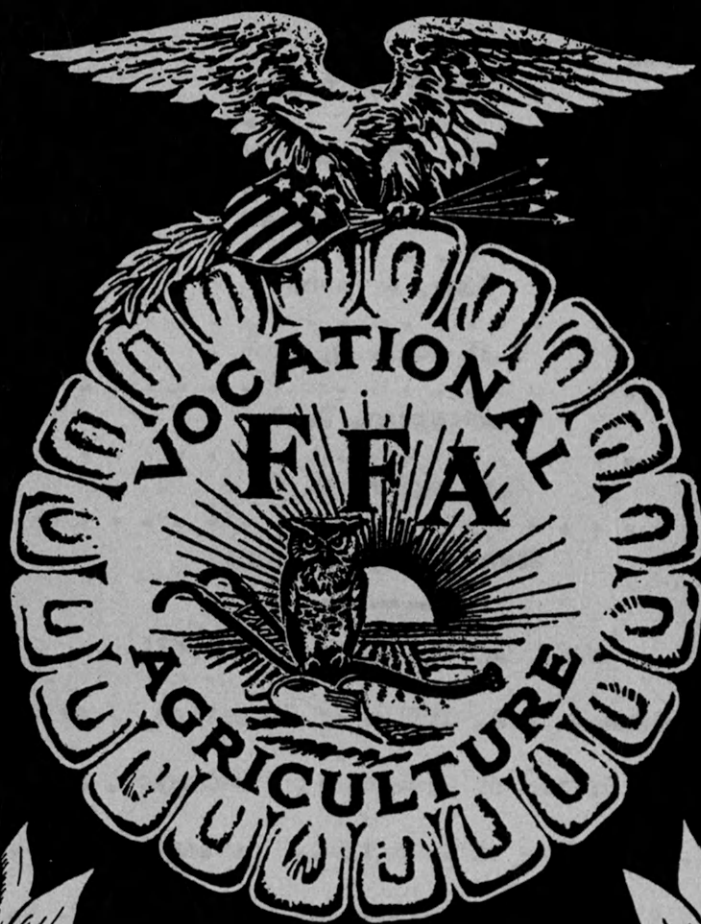


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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR CARLSON

Topeka, Kansas
April 27, 1948

Harland Priddle, President
Kansas Association of FFA

"Sincerely regret that a previous engagement made it impossible for me to attend your annual banquet. The Future Farmers of America is one of the outstanding organizations in our State and I would appreciate it if you will convey my congratulations and best wishes to those attending your meeting."

Signed - Governor Frank Carlson
Topeka, Kansas

HONORARY STATE FARMER DEGREES

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America awarded three Honorary State Farmer Degrees at their 1948 Convention. The persons so honored were Professor George Montgomery, Head of Department of Economics and Sociology, KSC; Professor Harold Kugler, Department of Agricultural Engineering, KSC; and Secretary J. C. Mohler, Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas.

President Harland Priddle presented Secretary J. C. Mohler with a 10-carat State Farmer Pin at the annual banquet held in Nichols Gymnasium, April 27. In making the presentation, Harland addressed Secretary Mohler as follows:

"It is my privilege at this time to award an Honorary State Farmer Degree to a man whose name has symbolized growth and progress in Kansas agriculture throughout more than a half century. I am referring to J. C. Mohler, Secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Mohler, will you please step forward. This man, J. C. Mohler, now in his 56th year with the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, having served the last 34 years of Secretary of that group. Through good times and bad times, J.C. Mohler has cherished, championed and served Kansas farmers and Kansas agriculture. His devotion and service to this cause is a challenge, not only to Kansas Future Farmers of America, but to all citizens of the state. It is a pleasure, indeed, Mr. Mohler, to award this degree, and present to you this gold key, emblematic of the Honorary State Farmer Degree."

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1948-49 STATE FFA OFFICERS

Seventeen FFA members, all recommended by their local advisers and approved by the reviewing committee, were interviewed by the nominating committee for state office. Eight excellent candidates were included in the slate presented to the House of Delegates. Special mimeographed material presenting full information concerning the scholarship, leadership and farming program for each candidate was made available to the delegates in session Monday evening, April 26. The choice of your 1948 House of Delegates for the leadership of the Kansas Association of FFA during 1948-49 follows:

John Gigstad, Effingham Chapter, President
Bob Edwards, Emporia Chapter, Vice-President
Don Stuteville, Parsons Chapter, Secretary
Carlton Broadbent, Beloit Chapter, Reporter
Lon Dean Crosson, Minneapolis Chapter, Treasurer

Congratulations and best wishes to this group of young men. The State office predicts a highly successful year for the Kansas Association of FFA under their leadership.

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1948-49 STATE FFA CONVENTION

Approximately 125 of the 141 FFA chapters in Kansas sent representatives to the Twentieth Annual State Convention. There were 104 agricultural teams entered and 103 schools reported for the agricultural judging events. Seventy-one schools entered teams in the farm mechanics contests and 70 schools reported for the judging activities. There were 25 contestants in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest and 43 chapters entered the State FFA Chapter Contest. Eighty-two schools seated delegates at the annual FFA meeting. The weather was delightful and the two days and two evenings were crammed full of participating experiences for the FFA members in attendance. The tour groups, under the direction of Professor Paul Kelley, Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, were comprised of approximately 150 alternates. One hundred and eighty-four FFA members found rooming quarters at Nichols Gymnasium, while the remainder of the contestants and their advisers found rooms in town.

This year for the first time a box lunch was served on the campus to contestants in the Agricultural and Farm Mechanics Contest. The box lunches were prepared by members of the Manhattan Restaurant Association and were served under the direction of a committee from the Agricultural Education Club. This committee was headed by Don Lawrence, a junior in Agricultural Education.

Professor Milton Manuel of the Department of Economics and Sociology, was in charge of compiling statistics in the various judging events.

Many departments of the college cooperated in making the Twentieth Annual State FFA Convention a success. The showing of films of the KSC champion basketball team in several of its last seasons games was one of the high points of the convention. These films were shown in the auditorium just prior to the opening of the Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The Kansas Association was honored to have Ervin Martin, of the Salem Chapter, Salem, Indiana, National FFA President as a guest throughout the convention. President Martin addressed both the House of Delegates and the banquet groups.

The new national FFA film "That Inspiring Task" was shown at the House of Delegates meeting. Sears-Roebuck and Company financed this film and gave a copy to the Kansas State Department for Vocational Education. The film is a 16 mm sound, technicolor, and will be distributed through the office of the Department of Education, Kansas State College. Professor L. F. Hall will be in charge of scheduling this new FFA film.

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JUNCTION CITY, OHIO: The Junction City Future Farmers of America chapter has made plans to paint the mail boxes of Jackson Township free of charge. Boxes will be painted aluminum with red flags. The owner's name will be stenciled on each box with black enamel.

ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON: Dell and Dick Foster, junior FFA members at Arlington, rented a farm two years ago and borrowed money to add to the \$1,000 they already had to purchase dairy cattle, equipment and supplies. They now have the debts paid, \$2,000 in the bank, and fourteen cows, three yearlings, and seven calves.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION
OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, 1947-48

The annual meeting to formulate the State Program of Work was held in Professor A. P. Davidson's office, September 5, 1947. A proposed State Program of Work was formulated and published in the September 15, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

The District FFA Leadership Schools were scheduled, assignments made and programs outlined during August. Eleven District FFA Leadership Schools were held with State officers in attendance at a majority of them. A complete report of the District FFA Leadership Schools will be found in the January 1, 1948, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

During the year, five chapters were chartered. Two chapters were re-activated. There are 141 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas with a total enrollment of 4989 boys. At present we have 137 active paid up chapters with a total membership of 5202. We hope before we make our final report to the National Organization, July 1, 1948, we will have 100% of the vocational agriculture departments in the State with paid dues and on an active status.

Bob Greve, vice president of the Kansas Association of FFA, and your president, served as delegates at the Twentieth National Convention of Future Farmers of America at Kansas City last October. The Twentieth FFA Convention was one of the highlight experiences of my life, and I know that I express the opinion of the other delegates from Kansas when I say that the privilege of representing Kansas at this great convention constituted one of the highlights of our experience. The Twentieth FFA Convention was fully treated in the November, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. As time will not permit, I shall not attempt to review this convention. I would strongly urge that if you have not already done so, that you examine carefully the November issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. An international mein was given this year's convention with Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the United States, as a headline speaker.

The Beloit Chapter received the Bronze Emblem classification in the 1947 National Chapter Contest.

Herman Popp of the Haven, Kansas, chapter, and Keith Loyd, of the St. Francis, Kansas, chapter, were raised to the American Farmer Degree at this convention. Herman Popp was selected as the State Star Farmer for Kansas and received the Kansas City Weekly Star cash award of \$100.00.

A group of Shawnee Mission boys were given a part in the Sears film, "That Inspiring Task". The premier showing of this film was at the Twentieth National Convention.

Marshall Schirer, 1946 winner of the National Public Speaking Contest, represented Kansas in a pageant at the National Convention. The pageant was entitled "United We Stand".

The Agricultural Education Club of KSC made available for the first time a plaque to be awarded the chapter making the highest total points in events open to FFA members in connection with the annual Vocational Agricultural and Farm Mechanics high school judging contest. The Beloit chapter, Howard Bradley, adviser, won this award for 1947.

President's Report (continued)

Later in this program we expect to distribute copies of the Twentieth FFA Convention Proceedings, and we strongly urge that each chapter in Kansas study this report for inspiration and make the report a permanent part of their FFA chapter library.

One hundred and twenty-seven chapters filed Programs of Work on or before November 1, 1947. A few chapters filed programs after that date.

The Better Chapter Contest winners in the 1946-47 State Chapter Contest showed nine chapters meriting Gold Emblem classification. These chapters were listed in the May, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

Eighty-one Chapter Farmers were raised to the State Farmer Degree in 1947.

Your President met with the State FFA Executive Committee on April 8, 1948, at which time 95 Chapter Farmers were recommended for the State Farmer Degree.

During the past year, members of the State Association had a total net worth of approximately \$1,599,888.56. This is an average net worth per member of \$624.47. 3221 pieces of farm machinery were repaired and 2807 pieces of farm equipment were built in our school farm shops.

Practically 100% of the chapters cooperated with the State program in Safety, Fire Prevention, Pest Eradication, Soil Conservation, and Livestock Loss Prevention.

This closes the report of your office of president.

Respectfully submitted,

Harland Priddle, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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REPORT OF THE STATE FFA REPORTER, 1948

Including the May 15, 1948, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, six copies will have been printed and distributed during the year.

As was done last year, requests for local chapter news for the Kansas Future Farmer were sent from the state office. During the year 272 requests were sent, and 149 responses were received. This is a response of 54%, indicating that 46% of the requests for local chapter news failed to bring responses.

Six issues (including May 15, 1948) of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, were published. The plan of devoting the first half of the Newsletter to state and national items of interest, and the last half of the Newsletter to local FFA chapter news was continued.

Reporter's Report (continued)

Each issue of the Newsletter carried the FFA Calendar and gave emphasis to major FFA activities calendared; for example:

- September issue - State Program of Work, District FFA Leadership Schools; Source of FFA Supplies; Summary of Kansas Association of FFA Report to National FFA Organization, 1946-47; 1947-48 Budget of Kansas Association of FFA
- November issue - Devoted entirely to the Twentieth National FFA Convention.
- December issue - Report on District FFA Leadership Schools, Farm Machinery Exhibit at Kansas State Fair; County Collective Booth Exhibits, Comanche and Reno, Kansas State Fair; National FFA Judging Contests.
- February issue - Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest; Constitutional Requirements for American Farmer Degree; Agricultural Education Club Award; State Chapter Contest Regulations
- April issue - State Convention Call, Rank in FFA Membership, Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated; An Analysis of a Selected List of Chapter Programs
- May issue - Report of Twentieth Annual Meeting of Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America

The chapter notes were satisfactorily written in most cases. Items from the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter were reprinted in several publications in the field of agricultural journalism, including newsletters sent out by other State Associations; American Farm Youth; Agricultural Leaders Digest; and many others. Kansas chapter notes were quoted by National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, in his monthly FFA flashes.

Respectfully submitted by

LeRoy Spicher, Reporter
Kansas Association of FFA

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OMISSION

The Sedan Chapter was omitted from the list of chapters that have paid their dues in the April, 1948, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. The Sedan Chapter had 35 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture as of October 1, 1947, and had a paid up membership of 38, which gives them a percentage of 108. The state office regrets this oversight.

REPORT OF STATE FFA TREASURER 1948

Professor Harry M. Stewart, Certified Public Accountant, audited the Kansas Association of FFA Treasurer's Books for 1947-48.

The 1946-47 audit lists \$100 loaned by the Kansas Association of FFA to the Kansas Bulletin Volume Fund. This item is not carried in the 1948 audit, but will be listed when the money is paid back to the Kansas Association of FFA. The \$100 was loaned to the Kansas Bulletin Volume Fund to facilitate handling bulletin covers for vocational agriculture departments in Kansas. The money was loaned without interest.

Professor Stewart's audit follows:

"In accordance with your request, I have audited the cash records of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America for the fiscal period, April 1, 1947, to March 31, 1948, and submit the attached Exhibit "A" together with my comments.

Scope of the Audit:

The bank balance at the beginning of the period was reconciled with the bank statement as of that date. All receipts as shown by the records were deposited in the Union National Bank, Manhattan, Kansas, and all disbursements per record were made by check.

No inventory of pins, keys, supplies and membership cards were made at the beginning or close of the fiscal period. However a comparison of recorded items of pins and keys bought and sold would indicate a decrease in total inventory and a similar comparison of supplies would indicate an increase in inventory.

The bank balance per books at the close of the period was reconciled with the balance shown by the statement from the bank. Two checks were outstanding at the end of the year. The check in favor of Robert Fulmer which was outstanding last year was never cashed so was added back to the beginning balance.

The two series "F" defense bonds with an accrued value of \$822 were not inspected by the auditor because they were in the State Office at Topeka, Kansas.

Subject to the above comments, the attached statement in my opinion is correct.

The records appear to have been kept in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry M. Stewart
Certified Public Accountant

Treasurer's Report (continued)

Exhibit "A"

Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
for the period April 1, 1947 to March 31, 1948

Bank balance per books, April 1, 1947		\$1,674.67
Add back Robert Fulmer check		2.50
Total beginning balance		<u>\$1,677.17</u>
Receipts:		
Dues - 5252 at 20¢	\$1,050.40	
Charms and Pins	1,243.47	
Supplies (manuals, books, songs, officers' jackets)	190.50	
Postage refunds	1.70	
Contributions from Burlington R.R.	100.00	
Reimbursement of Convention Expense	4.20	
Refund from L. G. Balfour Company	79.86	
Beloit FFA Foundation	81.08	
ELDorado FFA Foundation	81.08	
Miscellaneous	<u>5.08</u>	
Total receipts		2,837.37
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$4,514.54</u>
Disbursements:		
Dues - 4790 at 10¢	\$ 479.00	
Charms and Pins	1,032.54	
Taxes on charms and pins	164.16	
Badges and buttons	85.80	
Pictures	19.50	
State and National Convention expense	227.37	
Auditing	7.50	
Supplies	352.25	
Printing	25.00	
Burlington Awards	99.96	
FFA Foundation	<u>162.16</u>	
Total disbursements		<u>2,655.24</u>
Balance per books, March 31, 1948		\$1,859.30
Bank balance per statement, March 31, 1948		\$1,775.75
Add- Cash on hand		104.75
		<u>\$1,880.50</u>
Less- Outstanding checks -		
#236 Ed Roesche	\$ 6.00	
#241A Ks. Bul. Vol. Fund	15.20	
		<u>\$ 21.20</u>
Balance per books above		<u>\$1,859.30</u>

Treasurer's Report (continued)

CHECKS WRITTEN FOR DISBURSEMENT
FROM 4/1/47 TO 3/31/48

4-29-47	Wareham Hotel, Dinner State and National FFA Officers	\$ 7.74
5- 1-47	Gillett Hotel, Room for National Officer Philip Shober.....	4.00
5- 1-47	Harry M. Stewart, Auditing FFA books.....	7.50
5- 1-47	St. Louis Button Company, 150 FFA badges, 1000 buttons.....	44.94
5- 1-47	French-Bray Printing Company, 501 Manuals, 100 Place Cards...	66.38
5-15-47	L. G. Balfour Company, State FFA Award Plaque.....	15.96
5- 1-47	Del Close Jeweler, Engrave Public Speaking Medals.....	.75
5- 8-47	Helen Edgerton, Lettering Certificates.....	5.00
5- 8-47	Art Craft Printers, 200 SF Certificates, 1000 Programs.....	20.00
5- 8-47	Shannon Nickelson, 5 8x10 Enlargements.....	6.00
5- 8-47	L. G. Balfour Company, 4 GP Charms, 6 GP Pins, 4 10K Charms, 6 10K Pins.....	67.20
5- 8-47	L. G. Balfour, Federal and State Tax on State Farmer Pins....	14.52
5-27-47	Doctor Henry S. Brunner, FFA Band Uniforms.....	20.00
6-17-47	Dowell J. Howard, Nat'l FFA Treas., 4790 National FFA Dues...	479.00
8-13-47	Universal Uniform Company, FFA Officer Jackets.....	34.50
8-13-47	J. C. Darling Company, 1 FFA Emblem Rubber Stamp.....	4.06
8-13-47	French-Bray Printing Company, 1 FFA Emblem Cut.....	2.50
8-16-47	L. G. Balfour Company, 200 Green Hand Pins.....	50.00
8-16-47	L. G. Balfour Company, Excise Tax on Green Hand Pins.....	1.00
10- 2-47	French-Bray Printing Company, 100 Treas. Books, 100 Sec'y Books, 501 Manuals.....	115.13
10- 3-47	Chapter Supply Company, FFA Jumbo Emblem.....	3.95
10- 3-47	The French-Bray Printing Company, 100 FFA Baggage Stickers...	2.50
10-13-47	St. Francis Chapter of FFA, Burlington Award Check.....	16.66
10-13-47	McDonald Chapter of FFA, Burlington Award Check.....	16.66
10-13-47	Oberlin Chapter of FFA, Burlington Award Check.....	16.66
10-13-47	Bird City Chapter of FFA, Burlington Award Check.....	16.66
10-13-47	Atwood Chapter of FFA, Burlington Award Check.....	16.66
10-13-47	Norton Chapter of FFA, Burlington Award Check.....	16.66
10-14-47	Harland Priddle, State Officer Meeting Expense.....	9.30
10-14-47	Eugene Brinkman, State Officer Meeting Expense.....	15.37
10-14-47	Robert Greve, State Officer Meeting Expense.....	9.85
10-14-47	James A. Boucek, Officer Expense minus cost of jacket.....	4.05
10-14-47	St. Louis Button Company, FFA Leadership School Badges.....	35.72
10-15-47	L. G. Balfour Company, 500 CF, 500 GH, 6 AP, 6 GP AP.....	268.42
10-15-47	L. G. Balfour Company, Excise & State Tax on 500 CF, 500 GH, 12 AP.....	33.72
10-30-47	Marshall Schirer, Expense to National Convention of FFA.....	9.22
11-14-47	Clyde Morris, National FFA Band Expense at National Convention	32.80
11-14-47	Foto Service, National Convention Pictures.....	13.50
11-14-47	Bob Greve, National Convention Delegate Expense.....	12.44
11-22-47	Keith Riggs, National FFA Band Expense at National Convention	55.22
11-22-47	Harland Priddle, National Convention Delegate Expense.....	22.66
11-26-47	Beloit Chapter of FFA, FFA Foundation Livestock Team Award...	81.08
11-26-47	ELDorado Chapter of FFA, FFA Foundation Meats Team Award.....	81.08
12- 2-47	The American Farm Youth, Subscriptions for District Leader- ship School Contest winners.....	9.00
1- 8-48	L. G. Balfour Company, 500 Chapter Farmer, 500 Green Hand Pins	265.00
1- 8-48	L. G. Balfour Company, Excise and State Tax on 500 CF and 500 GH.....	33.30
1-16-48	Sedan Chapter of FFA, Overpayment of account.....	1.63

Treasurer's Report (continued)

1-21-48	French-Bray Printing Co., 25 quartettes, 25 piano music.....	\$ 10.20
1-26-48	St. Louis Button Company, FFA delegate badges.....	26.25
1-27-48	D. J. Howard, National FFA Treasurer, 400 "FFA in Action"...	51.80
2-18-48	French-Bray Printing Company, FFA Music.....	1.80
2-20-48	Ed Roesche, FFA Records.....	6.00
3- 2-48	L. G. Balfour Company 5 GP St. Farmer Charms, 10 10-carat St. Farmer Charms, 16 GP St. Farmer Pins, 60 10-carat St. Farmer Pins.....	381.92
3- 2-48	L. G. Balfour Company, Excise and State Tax on State Farmer Pins and Charms.....	81.62
3- 2-48	L. G. Balfour Company, Public Speaking Award Medals.....	6.36
3- 2-48	L. G. Balfour Company, Excise Tax on Public Speaking Award Medals.....	1.05
3-15-48	L. G. Balfour Company, Agricultural Education Club Plaque...	22.29
3-31-48	Kansas Bulletin Volume Fund, error in account.....	15.20
	Total.....	\$2,676.44

Respectfully submitted by

Eugene Brinkman, Treasurer
Kansas Association of FFA

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REPORT OF THE STATE FFA SECRETARY 1947

House of Delegates meeting, Recreation Center, April 26, 1948, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by President Harland Priddle.

Formal opening ceremony used.

164 delegates from 82 chapters were seated.

29 chapters were present with judging teams and failed to seat delegates at House of Delegates meeting.

Minutes of 1947 meeting were read and approved.

President Harland Priddle explained that due to the fact that we planned to show the new FFA film, "That Inspiring Task", it would be necessary to shorten the meeting. He suggested that a motion to suspend the regular order of business and turn to the head of new business would be in order. Such a motion was submitted by a delegate, properly seconded, and passed.

Under the head of new business, 95 State Farmer candidates were nominated and elected to the State Farmer Degree.

Professor George Montgomery, Head of the Department of Economics and Sociology; Professor Harold L. Kugler, Department of Agricultural Engineering, and Secretary J. C. Mohler, Kansas State Board of Agriculture, were nominated and elected to the Degree of Honorary State Farmer.

Secretary's Report (continued)

In order to have time for showing the new FFA film, it was moved and seconded that the reports of the state officers be not read at the House of Delegates meeting, but that they be approved as they appear in the May 15, 1948, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. Motion carried.

National FFA President, Ervin Martin, Salem, Indiana, gave an interesting and inspiring talk.

"That Inspiring Task" was shown. The state leaders were greatly disappointed because of the failure of the loud speaker. A new public address system was being used and this proved disappointing also. Just what the difficulty was, we have not been able to learn. However, the failure of the speaking device disappointed some 500 FFA members and delegates.

Election of officers resulted in the following officers being elected for 1948-49:

John Gigstad, Effingham Chapter, President
Bob Edwards, Emporia Chapter, Vice-President
Don Stuteville, Parsons Chapter, Secretary
Carlton Broadbent, Beloit Chapter, Reporter
Lon Dean Crosson, Minneapolis Chapter, Treasurer

Adjournment, 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Boucek, Secretary
Kansas Association of FFA

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1948 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America wishes to take this means of thanking the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce for the Twentieth FFA Banquet furnished by this group. President Lee King, Secretary C. C. Kilker, and Millard Moore, chairman of the Vocational Agricultural Committee, can rest assured that both the FFA members and their advisers are duly appreciative of the efforts of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, to make their closing event such a delightful occasion.

The annual FFA banquet is a cooperative affair whereby the food is furnished by the Chamber of Commerce and is served under the direction of Professor Dave Mackintosh. The physical properties are provided by the college under the direction of Professor F. W. Atkeson, while the program itself is under the direction of the State Association of FFA. Food service is in charge of the college Block and Bridle Club, which is a student organization in the Department of Animal Husbandry. The flags of the United Nations were furnished through the courtesy of the Institute of Citizenship, Doctor R. A. Walker, Head. The band music was furnished by the Manhattan Junior High School Band under the direction of Professor Rex Conner. Group singing was led by Professor Elbert Fly of the High School. Special music numbers were furnished by Clyde Morris, Oboe solo, Highland Park Chapter; and by Keith Riggs, Saxophone solo, Wakeeney chapter. Both Clyde and Keith were members

1948 Chamber of Commerce Banquet (continued)

of the 1947 National FFA Band. An explanatory note as to why Keith Riggs name did not appear on the banquet program, is in order. Our original banquet program called for showing the National FFA film as part of the program. No special music numbers were planned. At the last moment, it was learned that we would not be able to secure a sound instrument with sufficient volume to show the film in Nichols Gymnasium, and it was decided to switch the film to the House of Delegates meeting. We hurriedly got in touch with Clyde Morris by telephone and found that he could be here, so scheduled him for the event. We were most happy to learn later that Keith Riggs was planning to be present and arranged to have him take part in the banquet program. This, however, was too late to have his name placed on the printed program.

The entire banquet program was well received and the State Association turned the meeting over to Professor L. F. Payne, chairman of the College Contest Committee at 8:45 p.m.

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1948 STATE CHAPTER CONTEST

The ratings of the National Score Card used in the National Chapter Contest were used in the Kansas Chapter Contest. Under each of the eight headings, the same items were given consideration in ranking the chapters as listed in this issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. The State Chapter Contest is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort over a wide range of activities. The first State Chapter Contest was held in Kansas in 1932 and these contests have been held annually since that date.

In addition to the eight major headings listed in the National Chapter Contest score card, the scoring committee checks each chapter activity program against the annual State Association Program of Work. Attention is also given to chapter performance in the District FFA Leadership Schools.

It was gratifying to note that 100% of the chapters entering the Chapter Contest had a minimum FFA library; 97% used both the official Secretary and Treasurer's book, and more than 96% of the competing chapters engaged in Fire Prevention, Safety, Pest Eradication, and Livestock Loss Prevention.

The four major classifications for recognizing the merit of chapter programs are: Gold Emblem classification, Silver Emblem classification, Bronze Emblem classification, and Honorable Mention classification.

The results of the 1948 State Chapter Contest follow:

GOLD EMBLEM CLASSIFICATION - HIGHEST RANK

Beloit Chapter, Howard Bradley, Adviser	Minneapolis Chapter, J. W. Jordan, Adviser
Buhler Chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adviser	
Clay Center Chapter, R.W.Morrison, Adviser	Olathe Chapter, E.L.Raines, Adviser
Colby Chapter, Ronald King, Adviser	Shawnee Mission Chapter, H.D.Garver, Adviser
Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia, Adviser	
Effingham Chapter, A.G.Jensen, Adviser	Stockton Chapter, F.A. Blauer, Adviser
Haven Chapter, G.Schulthess, Adviser	
Highland Park Chapter, F. Carpenter, Adviser	Winfield Chapter, Ira Plank and John Lowe, Advisers

1948 State Chapter Contest (continued)

<u>SILVER EMBLEM</u>	<u>BRONZE EMBLEM</u>	<u>HONORABLE MENTION</u>
Chanute, Chas. O. Carter	Arkansas City, W.D. Turner	Hoyt, H. Longberg
Concordia, W. A. Rawson	El Dorado, W.R. McMillan	
Hiawatha, Winzer Petr	Holton, M. McKinsey	
Lawrence, W.R. Essick	Horton, L. O. Gugler	
Lebanon, Don Hall	Howard, Wilbur Hart	
Newton, R. M. Karns	Inman, W. J. Braun	
Randolph, R.C. Stephens	Kincaid, Dale Woolsey	
Smith Center, C. Mantz	Kiowa, Allen Starosta	
Washington, I.E. Peterson	Little River, M. Kohrs	
	Morrowville, Otis Dewey	
	Moundridge, C.C. Griffin	
	Norton, Keith Fish	
	Oberlin, Lloyd Moody	
	Ottawa, S.S. Bergsma	
	Phillipsburg, F. Freeman	
	Washburn, Hugh Moore	
	Valley Falls, A. Loomis	
	Wakeeney, J. O. Brown	
	Williamsburg, E. Anderson	
	Westmoreland, N. Hildwein	
	Waterville, L. VanPetten	

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ACROSS THE BORDER

OAKDALE, CALIFORNIA: Probably no other chapter in the United States has a Future Farmer emblem quite like the one recently given to the Oakdale chapter. One of the former members who has been in the navy, Luis Consoli, class of '36, has been stationed in Chinese waters for quite some time. He became acquainted with a Chinese wood carver who was under his command in some capacity. Showing this wood carver a copy of the FFA emblem, he asked him to carve a plaque out of teak wood. Not being able to speak Chinese and the carver not being able to understand English, the end product was a large teak wood box with the FFA emblem on the front. After much waving of hands and sign language, Luis finally got the idea across that a box was not wanted, but a plaque. So the Chinese patiently took the box to pieces, filled in the holes where he had beautifully made dovetail joints, filled in the key hole and the result was a beautiful FFA plaque. It took about two weeks of steady work to complete the emblem. The detail work was beautifully done. On each kernel of corn has been screwed a solid silver name plate. Each year for the next twenty years the outstanding freshman boy in the chapter will have his name engraved on one of these plates. Recently Consoli came home on furlough and, before the entire student body, made the presentation to the local chapter president. The boys are naturally proud to have such an emblem and it is hanging in the chapter room.

TENNESSEE: The 1948 Tennessee State Joint Convention of Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America will mark the first annual joint meeting of the two organizations. Some 2,000 delegates will represent approximately 25,000 farm boys and girls who are studying vocational agriculture and homemaking in the public high schools of the state.

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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.

Supplemental materials would not enter into the judging of chapter accomplishment. 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 whether chapters followed recommendations and rules in compiling reports, percentage of membership, 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 are

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

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 Freshman 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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| 1. Treat seed | 4. Marketing: |
| 2. Test seed | a. Livestock |
| 3. Purchasing | b. Wool |
| a. Mineral mix | c. Fruit |
| b. Used lumber | d. Vegetables |
| c. Medicine for livestock kits | e. Plants |
| d. Seed | |
| e. Nursery stock | 5. Exhibits: Shop - Fair - School |
| f. Livestock | 6. Demonstrations |
| g. Feed | 7. Financing |
| | 8. Harvesting crops - planting |
| | 9. FFA Library improvement |

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

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 1948 chapter contest follows. Basic items listed for chapters indicated as A, B, and C, were taken from the 1948 Master Sheet. Chapter A received the Gold Emblem classification, Chapter B rated a Silver Emblem, and Chapter C received the Bronze Emblem award.

KANSAS 1948 CHAPTER CONTEST - MASTER SHEET

<u>Items Given Consideration:</u>	<u>Name of Chapter</u>			
	A	B	C	C
Number of Members	34	34	23	23
% Membership	109%	118%	87%	87%
% Response Request for News	100%	66 2/3%	100%	100%
State Farmer Candidate (1948)	1	3	1	1

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

Master Sheet (continued)

Items Given Consideration:

	Name of Chapter		
	A	B	C
American Farmer Candidate (1947)			
Public Speaking Entry (1948)	X		
State Officer (1947-48)			
FFA Leadership School (1947)			
Information Contest - Rank in State	2nd		
FFA Leadership School (1947)			
Information Contest - Rank in District	1st	2nd	5th
FFA Leadership School (1947)			
Ritual Contest - Rank in District	1st	4th	5th
Net Worth - Average per member	\$2,843.77	\$767.32	\$330.50
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 1947 Chapter Contest	Gold	Gold	Bronze
RANK IN 1948 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-round development.

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The Clay Center Chapter had the honor of occupying the cover page on the April 3, 1948, issue of the Kansas Farmer magazine. This issue carried a feature story of the Clay Center Chapter, and in addition carried six excellent cuts of the Clay Center Chapter activities.

1948 CLASS OF STATE FARMERS

Ninety-five FFA members from 54 chapters were elected to the State Farmer Degree at the 20th Annual FFA Convention. This brings the total number of FFA members elected to the State Farmer Degree in Kansas to 1016.

Three Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded by the House of Delegates, namely: Secretary J. C. Mohler, Kansas State Board of Agriculture; Professor George Montgomery, Head of Department of Economics and Sociology; and Professor Harold Kugler, Department of Agricultural Engineering. This brings the total number of Honorary State Farmer Degrees granted by the Kansas Association of FFA during its twenty years of history to twenty-three.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Robbins, Jack	Altamont	Worcester, Billy Joe	Hill City
Hale, Tim	Alton	King, Kenneth R.	Holton
Xrahl, Vernon Z.	Alton	Schultz, Herbert	Holton
Hunt, Thaine L.	Arkansas City	Molt, Ivan D.	Horton
Pianalto, Elmer	Atwood	Rector, J. D.	Independence
Pachta, Edward L.	Belleville	Simmons, Bill	Independence
Rizek, Bob L.	Belleville	Neufeld, Edwin E.	Inman
Krotz, Don	Belleville	Doze, Robert L.	Kingman
Broadbent, Carlton H.	Beloit	Circle, Duncan	Kiowa
Brown, Bill	Beloit	Long, William E.	Lebanon
Murray, Johnnie	Beloit	McCall, Morris A.	Lebanon
Stover, Donald D.	Beverly	Hagenbuch, Frank	Lawrence
Janzen, Robert D.	Buhler	Hargadine, Doyle	McPherson
Pettit, Melvin	Bird City	Yowell, Jimmie	McPherson
Tennis, Dean	Chanute	Lillieqvist, Lucky	Medicine Lodge
Mugler, Paul	Clay Center	McEndree, Maurice G.	Medicine Lodge
Rau, Karl P.	Clay Center	Campbell, Neil	Miltonvale
Deewall, Stanley	Coldwater	Richard, Jr. Carl A.	Miltonvale
Whelpley, Donald	Coldwater	Crosson, Lon Dean	Minneapolis
Jones, Wm. T.	Columbus	Kindall, Cloyce E.	Minneapolis
Martin, Carl W.	Colby	Lott, Donald D.	Minneapolis
Anderson, Carl, Jr.	Effingham	Goering, Donald	Moundridge
George, Milton J.	Effingham	Deschner, Mervin W.	Newton
Gigstad, Dale	Effingham	Gatz, Bill	Newton
Gigstad, John K.	Effingham	Knott, Robert	Newton
Hargrove, Donald Max	Effingham	Falley, Bert	Seaman
Baker, Bill	Eldorado	Walker, Raymond	Norton
Maddux, Robert	Eldorado	Wilcox, Ray D.	Oberlin
Traylor, Duane	Eldorado	Allen, Dale K.	Olathe
Boughton, Kenneth	Emporia	Plank, Bob	Olathe
Davis, Frank, Jr.	Emporia	Stromire, Leon	Olathe
DeLong, Donald	Emporia	Remer, James E.	Olathe
Farr, Lloyd	Emporia	Zimmerman, LeMoyné	Olathe
Johnson, Harlan	Frankfort	Blazek, Lynn	Osage City
Jones, Bob	Frankfort	Slyter, Leslie	Paola
Lohr, Kenneth	Goodland	Aitken, Jack E.	Parsons
Walker, Pete	Goodland	McMillan, Gerald	Parsons
Blanchat, Bill	Harper	Stuteville, Donald L.	Parsons
Grandon, Harold	Haven	Bergsten, Eugene	Randolph
Oldenettel, Merle D.	Haven	Montgomery, Donald L.	Sabetha
Worcester, Charles	Hill City	Berneking, Wayne	Simpson

1948 Class of State Farmers (continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Herman, Clayton	Smith Center	Loomis, Alden, Jr.	Valley Falls
Overmiller, John	Smith Center	Ditmars, Sherman	Washington
Lewelling, Evan D.	Soldier	Soder, Raymond	Washington
Newell, Richard H.	Stafford	Groene, Francis	Winfield
McComb, Keith	Stockton	Moore, Leon	Winfield
Peaslee, Doyle	Stockton	Seeliger, Carl	Winfield
Lukert, Phil	Washburn		

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1948 STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The eighteenth annual FFA Public Speaking Contest was held on the campus at KSC, Tuesday, April 27. State President Harland Priddle presided. The judges for the speech contest were: Doctor Randall C. Hill, Department of Economics and Sociology; Professor Norris Anderson, Department of Economics and Sociology; and Doctor V. L. Strickland, Department of Education and Psychology. There were twenty-five contestants.

Kansas has an enviable record in Regional and National FFA speech contests. Fifteen Kansas Future Farmers have participated in the Regional FFA Speech Contests and have won four firsts, four-seconds, two-thirds, two sevenths, two ninths, and one placed eleventh.

Originally the region consisted of twelve states but for the past several years the central region has been comprised of 13 states. On the basis of 12 states competing in the Regional Speech Contests, Kansas should have entered a representative in the national contest 1.23 times. Instead, in 1946 Kansas represented the region in the National FFA Speech Contest for the fourth time. Kansas in the National FFA Speech Contest has placed fourth, second, and has won the national twice.

The results of the 1948 FFA Speech Contest follow:

<u>RANKING</u>	<u>NAME AND CHAPTER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
1.	John M. Allison, Shawnee Mission	"Push-Button Agriculture"
2.	Charles Alexander, Olathe	"Conservation or Starvation"
3.	John Lee Zielke, Buhler	"Down to Earth"
4.	Vernon McKee, Beloit	"Balanced Farming Leads to Better Family Living"
5.	Lloyd Wies, Downs	"Irrigation - History and Practical Present Day Uses"
6.	Alden Loomis, Jr., Valley Falls	"The Golden Age of American Farm Life"
7.	Duncan Circle, Kiowa	"Save Our Soil"
8.	Dale Gigstad, Effingham	"Soil Erosion Control, The Foundation for Balanced Farming"
8.	Carl D. Reeder, Wakeeney	"Land of the Free"
8.	Roland Ensz, Newton	"Chemurgy: A New Horizon for Agricult"
11.	Clyde Grover, Stockton	"Soil Conservation in Balanced Farmin"
12.	Wayne Gardner, Smith Center	"Nature's Remedy for a Hungry World"
13.	Roy Dale Unruh, Inman	"Conserving America's Soil"
13.	Leon Moore, Winfield	"Modernizing Agricultural Price Contr"
15.	William Korber, Seneca	"What the Scientist Has Done for the Farmer"

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD

The Olathe Chapter under the direction of E. Lee Raines had the distinction of winning the Agricultural Education Club plaque. This plaque was awarded to the chapter making the highest total score in all activities open to FFA members. The score card used would make it possible for a team to win 105 points in the Agricultural events, 99 points in the Farm Mechanics events, and 102 points in FFA events. The score card used in determining the winners follows:

SCORE CARDBreakdown for Agriculture - High ten teams

1st place	-	29 points
2nd place	-	28 points
3rd place	-	27 points
4th place	-	26 points
5th place	-	25 points
6th place	-	24 points
7th place	-	23 points
8th place	-	22 points
9th place	-	21 points
10th place	-	20 points

For each of the Four Divisions in Agriculture -
Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Poultry, Agronomy

1st place	-	19 points
2nd place	-	18 points
3rd place	-	17 points
4th place	-	16 points
5th place	-	15 points
6th place	-	14 points
7th place	-	13 points
8th place	-	12 points
9th place	-	11 points
10th place	-	10 points

Breakdown Farm Mechanics - High ten teams

1st place	-	29 points
2nd place	-	28 points
3rd place	-	27 points
4th place	-	26 points
5th place	-	25 points
6th place	-	24 points
7th place	-	23 points
8th place	-	22 points
9th place	-	21 points
10th place	-	20 points

Agricultural Education Club Award (continued)

For each of the Seven Areas in Farm Mechanics -
Farm Power, Farm Carpentry, Concrete, Arc Welding,
Farm Machinery, Sharpening Tools, Soil Conservation

1st place	-	10 points
2nd place	-	9 points
3rd place	-	8 points
4th place	-	7 points
5th place	-	6 points
6th place	-	5 points
7th place	-	4 points
8th place	-	3 points
9th place	-	2 points
10th place	-	1 point

FFA SectionChapter Contest

50 points	-	Gold Emblem
30 points	-	Silver Emblem
15 points	-	Bronze Emblem
5 points	-	Honorable Mention

FFA Public Speaking Contest

1st place	-	10 points
2nd place	-	9 points
3rd place	-	8 points
4th place	-	7 points
5th place	-	6 points
6th place	-	5 points
7th place	-	4 points
8th place	-	3 points
9th place	-	2 points
10th place	-	1 point

State Farmers

Chapters having 1	-	10 points
Chapters having 2	-	20 points
Chapters having 3	-	30 points
Chapters having 4	-	40 points
Number of points possible	-	40

Seating Delegates

One Delegate	-	1 point
Two Delegates	-	2 points

The ranking of the high five chapters with total points earned follows: 1st place, Olathe, 201 points; 2nd place, Beloit, 200 points; 3rd place, Clay Center, 154 points; 4th place, Newton, 139 points; 5th place, Chanute, 132 points.

The Kansas Association wishes to take this means of thanking the Agricultural Education Club for furnishing a beautiful FFA plaque each year which is awarded to the chapter scoring the highest total points in all events open

CHAPTER NEWS

HILLSBORO: On April 6, 1948, our F.F.A. chapter was chartered and we received charter number 195. We are having a good penman put all of the charter members names on the charter so that all of the writing will be alike....Members of our chapter have attended the various district judging schools and contests....We held our first Parent-Son banquet on March 23.... The Kiwanis club met with us. Our attendance was 168....F.F.A. attendance at the banquet was 97.3%. State Adviser, L. B. Pollom, was the main speaker at our banquet....After the banquet the parents were invited to visit the shop to see some of the things that were being worked on....The school board has decided to double the amount of floor space in our shop by making an addition to the present building. This should help our congested condition quite a bit....Hillsboro was host to a spring dairy show for the Guernsey, Ayrshire, and Holstein breeds. A judging contest was held in connection with each of these shows....Our F.F.A. has 100% membership this year.

Leland Nuss, Reporter

HARPER: Our chapter held a pest eradication contest. The losing side in the pest eradication contest gave a chili feed....The following Green Hands were formally initiated: James Bradfield, Ralph Crum, Dalton Deitz, Dick Drouhard, Lee Drumright, W. J. Fox, Richard Gleichman, Delbert Hostetler, Delbert Jones, Howard Osborne, Jimmie Parsons, Martin Smithhisler, Lawrence Sutter, Ray Tracy, D'Owen Williams, Douglas Wohlschlagel, Ronnie Yoder, Edward Carlson....We held a Parent-Son night, at which we gave a short skit and gave a summary of the years farming programs....John Burk, Leonard Ghere, Raymond Ghere, Norman Latta, Charles Olivier, Loern Mathes, Philip Thompson, and Howard Ghere, were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree at our regular meeting, March 16....In our annual election of officers the following were elected: president, Donald Drouhard; vice-president, Frank Fulton; secretary, Carl Pomeroy; treasurer, Charles Oliver; reporter, Robert Park; sentinel, Lee Drumright....We gave an assembly program consisting of a skit illustrating practices in soil conservation.

Robert Park, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: We recently completed an all chapter ping-pong tournament. In the championship bracket, Maurice McEndree won the championship from Max Ummell....On May 11, the annual F.F.A.-F.H.A. picnic was held on the Medicine River south of town. Softball and other games were played....An all day Field Trip and project tour has been planned for May 24, for all the boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. They will visit each boys project and take along a sack lunch for a picnic at noon.

Jim Hudson, Reporter

CHANUTE: In our pest eradication contest which ended January 20, one thousand eighty-eight pest were killed. On April 8, the losing side of the pest eradication contest finally gave the winning side a hamburger fry. Most of the members had dates and games were played.

Dale Fairchild, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

GREAT BEND: We held our initiation for Green Hands, April 1....We will raise Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer Degree at our May meeting....We entertained our Parents on May 4, and had a Pot-luck dinner. The Chapter furnished fried chicken, a vegetable, salad, drinks, rolls and refreshments... Our "all-night" fishing party was held May 7....Our chapter is organizing a trip to Colorado, to be taken the last week in July or the first week in August....Our chapter accepted an invitation to the April meeting of the Stafford chapter. Fifteen of our members attended. The evening was spent playing volley and basketball after which refreshments were served....All of our members who attended reported a good time.

Bob Merten, Reporter

ALTAMONT: Our paid membership this year is 100 boys. Of this membership, over 90 per cent are regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture....Our chapter organized a basketball team this year and played with chapters close around Altamont....We have been taking several trips to different boys' farms and checking on their farming program....We held a pest eradication contest and many pests were eradicated by the boys throughout the county. George Chapman was winner of the contest--he was awarded a Remington 22 Rifle by the chapter....Some of our jobs in the shop this year include: four manure spreaders completely overhauled and painted, several milk carts completed, about 100 concrete hog water troughs completed, two-A type hog houses, several tool boxes of various nature, two combines overhauled and painted, three car bodies straightened and painted, several pieces of walnut furniture finished, five steel hog troughs completed, also a fanning mill and scarifying machines run and used by farmers free of charge....We plan to have about forty or fifty boys leave on a school bus for an outing at the Ozarks immediately after school is out...

Joe Roberts, Secretary

HOWARD: Our production record for the year 1947 was 1,925 pounds of pork, 13,689 pounds of beef, 126 pounds of mutton, 150 pounds of wool, 205 pounds of poultry, 308 dozen eggs, four tons of silage, 664 bushels of wheat, 169 bushels of corn, 171 bushels of sorghums, 560 bushels of oats, and 200 bushels of barley....The average net worth of the chapter members at the end of the year of 1947 was \$705.73. It would have been more, but due to uncertainty of how economic conditions would settle, the boys didn't increase their farming programs as much as they would like....We just recently completed our officer stations, which were constructed of orange crates, discarded cabinet drawers, and pressed fiber board....We used the drawers as bases and nailed the orange crates to them. We nailed a board on to the top of the crate to make a larger top. We then covered the crates with pressed fiber board. We painted the base and top national blue and the crate part corn gold. We put blue corner rounds on the front edges. A professional painter painted the names of the offices on the front of them. We are sure that any chapter would be proud of these stations....On April the 5th. we entertained the F.H.A. girls at a card party and dance....There have been several panels, gates, and troughs made in shop recently. Several pieces of machinery have been repaired and one hog house is now being constructed.... At the chapter meeting on April 23, we elected officers for the coming year. Ted Miller was relected president; Bob Parkers, vice-president; Richard McLean, secretary; Wayne Chamberlain, treasurer; Ernest Knight, sentinal; Don Hall, student council representative; and Verne Kling was relected reporter.

Verne Kling, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ATWOOD: Officers for the coming year are Gene Peterson, president; Gaylen Horinek, vice-president; Gerald Heussman, secretary; Leo Sis, treasurer; Earl Higley, reporter; and Gene Domsch, sentinel...Our pest eradication ended with Virgil Banumfal in first place winning a 22 Marlin rifle, Duane Hawkins was second with a carton of shells, and Gaylen Horinek placed third receiving a hunting knife. The losing team gave a "Chili" feed at the night meeting, April 22....We have had our annual FFA-FHA banquet to which we invited the parents of all the FFA boys....In shop we are working on two hayracks and three hay bucks. We have painted four trucks and two cars. We have completed two feed bunks and a loading chute. We have overhauled two tractors, two motors and six gasoline engines.

OLATHE: The Olathe Chapter of Future Farmers of America attended a Livestock judging contest in Missouri, sponsored by the Drumn Institute....Some of the farms we visited were; Merryvale farm Columbian Stock Farms, and the Hallmark Farm....Our chapter received a gold rating in the Better Chapter Contest.... We also won the Agricultural Education Plaque for making the highest total score in all contests open to FFA members at the Annual State Contests held at Manhattan, April 26 and 27....Our chapter entered in the Duroc Picture Judging Contest where we placed sixth in the United States....We have finished our Pest drive for this year and Dan Henley was the winner with 3,610 points.

LeMoyne Zimmerman, Reporter

SABETHA: The Sabetha F. F. A. Banquet was held March 17th, Professor Harold Kugler of K.S.A.C. was the speaker....The mothers and chapter members prepared and served the meal....Our chapter purchased from the Seneca chapter two registered Hampshire gilts. Eldon Aeschliman and Wayne Locker each took a gilt and will return the sow and one gilt pig when pigs are weaned....Aurel Montgomery, our treasurer, was awarded the Carl Raymond Gray Scholarship.... Our chapter assisted in conducting the northeast Kansas Black and White Show.

Jimmy Brownlee, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: The Clay Center F. F. A. Chapter elected their new officers at the last meeting held March 10, 1948....The new officers elected are: president, Paul Mugler; vice-resident, Ezra Woellhof; secretary, Cecil Keen; treasurer, Karl Rau; reporter, Paul Pfizenmaier; sentinel, Marvin Yarrow; student council representative, Curtis Minter....The Clay Center Future Farmers turned into flying farmers Wednesday evening, April 21, after school. Charles Wood, of the Wood Airport, gave each senior in vocational agriculture a free airplane ride. Some of these flights were over the boys own farm. From the air the boys could compare their farms with neighboring farms, both as to crops and soil erosion. Those boys making the flight were: Lawrence Martin, Ray Reed, Duane Elsasser, Duane Germann, Donald Faidley, Ralph Shadle, Myron Wohler, Kenneth Hildenbrand....The Clay Center F. F. A. Chapter held their annual parent-son banquet Friday evening, April 16. Approximately 145 people attended the banquet.

Ray Reed, Reporter

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WAKEENEY: The Future Farmers have had a good year....The average net worth per boy on their farming programs was \$904.00. Some of the boys have enviable farm businesses which could soon develop into full-scale farm operations.... The success attained this year is traceable to officer leadership: Carl Reeder, president; John Gaither, vice-president; Gene Bellaris, secretary; Raymond Phillips, treasurer; and Daryl Reeder, reporter; started the year by winning the blue ribbon at the officers' training school in our district ritual contest. These officers followed our National F.F.A. Band member to Kansas City where they attended the national convention and the American Royal Livestock Show....Camping out and cooking over an open fire, they were faithful fans for the Wakeeney boy who was famous enough to be a member of the National F. F. A. Band--Keith Riggs....Keith lived with Clyde Morris of Highland Park at the Robert E. Lee Hotel and ate royal manna at the expense of the State Association of Future Farmers of America, a week long to be remembered but an honor well deserved by this elder son of Mr. and Mrs Warren Riggs....April 27, at the State Convention in Manhattan, Keith played a saxophone solo before about 1200 people at the annual banquet. He was dressed in his National F. F. A. band uniform and played "Saxophobia," which was greeted with wild applause and a call for an encore....Wakeeney Chapter went to Colby to broadcast over the radio last fall and the program was said to be the best one given by any western Kansas F. F. A. chapter. Carl Reeder was responsible for another broadcast from our chapter when he gave his oration over the radio April 10. Other occasions when our members were heard over the radio, were when Keith Riggs spoke from Kansas City while at the National Convention, when Paul Moos spoke from Stockton when he was presented as one of the winners in the district poultry judging contest, and when Carl Reeder spoke from Hill City at the time of the Crops Judging Contest....The radio experience of the F. F. A. led to a three-hour direct broadcast from Wakeeney April 6, when our school and community had a fling at performing for the radio audience....It is evident that the F. F. A. activities train boys for leadership as well as for agriculture and mechanics....Also there are times for plain fun. We own a row boat, tennis rackets, horse shoes and some fish hooks. Sometimes we camp out....A few years ago the chapter spent a week in the Rocky Mountains....We have talked of a summer trip to Washington, D. C... This spring the officers who guided us through a successful year retired to give the newly elected cabinet a chance to carry on....Jerry Niedens, president; David Surprise, vice-president; Francis Denning, secretary; Donald Deines, treasurer; and Loren Wilds, reporter; though new at the job, are getting a running start for next year.

Loren Wilds, Reporter

MCPHERSON: Our chapter helped in holding the County Beef Cattle show and Judging contest....The southside won the pest eradication contest....We have started our spring tour; all of the farming programs will be visited....The F. F. A. basketball team tied for first in the intramurals.

Bob Fagerquist, Reporter

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It's all right to stand like a rock but don't let yourself get covered by moss.