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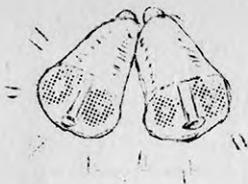
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FFA CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1949. Dues are 20¢ per member, 10¢ national and 10¢ state.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST: National Chapter Contest entries--consisting of the chapter program of work in each case--must be in the U. S. office of Education not later than January 31, 1949. The chapters designated as "Gold Emblem Chapters" in the Kansas Association Chapter Contest of 1948 are eligible to enter. All Kansas entries in the National Chapter contest should be mailed to Professor A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, in time to reach his office not later than January 17, 1949.

STATE FARMER CANDIDATES: State Farmer applications should be expressed to Professor L. F. Hall, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, not later than January 1, 1949.

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Merry Christmas

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA  
(21st National Convention of FFA Organization)

Kansas City, Missouri, November 14-19, 1948

Ninety-two official delegates representing 49 states and territories together with approximately 8,000 FFA members spent four days mixing business and pleasure in attending the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the Future Farmers of America. The Twentieth Anniversary Celebration was without doubt the greatest annual get together of the Future Farmers of America Organization in its entire history. The orderly manner in which this splendid farm boy organization conducted its Twentieth Anniversary Celebration impressed favorably not only their leaders, but the citizens of Kansas City and the representatives of great industrial concerns who were in attendance at the meetings.

Mayor William E. Kemp, Kansas City, Missouri, in welcoming the Future Farmers of America to Kansas City, stated that, "No meeting occurring in Kansas City from one year's end to another gives me as much pleasure in welcoming them as does this meeting. This great farm boy organization in my mind is a miniature of the United States of America."

Delegates and FFA members heard Oscar R. Ewing, Federal Security Administrator, Washington D.C. say, "The training program of the FFA youth has flourished 'like a bay tree', as the Bible says. We regard it as one of the most effective and valuable courses ever conducted by the Federal Security Agency; and the FFA, its good right arm, is an organization of which we genuinely are very proud."

FFA members were pleased to hear Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador to the United States, state that "the 1948 crops (French) have been good....the nation this year will not have to import wheat for the first time since the Germans took over....the herds are being restored....the French farms are smaller than out here on your prairies. The soil is still fertile and productive after centuries of use, due to long years of soil conservation."

Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, in addressing the FFA Convention, stated that "We are going to continue to talk to Congress about a program of realistic abundance....We can't get real parity merely by jockeying support price levels. We must relate our soil conservation and crop insurance program to price support....Increased meat consumption in this country would point to a shift of some of our grain land to a grass and livestock economy, and that would be good soil conservation practice."

The group of serious minded young FFA farmers assembled were greatly impressed with the talks of these national and international leaders. They were pleased to hear Federal Security Administrator Ewing state that the FFA held a high place in his esteem as an integral part of the program in agricultural education. Wheat and livestock farm boys in particular were wondering what the effect of the recovery of the French economy would be on their individual farming programs, and all were especially interested in the manner in which the French had met the soil conservation problem. The group enjoyed immensely the "down to earth" talk the Secretary of Agriculture made, and as young farmers active in the planning of future operations, they were glad to have the opportunity of hearing first hand about the proposed Federal Agricultural Policies.

Twentieth Anniversary Convention of FFA (continued)

Greetings from the Future Homemakers of America were brought to the National Convention, Thursday afternoon, by their National President, Miss Shirley Osborne, Harper, Kansas. "The Future Homemakers work for a better and happier life for everyone. We believe that helping to make happy homes now and in the future is the most important thing that youth can do for a democracy", was part of the message Miss Osborne brought to the Convention.

Doyle

~~Doyle~~ Conner, 19, 1948-49 President of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, is a sophomore in the University of Florida. His farming program is carried on his father's 400-acre farm near Starke, Florida. "The FFA has done so much for me that I feel an obligation to do something in return. By teaching and helping in FFA work, I believe I can repay in a small way some of the benefits I have derived from membership in the Future Farmers of America. I will continue to raise cattle while I am teaching, of course", said Dale in his inaugural address.

HEADQUARTERS: Municipal Auditorium with registration in the Grand Foyer. All sessions were held in the Main Arena.

NATIONAL OFFICERS: All National Officers were present. These boys did a superb job in handling the entire Convention. Perhaps their most outstanding performance was in presenting the Ritual in connection with raising the 214 candidates to the American Farmer Degree. The effectiveness of the Fourth Degree Ritual was enhanced by the fine manner in which the National Officers enunciated, pronounced and timed the splendid message carried in the Ritual. Delegates, FFA members, and visitors were deeply impressed with the effectiveness of a Ritual well handled. Such exemplary performance gives one pride in belonging to the FFA, and in addition should send delegates and FFA members in attendance home imbued with a desire to improve their own ritualistic performance.

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were John Gigstad, Effingham Chapter, president of the Kansas Association of FFA, delegate number one; and Bob Greve, past vice-president of the Kansas Association of FFA, Harper Chapter, delegate number two. Lon Dean Crosson, state FFA treasurer, Minneapolis Chapter, was seated as an alternate Tuesday evening and represented Kansas for the remainder of the Convention. Bob Edwards, state vice-president, Emporia Chapter, was an alternate.

AMERICAN FARMER: There were 214 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. William G. Schrock, Kiowa Chapter, and Norris Maydew, Lebanon Chapter, were the two boys from Kansas to receive this honor. Norris Maydew, suffered a broken leg as a result of a motorcycle accident prior to the Convention and was unable to attend. Local adviser, Don Hall, delivered the American Farmer Key and Certificate to Norris, who received his American Farmer Degree in absentia.

The American Farmer Degree was conferred posthumously upon Kenneth Pierce, Route 1, Slayton Texas. Kenneth was drowned after he was recommended for the American Farmer Degree by the Texas Association.

Twenty-five American Farmer Degrees were awarded members of the Texas Association giving this state first rank in number of American Farmer Degrees received at the 1948 Convention. North Carolina with thirteen American Farmers ranked second, while Georgia, Illinois and Wisconsin with ten American Farmers each tied for third place.

## Twentieth Anniversary Convention of FFA(continued)

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE: Forty-six persons were granted the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 1948 Anniversary Celebration. This is the largest number of Honorary American Farmer Degrees to be granted in any one year. Seven went to state vocational agriculture leaders who have served with National FFA leadership groups, five to fathers of the National FFA Officers and four to fathers of the Star American Farmer and Regional Star Farmers. Twenty-one Honorary American Farmer Degrees were given advisers of local FFA chapters winning Gold Emblem Classification in the National Chapter Contest, and nine Honorary American Farmer Degrees were granted to the following men who have given distinguished leadership in industry or related endeavors.

John M. Collins, Editor of the Kansas City Weekly Star, Kansas City, Missouri  
John H. Kraft, President of Kraft Foods Company, Chicago, Illinois  
Herman F. Linde, Educational Division, John Deere & Company, Moline, Illinois  
E. W. Phelps, General Manager of Swift and Company, Kansas City, Kansas, plant.  
Roy A. Roberts, President of Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri  
Edward N. Wentworth, Director of Livestock Bureau, Armour & Company, Chicago  
Robert B. White, Director Public Service Department, American Broadcasting Co.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
Clifton A. Woodrum, President American Plant Food Council, Washington  
Henry S. Brunner, Head of Department of Agricultural Education, Penn State  
College, State College, Pennsylvania.

STAR FARMER AWARDS: Star Farmer of America and Star Farmer for the Central Region, Kenneth LeWayne Cheatham, 19-year old farmer of Greenville, Illinois. The Star Farmer ceremony held in the Municipal Auditorium was the most elaborate in the twenty-year history of the event. With Kenneth was his wife, Mrs. Lois June Cheatham, and his grandfather, J. L. Cheatham. Kenneth and his grandfather re partners in a 260 acre farming operation. With this top honor went an award from the Weekly Kansas City Star of \$1,000.

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - Earl E. Crouse, Jr., 20, of Hudson, Massachusetts. Award \$150.00.

Star Farmer of the Southern Region - Richard E. Ogletree, 19, of Perry, Georgia. Award \$150.00

Star Farmer of the Pacific Region, Hensley Russell Price, 19, of Tatum, New Mexico. Award \$150.00.

STATE STAR FARMERS: Each year the Kansas City Weekly Star selects the most outstanding American Farmer from each of four States in its trade territory, namely: Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas\*.

State Star Farmer for Kansas - William G. Schrock, Kiowa, Kansas.  
Award \$100.00

State Star Farmer for Missouri - Ruben Edwards, Bowling Green, Missouri.  
Award \$100.00.

State Star Farmer for Oklahoma - Melvin Hoffman, ElReno, Oklahoma.  
Award \$100.00

\* - Arkansas this year did not have a candidate who qualified for the American Farmer Degree in FFA, consequently was not eligible for a State Star Farmer.

## Twentieth Anniversary Convention of FFA (continued)

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

- First: William Beverly Poff, Christiansburg, Virginia - "The Farmer's Health - A National Problem". Award \$250.  
 Second: Elwin Slater, Ogden, Utah. Award \$225.  
 Third: Ted Dugan, Orleans, Vermont. Award \$200.  
 Fourth: George Lewis, Mt. Sterling, Illinois. Award \$175.  
 Fifth: Mauna Loa, Molokai, Hawaii.

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:Gold Emblem

Montgomery, Alabama  
 Yuma, Arizona  
 Glenwood, Georgia  
 Chenoa, Illinois  
 Fairbury, Illinois  
 Delphi, Indiana  
 Lexington, Kentucky  
 Versailles, Kentucky  
 Duck Hill, Mississippi  
 Inverness, Mississippi  
 Kalispell, Montana

Worden, Montana  
 Rugby, North Dakota  
 Velva, North Dakota  
 Lawton, Oklahoma  
 Wetumka, Oklahoma  
 Newberg, Oregon  
 Silverton, Oregon  
 Carthage, Tennessee  
 Harlingen, Texas  
 Hasper, Texas  
 West Milford, West Virginia  
 Powell, Wyoming

Silver Emblem

Huntsville, Alabama  
 Conway, Arkansas  
 Hot Springs, Arkansas  
 Brighton, Colorado  
 Rocky Ford, Colorado  
 Camden-Wyoming, Delaware  
 Trenton, Florida  
 Blakely, Georgia

Minneapolis, Kansas  
 Midland, Michigan  
 Overton, Nevada  
 Tucumcari, New Mexico  
 Minster, Ohio  
 Christiansburg, Virginia  
 Weyers, Virginia  
 Ridgefield, Washington  
 Circleville, West Virginia  
 Lovell, Wyoming

Bronze Emblem

Falls Valley, Connecticut  
 Malad City, Idaho  
 Mount Ayr, Iowa  
Highland Park, Topeka, Kansas  
 Evergreen, Louisiana  
 Slidell, Louisiana  
 Clarksville, Maryland  
 Alma, Michigan  
 Brainerd, Minnesota  
 Kearney, Nebraska

Belvidere, N. J.  
 Sussex, New Jersey  
 Deming, New Mexico  
 Wellsville, N. Y.  
 Mansfield, Pennsylvania  
 Westville, South Carolina  
 Madison, South Dakota  
 Ooltewah, Tennessee  
 Hyrum, Utah

## Twentieth Anniversary Convention of FFA (continued)

Honorable Mention

Coolidge, Arizona	Bremen, Ohio
Lemars, Iowa	Pendleton, South Carolina
Gorham, Maine	Brookings, South Dakota
Chelburne Falls, Massachusetts	Middlebury, Vermont
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota	Deming, Washington
South Kortright, New York	

FARM MECHANICS CONTEST:

First: Otto Zerbe, 17, Glasgow, Montana. Award \$250.  
 Second: George Thompson, 19, Owensboro, Kentucky  
 Third: John Hastley, 21, Montgomery, Alabama  
 Fourth: William Keyes, 19, Middlebury, Vermont

FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST:

First: Richard Herrmann, 19, Shabbona, Illinois. Award \$250.  
 Second: Bill Nelson, 19, Jackson, Montana  
 Third: Richard W. McConnell, 18, Salem, Arkansas  
 Fourth: Lewis Wroten, 18, Harrington, Delaware

STAR DAIRY FARMER AWARD

First: Kenneth England, 18, Chandler, Arizona. Award \$250.  
 Second: Henry L. Graff, Jr., Jefferstown, Kentucky  
 Third: William Webb, Camden, Delaware  
 Fourth: Thos. G. Herring, Jr., Ralls, Texas

1948-49 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS:

Doyle Conner, Starke, Florida, President  
 Paul Lindholm, Ortonville, Minnesota, First Vice-President  
 Dale Hess, Fallston, Maryland, Second Vice-President  
 Bill Michael, Billings, Montana, Third Vice-President  
 Alton Brazewell, Lubbock, Texas, Fourth Vice-President  
 Max Cobble, Midway, Tennessee, Student Secretary

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1948-49 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Dates for the 1948-49 National FFA Convention will be October 10-13.

All registrations for the National Livestock and Meats Judging will be taken care of on the 13th.

The National Judging Contests in Meats and Livestock will be held on the 14th.

On Saturday, October 15, the National FFA Officers and National FFA Band will join the American Royal Livestock Show parade. In the evening a banquet will be held at which time the announcement of judging results will be made.

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PRESIDENT GIGSTAD REPORTS ON NATIONAL CONVENTION

It was a privilege and a real honor to be one of the Kansas delegates at the Twentieth FFA National Convention held in Kansas City November 14 to 19. A convention such as this means much more to one when he is in a position to actually take part in the business.

This was the largest Future Farmer Convention ever held. More than 8,000 FFA members registered throughout the week.

Since the National Convention was separate from the American Royal this year, more entertainment and time could be provided for us by the Kansas City businessmen. Among the outstanding entertainers were Judy Canova, who appeared Monday evening, November 15; Roy Rogers and his wife Dale Evans who appeared Thursday night, November 18; and several acrobats, jugglers and musicians.

The need for a better knowledge of parliamentary procedure was apparent at several of the business meetings. A person may think he knows the order for a business meeting but you will find there is more knowledge yet to be obtained. An example of this could be seen as the FFA delegates from the various states transacted the business of the Convention. Several errors in parliamentary practice were made.

Two afternoons of the convention week were spent touring points of interest in Kansas City. The Ford and Chevrolet automobile plants, the Butler Mfg. Co., and meat packing plants were inspected by the FFA members.

Kansas can well be proud of the Shawnee-Mission Chapter for the wonderful job they did in building the set for the Star Farmer Program. The presentation of the Star Farmer Tableaux by the Shawnee-Mission FFA members and their adviser was a credit not only to their chapter, but to the Kansas Association of FFA. This part of the program called for considerable planning and work on the part of the adviser as well as the FFA members.

The National FFA can feel proud of it's fine band and chorus. Kansas was honored by having a total of 9 boys participating in these events. They made a 30 minute nationwide broadcast on Thursday November 18 over the Mutual Broadcasting Company.

Marshall Schirer, Newton Chapter, who won the National Public Speaking contest in 1946, was the Main Torchbearer in the candlelight ceremony held Thursday evening. He represented Kansas and lit the candles of the members from the other states.

When attending a National Convention such as this you have a chance to meet and talk with boys from about every state in the union, Hawii and Puerto Rico. You can exchange ideas with them which results in a broader view of the importance of the FFA in our schools, as well as a wider knowledge of the different kinds of farming in the United States.

I hope each of you can someday attend the National FFA Convention as I had the privilege of doing this year. It is very inspiring and will make you work harder to achieve the American Farmer Degree.

John Gigstad, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA SUPPLY SERVICE

The National Board of Trustees, National Advisory Council and the delegates at the 1947 National FFA Convention authorized the establishment of a Future Farmers Supply Service. The problems pertaining to the organization of the Supply Service were reviewed carefully with an attorney. He recommended that the Supply Service be operated as a department of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. He suggested that the service be organized in such a manner that Supply Service funds and records can be kept entirely separate from other funds and records in the Foundation. The Board of Trustees of the FFA suggested that the Supply Service be financed by a loan from the FFA. The Foundation voted to authorize the establishment of this Supply Service and appointed a committee to proceed in starting the Service. A sound Memorandum of Agreement has been prepared between the Future Farmers of America and the Foundation. Appropriate steps were taken under the guidance of an attorney to make this entire development legal, practical and sound.

The Supply Service is located at the National FFA Camp. It was started with a loan of \$10,000 which was authorized by the Board of Trustees of the FFA. The Memorandum of Agreement states that surplus funds accruing to the Supply Service will be used to promote the best interest of the Future Farmers of America or will be transferred to the FFA Treasury.

A Certified Public Accountant assisted an experienced bookkeeper in setting up the records at the Supply Service. Guidance was also obtained from the Boy Scout Supply Service and mail order companies.

You are familiar with the fact that the Supply Service was organized to eventually enable teachers and members to obtain official merchandise from one source and to standardize and control our official merchandise.

Since the first official announcement was sent to the chapters in February the Supply Service has been very busy. It has been necessary to employ a number of additional persons to assist in processing orders and in making shipments. The number employed varies with the seasons of the year. The staff is larger in the fall and spring than in the summer. Since all of you have doubtless seen the recent folder from the Supply Service it is not necessary for me to mention all of the items that are now available from that source. In the near future other items will be made available from the Supply Service. It is hoped that within the next year or 18 months all of our official merchandise can be ordered from there.

Since the first official year of the Supply Service has not yet been completed we have not had an audit made. A complete report on the first year's operation will be presented at next year's convention. I am pleased however to inform you that the Supply Service is making available a number of items which could not be obtained last year. Orders have already been received at the Supply Service for approximately 25,000 jackets. There has been a very large demand for other items available from that source. I think you will be pleased and surprised when you see a complete report on the Supply Service. To date the Service has handled a volume of business of approximately \$200,000. A small margin of profit is being made by the Service. This is necessary to repay the loan, to take care of the overhead and to build up the inventory. Profits will be reviewed

## Future Farmers of America Supply Service - Continued

carefully at the January meeting of the National Board of Trustees of the FFA, the National Advisory Council and the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. After reviewing the profits and the cost of operating the Supply Service for the year it will be possible to arrive at a sound decision concerning prices.

The Supply Service is being operated for the Future Farmers of America. It is being managed under the direction of the National Board of Trustees, the National Advisory Council and the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. It is the desire of all of these groups to conduct the Supply Service in a manner that will meet with your approval.

By A. W. Tenney  
National Executive Secretary

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NATIONAL FFA CAMP

The delegates at the Eleventh National Convention, held in 1939, authorized the purchase of land for a National FFA Camp. Since that date approximately 30 acres of land have been purchased near Mount Vernon. Facilities available at the camp include a seven-room dwelling house, a barracks building containing 76 bunks, and another building, 24' wide and 100' long, which serves as a kitchen, dining room, and recreation room. This organization has approximately \$30,000 invested in the land, buildings, and equipment. The camp was first opened during the summer of 1941. It was closed during the war years.

The national camp was open on May 15 and was kept open until September 10. During the summer 423 members from 23 different chapters stayed at the camp. A charge of 50 cents per member per night was made. A total of \$753.50 was received from members staying at the camp.

The national camp is managed by Mr. E. D. Tyler, a former member of the FFA. He lives on the camp property and devotes the necessary time to maintaining and improving the camp.

The national organization of FFA leased the George Washington Grist Mill which is located on property adjoining the FFA Camp. The Mill was kept open during the past year and an admission charge of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children was made. Mr. George Scott is serving as caretaker and guide. During the past year 8,489 people went through the Mill. An income of \$1,794.60 was received at the Mill. Income from the camp and Mill totaled \$2,548.10 for the year ending June 30, 1948.

A number of major improvements have been made at the Camp. The water system has been enlarged in order to provide better shower facilities for members. A new roof was put on the office and part of the residence. The buildings and grounds are being kept in first class condition at all times.

National FFA Camps - Continued

When the Supply Service was opened at the camp a portion of one of the buildings was used for office and storage space. The camp is proving to be an excellent location for the Supply Service. This is making it possible for us to use our camp throughout the year in a practical manner.

No recommendations are made for major improvements at the camp. The convention last year authorized the construction of wood platforms and the use of tents if they are needed to accommodate additional chapters that may want to stay at the camp. It has not been necessary to comply with this authorization. This will be done, however, if there is a need for it.

By A. W. Tenney  
National Executive Secretary

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SUMMARY OF THE REPORT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY A. W. TENNEY

We are met here today for the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the Future Farmers of America. It is appropriate for us to pause a short time together and look back over the trail which we have traveled for the past twenty years. As we look we will find it marked with many successes and some failures. Your organization has served farm youth and our country in a constructive manner in peace and in war. The accomplishments of the more than one and one-half million boys who have enjoyed the privilege of membership in the Future Farmers of America is significant proof of the dynamic leadership being assumed by the farm boys of our nation.

The records of the past year indicate that members, chapters and State Associations have been very busy. The great quantities of food you have produced is of vital importance to the people of many nations. Last year you prepared a program of work which included many important items that have helped members carry out a constructive program in rural communities.

SUMMARY

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1948, based on information obtained from their annual reports, is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters .....	6,820
Total number white departments of vocational agriculture without FFA chapters .....	223
Total active membership in chartered chapters .....	260,300

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand degree .....	121,812
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## Summary of the Report of National Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney - Cont.

Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer degree .....	129,950
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer degree .....	7,028
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer degree .....	346
Total active membership .....	259,485
Total number of Associate members (local) .....	172,578
Total number of Honorary members (local) .....	22,440
Total number of Honorary members (State) .....	3,220
Grand total membership .....	407,916

## I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who participated in production of food .....	207,914
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs .....	129,675
Number of members who used improved livestock practices .....	138,201
Number of members who used improved crop production practices .....	134,494
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work .....	4,982

## II. COOPERATION

Number of chapters cooperating with other groups .....	5,937
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort .....	174,955

## III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number of chapters that assisted returning servicemen to become readjusted to farm life .....	3,852
Number of servicemen assisted by chapters to become readjusted to farm life .....	63,075
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery .....	120,654
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery .....	5,013
Number of State Associations having a safety program in operation .....	32
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work .....	118,923
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work .....	4,835
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment .....	122,986

## IV. LEADERSHIP

Number of State Associations that nominated its full quota of American Farmers .....	36
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## Summary of the Report of National Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney - Cont.

Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more FFA books .....	5,709
Number of State associations that held a public speaking contest .....	49
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest ...	3,017
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings .....	6,276
Number of State Associations having a written continuing program of work .....	49
Number of chapters having definite continuing written program of work .....	5,348
Number of State Associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheets regularly .....	42
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters .	2,152
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly .....	4,189
Number of State Associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members .....	41
Number of leadership training schools or conferences provided .....	582
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences .....	4,645
Number of members participating in leadership training schools or conferences .....	40,071
Number of State Associations sponsoring radio broadcast series .....	32
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs .....	1,850
Number of chapters within the State visited by State boy officers during the past year .....	1,527
Number of Association members attending last National FFA convention .....	7,212

## V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of members who purchased Victory bonds and stamps .....	38,014
Number of chapters that purchased Victory bonds and stamps .....	423
Number of State Associations purchasing Victory bonds and stamps .....	12
Number of members carrying out definite thrift practice .....	87,811
Number of chapters participating in thrift practice ...	4,113

## VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of members who have access to the Official Manual .....	223,787
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book .....	5,648

## Summary of the Report of National Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney - Cont.

Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book .....	5,423
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual .....	5,498
Number of State Associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual .....	46
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings ...	6,234
Number of chapters holding regular meetings .....	6,155
Number of State Associations holding a convention .....	48
Number of members who have attended at least 80% of chapter meetings .....	125,090

## VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship .....	5,773
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## VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation .....	5,947
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities .....	187,317
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year .....	19
Number of members attending State camp .....	15,343
Number of chapters represented .....	1,239
Number of State Associations participating in National FFA Day program .....	40

## C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by active members, as of January 1 of this year .....	\$43,794,819.13
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## D. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Number of recognized teacher - training departments operating Collegiate FFA chapters .....	27
Reported membership in Collegiate chapters .....	2,252

## WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

It is always interesting to pause for a while and look back over the year and review our accomplishments. We must turn now however and look at the rising sun. Our progress during the past twenty years has been great. It should inspire us to more noble achievements in the future. We have reached a new milestone in FFA membership. Our membership of 260,300, as of June 30, 1948, is the largest on record. We are expecting a continued growth during the present year.

By A. W. Tenney  
National Executive Secretary

## STAR AMERICAN FARMER CEREMONY

The Star Farmer Tableaux introducing the Star Farmers of former years and presenting the 1948 Star American Farmer awards, 5th session Tuesday, November 16, was without doubt the most impressive ceremony of the entire convention. Editor John Collins, "Weekly Kansas City Star," presented the Star American Farmer awards and Mr. Randall Jesse of the Kansas City Star acted as narrator.

Music was furnished by the National FFA Band. At the beginning of the second number the Star State Farmer from each state marched to the platform each bearing his State flag. The Kansas State flag was carried by William Schrock, Kiowa Chapter.

The stage equipment built by the Shawnee-Mission chapter under the direction of adviser H. D. Garver consisted of four stars approximately 6' in height, located two on each side of the center of the stage. The stars were painted in FFA colors and covered in broken glass in order that they would glisten when spot-lighted. Each of the four stars had the name of a region on it. A large picture frame 8' x 10' in size was located in the center of the stage. The frame of the picture was decorated with stars. The center of the picture frame was covered with cloth on which was painted the emblem of the FFA. The cloth was on a roller and could be lifted like a window shade.

Following the processional the narrator stated "Star American Farmer Awards were given in 1929 for the first time. Members of the Future Farmers of America, advisers and friends have been thrilled and inspired by the outstanding achievements of our Star Farmers. Today we are going to present a number of life pictures to show you how Star Farmers are developed.

We are indebted to Mr. H. D. Garver, adviser, the members and parents of the Shawnee-Mission, Kansas Chapter for their appearance and assistance with this program. The pictures will be described by James Sanford, president of the Shawnee Mission Chapter."

The following seven tableaux were shown. The cast was made up of Shawnee-Mission members, adviser H. D. Garver and Mr. and Mrs. Kinsley Davis, parents of one of the chapter members. The entire cast is to be congratulated upon their fine performance and special credit is due to James Sanford for a splendid job of "voicing" the tableaux.

Picture No. 1. A father, a mother, a son and a teacher appropriately dressed.

VOICE: In honoring Future Farmers for outstanding achievements, credit goes not only to the boy but to his parents and his vocational agriculture teacher, for successful Future Farmer training requires the cooperation of home and school. Tonight the Future Farmers of America will honor four of its members by naming them Star American Farmers. These young men will represent the regions of the United States from which they come. The most outstanding of these boys will be named National Star Farmer of America. This award is generally recognized as the highest award given by our organization. How did these young men become Star Farmers? First of all, they were interested in agriculture; and as a foundation for

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successful achievement they had the ambition to plan for the future and the initiative to carry out worthwhile farming programs. In addition, their parents gave them every possible assistance, and their vocational agriculture teachers made frequent visits to the farms of these young men and helped to guide them in all their undertakings. The father, mother, son, and teacher working together is an unbeatable combination.

### Music by National FFA Band

Picture No. 2. Classroom scene....A teacher and a group of boys gather around a table.

VOICE: Classroom work is an essential of farmer training. However, the FFA member puts what he learns into actual practice on the farm under the supervision of his teacher. The instruction and experience on the farm makes vocational agriculture one subject in which the student has the satisfaction of seeing his school training literally grow before his eyes into agricultural enterprises which bring him immediate profits and form sound investments for the future. This scientific instruction received by these Star American Farmers over a number of years is one of the rungs in their ladder of success. Soil and water conservation, farm mechanics, improved breeding practices, proper plant production, and farm and home improvements are some of the agricultural problems studied. This instruction is based on the farming programs and other needs of the boys.

### Music by National FFA Band

Picture No. 3. Farm shop....A teacher and two boys stand by a bench set up to thread pipe.

VOICE: In the farm mechanics shop Future Farmers gain specialized training for modern mechanized farming. Realizing through practical experience that good farming equipment multiplies the amount of work that one can do, FFA members utilize the farm mechanics shop to keep their machinery in condition for efficient operation. Such care they find increases the length of service of expensive machines. Here they not only repair their own farm machinery but build many useful items and implements for the farm and home. In school shops throughout the land more than 100,000 pieces of farm equipment were made by vocational agriculture students in a single 12 month period. A practical knowledge of farm mechanics is a valuable asset of the Future Farmer.

### Music by National FFA Band

Picture No. 4. Service....A teacher and a group of boys gathered around a barrel preparing to treat seed.

VOICE: One of the most worthy objectives of the Future Farmers of America is that of serving others. Members perform many types of service activities. Here we see a group at work treating seed for farmers in the community. They are applying their scientific knowledge of agriculture in a practical and helpful manner. FFA members are trained to use the most efficient agricultural practices in their farming programs and are given

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the opportunity to put their knowledge and skills into use for community improvement.

Music by National FFA Band

Picture No. 5. Leadership....A boy stands with gavel in hand with four boys seated around a table.

VOICE: Members of the Future Farmers of America receive valuable training and experience in leadership. They learn to preside at meetings, to speak in public and have the opportunity to develop the essential characteristics of good leaders. Members are encouraged to take part in other school and community organizations. They also learn to be good followers, for they realize that each person must be able to follow as well as to lead others. Because of the leadership training given FFA members, these young men will be better able to take their places as valuable citizens in their communities.

Music by National FFA Band

Picture No. 6. Cooperation....Testing milk--two boys and an advisor pose with milk testing equipment completely set up.

VOICE: Members of the FFA learn to work together. They cooperate in doing many things that they cannot do successfully by themselves. They perform such activities as setting up junior dairy herd improvement associations. The boys test milk for members and others and thus help to improve the dairy industry in their community. They learn by actual experience the true value of cooperative effort.

Music by National FFA Band

Picture No. 7. Farm work....A boy with his hands on a plow as if he were at work.

VOICE: Boys who attain the goal of American Farmer and eventually a Star American Farmer must go through a development process that requires many years and much assistance from others. They must have guidance from their father, their mother and from their teacher of vocational agriculture. They study in the classroom important agricultural problems and develop essential skills in the farm mechanics shop and laboratory. They take an active part in chapter activities and develop qualities of leadership and thrift as they work to serve others in their community. They learn that in order to advance in agriculture it is necessary to cooperate with their fellow members and neighbors. In addition to all of these things, farm boys must develop right habits of work, the proper tillage of the soil, and the performance of other types of labor vital to a successful agriculture. Members of the FFA work from sunrise until sunset on their home farms to make their farming programs a success. It is a privilege to be a member of the FFA and to have an opportunity to take part in the activities of local chapters. High honors in the organization are won by

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young men who take advantage of the opportunities before them. The four young men tonight who will be designated as Star American Farmers for the Future Farmers of America in 1948 have passed through this development process and have attained the highest degree of achievement in our organization. They have worked hard in the FFA, their school and communities. During this same period they have become established in farming. Let us hope that other members who are here this evening and the thousands of members in local chapters back home may resolve to be like our Star American Farmers and move forward to the highest possible attainment in the FFA.

Narrator: We are proud of the records made by our past Star American Farmers. We are delighted to have so many of them with us at this Twentieth Anniversary Celebration. It is with great pleasure that I present to you some of the Star American Farmers of former years. As I call their names I shall ask them to walk across the platform. The Star American Farmer awards were first presented in 1929.

### Special Salute to Star Farmers - National FFA Band and Chorus

The Star American Farmers were located to the rear of the platform. The four Star American Farmers were called to the front of the platform at the same time. They were placed in front of appropriate stars. The Regional Star Farmers were introduced. The Star Farmer of America is introduced last. After the presentations the band played as the boys left the platform.

Narrator: Star American Farmer awards were given for the first time in 1929 by the Weekly Kansas City Star. Today these awards will be presented for the twentieth time. Members of the Future Farmers of America are grateful for the support and cooperation we have received from the Kansas City Star and the Weekly Kansas City Star during the past twenty years. The Star American Farmer awards for 1948 were presented by Mr. John Collins, Editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star.

Editor's note: The full text of the seven tableaux was included in this newsletter with the thought in mind that State Associations might wish to adapt same to the subject of building a State Farmer. Also, local FFA chapters having produced an American Farmer might wish to use an adaptation of this skit to inform the public how an American Farmer is developed.

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### TORCHBEARERS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

A very impressive ceremony listed in the program as the "Torchlight Ceremony" was a part of the final session held in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium beginning Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

The speaking cast consisted of the Main Torchbearer and 9 assistants. The part of the Main Torchbearer was taken by Marshall Schirer, Newton, Kansas Chapter. Marshall was the National FFA Public Speaking winner in

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1946. His excellent speaking ability added greatly to the impressiveness of this ceremony. The nine torchbearers were selected from nine different states and they represented the following FFA ideals; Hope, Faith, Love, Cooperation, Wisdom and Knowledge, Service, Leadership, Friendship and Patriotism.

The supporting cast consisted of the National FFA Band, the National FFA Chorus and presidents of the State FFA associations.

The station of the Main Torchbearer was located in the back center of the stage. The National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus were located to the left of the stage. The National FFA Chorus sang the "Lord's Prayer" which was followed by "God of Our Fathers." As the national FFA Chorus began singing the second song the members of the cast entered the auditorium from the doors on the east and west sides of the Arena, one-half of the east entering from each door. They were led by the Main Torchbearer and formed a "U" in front of his station on the platform. Each participant carried an unlighted torch.

After the cast had taken its place on the platform the auditorium lights were dimmed and a spotlight was thrown on the Main Torchbearer who recited from memory the following prayer:

Dear God, Maker of heaven and earth, at the close of our 20th Anniversary Convention, we give thanks to Thee for the many benefits that have been ours throughout the year: for life close to nature, work with our hands, and the prosperity and progress that has come to us through FFA membership.

Dear God, Life of nature and all men, the ideals of the FFA are reflections of Thy truth shining in our lives, expressing themselves in all our varied activities; farming, home building, community service, and useful citizenship. First, may we not forget Thy requirements to be "God-like men" and being like Thee in wisdom and goodness we shall perform our duties well.

Dear God, strength of the hills, as we return to our homes at the close of this convention, we rely on Thee to give us intelligence and strength to carry out the FFA ideals in our homes and communities.

Dear God, peace of the lakes, as the waters reflect the sun's face, we will reflect Thy calm and restfulness in this world of hurry and confusion.

Dear God, light of the sun and stars, we shine forth Thy friendship and love for all, keeping open minds for Thy direction in all the things we do.

Dear God, breadth of the plains and beauty of forests, with Thy pure winds blow away our pettiness, selfishness, and insincerity, and may we stand straight and upstanding as the trees which sway with Thy majesty.

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Dear God, fruitfulness of fields, as we labor in the earth for food for the peoples of all lands, let us not forget to look to Thee in simple trust as the source of all good. "Give us this day our daily bread."

May Thy truths which Thou has taught us guide us in our every thought, word, and deed. AMEN

At the conclusion of the prayer the Main Torchbearer lighted his torch and continued as follows:

"Fellow Future Farmers, this torch burning brightly symbolizes the ideals for which FFA stands: worth of the individual, faith to work, willingness to serve, joys of farm life, power of knowledge, and trust in the future, as farmers, that the earth can be made to produce an abundance to meet the needs of all men. These ideals put into action by a strong young band of resolute workers speak louder than words. The FFA ideals have helped all of us prepare for the part we are to play in our organization, our homes, our communities, our state, and in the whole world. The FFA ideals are a dynamic force for improving our way of life. Future Farmers who apply these ideals in daily living are helpful lights in the world."

The Main Torchbearer next called the individuals representing the FFA ideals to the center of the stage and as he lighted the torch of each FFA member representing one of the ideals, the member briefly stated the significance of the ideal which he represented.

Following the statement concerning the Ideals the remainder of the cast lighted their torches, the auditorium lights were turned out, and the Main Torchbearer closed the meeting with the following statement:

"As this light has passed from one individual to another so may the ideals of the Future Farmers of America be radiated throughout the United States and over the entire world. Let us work to build stronger that which is good in our American way of life, and may we with the help of God strive generously to share our good with our neighbors in all parts of the world."

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## EVANGELINE PAGEANT

The pageant Evangeline, adoped from the poem "Evangeline" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, was presented at the 6th session Wednesday, November 17 by the Louisiana Association of FFA in cooperation with the Southwestern Louisiana Institute, LaFayette, Louisiana, and the Southwestern Louisiana Collegiate Chapter of LaFayette, Louisiana. This number was especially well presented and added greatly to the enjoyment of the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration.

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION DEFEATED

Three amendments were proposed to the National FFA Constitution which would have doubled the amount of net earnings required for the Chapter Farmer, State Farmer and American Farmer degrees. The proposed amendment was decisively voted down.

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## NATIONAL MAGAZINE FOR FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

One of the most important items of business coming before the House of Delegates Meeting was the question concerning whether or not the National Organization of FFA should attempt to publish a National Magazine. This question was debated for the better part of one day. A motion was made and passed which would give authority to the National Advisory Council and National Board of Trustees to study the matter and publish the magazine if they saw fit. However this motion carried an amendment which would require the National Advisory Council and National Board of Trustees to report back to the 1949 House of Delegates Meeting. This of course would have meant no magazine until after the 1949 Convention. The original motion with its amendment was reconsidered and passed with another "crippling" amendment. A great deal of parliamentary bickering was indulged in by delegates who understood the importance of parliamentary procedure in attaining their desired aims. The original motion with another "crippling" amendment was passed after being reconsidered. During the evening considerable planning for the next meeting of the House of Delegates the following morning was evident. When the 8th session was called to order at 9:00 a.m., with many of the delegates absent, the first item of business was to reconsider the motion concerning the National FFA Magazine. The following motion was placed before the house by delegate Saufferer of Minnesota: "I move that we give the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council and State Associations full power to thoroughly consider a National Magazine and go ahead with its publication if they see fit. The motion was seconded by Johnson of Arizona and was carried by what the secretary recorded as a unanimous vote.

The publishing of the National FFA Magazine will undoubtedly entail the raising of the National dues. The basis for estimating the costs for publishing the type of magazine the FFA leaders desire assumed a paid-up membership of 250,000 members at 15¢ each for the express purpose of supporting the magazine. It is too early to predict what the cost of such a magazine will be, but it was estimated that it would approximate \$25,000 per issue. The 15¢ from each member would merely set up a mailing list and would not contribute greatly to the overall cost of the type magazine being planned for the FFA.

It was pointed out that a reliable publishing concern consulted on this subject stated that they would expect a 20 year contract, at the conclusion of same the magazine could then be purchased by the National Organization if found desirable. The editorial policy of the magazine is supposed to be under the control of the National FFA adult leaders.

## KANSAS 1948 AMERICAN FARMERS

William Schrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schrock, Kiowa, is a member of the Kiowa FFA Chapter, and has served that chapter as treasurer and president. Enrolling in Vocational Agriculture in 1943, he took his farm training under the supervision of Allen Starosta, instructor in the Kiowa high school.

During 1943 and 1944 he bought 50 acres of land and in addition 10 acres in 1945 from his father for \$8,500. At present he has the debt reduced to \$2,610.

He farms 100 acres of wheat land, which he rents for one-third share in the wheat crop, and an additional 110 acres is rented and farmed in partnership with a neighbor. Expenses are shared equally by both. In farming the ground, Schrock uses his father's tractors and farm machinery in exchange for farming his father's land without pay.

Graduating from high school in 1947, Schrock now owns 8 purebred Aberdeen-Angus heifers, one nurse cow, 12 feeder calves, one-third interest in a \$1,000 bull, and 2 Hereford steers he is fitting to show. He hopes to establish a purebred Angus cow herd of about 40 head.

The feeder calves and Angus heifers were bought with profits made on wheat and cattle marketed. He has had a fine experience in buying, feeding, and marketing a large number of beef cattle.

Since his enrollment in Vocational Agriculture, he has made a total gain in net worth of \$11,524.26.

In addition to his farm activities, William took an active part in high school activities, and lettered in football, basketball and track.

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Norris Maydew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Maydew, of Lebanon, and was a student in Vocational Agriculture at the Lebanon high school, with Don Hall as his instructor and FFA adviser. He graduated in 1946.

At the time of enrolling in Vocational Agriculture in 1942, Maydew had 7 breeding ewes, a half interest in a Hampshire ram, and one work colt, with a total net worth of \$162. At the time of his application for the American Farmer degree, Norris had a net worth of \$6,726.36.

Beginning with 7 ewes, he built up his range ewe flock from year to year, using the money made from the sale of lambs to buy more ewes. At present he has 36 range ewes, one Hampshire ram, and 28 spring lambs.

In 1943, Norris used an \$18 credit won in a Duroc judging contest to buy a Duroc gilt, and he now has 2 Duroc sows and 10 pigs. In addition to his sheep and hog projects, he owns 7 head of Hereford cattle, one Shorthorn cow, which he is fitting for show, and one Holstein milk cow, all purchased with money made from the sale of crops. He plans to establish a herd of 20 Hereford cows and market the calves as creep-fed heaves. He also owns 2 draft horses and a good saddle horse.

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Maydew rents all of the land he farms, paying one-third crop rent for cropland, and cash rent for 141 acres of native pasture. The farm and lots rented are used for his livestock. On this land, Norris is carrying out a soil-conservation and crop-rotation program. He owns all of his machinery, which includes a tractor, and uses some of his father's equipment, paying all operations costs.

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## NATIONAL FFA BAND

This year for the second time all State and Territorial Associations were given an opportunity to have participants in the National FFA Band. Five Kansas boys qualified and were chosen. One of this group found at the last moment that it would not be possible to miss his school work and was unable to attend the convention. The members of the second National FFA Band from Kansas were: Jerome Johnson, Concordia chapter; John McKone, Tonganoxie chapter; Daniel Marcum Day, Kincaid chapter; and Daryl Reeder, Wakeency Chapter. The band was under the able direction of Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Head of the Agricultural Education Department, Pennsylvania State College. This was Dr. Brunner's second appearance in this capacity, and he not only endeared himself into the hearts of the members of the band but won the respect and admiration of the thousands who saw and heard his band in action. Dr. Brunner is an indefatigable worker, a superb boy leader, and a great teacher.

Music scores were sent to all band members long before the dates of the Anniversary Celebration. Rehearsals began Thursday, 1:00 p.m. November 11. In less than three full days after arriving in Kansas City the band members were formed into a smoothly working unit.

Each member of the band took with him a white shirt, black bow tie and black shoes. Upon arrival in Kansas City each member was given a new swagger type corduroy FFA cap, FFA corduroy jacket emblazoned with the seal and "National FFA Band" on the back, and white duck trousers. This combination constituted the uniform that was worn throughout all appearances at the convention.

The band added greatly to the ceremonial aspects of the convention. Kansas members were divided as to which performance most effectively enhanced the cause of the Future Farmers of America. One member thought the program in connection with the National FFA Speech Contest was their best; another thought their contribution to the Star Farmer Program was of most value, and still another member thought the contribution of the band to the Torchlight Program was the most significant. All were in full agreement, however, in stating that their greatest thrill came in connection with the coast to coast radio broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting Co. assisting Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

In the midst of preparing for the Mutual broadcast Dr. Brunner was faced with the problem of having forced attention without interest. The situation arose when Roy Rogers and his wife Dale Evans entered the Little Theatre and took seats near the stage upon which both the band and chorus

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were preparing for the broadcast. Some members could see these Illustrious Idols of our younger generation, and some members could not see them. Such craning of necks, and leaning to one side on their chairs, you perhaps never saw in a well regulated band practice session. Dr. Brunner, with a quarter of a century of teaching experience behind him, was equal to the occasion. He stopped his instruction right in the middle of a sentence, so to speak, and turning to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers remarked, "will you people please come up on the stage where everyone may see you, so I can go on with our practice." Mr. and Mrs. Rogers obliged, everybody saw, the preparation for the program continued, and shortly thereafter one of the finest FFA broadcasts ever produced went out over the air.

High praise from every quarter was given Doctor Brunner and his National FFA Band. They were a distinct credit to the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.

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## NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

A National FFA Chorus comprised of selected members from State and Territorial Associations made it's initial appearance in connection with a National FFA Convention. The National FFA Chorus was selected and trained very much after the pattern used for selecting and training the National FFA Band members. Kansas FFA members who were fortunate enough to win the privilege of becoming a member of the National FFA Chorus were: Roland Goertz, Kenneth Buhler, John Lee Zielke, and Wilbur Neufeld, all of the Buhler chapter. Carl Reeder, Wakarusa chapter was the fifth Kansas boy to win a place in the National FFA Chorus.

The National FFA Chorus was under the direction of Dr. James W. Hatch of the State Education Dept., Albany, New York. The National FFA Chorus cooperated with the National FFA Band throughout the entire program of the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration. For their performance they won high praise from all who had the opportunity of hearing them. Dr. Hatch proved to be a capable and inspiring director. The Kansas members of the National FFA Chorus agreed with the members of the FFA band in thinking that their greatest thrill came in connection with their participation in the coast to coast radio broadcast, over the Mutual, featuring Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

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The public recognition given the Shawnee Mission, Kansas, chapter in connection with the Star Farmer Program was timely and much deserved. For the past eleven years adviser Garver, ably assisted by his wife and a fine group of FFA members, has provided a most significant service to the National Organization of FFA in connection with the smooth running of its annual conventions. Cooperative school administrators have enabled the Shawnee Mission chapter to render this fine service. Without doubt the Shawnee Mission chapter is the most widely and favorably known of any local FFA chapter in America.

## OBSERVATIONS &amp; CHATTER

First off we want to extend thanks to the people of Kansas City for being such excellent hosts to the National Organization of Future Farmers of America for the past twenty-one years--plus three years for the National Vocational Congress, and our special thanks for one of the finest jobs of making the FFA welcome and comfortable in the conduct of its Twentieth Anniversary Celebration. The business and industrial leaders of Kansas City are busy and influential people, and their taking time out to plan for, attend, and participate in many of the convention meetings is ample evidence of their interest in the welfare of this great farm boy organization. To list the names of those deserving of mention would be like reading the membership roll of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City...Flowers were furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cuff, long time friends of the Future Farmers of America...The Michigan delegation, lead by Luke Kelley, Asst. State Supervisor, consisted of 206 FFA members. The state of Michigan appropriates each year \$50,000 for 4-H work, and \$20,000 for FFA work. One-half of the money appropriated for FFA work must go to the local communities in which chapters are located....The Santa Fe Railroad complimented 57 Santa Fe award winners from nine states with a breakfast November 17. This list of winners included 30 American Farmer candidates. Approximately 1,000 awards have been given by the Santa Fe in connection with the annual conventions of the FFA...The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., funds approximate \$80,000 annually. Approximately \$16,000 is spent annually for awards. No money is spent for entertainment, and administrative costs approximate 2% of the annual budget...Carl and Daryl Reeder, Wakarusa Chapter, Kansas, members of the National FFA Band and Chorus respectively, are attending college this year. They are living on a farm six miles from the town in which the college is located, are batching, operating the farm, and have among other projects 200 sheep. Radio reports of a "blue norther" sweeping in over the Plains States caused much consternation in their minds during the last evening program. The boys left for home by bus immediately following the last Band and Chorus number and arrived home at about the same time as did the storm. All sheep were saved...Marvin Johnson, past state FFA president, Arizona, stated that on their range land they figure 20 acres to the cow represents pretty good land. He stated that they were at present in a dry cycle and should not carry more than one cow to 35 acres...The Star Farmers after their meeting with the Weekly Kansas City Star got together and affected an organization known as the Association of Star Farmers. Kenneth Cheatum was named president. Each year the elected Star Farmer of America will automatically become the president of the association...FFA Talent Night was pleasing. The talent ranged all the way from classical numbers to "A Hole in the Bottom of the Sea." This number was sung by Richard Powell 15 year old, 4'5" tall, Live Oak, Florida, Green Hand members. Richard is the son of the Sheriff, and in explaining his farming program remarked, "Mostly I just entertain the peach growers and the peach pickers"...Harold Rangen, Maddock, N. D. FFA member gave a whip cracking demonstration. One of the whips used was a 24' bull whip...The Star Farmer award program with its spacious stage setting, flanked by columns of state flags, and aided and assisted by the National FFA Band, was a pleasing and inspiring part of the Anniversary Celebration program. Editor John M. Collins, Weekly Kansas City Star, introduced the Star Farmers, Mr. Randall Jesse of the K. C. Star read the attainment of each Star Farmer as he was introduced... Mr. W. A. Cochel, formerly editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star, and

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Mrs. Cochel, attended all of the convention meetings. The Star Farmer idea was first conceived in the mind of editor Cochel...N. V. Oldson, 22, Copenhagen, Denmark, registered as a convention guest. He is an assistant agent for Oldson & Son a meat packing concern in Copehnagen...Texas heads the list in State FFA membership with 24,536; New Hampshire with 254 members and Nevada with 230 members rank next to last and last in membership, Rhode Island with three tentatively organized chapters is threatening to petition for a National FFA charter. 1238 FFA members slept on cots in Exhibition Hall. Dr. H. B. Swanson of the Office of Education was in charge of this group...Building the Flag ceremony was one of the high spots of the convention program. The state FFA presidents, beginning with Virginia and followed by the State presidents from the state associations in order of receiving their charters, marched one at a time to the platform to pin a glittering star on to the blue field of an 80' American Flag. During this ceremony the lights were dimmed and a huge spotlight illuminated the flag, while the National FFA Band played martial music. Forty-seven states, plus Hawaii and Puerto Rico, had representatives standing at attention flanking the flag when all stars were affixed...The FFA Band then swung into "It's a Grand Old Flag" which was sung by the National FFA Chorus...The annual budget of the FFA approximates \$30,000, and the National Organization has a net worth of about \$100,000...Arizona with a membership of 612 boys brought to Kansas City a delegation numbering 110. These FFA members were in charge of Bob E. Young, State Executive Secretary of the Arizona Association. The Arizona delegation represented one out of every six FFA members in the state association...Five Canby, Oregon boys and two adult instructors drove a 1948 eight passenger sedan to the convention. The sedan is owned by the Canby chapter. In addition this chapter owns \$8,000 worth of machinery which has been purchased by profits earned by the chapter since 1939 from 65 acres of Willamette vetch which the chapter has grown on land near the high school...The Weekly Kansas City Star was host to the Star Farmers of the last 20 years at a luncheon November 16. The Star Farmer Awards were started in 1929. Of the 60 Star Farmers in attendance at the luncheon, 36 were accompanied to Kansas City by their wives. The Kansas Star Farmers attending the luncheon were: Leo Paulson, 1932, Concordia; Vincent Fuller, 1933, Miltonvale; Robert F. Randle, Jr., 1939, Manhattan; James S. Cunningham, 1940, El Dorado; Geo. Stelter, 1942, Abilene, now of Santa Fe, N. M.; Robt. E. Johnson, 1943, Marysville; Erwin E. Thalmann, 1944, Haven; Frederick Kissinger, 1946 Ottawa; Herman Popp, 1947, Haven. With the exception of Robert Randle who is a professor at Kansas State, and George Stelter who was forced to sell his ranch in 1944 when he entered the navy, the entire list from Kansas are farming. Leo Paulson has been a member of the Kansas legislature for the past two sessions...Vic Hyde of the Judy Canova show, better known as the One Man Band, pleased the FFA audience...Eddie, 2½ year old blond son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chance, Sudan, Texas, stole the show Talent Night when he was awarded the Honorary Green Hand Degree...It is difficult to conceive of State FFA Leadership on such a level as to send a boy to represent a state in the National FFA Band who could not even play the scale--some say that he could not distinguish a printed note from a fly speck; or, State FFA Leadership that would designate a boy to recite an important part in the Torchlight Program who could not read, much less recite, in a manner acceptable in the third grade. Just how do State or Local leaders with this concept of their responsibility get that way? Do they merely have to belong to the right political party, or are they "born that way"?...  
HARD WORKERS - Spanton, Tenney, Johnson, Farrar, Howard, Atzenweiler, Clements, Naugher, Pearson, to say nothing of the National FFA Officers...

CHAPTER NEWS

KINGMAN: Officers for the year are: Harold Sheahan, president; Bill Messenger, vice-president; Eugene McCormick, secretary; Bill Woodson, treasurer; Jim Buchanan, reporter; Charles Osner, sentinel and Mr. Lake, adviser. We have 46 members...Our chapter placed third at the Hutchinson State Fair FFA Shop Exhibit and received \$80.00 prize money... Eighteen of our members exhibited crop samples at the County Fair. Six of these exhibits were prize winners...The following projects are now in the making at the shop: One A-type hog house, 250 stepping stones, one power lawn mower, two 14-foot bunks, one poultry self feeder and one Broody hen coop...The construction of our new vocational agriculture building is now underway. It has a shop 48' x 70', a classroom, storage room, office and shower room.

Jim Buchanan, Reporter

SOLOMON: Officers elected last spring for the year are: President, Elwin Meehan; vice-president, Loren Samuelson; secretary, Joe Aplin; treasurer, Ray Eisenhower; reporter, Jim Sullivan and sentinel, Leo Sullivan...The annual FFA Fair held in conjunction with the Lions Club Fall Festival was held this year in the City Park Oct. 7. \$75.00 from the FFA treasury was voted for premiums. The exhibit was limited to the members farming programs this year which included 15 pens of livestock, 4 poultry exhibits, and a number of crop exhibits...The annual FFA Senior carnival was held in the High School gym Oct. 29. Chances at 50¢ apiece were sold on a quarter beef, ham, turkey and 5 lbs. of bacon. Concessions consisted of a bingo stand, fish pond, dart throw, basketball throw, baseball throw, penny pitch, popular boy and girl contest, and lunch room. Gross receipts were estimated at \$550, which netted better than \$400...The FFA Barnwarmer was held November 19.

Jimmie Sullivan, Reporter

WAMEGO: Officers elected for the year are: Harold Raine, president; Don Weixleman, vice-president; Kimber Macht, secretary; Don Schumacher, treasurer; Ed Leonard, reporter...Fifteen boys attended the National FFA Convention at Kansas City...A Parent-Green Hand meeting was held October 12. Don Weixleman and Harold Raine gave talks on FFA and farming programs. A picture, "That Inspiring Task" was shown. There were forty parents and Green Hands present at the meeting...Thirteen Green Hands were initiated November 2...Our chapter is raising money by selling subscriptions to the Breeder's Gazette magazine and also pencils with the basketball schedules on them...Our chapter purchased a new Bell-Howe 16 MM movie projector...The vocational agriculture department has put out a wheat fertilizer plot this year...A new vocational agriculture building now under construction will be finished by January 1.

Ed Leonard, Reporter

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Have you heard? Life is just one fool thing after another. Love is just two fool things after each other.

## Chapter News - Continued

MARYSVILLE: We have 57 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture. Officers for the year are: Richard Talbot, president; Ronald Moeller, vice-president; Roy Mayhew, secretary; Loren Duever, treasurer; and Donald Baker, reporter...Twelve members engaged in harvesting a corn plot for a fertilizer test. Our Ag. III class, which meets in the afternoon, sprayed the trees on the high school lawn with D.D.T. as a Community Service...Twenty four Green Hands were initiated November 29. Our shop is receiving a new coat of paint now. This work is being done by members of the shop classes. New tool cabinets and a mouse proof seed sample cabinet are being built by a member of the Ag. III class. Cement trough forms and a new rope-making machine are also being built.

Donald M. Baker, Reporter

BUHLER: Chapter officers for this year are: Wilber Redd, president; Earl Cannon, vice-president; Robert DeVault, secretary; Lee Roy Nyborg, treasurer; Darold Devena, reporter; JoHenry Heim, sentinel and J. A. Johnson, adviser...For the twelfth year we prepared and exhibited the Reno County Collective Exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. It was our fourth Grand Championship and the third consecutive one...We had hoped to have new FFA jackets for the National Convention. Guess they have lots of orders to fill--anyway, they haven't filled ours...We had two concessions at the local Community Fair, namely, a baseball throw and a penny pitch. They brought us \$65.00. Twelve members exhibited at the fair. Herbert Ratzlaff carried off the Grand Prize for winning the most points. He will use the \$25.00 on his farming program...The officers and three outstanding Freshman members attended the National Convention. Four other members left early to practice with the National FFA Chrous. They were Wilbur Neufeld, John Lee Zielke, Kenneth Buller, Roland Goertz...The officers have been selling tags for cars. These tags have the Crusader emblem on them. So far we have sold 30...Our pest eradication contest is under way. The Captains are Orval Gould and Orrin Dodge...The Chapter has joined the UNESCO and will have a project underway in the near future.

Darold Devena, Reporter

WATLIVILLE: Officers for the year are: Orlin Musil, president; Gail Roepke, vice-president; Kieth Springer, secretary; Lyle Wiechmann, treasurer; Johnny Schuchart, reporter; Lowell Willits, sentinel; Donald Danielsen, parliamentarian; Blaine Crow, adviser...November 10 was initiation for six Freshman boys. At night, they were given the Green Hand degree, after which they partook of a chili supper and then were permitted to wash the dishes! There are 34 members in our Chapter.

Johnny Schuchart, Reporter

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A minister who made the rule to ask each member of his family to make comments on the sermon, complimentary or otherwise, came down to David-- a lad of about 7. He said, "David, what do you think of the sermon?" David replied, "I saw three good places to quit."

## Chapter News - Continued

HOXIE: Officers for the year are: Phil Pratt, president; Richard Mowry, secretary; Bert Reed, treasurer; David Pyle, reporter; and Dee Follis, sentinel. Glenn Diebert is parliamentarian...The FFA and 4-H Fair held in Hoxie this year was a big success. Sixty-five per cent of the FFA boys showed one or more products and all ranked fairly high. Doren Follis had the reserve champion baby beef, Elmer Rietcheck had the top deferred fed calf and Dale Richardson had Grand Champion poultry and wheat exhibit. FFA and 4-H clubs were in cooperation on a food booth located in one of the buildings and approximately \$550 was netted...Part of our program of work this year was the renting of 40 acres of ground on the fair ground and around the air port. This cropland will be used as a test plot and for demonstration of machinery and improved farming practices...Our annual Parent and Son Meeting was held on October 26 with adviser F. A. Blauer of the Stockton Chapter as the principal speaker. Ten Green Hands were raised to the degree of Chapter Farmer at this meeting...Twenty were initiated into the Green Hand degree November 17.

David Pyle, Reporter

HOLTON: The officers of the Holton Chapter are: Charles Miller, president; Bill McAllister, vice-president; Orié Bowser, secretary; Charles King, treasurer; LaRue Kabance, reporter, Calvin Bontrager, sentinel; and Mr. Mervin McKinsey, adviser. A formal installation was held at our June meeting...We have 40 active members in the chapter this year...We held our regular monthly meetings during the summer on the last Thursday of each month...At the August meeting the chapter sponsored the annual watermelon feed for the in-coming Freshmen...The Ag. II boys helped the county agent harvest the variety and fertilizer test plots of Jackson county...Our annual pest eradication contest started Nov. 1 and will end on Jan. 3. We have been asked to confer the degree of Chapter Farmer on the members of the Hoyt chapter which has been reactivated.

La Rue Kabance, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: Officers for the year are Jim Butler, president; Dale Romine, vice-president; Boyd Davis, secretary; Dean Crumb, reporter; Fred Rogers, treasurer; George Fifer, sentinel, and Mr. Richards, advisor...The Chapter attended the American Royal at Kansas City. Jim Romine showed two shorthorn calves which placed 13th and 16th at the American Royal. Jim Romine's shorthorn calf placed first at the county fair at Alma and Boyd Davis placed first with ewes. The chapter had a number of entries in livestock and crops at the Grange Fair and received a number of prizes and ribbons...The seven registered Duroc gilts, bought from Fred German, farrowed this fall and have raised 56 pigs to weaning age...The Chapter has bought a registered Duroc boar pig from the Miller herd at Alma...The Chapter sponsored a carnival at the high school to raise funds for the Chapter...Dean Crumb, Jim Romine and Dale Romine bought 8 calves from Emory Hepler of Wamego, for deferred feeding.

Dean Crumb, Reporter

For the first time in history we are up against the inescapable fact that we must work at peace as hard as we have worked at war.

## Chapter News - Continued

BAZINE: New officers elected in September are: Larry Ball, president; Tommy Bowie, vice-president; Pat O'Brien, secretary; Wayne Weaver, treasurer; Harold Brenner, reporter, and Leroy Wittman, sentinel...November 11 the Chapter added money to their treasury by serving the American Legion festival. On November 13 the Bazine Chapter recorded two radio programs for later broadcasts at KGNO Dodge City.

Harold Brenner, Reporter

CENTRALIA: Officers for the year are: Wayne Chadwick, president; Otto Hallier, vice-president; Clarence Mitchell, secretary; Richard Bonjour, treasurer; Elmer Schlarman, reporter; Keith Irwin, sentinel; and Mr. Banman, adviser...The Chapter members visited the Union Pacific Agricultural car at Onaga...Four Chapter members attended the Guernsey Judging school at Hiawatha...The entire chapter participated in the activities of Dairy Day at Sabetha...The sophomore and Junior classes harvested a Nemaha corn variety test, and prepared it for the county crops tour...The Junior class members spent three class sessions assisting Otto Hallier, a classmate, in terracing a nine acre field. Wayne Chadwick's father brought his tractor and plow to assist in the terracing when Wayne could not be there. Elmer Schlarman brought their tractor and plow for one afternoon. Otto Hallier used their tractor and plow each day...The Junior class members visited the home farm for a G.I. Trainee to see some crossbred gilts bred to a Minnesota number 1 boar for spring farrowing...The Chapter plans to have Green Hand initiation December 20...A G.E. 130 Am. arc welder has been added to our shop equipment. This is in addition to our 250 Am. welder that we have had since the Food Production War Training Days.

Elmer Schlarman, Reporter

HIAWATHA: Our chapter elected the following officers at our May meeting: President, Leon Shannon; vice-president, Rodney Gladhart; reporter, Dean Moore; treasurer, Dudley Pautz; secretary, Burdell Nolte...During National Education Week our chapter gave the opening and Closing ceremony and presented the skit on the "Use of the Gavel" to Parents Night-Open House. Our officers and the adviser attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

Dean Moore, Reporter

MCDONALD: Officers elected for the year are: Ed Cahoj, president; Vernon Davis, vice-president; Deroy Hubbard, secretary; Harlan Hubbard, treasurer; and Wilbur Enfield, sentinel...All the FFA boys in school, and that includes all the boys but one, went out and shocked feed this year. We made over \$200.00. This money will be used to help finance our way to the Denver Stock Show. We also built a cabinet to store our equipment and food for our refreshments at our regular meetings. A large number of the boys bought coveralls with the FFA emblem on the front and back.

Don Antholz, Reporter

## Chapter News - Continued

AUBURN: Officers for the year: Robert Crawford, president; Kenneth Henry, vice-president; Gerald Crow, secretary; Dale Gifford, treasurer, Bill Keck, reporter; and James Havens, sentinel. We have 26 boys in our chapter... The Auburn chapter took prizes in the Auburn Grange Fair on a float and a booth.

Bill Keck, Reporter

SHAWNEE MISSION: We cleared \$30. at our football concession and \$90. on the printed football programs this fall. Our chapter pop corn project netted us \$50. This is in addition to what we sold at our concession... We started our FFA broiler project November 11. We plan to raise 200 broilers... The sixteenth issue of The Owl's Nest (our chapter annual) has been mailed....Officers of the Green Agricultural Club are: Charles Henry, President; Fred Irwig, vice-president; Castle Thompson, secretary; Jerry Benton, treasurer; and Gene Barker, reporter. Candidates for the Green Hand degree must have satisfactory memberships in the Green Agricultural Club for one semester before they can become eligible for the Green Hand degree....Thirty Shawnee-Mission members assisted the National F.F.A. Convention Headquarters this year.

Larry Davis, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: Officers for the year are: Marion Paul Hinshaw, president; Buck Strong, vice-president; Bill Hays, secretary; Derald Sears, treasurer; Louie Overmiller, reporter; Lyle Stroup, sentinel....The F.F.A. held its annual watermelon feed August 31....Bill Hays and Louie Overmiller took all but four premiums in the swine division in the Smith County Fair. Several others had crop and stock entries. Bill Bolton took many prizes in the Poland China swine division at the Norton and Belleville Fairs....Most of our members had entries in the corn and sorghum show held on October 21.... The F.F.A. and F.H.A. hayrack ride was held October 19.

Louie Overmiller, Reporter

NORTON: Officers for the year are: Lee Dean Preston, president; Robert Beckman, vice-president; Dean Rogers, secretary; Warren Sidman, treasurer; who joined the army and was replaced by Richard Shultze; Royce Whitney, reporter; Ralph Britton, sentinel; Richard Shultze, Advisory Council member. Our pest eradication contest started October 30 and will end February 1.... The Green Hand initiation was held November 8 at our regular night meeting. There were 15 Green Hand initiated. The F.F.A. Green Hand initiation ceremony was performed after which we held an informal initiation....At the Norton County Fair our Chapter placed 1st on our soil conservation booth display which netted us \$5.00. We also received \$40.00 prize for our float in the parade at the fair.

Royce Whitney, Reporter

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"Keep your temper. No one else wants it."

## Chapter News - Continued

ST. FRANCIS: Officers for the year are: President, Jerry Waters; vice-president, Lee Mills; secretary, Gary Zimbleman; treasurer, Charles Curry; reporter, Dougie Stinehagan; and sentinel, Elmer Richers. Adviser is W. H. Crow...We are planning a broiler project to make extra money for the chapter...Green Hand initiation was held for 11 members November 9. After the ceremony we had refreshments of hot chocolate and doughnuts... There are now 32 members in the St. Francis chapter.

Dougie Stinehagan, Reporter

SYRACUSE: Chapter officers elected in April and installed in May, are: Marvin Maune, president; Clark Houck, vice-president; Keith Carter, treasurer; Don Gleason, secretary; Grant Houck, reporter; Beaty Osborn, sentinel; and Mr. Starkey, advisor...October 21 a Father and Son Banquet was held. Mr. Maurice Little, adviser of the Goodland Chapter, gave a very fine speech on the subject, "The Future Farmers"...On November 8 we went to Dodge City and helped to tear down an old army building which we will bring back and make into a bus shed...We plan to increase our treasury by gathering scrap iron and selling it. To date, we have sold 3½T for \$52 net profit..

Grant Houck, Reporter

QUINTER: Officers for the year are: President, Glenn Bird; vice-president, Delbert Inloes; secretary, Robert Willson; treasurer, Carl Ikenberry; adviser, James F. Shea; reporter, Mark Snowden; sentinel, Francis Richmeier... In shop we have made a farm gate, overhauled a trailer, made two silage feed bunks, made a grain bed for pick-up truck, and installed a heavy tool grinder...We attended the Ellis Junior Free Fair judging contest in which we placed third. Billy Ewing was high individual.

Mark Snowden, Reporter

SEDAN: Officers for the year are: Leland McAfee, president; Bill Leniton, vice-president; Maxie Ward, secretary; Mack Foster, treasurer; David Herard, sentinel; Harold Blackwell, advisor; and Jimmie Smith, reporter. We have 34 members in our Chapter this year...We had an Education exhibit at the Chautauqua County Fair. The theme of the exhibit was "Soil Erosion Control." It featured a miniature farm and had several soil erosion control demonstrations built into the farm...The chapter is holding a continuous paper drive. So far we have collected \$74. worth of paper...The chapter owned registered Hereford bull won second place at the county fair...The chapter sold him and we are using the proceeds to set up some pig chains. Our adviser spent a weekend in eastern Oklahoma, and came back with 4 Durocs and 2 Chester White gilts to start the pig chain...Shop jobs include overhauling of the school pickup; four trailers under construction, cattle guard, gates, self feeders, and repair of farm machinery.

Jimmie Smith, Reporter

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Life is a grindstone, and whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up depends on the stuff he's made of.

## Chapter News - Continued

HOYT: Officers for the year are: Clarence Plants, president; Allen Tichenor, vice-president; Joe Collins, reporter; George Bolz, secretary; Lester Damme, treasurer; George Rickel, sentinel. Eleven boys were initiated as Green Hands September 23. We have 23 members in the chapter... A pest eradication contest is in progress...A new grinder, a car jack, tool cabinet and a table vice and several hand tools have been added to the shop.

Joe Collins, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: The following officers were elected in May 1948: Bob Ball, president; Albert Hannaman, vice-president; Bob Swank, secretary; Bob Salter, reporter; Charles O'Neal, treasurer; Don Fowler, sentinel, and Mr. Henderson, adviser. We have 66 members...Our activities started with a two day summer outing at the Scott County State Park. Then we had a hay-rack ride and weiner roast October 27. The Chapter sponsored a concession stand at the Finney County Free Fair. Our net profit was \$170. We also had a booth at the Fair which won second prize. The Chapter entered in the Judging Contest at the Fair and won first place in judging grain, and tied for first place in judging livestock...The No. 9 Parents Night was held October 25.

Bob Salter, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: Officers for the year are: Henry Berg, president; Herbert Anderson, vice-president; Bernard Mayer, secretary; Roger Sargent, treasurer; Eldon Zabel, reporter; Ivan Plummer, sentinel...We held our annual summer picnic at Lake Nemaha in June...A pest eradication contest is under way. Merle Flinn and Oscar Krouse are the two captains...Major shop jobs completed are a hog feeder, wagon box, two 2-wheel trailers, two disks repaired and painted, grain drill repaired and painted, a power lawn mower, and a feed bunk.

Eldon Zabel, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: Our annual Ag. Barnwarmer was held Oct. 22 and was attended by 150 students, former graduates and a few invited guests. Local talent furnished the music and with the help of several experienced square dancers many of the high school students entered into the several sets. A fine time was had by all. We sold cider, doughnuts, and pop for refreshments, and netted \$15...We raised \$90. last year by selling scrap iron. The money was used for a 1100 mile trip through the Ozarks...Community services engaged in since the first of school this year include: drenched 720 ewes and lambs, dipped 1187 ewes and lambs, vaccinated 91 hogs, castrated 20 pigs and 6 calves. We have had fine weather for project tours, and hope to complete our tours by the middle of November. We attended the American Royal October 21. On our way home we stopped at the Baldwin orchards and bought 14 gallons of cider for our Ag. Barnwarmer. Since most of the boys making the trip make up the football team, we were in an awful shape for our game the next day. We lost the game, not because of the cider, although when we reached Williamsburg we certainly didn't have 14 gallons of cider...Some of the shop jobs we have under construction are: Feed bunks, sheep feeders, wagon boxes, grain elevators etc.

Don Heilman, Reporter

## Chapter News - Continued

PHILLIPSBURG: Officers for the year are: President, Bob McClellan; vice-president, Eugene Miller; reporter, Virgil Ehm; secretary, Meredith Forell; treasurer, Richard Townley...Our Chapter has a Ford-Ferguson tractor and a disc terracer to go with it. We have built around ten miles of terraces since we purchased the outfit April 1947. About four miles were built this year. These terraces were all built on farms of boys who are or were in vocational agriculture with one exception...Our chapter is running a lunch stand in cooperation with the Y-Teens. Thus far we have taken in \$56.00 and we still have two games left. We initiated 12 Green Hands on November 15...Five of our boys have cooperatively purchased calves to put on the first phase of the deferred feeding program; Hodge, 2; Forell, 2; Townsend, 3; Rumbaugh, 2; and Patterson, 2. All were choice herefords. They also bought 8 heifers. Iman Dusin purchased a purebred S.P. China sow from Randall Tucker of Oldell. She had eleven pigs...Thus far our chapter has built three feed bunks; 1 hay rack, three step ladders, work has been done on four cars and the usual number of skill jobs have been performed...November 20 our chapter broadcasted over KXXX on the subject of Hybrid corn.

Virgil Ehm, Reporter

BELLEVILLE: Officers for the year are Raymond Sis, president; Charles Sanford, vice-president; Bud Hanzlick, treasurer; Donald Householder, secretary; and Galen Morley, reporter...We held Green Hand initiation early in the fall. Sixteen boys were initiated. We now have a chapter enrollment of 50 members. We plan to enter the better chapter contest this year...Edward Pachta, retiring president, recently purchased a \$260 boar at a sale in Nebraska. The boys with Spotted Poland Chinas' are using him cooperatively. At the Duroc sale two boys, Galen Morley and Robert Rizek, had hogs consigned and are members of the N.C.K. Duroc Breeders Association along with Bud Hanzlick and Donald Krotz.

Galen Morley, Reporter

WASHBURN: The officers for this year are: President, Kermit Palmer; vice-president, Elton Glenn; secretary, Marvin Myers; treasurer, Ray Tilton; reporter, Boyd Hoffmeister; sentinel, Ralph Lyons...The members of vocational agriculture 2 attended the American Royal stock show at Kansas City October 18...The evening of October 19, Kermit Palmer gave a speech on his dairy project at the district dairy meeting...Green Hand members initiated November 7 were Jack Landon, Martin Quaney, Pat Montgomery and Jo Anderson.

Boyd Hoffmeister, Reporter

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Cannibal King: "What are we having for lunch?"

Cook: "Two old maids."

King: "Ugh! Leftovers again!"

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The size of your troubles depends on whether they are coming or going.