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PRESIDENT BALL ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

The Twenty-third Annual State Convention of the Future Farmers of America will be held April 30 and May 1, 1951, at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. We will be happy to have with us at that time a representative of the National Organization of FFA, President Walter Cummins of the Freedom Chapter, Freedom, Oklahoma.

It was gratifying to see so many of you at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last October. On April 30 and May 1 we will have an opportunity to see you again.

Chapters whose State and National dues are paid and whose Programs of Work were filed November 1, may each seat two delegates in the House of Delegates at the State Convention. We again have some vital business to transact, such as the election of new State Officers, State Farmers, etc.

We feel it is the duty of each chapter to choose well instructed delegates so that the State Convention can proceed efficiently and in an orderly fashion.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Manhattan, April 30 and May 1.

Bob Ball, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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REMINDERS

1. Check your calendar for all mailing dates for FFA contest materials.
2. THREE copies of the FFA Public Speaking manuscript are required.
3. Most chapter contest reports are classified as First Class mail. Express is cheaper and almost as fast.
4. Annual report of chapter on membership, cooperation with state and national FFA programs of work, etc., needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at time of convention.
5. Deadline mailing dates for all FFA events as well as for all Agricultural Judging and Farm Mechanics Contests will be rigidly enforced.
6. Deadline mailing dates:
 - a. FFA Public Speaking Contest, April 9.
 - b. Chapter Membership, Officers, Delegates, etc., April 9.
 - c. State Chapter Contest, April 9.
 - d. Entries in the Agricultural Judging Contest, April 16.
 - e. Entries in Farm Mechanics Contest, April 16.
 - f. Payment for cots and box lunches, April 16.
7. Box Lunch - .80¢ each - contestants only. Money due in mails April 16.

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FFA SPEECH MUST BE ON AGRICULTURAL SUBJECT

Your attention is again being called to the resolution approved by the National FFA Board of Trustees with the approval of the National FFA Advisory Council at their Kansas City, Missouri, meeting in October, 1950. The resolution which was later approved by the 1950 House of Delegates of the National Convention, was as follows: "All judges of FFA Public Speaking contests (local, district, area, State, Regional and National) will disqualify all contestants whose speeches are not of a strictly agricultural nature."

IMPORTANT: The judges are empowered to rule on whether or not the speech is on an agricultural subject. This plan will govern the Regional and National FFA Speech contests in 1951.

It is significant to note that neither the National FFA Board of Trustees nor the National FFA Advisory Council has set up any criteria for determining whether or not a speech is on an agricultural subject. As the matter stands the authority of determining whether or not a speech is acceptable rests in the hands of the official judges.

The 1951 FFA Speech Contest conducted by the Kansas Association of FFA will be governed by the rules and regulations set forth in the materials mailed chapters February 15, 1951. All subjects listed on pages 3 and 4 of the February 1, 1951, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer will be acceptable. However the Kansas Association of FFA will not guarantee that speeches addressed to all of the subjects listed in the February newsletter will be acceptable to the judges in the Regional and National FFA speech contests.

It is to be hoped that the National FFA Board of Trustees and the National Advisory Council will publish criteria for determining when a speech is on "an agricultural subject" together with procedures before the 1952 FFA speech contests are held.

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STATE INITIATED PROJECT - 1951

The Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., met and adopted the Foundation Budget for the fiscal year January 1 - December 31, 1951. The Kansas Association of FFA plan of dividing equally the Foundation award monies for the State Initiated Project between the Gold Emblem Chapters for 1951 has been approved. Kansas has been allotted the amount of \$368.58 for State Initiated Projects during the current fiscal year.

All Gold Emblem Chapters in Kansas in 1951 will be eligible to share in this award. In order to share in the award monies each chapter will be required to file a written statement of major accomplishments during the year. This report must be filed with the state office at Manhattan by December 1, 1951. The abstract of chapter achievements must be in the Washington, D. C. office by December 15, 1951.

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RECENTLY CHARTERED FFA CHAPTERS

Eighteen FFA chapters have been chartered by the Kansas Association of FFA since January 1950. There are 182 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. At the present time 177 of these departments have chartered FFA chapters.

The Kansas Association of FFA extends congratulations to the eighteen recently chartered FFA chapters listed below.

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| Meade Chapter | Garland Davidson, President, Jerry M. Gee Adviser February 20, 1950, Charter No. 206 |
| Paradise Chapter | Bob Dickinson, President, W. L. Obley, Adviser September 17, 1950, Charter No. 207 |
| Eskridge Chapter | Donald Wyre, President, Alvin Maley, Adviser October 31, 1950, Charter No. 208 |
| Riverton Chapter | Don Hutto, President, Gene Bigbie, Adviser October 31, 1950, Charter No. 209 |
| Almena Chapter | Ned Lowry, President, Duane Steeples, Adviser October 31, 1950, Charter No. 210 |
| Erie Chapter | Ronnie Greve, President, Harold Van Cleave, Adviser October 31, 1950, Charter No. 211 |
| Peabody Chapter | Melvin Burdorf, President, Don L. Kastl, Adviser Nov. 1., 1950, Charter No. 212 |
| Claflin Chapter | Wilfred Schrepel, President, Norman Terrill, Adviser November 1, 1950, Charter No. 213 |
| Rossville Chapter | Joe Conley, President, Ira M. Williams, Adviser November 1, 1950, Charter No. 214 |
| Troy Chapter | Myron Jeschke, President, Charles M. Kuenzi, Adviser November 3, 1950, Charter No. 215 |
| Louisburg Chapter | Jim Glauser, President, Charles Smith, Adviser November 3, 1950, Charter No. 216 |
| Edson Chapter | Raleigh Flanders, President, Warren G. Harding, Adviser November 3, 1950, Charter No. 217 |
| Liberal Chapter | Dale Kapp, President, C. C. Griffin, Adviser November 30, 1950, Charter No. 218 |
| Palco Chapter | Duane Newell, President, R. B. Feldkamp, Adviser December 7, 1950, Charter No. 219 |
| Highland Chapter | Dwayne Darrell, President, Walter H. Saathoff, Adviser January 2, 1951, Charter No. 220 |
| Cedar Vale Chapter | Bernard Lemert, President, Raymond E. Carey, Adviser February 26, 1951, Charter No. 221 |
| Rose Hill Chapter | Keith Cox, President, John T. Nace, Adviser March 10, 1951, Charter No. 222 |
| Partridge Chapter | Duane O'Hara, President, R. G. Field, Adviser March 22, 1951, Charter No. 223 |

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THE MINATURE PLOW

"Building the FFA Emblem" skit is being presented by many Kansas FFA chapters this year. This skit requires the use of the symbolic plow. Several chapters have the plow permanently fastened to station equipment and not immediately available for use in the Emblem skit. The state office has had several requests from chapters for an additional miniature plow. We of course, were not in a position to comply with the request.

The Minature Plow continued

The minature steel plow which is almost universally used throughout the 9,700 chapters comprising the National Organization of Future Farmers of America is furnished by Deere & Company, Moline, Illinois. In order to procure a minature plow to be used in FFA work in Kansas, the request must clear through the state office. This practice assures Deere & Company that the vocational agricultural department requesting the minature plow has a chartered FFA chapter and is in good standing with the state and national FFA bodies.

Mr. H. F. Line, Educational Division, Deere & Company, is sending several minature plows to the Kansas Association's state office at KSC. These plows will be loaned upon request to chapters whose own minature plow is permanently affixed to station equipment and not immediately available for use in "Building the Emblem" skit.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any chapter desiring the loan of the minature plow for the purpose of using same in the Emblem skit may secure the loan of the plow by writing for same. Send request to A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. Three minature plows are available for loan purposes. It will be necessary to file requests considerably in advance of the date the plow is to be used in the ceremony.

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"FUTURE FARMER LIVES HERE"

The following standards for making the "Future Farmer Lives Here" award are being used by the Haven, Kansas, FFA chapter. In working out the standards the chapter had in mind primarily the stiumlation of effort toward home improvement. Soil and water management and other features for which other awards are available were omitted from the standards adopted by the chapter.

Standards for making the "Future Farmer Lives Here" award adopted by the Haven, Kansas, FFA Chapter follow:

1. Farming Program
 - (a) Must have in operation a satisfactory Program of Supervised Farming.
 - (b) Must be following recommended production practices.
2. Home Improvement
 - (a) Fences along highway and about farmstead must be in good repair.
 - (b) Weeds and brush about farmstead must be kept down.
 - (c) Farmstead and lots must be kept free of trash of all kinds.
 - (d) Machinery must be housed or yarded in an orderly manner.
 - (e) All gates and doors about the farmstead must be on hinges and have suitable latches. (no bailing wire.)
 - (f) Suitable and safe storage must be provided for hand tools and equipment.
 - (g) Buildings must be in satisfactory repair.
 - (h) The over-all appearance of the farmstead shall be well kept.
3. Making The Award
 - (a) Members make application to chapter adviser
 - (b) Chapter President and Adviser visit farm to decide on worthiness of applicant.
 - (c) Award shall be returned to chapter if standards are not maintained or upon termination of membership.

RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

Each year in the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter local FFA chapters are ranked on the basis of per cent of membership and enrollment in vocational agriculture. October 1st enrollment figures furnished by the State Department for Vocational Education are used, and FFA membership figures are taken from the records of the State Office at Manhattan.

On October 1st there were 6,274 students enrolled in 182 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The total FFA membership as of April 1, was 6,520.

A careful study of FFA membership for the school year 1950-51 as of April 1, on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture shows a range in percentage of membership from 179% to 63%.

One hundred seventy five chapters have paid dues to date. Seven chapters are delinquent.

One hundred thirty two chapters reported a paid up membership of 100 per cent or more. Forty three chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

Altamont with a paid up membership of 110 leads all the chapters in the state in the number of dues paid. Effingham chapter with 84 members ranks second, while Merriam with 83 ranks third. Winfield ranks fourth with 80 and Emporia fifth with 75.

The percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 175 chapters having paid their dues is 103%. Last year this figure stood at 109%.

The Kansas Association hopes to report 100 per cent active chapters at the time of the annual meeting on April 30 and May 1.

In case of error in percentage of membership listed below, we will be glad to have you notify us so that correction can be made in the May issue of the Kansas Future Farmer

Those chapters having a membership range from 171 per cent to 179 per cent:

Sabetha

Those chapters having a membership range from 161 per cent to 170 per cent:

Belleville
McDonald

Those chapters having a membership range from 151 per cent to 160 per cent:

Paxico

Those chapters having a membership range from 141 per cent to 150 per cent:

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| Beloit | Goodland | Howard | Norton |
| Bird City | Hillsboro | Lebanon | |

Those chapters having a membership range from 131 per cent to 140 per cent:

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|--------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Alma | Burlington | Effingham | Smith Center |
| Atwood | Clifton | Moundridge | |

Rank in FFA Membership continued

Those chapters having a membership range from 121 per cent to 130 percent:

| | | | | |
|------------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Alta Vista | Ellis | Hiawatha | Kiowa | Neodesha |
| Columbus | Fairview | Hope | McCune | Osborne |
| Concordia | Garden City | Hoxie | Medicine Lodge | Parsons |
| | | Hugoton | Minneapolis | Stockton |

Those chapters having a membership range from 111 per cent to 120 per cent:

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|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Attica | Centralia | Harveyville | Lyndon | Phillipsburg |
| Berryton | Ellsworth | Haven | Meade | Pratt |
| Beverly | Ford | Hill City | Miltonvale | Quinter |
| Bonner Springs | Glasco | Holtton | Olathe | St. Marys |
| | Harper | Kingman | Osage City | Valley Falls |

Those chapters having a membership range from 101 per cent to 110 per cent:

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|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Abilene | Council Grove | Little River | Seaman | Rossville |
| Alton | Downs | Manhattan | Oberlin | Sedan |
| Bazine | El Dorado | Mankato | Overbrook | Silver Lake |
| Burns | Emporia | Marysville | Partridge | Solomon |
| Cedar Vale | Hanover | McPherson | Powhattan | Stafford |
| Chanute | Hays | Meriden | Randolph | Westmoreland |
| Clay Center | Iola | Shawnee-Mission | Riverton | Williamsburg |
| Colby | Kincaid | Morrowville | Rose Hill | Winfield |

Those chapters having a membership of 100 per cent:

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| Almena | Ft. Scott | Inman | Palco | Syracuse |
| Ashland | Fowler | Kinsley | Paradise | Trousdale |
| Chapman | Fredonia | Leon | Peabody | Troy |
| Claflin | Haddam | Louisburg | Plainville | Valley Center |
| Coldwater | Highland | Mulvane | Pretty Prairie | Wakeeney |
| Edson | Hoyt | Norcatour | Simpson | Wakefield |
| Erie | Humboldt | Oxford | Soldier | Yates Center |
| | | | Spearville | |

Those chapters having a membership range from 90 per cent to 99 per cent:

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|---------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| Altamont | Cottonwood Falls | Frankfort | Liberal | Highland Park |
| Altoona | Coffeyville | Girard | Longford | Washburn |
| Arkansas City | Dodge City | Holcomb | Ness City | Wamego |
| Buhler | Eskridge | Independence | Paola | Washington |
| Cherryvale | Eureka | Lawrence | Parker | Waterville |

Those chapters having a membership range from 80 per cent to 89 per cent:

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| Burlingame | Garnett | La Cygne | Lakin | St. Francis |
| | | | | Tonganoxie |

Those chapters having a membership range from 70 per cent to 79 per cent:

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| Junction City | Onaga | Ottawa | Seneca |
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Those chapters having a membership range from 63 per cent to 69 per cent:

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| Great Bend | Herington | Minneola |
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16,000 FARM BOYS RECEIVE FFA FOUNDATION AWARDS

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., paid out cash awards to more than 1,200 farm boys in 1950 and an estimated 15,000 other Future Farmers of America and New Farmers of America members were recipients of local award medals presented to them by the Foundation, it was disclosed at the recent annual meeting in Washington of the Board of Trustees for the Foundation.

Dr. W. T. Spanton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said that 271 of the cash awards for outstanding achievement in farming and leadership were for \$100 or more. Largest of these was the \$1,000 check awarded Forrest Davis, Jr. of Quincy, Florida, as the 1950 Star Farmer of America. In addition to the individual awards, 244 local chapters received cash awards from Foundation funds during the year.

Contributions to the FFA Foundation in 1950 totalled \$111,977.10, assuring funds for a small expansion of the award program in 1951. Ninety-six companies and organizations were donors of \$110,250.00 to the Foundation last year; four individuals gave \$525.00, and State Associations of FFA and NFA contributed \$1,202.10.

The Board of Trustees, in budgeting \$110,446.38 for the 1951 Foundation award program, increased the amount of American Farmer degree awards from \$25 each to \$50. Last year 265 boys received the American Farmer awards and the budget was set in anticipation of 275 winners in 1951. All other award programs for the FFA remain substantially the same as last year.

Expenditures by the Foundation during 1950 amounted to \$95,170.90, of which \$80,685.41 represented awards and prizes to FFA members and \$7,792.03 to NFA members. The remaining \$6,693.46 paid administrative expenses for the year.

In the Future Farmers of America division the Foundation presented cash awards of \$100 or more to 46 boys for achievement in Dairy Farming, 33 in Farm Electrification, 41 in Farm Mechanics, 47 in Public Speaking, 39 in Soil and Water Management, and to 32 local FFA chapters for outstanding work in Farm Safety. The organization's 265 American Farmer degree winners were awarded \$25 each, and state awards of \$100 each were made to 44 Star State Farmers. In addition, \$18,829.18 was spent for State Initiated Projects (award programs devised by the various State FFA Associations to meet the needs of their particular state). Participants from 40 states shared in \$9,733.22 worth of prizes and awards given in connection with National FFA Judging Contests.

Probably the most important development in FFA Foundation's award program during 1950 was the provision of medals to be awarded outstanding FFA and NFA members on the local chapter basis. Dr. Spanton reported that 23,640 of the medals were sent to State Associations of FFA and NFA for distribution to award winners in local chapters. Not all of these were used in 1950, however. Based on States' requests for additional medals in 1951, it is estimated that about 15,000 of the medals were actually presented to farm boy winners, and the number may be doubled in 1951.

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"To work is to worship - to be cheery is to pray - to be happy is the first step towards being pious...."

Robert Louis Stevenson

PART I

AN ANALYSIS OF A SELECTED LIST OF CHAPTER PROGRAMS

The following analysis of 27 FFA chapter activity programs includes the 1950 Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem classification winners in the Kansas Chapter Contest. A few additional chapters were added to the list of winners in order to obtain state wide distribution.

Deadline Mailing Date and Penalty. A ruling of the House of Delegates of the Kansas Association of FFA sets November 1 as the deadline date for filing local chapter activity programs with the state department. This ruling also makes local chapters and their members ineligible for FFA competition on the state level if the local program of work is not filed on time.

Helpful Suggestions for building a chapter activity program will be found in the Official FFA Manual, pages 33-37.

Committee Appointments for building the chapter activity program should include all members of the chapter. Every effort should be made to have a program built and endorsed by the chapter, and not merely a program set up by the officers and adviser.

Calendaring Activities for the year, by months, is important. Too many activities at a given time will likely result in a scattering of effort and a lowering of standards. Too few activities will cause loss of interest. Fit your program of activities in with the school and community programs. This will avoid conflicts and the possibility of demanding too much time and energy on the part of certain members of your chapter.

The following is a list of activities under the eight divisions of the chapter program of work carried to completion by 27 Kansas FFA chapters in 1950. The number to the left of each activity indicates the number of chapters participating.

SUPERVISED PRACTICE

| | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|--|
| 25 | Farming program planning | : | 5 | Supplementary farm practices |
| 22 | Livestock & Crop production goals | : | 4 | Increase net worth of members |
| 22 | Improved quality livestock | : | 4 | Home farm shop and reconditioning tools |
| 19 | Farming program tour | : | 4 | Farming program exhibits |
| 16 | Growing feed crops for livestock | : | 4 | Livestock sanitation and disease control |
| 14 | Increase net worth of members | : | | |
| 12 | Home beautification and improvement | : | 4 | Show products at local fair |
| 11 | Soil conservation program | : | 3 | Safety program |
| 10 | Goal for planting certified seed of adapted varieties | : | 3 | Higher quality products |
| 10 | Farming program improvement | : | 3 | Secure cooperative loans |
| 10 | Farming program and record book contest | : | 2 | Culling poultry program |
| 10 | Farming program completion | : | 2 | Farming program publicity |
| 9 | Average projects per member | : | 2 | Financing farming programs |
| 5 | Cleaned and treated seed | : | 2 | Farming program prizes |
| | | : | 1 | Control of bindweed |
| | | : | 1 | Chapter yearbook |
| | | : | 1 | Fire prevention |

Chapter Activity Program - Part I - Continued

| | | | | |
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| 1 | Large variety and expansion of projects | : | 1 | Greenhand crop project |
| 1 | Increase meat production for home use | : | 1 | Picture display of farming programs |
| 1 | Labor Income of each member | : | 1 | Class project report |
| 1 | Chapter Star Farmer contest | : | 1 | Labor income statements |
| 1 | Boys taking pictures of farming projects | : | 1 | Increasing home food production |
| 1 | Summer fallow practiced | : | 1 | Production of pecan trees |
| 1 | Productive livestock | : | 1 | Feeding dairy improvement awards |
| 1 | Approved practices encouraged | : | 1 | Soil testing of crop projects |
| | | | | Shop contest |

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

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| 19 | Cooperative purchasing and selling | : | 2 | Tree and shrubbery planting |
| 15 | Chapter boar and gilt ring | : | 2 | Seed purchase cooperatively |
| 11 | Exhibit booth at State Fair | : | 2 | Conduct judging school |
| 11 | Parent-son achievement banquet | : | 2 | Sell pencils |
| 8 | Buy FFA jackets | : | 2 | Make farm equipment and sell to members |
| 8 | Assembly program | : | 2 | Cooperative spraying |
| 7 | Cooperative borrowing | : | 2 | Cooperative hog trough program |
| 7 | Vaccinating and castrating | : | 2 | Sponsor radio programs |
| 7 | Hold purebred sale for project animals | : | 2 | Sponsor floats |
| 7 | Buying certified seed and trees | : | 2 | Operate concession stand |
| 6 | Exhibitions | : | 1 | Cooperative wheat project |
| 5 | Seed testing program | : | 1 | Fertilizer test plot |
| 4 | Cooperative butchering program | : | 1 | Cooperative chicken project |
| 4 | Cooperative corn plots | : | 1 | Soil testing |
| 3 | Cooperate with veterans | : | 1 | Sheep shearing project |
| 3 | Chapter livestock projects | : | 1 | Battery brooder |
| 3 | Disease and parasite control | : | 1 | Livestock medicine cabinet |
| 3 | Feed mixing | : | 1 | Chapter magazine published |
| 3 | Chapter yearbook published | : | 1 | Clean and treat seed |
| | | | 1 | Open house |

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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|----|----------------------|---|---|--|
| 19 | Castrate livestock | : | 7 | Improve school grounds and buildings |
| 18 | Pest eradication | : | 6 | Sponsor institutional on-farm training |
| 15 | Cull poultry | : | 4 | Spray crops |
| 14 | Vaccinate livestock | : | 4 | Window display in store windows |
| 14 | Treat grain and seed | : | 4 | Grub cattle |
| 13 | Test soil | : | 4 | Test seed |
| 12 | Repair machinery | : | 4 | Livestock loss prevention campaign |
| 12 | Prune orchards | : | 4 | Soil Conservation |
| 11 | Worm livestock | : | 3 | Drench sheep |
| 11 | Dock lambs | : | 3 | Shear sheep |
| 11 | Dehorn cattle | : | 3 | 100% membership Junior Red Cross |
| 11 | Butchering | : | 2 | Treat hogs for mange |
| 10 | Lay out terraces | : | | |
| 8 | Improve home grounds | : | | |
| 8 | Safety Campaign | : | | |
| 8 | Test milk | : | | |

Chapter Activity Program - Part I - Continued

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| 2 | Worm hens | : | 1 | Treat Bindweed |
| 2 | Help with farm labor | : | 1 | Dip livestock |
| 2 | Band trees | : | 1 | Fire prevention survey |
| 2 | Build hog feeders | : | 1 | Make tatoo set available |
| 2 | Demonstration plots | : | 1 | Conduct programs in farm |
| 2 | Treat pigs and poultry for lice | : | | organization |
| 1 | Recondition fair grounds | : | 1 | Mix county gopher poison |
| 1 | Plant trees and shrubs | : | 1 | Blood test poultry |
| 1 | 100% contribution to March of Dimes | : | 1 | Trap gophers |
| 1 | Ship in Feeder lambs | : | 1 | Window display |
| 1 | Mail box painting | : | 1 | Test corn varieties |
| 1 | Fumigate grain bins | : | 1 | Protect wild life |
| 1 | Improve community hospital | : | | Make benches and survey golf course |
| 1 | Spray livestock | : | 1 | Build lunch stand at football field |
| 1 | Spray farm buildings | : | | field |
| 1 | Spray trees | : | 1 | Clean fields of sorghum for certification |
| 1 | Repair school equipment | : | | certification |
| 1 | Collect waste paper | : | 1 | Safety campaign |
| 1 | Caponize | : | 1 | Plant trees |
| 1 | Construct small buildings for farmers | : | 1 | Build hayrack and wagon boxes |
| | | : | 1 | Purchase fertilizer |

LEADERSHIP

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|----|--|---|---|--|
| 31 | Enter district judging contests | : | 3 | Hold Parent-Son meeting |
| 28 | Publicity in State FFA News and Newspapers | : | 3 | 100% participation in meetings |
| | | : | 3 | Project tours |
| 26 | Enter team in state contests | : | 2 | Have one state officer |
| 19 | All officers to participate in Leadership School | : | 2 | Program for civic organizations |
| | | : | 2 | Sponsor FFA Harvester |
| 16 | Attend State Association Meeting | : | 2 | Keep a scrapbook |
| | | : | 2 | Open House night |
| 13 | Parents and Son banquet | : | 2 | Officers have FFA Jackets |
| 12 | Radio program | : | 2 | Sponsor livestock and dairy judging school |
| 9 | Promote candidates for State Farmer degree | : | 2 | Publish FFA Annual |
| 8 | Maintain FFA Library | : | 1 | Member on Student Council |
| 7 | Acquaint 8th graders with FFA | : | 1 | Hold FFA Participation contest |
| 6 | Hold Assembly program | : | 1 | Farm practice publicity |
| 6 | Send delegates to State House of Delegates Meeting | : | 1 | Take part in rural School Day Program |
| 5 | Hold parliamentary training for members | : | 1 | Show educational films |
| | | : | 1 | Meat cutting demonstration |
| 5 | Hold officers meetings | : | 1 | Every member learn creed |
| 5 | Elect junior FFA officers | : | 1 | Sears and Kroger Scholarship candidate |
| 4 | Participate in National Convention | : | | candidate |
| | | : | 1 | Each member file own report on Chapter participation |
| 4 | Chapel program | : | | Chapter participation |
| 4 | Formal installation of officers | : | 1 | Trained demonstration team |
| 3 | Have one American Farmer degree candidate | : | 1 | Chapter leadership contest |
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Chapter Activity Program - Part I - Continued

EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

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| 23 | Chapter dues | : | 2 | Treat potatoes |
| 13 | Concession stand | : | 2 | Sponsor a carnival |
| 12 | Set up Chapter finances (budget) | : | 2 | 75% have life insurance |
| 10 | Earn money from exhibits and booths | : | 2 | Recondition farm equipment |
| 10 | Build and sell projects | : | 1 | Hog raffle |
| 8 | Increase individual earnings goal | : | 1 | Santa Fe Educational Award |
| 6 | Project earnings back in project | : | 1 | Beef project for FFA banquet |
| 5 | Sell hog troughs | : | 1 | Wheel chair ball game |
| 5 | Sell pencils | : | 1 | Dip sheep |
| 4 | Savings bonds investment | : | 1 | Box Supper |
| 4 | Butcher livestock | : | 1 | Hire chapter out to help farmers |
| 4 | Scrap iron drive | : | 1 | Gilt ring |
| 3 | Band trees | : | 1 | Donkey basketball game |
| 3 | Raise and sell popcorn | : | 1 | Coke machine |
| 3 | Waste paper drive | : | 1 | Mix feed |
| 2 | Rent power sprayer | : | 1 | Popcorn machine |
| 2 | Sell garden seeds | : | 1 | Sell equipment left in shop |
| 2 | Prepare football and basket- ball programs | : | 1 | Shop display |
| 2 | Sell Christmas cards | : | 1 | Terracing |
| 2 | Treat seed | : | 1 | Make rope halters |
| 2 | Charge for shop jobs | : | 1 | Build seats for golf course |
| 2 | Shear sheep | : | 1 | Build swings for city park |
| 2 | Care for football field canvass | : | 1 | Build sub-irrigation tile troughs |
| | | : | 1 | Hot bed project |
| | | : | 1 | Trailer project |
| | | : | 1 | Wheat project |
| | | : | 1 | Loan Fund |
| | | : | 1 | Sponsor all school party |

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

| | | | | |
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| 23 | Goal for membership attendance at meeting | : | 5 | Have monthly calendar of activities |
| 21 | Use opening and closing ritual at meetings | : | 5 | Day meetings twice a month |
| 21 | Initiate greenhands | : | 4 | Each officer have official jacket |
| 19 | Regular monthly meetings | : | 4 | Exchange meeting with another chapter |
| 15 | Initiate Chapter farmers | : | 4 | Hold parents night |
| 14 | Use FFA paraphernalia at meetings | : | 4 | Goal for number of manuals owned and available to members |
| 13 | Use official secretary and treasurer book | : | 3 | Safety and fire prevention meeting |
| 12 | Hold summer meetings | : | 3 | Chapter meeting improvement |
| 11 | Hold formal installation of officers | : | 3 | Have all officers attend Leadership Schools |
| 11 | Have outside speakers | : | 3 | Committee reports |
| 10 | Hold parent-son banquet | : | 2 | Night meetings once a month |
| 7 | Have refreshment at all night meetings | : | 2 | Follow parliamentary procedure at all meetings |
| 7 | Entertainment at night meetings | : | 2 | Goal for membership participation in programs |
| 6 | Hold officers meetings | : | 1 | Parliamentary procedure contest |
| 6 | Have eligible Vo-Ag students enter FFA | : | 1 | Keep minutes of meeting |

Chapter Activity Program - Part I - Continued

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|----|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Make study of FFA organization | : | 1 | Buy station markers |
| 11 | Committee to amend chapter constitution | : | 1 | Programs planned in advance |
| | | : | 1 | Scholarship requirements for officers |
| 1 | Elect delegates to attend State meeting | : | 1 | Have motion pictures |
| 1 | Singing at meetings | : | | |

 SCHOLARSHIP

| | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | Members have better than average of 'C' in all subjects | : | 1 | One member to qualify for Farm Electrification Award |
| 16 | Encourage reading - subscribe to farm magazines | : | 1 | One member to qualify for Public Speaking Award |
| 15 | Have members on school honor roll | : | 1 | One member to qualify for Farm Mechanics Award |
| 12 | Give Chapter scholarship awards | : | 1 | One member to qualify for Dairy Farming Award |
| 6 | Vo-Ag Honor Roll | : | | |
| 4 | Encourage candidacy for State Farmer Degrees | : | 1 | One member to qualify for Soil and Water Management Award |
| 4 | Sears Scholarship | : | 1 | Reward for outstanding records |
| 4 | Kroger Scholarship | : | 1 | Visit educational showings |
| 3 | Carl R. Gray Scholarship | : | 1 | Elect Chapter Star Farmer |
| 2 | Field trips to outstanding members | : | 1 | Home practice book |
| 2 | U. P. Scholarship | : | 1 | Hold scholarship meeting each year |
| 2 | National Honor Society | : | 1 | Each student have one extra-curricular activity |
| 2 | Students to have higher grades than school average | : | 1 | Officers maintain 'B' average |
| 2 | Members keep home library | : | 1 | Each member give oral report every six weeks |
| 2 | Each member plan to graduate | : | | |
| 1 | One member to qualify for Chapter Star Farmer Award | : | 1 | Post pictures of members on honor roll |
| 1 | One member to qualify for Chapter Farm Safety Award | : | 1 | Member reading requirement |

 RECREATION

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|----|-----------------------------------|---|---|------------------------|
| 13 | Basketball team | : | 2 | FFA and FHA party |
| 10 | Skating party | : | 2 | Father and Son night |
| 9 | Fishing party | : | 2 | Boxing |
| 8 | Picnic | : | 2 | Tractor Safety Contest |
| 7 | Ping Pong | : | 2 | Trip to American Royal |
| 7 | Watermelon feed | : | 2 | Chili supper |
| 7 | Recreation at all night meetings | : | 2 | Halloween party |
| 5 | Softball | : | 2 | Weiner roast |
| 5 | Group singing | : | 2 | Overnight camp |
| 4 | Volleyball | : | 1 | St. Patrick's party |
| 4 | Date party | : | 1 | Badminton |
| 4 | Square dance | : | 1 | Tennis |
| 3 | Barnwarmer | : | 1 | Track |
| 3 | Summer trip | : | 1 | Checkers |
| 3 | Picture show | : | 1 | Stag party |
| 3 | Line party | : | 1 | FFA dance |
| 3 | Motion pictures at night meetings | : | 1 | Minature hockey |
| 3 | Refreshments at night meetings | : | 1 | Parlor bowling game |
| 3 | Sponsor School party | : | 1 | Donkey basketball game |
| 2 | Staff turkey feed | : | 1 | FFA-FHA Box Supper |
| 2 | Horseshoe | : | 1 | Free-throw contest |

PART II

EVALUATING FFA CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

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

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

In 1941, the state association ruled that supplemental materials would not enter into the judging of chapter accomplishment. This rule will hold for the 1951 state FFA chapter contest. However, one will have to admit that supplementary material is of value in substantiating claims of chapters as well as in many cases aiding the judges in forming correct opinions as to achievement standards.

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

How Chapter Programs Are Ranked

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

National Score Card Weightings

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

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs - Part II - Continued

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

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

Supervised Practice:

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

Cooperation:

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

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs - Part II - ContinuedCommunity Service:

1. Part-time classes
2. Evening classes
3. Landscaping
4. Painting public equipment - buildings
5. Mother-son receptions; father-son; and parent-son banquets.
6. Pruning - spraying - culling - soil testing - seed testing
7. Home beautification - landscape, grade and sand roads, paint, etc.
8. Pest Eradication

Leadership:

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

Earnings and Savings:

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

Meetings:

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

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs - Part II - ContinuedScholarship:

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

Recreation:

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

Cooperation with State FFA Program:

1. Membership
2. Minimum library
3. FFA Publicity
4. Home improvement
5. Complete FFA Paraphernalia
6. Use of official secretary and treasurer books
7. Prevent waste:
 - a. Conservation Natural Resources
 - b. Prevent Farm Fire
 - c. Control Livestock Losses
 - d. Eradicate Pests
 - e. Safety Education

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

CHAPTER NEWS

PARADISE: We are conducting a pest eradication contest...A project tour was held and all of the projects were visited....Some of the projects in shop are stock racks for pickups, hog troughs, tank heaters, feed bunks and farm gates.

Jay Anderson, Reporter

TROY: The Troy Chapter sponsored a roller skating party in St. Joseph, Mo. on March 12....We are going to have our parent-son banquet April 12, and everyone is busy getting things ready for it....We have recently purchased a popcorn machine which we will use at all high school events....We have had one waste paper drive and are planning to have at least one more before school is out.... In shop we have built 5 self-feeders, 3 wagon boxes, 6 hog troughs out of hot water tanks, 3 steel gates from dump rake wheels and 2 2-wheel trailers.... We are going to landscape the school grounds this spring.

John Mallory, Reporter

MINNEOLA: The Fowler FFA officers and adviser were guests of our chapter at the March meeting for parents, and initiated eight of our members to the chapter farmer degree....Our pest contest ended February 1, with the north side winning. All boys who failed to get at least 250 points were the clean-up and dish washing committee. The Don's of our chapter were the best pest getters. Don Dufford was first, Don Inlow second, and Don Bacon third. These boys received rifle shells as prizes....We attended the district crops school at Ashland where we placed sixth in the entire contest. We also attended the district shop contest at Lakin and placed second....In the shop we have an electrical wiring panel where we can practice almost any wiring problem found in wiring a house.... Some of the construction jobs in our shop this month are: a sheep shed, three 2-wheel trailers, two 4-wheel trailers, disc type dammer, battery brooder, electric heating units for brooder, welding table, gas forge, drill press stand, rabbit hutches, and tool cabinet.

Elvin Lewis, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: Our FFA basketball team won 4 of the 5 games we played this season... Our chapter membership now consists of 12 greenhands and 23 chapter farmers.... Our parent-son banquet, March 20, was attended by 140 persons....Construction work began February 7 on our new Plainville Rural High School building. One wing of the building, 44' by 109' will be the new vocational agriculture department.

Wilfred Garvert, Reporter

HOPE: We had a skating party for the winners of the pest eradication contest in early February. The losers paid the winners way skating and we paid for the eats out of the treasure...The FFA and FHA gave a going away party for Mr. Cohorst, our instructor....The FFA gave him a desk lamp. Our new agriculture instructor is W. A. Reynolds from Kansas State College....In shop, Max Meuli has made a self cattle feeder on wheels. Verl Schlesener is making a trailer out of a 1½ ton truck frame with its original wheels. Joe Cox and George Kandt are each making a two-wheeled trailer. Rolin Kohrs is finishing a lawnmower.

Bill Scott, Reporter

Chapter News continued

FORT SCOTT: The chapter now has nine registered Hampshire hogs in the chapter swine project. The adviser, Mr. Carson, acquired a bred gilt at Joe O'Brien's sale March 3, for \$250.00. The chapter plans on showing this gilt and the litter at the American Royal next fall....There has been 100 samples of seed tested for the farmers and students in the area. Also, most of the boys in the chapter have about completed their milk test for the third time...The sophomore class will have charge of the chapter crop project this year, which will consist of corn....Now in progress in the shop are 2 hayracks, 1 hog house, 3 gates, 4 self feeders, 1 water, 1 trailer, 2 feed bunks and one corn planter is being converted to a tractor hitch.

Jerry Thompson, Reporter

CHANUTE: Our chapter is proud of the trophy that Glenn Wrestler, Richard Reinhardt and Ralph Madill won at the Kansas Poultry Exposition at Emporia on December 9, for being high place team....Our annual parent-son banquet was held on January 16 with 130 members and guests present..Mr. Carter showed some colored slides of our farming programs and 20 new members were initiated into the chapter as greenhands. Two members were elected to the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree - Mr. Charles Yoos, our vice-principal and Mr. Frank Sinclair, who has been coaching our FFA basketball team....We had sixteen members give speeches at the district public speaking contest at Iola on January 24. Hal Sinclair ranked first in the Junior division and our team of four members placed first as a team. FFA letters will be awarded the four who made the team....Our pest eradication contest ended February 1st with Mervin Snowden taking first with 5,375 points. Mervin was high individual in killing 55 barn rats, 143 mice, 150 sparrows, 160 field rats, and other pests. We have eliminated rabbits and all fur-bearing animals from our contest....We sponsored a district farm mechanics school in welding, tool sharpening, soil conservation, and concrete on February 10. Cherryvale placed first as a team and had first four high individuals. Our Chamber of Commerce presented a plaque to the high team and our chapter presented certificates to the high teams and individuals. On February 24 our chapter placed first in a farm mechanics school at Altamont in Farm Machinery, Farm Power and Farm Carpentry....Six of our members also attended the District Poultry school at Coffeyville on March 10 where we placed first as a team...On March 12 we held a roller skating party for the chapter and guests....We were guests at the four county bankers banquet held at Chanute March 26th. Four of our members gave talks and President McCain of Kansas State College was the principal speaker....Our basketball team has won seven games and lost one. We have two games to play.

Hal Sinclair, Reporter

STAFFORD: We plan to have a pot-luck supper for our annual parent-son banquet May 8. The chapter plans to buy the meat for the supper. The FFA members will prepare it in the Home Economics room....The Stafford Chapter was host for this district's poultry judging contest March 24. The Newton FFA Chapter was in charge of the crops phase of the contest.

Clare Simpson, Reporter

MCPHERSON: We finished our pest eradication contest, the losing side will give a party for the winners....The FHA girls entertained the FFA to an indoor party....Dennis Chinberg is building a calf creep feeder.

Dennis Chinberg, Reporter

Chapter News continued

HAYS: We held our annual parent-son banquet March 20 in the high school gymnasium. The central theme of our banquet was the Livestock program. A cowboy quintette led the group in singing some cowboy numbers and "Hail the FFA." Mr. W. W. Duitsman, assistant superintendent of the Hays Experiment Station, was our guest speaker. Our guests included our parents, the faculty and friends of the chapter....We began our poultry program the first of February. Bob Connelly is caring for the project this year. We have one hundred Jersey White Giants....The Senior Class will tape their second radio program for presentation soon. They will discuss some of the things they can do to help out in the present war situation.

William D. Philip, Reporter

EL DORADO: The El Dorado FFA Cooperative Committee has reported the sale of the cooperatively owned "Dogsteers." The calves gained one pound per day and the price per pound increased eight cents....We have just completed the last of five hog houses designed and built in our shop for Jerry Mosier's land-lord, Mr. Wiley....Weldon Braman's "C-K" creep feeder will be ready to take home as soon as it is painted.

Weldon Braman, Reporter

SABETHA: We held our annual FFA banquet Wednesday evening, February 28, 1951. The banquet was prepared by the mothers of the chapter members. The boys served the dinner. Speaker of the evening was Don Spalding from St. Joseph Livestock Yards....There were 180 people at the banquet. There were 84 guests, who had worked sometime for the good of the chapter. Mr. L. B. Pollom and Mr. C. M. Miller from Topeka were present....The Agricultural Committee of the Sabetha Kiwanis Club joined with the Agriculture Department of Sabetha High School January 11 in sponsoring a special welding school....Thursday afternoon 20 high school boys attended the school and Thursday evening 24 adults from town and country were in attendance. A movie was shown on warp in welding and how to prevent it....State Farmers of Sabetha High School met with the FFA Chapter Tuesday, January 23, 1951. There are 10 State Farmers farming in the Sabetha community. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Harlan Deaver, Brown County farmer.

Lee White, Reporter

PAXICO: The FFA boys swine projects average 7 and 8/10 pigs per litter and all the pigs are doing fine....The Pest Eradication Contest closed January 6. High individual in the contest was Merle Glotzbach with 1380 points. He received \$5.00 for his work. The losers entertained the winners by taking them to a show in Topeka....The FFA boys are considering painting and lettering all mail boxes on the rural route....Tony Noll completed an oil tank stand with \$4.00 profit, which went in the FFA fund.

John Hesse, Reporter

ATWOOD: The initiation of greenhands in the Atwood Chapter was held February 27... The chapter's former adviser, Mr. Stewart, left the second semester to go back to school in Manhattan. Mr. Keith Sanders, who is a graduate from Kansas State College, took up where Mr. Stewart left off and is getting acquainted very fast with the boys.

James Cole, Reporter

Chapter News continued

MEDICINE LODGE: Our pest eradication contest ended March 1, with the Junior-Sophomore team winning over the Freshmen-Senior team by a score of 39,960 to 35,860. Jack Vandever, scored the most points with 15,670. His score included 136 crows killed. Total numbers of some of the pests killed is as follows: 534 mice, 292 rats, 1,627 sparrows, 108 pigeons, 561 starling, 191 crows and 144 opossums....We held formal initiation January 29 for 13 greenhands, 10 chapter farmers and one honorary chapter farmer. Mr. John Willan was awarded the honorary chapter farmer degree for furnishing a Registered Duroc sire for our members to use in their swine programs. We have used a boar from his herd free of charge since December, 1948....Randall Reeves' Duroc sow had a litter of 15 pigs and she is raising 12 of them....Don Lonker has 3 calves from his 5 Hereford cows....Albert Wheelock sold his Registered Hereford bull at the Barber-Comanche County Hereford Sale at Kiowa for \$650... Dean Blooms' ten deferred Hereford steers are doing very well as they have been running on rye and vetch pasture all winter.

John Warren, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: The Silver Lake Chapter challenged and beat the Rossville Chapter in a rodent contest...The chapter sold chances on a turkey at Christmas time and cleared \$25.00....The Kansas Farm Machinery Company, Topeka, Kansas, presented us with an electric clock for our shop on John Deere Day, January 21.... The Poultry team, consisting of Melvin Martinek, Robert Barr, Eldon Roberson, Paul Schmitz and Dale Frey, was placed first in the Northeast District Poultry Contest, February 3, 1951....We sponsored a square dance for the girls on February 21....We are raising fifty broilers in our shop for a banquet April 25... We have built the following projects in shop this year: gas barrel stand, 8x12 trailer, 8x14 farrowing house, hog self-feeder. The repair work that has been done includes a manure spreader, corn planter, four section harrow, mower and cultivator.

Dale Frey, Reporter

STOCKTON: Our annual FFA carnival (Goblins Glory) was held October 31. The net profit was \$536.81....The FFA and FHA sponsored an all-school party January 15....Twenty-four of our chapter members attended the Vern Albrecht Duroc sale and contest February 10...The Stockton Chapter was host to the Northwest District Poultry Contest and School February 17....Seven boys were initiated as Greenhands on November 16....Nine were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree on January 25.

Elton Hunter, Reporter

PEABODY: The Peabody FFA Chapter put on an opening and closing ceremony at assembly. We are planning on demonstrating the use of the gavel at a forthcoming assembly....Our chapter had a skating date party at Newton on January 4. All but two members were able to attend and everyone enjoyed the evening.... Shop projects completed thus far include: 5 feed bunks, six hog troughs, one four wheeled wagon, one hay rack, one hog feeder and one chicken feeder. In addition to this we have assembled two plows for the Case Dealer and one grain drill for the International Dealer...We plan to enter the Public Speaking Contest at El Dorado and the District Shop Contest at Kingman...Our chapter has purchased a caponizing set and several members plan to raise capons for home use.

Garry Hanneman, Reporter

Chapter News continued

WINFIELD: The main item of interest to the Winfield Future Farmers right now is the letting of the contract for the Agricultural section of the new Vocational building. Total bid on the building was \$530,000.00. The contract for the agriculture section was \$195,000.00. This includes a shop 48x128' equipped with traveling crane the entire distance; a hard surfaced parking lot containing 1000 square feet adjacent; two class rooms; a lecture room where large groups can assemble; two private offices; an FFA room (work room); two rooms for foods processing with all the accessories that go with that work such as adequate cold storage and boiler rooms. You can tell the world, Winfield is coming out of the basements....Our hybrid hog work in connection with Oklahoma A & M College has produced some interesting results. Out of some fifteen hybrid boars that we have sold from our first litters, we have a record of the litters from some 100 sows and gilts. The average litter size farrowed was 12 plus and the average saved was 8 plus. We have introduced another strain (Nebraska time No. 10) and this is giving us more even typed litters and seemingly larger litters. We think we are about to the end of our hybrid breeding. This three way cross is very difficult to carry out and the college tells us that we will need a four way cross to successfully carry on into the future. This we are sure would be too complicated for us to carry through. We will have good hybrid boars however for at least two more generations....Our annual banquet was held on the night of February 14. One hundred and twenty five plates were set. The program was put on by our own boys with the Tisdale rural church pastor, the Rev. Gilbert Peters as the main speaker.... The last night meeting of the year was held March 14. At this time nominations for the new officers were read. They were: for President, Amos Hann, Mark Drake and Ted Graham; for Secretary, Marvin Krepps, Leland Shoup; Treasurer, Albert Finley and Ralph Waite; Reporter, Jim Orand, Ralph Russell and Noel Scott; for Sentinel, Richard Dunbar, Jim Clark and Harlan Hittle.

Ted Graham, Reporter

HOWARD: Our annual project tour was held December 13, 1950. Twenty-four boys visited twenty-four programs. Each program was scored and rated. Virgil Wells was awarded the Star Chapter Farmer in the senior division and Roy Lister in the junior division. Jerry Hubbell received the Star Greenhand award....A subsidiary organization was initiated in our chapter. It is the Howard FFA Crop Improvement Association. Officers were elected, purposes, constitution and by-laws, patterned after a similar organization of the Rugby North Dakota Chapter, were adapted. The officers are: Don Forsyth, President; Roy Lister, Vice President; and Herb Hartley, Secretary-Treasurer. We hope the new Crop Association will grow and serve an important part in our community.... Several chapter members drove to the Ethyldale Farm at Emporia and bought three registered Hampshire Gilts to let to members under our Chapter Boy swine program. Three other members also bought gilts for themselves....We held our Annual Parent-Son Banquet March 20. The theme was Rural Electrification. Honorary members for this year are Allen Forsyth, farmer and father of a member; Russell McKinney, rancher, and also father of one of our members, and Arch Clark, KG&E repairman.

Jerry Hubbell, Reporter

NESS CITY: The Ness City and Bazine Chapters held the Southwest District Poultry school at the fair grounds in Ness City on Saturday, March 31, 1951. Prof. T. B. Avery of the Poultry Department of Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kansas judged....Representatives of the Ness City Chapter have attended the shop school at Lakin, Kansas and the crops school at Ashland, Kansas.

Jim Burdett, Reporter

Chapter News continued

OLATHE: Our chapter purchased \$30.00 worth of stock in the Ottawa Production Credit Association so members can make more convenient use of this financing aid....Eighteen Greenhand candidates were initiated at a night meeting. Officers pins were distributed at the same meeting....A four-man team took second at the East Central Kansas District Speaking Contest held at Topeka in the Washburn High School....We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet, February 15. In spite of stormy weather and icy roads, over 150 attended. Much of the food was furnished by members and served by the Home Making girls. The main part of the program was furnished by the members....On March 3rd a team composed of four members participated in the East Central Kansas District Poultry Judging School held at Ottawa. Our team placed 8th...Our chapter pest eradication contest ended March 1 with Fred Toplikar, freshman, ranking at the top with 36,800 points to his credit. John Holl, also a freshman, won second place with 28,400 points and Charles Zimmerman, a junior, ranked third with 15,350. The high seven members will be awarded points toward a chenille emblem. Total pests destroyed, as shown by our pest chart, lists 5 coyotes, 87 rats, 14 crows, 14 sparrow hawks, 147 mice, 514 sparrows, 55 starlings, 10 blackbirds, 42 pigeons, 10 gophers, 3 moles and 389 cottontails....Our sophomore and junior members have banded 95 trees on the school grounds....The freshman class cleaned up the junior and senior high school campus. This is part of the chapter service to the school and also brings in some money to our treasury....Our chapter had A and B basketball teams and have been practicing or playing one night each week. The only team outside our school that we played was Shawnee-Mission Chapter. Our members on both A and B squads played their teams March 8th with the following results; B team - 16 to 12 - Olathe, A team - 35 to 29 - Shawnee Mission....We were pleased to learn that J. Elton Zimmerman was selected to compete in the National Scholarship Contest to be held in Chicago. J. Elton is a sophomore in Agricultural Administration work, Kansas State College. He was one of our chapter officers for two years and served as vice-president of the state association FFA last year.

Joe McKee, Reporter

SHAWNEE-MISSION: Shawnee-Mission Future Farmers sponsored a coin pitching stunt between halves of the game with Lawrence January 19, 1951, and collected \$138.06 which was turned over to the Sertoma Club for the Polio Fund. This was the fifth year the FFA boys used this means to collect money for the Polio Fund. The originator of the idea of throwing coins was Bob Davis from Lenexa, Kansas. Bob was chapter Secretary in '49....We held our monthly meeting on January 8 at Shawnee-Mission High School. 72 members were present. After a short business meeting, the following program was introduced by Nelson Jennette, Program Committee Chairman. The members taking part in the program for the evening were as follows: Castle Thompson presented, What's New in Agriculture; Nick Hoge with What Other Chapters are Doing: Owl's Nest by Tommy Brown; and Demonstration by Ronnie Womack and Ted Huyett....Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Thelma Eggerton from Dublin, Ireland. Her talk was concerning Living in Ireland.... December 10, 1950, Charles Pettijohn, a member of the Community Service Committee, collected scrap iron from chapter members that sold for \$27.59. This money will be used to purchase road signs that will be placed on nearby Highways. They have the FFA emblem on them and the name Shawnee-Mission Chapter, Future Farmers of America. They will serve the purpose of letting people know when they enter the district of the Shawnee-Mission chapter of FFA....February 11 our chapter sponsored an exhibition square dance at Veterans Hospital at Wadsworth. The chapter members and their partners taking part in the dance were Gene New and Carol Tyner; Rex New and Susan Daven; Mike Sullivan and Verna Flint; Frank Maschler and Dolores Jose; with Dale Grosshart doing the calling. Ronnie Womack, a former member of the chapter, entertained with "Ecogie Wccgio" at the piano....

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SHAWNEE-MISSION (cont'd): Basketball was the main item on the agenda February 28, when our chapter team played the Merriam Explorer Scouts. The game wound up a victory for Shawnee-Mission, the score being 42-27....February 24 our chapter was represented in the Annual District Public Speaking Contest at Washburn High School in Topeka. The participants were Carlyle Thompson, Freshman; Gene New, Sophomore; Castle Thompson, Junior; Joe White, Senior. There were ten chapters in the contest with a total of 36 boys competing. Shawnee-Mission placed first, with Olathe second, and Lyndon third....On February 22, the officers of the chapter and Mr. Garver recorded a program on tape that was heard over the air at 7:15 a.m., February 25 over radio station KPRS Olathe. Mr. Jensen, Olathe FFA Advisor, introduced the program....The chapter Judging Team entered the annual District Poultry Judging Contest held in Ottawa, Kansas, on March 3, 1951. The team that was first was Frankfort, with a total score of 1778. Emporia placed second and Shawnee-Mission was third....Officers elected at our March 5th meeting for the coming year are: Charles Pettijohn, Program Chairman; Jerry Shadowen, Reporter; Gene New, Treasurer; Ronnie Parks, Secretary; Joe White, Vice-President; and Castle Thompson, President. The new officers will be officially installed one month after the election at our annual Parent-Son banquet. After the election Mr. Garver announced that we were officially in the National Better Chapter Contest for 1951.

Harry Hedges, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: On January 3, 1951, our chapter took a complete Farm Inventory of the entire membership of thirty three students and we find that our total net worth on the above date was \$25,914.91. This will average about \$783.30 per member for the beginning of this year....On January 14, at a night meeting, nine greenhands were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree. The work was given by the regular Chapter officers. Following the ceremony, basketball teams were chosen and games were played, also some boxing was done. Light refreshments concluded the recreational period....Our Poultry Judging Team entered the Poultry Congress at Emporia on December 9th. We learned a lot about good poultry and judging work too....Our chapter observed National FFA Week by listening to radio broadcasts of National Interest, besides reading an FFA skit prepared by the state department, and by decorating a large store window downtown. Many comments and compliments were received and heard about the window. In the window we displayed many tools and small pieces of equipment besides books, record books and things made in shops....During our Pest Eradication Contest, held from November to February 1st, we destroyed 1,777 pests of many kinds. An FFA party climaxed the contest....We held the E.C.K. Farm Mechanics School in our department on March 24.

Donald F. Standiferd, Reporter

LAWRENCE: We had a Chapter Farmer initiation in which fifteen boys were bestowed this degree....We had the pleasure and honor of having Mr. L. B. Pollom, state FFA Adviser, speak to us during one of our FFA meetings....Our chapter put on an assembly program for the school February 22....Our chapter has a basketball team. We won the Lawrence High School Basketball League, which was composed of seven teams from Lawrence High School and Haskell Institute....Our Greenhand initiation was held March 20.

Gerald A. Bradley, Reporter

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COLDWATER: We held our annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet on February 26. All members were present, except two. There were several interesting talks given by FFA members, followed by the film "The Balanced Way." National President Walter Cummins of Freedom, Oklahoma had planned to attend, but was called to New York for a Television show and was unable to make....We attended the annual Crops Judging School at Ashland, February 26, and placed second in the contest. The members of the team were Bill Deyoe, Ronald Harness and Wayne Kindsvater... We are planning to have our annual Livestock Judging School for 4-H and FFA members, April 7. Lot Taylor, of KSC will be the official judge.

Wayne Kindsvater, Reporter

HANOVER: The Hanover Chapter has 41 members. Our officers are Don Wehling, President; Ed Rettig, Vice-President; Norwood Blanke, Secretary; Norman Soder, Treasurer; Harry Meyer, Reporter and Pete Falcon, Sentinel....We held our annual pest contest from October 1 to December 1, 1950. Winners of the contest were: Harold Bruna, first; Loren Doebele, second; Roger Meyer, third and Don Wehling, fourth. The losing team gave the winning team a chili feed. The FHA prepared the chili and were also invited to the feed. In return, the FHA gave the FFA a chicken fry....For raising money the chapter sold popcorn at all athletic games, sold pencils and booster tags and had a paper drive.... Some of the community services the chapter rendered consisted of castrating 99 pigs, vaccinating 20,700 chicks for Newcastle Disease, pruned 80 fruit trees and 4 grape vineyards.....The boys whose net farm income increased \$250.00 or more for the year will receive a sign with a FFA emblem reading "A Future Farmer Lives Here." The sign remains the property of the chapter. The keep the sign, the boy will have to show a gain of \$250.00 or more in his farm income....The FHA and FFA gave their parents a banquet March 21. At this banquet the chapter awarded the greenhand and chapter farmer pins.

Harry Meyer, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: This year has been a very busy one for us. We have had an opportunity to do a lot of field jobs....We have wormed 190 pigs, castrated 21 calves, castrated 40 pigs, dehorned 32 cattle, run 4 terrace lines....We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet March 22....We held an FFA assembly on March 27... Our FFA owns 2 steers and have them in the school lots. We are carrying them on the deferred plan....Our pest contest ended March 31. To date we have killed 2,000 pests....We have ordered 500 trees to be set out for windbreaks... We have butchered 39 hogs and 7 beef to date.

Willis Shaw, Reporter

BURLINGAME: The Burlingame FFA livestock judging team won second place and a cash award of \$10.00 in a hog-judging contest held at Osage City March 12.... Sponsored by Clarence Rowe and the Osage City Chamber of Commerce, the contest drew the participation of seven teams and 55 individuals. First place and a purebred boar went to the Lyndon FFA chapter....Dale Tindell of Burlingame was the high scoring individual entrant and was awarded a registered gilt.... Members of the Burlingame team are Richard Arnold, Dale Tindell and James Newman, with Dale Stout as an alternate....Our FFA adviser is Mr. Ralph Parks.

Dale Vandevord, Reporter

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CLAY CENTER: Officers elected for the coming year are: Maynard Lippe, President; Billy Ray James, Vice-President; Ronald Rosenow, Treasurer; Donald Rosenow, Secretary; Duane Lippe, Reporter; Junior Davies, Sentinel and Jim Debenham, Student Council....The District Public Speaking Contest was held at Clay Center, March 3. John Brethour of Clay Center placed third and Harvey Benson, also of Clay Center placed fifth. John Brethour's speech was "Foundation of Our Country."...The construction company has started to clear the lot for the new agriculture building. After the agriculture students had torn down a bus garage and cut down trees, some of the equipment of the construction company was moved in, so we are hopeful of having a new agriculture building soon....The judging team has competed in two contests so far this year. In the poultry contest at Concordia, Clay Center placed fourth. Fred Lenhart of Clay Center was fourth high individual in the Contest with 704 points. In the Crops Contest held at Manhattan, March 10, Clay Center placed fifth. Ned Eib was high for Clay Center with 567 points....The Pest Eradication Contest which was completed recently was won by Donald Rosenow's side with 41,000 points, to 36,000 for the losers. The losing side entertained the winning side to a skating party March 6. All had a grand and joyous time....The annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet is to be held April 4. This is a highlight of the year for both the FFA members and their parents.

Ronald Rosenow, Reporter

OTTAWA: Our chapter cooperated with the Veteran's classes and the Young Farmer's Club in sponsoring an all department barbecue last fall. Three hundred people attended....Our FFA crop show was held in October. Prizes were furnished by our chapter and the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce. Trexel Warren was the first place winner in the total show with a score of 519 points. There were approximately 200 entries in the show. The parents of FFA members were invited in to see the exhibits and for a special program by the members...We had a special "Dads" night meeting during National FFA Week. Eleven new members were initiated as Greenhands and ten Greenhands were advanced to Chapter Farmers....Nineteen schools participated in our district poultry judging school. Frankfort was again the first place winner....Our chapel program featured a hog calling contest and a milking contest. A real pig on the stage and a dummy cow that gave milk added much to the enjoyment of the program. It was said by many to be the best chapel program of the year.

June Willhite, Reporter

HARPER: On December 4 eleven Greenhands were initiated into the chapter.... At a joint meeting with the Attica Chapter, February 5, Harper officers raised the Attica officers to the Chapter Farmer Degree. Six Harper members were also advanced to the Chapter Farmer Degree at this meeting. A film, "Man Made Miracles" was enjoyed by members and visitors after the ceremonies....The annual scrap paper drive was held in February. About four and a half tons of paper was collected... The pest eradication contest came to a close last month. The half of the chapter with the most points were to be the winners and were entertained by the side with the fewest points. A boy needed to have 250 points to qualify for the winning side. Eleven members qualified as winners. Dwight Hostetler was first with 4,340 points. Eldon King was second with 3,060 points. The winner received a gift from the Chapter....The annual Parent-Son Banquet was held Monday March 5. Ninety-eight sons and parents enjoyed the meal cooked and served by the Vocational Homemaking girls. During the program, following the banquet, Mr. A. A. Halton, Vo-Ag Instructor, and FFA adviser, gave a report on the average net worth of the members. Freshman averaged \$531.29 in 1950. Sophomores were higher, averaging \$796.77. The Juniors and Seniors were averaged together and their new worth

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HARPER (Cont'd): averaged \$1528.47. The average net worth for all classes in 1950 was \$810.84. The speaker of the evening was Mr. W. W. Graber of Pretty Prairie who gave a talk and showed pictures taken in Europe during his tour of that continent. Besides enjoying them, the pictures served to remind each member and his parents of the privilege it is to live in the United States of America....It is the custom at Harper High School for the Vocational Homemaking girls to serve the FFA Parent-Son Banquet each year. The Vocational Agriculture class then must repay them by serving the Mother-Daughter Banquet. That is the next event the boys are looking forward to.

Byron Reida, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: Our FFA officers for the year of 1950-51 are: Robert Kleopfer, President; Edgar Bauerle, Vice-President; Bernard Renyer, Secretary; Charles Middendorf, Treasurer; Bernard Reiger, Reporter and Robert Brockhoff, Sentinel... On November 15 we initiated 4 candidates into the Greenhand Degree....At the beginning of the school year our ag teacher, Melvin Cotner, was called to the army. At the beginning of the second semester Mr. Leslie Demeritt was employed as vocational agriculture instructor for the rest of the year....Our annual pest contest ended February 15th with the losing side giving a party for the winners...Plans are being made for our 20th Annual Parent-Son Banquet which is to be held April 3....There are 18 boys in vo-ag and 25 boys in FFA.

Bernard Reiger, Reporter

TROUSDALE: The FFA boys went to a crop judging contest Saturday, February 24. The boys left at 7:00 Saturday morning and reached Ashland in time for the 9:30 contest. They had 90 samples of weeds, weed seeds and grain crops to identify, as well as samples of oats, wheat, and white grain sorghum to judge. They also had samples of yellow grain sorghum, wheat and corn to grade. Trousdale placed fourth out of the eight schools.

Darrel Miller, Reporter

LACYGNE: Our chapter conducted a paper drive in December and collected five and one-half tons of scrap paper...Our annual pest eradication contest ended January 5 with Harold Long's team defeating Davie Driskell's team. Dale Funk was high individual in the contest with 2,848 points. Dale's pests eradicated included one crow; 59 starlings; 95 pigeons; 200 sparrows; one rat and two mice. The total number of farm pests disposed of by the chapter was 1,157.... The Fort Scott Chapter conducted our Chapter Farmer Degree ceremonies on the night of January 31....Some of the major projects under construction in our farm shop at the present time include two four-wheel trailers, two two-wheel trailers; several hog troughs and hog waterers; two hay feeders for cattle; several welded pipe gates and three large trailer beds....We are planning to mix livestock mineral for our chapter members and the G. I. class....Our chapter has cooperated with the local Chamber of Commerce and the local American Legion Post in establishing a gilt ring. Two registered Duroc bred gilts have been purchased and placed out with two number nine boys....Several pictures of our chapter members with their production projects have been on display at the local bank.

Gerald Stoker, Reporter

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BONNER SPRINGS: The Rotary pig project for the Bonner Springs FFA Chapter gave four pigs to these boys: Jack Rehm, John Theden, George Sprague and Glen Huffman....Two gilts must be given to the Rotary from their gift sows first litter....Twelve Greenhands were initiated into the chapter this year.... Chapter formed octet....Group is being groomed for possible participation in FFA National Chorus in future....This spring's FFA banquet will be recorded for broadcasting over station WIBW....Five chapter members and Mr. Van Petten gave a program over station KPRS. The subject of discussion was "The American Farm Youth Compared With The Russian Farm Boy"....Chapter adopted constitution. Main provision stressed stricter Greenhand degree requirements and better chapter attendance...Our chapter voted to send chapter news over to Station KPRS weekly. Named Herb Lee correspondent....Chapter is sponsoring free coat check at all Bonner Springs home basketball games....Herb Lee was notified that he won first place in the John Morrell Division of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas statewide essay contest with his essay "Contribution of Livestock to the Farmer's Income."....He will receive a \$25 award... Last year Lee won the Carey Salt Division of the same contest and his essay also won the sweepstakes award....He wasn't considered for the sweepstakes this year because no student can win the award twice in succession.

Herb Lee, Reporter

GOODLAND: Our parent-son banquet will be held Wednesday, April 25, with Dr. Weber from Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas as the main speaker.... Chapter members are making plans for planting the 10,000 trees and shrubs ordered, and are arranging to handle the 1,200 pheasants ordered to be placed on their home farms this spring and summer....Members of the Ag. II class recently completed a new notebook and bulletin cabinet for the Ag classroom. The FFA paid for the material....Leland House is building a 2-sow portable hog house in the shop while Leon Silkman is completing a cattle squeeze. Other shop projects are saw horses, tool cabinets, stock racks, clothes closets, punches and chisels.

James Laughlin, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: Our chapter was represented in the District Judging Contest at Concordia by Lavon Schmidt, Stephen Rupert, Duane Bell, Dave Comfort and Max Hoesli. They placed eighth in the contest....DeVere Pieschl speaking on the subject "Why I Choose to be a Farmer" placed seventh in the district speech contest held at Clay Center....Greenhand initiation will be held at our next meeting.

DeVere Pieschl, Reporter

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NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney of the Washington office informs us that Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Head Teacher Trainer, Penn State College will again serve as director of our National FFA Band at Kansas City at our 1951 National FFA Convention. Dr. James W. Hatch, Assistant Supervisor of Agriculture Education, Albany, New York will serve again as Director of the National FFA Chorus.

Application forms for both the band and chorus are being prepared by the state office at Manhattan and will be mailed to local FFA advisers at an early date. The state office is especially anxious to have district music festival ratings and will set the date for mailing application to the state office accordingly.

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