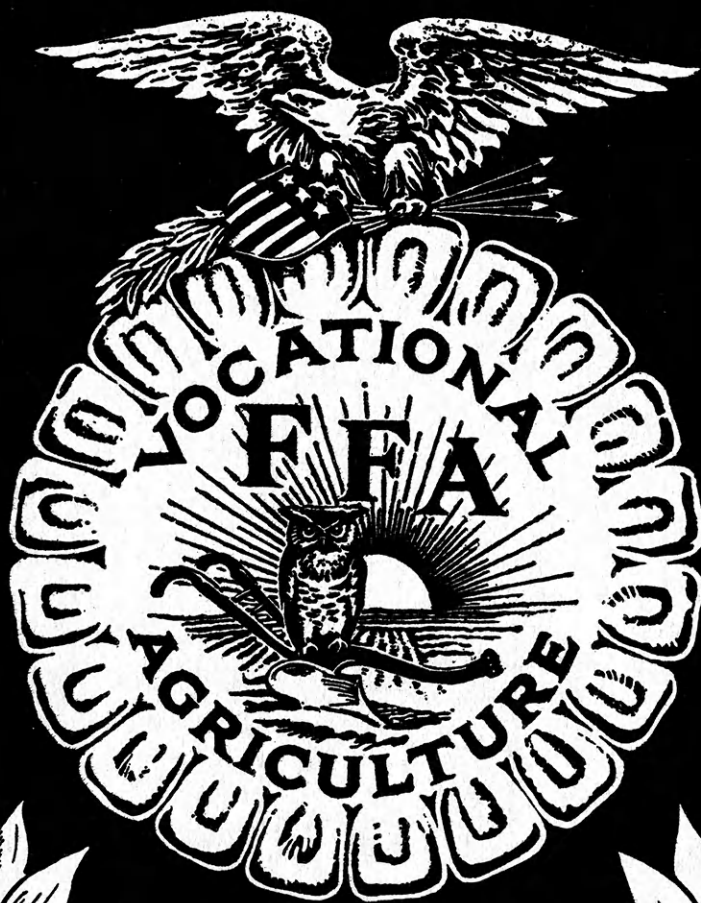


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FFA CALENDAR

Please submit the name of your 1945 American Farmer candidate to Prof. L. F. Hall, %KSC, Manhattan, Kansas, at your early convenience.

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THE WAR IS OVER

"Sure, Italy, Germany, and Japan have been knocked out. But how about our quarter of a million wounded and disabled? Restoring them to health and useful life will be a big job and a costly one. And how about the millions of men to be brought home and given the benefits promised to help them resume civilian life? This, too, will cost money. The war is not over for any of us until we have kept faith with those who served." - U. S. Treasury.

The National Organization of Future Farmers of America purchased, last year, approximately \$7,500,000 worth of War Bonds and Stamps. During that period of time, the Kansas Association of FFA purchased approximately \$170,000 worth of War Bonds and Stamps. In order to show that we thoroughly appreciate the sacrifices that have been made to save our way of life and to maintain our freedom, we must continue to purchase Bonds and Stamps. We have every confidence that the Future Farmers of America will more than do their part in putting over the great Victory Loan Drive.

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WE ARE PROUD...

Of the fact that almost one hundred per cent of the Kansas FFA chapters can open and close their meetings without the use of the FFA Manual or other notes. We are also proud of the fact that the officers in our chapters know considerable about the Future Farmers of America on a national and state level. Chapter officers in Kansas demonstrated in their district leadership schools that they know how to stand on their feet, face their audience, and say their parts. No table-leaners, no hands in trouser pockets, and no talking to the table. And what is equally as important, they have eliminated "jist", "pitcher", "area", "simnel" and other mispronounced and slurred words - all too frequently heard in Opening and Closing ceremonies where special attention and training has not been given to this important part of FFA experience.

1945 DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The first district FFA "Officers Training School" was sponsored by the Shawnee Mission chapter in 1931. Each year since, with the exception of 1942, district FFA Leadership Schools have been conducted in Kansas.

The 1945 district FFA Leadership Schools were held in eleven centers, the centers being selected with a view to equalizing the travel distance. Eighteen chapters did not attend any Leadership School. The FFA officers and advisers from the chapters not in attendance missed out on considerable inspiration and worthwhile information of very great value in the proper conduct of FFA chapters.

The purpose of the FFA Leadership School might be classified in three categories, namely: (1) ritualistic improvement; (2) broaden knowledge of the FFA; (3) exchange of ideas on building and executing a worthwhile program of work.

The 1945 FFA Leadership Schools were organized in such a manner as to give maximum emphasis to boy participation. Much credit for the success of the 1945 FFA Leadership Schools must be given to the state FFA officers who assisted, and to the cooperation of the local chapters assigned special roles on the program.

The following rankings will be of interest to all FFA members and advisers who attended a Leadership School, and should prove of interest to all Future Farmer members.

The high five individuals in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

1st - Dale Apel, Sedan Chapter	96 points*
2nd - Jim Keller, Sedan Chapter	95 points
3rd - Elden Shafer, Holton Chapter	92 points
4th - Harold Rathburn, Sedan Chapter	90 points
5th - Jack Barnes, Holton Chapter	89 points

* - Total possible points equalled 102. (The test used in 1944 had 68 points.)

The high five chapters in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

1st - Sedan, Herbert Covert, Adviser	423 points
2nd - Holton, Joe Neill, Adviser	405 points
2nd - Stockton, Floyd Blauer, Adviser	405 points
4th - Washburn, Clark Milligan, Adviser	395 points
5th - Haven, Glenn Schulthess, Adviser	372 points

To the Sedan chapter goes the honor of placing three boys in the high five individuals in the state in the FFA Information contest, while the Holton chapter placed two boys in this select group.

The Sedan chapter won state honors for making the highest chapter score in the state FFA Information contest.

Leadership Schools (continued)

The following rankings give the high five individuals, the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest, and the high five schools in the FFA Ritual Contest for each of the 11 district FFA Leadership Schools:

LAWRENCE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Jerald Figgins, Washburn Chapter	87 points
2nd - Eugene Feltz, Washburn Chapter	83 points
3rd - LaVern Sidfrid, Washburn Chapter	82 points
4th - Eugene Raab, Highland Park Chapter	81 points
5th - Jesse Gorman, Shawnee Mission Chapter	80 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Washburn Chapter	395 points
2nd - Highland Park Chapter	360 points
3rd - Shawnee Mission Chapter	319 points
4th - Olathe Chapter	313 points
5th - Ottawa Chapter	303 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Shawnee Mission Chapter
2nd - Lawrence Chapter
3rd - Highland Park Chapter
4th - Olathe Chapter
5th - Washburn Chapter

CLAY CENTER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Karl Faidley, Clay Center Chapter	86 points
2nd - Robert Fulmer, Wamego Chapter	85 points
tie (3rd - Jack Hofmann, Manhattan Chapter	75 points
(3rd - Gene Martin, Clay Center	75 points
tie (5th - Otto Zahn, Miltonvale Chapter	66 points
(5th - Donald Wilson, Wamego Chapter	66 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Manhattan Chapter	322 points
2nd - Clay Center Chapter	318 points
3rd - Miltonvale Chapter	312 points
4th - Wamego Chapter	301 points
5th - Randolph Chapter	256 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Manhattan Chapter
2nd - Clay Center Chapter

Leadership Schools (continued)

- 3rd - Washington Chapter
- 4th - Wamogo Chapter
- tio (5th - Frankfort Chapter
- (5th - Miltonvale Chapter

SENECA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

- 1st - Eldon Shafer, Holton Chapter 92 points
- 2nd - Jack Barnes, Holton Chapter 89 points
- 3rd - Forest Frenkoff, Holton Chapter 84 points
- tio (4th - Robert Allen, Fairview Chapter 82 points
- (4th - Jack Howard, Hiawatha Chapter 82 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

- 1st - Holton Chapter 405 points
- 2nd - Fairview Chapter 371 points
- 3rd - Onaga Chapter 354 points
- 4th - Seneca Chapter 348 points
- 5th - Effingham Chapter 333 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

- 1st - Fairview Chapter
- 2nd - Holton Chapter
- 3rd - Seneca Chapter
- 4th - Effingham Chapter
- 5th - Valley Falls Chapter

BELOIT LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

- 1st - Keith Bront, Alton Chapter 84 points
- 2nd - Kent Fridy, Minneapolis Chapter 77 points
- 3rd - Neil Vetter, Beloit Chapter 74 points
- tio (4th - Gerald Lemmons, Alton Chapter 73 points
- (4th - Dale Newton, Alton Chapter 73 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

- 1st - Alton Chapter 356 points
- 2nd - Beloit Chapter 331 points
- 3rd - Smith Center Chapter 306 points
- 4th - Minneapolis Chapter 295 points
- 5th - Concordia Chapter 292 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

- 1st - Beloit Chapter
- 2nd - Alton Chapter
- 3rd - Concordia Chapter
- 4th - Lebanon Chapter
- 5th - Minneapolis Chapter

Leadership Schools (continued)

HILL CITY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Gail McComb, Stockton Chapter	88 points
2nd - Doyle Peaslee, Stockton Chapter	83 points
tio { 3rd - Keith McComb, Stockton Chapter	82 points
3rd - DeVane Cunningham, Stockton Chapter	82 points
5th - Ray Zillinger, Phillipsburg Chapter	79 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Stockton Chapter	405 points
2nd - Phillipsburg Chapter	332 points
3rd - Norton Chapter	243 points
4th - Hill City Chapter	210 points
5th - Ellis Chapter	201 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Stockton Chapter
2nd - Phillipsburg Chapter
3rd - Norton Chapter
4th - Hill City Chapter
5th - Ellis Chapter

COLBY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Carl Martin, Colby Chapter	85 points
2nd - Howard Sherrod, Goodland Chapter	73 points
3rd - Bernard Barnett, Colby Chapter	72 points
tio { 4th - Vyrle McKee, Colby Chapter	68 points
4th - Norman Wood, Colby Chapter	68 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Colby Chapter	333 points
2nd - Goodland Chapter	314 points
3rd - Oberlin Chapter	273 points
4th - Atwood Chapter	229 points
5th - McDonald Chapter	208 $\frac{1}{2}$ points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Oberlin Chapter
2nd - Goodland Chapter
3rd - Colby Chapter
tio { 4th - Atwood Chapter
4th - McDonald Chapter

Leadership Schools (continued)

KINSLEY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Thomas Means, Kinsley Chapter	81 points
2nd - Richard Nowell, Stafford Chapter	72 points
(3rd - Edwin Carleton, Coldwater Chapter	70 points
tio (3rd - Harold Thole, Stafford Chapter	70 points
(3rd - Verl Hornbaker, Stafford Chapter	70 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Stafford Chapter	327 points
2nd - Coldwater Chapter	296 points
3rd - Kinsley Chapter	293 points
4th - Pratt Chapter	255 points
5th - Garden City Chapter	233 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Garden City Chapter
2nd - Kinsley Chapter
tio (3rd - Pratt Chapter
(3rd - Coldwater Chapter
5th - Stafford Chapter

EMPORIA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Howard Knaussman, Burns Chapter	76 points
2nd - Leo Logan, Williamsburg Chapter	68 points
tio 3rd - Marvin Crique, Lyndon Chapter	67 points
3rd - Ralph Fine, Lyndon Chapter	67 points
5th - Bill Edwards, Emporia Chapter	66 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Emporia Chapter	295 points
2nd - Williamsburg Chapter	280 points
3rd - Burns Chapter	251 points
4th - Lyndon Chapter	244 points
5th - Cottonwood Falls Chapter	236 $\frac{1}{2}$ points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Emporia Chapter
2nd - Cottonwood Falls Chapter
3rd - Burns Chapter
4th - Lyndon Chapter
5th - Burlington Chapter

Leadership Schools (continued)

BUHLER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Marlo Ediger, Inman Chapter	83 points
2nd - Richard Chase, Eldorado Chapter	80 points
3rd - Harland Priddle, Haven Chapter	78 points
(4th - Russell Robinson, Haven Chapter	77 points
tie (4th - Herman Popp, Haven Chapter	77 points
(4th - Henry Neufeldt, Inman Chapter	77 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Haven Chapter	372 points
2nd - Inman Chapter	367 points
3rd - Buhler Chapter	350 points
4th - Eldorado Chapter	282 points
5th - Moundridge Chapter	262 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Buhler Chapter
2nd - Eldorado Chapter
3rd - Inman Chapter
4th - Great Bend Chapter
5th - Haven Chapter

HARPER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Omar Voren, Kingman Chapter	81 points
2nd - Gerald Lawrence, Winfield Chapter	76 points
3rd - Alfred Thieme, Kingman Chapter	70 points
4th - Wayne Ford, Medicine Lodge Chapter	69 points
5th - Melvin Handkins, Kingman Chapter	67 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Kingman Chapter	335 points
2nd - Medicine Lodge Chapter	299 points
3rd - Winfield Chapter	240 points
4th - Harper Chapter	226 points
5th - Arkansas City Chapter	186 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Kingman Chapter
2nd - Medicine Lodge Chapter
3rd - Arkansas City Chapter
4th - Winfield Chapter
5th - Harper Chapter

Leadership Schools (continued)

PARSONS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st - Dale Apel, Sedan Chapter	96 points
2nd - Jim Keller, Sedan Chapter	95 points
3rd - Harold Rathburn, Sedan Chapter	90 points
4th - Howard Capps, Sedan Chapter	82 points
5th - Jack Graham, Columbus Chapter	81 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st - Sedan Chapter	423 points
2nd - Columbus Chapter	360 points
3rd - Chanute Chapter	342 points
4th - Independence Chapter	292 points
5th - Parsons Chapter	277 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st - Sedan Chapter
2nd - Parsons Chapter
3rd - Columbus Chapter
4th - Chanute Chapter
5th - Coffeyville Chapter

The following is a summarized table of the contest results of the eleven district FFA Leadership Schools:

Leadership School:	: Highest Individual Score	: Highest Chapter Score	: Total High 5 Boys	: Average 5 High Boys	: Total 5 Chapters	: Average 5 High Chapters
Lawrence	: 87	: 395	: 413	: 82.6	: 1690	: 338
Clay Center	: 86	: 322	: 387	: 77.4	: 1509	: 301.8
Seneca	: 92	: 405	: 429	: 85.8	: 1811	: 362.2
Beloit	: 84	: 356	: 381	: 76.2	: 1580	: 316
Hill City	: 88	: 405	: 414	: 82.8	: 1391	: 278.2
Galby	: 85	: 333	: 366	: 73.2	: 1362 $\frac{1}{2}$: 272.5
Kinsley	: 81	: 327	: 363	: 72.6	: 1404	: 280.8
Emporia	: 76	: 295	: 344	: 68.8	: 1306 $\frac{1}{2}$: 261.3
Buhler	: 83	: 372	: 395	: 79	: 1633	: 326.6
Harper	: 81	: 335	: 363	: 72.6	: 1286	: 257.2
Parsons	: 96	: 423	: 444	: 88.8	: 1694	: 338.8

The following rankings list the Leadership Schools on the basis of the average of the scores made by the high five individuals in the FFA Information contest:

Average Five High Individuals Per Leadership School:

1st - Parsons Leadership School	88.8 points
2nd - Seneca Leadership School	85.8 points
3rd - Hill City Leadership School	82.8 points
4th - Lawrence Leadership School	82.6 points
5th - Buhler Leadership School	79.0 points

Leadership Schools (continued)

The following ranking of district Leadership Schools is on the basis of the average score of the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest:

Average High Five Chapters Per Leadership School:

1st - Seneca Leadership School	362.2 points
2nd - Parsons Leadership School	338.8 points
3rd - Lawrence Leadership School	338.0 points
4th - Buhler Leadership School	326.6 points
5th - Beloit Leadership School	316.0 points

The FFA Creed was given at each of the 11 Leadership Schools. More use should be made of the FFA Creed by local chapters! This is one of the finest - if not the best - youth organization Creeds extant. Kansas FFA members should be especially proud of the Creed, since it was written by a native Kansan. E. M. Tiffany, the author, was born and grew to manhood on a farm near Lyndon, Kansas. He graduated from the Lyndon High School, received a B. S. from Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, in 1915, taught a few years in Kansas High Schools, and at the time of writing the FFA Creed was in agricultural education work in Wisconsin. Every FFA member in Kansas, as well as every adult FFA leader, should be grateful to Mr. Tiffany for his splendid contribution to the idealism of the Future Farmers of America.

The Manhattan chapter used a four man team in their presentation of the FFA Creed at the Clay Center Leadership school. Colored slides depicting the principal theme of the various paragraphs of the Creed were used. A colored picture of a beautiful farmstead was flashed on the screen to represent the principal thought involved in the first paragraph - "I believe in the future of farming." The picture was held while the first member of the team stepped to the rostrum and recited the first paragraph. At the conclusion of the paragraph, the speaker stepped back one pace. A second picture was then flashed, a second member stepped forth and recited the second paragraph of the creed, and at its conclusion, the speaker stepped back one pace. This was repeated for paragraphs three and four. Then a colored picture of the American flag was thrown upon the screen, and all four members stepped forward one pace and recited the fifth and closing paragraph of the creed in unison. This was the most effective rendition of the FFA Creed that your executive adviser has seen to date.

The following FFA members contributed to the success of the district FFA Leadership Schools by reciting the FFA Creed:

Dean Wilson, Highland Park Chapter
 Carl Anderson Jr., Effingham Chapter
 Hubert Bottger, Belleville Chapter
 Billy Joe Worcester, Hill City Chapter
 Keith Minos, Oberlin Chapter
 Charles Ray, Pratt Chapter
 Miles McKee, Cottonwood Falls Chapter
 Harlan Priddle, Haven Chapter
 Omar Voran, Kingman Chapter
 Eugene Brinkman, Coffeyville Chapter

Leadership Schools (continued)

The more FFA members know about the Future Farmers of America the greater will be their respect for the organization. FFA officers (and advisers) too often are not adequately informed concerning the FFA. Ritualistic performance, especially the opening and closing ritual, constitute the "Show Window" of the FFA organization. It is important that all ritualistic performance be on a high standard, but especially important that the opening and closing ritual be well handled at all times. Parliamentary procedure should be given more attention by chapter officers.

The 1945 FFA Information test had a total of 102 possible points, as compared with 79 points in the 1943 test, and 68 points in the 1944 Information Test. The 15 Year FFA History, the FFA Manual, Volume XVI of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, and the September issue of the current year's issue of the Newsletter were used in formulating the 1945 FFA Information Test.

The State Office regrets that eighteen chapters found it not possible to attend one of the leadership schools.

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LAWRENCE DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL PROGRAM

Note: This is a typical program as organized for each of the eleven District FFA Leadership Schools.

Host Chapter - Lawrence; Place - High School.

Date and Time: October 2, 1945; 3:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Host Chapter opens meeting with official opening ceremony.
2. Host Chapter conducts Roll Call of chapters.
3. Welcome by Superintendent or Principal of Host Chapter.
4. Opening and Closing Ritual Contest - All chapters urged to participate.
5. FFA Information Contest - All chapters urged to participate. Officers only eligible to compete.
6. Talk by State FFA Officer - Boyce Dougherty, Vice President of the Kansas Association.

SUPPER

7. Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration - Olathe Chapter.
8. Recital of the FFA Creed - Dean Wilson, Highland Park Chapter.
9. Demonstration of the proper use of the gavel - Washburn Chapter.
10. Roll Call of Chapters: Special 3 minute reports on the following assignments;

President or Vice President - Program of Work: How Build? Committee Responsibilities and Check up on Performance? Calendar? School Time; Outstanding Activity Goals Planned for Current Year. By the following chapters: Shawnee Mission; Holton; Onaga; and Washburn.

Lawrence Leadership School (continued)

Reporter: How get FFA recognition in school, community, and state? How bring news of activities of other chapters before local group? By the following chapters: Holton; Tonganoxie; Silver Lake; Lyndon; Shawnee Mission.

Secretary: Chapter records; Plan for acquainting members with State and National FFA activities? By the following chapters: Highland Park; Paxico; Berryton; Bonner Springs; and Onaga.

Treasurer: Plans for raising chapter funds; State and National dues. By the following chapters: Lawrence; Overbrook; Seaman; Paola; and Holton.

BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS: Methods used in acquainting members with the Future Farmers of America Organization; How to improve ritualistic proficiency in Green Hand and Chapter Farmer degree work; How you train your officer group; Plan of teaching members parliamentary procedure; How you prepare Program of Work, which is due in the State Office on November 1; How you plan your meetings; How you handle your annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet; How to improve FFA Leadership Schools.

11. Awards!
12. Close.

Host Chapter will look after local arrangements such as: Welcome from Superintendent or Principal, Meeting Place, Arrangements for coats, FFA Paraphernalia, etc.

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TO DEMONSTRATE THE PROPER USE OF THE GAVEL

Note: This was one of the demonstrations used in the 1945 District FFA Leadership Schools. There is not sufficient space to enable us to include in this Newsletter the FFA Information Contest, and the Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration.

Team should consist of four members, preferably the chapter president and three chapter officers to assist. Participating members should possess poise, good voices, and be able to speak clearly and distinctly.

PRESIDENT: (Stand and face audience before beginning) Our part on this program is to demonstrate the proper use of the gavel, but before we give the demonstration, I will ask Bill Smith to give us a brief history of the gavel.

BILL SMITH: The origin of the use of the gavel is obscure - some think it dates back to Alley Oop, but we question the validity of such an opinion. From here on we will stick to facts and let opinion rest.

The first definition of the gavel is found in A Dictionary of the English Language, published in 1860. The definition was by Joseph Emerson

Demonstrate the Proper Use of the Gavel (continued)

Worcester, who defined the gavel as "a small mallet used by presiding officers to attract attention and preserve order; an emblem of authority."

In 1857, C. W. Philleo, in an article entitled "Akin by Marriage," published in the November issue of the Atlantic Monthly, which, by the way, was Volume I, Number I of this eminent magazine, tells of the place of the church in Puritan New England, and the use of the church sanctuary for holding all meetings for the transaction of public business. For more than 100 years prior to 1857 this had been the practice throughout New England. Meetings were held on week-days, and no part of the meeting house was kept sacred from the world. Philleo states that "even the pulpit itself would have been given up to secular uses, but that, being so lofty, it was found to be an inconvenient position for the moderator's chair. So this important functionary was accustomed, from time immemorial, to take his place in the deacon's seat, below, with the warning of the meeting (this we interpret to be the gavel), the statute-book, and the ballots arranged before him on the communion table, which in course of time became so banged and battered, by dint of lusty gavel-strokes, that there was scarcely a place to put one's finger upon which was not bruised and dented. For in those days of the fierce conflict between the Federalists and the Democrats, the meetings were often noisy and disorderly."

Transaction of public business in the church in Puritan New England has long since ceased to be the practice. However, Philleo in this story gives us a vivid picture of how the gavel was used to govern. It is interesting to note that no mention is made of a gavel-block, but instead the author pointed out how the church communion table had been badly battered and dented through lusty gavel-wielding. (Be seated)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Bill Smith. In this connection, I might add that State Executive Adviser, A. P. Davidson, points out that the early New England Puritans, in not having a block upon which to pound the gavel, were in no worse condition than the Kansas Association of FFA. Mr. Davidson states that the state association has a gavel, but no block to pound upon - nor do they have a communion table.

I will now ask Jim Jones to tell us about the gavel as it relates to the Congress of the United States.

JIM JONES: Edmund Alten, in his book "Among Law-Makers," published in 1866, has the following to say concerning the gavel and its relation to our Congress. "The gavel is a small mallet of ivory with which the presiding officer of the Senate thumps upon his desk to command silence or attention...In the House of Representatives, whose members do not behave as well as those of the Senate, they have a mallet with a long handle to it that will make more noise, and sometimes it reminds me of a blacksmith pounding away at his anvil to see the presiding officer of the House pounding away for dear life, trying to make the Representatives be quiet. In fact, the Speaker's gavel is known in the official parlance of that body as the 'hammer'."

So we observe that in 1866 the Senate had a gavel of ivory, a small one; and the House had a wooden gavel with a long handle. Both bodies used the gavel as a symbol of authority and order. (Be seated)

Demonstrate the Proper Use of the Gavel (continued)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Jim Jones. I will now ask Charles Hill to tell us something of the history of the gavel as it relates to our own Future Farmers of America.

CHARLES HILL: You will be interested to know that each year at our national FFA convention held in Kansas City, the Georgia Association of FFA presents a gavel to the national president of the Future Farmers of America, to be used throughout the convention and thereafter to remain the personal property of the FFA president. The gavel is made of wood taken from a magnolia tree from the farm of the late Honorable Dudley M. Hughes, in memory of two Georgia statesmen, Senator Heke Smith and Honorable Dudley M. Hughes of the House of Representatives, originators of the Smith-Hughes Act - the act of Congress that appropriated funds for vocational education in the United States.

The gavel owned by the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America and used at all official meetings of the state association, was presented to the state association by the Shawnee Mission chapter in 1944. The president of the Shawnee Mission chapter in making the presentation before the House of Delegates read the following message: "The Walnut wood from which this gavel was made was taken from The Old Shawnee Mission in Northeastern Johnson County, Kansas. In this Mission, built in 1837, the first vocational work in the state of Kansas was taught to the Indian children by the Methodist Missionaries. The wood was taken from the enormous Walnut trees, growing on the farm. The first fruit orchard in Kansas was started there.

"Three of the buildings are still standing and are furnished with the same furniture that was used in early days. Those buildings are open to the public and should be visited by every FFA member.

"The Shawnee Mission Chapter takes pleasure in presenting this gavel to the state association. May it be wisely used by our president, to insure justice to all members and special favors to none. If this is done, we feel sure that 100 years from today the FFA will, like the old Mission, be as sound and firm as ever."

It is interesting to note that the Shawnee Mission chapter presented the gavel to the state association with the admonition that it be used to dispense justice to its members, with special favor to none, rather than as a symbol of authority. (Be seated)

PRESIDENT: Thank you Charles. In using the gavel, it should be grasped firmly and used as a symbol of authority, as well as a means of dispensing justice. The manner in which the gavel is used usually reflects the leadership ability of the presiding officer.

I will now demonstrate seven uses of the gavel. (Grasp the gavel firmly, be positive in using same - do not pound, but tap firmly; numbers 1 and 7 are louder taps and much faster than other five used.)

1. As a symbol of authority - several taps.
2. Call meeting to order - 2 taps.
3. Have members stand - 3 taps.

Demonstrate the Proper Use of the Gavel (continued)

4. Have members seated - 1 tap.
5. Motion passed or rejected - 1 tap.
6. Meeting adjourned - 1 tap.
7. When distractions occur - several taps.

In closing, may I suggest that local FFA officers give further study to the correct use of the gavel, and practice using it, so that your meetings will reflect the kind of leadership that makes for successful FFA work.

(Adjourns by tapping table once with gavel.)

- NOTE:
1. Team members will take their positions around a table in a quiet and orderly manner, and be seated.
 2. Each member will rise and face the audience to present his part.
 3. While standing, do not lean on table. Do not place hands in pockets, keep head up and talk to the audience. In using notes, hold the notes to the side so that they will not obscure the speaker's face.
 4. Practice reading clearly and distinctly, with timing and inflection that will best bring out the meaning of the material to be presented.
 5. Substitute the names of your team members for those used in the script.
 6. At the close of the President's demonstration of the use of the gavel, he will adjourn the meeting by one tap of the gavel, and team members will return to their places in a quiet and orderly manner.

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TIMELY BROADCAST

At the Seneca FFA Leadership School, just as the chapter officers, their advisers, and the local Chamber of Commerce guests were ready to begin the "after supper" program, Adviser Lawrence Alwin turned on the radio. Most of the guests wondered why we should have a radio program at this time, since it was not scheduled as a part of the Leadership School program. The station was WIBW, with Gene Shipley announcing. We soon learned that the WIBW staff had been to Seneca to study the FFA cooperative swine project being carried by the Seneca Chapter. We listened to Adviser Alwin explain the project, and heard many members of the local FFA chapter interviewed, relative to their part in the project. The broadcast was made by means of a transcription.

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RAISING CHAPTER FUNDS

As reported by Kenneth Jenson, treasurer of the Effingham Chapter, at the Seneca FFA Leadership School.

The Atchison County Chapter, Effingham, has six ways of raising money for the treasury, as follows: The FFA concession stand, our seed testing program, "The Athlete," concrete hog troughs, annual dues, and the sheep dipping vat.

For a number of years, the FFA boys have run a stand at the County Fair, held here each fall. This year we had unusually good weather for the four days of the fair, and took in \$980.08, and made a profit of a little more than \$400.00. We sold hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and pop. We couldn't locate enough hamburger and had to make a deal to buy a cow and have her slaughtered and ground up, and even then we ran out of hamburger the last night. We were fortunate in securing 225 pounds of wioners and 130 gallons of good ice cream, because of past business. Our coca-cola and pop quota of 160 cases was used up a little early, or we could have done much better.

Our chapter owns a seed germinator and we have a committee selected to do seed testing for farmers, at a charge of 25¢ per sample. Special cards are made out and mailed to the farmers and records are kept in the seed testing book at the school. This brought in about \$30.00 last year.

Our chapter also owns the forms for making concrete hog troughs, and a royalty of 10¢ is charged for each trough made.

"The Atchison County Athlete" is a program put out by our chapter for football and basketball games. We sell ads, locally, and in adjoining towns. These ads, with a line-up of players, and schedules, are printed on attractive yellow sheets and are distributed at each home game. After the printing costs are paid, we usually have from \$30 to \$35 each year to add to our treasury.

We have dues of 35¢, which leaves 15¢ from each boy for the local chapter.

The chapter owns a sheep dipping vat, which was used extensively several years, and this brought in a nice income. During the past war years, due to the shortage of labor, it was not used much, except by a few members for their own sheep.

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As reported by Bob Berrie, treasurer of the Winfield Chapter, at the Harper FFA Leadership School.

The problem of financing the Winfield chapter of Future Farmers of America is a job of all the committees in the chapter. Each committee chairman when working out the activities with his committee, also has his committee set up a budget to cover the activities included. In our Program of Work this year, the chairmen of the different divisions requested

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the following budget:

Supervised Farming - No additional funds needed.	
Cooperative Activities -	\$ 45
Community Service -	\$125
Leadership -	\$ 20
Conduct of Meetings -	\$ 65
Recreation -	\$ 80
General Committee -	\$ 5
Scholarship - No budget requested.	

Total budget requested - \$390

The Earnings and Savings committee allowed \$395 to enable the various committees to put their respective programs into action. The goal of the Earnings and Savings committee is to raise \$1,100 during the year.

The Winfield Chapter has several good projects for raising money. We raised 5 acres of potatoes. Our estimated income from this project this year is \$200. We grew 8 acres of Hybrid seed corn. Both the Hybrid seed corn and potatoes are grown each year. We have all the machinery and equipment necessary for handling the Hybrid seed corn project. This year we purchased a new grader. We estimate the Hybrid seed corn project to net us \$500 this year. Each year we dip approximately 4,000 head of sheep with our portable dipping vat. This activity usually nets about \$200 for the chapter. Each year we dip approximately 1,000 sacks of seed potatoes. This activity usually nets the chapter \$200.

Our chapter has purchased \$1,500 worth of War Bonds, and we plan to purchase a \$500 Victory Bond this year. We have a cash balance in our treasury of \$431.35.

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FFA CITATIONS

War Production Board - "In acknowledgement of meritorious services rendered in behalf of The National Scrap Harvest."

U. S. Treasury - "For distinguished services rendered in behalf of the War Finance Program." Chapters and members purchased more than \$8,000,000 worth of War Bonds....Forty thousand dollars worth of War Bonds were purchased by the national FFA organization....In cooperation with the U. S. Treasury Department, FFA members sold an additional \$8,000,000 worth of War Bonds.

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FARM CENSUS

The 1945 farm census figures reveal that 25,190,000 persons are living on farms in the United States. This is the smallest number of farm residents in the entire 25-year period for which accurate figures are available. Farm-to-city migration has reached the point where serious difficulties lie ahead, unless the trend is reversed, or, at least, halted.

CHAPTER NEWS

COLBY: Officers for the year are: Norman Wood, President; Vyrlo McKee, Vice President; Don Wallace, Secretary; Bernard Barnett, Treasurer; Maurice Sloan, Reporter; and Carl Martin, Sentinel; R. B. King, Adviser....To facilitate collection of dues, we had a dues contest. Vyrlo McKee and Don Wallace were appointed by the president to choose up sides. The side which got their dues in last was to treat the winning side to a hayrack ride. Don Wallace's side won. McKee's group treated us to a hayrack ride Oct. 22.... The freshmen and sophomore vocational agriculture classes have elected officers which help with FFA meetings when the regular officers are absent and also help with the work of the organization....The FFA Leadership School for the Northwest Kansas District was held in Colby, Oct. 17. The Home Ec. girls served the evening meal. A group of sophomores from our chapter took the FFA Information quiz given in connection with the Leadership School. The 5 high boys of this group had a total score just 5 points less than the score made by our officers. The sophomores are rubbing it in the officers for not doing better....To keep our chapter up on FFA news and activities of other chapters and state and national activities, we (the reporter is in charge of this activity) have some member give a review of the current issue of the Kansas FFA Newsletter at each night meeting. A different committee is appointed to draw up a list of questions covering each issue. These are then prepared so a copy may be given to each member. The Newsletters are then placed in the library where each member can study them and secure the answers for the questions. Some time later our adviser prepares a group of questions taken from the list prepared by the committee. These questions are then taken by all members as an information quiz. The member with the highest total score at the end of the year will be given an FFA letter. Also, the chapter is divided into two sides, and the side with the lowest total score on all nine issues of the Newsletter will furnish the refreshments at our first summer night meeting....We plan to hold night meetings on the second Monday of each month and day meetings on Tuesday of each week during activity period. Officers' meetings are held on Thursdays during activity period.

Maurice L. Sloan, Reporter

ABILENE: Officers for 1945-46 are: President - Joe Clononce; Vice President - Bill Sexton; Secretary - Gordon Strunk; Treasurer - Bob Whitehair; Reporter - Jack Dautel; Sentinel - Maurice Flynn....Our chapter sold prairie hay and straw at the Central Kansas Free Fair and made a profit of \$29.00....The FFA is planning to improve the athletic field. We sold hot dogs, gum, candy bars, coffee and pop at the Abilene-McPherson football game and made a profit of \$42.28....We have 6 active members with purebred Duroc gilts which have been furnished by the chapter on shares, and have recently sold 3 to Ray Berndtson, a senior....Kenneth Engle, a former FFA member and winner of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest of 1942 and who has recently been discharged from the U. S. Air Force, was our guest speaker at the regular October meeting....We have 44 students enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year and have sent in dues for 50 members.

Jack Dautel, Reporter

OSBORNE: Officers are: President - Jack Hayes; Vice President - Eugene Rothenberger; Secretary - Everitt Sterer; Treasurer - Clinton Grioves; Reporter - Eldon Thornburg; Sentinel - Bill White. Two of these resigned this fall. Dean Sigle was elected vice president. J. B. Standley was elected reporter....Our Program of Work lists about 89 activities.

J. B. Standley, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

KIOWA: Our chapter officers are: President - Bill Schrock; Vice President - Duncan Circle; Secretary - Tommy Biehler; Treasurer - Dean Garman; Reporter - Vance Allison....Kenneth Nichols was the reporter, but he moved to Anthony....10 of our boys made a trip to the State Fair at Hutchinson....In our shop, a Devolt Radial Arm Saw has been added to the power tools. Guages are on every place of movement, making it simple enough for anyone to operate. ...On most saws, it is generally necessary to swing the material 90° to change from cross cut to rip; on this saw, one can change instantly by releasing a lever and latch, revolve the saw into ripping position where it is firmly and accurately locked into position....When the saw is set for any sawing, it is always accurate.

Vance Allison, Reporter

SENECA: Officers for the coming year are: President - Wayne Heiniger; Vice President - Bob Holthaus; Secretary - Dan Becker; Treasurer - Bob Meyer; Reporter - Jim McBride....Our chapter was host to the northeast Kansas Officers Training School with 10 chapters present....We placed second in the judging contest at the Nemaha County Fair. Al Haverkamp was high individual and Clem Gudenkauf won third place. Victor Tangeman tied for fourth place....Our chapter sponsored a pure-bred Hampshire sale this fall. The average gilt sold for \$68.00 and average boar for \$46.00....We now have for use an outstanding boar from the O'Bryan Ranch of Hiattville, Kansas. This boar has been loaned to us for a year free of charge. Our own herd boar has been siring some outstanding fall pigs. This boar was purchased from Harry Knabe, Nehawka, Nebraska.

Jim Mc Bride, Reporter

EMPORIA: Officers elected in May for the 1945-46 school are: President - William Edwards; Vice President - William Williams; Secretary - James Pearson; Treasurer - Loren Farr; Reporter - Arnold Blahut; Advisor - J. W. Taylor; Sentinel - Edwin Moran....The chapter has purchased "Emporia Low Down," a purebred Duroc boar for our hog breeding program, from W. R. Huston. Arnold Blahut is keeping him....October 16 we initiated 24 boys to the Green Hand Degree....The FFA Harvest Fair was held November 12-14. We had 150 entries. Our chapter had a major share in cooperating with the Farm Bureau Labor Saving Device show held November 6.

OBERLIN: The FFA officers for this year are: President - Keith Barnett; Vice President - Clyde Chambers; Secretary - Keith Alstrom; Treasurer - John Rogers; Reporter - Keith Shaw; Sentinel - Bob Chambers. It looks as if the Keiths have controlling power this year....We have taken in 25 Green Hands this year. With the 36 old members, we have 61 in the chapter this year....15 of the boys in the chapter are getting purebred Duroc Jersey gilts for themselves and together are buying a boar. They will keep the boar in the shed at the school and will bring the gilts to the boar to be bred. They will all contribute a part of the feed for the keep of the boar. Loyd Vernon has been appointed to care for the boar....Several of the boys have bought purebred heifers this year.

Keith Shaw, Reporter

HUGOTON: The following were elected as officers for the year: President - Jerry Mills; Vice President - Donald Kinsor; Secretary - Floyd Crawford; Treasurer - Kenneth Drew; Reporter - Vernon Maupin; Sentinel - Bennie Nir....The chapter's first party was given on Oct. 29, which consisted of going to the show, then a scavenger hunt and a woiner roast....Kenneth Drew, Dean Roper and Vernon Maupin are making livestock squeezes for their Dads, and to sell....Mr. E. D. Chilcott and the agriculture boys are buying hides as a community service, and to earn money for the chapter.

Vernon Maupin, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

INMAN: During the summer, our members collected 5 tons of scrap iron and about 3 tons of paper....23 chapter members took projects to the State Fair at Hutchinson. The boys came back with 39 blue ribbons, 13 red ribbons, and 6 white ribbons, and \$110.75 prize money....At the McPherson County Crops and Garden Show, the Inman FFA won \$21.00 prize money on their entries. At the Marion County Fair, the boys won \$19.00 and at the Harvey County Fair, they won \$15.75....At the Inman Fair the boys won \$58.60 in prize money on their projects. We also had a penny pitch which took in \$32.79....To date, the average investment of the Inman Chapter members is \$485.79.

Walt Neufeld, Reporter

CONCORDIA: We are working hard this year in shop in trying to keep it full of things to do and equipment so that we can get a new ag. building. We are also giving a PTA program to try to get people acquainted with the chapter and the work we are trying to do....The chapter has bought 47 pairs of coveralls, these are white with "Concordia FFA Chapter" written on the back in red letters. All members who had these had to wear them the day of initiation. We also wear them on field trips....The FFA officers have all ordered FFA jackets with the school name on the back....The chapter has put out, on shares, 2 purebred Duroc gilts. The boys receiving them are Floyd Naillieux and Donald Tolstrup....Some of the jobs completed in shop this year are 2 hayracks, 2 wagon boxes, 4 scrapers, 2 feed bunks, 1 hog house, 2 cars overhauled, and numerous small items.

John D. Trost, Reporter

BELOIT: We had our hayrack ride October 17. There were 75 FFA boys and an equal number of Home Economics girls. Tractors and hayracks were used for transportation....A cooperative meeting between Simpson, Glasco and Beloit was held at Beloit on Nov. 12. Both Green H and and Chapter Farmer degrees were conferred.

Melvin Ball, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Officers for the year are: President - Otto Zahn; Vice President - Duane McNeil; Treasurer - Ted Adams; Secretary - Neil Campbell; Reporter - Bernice Bartley; Sentinel - Carl Richards....As a means of earning money for the chapter this year, it was voted that each member would be excused from school one day to work and that he should turn in a part of his earnings to the chapter treasurer. Freshmen were to turn in \$2.00 and upper classmen \$3.00. About \$100.00 was added to the chapter funds in this way. Half of this will be set aside to pay the expenses of a trip to the American Royal next year. The other half is to go for current chapter expenses....Our chapter has 33 different items on its program of work.

Bernice Bartley, Reporter

LEBANON: Chapter officers are: President - Norris Maydew; Vice President - Wyvern Kugler; Secretary - Morse Abbot; Treasurer - Bill Shively; Parliamentarian - Darrel Miller; Sentinel - Bernard Hartman; Adviser - Don Hall....We hold our own achievement day Oct. 5, consisting of all classes of Livestock and Crops exhibits, also a parade down Main Street....We have installed in our shop a new coolant valve refacing machine and are ready to go to work reconditioning valves....The FFA boys and the G.R. cooperated in holding the annual school carnival on Oct. 29 - named it "Victory Jive of '45." G.R. and FFA worked together on it and divided profits equally.

Lloyd Bock, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

EFFINGHAM: Chapter officers are as follows: President - Dick Banks; Vice President - Tommy Figgs; Secretary - Ralph Coder; Treasurer - Kenneth Jensen; Reporter - Alfred Weishaar....Our chapter bought 3 carloads of feeder lambs cooperatively. The lambs were purchased in Texas and shipped here. The lambs were sold on a gate cut. This method of distribution has proved very satisfactory in the years we have purchased these lambs. This year we secured unusually good lambs and they are doing fine....The chapter held a summer picnic. At this meeting, plans were discussed for the fair stand and the buying of feeder lambs. Entertainment consisted of swimming, boating, playing softball. The supper was potluck and pop was furnished from the FFA treasury. ..We plan to hold a Father and Son meeting in November. At this meeting, the Green Hands will be initiated. Chili will be served....This chapter has voted to hold a local FFA Public Speaking Contest. It will be sometime in March. This contest will decide who will represent this chapter in the State Contest. There will also be a contest for the freshmen. Prizes will be given to the boys placing high in the contest.

Alfred Weishaar, Reporter

PARSONS: Local FFA officers for the year are: President - Raymond Nance; Vice President - Don Stutoville; Secretary - Gerald McMillan; Treasurer - Harold Van Cleave; Reporter - Howard Morwarth....We have had a scrap drive to collect scrap iron, old tires, papers, rags, and other vitally needed materials. To collect this scrap, we go to filling stations and other places twice a week. We sell the scrap to a junk yard and put the money in the FFA treasury....As shop projects, 6 boys are building trailers, 1 boy is repairing a disc, 1 boy is repairing a corn binder, 1 boy is repairing a cultipack, and several are repairing harrows...For repairing farm machines, we plan to take the money from the FFA treasury to buy a large farm machine and each boy help repair it in the shop. After the machine is repaired, we will sell it, and put the money back in the treasury....Our achievement in judging, so far, has been that Parsons placed 2nd in the crops judging contest at Chanute....33 members have paid their dues; 17 members purchased manuals; 31 members purchased pins and 19 members purchased parliamentary procedure books.

Howard Morwarth, Reporter

RANDOLPH: Chapter officers are: President - Dewayne Lundberg; Vice President - Veryl Dean Flohr; Treasurer - Leon Benteman; Secretary - Earl DeWyke; Reporter - Billy Specht; Sentinel - Donald Howe; and Student Council Representative - Robert Oberhelman....The Randolph chapter has 38 members....18 of our members took part in the judging contest at Abilene in August. Earl DeWyke placed 4th and Robert Oberhelman placed 9th....Eugene Bergesten, Chapter Farmer of our organization, took 2 Black Angus steers weighing 1,440 and 1,050 lbs. to the Wichita Fat Show. He placed in the blue ribbon class and received 21¢ a pound for each of them....With the cooperation of the Manhattan FFA Chapter and the Men's Club of Randolph, we held a "Blue Valley Beef Day" Nov. 7. The members of the 2 chapters filled in detailed information blanks about each of the 6 herds visited. The Girl Reserves of our school served lunch. Mr. Dan Casement, owner of the Casement Ranch, talked to us about beef cattle....The majority of the members are planning to enter the "Six County Corn Show" at Manhattan, Kansas, Nov. 8, 9, and 10. 30 samples of open-pollinated and hybrid seed corn will be entered....In shop we have completed 3 tractor haybucks, chicken feeders, a tool chest, an ensilage wagon, and a wagon box. We have also done some car-wrecking and repairing....Some of the things accomplished are: butchering, vaccinating and castrating. We ran terrace lines for some of the local farmers. Some picked potatoes for a Community Service Project.

Billy Specht, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

TONGANOXIE: New officers are: President - Delbert Bradley; Vice President - Robert Trieb; Treasurer - Eugene Schultz; Secretary - Harold Denholm; Reporter - Robert Oakson....Our sophomore agriculture class has culled approximately 1,000 hens and pullets this fall....We sponsored a picture show at the annual school carnival, Oct. 26....We initiated 19 new members into the chapter as Green Hands....Members who have purchased purebred and grade livestock are: Curtis Stewart, 3 head of grade Hereford heifers; Ernest Cook, 1 grade Hereford heifer, and Robert Oakson, 1 purebred Milking Shorthorn bull calf....The junior and senior agriculture classes attended the swine school and judging contest at Olathe on Oct. 18. We ranked 1st in the group contest and Harold Denholm, senior, was 2nd high individual and Curtis Stewart was 4th.
Robert Oakson, Reporter

MOVEDRIDGE: Officers are: President - LeRoy Stucky; Vice President - Galen Flickner; Secretary - Orville Goering; Treasurer - Norman Wedol; Sentinel - Clarence Goering....We have 41 boys enrolled in voc. ag. this year....On Sept. 28 we displayed a collective crop and garden exhibit at the McPherson County Garden Crop and Flower show. We placed 2nd on this exhibit....Our junior voc. ag. class started a classproject on Oct. 5. They purchased 4 feeder hogs for this project. They are divided into 2 pens and are being fed comparative rations....Our shop has a new electric bench tool grinder. Projects under construction are - A-type hog houses; large hog feeders; and a poultry shelter house. We find lumber very hard to get this year. We have cleaned around 1400 bushels of wheat this fall.
Melvin Schrag, Reporter

KINSLEY: The following are officers: President - Thomas Means; Vice President - Harold Hainer; Secretary - Floyd Crockett; Treasurer - David Harris; Reporter - Earl Carlson; Sentinel - Marvin Lancaster; Adviser - E. B. Borgelt....On Oct. 28, the Jr. and Sr. Ag. class went to Pratt to the Extension Labor Saving Demonstration. Each school took things that they had made in their shops. The Kinsley chapter took a drill press, a band saw, cross cut saw, lawn mower, and a trailer....Kinsley was host for the southwest District FFA Leadership School on Oct. 18....Our chapter is cooperating with the G.R. in selling hot dogs and candy bars at football games as a means of raising money. Each organization gets half the profit. We have a beautiful 20" x 48" Rising Sun, which was used at our District FFA Leadership School. Many favorable comments were received concerning our Rising Sun, which is placed behind the president's station.
Earl Carlson, Reporter

HAVEN: Officers are: President - Herman Popp; Vice President - Harland Pridle; Secretary - Wayne Harris; Treasurer - Arlyn Tonn; Reporter - Russell Robinson....Members went on a farming program tour. We left school in a bus. All went to Erwin Thalmann's and judged class of sheep. Next we went to Martin Schmidt's and judged dairy cattle. From there, we enjoyed dinner at the river close by. After dinner, we went to Harold Johnson's and judged sheep. Wayne Harris' farm was the next we visited, and judged hogs. From there we went to the George Schlickau farm and judged heifers. We also looked over each farm....The FFA sponsored the first school dance, called the "FFA Harvester." During the evening, the group elected a Harvester Queen....In shop we have painted the sheep dipping vat and are building a dirt scraper, but due to lack of materials, there is not much that can be built....The sophomore class has been drenching sheep and selecting good ewes for the flock. Also, the junior class has been practicing laying out contour lines.
Russell Robinson, Reporter