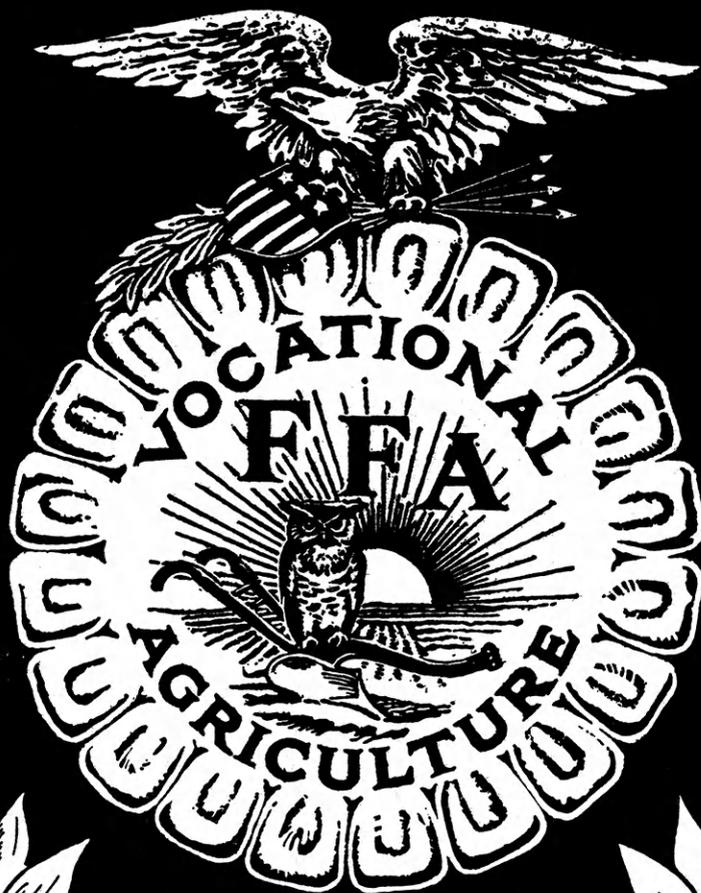


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CAN YOU SAY

Can you say in parting with the day that's slipping  
fast,  
That you helped a single person of the many you have  
passed,  
Is a single life rejoicing over what you did or said,  
Does someone whose hopes were fading now with courage  
look ahead?  
Did you waste the day or lose it?  
Was it well or poorly spent?  
Did you leave a trail of kindness,  
Or a scar of discontent?  
As you close your eyes in slumber  
Do you think that God would say?  
"You have made the world much better  
For the life you've lived today."

--Anonymous

### EVALUATING FFA CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

Each year the state association has the task of evaluating local chapter activity programs and ranking them into broad classification groups. This is an interesting, but difficult task. It is difficult because of the many intangibles involved. However, the state association believes that there are enough factors common to all chapters to enable the evaluating committee to satisfactorily rank the chapters.

In evaluating chapters in Kansas, the local chapter program of work and the achievement report are carefully analyzed by an adult committee. Final rankings are made by a committee comprised of the state FFA officers and members of the state staff.

Following Pearl Harbor, the state association ruled that supplemental materials would not enter into the judging of chapter accomplishment. This rule will hold for the 1946 state FFA chapter contest. However, one will have to admit that supplemental material is of value in substantiating claims of chapters as well as in many cases aiding the judges in forming correct opinions as to achievement standards.

The question is often asked whether all the detail involved in filing a written chapter program and an achievement report is justified. The answer in both cases is yes. In preparing the written chapter program of work the local adviser and chapter members are forced to be definite in their objectives, and the written program avoids misunderstandings because it is always available for reference. The achievement report is a definite check up on failures as well as successes. Both the program of work and the achievement report should be of value in improving the work of the chapter from year to year. The chapter contest offers an excellent means of broadening the perspective of the local FFA adviser and chapter members, and of stimulating a wide range of experience on the part of both. In addition, the participants will develop a sense of community responsibility, will acquire a higher regard for scholarship, and will learn to cooperate by working and playing together.

#### How Chapter Programs Are Ranked

First, the chapter goals set up in the program of work submitted to the state office before November 1 are checked against the accomplishments listed in the achievement report submitted. Second, the scope of chapter goals and accomplishments are checked against the goals included in the state association program of work. Next in order the chapter entry is scored on each of the eight divisions around which chapter programs are built. The scoring committee checks on a list of fundamental activities that properly fall under the various divisions. After checking the eight divisions, the scoring committee turns its attention to items not included in the eight divisions, such as salvage campaigns, sale of bonds and stamps, whether chapter followed recommendations and rules in compiling reports, etc.

#### National Score Card Weightings

The National Organization of FFA gives the following weightings to the eight divisions around which the local chapter program is centered. The judging committee scores each division on the basis of A, B, C, D. The weightings

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are of value only in maintaining perspective. The National chapter score card follows:

	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Execution</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Supervised Practice . . . . .	50	150	200
2. Cooperation . . . . .	40	120	160
3. Community Service . . . . .	40	120	160
4. Leadership . . . . .	30	90	120
5. Earnings and Savings . . . . .	30	90	120
6. Conduct of Meetings . . . . .	20	60	80
7. Scholarship . . . . .	20	60	80
8. Recreation . . . . .	20	60	80
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The following is a listing of some of the points the scoring committee keeps in mind in checking and evaluating chapter achievement under the eight divisions around which the program of work is centered. The list is not complete, and is varied from year to year to comply with national and state FFA objectives.

Supervised Practice:

1. Feed crop grown by Freshmen members.
2. Definite farming program financial goals.
3. High per cent purebred animals - or, quality specified.
4. High per cent certified seed - or, quality specified.
5. Project tour.
6. Improvement practices for each boy.
7. Supplementary practices for each boy.
8. Soil conservation practices a part of planned program.
9. Individual page - setting forth planned and executed program and student activities.
10. Definite production goals for chapter and for individuals.

Cooperation:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Treat seed.</li> <li>2. Test seed.</li> <li>3. Purchasing:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mineral mix.</li> <li>b. Used lumber.</li> <li>c. Medicine for livestock kits.</li> <li>d. Seed.</li> <li>e. Nursery stock.</li> <li>f. Livestock</li> <li>g. Feed.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Marketing:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Livestock</li> <li>b. Wool.</li> <li>c. Fruit.</li> <li>d. Vegetables.</li> <li>e. Plants.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Exhibits; Shop - Fair - School.</li> <li>6. Demonstrations.</li> <li>7. Financing.</li> <li>8. Harvesting crops - planting.</li> <li>9. FFA Library improvement.</li> </ol> |
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Community Service:

1. Part-time classes.

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)Community Service: (continued)

2. Evening classes.
3. Landscaping.
4. Painting public equipment - buildings.
5. Mother-son receptions; father-son and parent-son banquets.
6. Pruning - spraying - culling - soil testing - seed testing.
7. Food Production War Training Program - assist.
8. Pest eradication.
9. Home beautification - landscape, grade and sand roads, paint, etc.

Leadership:

1. Delegates to state and district meetings.
2. State and district FFA contests (public speaking, ritual, FFA Information)
3. State and district officers.
4. State Farmer and American Farmer candidates.
5. FFA officers leadership school - organize, attend.
6. A definitely planned publicity program.
7. Assembly program.
8. Definite plans for degree advancement.
9. Committee responsibility in planning program of work.
10. Committee responsibility in executing program of work.
11. Committee responsibility in reporting chapter achievement (state chapter contest).
12. FFA radio broadcast.
13. Formal installation of officers and formal degree initiations.

Earnings and Savings:

1. Have budget.
2. Purchase war bonds and stamps.
3. Seed treating; hot bed; butchering; feed mixing, etc.
4. Salvage drive - per cent of sale.
5. Farm machinery repair and sale.
6. Dipping sheep; shearing; butchering; mineral mix; etc.

Meetings:

1. Use official FFA paraphernalia.
2. Definite schedule.
3. Special feature planned; alumni - parents - meeting of officer group.
4. Definite plan for officer training.
5. Definite plan for committee assignments and reports.
6. Definite plans for improving Parliamentary procedure and ritualistic performance.
7. Attendance goal set.
8. FFA news items at each night meeting.

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

Scholarship:

1. Have definite scholarship goals.
2. Encourage members to improve grade average:
  - a. National Honor Society.
  - b. School honor roll.
  - c. FFA honor roll.
3. Chapter grade average higher than school grade average.
4. Give recognition for scholarship attainment.

Recreation:

1. Have a definite recreational program as a part of regularly scheduled chapter meetings.
2. FFA tournaments - ping pong, horseshoe pitching, boxing, wrestling, tennis, etc.
3. FFA inter-chapter athletic contests - basketball, ping pong, horseshoe pitching, etc.
4. Overnight camping and fishing parties.
5. Date parties, hikes, etc.

Cooperation with State FFA Program:

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| 1. War effort.       | 6. Farm Accidents.                                 |
| 2. Membership.       | 7. Farm fires.                                     |
| 3. Minimum library.  | 8. Livestock losses.                               |
| 4. FFA Publicity.    | 9. Complete FFA paraphernalia.                     |
| 5. Home improvement. | 10. Use of official secretary and treasurer books. |

The Master Sheet

Following the checking and scoring of the above mentioned items, basic information concerning items given consideration is listed on the Master Sheet for comparison and final ranking of chapters. A copy of the Master Sheet used in the Kansas 1945 chapter contest follows. Basic items listed for chapters indicated as A, B, and C, were taken from the 1945 Master Sheet. Chapter A received the Gold Emblem classification, Chapter B rated a Silver Emblem, and Chapter C received the Bronze Emblem award.

KANSAS 1945 CHAPTER CONTEST - MASTER SHEET

<u>Items Given Consideration:</u>	<u>Name of Chapter</u>		
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
Number of Members	34	34	23
% Membership	109%	118%	87%
% Response Request for News	100%	66 2/3%	100%
State Farmer Candidate (1945)	1	3	1

## Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

Master Sheet (continued)

Items Given Consideration:Name of Chapter

	A	B	C
American Farmer Candidate (1944)			
Public Speaking Entry (1945)	X		
State Officer (1944-1945)			
FFA Leadership School (1944)			
Information Contest - Rank in State	2nd		
FFA Leadership School (1944)			
Information Contest - Rank in District	1st	2nd	5th
FFA Leadership School (1944)			
Ritual Contest - Rank in District	1st	4th	5th
Bonds Purchased: Average Per Member	\$23.81	\$13.58	\$13.75
" " By the chapter	\$200	\$15	\$37
Number of Farm Machines Repaired	41	102	10
Rank in State		3rd	
Pounds of Scrap Collected	24,000		900
Rank in State	5th		
Pounds of Paper Collected	96,000	20,000	350
Rank in State	2nd	5th	
Pounds of Rubber Collected	28,000		55
Rank in State	1st		
Invested in Farming - Avg. per member	\$508	\$473.75	\$235.00
Rank in State	8th		
Chapter Program of Work: Supervised Farm Practice. Scored on basis ABCD	A	B	C+
Chapter Program of Work: Cooperation Scored on basis ABCD	A	C	C
Chapter Program of Work: Community Service. Scored on basis ABCD	A	C+	C
Chapter Program of Work: Leadership Scored on basis ABCD	A	C	C
Chapter Program of Work: Earnings & Savings. Scored on basis ABCD	A	C	C
Chapter Program of Work: Conduct of Meetings. Scored on basis ABCD	A	B	B
Chapter Program of Work: Scholarship. Scored on basis ABCD	A	B	C
Chapter Program of Work: Recreation. Scored on basis ABCD	A	B	C
Followed Recommended Rules in Preparing Report	Yes	Yes	Partly
Rank in 1944 Chapter Contest	Gold	Gold	Bronze
RANK IN 1945 CHAPTER CONTEST	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE

The judges in the state chapter contest in Kansas do not claim to be infallible, and they welcome suggestions and counsel at all times. In addition to the written reports submitted by the local FFA chapters, the judges have first hand information dealing with chapter standards of performance obtained by means of personal visits by members of the state staff. While there is a spirit of friendly rivalry between the local chapters in the state, it is overshadowed by a spirit of cooperation on the part of local chapter advisers and the state staff in an effort to make the chapter contest a means of stimulating individual members to greater all-around development.

## WELCOME HOME - HOOSAKU FURUMOTO

"Hoosaku (Howard) Furumoto, one of the finest FFA members it has been the pleasure of your editor to meet, was just in to bid me good-bye. He is leaving for the army." - From the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, December 15, 1942. Hoosaku Furumoto was president of the Hawaiian Territorial Association of Future Farmers of America in 1940, represented that association as a delegate at the 1940 national convention, and placed third in the national FFA public speaking contest of that year. At the time of his enlistment in the armed forces he was enrolled in veterinary medicine at Kansas State College.

On January 25, 1946, 2nd Lieutenant Hoosaku Furumoto, on terminal leave, called on your editor to pay his respects. We visited at considerable length, and because he volunteered for a dangerous and hazardous mission which contributed much to the cause of freedom, we want to tell you about his service record.

Howard enlisted in army intelligence December 12, 1942, and was sent to Camp Savage, Minnesota for his basic training. After completing the military intelligence school at Savage, he was sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, to receive basic infantry training. Upon completion of this training program he was returned to Camp Savage, where he volunteered for Merrill's Marauders.\* He embarked for the CBI theatre on September 21, 1943. Merrill's Marauders consisted of a unit composed of volunteers from all over the United States, and of veterans of the SW Pacific. The volunteers sailed from Fort McArthur, California, and stopped by New Caledonia and Brisbane to pick up units of veterans who had volunteered to join the unit. They proceeded to a place approximately 100 miles south of Agra (the cite of the Taj Mahal) for intensive jungle training. Jungle training consisted of learning how to find one's way through tangled forests, how to march silently, how to cover up one's tracks, how to recognize landmarks in the jungle. They learned how to infiltrate, river crossing with full equipment, column development, camouflage, and marching in the dark. In short, the Marauders were trained for jungle fighting which is a matter of quick, close encounters, where a man's life hangs on his cunning and skill.

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\* - "To the list of World War II specialists in close combat - Edson's and Carlson's Marine Raiders, British Brigadier Orde Charles Wingate's Raiders, Mountbatten's Commandos, U. S. Army Rangers - another was added last week. It was Merrill's Marauders, first U. S. Foot soldiers to fight on the continent of Asia.....All joined up after a Presidential call for volunteers 'for a dangerous and hazardous mission'.....From Ledo last month they began their 100 mile circle march to the rear of the Japanese concentrations at Maingkwan, averaging 20 miles a day down crude trails Kachin tribes of Burmese had hacked many years ago. To avoid ambush, greatest terror of jungle warfare, intelligence and reconnaissance squads always patrolled the trains ahead of and behind their columns.....They slept on the ground, each man under two blankets and a poncho, pestered by continuous rains and leeches. Last week they were repaid for all their discomforts, all their meticulous training: the stunned Japs were completely surprised to find U. S. troops throwing a road block across their only supply line in the Hukawng Valley." - TIME MAGAZINE, March 20, 1944.

## Welcome Home - Hoosaku Furumoto (continued)

The organization of the Merrill's Marauders was unique in that it was composed of 6 combat teams. A combat team was equivalent to approximately one-half of a battalion, or approximately 500 men. This was the plan of organization used in the North Burma area.

The North Burma jungles, according to Howard, are more formidable than those in India. In India you can penetrate the jungle at various places, but in north Burma you are always trail-bound. Most of the rivers are sluggish, but not the Irrawaddy. This river is about 300 yards wide, fairly rapid, cold and treacherous. The terrain of the Burma jungles was mainly mountainous. In such jungle terrain, every line of communication is a life line - rivers, rail, and roads run in a north-south direction. The only lateral communications are trails, footpaths, a few cart tracks, and dirt roads - usable only in dry seasons.

Training for jungle fighting was completed January 29, 1944. In early February, the outfit moved into Burma over the famous Lodo road, by means of forced marches. They moved at night under complete darkness, covering a distance of from 12 to 20 miles each night. The Lodo road was still under construction, so they did not have the best of footing. Equipment of the different units varied in accordance with the function of the unit. Howard, being in intelligence and reconnaissance, had to patrol ahead and behind the columns. He chose the M-1, which is the Girand rifle, for his principal defense weapon. The M-1 is semi-automatic.

The Marauders were to take the enemy by complete surprise, therefore all training and travel into action was held under the strictest secrecy. Theirs was a secret, dangerous adventure, and every man knew that there would be times when anyone sick, wounded, or unable to keep in line, would have to be left behind. At this time, the Chinese 22nd and 38th divisions were pushing the Japs back through Taipaga, and the strategy of the Marauders was to out-flank the enemy on the east and envelope the enemy from the rear.

The first meeting of the Marauders and the Japs occurred at Walawbum, a small native village in north Burma, sometime in early March, 1944. The element of surprise was so great, and the skill of the jungle trained fighters was so formidable, that the Japs lost 800 killed, while the Marauders suffered a casualty of 7 killed and 37 wounded. After this encounter, the Japs always referred to the Marauders as a "phantom division" - because they were striking everywhere. In reality, the Marauders were only a regiment. The strategic airfield at Myitkyina was captured May 7, 1944, and the Marauders were disbanded about two weeks later.

Howard was evacuated to the 14th evacuation hospital near Lodo, where he was treated for malaria and dysentery. He had both dysentery and malaria for more than a month before the capture of the airfield at Myitkyina. He remained in the hospital the month of June during the monsoon season. During this time the thermometer ranged from 95-100 degrees, with a humidity of 100% (this last is the editor's guess). Upon his release from the hospital, Howard was sent back to Myitkyina where he was attached to the Myitkyina task force. On the second day after his arrival, he came down again with malaria, was hospitalized in a local hospital, and released in 5 days. After serving a month here, the interpreters were called to Lodo where they were placed on

## Welcome Home - Hoosaku Furumoto (continued)

detached service for temporary duty. Howard was sent to New Delhi early in September, 1944. During four months spent at this station he was hospitalized frequently, due to the recurrence of malaria. At this time, Howard had high hopes of being sent home with a detachment of patients, but orders came through for him to report to the China theatre.

In China he spent two and one-half months with the Chinese combat command in Kunming. He was next transferred to theatre headquarters in Chungking, and there placed on temporary duty with the Office of Strategic Service. At this time, Howard received a field commission of 2nd Lieutenant. He remained with the OSS approximately four months. Next he did a stretch of temporary duty in the Liuchow area, about 140 miles northwest of Canton. From this time until Howard was sent to the mainland, most of his time was spent riding airplanes between various headquarter groups, serving as interpreter. Howard is proficient in the English and Japanese languages, and knows a smattering of Chinese, Burmese, and Hindustani.

Howard's job while with his unit of Merrill's Marauders was to go out on reconnaissance patrols, and to cut in on enemy telephone communications. At nights he would go out on listening posts where he would listen to open conversation of the enemy. He also translated all captured enemy documents on the spot.

The Marauders subsisted on K rations all during the north Burma campaign. There were supplied by air.

The weather was very rainy while they climbed the Kumon range of mountains, and the climbs were very steep. Occasionally one of the sure-footed mules would slip and fall over the mountain side - this was the end of the mule. When a mule got killed or crippled, that meant he would wind up in Mule Steak - a pleasant change from K rations, according to Howard.

Leeches were the most irritating jungle animals encountered, with the sand flea ranking next in order.

While with the OSS, Howard headed the Black propaganda section. Black propaganda as distinguished from White propaganda, means propaganda that is put out by the Americans but is counterfeited so that it appears to be released from enemy headquarters. In order to handle this job, Howard had to train three of the enemy POWs.

Howard never got seasick nor airsick, which was fortunate. He is physically O.K. now, and will be glad to hear from his former FFA friends.

Howard left Shanghai for the states October 23, 1945. At Calcutta he boarded the Marine Devil on November 23, and arrived at Tacoma, Washington on December 20. He was permitted to debark on Christmas Eve.

Howard could hardly wait until he got back to Minnesota. He arrived there January 5, 1946, and on January 15, 1946, he married Miss Viola Ferris, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a medical technician graduate of the University of Minnesota, whom he had met during his training period at Camp Savage. Mr. and Mrs. Furumoto are living at 1701 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas. Howard has resumed his studies in Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State College.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE NEBRASKA FFA NEWSLETTER

Columbus: The last FFA meeting of the school year is much looked forward to in our chapter. It is our annual FFA Award Night.

Neligh: A required shop project for each FFA member is an individual sign board with the boy's name and his special project as "purebred Jerseys" or "Certified Pawnee Wheat." These signs are used at the Junior Fair and on their home farms....Our chapter sponsored an FFA chorus last year. The twelve members wore FFA jackets, and blue trousers.

Auburn: Three FFA members put on a demonstration on "how to handle livestock." It was put on at the local community sale barn on the day of a large sale....All project record books that are neat and accurate are autographed by the town's leading banker....The retiring FFA officers assist in training and assisting the newly elected officers for a period of two weeks.

Nebraska City: One of our annual recreational activities is a hay rack ride. Real horses, not tractors, are used. The girl friends are invited.

Crete: We have a downtown window display all during the school year. This display is changed every two weeks.

DeWitt: On our FFA project tour we select the four outstanding projects. Our News Reporter, in cooperation with the local editor, writes up the story of these projects, and it then is published in the local paper.

Elkhorn: Our chapter spends one day of the Christmas vacation working in the ag. shop. We build feed bunks, hog houses, and such articles for farmers. They pay us for this work. The money is put into the FFA Treasury.

Fairbury: Each year we have one FFA meeting to which the public is especially invited. This helps to keep the public informed about the FFA. Last year over 500 attended this meeting.

Gothenburg: Our chapter has a revolving project loan fund. Any member recommended by the loan committee may borrow from this fund.

Seward: We give every member an FFA manual. We encourage him to build an FFA file in his "Ag" Library.

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GREENLEAF CHAPTER CHARTERED

On January 18, 1946, the state association issued charter number 191 to the Greenleaf chapter of 14 members. The officers of the new chapter are:

President - Clifford McGrath  
 Vice President - George Talbot  
 Secretary - Donald Diederich  
 Treasurer - Donald McGrath  
 Reporter - Jerry L'Ecure  
 Adviser - Olin Sandlin

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NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS EXTEND INVITATION TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN

The National Officers of the Future Farmers of America were highly honored while they were in Washington for the spring meeting of the National Board of Trustees and the Leadership Training Conference. Perhaps the most significant honor was their meeting with the President of the United States. An invitation was extended President Truman to attend the Victory Convention of the FFA which will be held at Kansas City, Missouri, October 20 to 24, 1946. President Truman stated that he hoped that he would have the privilege of accepting the invitation.

A dinner was given the officers by the editors of the Farm Journal. The dinner was followed by a round-table discussion of rural problems...The American Institute of Cooperation gave a dinner for the boys. Emphasis at this dinner was placed on the relationship between the FFA and farm cooperatives...The officers were invited to the offices of the National Grange for a discussion of current problems. A banquet by Grange leaders followed. ...The Boy Scouts of America invited the National FFA Officers to New York for a get-together with the national officials of the Scouts. Many questions were asked by the Scout officials concerning the FFA, and it was agreed that there were many ways in which Boy Scouts and Future Farmers can work together in rural America. At a recognition dinner at the Biltmore Hotel given in honor of youth organizations that were active in the production of Victory Gardens, a medal was presented to Eugene Starkey, representing the Future Farmers of America, in honor of the thousands of Victory Gardens that were grown by members of the organization...The National FFA Camp will open June 1 and will close September 10. A charge of 50¢ per night for FFA members will be made. George Washington's Old Grist Mill will be open to the public during the month of April and will be kept open as long as demand justifies keeping a guide on duty.

In addition to the regular business, the National Officers devoted much time to certain phases of leadership training. The week proved to be very interesting and inspirational for the National Officers of the Future Farmers of America.

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FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

During the past year a new youth organization has come into being - the Future Homemakers of America. The FHA is a national organization for high school students in homemaking. The plan of organization is patterned very closely after that of the Future Farmers of America. More than 100,000 members have enrolled in the 44 states and Hawaii. Approximately 2,500 chapters have been chartered. Myrtle Hilton, a high school student of home economics of Tiptonville, Tennessee is president of the national organization. Deania Burnworth, a high school student of home economics of Independence, Kansas, is one of the 11 vice-presidents of the Future Homemakers of America. The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America extends greetings and best wishes to this new youth organization.

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CHAPTER NEWS

FRANKFORT: We have 48 members in the FFA organization. The following are the officers for this year: President - Gabriel Gunther; Vice President - John David Fansher; Secretary - Willard Tilley; Treasurer - William Gose; Reporter - Fred Morton, Jr.; Sentinel - Bob Jones....Our first meeting after school started was an invitation to a watermelon feed for the Green Hands. After the feed and business was finished, the gym was used for basketball and games....The pest eradication contest which was just completed, ran for a period of 30 days. The following pests were turned in: 1,250 cotton tail rabbits; 94 jack rabbits; 3 crows; 13 coyotes; 21 starlings; 694 sparrows; 247 mice; 162 rats. Our high point boy was Bob Griffith. As a prize he was awarded a box of shotgun shells. The losing side puts on a feed next meeting....Frankfort is putting on the northwest district poultry judging contest on February 23....More interest is being shown this year in our farmers' night school. The shop is filled to capacity almost every night. Some 30 members are paying a two dollar fee for a twenty night course. Seven tumble bugs, post hole augers, mowing machines and many other articles are being made or repaired.

Fred Morton, Jr., Reporter

ATCHISON COUNTY: Friday, January 11, the FFA boys, under the leadership of our adviser, Mr. Jensen, presented our annual assembly program in the high school auditorium. It was a short one-act play entitled, "Let The Wedding Bells Ring." This same play was presented at the annual meeting of the Farmers Union Elevator at Lancaster, Kansas, Saturday, January 26....The FFA Public Speaking Contest of the northeast Kansas district will be held at Effingham on April 12. We have 3 boys entering this contest, and we hope to have one represent our chapter at the state contest....Our annual Green Hand initiation was held in December. Chili was served, and entertainment consisted of several basketball games between the members and their dads.... We plan to have our Parent and Son Banquet February 27....The Texas feeder lambs purchased cooperatively by the chapter last fall have been doing nicely and several of the members have marketed their lambs to a good advantage. Some of our members are holding until after February 1, in order to take advantage of the higher subsidy.

Alfred Weishaar, Reporter

HORTON: To aid the sale of Victory Bonds, the Horton Chapter conducted a successful Bond Drive, according to Dale Ellingson and James Gaskell, who were on the committee appointed to handle the sales. \$1350 worth of bonds have been sold, \$200 of these to FFA members. The members set a goal of one bond per member....The chapter is holding a pest eradication contest....At an all school party sponsored by the FHA, the chapter gave two short stunts which were appreciated by those present....The chapter has ordered 100 pounds of cattle grub control dust. We plan to sell this to members in desired smaller quantities and to any farmer who wishes to purchase it....The chapter gave a \$3.00 gift to the American Legion's "Gifts for Disabled Serviceman." Dale Ellingson, James Gaskell, Leonard Schesser, Keith Campbell selected the gift....On November 26 we had our first annual project tour in which we visited 17 projects....The tour lasted all day and consisted of hog and beef cattle judging in which Leonard Schesser, James Gaskell, Eugene Winterscheidt, Dale Ellingson, Donald Higley and Keith Campbell ranked highest. In a weight guessing contest, Leonard Schesser and Dale Ellingson did the best scoring.

Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

ABILENE: Our annual pest eradication contest ended January 3. Jim Lantz won first place with 5,345 points and received \$3.00; Willard Davis won second with 2,465 points and received \$2.00; Merlin Moorman won third with 2,275 and received \$1.00; Harry Faelber won fourth with 2,175 points and received \$1.00; and Leroy Hoffman won fifth with 1,925 points and received 50¢. The following pests were killed: 384 sparrows, 616 mice, 314 jack rabbits, 54 rats, 34 opossums, 7 moles, 7 crows, 11 hawks, 5 gophers, and 5 coyotes....Our chapter put a purebred Duroc gilt out on shares to Kenneth Dawson. We also sold two purebred Durocs to Bill Henry from the Minneapolis FFA Chapter....We cleared \$65.20 by selling pop, hot dogs, and pencils. We paid \$145.00 on a note at the Farmers National Bank, which completed payment for purchase of three purebred Duroc gilts. We are now selling garden seed which we received from the Hygrade Seed Co....The FFA held a skating party at the Pla-Mor Roller Rink on January 14....Dr. F. W. Jordan, a charter member of the Beloit Chapter and recently discharged from the Army, was our speaker at the regular FFA meeting on January 8. He talked on diseases of livestock....We recently received some new shop equipment from Camp Phillips, Jack Dautel, Reporter

COLEBY: Our reporter, Maurice Sloan, was rather seriously injured recently when a piece of hot iron that he was shaping flew from the tongs and struck him in the eye, seriously scorching the eyeball and the lower eyelid and also cutting the eyeball slightly. We are informed that his eye will not be permanently injured....Our Rodent Control Contest ended January 3, with Don Wallace's team, The Wallace Dead Eyes, ahead by a wide margin. Vyrle McKee's team, McKee Protection Incorporated, furnished the refreshments at our January night meeting. The following numbers of rodents were brought in: 55 prairie dogs; 66 cottontail rabbits; 151 coyotes; 199 skunks; 254 mice; 1300 jack rabbits; and 1723 sparrows. The average number of rodents brought in per member was slightly over 125....A joint meeting with the Goodland Chapter is planned for the near future. The Goodland chapter will raise the eligible Colby Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer degree at the meeting. Don Friesen, Reporter

PARSONS: Initiation for Green Hands and Chapter Farmers was held January 22. Green Hand initiates were: A. W. Caros, Carl Doan, Robert Dickerson, Dale Dodson, Keith Goldke, Carl Hampsher, Ray Havlind, Paul Heady, Eldon Marshall, Jay McMillan, Leon Sturgeon, James Smith, Billy Gullott, Gerald McMillan, John Moier, Don Spriggs, Kenneth Baker, and Harold Van Cleave. The Chapter Farmer initiates were: Jack Aitken, Jack Amrine, Edward Blackburn, Howard Merwarth, Thomas Murphy, Jack Shaffer, Don Stuteville, Alfred Volmer, Jimmy Wiggins, Sammy Strathe, and Curtis Ladage....For recognition of good scholarship, an honor roll is kept in the classroom. A 25¢ war stamp is given to the high boy from each class....For community service we helped a needy family at Christmas time....To salvage scrap we go around to the filling stations and various other places where scrap iron and tires are saved for us. We sell the scrap....We plan to buy the iron and make a fresno in the shop. Each boy will help work on it. We will sell the fresno, and put the money in the FFA treasury....Verland Dringenberg was high point man in our pest eradication contest. The number of pests eradicated was: sparrows, 611; jack-rabbits, 60; crows, 16; black birds, 55; mice, 296; and rats, 325.

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Horse sense is something a horse has that keeps him from betting on people.

## Chapter News (continued)

BELOIT: On Monday, December 17 at 7:00 the Beloit FFA Chapter held its fourth annual stag turkey feed in the home economics room at the high school. And when you say feed you really mean feed. If you have ever seen a group of farm boys you know it takes plenty to satisfy their stomachs. Altogether this group of about 66 members and men consumed a pheasant, 40 pounds of turkey and all the trimmings, and the remains of the local adviser's prize 15 pound catfish which he caught this summer and prized highly.... Johnny Prewett, Robert Fobes are on the first team high school basketball squad this year. Our chapter now has 66 members, the highest in the history of our chapter.... Jackie McInroy, Johnny Murray and Dale and Edward Specht have shipped their deferred feed steers to the K.C. market. Picture's are being taken of farming programs in preparation for the activity report.

Molvin Ball, Reporter

SHAWNEE-MISSION: We have been experimenting with home made cement blocks. We made our own forms and mixed the concrete with our own power mixer which we purchased this year. We are trying to cut down the cost of building for our own members.... March 5 our chapter is giving an "Open House" for the Shawnee-Mission Co-operative Club which will include shop and class demonstrations. We will entertain about 300 people. Frank Hudson, our program chairman, has charge of our program for the evening.... Our Pop Corn Committee headed by Ernest Mason is winding up the sale of the pop corn which we raised on our own plot of ground. Our 3/4 acre yielded us about 300 pounds of pop corn which we sacked and sold at fifteen cents a pound. This will net us about \$45.... Our Swine Project Committee headed by Joe Sims has been pricing registered sows and gilts. We plan to let different members of the chapter keep the sow for a project on a share-of-litter basis with the chapter.... We held our annual Christmas Party December 20 at the Legion Hut at Overland Park, Kansas. The admission was one can of food which was put in baskets and shipped overseas.... We have 20 boys out for the FFA basketball team. They started the season by defeating St. Joseph's team 39 to 28.

Lewis Cole, Reporter

INMAN: The following are the officers: President - John Smith; Vice President - Marlow Ediger; Secretary - Ernie Wiens; Treasurer - Henry Neufeldt; Reporter - Walt Neufeld; Sentinel - Roy Ensz; Program Chairman - Oscar Willems; Act. Program Chairman - Howard Schierling.... The FFA boys making the all-school honor roll for the 1st semester are: John Smith, Menno Ediger, Milferd Penner, Willis Harder, Donald Johnson, Vernon Pauls, and Willie Regchr.... We plan a roller skating party sometime in the near future.

Walt Neufeld, Reporter

LEBANON: Wyvern Kugler, our vice president, has gone to Kanorado for his health. He will complete his high school work out there.... The FFA is operating a very successful "pop" stand at basketball games.... Most of the membership attended Albrecht's Duroc sale at Smith Center Feb. 5. A judging contest was held prior to the sale. Winners received cash credits to be applied on any purchase they make at the sale.... The FFA helped sponsor the March of Dimes. \$14.30 was raised in the high school.... The chapter presented an assembly program on Jan. 8.

Lloyd Bock, Reporter

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A boaster is a person with whom it is no sooner done than said.

## Chapter News (continued)

VALLEY CENTER: The FFA boys went on a field trip, castrated 2 boars and butchered a big old sow for one of the boys. We killed, scalded, scraped and cut in half, and were back to town in less than two hours.... James Grandfield, a sophomore boy, bought another P.B. Ayrshire heifer. He now has 4 heifers and a bull, all Pure Bred. He also has 2 brood sows and 17 pigs, 13 feeder steers and 2 horses.... We gave a chapel program for the school Feb. 8.... We have had our Adult Farmer meetings in the shop 7 to 10 o'clock Monday and Wednesday nights of each week.... We have overhauled several motors, cars, tractor, garden plow, built 1 hog house (A type), built a hay rack for baled hay, and made 10 hog troughs out of discarded hot water pressure tanks.... We plan to hold a stock show this spring.

Robert Halcy, Reporter

EMPORIA: Our chapter finished our pest contest with the total of 12,267 points. The losing team entertained the winning team with a chili feed on December 20. We oiled 25 sets of harness during Harness oiling week, from January 28-31. Mr. Taylor and 6 members went to a sheep and swine production meeting at Council Grove on January 5. The freshman boys mixed 125 pounds of gopher poison for the Lyon County Farm Bureau. Our chapter is cooperating with the Farm Bureau in the cattle grub spraying program.

Arnold Blahut, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: At our January meeting, Carl Fitzgerald, manager of the Co-Op Milk Plant of Arkansas City gave a very interesting talk on "What the Co-op Does.".... Our chapter has been practicing basketball. Our first game was with the Winfield FFA chapter.... The afternoon agriculture class attended the Extension Dairy meeting at the Home National Bank. Our chapter started on the "Cattle Grub Control" in January.

Jesse Mishler, Reporter

HUGOTON: We are sponsoring an old clothes drive in which the clothes will be shipped to the foreign countries. Our goal is three thousand pounds.... We are planning to attend the Manhattan judging contests.... One way of raising money for the chapter is by building prefabricated motor houses for the gas company. These buildings are easily assembled and go together fast.... We are having a V.A. and FFA banquet February 21.

Vernon Maupin, Reporter

TONGANOXIE: We initiated 18 Chapter Farmers, which makes a total of 20 Green Hands, 18 Chapter Farmers, and 1 State Farmer in our Chapter.... Our shop has received a new supply of lumber for the first time in 2 years.... There have been 5 purebred Holstein calves purchased lately by members and former members of our chapter.... Members of the chapter have been making concrete hog troughs in shop as a money making project, and as a service to hog growers.... Our chapter basketball team played the Lawrence chapter an exciting game, which we won.... We are preparing to cooperate with the Jayhawk chapter in a District Crops Contest this spring.

Bob Oakson, Reporter

LYNDON: For our father and son banquet, we have purchased a steer, now on full feed. Our chapter will furnish from this steer the meat for the all-school banquet this spring.... We have 100% membership in our chapter, and will initiate the Green Hands in the near future.... The members are feeding five calves for the Royal this fall and five boys are working on speeches for a public speaking contest in April.... The chapter has purchased a complete new outfit of FFA officers equipment.

Marvin Criqui, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

BURLINGTON: The officers of the Burlington Chapter for this year are: President - Everett Giesy; Vice president - Wayne Keith; Secretary - Jimmy Levering; Treasurer - J. D. Orear; Reporter - Clarence Scharff.... We initiated 18 Green Hands in November, and have a total membership of 36. We have a chapter basketball team and have played several games. We have made about \$60.00 by having 1/2 interest in the concession at high school basketball games....Our Parent-Son banquet is scheduled for the first week of March. We are planning a livestock judging contest for February 4.

Clarence Scharff, Reporter

MILTONVALE: The chapter voted to start a pest eradication contest the 25th of January and continue it until March 1....The chapter invited the Clay Center chapter to have a joint meeting with us on Feb. 6. Chapter Farmers were initiated....Seed germination has been started. We are testing seed for the students and farmers of the community....Our chapter bought surplus war materials from the Sunflower Ordnance Works....Several projects are being built in shop, including a machinery trailer and a scrap iron rack.

Eldon Shannon, Reporter

ELDORADO: Bob Bellar, our vice president, has purchased 2 registered Ayrshire heifers, a 2 year old and a yearling, and Donald McLaughling purchased a yearling from the Unruh Brothers at Hillsboro. Bill Baker bought a Registered cow and bull calf at the Jess Riffle sale at Enterprise....Our junior class attended the District Sheep meeting held in Eldorado on Jan. 17th....One of our members had a litter of 8 S.P.C. pigs that averaged 56 lbs. at 56 days....We are entering the Hoards Dairyman and National Duroc picture judging contests. We have held one night meeting each month....In our shop we have constructed 1 large self feeder for hogs, 2 A-type hog houses, 4 six-foot chicken feeders, and we are starting our fifth livestock loading chute. We have butchered 16 pigs and 2 beeves.

Harold Anderson, Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: On the Thursday evening before Christmas 50 boys and girls enjoyed a rootin' tootin' real Christmas party. Every one ate popcorn and all the various types of nuts. We played several games including a Santa Claus making contest. Couples were given bits of cotton and cloth, a needle and thread and buttons with which to make their Santa. The winning Santa was one with a pack on his back. Then the real Santa came in, bringing the letters which Don Figgs, the secretary, had collected from us. Santa read these, and then said he would try to fill our orders. After singing several Christmas songs, we opened our presents. We all feel that we made the best of our Christmas season which only comes once a year....The chapter's basketball teams played the high school teams. We came out on the short end of the score. We made \$10.00....We are now preparing samples of grain and collecting grass and weeds of various types for the Crops Contest which is to be held here February 23....Plans are under way for a Father and Son Banquet March 15....Shop open house, in which each boy operates one machine in demonstration for the parents was held Monday night, February 4....14 Green Hands were initiated January 30....In the shop the boys have made six wagon boxes and are now making a farrowing house which will accommodate two sows.

Alden Loomis, Jr., Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

RANDOLPH: We have had a scrap iron drive in which we collected three tons of iron and we gathered about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons of waste paper the same afternoon.... Our organization had a wolf hunt January 1, but it seems as though the wolves were just too smart for us.... We have been keeping charts on the feeding of 7 lots of beef steers in the community and finding how much it costs to produce 100# gain per steer.... The no. 10 class has been judging some beef steers, which average about 1,000# and were going to be shipped soon.... Our chapter is holding a night school for the benefit of the local farmers.... Now shop equipment includes a chain-hoist, acetylene welder, and plumbing tools.... Shop jobs consist of the following: building 2 loading chutes, lawn mower, "A" type hog house, trailer, wagon box, milk stools, milk bottle holder, tool boxes, a table, put in universal joints, valve springs, speedometer cable, glass, made chisels, punches, wheel barrow, welded bumpers, tightened rods on a car and timed automobiles.

Billy Specht, Reporter

ALTAMONT: Our officers for the year are: President - Harold Lansdowne; Vice President - Floyd Bradbury; Secretary - Eldon Mosler; Treasurer - Dale Tanner; Reporter - Alan Thomas; Sentinel - Charles Adamson.... Our adviser, Mr. E. B. Zahn, was discharged from the Army in November, and started teaching on November 26. We were without an adviser until Mr. Zahn came.... We have an active membership of 55. We have our chapter meetings weekly. Mr. Lee Williams, vocational agriculture shop instructor, has been made an honorary member of the chapter.... Our adviser took 15 FFA boys to Cherryvale on December 14 to participate in the FFA Boxing Tournament. Three of the five boys who boxed won their bouts.... We have two beef steers on full feed and will sell them to the school cafeteria when they are finished.... Our chapter has a swine project of twenty head of Chester White hogs and a sheep project consisting of 23 Shropshire sheep.... The agricultural fields and pasture have been limed. We are conducting purity and germination tests for the farmers of the community.

Alan Thomas, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: Our junior vocational agriculture class finished their swine fattening project on December 21. They made a profit of \$38.84. Their average feed cost per 100 pounds of pork was just a little over \$10.00. Eight hogs were used in the project.... We completed our pest eradication contest on January 3. During the contest we killed the following pests: 179 mice; 86 rats; 508 starlings; 1263 sparrows; 15 crows, and 1 gopher.... We had Green Hand initiation on December 15 for 15 new members.... We are scheduled to hold a district poultry judging contest on March 23.... One of our members, Homer Gehring, recently sold his Angus steer at \$15.10 per hundred for a total of \$145.47.... We have had several sound films shown in our department this year. We recently saw the film, "Pork on the Farm."

Melvin Schrag, Reporter

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I used to think I know I know  
 But now, I must confess,  
 The more I know I know I know,  
 I know I know the less!

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## Chapter News (continued)

HILL CITY: We are just completing our pest eradication contest, with a lot of interesting results. There have been a great deal more coyotes, skunks, rats, sparrows, rabbits, and fur bearing animals than any other year. We are offering awards for highest, next highest, and third highest. The awards will be chenille and felt FFA emblems size 6"....Our vice president, Everett Harvey, was voted the most popular boy in high school.... Our FFA boys are really getting started in purebred Durocs. Bill Worcester, Laverne Davis (sophomores) and Lynn Blazek (freshman) all bought bred registered gilts from Mr. Ralph Shulte at Little River, Kansas. We have played two basketball games with Wakeeney, loosing both. We would like to schedule volley ball games with other FFA chapters....We purchased 25 T-shirts, white with the FFA emblem and chapter printed on them. All were sold in 30 minutes....We have completely overhauled three model-A motors and one chassis. Andy Meyers has completed two 14' x 36" feed bunks to be used on the dairy farm. Andy is getting a nice start in Holsteins. ...To date we have treated 275 head of cattle for grubs. We butchered two beeves. One had been treated, and the other had not. The treated animal had no sign of warbles, the second had 23 we could detect. Arlin Sandlin and Charles Worcester took their deferred steers to Kansas City and did very well financially. Arlin took sick and had to stay down there one week.

Allen Riggs, Reporter

HAVEN: The audit of our record books discloses the following information concerning the farming programs of in-school members of our chapter. The 37 in-school members have a combined net worth of \$28,167, for an average of \$760.00 per member....We produced 3672 bushels of wheat, of which 2872 bushels were certified Pawnee and were sold to Kansas farmers for seed. We produced 17,550 pounds of pork, 8,400 pounds of beef, 7,700 pounds of mutton, 1025 pounds of wool, 1045 pounds of poultry, 465 bushels of milo and other crops in smaller quantities....Our chapter has purchased bronze letters and constructed a display panel for the chapter room to be called the FFA Hall of Fame. The purpose of the panel is to honor our State Farmers and American Farmers. The initial cost of lettering and name panels was \$24.50....Pests killed in our pest eradication contest included 27 coyotes, 78 crows, 231 rabbits, 205 sparrows, 45 pigeons, 190 mice, 17 rats, 37 gophers and 58 starlings. Except for the coyotes, we are not so proud of our record....Green Hands initiated at our February 1 meeting were Tommy Haines, Billy Geffert, Jimmie Collins, Junior Guhl, Kenneth Carr, Robert Headings, Walter Redd, Richard Hinners, Francis Schoopf, Merle Oldenettel, Glen Beardmore, Warren Conner, and Robert Norris....Our shop has been like a beehive all year. Shop projects now under construction include the following: two hay feeders for sheep; three grain feeders for sheep; five tractor fresnos or "tumblebugs"; two step ladders; one feed bunk for silage; one forge; one welding table; two portable loading chutes; one trailer with stock rack; two hog troughs eight-feet long; three clothes line frames of three-inch pipe; two all metal feed bunks; one whirlwind mower; two large chests; three roofed salt boxes for PTZ powder and salt; one set of laying nests; 2 livestock squeezes; and numerous small projects including clevises, tractor funnels, milk stools, boot jacks, and the like.

Russell Robinson, Reporter

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"So you met your wife at a dance. Wasn't that romantic."

"No; embarrassing. I thought she was home, taking care of the kids."

## Chapter News (continued)

KINSLEY: The Kinsley chapter has cooperatively purchased 13 Duroc gilts. Eleven were purchased from Ralph Schulte, of Little River, 2 from Howard Lovell, Trousdale. The gilts purchased from Schulte are litter mates and half sisters to the Jr. Champion Duroc boar at Hutchinson in 1945.... Four Hampshire yearling sows were purchased from Dr. Joe Knappenberger of Hutchinson. The gilts cost \$100 per head. The Kinsley Bank of Kinsley financed the boys who wanted to borrow money.... We plan to hold a pure-bred swine sale in the early spring of 1947.... The chapter is planning a Father and Son banquet on March 22.

Earl Carlson, Reporter

WATERVILLE: The officers of the Waterville chapter of FFA are: President - Wayne Wray; Vice President - Wayne Jensen; Secretary - Melvin Roepke; Treasurer - Kenneth Christensen; Reporter - Gene Augustus; Sentinel - Fred Mann.... In our pest eradication contest we killed 884 sparrows, 2 crows, 5 hawks, 163 rats, 236 mice, 22 gophers, 38 blackbirds, and 4 moles.... Our chapter is planning to sponsor a county shop contest for Marshall county this spring. We have only a half day for vocational agriculture as our instructor, Olin Sandlin, divides his time between Waterville and Greenleaf. In shop we are overhauling a car and repairing a pick-up truck which was in a wreck. We are working on two tractor manure loaders. In addition, we have made many miscellaneous things, such as chicken feeders, meat hammers, and knives.

Gene Augustus, Reporter

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The speaker had been haranguing the audience for more than an hour when an inebriate, who had become somewhat impatient, arose and asked:

"Shay, how long you been lecturin'?"

The speaker smiled good naturedly at the interruption and replied: "About four years, my friend."

"Well," he remarked, as he sat down, "I'll stick around - you mush be nearly through."

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He was a peculiarly unpleasant person, and when visiting the local cattle show made himself unpopular by his loudly expressed claims to superior knowledge. He was especially insulting to old Sam Potts.

"Pah," he said, sneeringly, "you know nothing about pigs, you don't. Why, my father raised the biggest pig ever raised in these 'ere parts."

"Aye," retorted old Sam, quietly, "and the noisiest."

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What a pity human beings can't exchange problems. Everyone knows exactly how to solve the other fellow's.

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