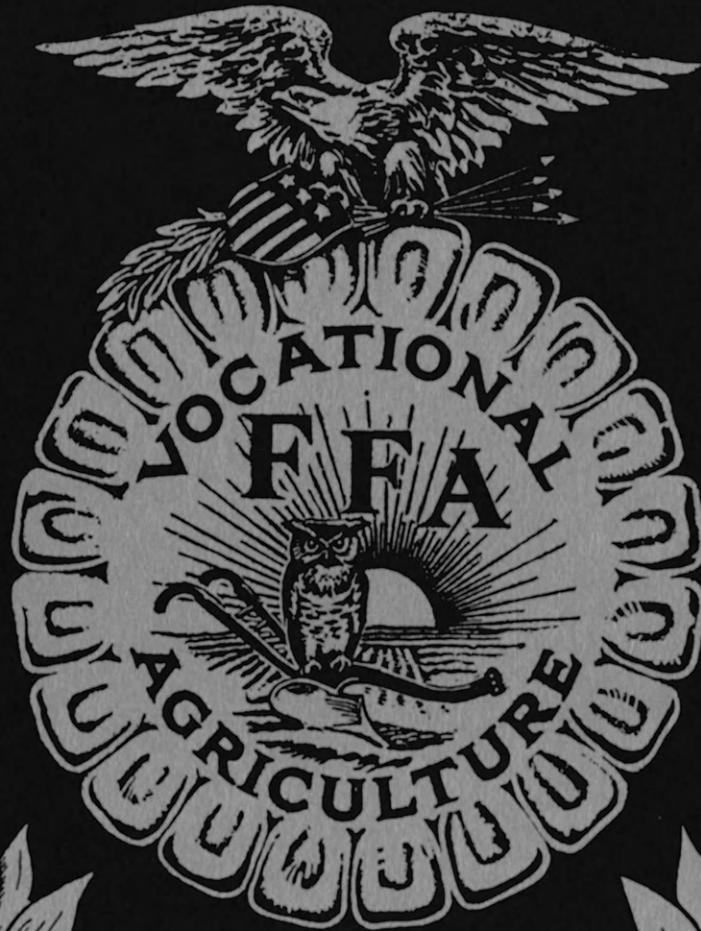


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F.F.A. CALENDAR

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Better Chapter contest report (chapters entering Better Chapter
Contest).....April 22
Eleventh Annual Meeting of Kansas Association of F.F.A.....May 1 & 2
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HOPE

Each year the officers of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America and other interested members are hopeful that 100 per cent of the departments of vocational agriculture will have established charters of the F.F.A. with one hundred per cent of the eligible boys enrolled as members. To date this hope, as expressed in Objective No. 1 of the State Program of Work, has not been accomplished. However, we are happy to report encouraging progress. A few points of interest in this connection follow:

Of the departments established in 1937-38, three remain unchartered. One of the three unchartered departments is now petitioning.

Two of the new departments established in 1938-39 have not petitioned for a charter of Future Farmers of America.

Of the total number of departments established prior to 1937-38, two remain unchartered.

The state office has every confidence that the departments established during '37-'38 and '38-'39 will be chartered prior to the Eleventh Annual Convention. We are not so hopeful, however, that the two schools established prior to '37-'38 will charter chapters. We know the boys in these two unchartered departments are not different from the groups of boys represented in the 142 chartered chapters in the state. It is merely a question of information and point of view. The Kansas Future Farmer will be glad to open its columns to representatives of the vocational agricultural departments in the two schools established prior to '37-'38 that do not have an FFA chapter, and will welcome articles on the value of FFA. Perhaps the state association can be of assistance in furnishing information that will lead to a change of point of view.

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PRESIDENT WALTER PORTER SPEAKING

A letter from National Third Vice President, Future Farmers of America, Albert S. Coates, Jr., under date of February 13, 1939, set up some of the principal objectives of the twelfth year of our national organization, and I take this means of passing on to the chapters of the Kansas Association of F.F.A., Albert's recommendations. Important goals of the National Organization needing especial attention at this time follow:

- I. MEMBERSHIP
 - Goal--200,000 active members by Twelfth National Convention
- II. MANUALS
 - Stimulate interest in the use of the official manual
 - Goal--100 per cent of officers owning manuals
 - 50 per cent of members owning manuals
 - 100 per cent of members having access to manuals
- X. PUBLIC SPEAKING
 - Goal--100 per cent of chapters holding public speaking contest
- XIII. CONSERVATION
 - Goal--100 per cent of chapters participating
- XX. DEGREE ADVANCEMENT
 - Encourage early and systematic preparation on the part of all members wishing to advance in degree membership.

Albert makes a strong point concerning local chapter activities when he states: "We can urge the use of more F.F.A. publicity. Many leading farm publications in the various communities welcome FFA news from chapter reporters. Radio offers a wonderful opportunity for FFA publicity. Inform every reporter of this need and if they have any newsworthy article that merits national broadcast, they may send it to the state advisor for the National FFA Monthly Radio Program. We must keep the FFA constantly in the eyes and ears of the world."

I am confident that every Future Farmer in Kansas is going to cooperate to the fullest extent to make the twelfth year the most outstanding in the history of the National Organization of the FFA.

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"WHAT PRICE AMERICA"

The United States Department of the Interior started a twenty-five weeks series of broadcasts over the Columbia Broadcasting System, January 28, at 5:00 o'clock p. m., eastern standard time, which should be of interest to every Kansan and of especial interest to FFA members. The subject of the broadcast series is "What Price America". The program treats the history of the use and misuse of our national resources and of the necessity for conserving these public assets.

A booklet "What Price America" has been prepared and is free for the asking. This booklet presents a clear picture of conservation activities and needs. A postal card addressed to "What Price America", Department of Interior, Washington, D. C., will bring you a copy of this interesting publication. The broadcasts as well as the booklet should be of especial interest to FFA members who are preparing public speeches in the field of conservation, as well as to chapters having conservation activities listed in their annual programs of work.

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HOW BIG IS TEXAS?

The geographer says that Texas comprises 262,398 square miles, and one who rides two nights and a day on a train in crossing the state, or who drives an auto from Texarkana to El Paso, is liable to think that the geographer undercalculated his area. Kansas F.F.A. workers interested in membership of their own organization will be interested in the size of Texas when measured by the F.F.A. yardstick. The following facts were taken from the January-February 1939, issue of the The Lone Star Farmer, a 16 page printed official publication of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America. The state is divided into ten areas for purposes of administration. The number of schools offering vocational agriculture in these areas range from 31 in Area II, to 75 schools in Area IV. There are 553 schools offering vocational agriculture in Texas. According to the F.F.A. summary of February 1, 1939, 552 schools had paid chapter dues. Chapters listed as 100 per cent chapters, that is, chapters having an active membership equal to the enrollment in vocational agriculture, totaled 431. The all day enrollment in vocational agriculture as of date of February 8, 1939, was 22,831, and the total paid up membership in the F.F.A. as of the same date was 22,662. Candidates for the Lone State Farmer degree numbered 434, while 37 candidates were listed for the American Farmer degree. J. B. Rutland is the state F.F.A. advisor. After reading such statistics one is all the more inclined to believe the old story concerning the Texas steer which stood with its forefeet in the Gulf of Mexico, its rear feet in Canada, contentedly grazing on the coffee bean plant of Brazil, when a sudden attack of the northern "lantern-carrying" species of mosquito caused him to switch his tail, and, according to the story, just one switch of his gigantic tail extinguished the lights of the aurora borealis.

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RANDOLPH RECEIVES CHARTER

We are happy to announce the addition of the Randolph vocational agriculture department to the list of departments having chartered chapters of Future Farmers of America. The Randolph chapter was chartered February 18, 1939, and has a membership of 30 members. The officers are: Robert Bergsten, president; Robert Harris, vice president; Stephen Harris, secretary; Leonard Anderson, treasurer; Raymond Lundberg, reporter; Blaine Brandenburg, advisor.

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DO YOU KNOW -

That in the United States and its territories last year there were:

263,000 vocational agriculture students
171,000 FFA members
5,600 local FFA chapters

That in Kansas for the present school year, we have:

149 departments of vocational agriculture
142 chartered chapters of FFA
5174 students enrolled in vocational agriculture
???? members of the state association of FFA by April 17

WILD-LIFE CONSERVATION

A wild-life conservation program is being conducted by FFA chapters in Wayne county, Ohio. This program will take the form of a contest among the departments in the county, and prizes will be awarded for distinguished service to wild-life. The contest will continue throughout the year.

The purpose of the program is to impress upon the Future Farmers of America the need for some definite assistance by them to preserve and replenish our wild-life farm crop. The different activities included in this program are establishing wild-life safety zones on the home farm or a farm of a neighbor, leaving feed for game, building a feeding station, and conducting a pest control contest.

Several Kansas chapters have similar programs included in their annual list of activities. All chapters should be interested in and active in wild-life conservation.

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F.F.A. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET

The State Executive Committee of the State Association of Future Farmers of America will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 19, at 10:00 a. m. The meeting will convene in the office of Dean L. E. Call, Dean of the Division of Agriculture. The principal business of the meeting will be a review of the State and American Farmer applications. Consideration will be given a list of candidates for the Honorary State Farmer degree. Members of the State Executive Committee are: Supervisor L. B. Pollom, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and Advisor; Dean L. E. Call, Dean of the Division of Agriculture; Dr. W. E. Grimes, Head of the Department of Economics and Sociology; Professor A. P. Davidson, State Executive Advisor; Mr. John ^{E. Lee} ~~Lowe~~, President of K.V.A.A.; Walter Porter, President of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. *Paul Kelly*

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NOTICE

Chapters having special talent deserving recognition at the annual banquet of the Future Farmers of America, please get in touch with Executive Advisor, A. P. Davidson, at once. We are interested in vocal or instrumental soloists, quartettes, tap dancers, trick ropers, sleight of hand performers, etc. If they are good enough, Paul Chilen will find a place for them on his program.

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The Universal Uniform Company, Van Wert, Ohio, is working with the National Board of Trustees on the problem of furnishing a light weight F.F.A. uniform.

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Paul Chilen and his Solomon F.F.A. Dinner Orchestra will be with us at the annual banquet at the Manhattan Community House, 6:30 p. m., 1939.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Announcements pertaining to the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America have been mailed. The dates of the meeting will be May 1 and 2, 1939. The meeting of the House of Delegates, election and raising of State Farmers, the public speaking contest, and the program at the annual banquet constitute the principal events of the two day series of meetings.

Important changes in the F.F.A. program are:

1. Drawing for positions in the Public Speaking Contest will be held in Ag 7, immediately following the opening of the agricultural and farm mechanics contests.
2. Mailing date for chapter reports for chapters desiring to compete in the Better Chapter Contest, April 22.
3. Annual meeting of the House of Delegates will be held in Recreation Center, Anderson Hall, 7:30 p. m. May 1. (This meeting has previously been held in Ag 331.)

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PROGRAM OF ELEVENTH ANNUAL F.F.A. MEETING

- MONDAY, MAY 1.--Immediately following opening of contests, Room Ag-7 (East Wing, Waters Hall), registration of official delegates. Organization of tour groups, and instructions, Drawing for Position in Public Speaking Contest by contestants or official representative. State President, Walter Porter, presiding.
- MONDAY, MAY 1, 10:00 a. m.--Education Hall, G-28, meeting of officers of Kansas Association Future Farmers of America.
- MONDAY, MAY 1, 2:00 p. m.--Education Hall, G-28, meeting of officers of Kansas Association Future Farmers of America.
- MONDAY, MAY 1, 7:30 p. m.--Recreation Center (Anderson Hall). Eleventh Annual meeting of the House of Delegates of Kansas Association Future Farmers of America. Roll Call, Reports of State Officers, Committee Reports, Election and Initiation of State Farmer candidates, Election of State Association Officers for the ensuing year. Meeting in charge of Officers of State Association of Future Farmers of America.
- TUESDAY, MAY 2, 8:00 a. m.--Ag 331 (West Wing, Waters Hall). State F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest, President Walter Porter, presiding. Judges, faculty representatives from the Department of Education and Economics and Sociology, K.S.C.
- TUESDAY, MAY 2, 5:00 p. m.--Illustrations Building, group picture of new State Farmer members and group picture of new officers of the State Association of F.F.A.

Program of Eleventh Annual F.F.A. Meeting (Concluded)

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 6:30 p. m.--Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Community House. Attendance limited to agricultural, farm mechanics, and public speaking contestants, coaches, F.F.A. delegates, 1939 class of State Farmers, and principals, superintendents and school board members of participating high schools. Meeting in charge of Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

Announcement of contest results. Dr. C. W. McCampbell, chairman of High School Judging Contests Committee, in charge. Awards.

Pictures of high individual and winning team in the agricultural contests, high individual and winning team in farm mechanics contests, and winner in the F.F.A. public speaking contest, will be taken in the Illustrations Building, immediately following the close of the program.

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CONGRATULATIONS HOWARD!

Howard Wagner, secretary of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, won the state championship in wrestling in the 155-pound class at the State High School Wrestling tournament held at Manhattan, February 24-25. Wagner was the only last year champion to repeat. He won in the 145-pound class in 1938.

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CLASSIFIED

In the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer will be run a classified list of F.F.A. chapters in Kansas. The percentage of paid up membership in the F.F.A. on the basis of total enrollment in vocational agriculture will be the basis of the classification.

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"The Furrow" published by Deere & Company, Moline, Illinois, now includes a page of news items and pictures of Future Farmers of America. This feature was started in the November-December issue. Mr. Glenn M. Rohrback, editor of "Furrow", is desirous of securing news and photographs of Future Farmer activities from all parts of the United States. Thirteen separate editions are published, for as many areas, to make localization of news items possible. Teachers and F.F.A. officers are asked by Mr. Rohrback to send timely material to him at once and as frequently as it occurs.

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Have you tried the objective test on FFA listed in the February 15 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer? One local advisor tested by his F.F.A. officers scored 24 points. The modest but efficient advisor in question will move over to make room for anyone who can best the 24 point score. Let us hear from you.

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CHAPTER NEWSMulvane:

The vocational agriculture class of Mulvane attended the Tractor Show at Wichita, February 22.

A seed corn company is furnishing free hybrid seed corn to members of our FFA. They are going to give enough for each member to plant two acres of corn of the best variety for his community. In this way we hope to find which is best.

The chapter is conducting a best project contest. We conducted a project tour last fall and will take another trip in the spring. We will then vote on who has the best project. All of the members are also taking pictures of their projects. Several of them have made and rebuilt straw sheds for their gilts.

The Mulvane Civic Club cooperated with the F.F.A. in purchasing registered Black Poland China gilts. The boys paid as much on them as they could and will pay the rest later. These gilts are bred to farrow in March. Some of the boys who did not want such good gilts purchased grade Hampshire gilts.

Kenneth Bair of the State Dairy Department gave a talk February 17, to our FFA chapter.

The chapter has been selling vegetable and flower seeds to make money. Each member is to sell as many as he can and there will be a prize for the one who sells the most.

The FFA completed their sparrow catching contest. 967 sparrows were killed. The boys went around farm buildings at night and used flashlights. The losers gave a party for the winners. Max Wentworth's side killed 500 and Clifford Butts' side killed 467.

The chapter butchered five hogs in December. We received 50 cents a piece for butchering them. During January we treated 60 bushels of oats for farmers around Mulvane and we plan to treat around 150 bushels of barley.

The second year shop boys are working on tractors, corn shellers, plows, hog troughs, feeder, and chicken waterers. DeVerne and Raymond Schwyhart are working on a Fordson tractor. They are giving it a complete overhauling. They are also repairing and painting a plow.

--Max Wentworth, Reporter

Sabetha: Our FFA basketball team won from the part-time evening class by a score of 14 to 10. The game was played on the high school court following the part-time evening class. We have arranged to play table tennis in the vocational agriculture building at noon and after school. A great deal of interest has been shown and we expect to have a tournament and give prizes for the winners.

As soon as a suitable date can be arranged, the Powhattan chapter will come to Sabetha for the purpose of raising our Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree. Last year the Sabetha chapter performed this ceremony at Powhattan. After the ceremony there will be a short entertainment followed by a basket ball game between the two chapters.

Eight FFA boys attended the poultry judging contest at Seneca February 11. This was the first contest that any of the boys have attended.

During the regular meetings the chapter voted to have the regular opening and closing ceremonies, and to have music at each meeting. James Kyle was elected song leader and Gary Trees to furnish music on the trumpet. We use the regular FFA song sheets. At a few of our past meetings the entertainment committee had us play bingo, prizes being awarded the winners.

The boys taking vocational agriculture have been doing custom butchering this winter. The money earned has been placed in the FFA fund. We have butchered 10 hogs in the shop.

--Milan Lukert, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Shawnee Mission: We are nearly ready for our second annual FFA farm machinery sale. The repairing of these machines has supplied many members with shop jobs. The machines are being painted in FFA colors. It is planned to have the machine put up for public auction early in March. The members of the sale committee are Conrad Flinn, Ralph Mullen, and Carl Davis.

Our chapter has been asked to sponsor a radio program over the Farm Hour on station KMBC on the fourth Saturday of each month. The program for January was entitled "The Future Farmer Creed in Action". The members participating were Sam Trager, Ben Martin, Bill Haseman, Jack Beasley, Ralph Mullen, and Maurice VanNieuwenhuysse. The program for February was a discussion of oat treatment and the pruning of fruit trees. Sam Clark and Tom Moody led the discussion. Byron Maddox played a piano solo and talked on the hog and poultry enterprises.

Our tomato hot beds are in operation. The hotbeds are heated by electricity. The plants are to be sold to chapter members and to people in the town.

Our two incubators are in operation. Lawrence Zillhart and John Mummaw have bought eggs for this purpose. Our requirements for setting eggs in the incubators are that the eggs must be from an authorized flock.

We now have a seed germinator for our use. Many samples of seed are being tested. It is our goal to have all garden and field crop seeds tested before using them for planting purposes.

Officer candidates for the coming year have been selected as follows: President, Bob Bell and Chet Sebert; Vice President, Maurice VanNieuwenhuysse and Walter Smith; Treasurer, Conrad Flinn and John Mummaw; Secretary, Bill Haseman and Ralph Mullen; Reporter, Tom Moody and Ben Martin. The election will take place in March.

Our basketball squad has had a very successful season. The members of the first team are Sam Clark, Wilbur Clark, Bob Purinton, Melvin Wisner, Bob Ely, and John Mummaw. Our team had 83 points scored against it, and scored 269 points against its opponents.

Our judging team placed seventh at the Ottawa poultry judging contest. Our team consisted of Earl Hartman, Bob Bell, Ben Martin, and Bob Purinton.

--Walter Smith, Reporter

Alta Vista: We have organized our chapter with the following officers: Donald Germann, president; Earl Brown, vice president; Harold Falk, secretary; LeRoy Fechner, treasurer; Kenneth Brabb, reporter; Cleo Kuhn, watch dog.

We are making plans for a basket supper to be held March 17. We plan to entertain our parents.

We have our smut treating machine ready for the treating of small grains for smut.

We plan to have at least three members present at the public speaking contest which is to be held at Reading, March 31.

Some of the chapter activities are as follows: enter judging contests; each member shall plan a three year farming program, designed to secure agricultural training and to increase his net worth; each member will complete his program as planned for the current year; hold a farming program tour with all members attending; purchase seed cooperatively; have store window display; have a 100 per cent dues paid; content of all meetings planned in advance.

--Kenneth Brabb, Reporter

"The critic is a person who would have you write it, sing it, play it, or paint it as he would do it--if he could."

Chapter News (Continued)

Marysville: Ten Freshman vocational agriculture boys were initiated into the Green Hand degree at the December 12 meeting. The boys are: Chester Meinecke, Lynn Andrews, Burton Nieman, Walter Saathoff, Ralph Klein, Arthur Trienan, Jack Dwerlkotte, Alfred Talbot, William Heston, and Louis Wassenberg. At the regular night meeting held January 19, eight Green Hands were advanced to the degree of Future Farmer. Those who received the degree from the FFA officers are: Wayne Livingston, Robert Mayer, Henry Sedlacek, Fred Hollingsworth, Leslie Ham, Donald Vineyard, John Minge, and Arthur Pacha. Each member was presented with a Future Farmer pin. After the initiation the chapter played ping pong and star checkers. Refreshments were served.

FFA committees are working on hot bed and seed oats treatment enterprises.

The newly initiated Green Hands had charge of the program at the day meeting, February 3. They presented the opening and closing ceremonies with officers chosen from the Freshman group to replace the regular FFA officers. After the business meeting Chester Meinecke gave a monologue and Ralph Klein and Lynn Andrews gave a demonstration showing the amount of mash and scratch grain necessary for a hen to consume in order to produce an egg.

Russell Messick mounted a horned owl for the chapter. The owl was shot by an FFA member in a wolf hunt. Russell did a good job and the owl looked very distinctive in the vocational ag room of our new high school building in which we moved on February 20.

The advanced agriculture boys are training in preparation for participation in the spring judging contests. Poultry and eggs are being studied. Several boys brought in poultry to practice on. Crop grading, identification, and judging are also being studied. Wednesday, February 8, Mr. Betts and nine boys attended a practice poultry and egg judging school at Waterville. February 11, five boys, Arthur Pacha, Wayne Livingston, Robert Mayer, Leslie Ham, and James Nielson, participated in a district poultry judging school at Seneca. Saturday, February 25, the poultry judging team participated in a district poultry judging school at Concordia. The boys who made the team for Marysville are: James Nielson, Lauren Nieman, and Robert Mayer. Arthur Pacha and Glen Schmidt were alternates. Marysville placed sixth out of the 26 schools entered.

Mr. Brown visited our chapter in the latter part of January. The next day meeting will be held on Friday, March 3.

James Nielson, Reporter

Emporia: The Emporia chapter held its first parent-son banquet February 15 on the Lowther Junior High School stage. One hundred and twenty-one plates were served by the Home Economics girls. The cowboy theme was carried out throughout the banquet and program. Foreman Hubert Gray very cleverly introduced the program. Eight honorary members were initiated. They were Mr. Wm. Richards, superintendent of the city schools; A. Kirk Ramy, principal of Junior High School; Rice E. Brown, principal of Senior High School; John Morris, a cooperating farmer; F. H. Arnold and Max Harris, project bankers; F. B. Heath, president of the school board; and Lester B. Pollom, state FFA advisor. Mr. Pollom gave the address for the evening on "The Farm Boy". This talk was most valuable to both boys and parents and set up some real challenges for us.

After a period of intense study on chickens which was furnished by the boys of the agriculture classes, a judging team consisting of Paul Megathen, Ray Phillips, Dale Filmore and William Edie was selected to represent this chapter at the Ottawa Poultry Judging contest. Although the team won no honors the whole class learned a lot in this phase of work...Our largest project is a breeding gilt project, consisting of 30 Durocs, 3 Spotted Poland China, 1 Hampshire, and 1 Chester White.

--Lloyd Lewis, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Valley Falls: Five business men and farmers were recently awarded honorary degrees in the Valley Falls chapter. These men were elected to the honorary degree because of their outstanding service to our chapter. Those elected were James Mitchell, Lloyd McCracken, Roy Barder, Supt. B. R. Thorpe, and Bert Booth.

Plans are made for an initiation ceremony for the Future Farmer degree to be given to members of the Meriden chapter.

Sometime this spring our chapter again will hold a project show day in Valley Falls. All of the boys with livestock will display their projects. We will have an out of town judge. Virgil Steinmetz is the present holder of the Grand Championship Dairy cup. He won the cup the two last shows and only needs to win it once more in order to have permanent possession.

In February our chapter bought an old building down town for \$20. It was torn down and the lumber brought to the school house. We have made 3 A type hog houses and two 2-3 Span hog houses and have enough lumber to build several more hog houses as well as several self feeders. Our profit will be about \$40, in addition to much valuable training.

Shop jobs that are being constructed in our shop at the present time are 3 wheel barrows, hog houses, hog feeders, hog troughs, 3 mowing machines being overhauled and repaired, clevis, single trees, double trees, etc. One boy has made a walnut desk for his room at home.

We have attended two poultry contests. At the Seneca contest our team consisted of Wayne Brown, Paul Ferrell, Bernard Ramsey, and Arnold Miller. At Ottawa the team was made up of all Seniors, Paul Ferrell, Elden Elliott, Donald Starr, and Warren Boyce. February 18, Mr. Campbell took Billy Jones, Richard Nool, Raphael Miller, Warren Hefty, Leonard Newman, and Lawrence Sieve to Nehawke, Nebraska, to attend Harry Knabe's registered Hampshire hog sale. High lights of the trip were seeing the World's Champion Hampshire Boar, Line Rider, and the World's Champion Sow, Delores. At the sale Lawrence Sieve bought a son of Line Rider for use in our own Hampshire herd. We plan to build up a fine herd of Hampshires. While the boys in our department have both registered Polands and Durocs, the Hampshires are by far the most popular. At E. C. Quigley's Hampshire sale we bought a tried sow. Our sow is a daughter of the twice World's Champion, High Score, and bred to Keynoter who was the first prize Aged Boar at the American Royal. This litter should be a fine addition to our herd.

Lawrence Sieve, Reporter

Parker: Our chapter is carrying on a swine fattening project. We plan to carry this out by having each boy contribute three bushels of corn and when the hogs are sold the money will be used to pay the boys' way on a trip this summer to Lake Tonganoxie. The FFA chapter will pay \$1.00 of each boy's expenses, and if the boy doesn't go on the trip he will receive cash for his corn. The FFA boys are to take turns feeding the swine.

We have two prospective State Farmers this year. They are Dale Woolsey, our president, and Junior Ingram.

We have taken a contract to sell garden and flower seeds with the hope of raising money for our chapter.

The following jobs are being carried on in the shop: wagon box, two packers, one four wheel trailer, one hog feeder, new forge for shop, harness lines, oiling harness, gravity seed treater, and a lathe.

Our judging team attended the poultry judging contest at Ottawa, Saturday, February 25. They plan to attend one at Cherryville also.

--Willis Troutman, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Oberlin: Our FFA parent and son banquet was held March 2. H. H. Brown of Manhattan was the main speaker; other talks were given by the boys. Mr. Mahon, superintendent of schools, gave a short talk also. After the talks, several films were shown. One was shown on "Terracing and Controlling Soil Erosion", one on "Inconveniences of the Farm", and one on "Future Farmers in the North Woods".

Some of the projects going on in our shop are as follows: Kenneth Vernon is making a trailer from an old wagon box; a forge is being made by Virgil Davis using an old separator for the fan, with the fire pot fastened on the stand; a cupboard for the Federated church; a stock rack for Mr. Closs Anderson; Dale Tovensend has completed putting two Model T engines together and now has one that will run; LeRoy Schmidt is making a dammer to go behind a plow; Wayne Larson has completed a dammer for a one row lister.

Several weeks ago the entire group of vocational agriculture boys tore down an old barn which the school board bought for the department. Eventually we hope to rebuild it into a poultry house to be used in class projects.

We are planning to hold as last year, a Northwest Kansas Shop Contest. The date is not definitely set but it will be about a week before the Manhattan contests.

We are sorry to report the death of our blacksmith teacher, Mr. Thue "Dad" Jorgeson who died suddenly February 9. Mr. Alva VanVleet of Danbury, Nebraska, has been employed to finish out the year. Mr. VanVleet is a D.C.H.S. alumni of 1929, and was one of Dad's good blacksmith students while in school.

The farm management class is planning landscape plans for their home farms and will soon start reorganizing their whole farm. They are also planning to do some landscaping and planting of sod on the new high school grounds.

At our last meeting eleven Green Hands of last year were raised to the Future Farmer degree. We have 17 Green Hand members this year.

--Kenneth Brainard, Reporter

Ellis: We have a broiler project and are selling two pound chickens now. We have 150 Rhode Island Reds and have had good luck. We started them with a brooder and after they were six weeks old we used a straw hover.

The agricultural students of Ellis high school were hosts to their parents at a parent and son banquet held in the auditorium of the high school on January 25. Covers were laid for 83 persons, and the girls of the Home Economics department served a three course banquet. Gay Henderson presided and was toast master. Doc Fred Albertson was our main speaker of the evening. In speaking of grasses, he said, "the loss of our grasses was due to two reasons, overgrazing and lack of moisture. In order to rebuild pasture land we must use rotation and light grazing". Art King summarized the farming program by saying: "in order to have a complete farming program you must have the cooperation of your parents". Others who made short talks were Mr. Vaniman, Gay Henderson, and Mrs. Johnson.

The FFA members are required to hand in reports on home practice work at the end of each six weeks period.

The FFA chapter has chosen up sides for a scholarship contest, with the main object of better grades and with the understanding that the losing side is to treat the winners.

--Bill Keal, Reporter

"Best way to get rid of your duties is to discharge them".

Chapter Notes (Continued)

Olathe: October 18 Mr. Raines and the farm management class attended the Leavenworth County Fair at Tonganoxie at which Mr. Raines was judge of dairy cattle and sheep.

The livestock class tested separate samples of milk from the entire herd of Linville Hamblin. There were 16 cows and a duplicate sample was run on each.

The judging team from Olathe for this year will be picked from the following boys: Arthur Tunison, Joe Moll, Vern Hanser, Warren Sturgis, and Jack Ingram.

Ten vocational agriculture boys were raised to the Green Hand degree on January 16, at our regular day meeting.

Mr. Raines and seven boys went to Wellsville, February 1, and raised three Green Hands to the degree of Future Farmer. Refreshments were served.

The crops class went on a field trip to the home of John Lyle Hayne and butchered four 250-pound hogs.

Our chapter was given a job leveling a large area of dirt on one of the city grade school yards. Two of the boys furnished teams. The work was done during school time. The school board paid us \$15.

The FFA chapter played a basketball game with the faculty of the Olathe high school. The boys sold candy, gum, and coco cola at the game. All the proceeds went into the FFA treasury. The chapter basketball teams have played two games with Shawnee Mission, Gardner, Paola, and Bonner Springs chapters of FFA.

The entire chapter went to the Smith ranch at Stanley, Kansas to see and place some of the best Jersey cows, Duroc Jersey hogs, Percheron and Belgian horses in this part of the United States.

We had tryouts to see who would be the public speaking contestant from our chapter. Ten boys tried out and John Freedlun was the winner. Billy Spencer, a Green Hand, was second and he gets to make the trip to Manhattan to see what goes on.

The Midwest Wool Association showed three reels of films, which showed sheep ranges and types of and the caring for sheared wool at our regular night meeting during January.

The Olathe Rotary Club invited the FFA chapter to a joint meeting and luncheon to be held in the Olathe High School cafeteria. The FFA chapter furnished the program.

During the months of December, January, and February, the FFA chapter visited 23 rural grade schools and put on a program consisting of a half hour of speaking and songs and also one half hour of motion pictures. The pictures consisted of, "Alaska", "Future Farmers in the North Woods", and "Yellow Stone National Park". We have two schools yet to visit and plan to show the reel, "Future Farmers in the North Woods".

--Kimball Nellor, Reporter

Wamego: February 4 we held our Parent and Son banquet with about 100 in attendance. The banquet was opened and closed with the official ceremony. Several short talks were given on the various goals of the FFA. Mr. L. L. Parsons, cashier of the Kaw Valley Bank, was the guest speaker. The high light of the occasion was the initial appearance of the FFA orchestra under the direction of Maurice Schruben. Marvin Clark was toastmaster.

On February 24, our chapter sponsored a poultry judging contest for the schools of Pottawatomic and Wabaunsee counties. Alma placed first and Onaga second. This was our second annual contest and it proved very successful with a large increase over last year's contest.

Marvin Clark, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Havensville: The Havensville FFA chapter held its regular meeting on January 30. There were 19 members present. At this meeting we decided to visit the Kansas Legislature while it was in session at Topeka. We voted to take the entire chapter along. Our chapter decided to take a camping trip tour after school is out this spring. We have not definitely decided upon a destination. We are planning ways of raising money. Some of these are to hold a Negro minstrel show with all members taking part in it. The show is to be held this spring. We are also going to sell garden seeds and to carry a hot-bed project to make money. Plans were made to hold a rifle shooting match among the members of the FFA with a rifle as the prize for the one making the best score. We planned for our annual parent-son banquet on March 30 in our high school gymnasium. Plans were made for initiation of Green Hands at our next regular meeting. Music for the program was furnished by James Bottom with his harmonica and Glen Strosnider with his guitar. Robert Wilson made a short talk on his project program. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

In our regular school work we are stressing our Home Practice jobs. All of our first year boys are carrying feed crop projects. The second year boys are carrying livestock and feed crop projects. The fourth year boys are carrying cash crop projects and also feed and livestock projects. In our shop work we have overhauled a tractor and worked over three cars, made two trailers and are working on a third. We are going to make six A type hog houses, besides having completed various other small jobs. Other work done by the boys consists of castrating and docking lambs, butchering, and treating seed.

The FFA and vocational agriculture boys are landscaping the school grounds. They are planting trees, planting blue grass seed, cleaning up, and greatly improving the appearance of our school grounds.

Our chapter has a candidate for the State Farmer degree. The candidate is Warren Harris who is also competing for a Union Pacific scholarship award... Our highly successful high school basket ball team is entirely made up of members of our FFA chapter.

--W. Harris, Reporter

Washburn: Mr. Stewart and officers of the FFA have planned to raise twelve boys to the degree of Green Hand about the first week in March.

We are sponsoring the Topeka Livestock Judging contest. The tentative date set is April 1.

The following boys are on the school honor roll: Vernon Horton, Karl Porter, Lester Roberts, Bob Hollenbeck, and LeRoy Sidfrid.

The Freshman class has been working on project agreements and working plans. The Sophomore class has started a pig weight record, weighing each of the eight litters separately at the ages of 28 days, and 56 days. This is to see which sow can raise a litter of pigs of the heaviest weight at weaning. They have also docked and castrated lambs, and during the cold weather, they judged hogs and dairy cows from pictures. The Juniors have been judging and studying types of hogs best suited for the farmer.

No definite action has been taken in the selection for a site for our new school building. The people have indicated that they would approve of a bond issue of \$90,000 for a new building, but they can't start building until they decide where to put it.

--Richard Kneale, Reporter

Young Graduate: "Do you think you can pay me what I'm worth?"

Employer: "I can do even better. I'll start you out with a small salary".

Chapter News (Continued)

Solomon: The Solomon chapter has 57 paid up members, 36 of whom are students enrolled in vocational agriculture. Thus our chapter has a 158 per cent membership on the basis of our vocational agriculture enrollment.

The members of the Solomon chapter have ordered over 3000 baby chicks to be used as a poultry enterprise and are looking forward with keen anticipation to a successful poultry project.

We have conducted a cooperative laying project during this school term. The sophomore and senior classes secured a poultry house and completely remodeled it for their use in connection with their poultry project by installing a straw loft, laying a brick floor, covering the windows with new muslin, building roosts and dropping boards, trap nests, two mash feeders, and lining the walls with cardboard. Each boy was allowed to put seven birds in the project. Feed costs were divided equally among the cooperative members, but the boys were paid on the basis of the production of their individual birds as secured by the trap nest production record. We have started to build a brooder house in which we will raise some chicks from a high bred strain of egg producing chickens the last few months of this school year. These should provide us with good material for our laying flock next year.

The Solomon chapter is organizing a tree planting campaign among its members. Last year the members and other interested parties in the community, planted 1500 trees. We have hopes of being able to soon publish the percentage of trees still living. Mr. Sondergard, superintendent of schools of Saline county, visited us last week and gathered information in regard to our tree planting campaign. He was quite impressed with our project and he is planning a similar one throughout the schools of the county under his jurisdiction.

During the past year all of our students enrolled in vocational agriculture kept personal accounts of all their total receipts and expenditures, in addition to their farming program accounts. We felt that the record was incomplete and inaccurate because we had not taken an inventory of personal belongings at the beginning of the year. This year we took personal inventories, put them on separate sheets and pasted them in our record books. The personal accounts have made record keeping more fascinating and interesting.

Upon summarizing our record books for the last year, we find that sorghums were the most profitable crop among our members. Wheat, which occupies over 80 per cent of the tillable land in our community, showed a profit in some cases, but in the majority of instances, it showed a loss.

The Solomon chapter has an eight millimeter movie machine with which we take movies of the various activities conducted by the boys. This activity is adding a great deal of interest among our members and will provide a fine record for future references.

We have started to build some signs that are to be placed on Highway 40 on the outskirts of the city limits. The signs under construction include a Rotary sign, and American Legion sign, and an F.F.A. sign. We hope to have them up for your inspection in the near future as you approach our fair city.

Two of our members, Robert Riordan and Raymond Wolfe, exhibited and sold their Angus calves at the Denver Livestock show in Denver. They won fourth and seventh place honors respectively. The senior boys have used the text, "Public Speaking for Future Farmers", by Judson during the past six weeks in their study of public speaking for Future Farmers.

--Reporter

Carl Sandburg defines slang as "language that takes off its coat, spits on its hands, and goes to work."

Chapter News (Continued)

South Haven: The local chapter members have participated in judging contests at Winfield, Medicine Lodge, and Harper. When returning home from Medicine Lodge, the boys visited the State Fish Hatchery at Pratt. They also visited the Kingman County Fair at Kingman.

The sparrow catching contest was also brought to a close on December 21 with a report of 2,690 sparrows at the close of the contest. A rat and mouse catching contest was brought to a close Friday, January 13, with a total of 550 rats and 368 mice killed. Benny Barber turned in the most points.

At a regular meeting January 16, the Boys' Glee Club, made up of FFA members, under the direction of Miss Virginia Daily, sang two songs, "Three for Jack", and "All Through the Night". They were accompanied by Miss Delvaguine Kilmer, at the piano. The high school faculty were guests of the local chapter at this meeting.

We played two basketball games with the Arkansas City chapter on January 23 at South Haven. Arkansas City won both games.

The total paid up membership of our local chapter is 48 Green Hands and Future Farmers, 3 State Farmers, and 2 American Farmers. We recently purchased 20 new manuals in addition to those already possessed by the members. The boys enrolled in Agriculture purchased 27 new shop suits with letters on them.

Plans are being made for a Father and Son banquet which will be held on March 18.

The farming program totals for the 40 boys regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture classes in the South Haven high school is as follows: wheat, 195 acres; oats, 96 acres; corn, 10 acres; other field crops, 37 acres; 90 head of ewes; 24 head of beef cattle; 7 head of dairy cattle; 12 brood sows and gilts; and 5 ponies. There are future plans for 100 baby turkeys, several hundred baby chicks, and a few ducks and guineas.

Mr. J. L. Jacobson is substituting as vocational agriculture teacher this month during the absence of Mr. Frye. Mr. Jacobson, who has had 19 years of experience in teaching vocational agriculture in Kansas, hails from Savannah, Mo.

--Melvin Walcher, Reporter

Hope: The Hope chapter of Future Farmers held their Father and Son banquet February 18. The idea of Washington's birthday was carried out in table decorations, place cards and programs. Delmer Rufener, president of the FFA, acted as toastmaster. The regular FFA opening ceremony was used to start the program. Roll call was answered by each boy introducing his Dad or guest and the toastmaster introducing the other guests. The program was as follows: Group singing, led by Glen Murray; Invocation by George S. Snively; Address of Welcome by Anthony Lorson; Response by Mr. Thomas Lorson; Selection, FFA quartette composed of Harold Schimming, Freddy Lorson, Glen Murray, George Snively; Shop Program Talk, Freddy Lorson; Farming Program Talk, by each FFA member; Report on Scholarship Contest by Robert Rock; Instrumental duet, Earl Gantenbein and Glen Murray; Introduction of boys of different degrees and an explanation of the four degrees by Mr. Reece; Duet, Glen Murray and Harold Schimming; Address, "State Farmers and Their Farming Programs," by H. H. Brown, Kansas State College, Manhattan; and a Selection by band members who belong to our FFA chapter. The banquet was served by the Vocational Home Making girls.

1376 bushels of oats, barley, and wheat have been treated by our chapter.

--Reporter

"Two men look out through the self same bars; one sees the mud, and one the stars."--Frederick Langbridge.

Chapter News (Continued)

Saffordville: Our chapter presented the school assembly program February 17. We gave, "Comin 'Round the Mountain", a program secured from the Extension Division of Kansas State College. Three of the boys dressed as girls to take the parts of the women characters. A reading, "Life of a Jersey Calf", mountain music played on a harmonica, and several other musical numbers completed the program....We held Future Farmer initiation for five boys December 14. We initiated Russell Leeson, Willard Obley, Ernest Caruthers, Darwin Reyer, and Bill Grimwood....We entertained the girls of the Home Economics classes at a party January 13. Refreshments were served to 50 boys and girls....The movie film, "Future Farmers in the North Woods", was shown at one of our night meetings....Twenty-five boys of the vocational agriculture I and II classes went to Emporia to see the International Grand Champion Angus steer. While in Emporia they looked at McCormick-Deering and John Deere machinery....For home projects, seven of our boys have purchased 16 head of western ewes. Twenty-eight boys have been completing three supplementary farm practice jobs each six weeks....In our shop work we have butchered four hogs and two beeves, have treated 40 bushels of oats for smut and expect to treat 60 more bushels, repaired a mowing machine which we bought, tested 20 samples of soils, tested 6 samples of cream and 6 of milk for butter fat, have been working on a gasoline engine, sharpening saws, making nail boxes, coal chisels, and punches. We have a new double electric forge in our shop....Mr. Dale Bathurst, our vocational agriculture instructor, and Fred Wittker, our FFA president, attended the Emporia High Future Farmer Parent banquet.

--Kenneth Stine, Reporter

Buhler: November 22 the initiation committee sent out invitations to all eligible Green Hand boys to attend our regular December night meeting....December 3, seven boys went to the O'Hara ranch near Sylvia, to buy some weaning Poland China gilts. They are some of Gammel's breeding....We initiated four Green Hands. They were taken through the barn to show them the sins of their own neglect and forgetfulness. After the formal ceremony, refreshments were served by the committee....At the January meeting a report was made by the Parent and Sons Meeting committee. February 1 was chosen as the date but was postponed because Edwin Dirks caught scarlet fever. Parliamentary drill took up the educational part of the meeting. It was decided that we should have a sparrow killing contest. Sides were chosen, the losing side to entertain the winning side. Bingo was enjoyed by all....Four tons of K.P.I.A. mash has been mixed for the members. February 8 the members started treating oats and barley for farmers. We get 5 cents per bushel. Boys who are not able to pay their dues are given a chance to work them out treating oats....The nominating committee have selected the following list of boys to be voted on as officers: President, Lyle Field; Vice President, David Loopp and Richard Buller; Secretary, Edwin Dirks and Ramon Unruh; Reporter, Art Nickel; Treasurer, Harold Wall and David Loopp; Watch Dog, Gerald Pfaffly....We are sorry to lose two of our members because of lack of interest, but our slogan is "Good interest makes good membership."

--Art Nickel, Reporter

St. George: The officers of the St. George chapter are: Robert O'Neill, president; Elmer Hammett, vice president; Irvin Duncan, secretary; Junior Harrell, treasurer; Bill Taylor, watch dog; Eldon Henton, reporter....We are having night meetings the second Monday in each month. The day time meetings are every Wednesday.

--Eldon Henton, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

LaCygne: The LaCygne FFA officers are: Allen Tribby, president; Harry Kyle, vice president; Junior Norton, secretary; Richard Lee, treasurer; Kenneth Walker, reporter; Ray Patterson, watch dog; Jack Hall, assistant watch dog; Elmer Griffin, program chairman; At present we have 18 members. We started the year with 40 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture....Our activity program consists of having two projects for advanced students in vocational ag, prune and spray several orchards, put on a chapter program in chapel, cull several flocks of poultry, hold a county crops contest and a chapter crops contest, beautify and improve school grounds, improve the football field, welfare work, encourage tree planting by farmers, conduct a butchering demonstration; treat seed for farmers, have entries in county sectional and state judging contests, have an entry in the state public speaking contest, sponsor chapter trip to national FFA Congress and American Royal, maintain FFA news column in local paper, sponsor entry in "Hoard's Dairyman", send FFA chapter news to Kansas Future Farmer. Earnings and Savings: sell pop, pop corn, hamburgers and hot dogs at games, have volley ball and basketball games with other vocational ag teams in Linn county, have regular meetings and definite theme worked out at the beginning of each year, have a father and son banquet, give a letter for FFA achievement, give letters to the state team, have 10 per cent of chapter members on the high school honor roll, use the gym one night each month, have at least one skating party, one date party during the year, and an F.F.A. quartette....To date the FFA basketball team has played five games, winning one and losing four...The local chapter is composed of 8 charter members, Seniors taking their third year of vocational ag. These boys are all Future Farmers. Two boys are Seniors who are taking their second year of ag. Ten boys are taking the No. 11 course, 8 of whom are taking their second year's work of ag, while two boys are in their first year of ag. In this class all of the boys are Juniors. The Sophomore class taking second year vocational ag is composed of 20 boys, including one Freshman and the remainder are Sophomores. Of the 20 boys, 8 are beginners in vocational ag, while the other 12 boys enrolled in vocational ag as Freshmen....The chapter is planning on giving an FFA play, and charge admission. The receipts will be used to defray expenses of the chapter.We cleared \$10.59 selling pop at three football games last fall. So far the chapter has cleared \$5.95 by selling pop corn, pop and hot dogs at six basketball games....At present the boys are making plans for the father and son banquet.

--Kenneth Walker, Reporter

Concordia: The fourth annual district poultry judging school and contest was held in the Concordia High School, February 25....The second of our two Green Hand initiations was held here at a regular meeting of our chapter, February 20. Three of the boys who decided a little late to join, were initiated. We now have a total of 17 boys initiated as Green Hands during this year....Our chapter is presenting two candidates for the State Farmer degree. They are Densal Laclef and George Dutton. These boys are also trying out for the Union Pacific scholarship offered each year. Our chapter is presenting Lee Doyen as a candidate for the American Farmer degree....Our chapter was host to several of the neighboring chapters at a second degree initiation, March 6....As the result of a scholarship contest held the first semester between two FFA teams in our chapter, a chili feed was held for the winning team. Jack Nutter and Arvid Detrixhe were the captains of the teams. During the evening a basketball game was played to decide which side would furnish the ice cream. Arvid Detrixhe's side won the basketball game but Jack Nutter's side won the scholarship contest.

--Charles Dutton, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Norwich: January 10 the Kingman chapter of FFA invited the Norwich chapter to their vocational department in Kingman to see and enjoy a film picture, "Future Farmers in North Woods". The Norwich chapter members were asked to bring their own sandwiches and the Kingman chapter furnished their sandwiches and enough cocoa for all invited. After the picture officers and advisors of each chapter exchanged ideas on making money, activities completed, those in progress and plans for future activities of each chapter. We were then shown through the Kingman shops. We can safely say that our chapter enjoyed the evening and Kingman will come to our department March 15 for a similar entertainment....The evening of January 18 the Norwich chapter held an open house pie and box supper in the gymnasium. There were approximately 250 persons present and everyone enjoyed the evening. A neighboring town band and orchestra were engaged for the evening to play all music that was needed. The boxes averaged 40 cents. The chapter gave the high school the privilege of selecting an Ag queen candidate from each class one week before the supper. Votes on these girls were taken during that week, and then more votes were accepted that evening. The candidate receiving the highest votes, was crowned Norwich chapter Ag queen throughout next year....An FFA debating team was trained on the subject of "Dual Purpose Cows are More Profitable for Milk Production in this Community Than are the Dairy Cattle Breeds". The negative side or Dairy Cattle breeds won the debate...Our thrift bank is saving some money for our members. We now have about \$3.75 in our bank. Our treasurer is the cashier....On part of our field trips during February the chapter will prune fruit trees and grapevines, and will treat seed oats for the boys and their dads. We are making plans for our FFA father and son banquet to be held sometime in March...Our ewe and lamb enterprise has averaged 100 per cent lamb crop, and the lambs are gaining quite rapidly.

--Junior Mayer, Reporter

Inman: Initiation ceremonies were held January 18 for 13 new members. Those initiated and promoted to the Green Hand degree were Walter Buller, Menno Doerksen, Ted Ediger, Elvin Krueger, Abe Neufeld, Elmer Neufold, Walter Pauls, Lynn Postier, Waldo Siebert, Edward Thiessen, Paul Voth, Arnold Witteroff, Simon Wiens. Marten Doerksen and Leonard Weins have joined since initiation.... Our chapter through a cooperative effort purchased 97 bushels of certified Flynn barley seed for nine of its members and for three farmers. The seed is sacked and each sack bears a blue certified tag issued by the Kansas Crop Improvement Association....The chapter has purchased and butchered one beef and three hogs. The meat was cut up, lard rendered, sausage made, and part of the meat was cured. All of the meat and lard was sold. The chapter realized a profit of \$25 from this project. Six pounds of bacon was kept by the chapter and cured. At the lunch hour on February 21 the FFA boys and men faculty members enjoyed a bean feed. The bacon was used in the beans, which were baked by Mrs. Schultis. The boys furnished sandwiches and the vocational Homemaking girls made the coffee. ...The chapter has a cooperative broiler project under way. We have 100 New Hampshire Reds seven weeks old and 100 White Rocks six weeks old. A number of the birds at seven weeks weigh $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, and a few weigh up to $1\frac{3}{4}$ pounds. We plan to dress a large number of the birds and sell them locally. Dressing will start as soon as they weigh two pounds.

Henry Doerksen, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

St. Francis: One hundred-forty people, consisting of Future Farmers and their parents attended a banquet in the St. Francis High School gymnasium Tuesday, March 7, sponsored by the Future Farmers. The program consisted of the Opening Ritual by the officers; Invocation, Kenneth Felzein; Introduction of Guests, Hurlbut Graves; Welcome, Hurlbut Graves; Response, L. D. Halley; Solo, Miss Georgia Appel; Farming Improvement, Howard Wagner; Violin Solo, Bob Cleland; Farming Program, First Year, Dale Loker; Second Year, Reliford Stuart; Third Year, Lyle Rath; Senior Year, Gerald Felzein; Harmonica Solo, Wayne Andrist; Talk, G. E. Greene; Closing Ritual, Officers; Recreation, sponsored by Ned Hogue....Present officers of the St. Francis Future Farmers are: Hurlbut Graves, president; Robert Keller, vice president; Howard Wagner, secretary; Burman Winston, treasurer; Wayne Andrist, reporter; Styers Douthit, watch dog; R. E. Cleland, advisor....At the present there are three years of vocational agriculture offered by the High School. First year agriculture takes up the study of livestock, second year, crops, and third year, farm management. Instructor of vocational ag is R. E. Cleland. Some of the activities participated in by the Future Farmers during the year are banquets, livestock judging, crop judging, and parties. Howard Wagner, secretary of the St. Francis Future Farmers, is a State Farmer and is also State Secretary.

--Wayne Andrist, Reporter

Council Grove: The Council Grove chapter has worked harmoniously under the leadership of the following officers: Albert Sample, president; James Kirkemide, vice president; Harley Haudeshell, secretary; Ralph Scott, treasurer; Bob Buchman, reporter; Delano Seeds, watch dog....The local chapter had the honor of establishing the Emporia FFA chapter, which is one of the new departments in the state....A roller skating party was held with the Home Economics department at Dwight, Kansas. There were 58 present. The party was sponsored by the instructors of both departments....A local FFA basketball and wrestling team have been organized to match other nearby chapters. A squad of 15 have been reporting for basketball and 18 for wrestling.

Bob Buchman, Reporter

Tonganoxie: Initiation ceremonies were held February 21, for all students becoming Green Hands....Our chapter organized a basketball team and played the Lawrence chapter on our court. We were defeated. Due to the loss of members of the team, it broke up. We hope to organize again and have more games.... Our chapter will hold ceremonies to raise Green Hands to Future Farmers at a regular meeting. It will be held at our FFA cabin at the lake. The initiation team or officers will consist of one member from each of the following chapters: Lawrence, Valley Falls, Parker and Tonganoxie....The county agent, Merton L. Otto, and an extension staff specialist from Kansas State College visited our agriculture department and held an oats treating demonstration with the new improved Ceresan dust. They brought two gravity treaters of different types with them. Our chapter had built a barrel treater last year. We had a fair attendance from the farmers of this community....Our FFA chapter has vaccinated about 90 head of cattle for Black-leg. We vaccinated them with Franklin's Serum that we got from our local drug store at the approximate cost of 9 cents per head....Our judging team visited the Ottawa poultry judging contest. The boys, Edwin Willert, Lloyd DeHoff, Chas. Jones, and Chas. Budnosky, who won places on our team. We placed fifth in the contest.

--Reporter