner, Reporter

HOPE: The officers for this year are: President - Ralph Dillen; Vice President - Loren Hinkle; Secretary - Paul Lorson; Treasurer - Wayne Cook; Reporter - Delmar Sandow; Sentinel - LeRoy Stroda; Advisor - Ralph Arnold.... All the chapter members attended a stocker and feeder cattle judging school held at Salina. Bob Morgan placed second in one division of the contest.... The members have all been busy helping to increase the chapter funds. Some of the money raising activities have been, selling of basketball schedule pencils, which netted the chapter \$11.50; sponsoring a show at the local theatre, \$9.00; a cakewalk in cooperation with the G.R.'s \$25.00; and the making of 10 stock panels for the local lumber yard, \$7.50....Considerable construction and repair work is being conducted in our shop. This repair work has been encouraged due to the fact that a considerable amount of new tools and equipment has been made available for our use this year....Our chapter will put on a program for the local Lion's Club sometime in February....Plans are being made to assist the county in their cattle grub control program. A demonstration on grub control will be conducted in our local community.

Delmar Sandow, Reporter

CHANUTE: Our chapter took an active part in the corn carnival sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Bill Burghart had the grand champion 10 ear sample....Helping on the farm this fall was one of our main activities. Every member in the chapter contributed some time to this activity. Members of our chapter put in over 2,000 hours of work at 50¢ an hour....As our part in the National War Fund, each member contributed the wages of a day's work, which resulted in a total of \$80.00 being contributed to the fund....We had a net profit of \$112.37 at our pie and box supper held November 21. There were 120 people in attendance at our annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet held Tuesday, December 12. The theme, "Our Barn," was used for the occasion. Bob Allison, president, served as toastmaster. 12 new members were initiated. The program was as follows: Invocation, Dr. W. W. Bass; Opening Ceremony, FFA Officers; Introduction of Guests; Activities of the year, Vyrl Burghart; other talks were given on the theme, "The Foundation," Leo Herron; "The Frame Work," Jack Kuykendall; "Mangers and Stalls," William Nelson; "The Animals and Feed," Wayne Stitt; and "The Roof", Don Gardner....Thursday, January 18, at 7:00, the annual alumni Formal Dinner Dance was held at the Kay Hotel.

Vyrl Burghart, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SABETHA: The FFA Pest Eradication closed January 4 with the team scores of 3315 points for the North Team and 1659 points for the South Team. The losing team will give a party to the winning team in the very near future. Pests included in the contest were rats, mice, crows, hawks, moles, gophers, starlings, jackrabbits, and cottontails. The three high point boys were Glenn Aeschliman with 1059 points, Waymer Strahm with 684, and Gene Kellenberger with 410 points. The Captains for the teams were Joe Steiner for the South team and Glenn Aeschliman for the North team....We are making concrete hog troughs to earn money for the chapter treasury. They are made, cured, and sold by the chapter for 85¢ apiece. We have orders for approximately 75 troughs....The State and National dues for 32 members have been paid....We are planning to play some basketball games in January and February....21 of our former members are in the Armed Forces....Farm jobs built and repaired in our Ag Shops during the past two months have been chicken mash feeders, saw horses, trailer wagon, hay loader, wagon box, hay racks, tool cabinets and many smaller items found in a normal farm shop....Farm Record Book closing has been our major interest since January 1st, and with 30 active members our adviser hopes to have a combined chapter net worth of around \$6,500.00.

Glenn Aeschliman, Reporter

ELDORADO: Five officers of the Eldorado Chapter attended the Officers Leadership School held at Buhler October 24....Basketball season opened for the chapter by electing Richard Chase captain, and deciding to have both a first and second team which will play the surrounding chapters.... 13 of the members have received sweat shirts with the FFA emblem printed on....With farrowing time approaching, 300 pounds of hog mineral mix has been mixed in the Agriculture shop. Our chapter purchased a registered Duroc boar pig which weighed 50 pounds at weaning time. The Eldorado Chapter would have had a more enjoyable Christmas if it hadn't lost one of its bred gilts on Christmas day from an unknown cause. The loss was great since the breeding behind our stock is exceptionally good.

Richard Chase, Reporter

ALTAMONT: Initiation of our Green Hands was held on December 13. There were 17 Number 9 boys who received the Green Hand degree. We submitted our Program of Work to the State Association....Our programs at meetings consist of musical numbers, outside speakers, talks by the students, and picture shows. Plans are being made for an FFA basketball team. A project tour was held and practically all of the 10th and 11th year boy's projects were visited. Farm machinery repaired in our shop include a dull windcharger, plow, harrows, wagons, trailers, etc. We have a new steel lathe....We have a number of boys carrying cattle, hogs, and wheat in their farming program. We have learned a lot about judging crops, as well as judging cattle by actual experience.... We are holding a pest eradication contest in our chapter. Eldon Mosler and Ted Shaffer are team captains....Our chapter participated in the Quality Cream Production dairy contest. 37 members took the test and 15 boys passed the test.

Eugene Carnahan, Reporter

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A wedding carriage was seen driving through the streets of London the other morning. Inscribed in chalk on the back were the words "Result of Careless Talk."

Chapter News (continued)

MANHATTAN: The chapter officers for this year are: President - Eddy Murray; Vice-President - Clark Blockcolsky; Secretary - Bob Havenstein; Reporter - Gene Holiwell; Sentinel - Gilbert Kimnitz. The chapter in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the County Farm Bureau sponsored the Tri-County Corn Show. The chapter was in charge of the Junior Division. Chapter members won a total of \$40.00 in prize money....The subject of the radio broadcast presented by the chapter over station KSAC December 16 was "Community Service," with Gene Holiwell as chairman, and Max Collier, Jack Hofmann, Richard Shackelton, Clark Blockcolsky, Clifford Barry and Hays Beck as members of the committee. As one of the chapter activities for the year, we are holding a Post Eradication Contest....The chapter members wrecked a building this fall, and are using the lumber to build hog houses. We have completed 5 hog houses. The chapter has helped in the promotion of a farm mechanics school in which the chapter members help the farmers of the community repair and construct equipment. At least one member is present each evening to assist in checking tools....We are holding a scholarship contest to encourage better scholarship among chapter members. Points are awarded on the grades received. The FFA member who receives the most points and the member who improves his grade the most over the previous 6 weeks are awarded theater tickets. 15 Green Hands have been initiated into the chapter, and our honorary members for the year are Mr. Herb Bishop, Senior High Principal; Mr. Glenn Burnette, Junior High Principal; Mr. Raymond Johnsmeyer, feed dealer; and Mr. Ray Hosier, farmer.. ..Our chapter is planning to enter a team in the high school Intramural Basketball League, organized this year. We had charge of the high school assembly January 12. The main attraction was a dog show. Dr. Frick of the Kansas State College Veterinary Department described the various dogs as members of the chapter paraded them across the stage. The Ag 9 and 10 classes have started their broiler project, and we have four farm machines to recondition for sale this spring.

Gene Holiwell, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: On January 19, we started our Post Eradication contest by choosing up sides. Karl Faidley and Dale Spollman are captains....Our FFA officers gave a broadcast January 13 at 2:15 p.m. over radio station KSAC. Those participating in the broadcast were Gene Martin, Gerald Martin, Bill Carnahan, David Carnahan, Maynard Blake, Pat Homphill, and Robert Munson. We talked on shop activities and what our shop is doing towards the war effort....We held our FFA roller skating party at Clyde, January 26....Our chapter plans to play the faculty a basketball game sometime in February. All the proceeds from this game will go to the FFA chapter....Our agriculture boys have been butchering hogs and cattle for anyone who wants to bring them in. We do this for experience. Some people pay the chapter a small sum of money for doing the butchering....The Junction City Vocational Agriculture instructor came to Clay Center and secured Arnold Todd's tumblebug to take back to Junction for a pattern for building another tumblebug. David Carnahan is constructing a manure loader. This week three wagon boxes, four hog houses, one cattle feeder, and one trailer have been completed....In our scrap drive, each boy was required to bring a hundred pounds. If the boy could not bring his iron into town, we gathered it up with the Agriculture truck. We acquired 5,471 pounds of scrap for which we got 35¢ per hundred pounds. This was a total of \$18.80. With this money we bought a bond and had 5¢ left over.

Maynard Blake, Reporter

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Girdles are like Japs - both creep up on you
and it takes a Yank to get them down.

Chapter News (continued)

SEDAN: A tractor school was held in the high school auditorium January 10. Extension Engineer Smith from Kansas State College and Mr. Edmonds of the Socony-Vacuum Refining Company gave demonstrations on the proper care of the carbureter, spark-plugs, magneto and other parts of the tractor. The home economics class served chili and pie at the noon hour to 30 Cedarvale High School boys, 34 Sedan FFA members, and 60 farmers and businessmen. After dinner, demonstrations were given in the use and care of different types of farm equipment....Editor Dale Apel reports that the Bluestem Reginal is ready to set up in order to be photographed....The Sedan Chapter recently had news stories in two national magazines, the American Farm Youth and in the overseas edition of the Country Gentleman....Rollin Casement, Dale Apel, Robert Cloyd, Stanley Willmeth, Howard Capps, Frank Miller, and Grant Groat attended the Grub Control Clinic sponsored by the Coffeyville Chamber of Commerce....Andrew Johnson, state representative, was elected as an honorary FFA member January 5....L. B. Pollom, state supervisor for vocational agriculture, visited the Sedan Chapter January 17....A new acetylene generator purchased by the school is now a permanent addition to our shop. This generator will save the school money by making acetylene at a reduced cost out of carbide....The Machinery Repair School is now well into its second six-weeks period with C. W. Whipple as instructor....The officers and their adviser received their FFA jackets during December....The chapter received 500 sheets of stationery and 500 envelopes recently from the French-Bray Company. ...Sedan's officers, their adviser and chapter members Leon Smith and Rozelle Leonard appeared before a meeting of the Lions Club, January 22. As a group they gave the opening and closing ceremonies and a short parliamentary skit. In addition, Dale Apel recited the creed, Jim Keller told of the honors won in the Information Contest at Parsons, and Rollin Casement gave a short description of the FFA Officers Training School held at Parsons.

Dale Apel, Reporter

HOLCOMB: Victor Baier was elected chapter reporter January 22....The FFA is sponsoring a pest eradication contest. Harold Stevenson and Sylvester Schiffelboin were elected captains....The chapter is sponsoring a butchering project. Wednesday and Thursday are butchering days. Arrangements are made with the local adviser for bringing in animals to be butchered. The chapter butchers the first hog and beef for each farmer free of charge, and for every one after that the charge is \$1.00 per head. At present we have butchered 37 hogs and 10 beeves....The vocational agriculture shop is open to any boy who has machinery he wants to repair or have repaired. The boys enrolled either bring a job of their own or help someone else. They have overhauled a few tractors, trucks, cars, and repaired several pieces of machinery. A farm machine repair course will be started soon in which farmers may bring in any machine that needs repairing, and they may also learn how to do acetylene and electric welding....A Dairy course for farmers is held at the building every Thursday. Bingo is played every other meeting night and prizes consisting of milk cans, milk pails and other dairy utensils are given. This is sponsored by the Gardiner Dairy and Ice Cream Company.

Victor Baier, Reporter

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An angler just returning from a fishing trip has discovered that there are two periods when fishing is good--before you get there and after you leave.

Chapter News (continued)

BERRYTON: Officers elected last fall were Charles Middleton, president; Bill McQuiston, vice-president; Wayne Reid, secretary; Lawrence Juedos, treasurer; Dean Morrow, reporter; and Vernon Phelps, sentinel. Our adviser is Blaine Crow....Later in the year, our president Charles Middleton was called into the navy and is in training at the Great Lakes. He is a member of the Bluejacket Choir and the Navy Choir at the Great Lakes. Edwin Aley has been elected to the presidency for the remainder of the year.... There are 35 boys in our high school this year and all are FFA members. Our chapter, in cooperation with the girls Pep Club, held a box supper. Net proceeds were \$65 which was divided between the two organizations....Wayne Reid recently sold a two-wheeled trailer, 4' x 7' in size, with new (tractor) tires, for \$90.00. He estimates the cost of materials at \$60.00, leaving \$30.00 for his work on this shop project. Other shop jobs include a new wagon box, feed bunk, several scoop endgates, two two-wheeled carts, for farm use, as well as overhauling a grain drill, a corn sheller, a mower, a grain elevator, several gasoline engines, etc....Our Farm Machinery Repair Program has been in operation continuously for two years, four nights each week, and four hours each night. Several truck beds and stock racks have been built recently. Two tractors are being overhauled and a wagon box built, at the present time as well as the usual grist ~~of~~ smaller repair jobs.

Dean Morrow, Reporter

WASHBURN: In shop we are building a wagon box, football equipment box, and many individual projects such as self-waterer, magazine rack, and lawn chairs. LaVerne Sidfrid has completed a hayrack....We have received equipment from the Government for the Farm Implement Repair School. Mr. Ray Fink is the instructor at the school. The school opened January 30, 1945 and is being held three nights a week. The equipment received to date consists of air compressor, electric arc welder, electric grinder, metal lathe, five ton floor jack, and other small hand tools. We are expecting more equipment in the near future....Our chapter is now holding a Pest Eradication Contest. The high fifty percent will be entertained by the low fifty percent. Also there will be additional prizes for the two highest in the chapter....Fred Jepson, Eugene Foltz, and Garland Bundy, three officers, are selling war stamps. The total sales for January was \$83.70. Our chapter bought and mixed mineral to sell to the chapter members.

Bob Jepson, Reporter

GLASCO: The officers who will serve the Glasco chapter are: President - Wayne Wheeler; Vice-President - Harold Dalrymple; Treasurer - Robert Henning; Secretary - Larence Berndt; Reporter - Duane Gehrke; Sentinel - Denzel Adams. All officers went to the Officers Training School at Beloit....To raise funds for the treasury, we decided to have a rabbit hunting contest and send the rabbits we shot to Kansas City to sell. The losing side is to sponsor a chili feed for the winning side....Night meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month. At the night meetings in November, 11 Green Hands were initiated....The Glasco chapter of FFA decided to sponsor the bond and stamp drive for the school. Since November 26 we have sold bonds and stamps amounting to \$150.

Duane Gehrke, Reporter

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"The spinal column is a collection of bones running up and down your back that keeps you from being legs clean up to your neck."

Chapter News (continued)

STAFFORD: We had a pest eradication contest with the Seniors and Sophomores opposing the Juniors and Freshmen. The Senior and Sophomore classes won by 50 points. We had 6 chicken hawks, 64 crows, 129 rabbits, 15 rats, 245 mice, 5 gophers, 10 coyotes, 110 opossums, 589 sparrows....Our Ag. Class harvested the county corn Variety Tests for the county agent....Our chapter is planning a carnival next month....In our shop we have had a preponderance of Auto Mechanics.

James Logue, Reporter

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LIFE MAGAZINE AND FFA STORY

In the October issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, we carried a story on the plans of the Life Magazine to run a pictorial FFA news story in which Irwin Thalmann, Haven chapter, was to be featured. Word has recently been received from the Life Magazine that the story was crowded out by spot news. The Courtesy Editor of Life Magazine sent eight pictures of Irwin Thalmann and his family to the State Office, with the request that the pictures be forwarded to Irwin. The pictures were excellent, and we are all keenly disappointed that they did not find a place in the Life Magazine.

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The closing date of entry for the National Chapter Contest has been changed from January 31 to February 28, 1945. This item will be of special interest to the 1944 Gold Emblem winners in Kansas.

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297 DEGREES BELOW ZERO!

The World's largest and coldest "thermos bottle," which maintains a temperature of 297 degrees below zero, is used in an American shipyard in providing acetylene and oxygen for burners, welders and rod operators. It is part of a new low-pressure generating system which pipes these gases to the point of work and thus makes it unnecessary to carry cylinders of liquid air to the job.

A continuous and even flow of the mixed "juice" (under this new system) is available to hundreds of outlets, conveniently spaced. The new method requires a special technique and men are being instructed in its use.

In the Driox or oxygen house, liquid oxygen is drained out of trucks and piped into large converters, similar to a gigantic thermos bottle, and where it is maintained at a temperature of 297 degrees below zero.

Electric heaters convert the liquid oxygen into a gas which is then piped at a 75-pound pressure to where the men of rod and torch are working.

This is only one example of how shipyard operations are being speeded up in many of our great yards.

--Ships, May 1944.

SHAWNEE MISSION "DEAR GANG" LETTER

In a previous issue of the Newsletter, we mentioned the fact that Regional Agent, James H. Pearson, exhibited a copy of the Shawnee Mission "Dear Gang" Letter at the North Central Regional meeting of agricultural supervisors and teacher trainers at their conference held in Chicago last August. As a result of this notice, as well as other notices of the "Dear Gang" newsletter, issued occasionally by the Shawnee Mission chapter, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Garver editors, the Garvers have had requests for copies and information concerning how the newsletter is supported and published from teachers and state supervisors from all over the USA.

The latest issue of the Shawnee Mission "Dear Gang" Newsletter came to hand just as we were in the process of stapling the February issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. Because of the news carried concerning former State Farmer members and former State FFA Officers, and because of an excellent message from Mr. and Mrs. HDG on Americanism, we are adding 2 pages to the February issue of the newsletter - even though it means restapling about half the copies.

Shawnee Mission chapter has furnished 117 boys to the armed forces. They have 5 gold stars on their service flag. Fourteen of the 117 former FFA members are commissioned officers, and approximately 75% of the remainder are non-commissioned officers.

2nd Lt. Robert Singleton, State Farmer and State FFA Treasurer '38, was under fire three weeks after leaving the United States. Bob was assigned to a battalion of the 317th regiment just outside Wilerwiltz, Luxembourg. January 25, and went into action the following day as company executive. On the following day he became acting company commander, and that night led his company in an attack on Bucholz. His achievements under enemy fire were described by a veteran tank commander as "the best job I've ever seen done by any infantry officer working with tanks."

At about the same time, word was received in the Johnson county community from the War Department telling of the wounding for the second time of 1st Lt. Walter Smith, State Farmer '39 and winner of second place in the state FFA public speaking contest 1939. He likewise was in action in Luxembourg.

Too late for the "Dear Gang" letter was a message received by the Garvers notifying them of the death of Captain Marvin Prinds, State Farmer '36, the same day that Walter Smith was injured. Marvin was in Luxembourg also. It is very unusual for one FFA chapter to furnish three officers in one small theatre of action - one to lose his life, one injured, and one cited for bravery.

The Garvers have many ideas for increasing the interest in their "Dear Gang" letters. ~~For~~ one of the issues they procured a bunch of "infraction" pink slips from the school principal's office. Types of infractions listed were - running in the halls, chowing gum in class, shooting paper wads, tardiness, etc. Each boy was mailed a pink slip attached to the newsletter. The infraction checked was one that the Garvers thought coincided with his behavior while in school. The pink slip episode brought more responses than any other plan of getting reader interest used to date. In the January 1945 issue of the "Dear Gang" newsletter, editor Garver tells of a recent visit with former FFA member Armon Burgendorf who had been 33 months in the South Pacific. Imagine Garver's surprise when Burgendorf, pulled from his pocket the pink slip mailed him with the newsletter, and handed it to HD. Armond stated that the slip had been delivered to him while he was in a foxhole on Saipan. Before leaving he presented HD with a Jap battle flag, taken from

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a Nip killed by a group of which Armond was a member.

The address of Captain Albert Coates, Jr., State FFA President '37, and 3rd National Vice President '39, was carried in the January issue, and was as follows: 01765209, Vet. Det. 253 Q M, APO495, New York.

The Shawnee Mission newsletters have been sent out since 1941 when the former FFA members began to enlist. The usual pattern consists of a page or two devoted to the vocational agricultural department, the local FFA chapter, and the local community; this is followed by two or three pages of news concerning former members in the armed forces. Usually a bit of "Americana" closes the issue. In the January issue the closing message is a masterpiece, and one that should be read not only by former FFA members in service, but by all FFA members throughout this great land of ours. The closing message by HD and Mrs. EDG follows:

"Some of you naturally are concerned about the strikes, and certain indifferences to the war effort. Well, I am just about as disgusted as any of you at some of my fellow beings (I cannot wholeheartedly say 'fellow Americans') and the way they act. But please believe me when I say their number is relatively few. Somehow they remind me of the drift wood, scum and other dead material that floats down on a flooded river. As long as the flood is rising this scum is out in the middle of the stream and attracts quite a lot of attention. In normal times it lay along the banks of streams, partly embedded in mud, partly sticking out, but always dead and useless. Yet, under flooded conditions it can jam under a bridge and cause damage unless removed. After the flood this drift wood disappears - a little farther down the stream and is again half imbedded in muddy banks, but always useless and seldom dangerous. Some of these people with more money than they ever saw before in their lives, who try to lap up all the beer in every beer joint they pass and otherwise make fools of themselves are a lot like the drift wood mentioned above. Comparatively speaking, they are few in number but just now they are attracting a lot of attention. They are far outnumbered by the decent people who stay on jobs, wisely use their money, and otherwise are good Americans, just as is the drift wood outnumbered by the live trees firmly rooted along the banks of a flooded stream. What I am trying to say is that you are fighting for the finest country in the world, and for the best way of life ever enjoyed by any people. Sometime we'll again buy new tires or new cars, buy all the gas we want and go any place we please. Your kids will grow up in the kind of homes and communities you grow up in, only better. They'll train themselves for any job of their fancy in any school they choose."