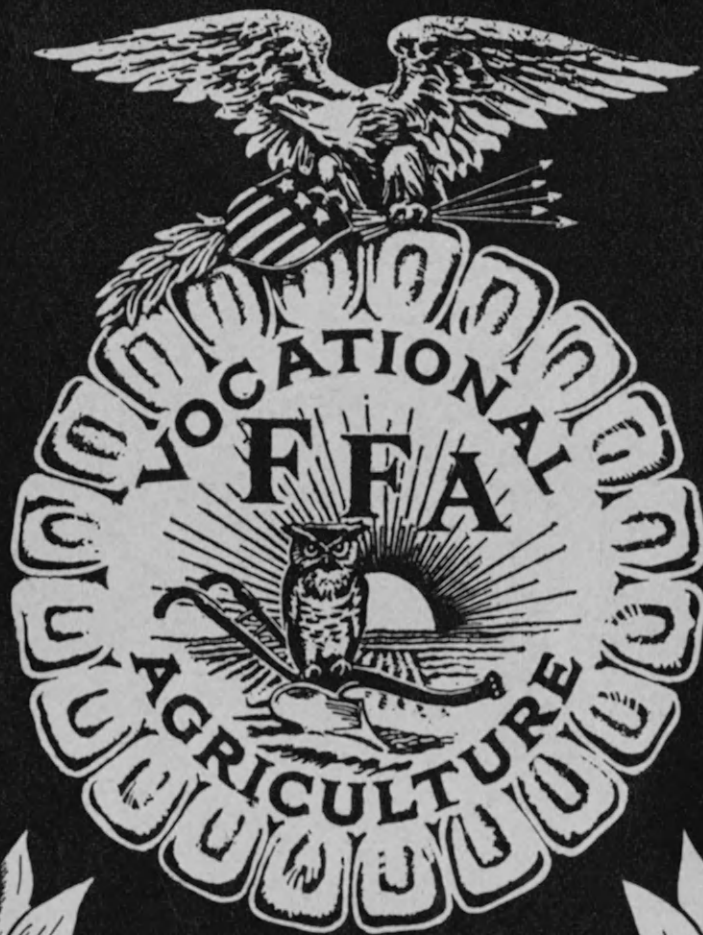


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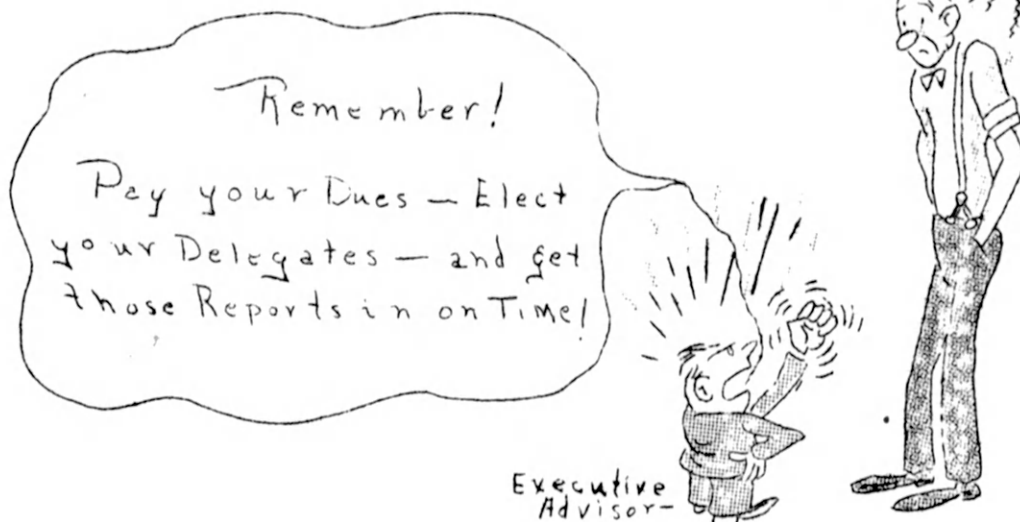
As president of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, I am glad to remind you of the coming Annual State F.F.A. Convention to be held May 1 and 2, 1939, at Kansas State College, Manhattan.

The success of the Eleventh Annual State Convention depends upon the co-operation of every member. It is the duty of every member to see that his chapter has its achievement report filled out, two delegates elected, and an active membership status.

It is very important that the local chapters complete their achievement reports and submit them at the proper time. This is one of the outstanding goals of the state program, so we must cooperate to meet this objective.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the election of the two delegates allowed each active chapter and their being present for the meetings of the House of Delegates. They will elect the new State Farmers and the state officers for 1939-40, and will give attention to other important issues. It is up to you and your chapter to see that two competent delegates are selected to voice your chapter's views on matters coming before the state convention.

Future Farmers, let's make this, the Eleventh Annual State Convention the largest and most outstanding in the history of the Kansas Association.



F.F.A. CALENDAR

Better Chapter Contest report (chapters entering Better Chapter Contest) April 22
 Eleventh Annual Meeting of Kansas Association of F.F.A. May 1 & 2
 American Farmer application due in Washington, D. C. May 1

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1939 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The following is an interesting account by Albert S. Coates Jr., of the 1939 Leadership Training Conference for the national F.F.A. officers, which was held in Washington, D. C., February 19-25:

The train that I took for Washington, D. C., left Kansas City, Mo., at 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning, February 18, 1939. I was on my way to the Leadership Training Conference. I rode until 4:55 o'clock Sunday afternoon when I arrived in Washington. There had been rain and fog most of the way, but it was like spring in Washington with the temperature around seventy degrees. I went immediately to the hotel and found that Robert Elwell, national president; Elmer Johnson, vice president North Atlantic region; and Bradley Twitty, vice president Sothern region had arrived. About an hour later, Harvey Schwietzer, student secretary, came. We spent a pleasant evening at the hotel getting better acquainted and talking about our home states and regions. We were very sorry that Stevenson Ching, vice president, Western region, from Hawaii could not be with us.

Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock we met Mr. Ross, National Executive Secretary, in his office in the new Interior building. We started promptly on our training, taking up such items as the History of the F.F.A., the Constitution and By-Laws, and fundamentals and values in the F.F.A. We met Dr. Lathrop, Mr. Swanson, and Mr. Gregory, co-workers with Mr. Ross, in the Office of Education, and had lunch with them in the cafeteria of the new Interior building.

The entire week except for Wednesday was spent in Leadership Training under the direction of Mr. Ross and Mr. Henry C. Groseclose, National Treasurer. We discussed and studied leadership in general, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, thrift and financing, and the entire set-up of the F.F.A.

Wednesday, February 22, was George Washington's birthday, and Mr. Ross arranged a very interesting and educational tour for us. We first visited Lincoln's Memorial, a very magnificent and awe inspiring sight. We went through the beautiful Parke-Custis mansion, where General Robert E. Lee lived prior to 1861. We next saw the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the ampitheater in Arlington Cemetery and Arlington Experimental Farm. Both the cemetery and the farm were at one time parts of the Parke-Custis estate. We then visited Mount Vernon, the home and farm of George Washington, the first great farmer and the inspirational ideal of the F.F.A. His tomb was open, and we witnessed the placement of wreaths in the tomb by the American Legion and other organizations. On the way back to Washington, we stopped in Alexandria, Virginia, where we saw the famous Carlyle House, Dagsby Tavern, and the Alexandria-Washington Masonic Lodge. George Washington was once Master of this lodge, and there we saw many precious heirlooms of the Great General. Just outside of the town of Alexandria on top of a high hill stands a memorial temple to Washington, the Mason.

1939 Leadership Conference (Concluded)

It is a very beautiful structure and offers a wonderful view of the surrounding country. When once again in Washington, we went to the Washington Monument and walked 888 steps to the top. We were afforded a very good means for viewing the city from there, and we gazed for some time before deciding to use the elevator for our means of descending. Our next stop was the Smithsonian Institute. It was one of the most interesting and educational places that we had seen. We visited the beautiful Library of Congress where we saw the original Declaration of Independence and the original Constitution. The government buildings were closed because of the holiday, so we saw only the exterior of many of the wonderful structures including the White House and the Capitol both of which were very beautiful and impressive. Thus ended our tour of the Nation's Capitol and the immediate countryside.

Wednesday night Mr. Groseclose arrived at the hotel, and we had an enjoyable evening talking with him. He remained in Washington until Saturday and helped with the training. He gave us very helpful information on parliamentary procedure, financing, and other items.

Thursday evening we were invited to Mr. Ross' home where we enjoyed a delicious dinner and pleasant evening with Mr. Ross and his family.

Friday morning we met Dr. Lane, North Atlantic Regional Advisor, and Mr. Clements, Southern Regional Advisor. We also met and had a chat with the Commissioner of Education, Dr. J. W. Studebaker, and the Assistant Commissioner of Vocational Education, Dr. J. C. Wright. That afternoon, Mr. Bray of the French-Bray Printing Company showed us a sample of the beautiful new official F.F.A. scrapbook.

Saturday was spent in summing up the entire conference. An abundance of information and helpful material had been gained for which we, as national officers, are grateful.

We left Sunday, February 26, 1939, with the feeling that all of us were much better prepared to discharge the duties of our offices than we were when we stepped off our trains a week previous. When my train pulled away from the Nation's Capitol, it ended one of the most important weeks of my life.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

We are pleased to report the filing of 130 chapter activity programs, 125 of which were on time. Last year 103 chapters filed, with 93 on time. This year finds a higher percentage of chapters filing activity reports as well as a higher percentage of the chapters filing their reports on time. For the most part the programs show the result of careful planning and are well balanced.

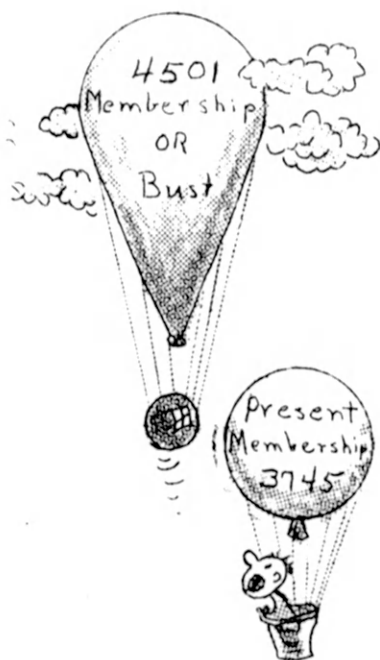
Chapters desiring to be considered in the State Association Better Chapter Contest must have their reports in the mails April 22. All chapters will benefit by completing and filing their achievement reports, and for chapters not desiring to enter the contest we recommend the filing of a completed report at the roll call meeting, in Ag. 7, immediately following the opening of the judging contests.

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Englishman (eating corn on the cob for the first time): "Boy! Boy!"

Waiter: "Sir?"

Englishman: "I say, old thing, fill it up again."

PAID UP MEMBERS

A statistical study of our membership this year, (April 5) reveals that on a basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture, the percentage of membership in chapters ranges from 162 per cent to 6 per cent. Vinland chapter has the honor of having the highest percentage of members based on enrollment in vocational agriculture. They report a membership of 162 per cent. Congratulations! Solomon chapter which led the field last year, ranked second with a membership percentage of 158. Winfield chapter reported the largest membership, having a total of 91 members and membership percentage of 124 per cent. 117 chapters have paid a total of 3745 dues to date. The average percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 117 chapters having paid their dues is 90 per cent plus.

Twenty-seven chapters have not paid dues as of date of April 5. It is the hope of the state association that all dues will be paid by May 1, 1939, which is the date of the annual meeting.

The following figures have been carefully checked and rechecked. In case of error we trust that you will notify us in order that a correction can be made in the May issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

Chapters having a membership range from 101 to 162 per cent:

Alma	Harveyville	Olathe	South Haven
Benedict	Hope	Overbrook	St. Francis
Beverly	Howard	Oxford	Tampa
Bonner Springs	Kiowa	Parker	Vinland
Burlington	Lawrence	Paxico	Washington
Coats	Lebanon	Reading	Waterville
Colby	McDonald	Seaman	Wellsville
Coldwater	Medicine Lodge	Silver Lake	Westmoreland
Cottonwood Falls	Morrowville	Simpson	Williamsburg
Council Grove	Mound City	Smith Center	Winfield
Fairview	Norton	Solomon	

Chapters having a membership of 100 per cent

Argonia	Carbondale	LaHarpe	Onaga
Auburn	Downs	Little River	Powhattan
Berryton	Hoyt	Manhattan	Wamego
Blue Rapids			

Chapters having a range in membership from 90 to 99 per cent:

Abilene	Emporia	Paola	Saffordville
Bird City	Goodland	Pleasanton	Shawnee Mission
Chanute	Moundridge	Ramona	Stockton
Ellis	Osborne	Sabetha	

Paid Up Members (Concluded)

Chapters having a membership range from 80 to 89 per cent:

Alton	Harper	Melvern	Randolph
Cherryvale	Highland Park	Mulvane	Tonganoxie
Fredonia	Hill City	Norwich	Wakefield
Gardner	Linn	Oberlin	

Chapters having a membership range from 70 to 79 per cent:

Arkansas City	Concordia	Frankfort	Neodesha
Barnes	Delphos	Holton	Newton
Beloit	Effingham	Meridan	Pratt

Chapters having a membership range from 60 to 69 per cent:

Alta Vista	Marysville	Stafford
Garden City	McCune	Valley Falls

Chapters having a membership range from 50 to 59 per cent:

Atwood	Columbus	LaCrosse	Wakeeney
Clifton	Hoxie	Trousdale	

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RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the National Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America held in Washington, D. C., the week of February 20, the following resolution was adopted:

"The National Board of Trustees does not look with favor upon the practice of using the names, photographs and accomplishments of individual members or the name and emblem of the Future Farmers of America in connection with the advertising of any commercial product or products".

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WILL ATTEND STATE MEETINGS

Albert Coates, Jr., National Third Vice President, of the Future Farmers of America is scheduled to attend the following state association meetings:

Colorado	April 6-7	Nebraska	April 26-28
Indiana	" 13-15	Missouri	" 26-28
Iowa	" 20-21	Kansas	May 1-2
South Dakota	" 24-25	North Dakota	May 4-6

Albert will enjoy the travel incidental to attending these state association meetings, and will derive much pleasure and benefit from the associations made. Albert will make a definite contribution to each of these scheduled meetings and will be a credit to the National Organization. The Kansas Association extends congratulations to its immediate past president.

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WHY NOT MAKE IT UNANIMOUS?

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* Five vocational agricultural departments in Kansas do not have chartered chapters of Future Farmers of America. The breakdown of this number shows that:

* Two of the departments have been established for more than five years.

* Two have been established two years.

* One department is in its first year.

* Why not make it unanimous?

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ANNOUNCING

The Eleventh Annual F.F.A.
Convention - MAY 1st & 2.

TWO NEW CHAPTERS

Two new chapters have been added this last month to our list of chartered F.F.A. chapters which brings the total number of chartered chapters in Kansas to 144.

Cherryvale, a new department this year, with C. H. Young as vocational agriculture instructor, was granted an F.F.A. charter March 30, 1939. Cherryvale has 24 F.F.A. members and has as officers: Floyd Barker, president; Earl Stigenwalt, treasurer; Lawrence Schierleman, secretary.

A charter was also granted to Clifton on March 30, 1939. The Clifton chapter has a membership of 12 with J. Willis Jordan as advisor. Officers are James Wood, president; Henry Tillinghast, vice president; Robert Peterson, secretary; Lyle Young, treasurer; Burton Tillinghast, reporter.

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Chapters desiring to use either 16 mm silent, 16 mm sound, or 35 mm sound films of the F.F.A. Tenth Convention Celebration, should write Regional Agent J. A. Pearson, Office of Education, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C. at least a month in advance of the meeting date. There will be no charge. The film will be sent express collect, and you return them express paid.

INFORMATION CONCERNING STATE FARMER DEGREE

1. Standards set up in the Manual will be maintained. Any modification of the financial requirement will be left to the discretion of the State Executive committee.
2. Advisors will be notified as soon as possible after the meeting of the State Executive committee as to the success of their candidate or candidates.
3. The State Executive committee will meet April 19, at which time final decisions will be made in all cases.
4. It is hoped that all successful State Farmer candidates will be present for the meeting of the House of Delegates and for the F.F.A. banquet meeting. It is not compulsory to be present in order to receive this award, but for the best interests of the boy and the State Association, it is highly desirable that all candidates be present.
5. The State Executive committee recommends the candidates, the House of Delegates elect, and will raise the candidates to the State Farmer degree.
6. The gold-plated State Farmer charm, price \$2.00, with safety clasp, will be presented to successful candidates, provided the charm has been paid for by either the candidate, the advisor, or some representative of the chapter. The State Farmer charm must be paid for by 5:00 o'clock p. m. of the evening of May 2.
7. It is not compulsory to purchase the State Farmer charm. However, only those who have purchased charms will receive them. The charms are awarded as a part of the ritual in raising the candidates to the State Farmer degree. We consider it a distinct honor to receive the State Farmer degree, and we hope that each chapter will see to it that their candidate or candidates will have the opportunity of receiving the State Farmer charm which is the mark of this high honor.
8. The 10-K solid gold State Farmer charm (\$4.25) will be ordered upon request of the advisor. Otherwise, the gold-plated charm will be awarded.
9. American Farmer candidates are chosen from the active State Farmer group. State Association officers must be elected from the active group of State Farmer rank.
10. The State Association reserves the right to orally examine any candidate for the State Farmer Degree who has not held office in his local chapter. The basis of examination will be Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure.

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The Nebraska F.F.A. in a survey found that the Father or Parent & Son banquet was ranked as the most important chapter activity. Sponsoring a junior fair ranked second in importance.

INVITED

The Solomon F.F.A. Orchestra has been invited to play at the World Poultry Congress, which will be held at Cleveland, July 28 to August 7. Through the efforts of the Executive Committee of the Kansas Poultry Industry Committee, \$300 has been appropriated from the state appropriation funds to help defray the expenses of the orchestra in making the trip to Cleveland. Members of the State Executive Committee of the Kansas Poultry Industry Committee are J. C. Mohler, Topeka, chairman; John DeForest, Peabody, vice chairman; Professor L. F. Payne, secretary; A. D. Johnson, Junction City, treasurer; Mrs. L. A. Rupf, Ottawa. Members of the orchestra are already making plans for raising money for making the trip.

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HIGHEST HONORS

The following State Farmer members have been recommended by the State Executive Committee as candidates for the American Farmer Degree: Laddie Kacerik, McDonald chapter; Robert Randle, Wakefield chapter; Oid Lee Wineland, Alton chapter; Edwin Tangeman, Newton chapter. The applications must be in the mails by May 1, 1939. The state association wishes to congratulate these members upon being recommended for the highest honor that can be bestowed by the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Fairview: The eighth annual Father and Son banquet was held December 18, 1938, at the high school gymnasium. It was very successful. The main speakers of the evening were Mr. Gerald Gordon of Highland and Professor A. P. Davidson of Manhattan.

Junior Duckers, our one-armed basketball star has been notified that he has won the Union Pacific Scholarship awarded annually to the vocational agriculture student with the most outstanding farming program in each county. He plans to enroll at Kansas State next fall. Junior and Leland Kloepfer, who was alternate for the scholarship, are candidates for the State Farmer degrees from this chapter.

Our judging team has attended two poultry judging contests and one grain contest. These contests were at Seneca, Ottawa, and Lawrence respectively. The boys who have gone are David Smith, Nathan Wilson, Melvin Scoby, Dale Lance, Donald Irwin, Augustine Meyer, and Stephen Brockhoff. The team to go to the state contest at Manhattan will be selected from this group.

Many jobs are being carried out or have been completed in shop. Among these are a four wheeled trailer with stockrack, a portable summer house for poultry, three hog feeders, two hog troughs, two tool cabinets, one hay rack, and the replacement of a broken piston in a Model A Ford.

All of the boys have completed their plans for project jobs to be carried out in April. Each job in the problem outline is studied and written in the record book before the time it will be needed. In this way it is an easy matter to keep the record books up to date....Several of our boys have excellent farming programs and have great prospects for the future years. The average number projects for Freshmen is two, Sophomores, four, Juniors, five, Seniors, five.

--Leroy Hampton, Reporter.

Chapter News (Continued)

Little River: Our chapter recently conducted a sparrow hunt. The members in the chapter were divided into two groups and the group bringing in the most sparrows was given a party by the losers. The losers decided to give a skating party for the winners, so after our regular meeting in February, a skating party was held in the old school gym. Thirty-five F.F.A. members attended.

The chapter presented a chapel program January 27. The program consisted of our regular opening ceremony, followed with musical numbers and stunts.

The chapter has started and completed a 4 x 12 foot hotbed. The chapter will buy the seeds and plant them. The returns from the sale of the plants will go into the local treasury.

Landscaping of the school yard is in full swing. Stones, cement curbing have been removed, trees trimmed, 17 loads of fertilizers have been hauled; 25 loads of rich dirt have been brought in to fill in the low places. At the present time we are preparing the ground for seeding. We will plant either buffalo or bermuda grass.

Carl Hull has completed a turkey house. This house cost Carl \$10.00.

We are looking forward with much interest to the coming vocational agriculture contests.

--Lester Williams, Reporter

Downs: The local bank, the local hatchery and a local farmer, John C. Stephenson are all cooperating with the department in furnishing pure bred gilts and chicks on a share basis. We now have 25 pure bred gilts, and 1000 chicks distributed among the boys. We have 370 broilers as a class project which will be sold in the near future. Thirty-five were used for meat at the Parent-Son banquet.

We made a recommended seed treater and as yet have not charged anything for the use of it. We just let a boy whose parents want to treat seed, take it home and be responsible for returning it safely.

We have mixed 600 pounds of minerals and are going to mix 300 pounds more. We are doing this as a community service. We are making only enough on it to offset any waste that may be had in taking it out in small quantities.

The class has made 125 concrete tile which will be used for irrigating Albert Yost's garden.

Our chapter has 100 per cent entry in the Hoards Dairyman Judging contest.

Out of the 10 ewes in the class project there were 11 lambs born, 8 of which are living now and doing fine. It so happens that they are all bucks except one. They have been castrated and docked.

We have a small brooder in the class room which the Purina Mills gave the department and we have 50 chicks in it and expect to keep them there until they are at least 4 weeks old. We will brood 800 chicks for pullets in the two brooder houses which is a part of the poultry demonstration yard equipment owned by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company and managed by the local chapter. A new piece of equipment added to the plant is an electric brooder last year. Two sanitary runways and an egg cooler were added. Our 200 hens are laying from 130 to 150 eggs per day.

--Blaine Stephenson, Reporter

FOR SALE: Mounted horned owls at \$4.00 and \$5.00, depending on size. For inquiry write George Hull, Little River, Kansas.

Chapter News (Continued)

Winfield: Several boys with sheep projects are shipping lambs today, March 27. This is about the earliest we have made a shipment of lambs from this place. Most of the lambs were produced from the bred Texas ewes shipped in last fall.

Winfield is now organizing for baseball. We have had one practice and on the 28th of March played the Oxford High School chapter at Oxford.

Our chapter is in the market for good purebred boars of most any breed. We want these boars for cross breeding. We have Black Polands and Durocs to exchange.

Harold Snyder, our president and Leonard Groene, our treasurer, attended the annual meeting of the Howard Production Credit Association as representatives of the Winfield chapter. Donald Hamm and Wayne Kiser also attended this meeting and gave an account of their trip to Denver last November at which time they broadcast over NBC.

Our chapter dipped a car load of certified seed potatoes for farmers and boys having potato projects. We used the corrosive sublimate (acid) treatment. The formula used was six ounces of corrosive sublimate dissolved in one quart of concentrated hydrochloric acid used in 25 gallons of water. Our tank holds 280 gallons of the solution and we can treat a sack every two minutes. We empty the sacks into wooden crates because the sack weakens the strength when it is dipped too.

Leonard Biddle, Reporter

Morrowville: The local chapter held its fifth annual Parent and Son banquet February 17. There were 30 members with their parents and two honorary members present. Professor F. W. Bell, coach of the winning judging team at the International Livestock Show for the last three years, was a guest and the main speaker of the evening. He also brought with him, Professor L. F. Hall of Manhattan. Other guests were Mr. Lawrence Alwin of Barnes and his delegate and Edward Wholgemuth of Washington. A very interesting program was given by the boys which covered the accomplishments of the local chapter for the past year. Charles Schwab, our president, acted as toastmaster. The program was started with the opening ritual by the F.F.A. officers, followed by the song, "America", by the group. The invocation was given by Rev. I. C. Willard after which the Future Home Makers, directed by Miss Sarah Hoefer, served the two-course dinner. The F.F.A. welcome was given by Jack Nutter. Following this short talks describing the work of the organization of last year, were given.

Charles Schwab was the winner of the \$100 Union Pacific Scholarship. Jack Nutter was alternate. Both boys received the State Farmer Degree last year and were members of the judging team that represented Kansas in Animal Husbandry at the American Royal.

The chapter is sponsoring a contest in which sides were chosen by two captains Charles Schwab and Gerald Fencil. The members are to sell garden seed and the side that sells the most seed is to be treated to a wiener roast by the losing side....The chapter is carrying a brooding project of 350 mixed chicks....So far this year the chapter has entered several judging contests.... At the last monthly meeting plans were discussed concerning a 10-day trip to Arkansas. Committees were appointed to find transportation, plan the route to and from, and what they are to see while there, and those who are to plan the menu as well as purchase it....The boys will leave about June 1....We have three candidates for the State Farmer degree: Paul Prellwitz, Gerald Fencil, Marvin Odgers....Jack Nutter and Charles Schwab will represent our chapter at the state convention this spring....The boys trying out for the state judging team are Gerald Fencil, Paul Prellwitz, George Dhority, Maurice Stanton, and Marvin Odgers.

--Marvin Odgers, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Carbondale: The following officers were chosen at the first meeting of the Carbondale chapter: Dean Cazier, president; Russell Vawter, secretary; Fred Widau, treasurer; Vernie Tucker, reporter; James Montgomery, watch dog.

Vernie Tucker, the contestant in the F.F.A. corn husking contest sponsored by the Auburn F.F.A. chapter, carried away second honors receiving one bushel of hybrid seed corn as a prize. The vocational agriculture teacher and Vernie Tucker attended the banquet given by Sears-Roebuck & Company for all contestants in the F.F.A. and the Shawnee county husking contest held at Auburn. The Carbondale chapter was given one-half bushel of Midland Yellow Dent seed corn and one-half bushel of Black Hull kafir for participating in the contest.

In the pest eradication contest held this winter the sparrows, rats, and mice suffered considerable losses. The department was divided into two groups with the four Seniors on one side and the five Sophomores and Juniors on the other. The Seniors won the contest with Vernie Tucker as the high individual who brought in 225 sparrows, 3 rats, and 62 mice. The winners were treated to a show by the losers....Only three boys of a four member poultry judging team were able to attend the poultry contest at Ottawa.

--Vernie Tucker, Reporter

Goodland: Ninety-five people consisting of Future Farmers, their parents, and guests attended the F.F.A. banquet sponsored by the Future Farmers, February 21. The program consisted of the following numbers: Welcome, Warren Harding; Response, Mr. Abercrombie; Piano Solo, Keith Fortmeyer; My Farming Program, Wendell Curry; Class Project, Curtis Ufford; Shop Practices, Gale Topliff; Card Tricks, Darle Fortmeyer; Talk by Professor H. H. Brown of Kansas State College. The program closed with a short talk by Mr. Whipps, our instructor.

Several of the boys in the vocational agriculture class are carrying poultry projects consisting of turkeys and baby chicks. The following boys are carrying baby chick projects: Ray Izenhagen, Marvin Day, Bob Todd, Windell Currey, Darl Dismang, and Keith Fortmeyer. The following boys are carrying turkey projects Harry Miller, Clifford Sexson, Dale Ellison, Curry Pollard, Darle Fortmeyer and Warren Harding....In shop the following projects are being completed, two feed carts, two chicken feeders, two trailers, construction of laying pen for turkeys, and insulating of brooder house. We have also sharpened several saws, tempered punches and chisels....Our chapter is very happy to have 100 per cent of the boys taking vocational agriculture in our F.F.A. organization....The following livestock projects are being carried on in our chapter: 18 beef cows, 4 beef calves, 5 dairy cows, 3 dairy calves, 6 fat steers, 1 mare, 1 colt, 26 breeding ewes, 1 buck, 22 lambs and 8 sow and litter projects.... Our organization has organized two softball teams which play at noon. Warren Harding and Bob Todd were chosen the two captains. At our night meetings we have basketball, ping-pong, boxing, and card games. We are considering having a joint tournament with the surrounding schools....The following officers have been chosen for 1939-40: Darle Fortmeyer, president; Forrest Taylor, vice president; Elmer Gafford, secretary; Windell Curry, treasurer; Lowell Harding, reporter; Marvin Sexson, watch dog. These boys will take over the duties of their respective offices so as to become acquainted with their responsibilities for the coming year.

--Dale Ellison, Reporter

"It is well for a man to respect his own vocation whatever it is, and to think himself bound to uphold it, and to claim for it the respect it deserves".

--Charles Dickens

Chapter News (Continued)

Paola: The Ottawa chapter attended one of our night meetings and initiated all the boys present as members. After the business meeting was over our basketball team played the Ottawa team. This was followed by an oyster supper. Some time later our basketball team consisting of Joe Butel, Kenneth Hillman, Brice Gilbert, Clifford Everhart, Herby Sherman, Charles Burris, and Kenneth DuBal, journeyed to Olathe to play that chapter. Olathe won however, as did Ottawa....To raise some money for the chapter our team played the High School faculty and charged 5 cents and 10 cents admission and the boys also sold popcorn for five cents a bag. The faculty won but we made \$15....Wilbur Menefee and Joe Butel chose up sides for the purpose of conducting a pest contest, the losers to treat the winners. Wilbur's side won. Joe's side furnished the treats consisting of weiners and buns. After the meeting, everyone drew to see who they would play first in a ping-pong tournament. Kenneth Hillman and Leon Miller were both undefeated until the final game between them in which Kenneth won the championship....Every six weeks John Knoche's scholarship committee picks an F.F.A. honor roll. All the subjects taken by each boy are used to determine his standing. For the second six weeks Wilbur Menefee, Leon Miller, Jack Greenawalt, Harold Oberheide were the only boys eligible....With all the boys projects added together there are 240 acres of crops, 33 gilts, 7 dairy cows, 3 beef calves, 98 ewes, 3 horses, 600 chickens, and 125 turkeys with a total investment of \$1,560....Mr. Brandenburg selected four boys, Leon Miller, Wilbur Menefee, Kenneth Hillman, and Paul Talbott, to go to Ottawa to the poultry judging contest. This was our first contest. The team ranked 18th out of 32 teams....Seven boys are trying out for the shop team to go to Manhattan. They are: Leon Miller, Leland Trickett, Damon Debrick, Cecil McMahan, Damon Seelen, Bill Skeens, and Don Sherwood. The three boys who make the best showing will make the trip....Our last night meeting was held March 21 with the faculty members present. The meeting was opened with the opening ceremony. Committees gave reports, and music was furnished by Kenneth Hillman and Charles Burris. Mr. Parker the high school principal, gave a talk. Keith Talbott gave a demonstration on how to splice a rope. Five gallons of ice cream were served by the Freshmen....Leland Trickett's committee is building a hotbed for tomato plants. The bed is well under way and they have several orders....In the shop for projects, Joseph Butel is making a forge, Cecil McMahan a wagon box, Kenneth Hillman and Marvin Wendte, mash hoppers, John Knoche, a hog feeder, and Harold Sherwood is making some single trees. Other articles are concrete hog troughs, pouring cans, cookie cutters, rope, gate hooks, and a seed treater.

--Brice Gilbert, Reporter

Alton: On February 8 the officers of the Osborne chapter initiated the Green Hands of our chapter. Following the ceremony we played several games of volley ball, and refreshments were served....Oid Lee Wineland won the Union Pacific Scholarship of Osborne County, and two members have entered the Swift Essay Contest....Our judging team went to Quinter March 11 on a judging contest. The team consisted of Oid Lee Wineland, John DeFord, Doyle Hadley, and Harold Hackrott. They ranked second in crops, and tied for fourth in poultry. Doyle Hadley ranked high individual in Crops....March 16 we had our first Father and Son banquet. The banquet opened with the regular ritual which was followed by the banquet supper. The entire program was given by the members. Oid Lee Wineland, our 1938 State Farmer, was the principal speaker. Following the program we raised nine Green Hands to the degree of Future Farmers. We closed with the regular closing ceremony. There were 75 fathers, sons, and guests present.... We are conducting a hot bed project of tomatoe plants. We are also selling flower and vegetable seeds.

--Milo Conrad, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Randolph: The Randolph F.F.A. chapter was chartered February 18, 1939, with a membership of 30 members. Officers for this year are: Robert Bergston, president; Robert Harris, vice president; Stephen Harris, secretary; Leonard Anderson, treasurer; Raymond Lundberg, reporter; Hubert Anderson, watch dog. Mr. Elaine Brandenburg is the advisor....The officers met and worked out a program of work which has been calendared and is working out very nicely through the classroom work....The Manhattan F.F.A. chapter was host to the Randolph chapter at the night meeting in January. Fifteen boys attended from our chapter and enjoyed this association with other F.F.A. boys. The Clay Center F.F.A. chapter and Randolph F.F.A. chapter held a joint meeting March 6, in which the Clay Center chapter initiated 30 boys into the Green Hand degree for the Randolph chapter....We have purchased cooperatively purebred Poland China gilts and Hampshire breeding ewes, these being carried by several of the boys in the chapter. To date we have approximately 60 projects under way which is an average of 2 projects per boy....Twenty-seven boys purchased cooperatively shop coveralls which are used in shop and on field trips. In shop we have been building hog houses for farmers in the community, oiling harness, and overhauling machinery and gasoline engines. The members of the chapter have been selling garden seeds, painting farm mail boxes, and oiling harness to help finance our F.F.A. chapter.

--Raymond Lundberg, Reporter

Chanute: We held our chapter public speaking contest March 17. We had three divisions. The Freshmen gave two minute speeches, the sophomores, four minute speeches, and the juniors and seniors, regulation length speeches for the state contest. All the boys competed in the three divisions. The boys entering and the order of their rank are as follows: Freshman division, Frank Bates, Wayne Brant, George Washburn, and Wendell Brant; Sophomore division, Phillip Cooper, Charles Tyler, and Marion Johnson; Junior and Senior divisions, Raymond Madill, Raymond Frederich, Floyd Adams, and Lloyd Adams....Our chapter sponsored a district public speaking festival March 22. Five chapters brought a total of 16 entries. The speeches were divided into two divisions. The Junior division for the Freshmen and Sophomores and the Senior division for Juniors and Seniors. The Junior division gave speeches from three to five minutes in length. The Senior division gave regulation length speeches for the State Contest. Boys entering the Junior division were: John Young, Jimmy Kline, and Kenneth Smith of Fredonia; W. Bearly and Junior Burnett of Parker; Charles Tyler and Phillip Cooper of Chanute. In the Senior division: Eugene Mason of Fredonia; James Leathers and Dwight Hull of Eldorado; Jewell Loveland and Phil Nichols of LaHarpe; Dale Woolsey and Leonard Dodd of Parker; Raymond Madill and Raymond Frederich of Chanute. The speeches were rated superior, excellent and good. Each boy received a blue, red, or white ribbon according to his rating. Leonard Dodd of Parker and James Leathers of Eldorado, received superior rating....Our chapter held a pest eradication contest, which closed March 24. A certain number of points were given for each pest caught. The Freshmen won with 1645 points....Our president Raymond Madill has been elected to the National Honor Society....Our department had an exhibit at the Trade School Open House April 3. The exhibit included Shop, Class Room, F.F.A. and Farming Program....Our basketball team won 6 games and lost 1 with other chapters. The second team won 5 and lost 2....Our Poultry Judging team placed first in the S.E.K. district contest at Cherryvale, and tenth at Ottawa; the team consisted of Dean Smith, Raymond Madill, Bennie Hanson, and Merle Tennis. The Crops team, Dean Smith, Raymond Madill, Glenn Neely, Bennie Hanson, Floyd Adams and Lloyd Adams placed third at the Howard contest.

--Phillip Cooper, Reporter

Chapter News(Continued)

Simpson: Our chapter held its annual Parent-Son banquet March 17. There were 73 present. One hundred per cent of the members were present. This is the second banquet that has been held. We plan to have one each year in the future. Most of the food was donated by the boys in order to cut down the expenses. Professor H. H. Brown of Manhattan gave the main address of the evening. Our president Corwin Freeman, acted as toastmaster....Our chapter recently made a Minnesota oat seed treater which was demonstrated and sold at a Farm Bureau meeting. The treater cost \$2.60 to make and was sold for \$3.25. Another treater was immediately made to loan out to the farmers of this community. The main purpose of this is to get the farmers to treat their seed for smut....The new High School gymnasium recently completed, furnished the boys with scrap lumber for shop work. Some of the things made were feed bunks for sheep, feed troughs, large chicken feeders and baby chick feeders, and hog troughs....Our president Corwin Freeman won the Union Pacific railroad scholarship for Mitchell County. He is also our candidate for State Farmer.... We are selling garden seed to make money for our chapter....Our livestock team is composed of Ray Huffman, Dale Berneking, Neal Bourghty, Charley Gamble, and Eugene Prewitt. Mr. Bradley will take this group to Manhattan for practice judging.

--Paul Jones, Reporter

Burlington: Donald Hoss, John Janerniq, Eldon Scharff, Frank Decker, Joe Winn, Glenn Powell, Wilbur Hugett, Delbert Nelmer, Floyd Lewis, Jacob Schneider, Harold Hammond, William Dornes met the necessary qualifications to become members of the Junior Poultry Club sponsored by the Burlington Chamber of Commerce. They received 100 White Rock chicks to raise. The classes also received 500 chicks as a class project....April 4 all members of the three Vocational Agriculture classes will spend the day visiting the farms of the county where the S.C.S. has done good work. During the month of March we visited all projects. Most of them were in good shape. The best ones were: Freshmen: Frank Decker; Sophomores, Carl Calvert; Advanced, Richard Keith....Dean Redding, Carl Calvert, Donald Banen and Earl Simmons were advanced to the Future Farmer Degree at our last meeting March 28....Our basket ball teams completed the season by taking two out of three games with the Melvern teams....Estel Schennerhom, Richard Keith, Jacob Schneider, and Robert Waver, together with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Miller, attended the F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest at Chanute....We hope to have entries in the shop and judging contests at Manhattan if the team members get through with the "mumps" by that time. Those training are: Richard Keith, Jacob Schneider, Robert Waver, Estel Schermerhom, Wilbur Hugett, Archie DeLong and Herbert Kelley..

Archie DeLong, Reporter

Clifton: The Clifton chapter of Future Farmers has just been organized with twelve members. The following officers were elected: James Wood, president; Henry Tillinghast, vice president; Robert Peterson, secretary; Lyle Young, treasurer; Burton Tillinghast, reporter; Frank Harrison, sergeant-at-arms; Ralph Ferron, program chairman; J. W. Jordan, Advisor. We have received our charter and were initiated by the Linn chapter, April 4. We have an average of 2 1-3 projects per member in our farming programs....Some of the activities now in progress are: building a hotbed, selling garden seeds, treating seed potatoes, treating grain for smut, and conducting a pest eradication contest. We plan to landscape the grounds around the new shop, sponsor entries and exhibits at the county fairs, sponsor a county crops contest, conduct a project tour, have a horseshoe tournament among the members, and organize a pugball team.

--Burton Tillinghast, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Paxico: Our poultry judging team entered the Seneca Annual Poultry Judging Contest February 11. We placed seventh in a field of sixteen teams. Harold Michaelis tied for fourth high honors in the contest in judging all classes of poultry. Our team was composed of Harold Michaelis, Ben Michaelis, Ralph Glotzbach, and George Muckenthaler. Harold, Ben, and Ralph are Sophomores, and George is a Freshman. Raymond Freeby, Gussie Stork, Winston Barthuly, and Edwin Stambaugh were also in the contest....Our chapter held a joint meeting with the Home Economics class February 9. This meeting was held in place of one of our regular monthly meetings. The program consisted of short talks and readings by members of both organizations. Our president, Bernard Mienhardt, presided at the meeting....The F.F.A. boys are selling garden seeds in an effort to increase the balance in the treasury....We entertained the Home Economics girls with a skating party March 29. The girls entertained the boys earlier in the school year....The shop boys are very busy at present with two self-feeders, several hog troughs, and many small projects under construction.

Winston Barthuly, Reporter

Wellsville: The Wellsville judging team have attended the Ottawa Poultry Contest and the Crops Contest at Lawrence. Junior Crist, Russell McConnell, Jim Loftus, Lloyd Russell, Royce Myers have judged....December 24 our chapter bought thirty-two western ewes. Sixteen were put out with Russell McConnell on shares and sixteen are being kept at school for a class project....We are working on a display of shop jobs. We are getting the use of a store building on Main street. Some of the projects we plan to display are: reconditioned sulky plow, walking plow, cultivator, corn binder, and mowing machine, chicken feeders made from sheet metal, wooden feeders and hay racks, an all metal frame tractor trailer constructed by the use of the acetylene welding equipment, a kitchen sink cabinet, which is a part of a farm plumbing job, a wall tool cabinet rack with reconditioned tools and numerous other small projects.

Alfred Miesel, Reporter

Washington: The Washington F.F.A. chapter was host to a real Christmas party December 23. Some of the more handsome gents brought their favorite sweeties but a few of them came single-handed. The party began with a gang in the high school study hall after which games were played and songs sung. At a late hour refreshments of home made ice cream and cake were served. The ice cream was made by the F.F.A. boys and the cakes were made by the mothers....Last fall the vocational agriculture boys harvested the sorghum variety test on the Merritt farm and sent it to Kansas State College at Manhattan where the yield was determined. The western blackhull kafir gave the largest yield per acre with a total of 62.7 bushels per acre and eleven tons of silage....Edward Wohlgenuth, Bob Combs, Kenneth Bowers, Charles Merritt, Loren Oliver, John Ditmars, Roy Davenport, Bill Neff, Verlin Stratton, and Wayne Neu, went to Junction City, Kansas, Saturday where they entered a poultry judging contest. Out of 50 participating, Washington placed sixth....Washington entered the poultry judging contest at Seneca and Concordia this year.

--Kenneth Bowers, Reporter

"The victory of success is half won when one gains the habit of work".

--Sarah A. Bolton

Chapter News (Continued)

Argonia: The Argonia agriculture boys attended the tractor show at Wichita. ...The Sophomore boys are all planning to take third year agriculture and will continue with the poultry project....There are thirteen boys in the class. We are going to buy 125 one month old Leghorns. To get the money to finance the project we sold shares to the boys of the Sophomore class. Each share was \$1. The students could buy as many shares as they wanted....The F.F.A. will have a contest of selling subscriptions to the Farm Journal magazine....The agriculture classes are busy now trimming shrubbery and pruning trees and different kinds of berries. At the present time there are under construction in our shop two chicken hoppers, three mash feeders, 60 feet of lattice fencing, two trellis, one arch way, one storage cabinet. Several of the boys are working on the chicken house. We are putting in a new straw loft, putting tar on the cracks on the floor. We have planted oats in the chicken yard to furnish pasture.

--Dale Wacker, Reporter

Atwood: Fourteen agricultural students were initiated as Green Hands recently. ...On March 2 we held our first annual Parent-Son banquet. The chapter officers told about the chapter activities. The guest speakers were Mr. Fred Gatlin, who gave the response for the parents, and Professor H. H. Brown of K.S.C. who told us about State officers' farming programs. The music was furnished by vocational agriculture students....Our Colby Milo project was quite successful. A 50 cents share returned 75 pounds of certified seed worth 5 cents per pound. Any chapters interested in growing Colby Milo may write to Ben Niermeier, our secretary....Among the shop jobs we recently made were: nine portable hog houses, a loading chute, and a seed treater....Our livestock and our shop judging teams will compete in the State contests.

--Elmer Timm, Reporter

Berryton: The Berryton chapter took in fifteen Green Hands at the February meeting...The F.F.A. treated their parents to a three course dinner, the evening of February 21. The boys were assisted in the planning and preparation of the meal by the Home Economics girls. More than 100 people were served by the girls. The boys who gave talks were Ralph Breeding, Dan Koger, Merton Wilch, Perry Schurr, and Galen Woodward. A one-act play was presented by Lee Moeller, Galen Woodward, Arthur Worthungton, Keith Leonard, Melvin Coultis, and Irvin Leonard. The banquet was financed by community service activities of the chapter....The chapter has just sold the fattening hogs which were used to convert the corn crop. They were housed at the Jordan farm. Glenn Jordan cared for the hogs. Our present shop jobs are seed treating equipment, gate, cement jobs, hog crate, two stitching horses, and plumbing installation, and doubletrees.

Reporter

Emporia: Our chapter has planted 100 trees on the school grounds of seven grade schools and the Junior and Senior high. Twenty-five also were planted in Soden's Grove. The boys planted the trees in the grove in cooperation with the Girl Scouts. The trees were planted March 31, the day set aside by the Governor as Arbor Day. The F.F.A. members explained tree planting to the grade school children....The class took up a very interesting project recently. We learned to tie knots used on the farm, also how to whip the ends of ropes and splice ropes....Our chapter is selling garden seeds to raise money. The money will be used to help buy unionalls for each chapter member....Bill Smelser is mounting an owl for our ritual equipment.

--Lloyd Lewis, Reporter

Chapter Notes (Concluded)

Ford: The chapter has recently purchased 300 White Plymouth Rock chicks. They plan to keep 85-100 pullets for a laying flock and sell hatching eggs to the Fairmont Creamery Company. Mr. McCandless, our sponsor, has been coaching the judging team and is planning to enter them in the Hays contest and also sponsoring a contest in which the boys will enter....The chapter has also purchased a Purina chick brooder and is carrying out an experiment on 30 chicks, feeding them on Startena. They are planning to buy an electric caponizing set and do custom caponizing. The group has culled 1,000 hens for persons of the surrounding community....The three vocational agriculture classes have been sponsoring a tree planting program and have planted trees on the city park and local cemetery. We are planning to sponsor a field day consisting of several field events and games. An entry fee will be charged and prizes will be given to winners in different events. There will be refreshments served on the grounds.

--Floyd E. Ricker, Reporter

LaCygne: Our chapter held its first Father-Son banquet March 17. Covers were laid for 75. Allen Tribby, chapter president presided, and Elmer Griffin was toastmaster. Mr. C. O. Banta of Ottawa, was guest speaker of the evening. In speaking of the Future Farmer organization, Mr. Banta said that the boys should do all the planning and work and the fathers should advise them only. Mr. Braun, vocational agriculture instructor gave a talk on the history of vocational agriculture in the LaCygne high school and an outline of the work done by the classes this year. He then introduced the charter members who are in school. Other numbers were: Guitar and vocal solo, Glen Lindsey; Reading, Ray Patterson; Welcome to Fathers, Superintendent L. E. Smith; Response, Mr. Lark Kyle; Harp Solo, Mr. J. H. Neff; "The Future Farmer Creed", Billy Hurley. Another enjoyable number was the songs sung by five boys, dressed as cow hands and farmers, coached by Mr. Williams, the music instructor. The meeting was closed with the closing ceremony. The banquet was a great success and the boys hope to make it an annual affair.

Kenneth Walker, Reporter.

Ramona: The boys are now planning their improvement project for this coming year. Because a rural electrification line is running through our community, most of the boys will have a problem in installing electrical equipment.... Five boys attended the Hereford day at Hillsboro and Wilbur Hanchu was fourth highest ranking individual....We are planning on using the bus to make a tour of all boys' projects near the close of school....One project our chapter has is landscaping our school ground. We are planning to set out more shrubbery in the next few weeks....At our last program a paper was read in which each member wrote an article about some other boy's project. Mr. Shagoul, principal at Dunlap, told us some funny Irish yarns. For recreation a short basketball tourney was played.

--Verdin Liddell, Reporter

Wakefield: We are carrying three poultry projects, a laying project started last fall, a broiler project of 100 Buff Orphington cockerels, started February 6, and 100 certified White Leghorn sexed pullets to be placed in the laying house this fall....To help in our cooperative activities, we have pruned trees, sold garden and flower seed, helped the F.H.A. girls serve at the music festival. We also are planning to help sod several yards with buffalo grass. We have attended three contests this year; poultry contests at Junction City and Concordia, and a crops contest at Miltonvale.

--Reporter