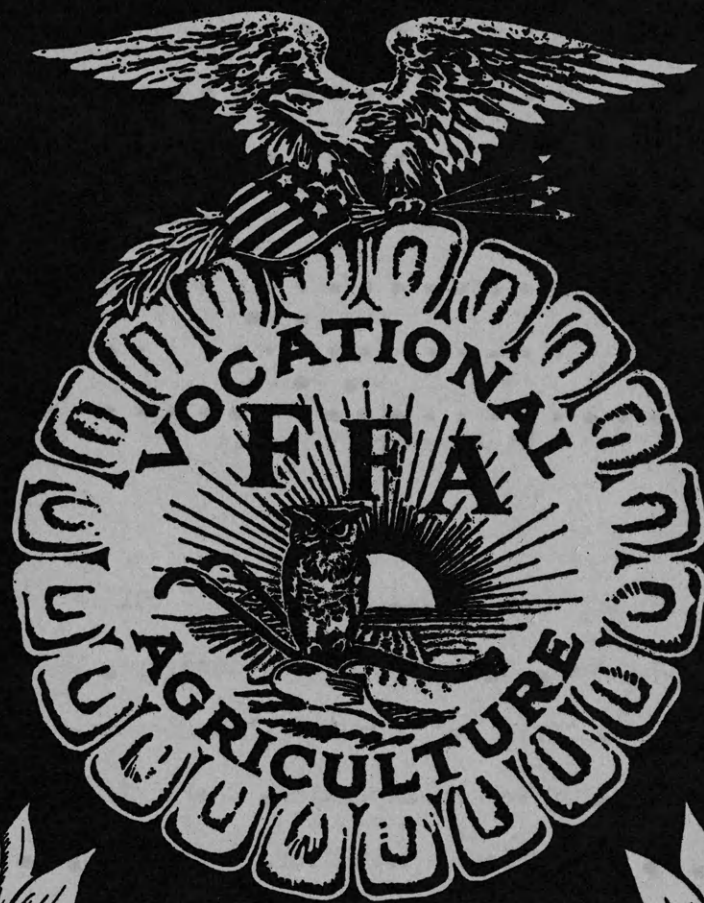


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"I never did anything worth doing by accident, nor did any
of my inventions come by accident." THOMAS A. EDISON

FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Definite plans are being formulated for holding the 1947 State FFA Public Speaking contest. FFA members should be encouraged to begin their preparation for the State FFA Public Speaking contest immediately.

The 1947 State FFA Public Speaking contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the national contest.

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

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

Any boy who has participated in any state FFA public speaking contest is ineligible for participation in the 1947 Kansas FFA public speaking contest.

Time Limit

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

Subjects

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

1. Agriculture and America
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, the Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
6. The Advantages of Being a Farmer
7. Diversified Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture
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25. Chemurgy as an Aid to the American Farmer
26. Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem
27. The FFA Creed - What It Means to Rural America
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29. Cooperatives and Cooperation
30. Education of the Farmer of Tomorrow
31. Atomic Energy, Its Application to Rural Life

Sources

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

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen.
2. Readers' Guide - in public libraries and high school libraries.
3. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (Yearbook, Technical bulletins, and special reports.) Note: In addition to the old line technical bureaus such as Animal Industry, Dairy Industry, Entomology, Chemistry, etc., the following agencies are now a part of the USDA: Soil Conservation Service; Farm Credit Administration; Rural Electrification Administration; Farm ~~Security~~ Administration; Production and Marketing Administration (This agency handles the work formerly cared for by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Agricultural Marketing Act, and the War Food Administration). For information on publications, write the Director of Information, U.S.D.A.. Orders for the purchase of USDA publications should be sent to the Superintendent of Public Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.
4. Current National Magazines
5. The Farm Press
6. Census Report
7. Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Biennial Reports and special bulletins, Topeka, Kansas.
8. State newspapers
9. Proceedings of National FFA Convention
10. Winning Future Farmer Speeches, by Judson, Published by Interstate Publishing Company, Danville, Illinois
11. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Company, Danville, Illinois.

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Opportunity knocks only once but temptation hangs on the door for years and years.

SOIL: OUR WASTED HERITAGE
by Marshall Schirer, Newton, Kansas

Note: Marshall Schirer, Newton, Kansas, speaking on the subject, Soil: Our Wasted Heritage, won first place in the 1946 National PFA Public Speaking Contest. His speech follows.

Man has been called the great disturber of nature. Restless in his habits, he has moved over the surface of our globe bending all life to his will; but leaving scars in his wake. Nowhere perhaps, have his activities been more destructive than to our soils. Everywhere we see the results of thoughtless, careless, or exploitive methods of farming. Gullied and eroded hillsides, thin soil, where only the hardier crops have a chance to survive, and abandoned farmsteads are markers that indicate the burial of our once productive farm land. Ours has been an exploitive type of agriculture and therefore dangerous to the public welfare.

A study of our land conservation policy shows that much of our land has been exploited. In the South and here in the Middle West where some of the best land in the world was and is located, there has been an awakening to the tremendous soil losses occurring constantly. Once fertile land is now marginal or abandoned; land under cultivation today will be unfit for cultivation in another decade or two, unless something is done to correct our destructive tillage practices.

In the solution of any problem it is well to determine our position. In 1932 a prominent soil specialist was called to survey a field in Jewell County, Kansas. He was discouraged to find only three to four inches of yellowish brown, silty, clay loam surface soil, low in organic matter, and poor in tilth and water retention ability. As the specialist examined the field he began to feel that he had surveyed that same tract before. Suddenly the previous experience came back to him. In 1912, 20 years earlier, he had surveyed the same field. At that time it carried 10 to 12 inches of dark brown silt loam surface soil, high in organic matter and having excellent tilth and water holding capacity. Throughout the 20 years this field had been farmed without regard to a 2% slope, and in that time had been changed from rich, productive farm land to a worn-out community liability.

This field is not an isolated case. In the United States we have 50 million acres of land no longer suited for cultivation; 30 million acres are in the process of abandonment; 10 million acres whose fertility has been seriously depleted; and 11 million acres that are in need of corrective measures to restore them to proper productivity.

Every farmer should be aware of soil losses and their causes. What are they? Water and wind. Water erosion, due to excessive rainfall, perhaps causes the greater damage. A lack of rainfall, the cause of wind erosion resulting in the "black blizzards" of the mid-30's, is a more spectacular though less destructive cause of loss. Together water and wind remove not less than 3 billion tons of our nation's farm land each year. This eroded soil contains the equivalent of 43 million tons of phosphorus, potassium, and nitrogen. This is 60 times the amount of these elements purchased by farmers in the United States for use as commercial fertilizer in the year 1943. If we continue to use farming methods which allow erosion to get out of control, water and wind can remove in a few years, topsoil that it took centuries to build. We must prevent this loss if we are to retain our position as a leader among nations.

Soil: Our Wasted Heritage (continued)

From our soils, plants take a tremendous toll of soil nutrients. Yet do you know that run-off water takes 20 times as much soil nutrients as do the plants for their growth? Why, you may ask, this tremendous emphasis on soil nutrients? These soil nutrients are essential to life itself. A very emphatic reason why we should maintain our land at a high level of fertility is to maintain the health of man and of our farm animals. There is an old adage which states, "You can't make something from nothing." Land in a poor state of fertility cannot produce crops with a high nutritive value nor can we expect animals fed such feed to make satisfactory economic gains or to yield products with a high degree of nutritive value. Dr. William A. Albrecht, noted soil scientist, substantiates this in an article, "The Four Haystacks," written in the 1945 spring edition of *The Land*.

There are many ways that we can conserve our soil. Probably the most publicized is terracing. The terrace plan is to convert running water into slowly moving water so it will not take so much soil and tear so many runways while moving. It is better if terracing is supported by contour farming, strip cropping, and other conservation practices.

Contour farming provides us with a plan of making all the rows go around instead of over the hill. Each row, being farmed on the level, becomes a miniature terrace thus causing the depositing of soil and the retarding of run-off water.

Strip cropping works in much the same way as contour farming. The only difference being that strips of some permanent crop such as sweet clover, alfalfa, or grass are spaced on the contour to prevent soil and water losses.

Sod and cover crops are also soil savers, and have not been fully appreciated. They have been the "poor relation" in many of our farming programs. Too frequently they have been relegated to land too poor for tillage. Consequently, they have not yielded their maximum. However, progressive farmers now consider legumes and grasses as a valuable asset in checking erosion, rebuilding land to profitable production, and achieving a balanced farming program.

All these practices enter into a sound land conservation policy. All can be put into operation by practical "dirt" farmers without seriously disrupting their farming programs. In 1928 Wesley Fundis purchased a badly eroded, fertility depleted farm near LeRoy, Kansas. By the use of contouring, the erection of terraces with proper outlets, a cropping system that included grasses and legumes, and the use of lime and phosphate, Mr. Fundis has increased the production of his tilled field to more than twice the average for the county, has practically eliminated erosion, and has increased the number of animal units on the farm. He has achieved results in conservation that could be typical. Wesley Fundis is "Mr. Typical Farmer" of America. Upon such achievement as his rests the future of our nation. Upon such achievement we can retain and rebuild the foundation of America's greatness.

This is a challenge to all Future Farmers of America. We must defend our land with the forces of conservation. America has always had faith in its tomorrow. When government first subsidized agricultural education it placed an increasing responsibility on all future farmers. It will take a lot of work and planning to maintain our Nation's soils; but when success is achieved we shall be rewarded. The reward will not come in the form of medals, cups or plaques. It will come in the form of more contented, fuller farm life that

Soil: Our Wasted Heritage (continued)

will guarantee the future of the America of tomorrow. And only when the farmers of our America of today and of tomorrow have fulfilled their obligations will the soil no longer be Our Wasted Heritage.

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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 17, 1947, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will convene in the office of A. P. Davidson, Education Hall. The principal business of the meeting will be to review the State Farmer Degree applications. Members of the State FFA Executive Committee are: L. B. Pollom, State Adviser; Dean R. I. Throckmorton, School of Agriculture; Dr. W. E. Grimes, Head, Department of Economics and Sociology, A. P. Davidson, Executive Adviser, L. F. Hall, Executive Secretary, R. L. Welton, Tonganoxie, President of KVAA., and Richard Chase, Eldorado, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

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F.F.A. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility to participate in the many FFA activities at the Annual Convention of the State Association, April 28 and 29, 1947, Manhattan, Kansas, is predicated upon several factors -- important among which is Payment of State and National Dues (10¢ State and 10¢ National - total 20¢). To date 104 chapters have paid their State and National FFA dues for a total of 3916 members. Will your chapter be eligible to participate in the FFA activities at the Annual Convention of the State Association?

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NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Chapters having filed chapter Programs of Work on time with the National Organization of FFA and thereby becoming eligible for competition in the National Chapter Contest, dependent upon intra-state elimination are: Effingham, Beloit, Highland Park, Buhler, Manhattan, Shawnee Mission, Stockton, and Winfield.

A State association may submit two final entries in the National Chapter Contest.

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IMPORTANT

This year THREE COPIES of the speech entered in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be required instead of one copy as has been the custom. Reason; cooperating college professors who will serve as judges are teaching heavy schedules, time for evaluating is very limited, and by providing each judge with a complete set of manuscripts which he may keep for a longer period, we think a better job of judging will result. One original and two carbon copies will be acceptable. Please be certain that good carbon paper is used in order that the carbon copies can be easily read.

APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The general procedure in the administration of the American Farmer Degree is as follows:

1. Applications for this degree are received by the Kansas Association of FFA from various FFA chapters.
2. The qualifications of the various applicants are carefully reviewed. The Kansas Association of FFA Advisory committee selects and recommends candidates for this degree to the National Organization of FFA.
3. The National Organization of FFA officially determines the candidates who are to receive the American Farmer Degree.

The candidate, the teacher and the State staff member working on each American Farmer Degree application, must plan for a fixed date for completion of the entry. The application must be received in Washington, D.C., on or before June 30. To be certain that American Farmer Degree applications will arrive in Washington on time, they are to be mailed June 14.

Time is required for typing these applications; therefore, it will be our objective to have the application forms supplied by the National Organization of FFA filled out in perfect form ready for typing by April 28.

We will be glad to cooperate with each teacher and each selected candidate in so far as possible in meeting this schedule.

Between now and April 28 the following work must be completed. The indicated calendar and schedule will fix some time limits. Where it is deemed advisable, an individual program calendar possibly can be worked out between the State staff member, teacher and candidate.

Between February 15 and March 1.

Each candidate's American Farmer Degree application must be received for review, evaluation and summarization. This is the first step in determining those candidates that will be nominated by the Kansas Association of FFA for the American Farmer Degree. Plan to send your entry by February 15, so that it may receive early consideration. If weather permits, it is our hope that most candidates can be visited during the month of March.

By appointment.

Each candidate must be visited by a member of the State staff. At this time additional information is secured, and the State Farmer Degree application is examined to see if Supplementary Practice, is classified and presented by years. The present State Farmer Degree application blanks break this program down in the manner we must use in making the formal American Farmer Degree application. Set up the supplementary practice program for all years by use of the present supplementary practice forms.

Be very critical of accounts, agreements, production summaries, crop histories, livestock histories, breeding and loss records, business summaries, etc. Insert audit pages. Be sure an adequate description is given of livestock. We must be able to write a farming program story by data obtained from

Application for the American Farmer Degree (continued)

each account book. This story will take the same outline form used in presenting State Association of FFA Officer candidates. When the accounts and production summaries are complete and accurate this will not be difficult.

The application blank that must be filled out later asks for the following information. Please insert a notebook page in each account book giving this information. Give items and dollars:

1. Outside wages or earnings other than from farming program.
2. Gifts received. Two kinds, cash and property.
3. Prizes and scholarships.
4. Contributions made.

Present your application in good form. Additional data required can be secured when the candidate is visited.

Our problem is to present the American Farmer Degree candidate in the best manner possible. It is a joint project for the candidate, the teacher and the State Association of FFA. L.F.H.

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WINS NATIONAL DUROC AWARD

Lon Dean Crosson, Minncapolis, Kansas, Future Farmer of America, was given national award Friday evening, February 7, at the Kansas Duroc Breeders Association banquet and annual meeting, for producing the heaviest litter of pigs at weaning time, 56 days. He raised two litters of 10 pigs each -- a spring litter weighing 504 lbs. at 56 days, and a fall litter weighing 515 lbs. at 56 days. The registered Duroc's name was Victory Miss.

He also was awarded a banner for raising the heaviest litter at 180 days in Kansas. At 180 days the first litter weighed over 2600 pounds.

Crosson showed several of the pigs at the State Fair at Hutchinson and won 5th place on a boar, and 2nd and 3rd places on fat hogs. He also showed four pigs at the Western National Hog Show at Denver last month and won first place on a pen of 3, and five ribbons on the four hogs shown.

Crosson lives on a 400 acre farm. In his 1946 farming program he raised 20 acres sorghum, 12 acres corn, 80 acres wheat, and raised 142 pigs.

The mother of the two above litters died of flu.

Lon Dean has had three years of vocational agriculture under J. W. Jordan, instructor and local FFA adviser.

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Ned: "He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth."
Ted: "Well, he never made much of a stir with it!"

CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE ELIGIBILITY

Minimum qualifications for election to the American Farmer Degree are set forth in Article IV, Section E of the national constitution, revised November, 1945.

A candidate for the degree of American Farmer must be an active member of the FFA. The constitution defines Active Membership in Article III, Section B as follows: Any male student not over 25 years of age who is regularly enrolled in an all-day or day-unit class in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership continuously throughout his entire high school career and for three years after the first national convention following graduation from, or leaving high school. No individual, however, may retain his active membership beyond his 25th birthday.

A member who is in good standing at the time he is inducted into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of his induction without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of three years after the first national convention following completion of high school vocational agriculture class room instruction or leaving school. Members making use of this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings.

Active membership requirements which must be met by any member applying for the American Farmer degree are set forth under Article VI, By-Laws of the national constitution and reads as follows:

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

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NOTICE

FFA chapters in Kansas having one or more activities in their programs of work whereby they are cooperating with the State Forestry Fish and Game Commission, are requested to notify Mrs. Helen Ankeny, State Department of Vocational Education, 10th and Harrison, Topeka, Kansas. Prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

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OREGON - Don Ferguson, Redmond, dug 552 bushels of potatoes per acre on his 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre field, an equivalent of 331 one hundred pound sacks per acre. The average for Deschutes county last year was 107 sacks. Don also has 300 New Hampshire hens and a registered Chester White sow in his project.

STATE FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

We now have 99 applications for the State Farmer Degree on file at the state office. These applications came from 48 chapters. Last year we had a total of 88 applications for the State Farmer Degree. The reviewing committee will undoubtedly reduce the total number of applications for the Third Degree somewhat, but the fact remains that on the basis of present FFA membership the State Executive Committee can recommend only 80 for election. This constitutes another important reason why delinquent chapters should promptly pay state and national FFA dues.

A change in the National FFA Constitution was effected in 1944 whereby the scholarship requirement of a candidate for the State Farmer Degree was changed from "upper 40% of his class" to "have a satisfactory scholarship record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal". This does not mean that scholarship is not important. The State FFA Executive Committee still considers scholarship as one of the important factors in selecting candidates to be recommended for the State Farmer Degree.

In order that the House of Delegates may elect all worthy candidates to the State Farmer Degree, it will be necessary to fulfill Objective Number 7 of the 1946-47 State FFA Program of Work. This objective calls for an active FFA chapter in every established department of vocational agriculture in the state with 100% of the vocational agriculture students enrolled as active FFA members. Check your membership status, and if delinquent, send State and National dues at your earliest convenience.

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RANKING FFA CHAPTERS

Each year the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter carries an article on chapter ranking based upon percentage of membership. The membership percentage is based upon October 1, 1946, enrollment in vocational agriculture as reported to the State Department of Vocational Education. Send State and National dues at your earliest convenience and make certain that your chapter will be properly ranked.

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State Farmer, Ray Doyen, Concordia, Kansas, won a cash award of \$1,094.90 in Division I, of the 1945-46 James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Contest. At the time of the contest Ray was a senior in Vocational Agriculture in the Concordia High School, W. A. Rawson, instructor. As a result of young Doyen's achievement, two scholarships each valued at \$250 will be established at Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science. These scholarships will be known as The Ray Doyen Scholarship of The Lincoln Foundation.

In Division II of the 1945-46 James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Contest, Harold Kugler, Manhattan, Kansas, won a cash award of \$66.10. Mr. Kugler was at the time of entering the contest instructor in vocational agriculture at the Manhattan High School.

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"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."
A. Lincoln

A TWO-WEEK TOUR BY NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS

The tour was made in conjunction with the FFA leadership training conference and Board of Trustees meeting held annually in Washington, D.C., to prepare the national officers to carry out the duties of their respective positions.

Meeting in Chicago on January 8, the FFA leaders toured the International Harvester tractor plant in the morning, were guests at a special luncheon in their honor at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, and that evening attended the convention dinner of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, where President Douglass was one of the program speakers.

In Detroit the following day, the officers saw the assembly line at GM's Cadillac plant, then at a luncheon given by GM Vice President Charles F. Kettering discussed modern industrial and agricultural production methods with General Motors executives. A tour of the Harry Ferguson tractor plant and a dinner with officials of that company completed the day in the motor city.

The latest developments in rubber research and tire manufacturing were demonstrated to the farm boy leaders the following day on a visit to the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Akron.

Coming to Washington, D.C. for a week of leadership training and FFA Board of Trustees meetings, the officers took time out from business to call upon Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson and invite him to their 1947 convention, and to attend dinners given by national officials of the Grange, the American Institute of Cooperation, and by Wheeler McMillen, Editor of "Farm Journal".

At a luncheon in the British Embassy as guests of the Ambassador, Lord Inverchapel, the FFA officers invited the British diplomat to attend their next convention and also extended an invitation for a group of British farm boys to be guests of the FFA at the convention and then to visit on the farms of the FFA national officers.

At a special luncheon in his honor, Senator Walter F. George of Georgia was presented with the Honorary American Farmer Degree awarded at the National Victory Convention last October. The luncheon was attended by the FFA officers, officials of the U. S. Office of Education, and Congressman Graham A. Barden of North Carolina, co-author with Senator George of the George-Barden Vocational Education Act passed by Congress last year.

Going on to New York City, the officers were the guests of the American Petroleum Institute at a luncheon and discussed with leaders of the oil industry many of the problems facing young farmers today.

Boy Scouts of greater New York took the FFA leaders on a tour of the city the following day and met with them to talk over mutual problems of city and rural youth.

The trip was concluded in Philadelphia with a visit to historic buildings, a tour of the Curtis Publishing Company plant and luncheon with executives of the "County Gentleman" magazine.

FUTURE FARMERS: WHY ARE WE HERE?

With these words the president raps his gavel - the members rise and repeat "To practice brotherhood, honor rural opportunities and responsibilities, and to develop those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess." Again the gavel is rapped, the members take their seats, and no one gives these words a second thought until the next meeting.

Fellow members, have you considered the meaning behind those words? Have you gotten anything from them? They are in the ceremony for a purpose. Why? Let's try to break this down and see what we find in it.

"To practice brotherhood" - to work together and play together or in other words, cooperation. Cooperation is the main part of any organization. This fact is plainly seen in ours. This doesn't mean that individuality should be forfeited, because, a group without differences of opinion is usually a dead, half-hearted affair. Therefore - be willing to help, willing to work, and willing to talk and give ideas. After all your idea may be the key to the whole question at hand.

"Honor rural opportunities and responsibilities" - Learn to appreciate and make use of your every opportunity, however small, and to shoulder responsibility, though they may be large. There will be some rugged ones too, without a doubt. These must be taken in the stride of a successful Future Farmer - "Make the most of all that comes your way and the least of all that seems to be going against you."

Future Farmers opportunities are varied in all respects; therefore it will take an alert mind to see them and make the most of them.

Responsibilities of all kinds will show up for the young farmer to handle. Therefore he must be, not only alert, but also determined in mind and spirit to cope with them.

"And develop those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess." To be a successful Future Farmer, you will need leadership in many fields. There is no better time to gain these qualities than now. You will soon be leaving the guiding hand of your parents and your instructor, and starting out in a new and different world of your own, where any such ability will be priceless to you.

You boys who take an interest in your projects and do well with them today, will be the leaders in your respective programs of tomorrow. You will be the breeders-feeders-and dairy men who will be looked up to in your community and held in high esteem. It will be the boys whose projects are just good enough to get by who will be doing the "looking up."

This organization has come a long way since its beginning. There are even bigger and better things to come. Let's strive to build up our organization to even greater heights. You have done a grand job so far. Keep up the good work.

This has been my viewpoint on this subject. Think it over for yourselves next time and see what you make of it.

--Illinois Future Farmer, November 1946

CHAPTER NEWS

OBERLIN: Harold and Dale Richardson completely overhauled their dad's truck motor. Duane and Don Waldo painted a tractor, Ray Wilcox built a stock rack for a truck and started on one for a neighbor. Several boys are overhauling motors and also have rebuilt the oxy-acetylene cart and fixed the drill press. The seniors are rehanging the tools in the tool room, Blaine David is overhauling his dad's tractor. All of the boys' cars are kept in good condition and several have been painted...A new compressor and paint gun have been purchased by the FFA for the boys' own use and a fee will be charged outsiders to have their equipment painted....Arrangements are being made for the shop contest to be held in April 1 at Oberlin....Fifty FFA shirts were ordered by the local chapter. The emblems and name of the chapter is printed on each.

Ray Wilcox, Reporter

SENECA: Our chapter initiated 10 Green Hands December 16. We also held a Creed contest with Billy Mathewson winning first prize....Our annual purebred Hampshire sale was held on November 1. It was a great success with the gilts averaging \$83.00 and the boars averaging \$87.00. The top gilt sold for \$160 and the top boar for \$125. We will sponsor the State Hampshire Sale at Seneca again this year....We plan to hold our annual Parent and Son Banquet, February 17....Our chapter now has a gilt out on share basis. This gilt was won by our judging team last year at the State Sale. Ten business men from Seneca are sponsoring gilts again this year. The boys getting these gilts will return to his sponsor one 180-lb. gilt and one 250-lb. barrow. We have used this plan for two years and find it very satisfactory....Some shop jobs now under construction are; Stalk cutter, hog house, filing cabinet, which will be put in the classroom, Kirlin, Hay loader repair and many smaller jobs.

Clem Gudenkauf, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: Atchison County Chapter held its annual Parent-Son Banquet, November 12, 1946. Plates were set for 200....Our chapter purchased a registered chester white gilt last fall, and placed it with a member on a cooperative basis....Tommy Figgs, one of our 1945 state farmers and secretary of the State Association is preparing an application for the American Farmer Degree....The following boys gave a radio broadcast at station KFEQ at St. Joe, January 31: Dwight Reece, James Monhollon, Billy Hundley, Alfred Gigstad, and Max Hargrove. Their subject was FFA activities.

John Gigstad, Reporter

KIOWA: We have twenty-seven members in our chapter this year, seventeen Chapter Farmers and ten Green Hands....Our officers, elected this school year, are as follows: Duncan Circle, president; Cary Rugg, vice-president; John Burns, secretary; George Landis, treasurer; Eddie Scott, reporter; Dean Garman, sentinel; John Scripsick, student council representative.... Our meetings are of three types: Business meetings of all members meets every other week during activity period; Executive committee, consisting of officers, meets every other week during activity period; Recreational meetings, of all members, meetings second Monday evening each month.... Our earnings and savings committee has been very active this year. We have had a gross income of \$275.20. We have accumulated this through the collection of scrap iron, refreshment stand at football games, selling machinery parts, selling rebuilt machinery and the collection of dues. With part of this money we have purchased an Argus C-3 camera for the purpose of taking pictures of all farming programs, school activities, chapter activities, etc., to keep in

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the files for the history of the chapter....We received from the War Surplus Administration a 10 inch tool grinder, a floor type drill press, and a power hack saw....In shop we have rebuilt a mower, built two trailers, and are constructing a portable sheep dipping vat....Five of our members were selected to attend the American Royal and the National Future Farmers Convention at Kansas City by the Co-op Grain Elevator. Each year this business firm sponsors this trip and pays all expenses of the five boys who have the best farming programs, record books, scholarship achievement, and chapter work....We are repairing and improving the sheep shearing and sheep dipping equipment which the chapter owns in order to be ready to resume this activity again this spring. This provides a method to earn money for the boys as well as the chapter. The boys receive a percentage of the income....The chapter has already started to plan for a camping trip this spring after school is out.

Eddie Scott, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: Our officers for the year are Jack Cordell, president; George Sporn, vice-president; Dwaine Arnold, secretary; Junior Freund, treasurer; Arthur Johnson, reporter; Dean Smith, sentinel; Mr. Milton Kohrs, advisor.... At the beginning of the year, our chapter had \$37.30 in the treasury. We now have \$85.54...We have been polishing and waxing cars, selling refreshments at town team basketball games, collecting scrap iron, and are planning to collect scrap paper....Each week in shop, we work at repairing the shop and working on farm machinery. Sometimes during the week we help farmers with their butchering. Our classes have been divided into different groups, each group taking turns at butchering. We have now butchered five hogs and two beef animals....One night a week our shop and class room is used for "Institutional On-the-Farm Training" for World War II veterans....Our chapter has 39 members.

Arthur Johnson, Jr., Reporter

ABILENE: Our chapter has fifty-one active members....We had a pest eradication contest which started November 1, 1946, and ended January 3, 1947. There were thirteen prizes in all. Ivan Lantz won \$4.00 for first prize; John Sexton won \$3.00 for second; Alvin Garten won \$2.00 for third; Donald Kolling won \$1.50 for fourth; Ivan Huston won \$1.00 for fifth prize. Other prizes awarded were one seventy-five cent prize, four fifty cent prizes and three twenty-five cent prizes. The following pests were killed: 753 sparrows, 767 mice, 88 jack rabbits, 40 rats, 93 opossums, 5 moles, 9 crows, 5 hawks, 3 prairie dogs, 184 gophers and 29 coyotes....We are taking part in the scrap drive sponsored by the Sheffield Steel Company....We have had several moving pictures at our meetings and in the classroom. One which was of great interest to the majority of the members was the film on D.D.T. and "Weed No More".... Five Duroc gilts have been placed with the following member: Isaac Cole, Jim Foster, Dale Zwickl, James Hoffman and John Pientka. These have been taken on contract and these members will return two one-hundred pound gilts...We have sold 500 basketball schedule pencils....We have purchased cooperatively 135 boxes of greeting cards.

Jack Dautel, Reporter

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Magistrate: "Can't this case be settled out of court?"

Mulligan: "Sure, sure; that's what we were trying to do, your honor, when the police interfered."

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GLASCO: Our officers for this year are president, Donald Schaper; vice-president, Louis Asmussen; secretary, Lemoine Fubach, treasurer, Denyel Adams; reporter, K. B. Huffer; adviser, Mr. Schaper....We conducted a pest eradication contest and the losing side gave the winning side a chili feed....We are now having another pest eradication contest with Miltonvale, in which the losing side must give a chili feed to the winning side....We have gathered some paper this year at a money making project and we have earned \$199 profit. We had 4980 pounds of paper....We have three new Chapter Farmers in our chapter now, they are Louis Asmussen, Donald Schaper, and Lemoine Fubach....Our chapter is sending a representative to each of the district contests.

K. B. Huffer, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: Our chapter held a Christmas party December 18....Our chapter has played five basketball games. We won three and lost two of these games.... Eleven Green Hands were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree November 26. Those receiving the Chapter Farmer degree were Vernon Goering, Ben Krehbiel, Gordon Studky, Myron Zerger, Dale Goering, Donald Goering, Gerald Kaufman, Gerald Krehbiel, Willis Loganbill, Elvin Schrag, and Roland Schrag. Four war veterans began Institutional On-the-Farm Training under the direction of Mr. Griffin the early part of November....Our pest eradication contest ended on January 6. The following pests were killed during the contest; 2659 sparrows, 153 rats, 662 starlings, 316 mice, 16 crows, and 48 gophers....On January 6th the chapter had initiation for the Green Hands. Members receiving the Green Hand degree were: Jacob Gehring, Marvin Gehring, Floyd Gehring, Vernon Lohrentz, and Harold Schrag. Our chapter put on an assembly program for the whole school on January 24. The theme of our program was "Famous Farmers". One of the numbers on our program was a sound film, "George Washington's Virginia". Some of the jobs recently completed in our shop are: range shelter house, basketball goals and backstops, broody coop, farm gates, hog troughs from hot water tanks, portable foot scrapers, and gun rack.

Dale Goering, Reporter

BELOIT: Our chapter has a membership of 75 members which is the largest in the history of our organization. Fifty-two of the 75 are enrolled in the three year course of agriculture. Our chapter held its annual Turkey Feed December 16, with 102 members and guests present. We ate 75 pounds of turkey and trimmings plus fruit salad and pie. We sold chances on a dressed turkey and cleared \$12.00. Our pie and box supper with the Pep Club was held January 27. We auctioned 62 pies and boxes and cleared \$137. Bob Fobes and Jim Adams are candidates for Union Pacific Scholarships. Work has started on judging. There are eleven boys working out for the agricultural judging contest and five for the shop contests. We plan to enter in every division in the state contest except public speaking.

Francis Jorgenson, Reporter

BURNS: Our officers are Sherwin Ammeter - president; Willard Larsen - vice president; Kenneth Phillips - secretary; Richard Gfeller - treasurer; Don Gfeller - reporter; Thaine Clark - adviser....Our chapter has seven Green Hands and thirty-one members....Our main project is collecting scrap iron. We have sold between ten and eleven tons so far....We sold forty subscriptions to the American Poultry Journal last fall....We are planning to have a project tour next spring.

Don Gfeller, Reporter

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VALLEY CENTER: We have 20 boys taking vocational agriculture this year.... The Agriculture IX boys went out and culled a flock of hens last week for their field trip in studying poultry. We are going to take pictures of all the boys' projects to put in the School Annual....In the shop the boys have helped overhaul one Farmall H tractor, completely overhauled one combine motor, put a motor in another chasis, built hog troughs out of cement and wood, chicken feeders, etc. James Granfield built a large barnyard gate out of old, oil well sucker rods welded together. Kenneth Weddle is building a trailer for farm use on their own farm....We have had three ex-G.I.'s inquiring about On-The-Farm training, but only one is taking the training at present. He spends one day each week in the classroom and shop with the boys.

Raleigh Lackey, Reporter

OSBORNE: The following Green Hands were initiated at our December meeting: Lora Greigg, Donald Greigg, Jim Boyd, Robert Bader, Robert Hland, Robert O'Connor, Max Harvey, Dean Bliss, Kenneth McMillan, and Duane Alflin....At the regular meeting in February, Bill Cady, Robert Saylor, Paul Hartman, Lowell Lund, Dale Nonemaker, and Wendell Pangborn will be advanced to Chapter Farmer degree....Our chapter is sponsoring a Veterans' On-the-Farm training class. The members enrolled now are Albert Mitchell, Homer Crist, Leo Henke, and Maurice Snyder....Plans are under way for our FFA banquet April 22....Mervin Kaser had the best Farming Program for 1946. He had a pure bred Hereford heifer, a Duroc sow and litter (8) and alfalfa. His gain in net worth was \$1,102.20. His return for management was \$1.150.50.

Francis R. Anderson, Reporter

INMAN: The newly elected FFA officers are Willie Reghr, president; Edwin Neufeld, vice president; Albert Pauls, secretary; Menno Loepp, treasurer, Vernon Pauls, reporter; Edgar Neufeld, sentinel; Edwin Zielke, chapter activities program chairman. There are 37 FFA members enrolled in vocational agriculture. Those making the honor roll to date are Lester Pauls, Harold Thiessen, Clifford Miller, Edwin Neufeld, Menno Loepp, Harry Neufeld, Albert Pauls, Edgar Neufeld and Arthur Reghr....The annual FFA pest eradication contest was closed February 1....The Inman FFA boys won the following number and kinds of ribbons at the Inman Community Fair - blue, 50; red, 28; white, 11; purple, 3 - making a total of 92 ribbons for all entries. Twenty-six boys of 37 enrolled had entries at the fair....The FFA boys ran a ball game at the fair and cleared \$47.85. The next project will be to sell garden seeds.

Vernon Pauls, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: There are 31 boys enrolled in the vocational agriculture work. The FFA chapter meets every week on Wednesday, and a night meeting every first Tuesday of every month. Our officers are Wayne Goodell, president; John Walz, vice-president; Kendall Cook, reporter; Willard Zwoygardt, treasurer; Gilbert Stasser, secretary; Gordon Randall, sentinel....The agriculture department subscribes for 16 different magazines for the aid of the students....The shop has been closed the last two years because of the lack of a teacher....The FFA plans to have a banquet to be held in April.

Kendall Cook, Reporter

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RANDOLPH: Newly elected officers for the year 1946-47 are Dean Haller, president; Dave Specht, vice-president; Bill Anderson, secretary; Duane Ulrich, treasurer; Bob Johnson, reporter; Charlie Wohler, sentinel.... Some of the interesting activities in which we had a part are the Corn Show at Manhattan, a pest eradication contest, and the sponsoring of a motion picture project. At the Corn Show the following won prizes on the corn which they exhibited; Claude DeLong, third \$8.00; Dick Malstrom, sixth \$4.00; Don Nelson, seventh \$3.00; Bill Anderson, eighth on popcorn \$1.00. We also took a float to the Corn Show and won third place on it....In our pest eradication contest the side captained by Duane Ulrich and Clement Specht won and was entertained with a date party by the losing side whose captains were Bill Anderson and Duane Wohler....Our school has this year purchased a motion picture projector and our FFA chapter has been sponsoring educational films shown to the student body.

Bob Johnson, Reporter

LEBANON: We entertained our Dads at a chili supper on January 24. Included in the program which followed was the formal initiation of this year's Green Hand members. A motion picture "This is Our Native Land" was shown by the County Agent. Seventy-five members and guests were present....The FFA Y-Teen joint school carnival netted a profit of \$407.74....Three Duroc gilts have been purchased by the chapter and are out on contract to members....Shop jobs include building new bench seats for the high school gymnasium, overhauling a F-14 Farmall, overhauling a Model A Ford, building two 16 ft. feed bunks, and construction of a steel crop-sample cabinet.

Robert Maydew, Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: Our officers are Edwin Ritchie, president; Bernard Turner, vice-president; Eugene Armstead, secretary; Herman Senn, treasurer; and Ray Burns, reporter....The chapter sold advertisements and published pamphlet programs during the football season to earn funds. Also we received the money taken in at the door for admittance to the FFA vs High School basketball game....It was decided that the officers and committee chairman would hold a meeting one week and the chapter hold a meeting the following week and so on through the year....Since help is hard to get a plan has been worked out with the school board whereby FFA members will sweep the classroom, the two small offices and the rest room in the Ag building....Our membership is divided into squads of two, these pairs are assigned to certain weeks, and they must sweep three times each week they are assigned. Those who do not meet their assignments must pay a twenty-five cent fine to the chapter treasurer....One of the main objectives of the community service program is to beautify the school grounds....100% of the members have completed at least a two-year plan in their record books....Shop jobs are, a manure spreader has been completely repaired, several farm machines are on the waiting list to be repaired, six wagon boxes are being built to be sold to persons of our community who want them....We are working on the identification of forage crop seeds....Recently during Mr. Pollom's illness each member signed a "Get Well Quick" card which was sent to him.

Ray Burns, Reporter

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Save time thinking you can do the other fellow's job better than he can - put it in doing your own job better!

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HAVEN: We held our annual Parent and Son Banquet, Saturday, December 7. Orval Hoskinson, freshman, gave the welcome and Harland Priddle, president, was toastmaster. Our menu was as follows - roast turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, buttered peas, spring salad, relishes, hot rolls, ice cream and wafers. The turkeys were purchased from Wayne Harris, a State Farmer of 1945, who raised 500 head this year, and was roasted by the mothers of members after being dressed and drawn by FFA members and the Homemaking girls. The Homemaking girls prepared and served the meal. We have plans for a party for the Homemaking girls as a return favor....We are happy to welcome two of our officers back after serious illness. Harland Priddle, president, was a victim of polio and Junior Guhl, our reporter, was operated on for acute appendicitis. Both boys were first five members of the basketball team and have been sorely missed....Mr. Schultess and Herman Popp are working on Herman's American Farmer Degree application....Our pest eradication contest ended January 17 with Leland Wiebe winning for the second consecutive year. George Stelter won second prize. Leland won a bone handled castrating knife and George a smaller pocket knife....Classes for veterans under Public Law 346 are being held in our department by Mr. Schultess. There are five veterans taking the course and twelve more want it but can not until a special teacher can be found....Shop projects under construction at present are self-feeder, Eldon Bauman; 2 whirlwind mowers, Vernon Bogner and Leland Wiebe; 4' x 8' two wheel trailer, Farrel Hill; 16' hay feeder for sheep, Billy Geffert; 14' hay feeder for sheep, Merle Oldenettel; livestock chute, Junior Guhl; 8' x 8' hog house, Harold Grandon; tumble bug, Billy Geffert and Glen Beardmore; 2 alfalfa feeders for hogs, Harland Priddle and Glen Beardmore; 14' gate and two 8' panels, Erich Schmidt; salt and phenothiazine feeder, Charles Kinast; wood box, Wayne Bauman; five kitchen step ladders, Wayne Clark, George Stelter, Tom Haines, Dick Hoskinson, and Robert Headings; besides many smaller articles such as scrapers, gate hooks and eyes, and tool kits. The veterans also have several large projects under construction.

Louis Guhl, Jr., Reporter

LYNDON: The Lyndon FFA chapter held its annual Osage County Hay and Grain Show in November. Prizes amounting to \$167.00 in cash and merchandise were given away. The chapter also gave away an eight month old Pure Bred Duroc Jersey Gilt bred to a registered Duroc Boar. A fifty cent donation to the chapter received one chance on the gilt furnished by the Lyndon Future Farmers of America. Ten dollars in cash was given to the person guessing nearest to the weight of the gilt....Our president, Ruben Bauck, recited the Future Farmer Creed and the reporter read an article on "How to get FFA Recognition in the School, the Community, and in the State" at the District FFA Leadership School....The chapter has started a pest eradication contest in which all members are competing. We have organized three Volley Ball teams and games are played at every meeting. The FFA distributed football schedules at all football games and has been selling pencils with the basketball schedule printed on them....An initiation of Green Hands was held November 26, 1946, and a presentation of Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins was made at our regular night meeting, January 16, 1947....The Ag classes have butchered three hogs, docked and castrated twenty-one lambs and castrated eight calves so far this school year....Recently the chapter bought a six hundred pound Angus calf which will be fed until the last part of March and will then be butchered and served at our Parent and Son Banquet which will be held March 27, 1947.

Harlan Blackburn, Reporter

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CONCORDIA: Our chapter took second with our machinery exhibit at the Hutchinson State Fair last fall....Ray Doyen, a former member of our chapter won third prize in the Lincoln Arc Welding contest and received a cash award for \$1100 for his paper. The stalk cutter which was the machine that determined his winning was built in our shop four years ago....In October we held initiation for 16 Green Hands....Our chapter took second on a float which we built and entered in the Homecoming parade during the football season. Twenty-two floats were in the parade....Our chapter plans to hold joint meetings with the Belleville and Minneapolis chapters this year.... We presented a program at the high school PTA last month. This consisted of talks by three of our members and showing of colored slides by our advisor. We have seven members who can play musical instruments, so we are starting practice each Wednesday evening. These musical numbers along with a one-act play will make up our banquet program in March, and also an assembly program this spring....Our chapter has been invited to put on a machinery exhibit at the machinery show being held in Concordia on February 17 and 18. The district poultry judging contest will be sponsored by our chapter on February 22.

Ted Hanson, Reporter

POWHATAN: Our officers are Kaye Don Lowe, president; Carl Timberlake, vice president; Don Loyd, treasurer; Alvin Davidson, secretary; Eddie Finger, reporter; Jim Schuetz, sentinel. There are 25 members in our chapter.... Our chapter started a pest eradication contest Thanksgiving vacation and ended it January 2. The pests are as follows: sparrows, pigeons, crows, starlings, hawks, jack rabbits, cottontails, moles, gophers, coyotes, mice and rats. There were a total of 2,145 pests caught....The junior boys put on a broadcast over station KFEQ, St. Joseph, Missouri, on February 14. The subject being the "Selecting of Beef Breeding Stock.".... The closing of our record books on January 1 showed a closing inventory of \$505.64 per boy....Jobs completed or being worked on in shop are combination feed bunk and hay rack, wheelbarrows, tool chests, tool cabinets, welding jobs, hog troughs, repairing 2 wheel trailers, brooder house and many small forging jobs.

Eddie Finger, Reporter

GARDNER: Our officers are Junior Martin, president; Harold Hoffine, vice president; Frank Wise, secretary; Earl Sundbye, treasurer; Dick Donovan, reporter; Clifford Walters, sentinel....We have 100% membership in the FFA. This is the first year we have had FFA since 1941....Our chapter has organized a basketball team. So far this season we have played Shawnee Mission and Olathe....We are going to have a class project of raising certified oats. There are four acres in the plot.

Dick Donovan, Reporter

BURLINGTON: Our officers are J. O. Ovar, president; Arden Sheets, vice president; Don Reed, secretary; Lawrence Strawder, treasurer; Kenneth Cochran, reporter; Bob Geisy, sentinel. Our chapter has forty members. Our officers all know their parts in the opening and closing....We went to the Hutchinson Fair last fall and some of the boys showed calves at the Royal. We had a pest contest and are sponsoring a school boxing tournament to make some money. We have had half the concessions at the basketball games. We have a basketball team and will play two games with the Iola chapter....Our parent-son banquet will be held in March.

Kenneth Cochran, Reporter

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NEWTON: Officers for the year are: Wilbur Kurr, president; Bob Knott, vice president; Vincent Gatz, secretary; Kenneth Holinde, treasurer; William Gatz, reporter; and Billy Saunders, sentinel....Our present membership is sixty, which is three more than our enrollment in vocational agriculture....Our chapter and community are very proud of the achievement of Marshall Schirer, who won the FFA public speaking contest at Kansas City. Marshall reports that this phase of FFA activity has been a wonderful experience. (He is still going strong; giving his speech before many local groups). Marshall recently attended the Achievement banquet and the Kansas State Board of Agriculture banquet both held in Topeka....Recent purebred livestock purchases include: seven Angus heifers by Dick and Bob Knott; three Hereford heifers, Clyde Prouty, one, Mervin Deschner, two. One Guernsey heifer, Norval Deschner; one Hereford gilt, Glen Regior; one Berkshire gilt, Donald Kater....Winning at the Harvey County Fair last fall by FFA members include; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place fat steers; Grand Champion, 1st 2nd, and 3rd place Duroc gilts; 2nd place Duroc boar; 1st and 3rd place Berkshire gilts; 1st place Berkshire boar; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place Angus heifer calves; 1st place yearling heifer. ...Bobby Knott's Duroc gilt was grand champion of show, all breeds competing; Gene Hawkey had grand champion steer and received 42½ cents a pound in the sale....Our show steers are in the feed lots and are doing well. This group of calves are the best we have ever fed....Plans are beginning to take form for our Dad-Son banquet in February.

Bill Gatz, Reporter

CLIFTON: Our chapter is getting well under way again after a year of inactivity....The senior officers are Marlin Nelson, president; Kenny Vessart, vice president; Donald Nelson, secretary; Everett Lee Hendrickson, treasurer; Donald Wurtz, sentinel....This year our chapter has taken in money by making and selling feed bunks, and by selling pop and pop corn at basketball games.During our first semester our adviser became ill and was forced to resign. We were without a vocational agriculture teacher until the beginning of this semester. Now we are continuing with a new adviser....We have twenty-five members in our chapter and hope to have more before the end of the year.

Lee Bowmaker, Reporter

COLBY: Our Rodent Control Contest is in full swing with three boys battling for first place....Our Scholarship Contest has been in operation since school started. At the end of the first semester, the Jeffs were ahead of the Mutts by 31 points...We had our parent-son meeting December 2. Mr. E. H. Coles, Supt. of the Colby Experiment Station, gave an address on "Farming Programs for Vocational Agriculture Students."....Carl Martin was the only one that made the Vocational Agriculture Honor Roll last time....We are planning to build a portable hot dog stand so we can easily sell hot dogs at the basketball games and the tournament....Don Friesen and Duane Harper have just completed a large feed bunk for the Colby Experiment Station....Claude Herron and Jerry Downing of the Sophomore class are building brooder houses. Claude Rohrbaugh is nearing completion of a job of completely overhauling his truck. He had the engine rebored and is putting his truck into first class shape....Mr. R. B. King, our adviser, has had requests for the Dramatization of the FFA Creed" that our chapter presented at the District FFA Leadership School held in Colby, from Mr. C. E. Boggs, adviser of the Talbotton-Woodland FFA Chapter, Talbotton, Georgia., and from Mr. C. L. Angerer, Dept. of Agricultural Education, Oklahoma A&M College. Mr. Boggs has since written that their chapter has won Gold Emblem classification in the National Better Chapter Contest for the last two years

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and that they are trying to do so again this year. He also said that they planned to use the "Dramatization of the Creed" in one of their school chapel programs soon.

Don Friesen, Reporter

BIRD CITY: The officers for our chapter are Larry Stebbins, president; Jim Wilson, vice president; Melvin Pettit, secretary; Leeman Cress, treasurer; Junior Cress, reporter; Leo Loop, sentinel....We have increased the funds of our treasury by shocking feed, selling popcorn and apples at the football games, and sponsoring boxing matches at the Senior Carnival last fall.... Several pieces of FFA equipment and new books have been added to our meeting room. We purchased and had installed fluorescent lights in our classroom... Officers of our chapter attended the leadership school at Colby and members attended the National Western Livestock Show in Denver....Our chapter elected fifteen new members this year.

Junior Cress, Reporter

MILTONVALE: The members were divided into two groups for a "Ping-Pong" tournament. Interest ran so high that the "ping-pong" table in the Ag room is surrounded at all times when school is not in session. A wrestling tournament is planned for the future....A pest eradication contest between our chapter and the Glasco chapter closed January 31. Points ran from five for sparrows to 100 for coyotes. Our chapter made a total of 24,960 points. We are waiting to hear from Glasco to see which chapter has to furnish the other a "chili" feed....Some of the projects under way in shop are a wagon box, a trailer bed, overhauling car motor and changing from one car to another, overhauling grinder and mounting it on a stand, and a work bench for the school principal besides numerous small jobs....The crops school for our district is being sponsored by our chapter. The date for it is March 12. We have begun the making of purity and germination tests of seeds for this season... Our chapter has just purchased the FFA March recording.

Royce Beals, Reporter

BUHLER: Officers are John Lee Zielker, president; Wilbur Neufeld, vice-president; Harvey Dirks, secretary; Kenneth Buller, treasurer; Ray Schroeder, reporter....Most of our major activities were written up in the November issue of the KANSAS FUTURE FARMER, including the winning of grand champion booth award, and the Gold Emblem award in the National FFA chapter contest....We had a baseball throw at the local fair which netted us \$25....A number of our members won first place ribbons at the fair....The chapter won a total of \$58.85....Local members own a total of 85 head of registered livestock.... We expect to own a power sprayer in the near future.

Raymond Schroeder, Reporter

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"How far is it to the nearest filling station," the stalled motorist on the backwoods road asked the approaching farmer.

" 'Bout two miles as the crow flies."

"Well, how far would it be if the damned crow had to walk and roll a flat tire?"

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OTTAWA: Our officers are James Boucek, president; Bill Bishop, vice president; Herman Strafuss, secretary; Haskell Carter, treasurer; Bob Lantis, reporter....Early in October the FFA boys entertained the FFA girls with a hay rack ride to the Scout cabin in the city park. Games were played and refreshments served at the cabin after which the ride "the long way home" was enjoyed by all....The annual FFA crop show was held in the vocational agriculture class room November 13-15. Two hundred forty four entries were exhibited. The merchants of Ottawa gave 53 prizes of cash and merchandise... We are proud of our two American Farmers, Bob Jones who was elected to the degree in 1945 and for three years has been a delegate to the national convention, and Frederick Kissinger who received the degree in 1946 and was honored as star American Farmer from Kansas....James Boucek, Jack Okerberg, Herman Strafuss and Tommie Fritts showed calves at the American Royal.

Bob Lantis, Reporter

PARSONS: Our officers elected for this year are Don Stuteville, president; Howard Merwarth, vice president; Gerald McMillian, secretary; Eldon Marshall, treasurer; Jack Aitken, reporter....Our chapter entered a judging team at the Joplin Junior Beef Show. One of our members, Jay McMillian, showed a hereford calf at the show that took first in the FFA division. He received 35 cents per pound and a total of \$446.27 for the calf....We took third place money at the Chanute Corn Carnival. Eldon Marshall was third high individual. ..At Christmas we filled a basket and gave it to a needy family....We made \$100.00 from selling peanuts and sponsoring programs at football games. We also netted \$70.00 from our turkey shoot....Six purebred Hampshire gilts from our chapter owned sow have been sold at market price to members that wanted them. Our chapter also owns a Hereford calf that is on full feed. All told, members of our chapter own a total of thirty calves, which we plan to feed and show at the major show next fall....We recently concluded a pest contest in which numerous pests were killed. Paul Heady was high individual in the contest with 2,775 points....Several of our boys are entering essays in Swifts Essay Contest and we are also entering the National Duroc picture judging contest....Our basketball team played two games at the FFA basketball tournament recently held at Columbus. We played Pierce City, Missouri, and Cherryvale, Kansas, winning both games....Some of the shop jobs are the making of: hay hooks, gate hooks, both single and double hog houses, gates, two and four wheel trailers, hay racks, hog troughs and a garden tractor -- the repairing of harrows, a disc, a horse drawn mower and a wagon.

Jack Aitken, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: Our officers are Dick Marrs, president; Max Abrams, vice president; Thaine Hunt, secretary; Jack Baird, treasurer; Bill Patterson, reporter; James Guiclenger, sentinel....Shop projects include hog houses, two wheel trailers, stands for gasoline drums, and portable loading chute.... Our chapter took second place in the Harper County Judging Contest with Thaine Hunt as high individual and Bill Patterson and Jack Baird placing in the first five individuals....We dipped 350 sheep during the summer....We are conducting a G.I. Institutional On-the-Farm Training for ex-G.I.'s.

Bill Patterson, Reporter