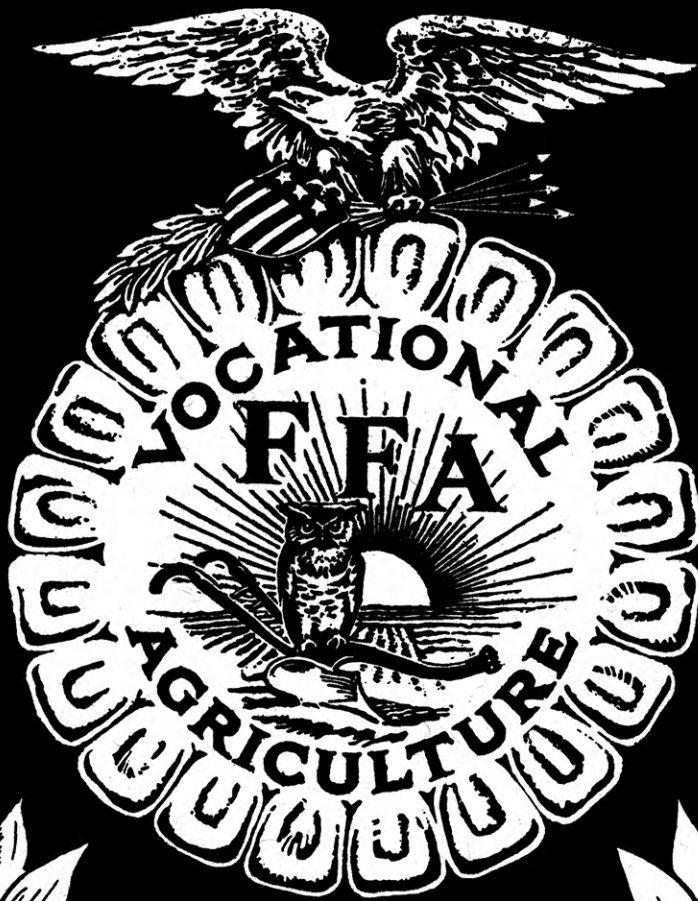


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F.F.A. CALENDAR

State Farmer candidate's current year's record book if called for..April 13
Public Speaking entry and manuscript due.....April 13
Better Chapter Contest report due.....April 20
Twelfth Annual Meeting of Kansas Association..... April 29-30

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CONGRATULATIONS

The State Association of Future Farmers of America is happy to report the addition of three new chapters to the State Association during the past month. Two of the chapters chartered, Kincaid and Phillipsburg, are in departments established this year.

The Longford chapter was chartered February 15, 1940, with 21 members. Irwin Wagner is advisor of the Longford chapter. Officers are Orrel Mack, president; Calvin Binder, vice president; Lawrence Bull, secretary; Eugene Marrs, treasurer; Ralph Wedd, reporter.

February 15, 1940, the Phillipsburg chapter was also chartered. Phillipsburg has a membership of 23. Paul Beyerlein is president; Arnold Vogel, vice president; Wallace Hanchett, secretary; Bob Buckley, treasurer; Milan Brumit, reporter.

Gene Ferguson is the president of the Kincaid chapter which has a membership of 59 boys. Dale Edleblute is the advisor of this chapter. Other officers are Lester Garver, vice president; Jack Lombard, secretary; Donald Smart, treasurer; Wayne Howarter, reporter.

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ANNOUNCING

The dates, April 29 and 30 have been designated as the dates for the Twelfth Annual Conference of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. Pamphlets and entry blanks for the vocational agriculture judging and farm mechanics contests and F.F.A. contests are being mailed out this week.

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT KINDSCHI SPEAKING

This is your national president speaking to you from Wisconsin. I wish that it were possible for me to contact each of you personally, but as that is impossible, I want you to feel that this is directed, not only to your State Association and to your local chapter, but also to you as an individual member.

You have heard that "a chain is no stronger than its weakest link"? Have you ever wondered what the weakest link in F.F.A. is?

A short time ago I was asked this question: "If you could make a change in the F.F.A. what would it be?". What would you have answered? (If you have something in mind, I'd like to hear from you.) I answered the question in this manner. "I would have more fellows know more about F.F.A.". Do we have to just sit and wish that we, as members, understood more about our organization? I say emphatically, NO!! Let's make a special effort in every local chapter to have each member more thoroughly informed about F.F.A.!

I believe the development of a chapter library is an excellent step in that direction. For some of you, a library is not new - for others it is. To the chapters who are planning to start a library, perhaps it would be advisable to plan for an "F.F.A. shelf". To other chapters having libraries, perhaps there is need for culling and there is always a need for new additions. (I am of the opinion that each and every chapter, if not every member should have a copy of "Forward F.F.A." written by W. A. Ross, our national executive secretary.)

Through your F.F.A. news letter I have enjoyed following the accomplishments of your chapters and state association. Continue your good work! If I can be of any service to you at any time feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan H. Kindschi

Ivan H. Kindschi, Nat'l President
Prairie De Sac, Wisconsin Chapter

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SALE

THE AMERICAN FARM YOUTH, a national magazine published for young farmers, recently carried a news story of the annual Future Farmers of America farm machinery sale conducted by the Shawnee Mission F.F.A. chapter at Merriam, Kansas. The article was written by Mr. H. D. Garver, advisor of the Shawnee Mission chapter, and told an interesting story of the origin of this annual event and the value of such a sale to the farm youth. The results of such an activity, Mr. Garver says, cannot be measured in dollars and cents. The annual sale is conducted entirely by the members of the Shawnee Mission chapter, and through participation in this cooperative project, the boys are given valuable training in team work and business management. The ability of the members of the Shawnee Mission chapter to carry on such an activity was clearly demonstrated by the fact that not a single mistake was made by the boys in handling the sale business. The chapter realized a profit of more than \$65 from the receipts of the sale.

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F.F.A. NATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1939-1940

1. MEMBERSHIP
Strive to increase membership.
Goal - 240,000 active members by the Thirteenth National Convention.
2. MANUALS
Stimulate more 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.
3. SECRETARY AND TREASURER BOOKS
Continue to make available official Chapter Secretary and Chapter Treasurer books and encourage their use.
Goal - 100 per cent of the chapters using both of these books.
4. UNIFORMS
Encourage more extensive use of official uniforms by members.
Goal - 100 per cent of State officers and 100 per cent of chapter delegates to State Association convention attired in official uniforms.
5. PARAPHERNALIA
Encourage use of appropriate standard F.F.A. paraphernalia in connection with all F.F.A. gatherings.
Goal - 100 per cent participation by chapters and State Association.
6. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT
The national organization and each State Association to encourage and assist in a campaign to further familiarize members with F.F.A. merchandise available.
7. LIBRARIES
Encourage and assist chapters to build up libraries.
Goal - 85 per cent of chapters having libraries. Each chapter library to have at least one inspirational book on F.F.A.
8. THRIFT
Encourage chapters to cooperate in earning chapter money and to buy and sell supplies and products cooperatively.
Goal - 75 per cent chapter participation.
9. CEREMONIES
Create greater interest in the use of the official Opening and Closing Ceremonies by using these ceremonies at regular meetings.
Goal - 100 per cent chapter participation.
10. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
Encourage improvement in the conduct of chapter meetings through the use of accepted parliamentary procedure.
Goal - 100 per cent chapter participation
11. PUBLIC SPEAKING
Encourage greater member participation in the Public Speaking contest.
Goal - 100 per cent of membership taking part in the first elimination event in the class room.
12. HOME IMPROVEMENT
Encourage home improvement projects among members.
Goal - 95 per cent of membership reporting home improvements under way or completed.

F.F.A. National Program of Work for 1939-40 (Concluded)

13. FIRE PREVENTION
Encourage and improve fire prevention and control through education and demonstration.
Goal - 100 per cent chapter participation.
14. CONSERVATION
Encourage continuous conservation programs including work with soils, water, trees, prevention of forest fires, and cooperation with various conservation organizations.
Goal - 100 per cent chapter and 80 per cent member participation.
15. LIVESTOCK LOSS PREVENTION
Continue to cooperate with the Livestock Loss Prevention Board in making surveys and in other ways to work to reduce livestock losses.
16. STATE CAMPS AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Encourage establishing and maintaining permanent State camps with leadership training schools held in connection with these camps, and encourage States to hold district leadership training conferences.
Goal - 100 per cent of States participating.
17. STATE MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS
Encourage the organization and continuance of State bands, and other musical organizations working toward a national F.F.A. band.
Goal - 60 per cent of States participating.
18. STATE PUBLICATIONS
Encourage establishing and maintaining official State F.F.A. publications and their exchange with other State associations.
Goal - 100 per cent State participation and each State president to receive copies.
19. STATE RADIO BROADCASTS
Encourage State Radio broadcasts operating on a systematic basis.
Goal - 75 per cent State participation.
20. STATE PRODUCTS EXHIBIT
States to prepare displays for the Thirteenth National Convention. Score card to be developed by the National Board of Trustees and States rating 90 per cent or better be given some sort of recognition.
21. NATIONAL OFFICER VISITS
Arrange as far as possible to have some national officer visit each association during the year.
Goal - 100 per cent States visited.
22. NATIONAL F.F.A. DAY
Date set for Tuesday of National Convention Week, November 1940. Provision to be made for special national broadcasts. Request local chapters to listen in and also schedule special public programs for that day.
23. DEGREE ADVANCEMENT
Encourage early and systematic preparation on the part of all members wishing to advance in degree membership.
24. PROCEEDINGS
Publish and distribute to every State Association, chapter and official delegate to the national convention the Proceedings of the 12th convention.
25. NATIONAL F.F.A. CAMP
Finish paying for the camp site and prepare a comprehensive plan for developing and maintaining this camp.
26. RELATIONSHIP WITH KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS
Continue to maintain contact with and assist other organizations patterned after the F.F.A. both in U.S.A. and in foreign lands.

LOAVES AND FISHES

The Seaman F.F.A. chapter furnished the meat course for 160 people at their annual banquet held February 28 for the actual cash outlay of one dollar. This sounds like thin slicing to us. One wonders if the new electric is more efficient than the time honored Gillette for keeping within the budget (\$1) allowed for meat on such occasions. At any rate the Seaman boys claim to have accomplished this feat and sent their customers home satisfied. Baked ham was the piece de resistance listed on the menu, and we hope there is no state law preventing a chapter from running through a couple shoulders under this guise. The story of the budget balancing miracle follows:

A choice gilt from the FFA group project was butchered by the class, hams and shoulders baked and served at the banquet. The value of the hog on the market at the date of butchering was.....	\$12.50
Sale of "baked ham" left over from the banquet, other meat, and the lard rendered.....	\$11.50
Total actual cash for meat furnished 160 persons.....	\$ 1.00

This plan of presenting the costs is termed "country bookkeeping" by certain metropolitan writers. We used this method in order that teacher trainers and supervisors might be able to comprehend. Of course such things as light, fuel, labor, especially labor, should not be charged against a project as interesting as furnishing meat for the annual FFA banquet. We take our hats off to the Seaman boys and plan to call this item to the attention of the heirs and assignees of the late Fred Harvey.

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FFA 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 17, at 10:00 a. m. The meeting will convene in the office of Dean L. E. Call, Division of Agriculture. The principal business of the meeting will be a review of the State and American Farmer applications. Members of the State Executive Committee are: Supervisor L. B. Pollom, State Supervisor of Agriculture; Dr. W. E. Grimes, head of the Department of Economics and Sociology; Professor A. P. Davidson, State Executive Advisor; Mr. Lee Raines, president of the KVAA; Paul Kelley, president of the Kansas Association of F.F.A.

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AMERICAN ROYAL DATES

Word has just been received that the 1940 American Royal dates are November 9-16. This means that the dates of the Thirteenth National Convention of FFA automatically fall on November 11, 12, 13, and 14.

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WINS FIRST PLACE

Our congratulations are extended Wilbur Blake of the Clay Center FFA chapter whose project story won first place in the "Project Story Contest" conducted by the AMERICAN FARM YOUTH MAGAZINE. Wilbur was a member of the 1939 class of Kansas State Farmers. His project story printed in the February issue of the American Farm Youth magazine follows:

When I started to high school I enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. For my first project I bought a purebred Hereford heifer for \$33.50. The next spring I planted five acres of Kansas orange cane. I got 53 bushels of seed and 8 tons of feed for my share. During that summer (1937) my brother and I found a gilt pig weighing 35 lbs. and I bought his share for \$3.00.

In my sophomore year I had a cow and steer calf. My gilt farrowed nine pigs that I fed out. I made a profit of \$80 on them. They sold for top price. My grandfather rented me 31 acres for wheat on the fifty-fifty basis. Wheat wasn't a very good price and I failed to make much profit.

The next spring I planted five acres of Atlas Sargo, but it didn't produce any seed. Our FFA sent for some hybrid corn. I planted a half acre and got sixteen bushels of corn.

During my junior year my cow raised a heifer calf but she failed in production so I sold her when stock cows were high priced. I still had my steer and heifer. After selling my cow I purchased a purebred heifer from my father. My sow farrowed ten pigs, which I sold for \$7.00 per head at weaning time. Our FFA chapter bought a carload of western ewes. I took seven head, but I didn't have a very large lamb per cent. Four of my ewes were old so I had to sell them. I also had five acres of feed and 33 acres of wheat on the two-thirds basis.

That year I won my State Farmer degree. I was on the judging team and was in the upper ten in several divisions at the state contest.

In the summer of 1939 I sold my sow and litter because hogs were going lower. I bought three more Hampshire ewes and a Hampshire buck.

I am a senior in high school now and I have two purebred Hereford heifers and eight head of western sheep. For crops project I have 23 acres of wheat and some ground that is infected with bindweed that I am going to plant to feed. I have some more ground that I am going to sow to oats. Next year I plan to have a larger and better livestock and crop project.

In shop I have made an A-shaped hog house, feed bunk, four chicken feeders and many other things.

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OFFICERS

Questions come to us from time to time regarding who may hold office in the F.F.A. State Association and chapters thereof. In order to clear up any possible misunderstanding attention is called to the following provision found in Section E, Article VI, of the national constitution: ".....Two years after the State Association has been chartered all State officers shall have attained the State Farmer degree. Officers in local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of Future Farmers after the chapter has been established in any given school for one year or longer."

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CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

1. What chapter furnished the meat course for 160 people at their F.F.A. banquet for an actual cash outlay of \$1.00? How was this accomplished?
2. Would you be satisfied with 63 per cent egg production over a period of 30 days in a turkey project if you were able to receive 15 cents per egg? Read about the cooperative turkey project carried by one of the western Kansas chapters.
3. One Kansas chapter grossed \$150 on the sale of reconditioned farm machinery. Are you familiar with the details of this money making venture?
4. What item of especial interest to cattle growers has been added to the list of pests in a pest eradication control contest being sponsored by a western Kansas chapter?
5. What plans are being executed by a south central Kansas chapter in making available Fulton oats, a promising new variety?
6. Banding elm trees on the high school property was a means of earning money by what chapter in eastern Kansas?
7. What eastern Kansas chapter earned \$65 for its treasury by conducting an amateur hour contest?
8. The Green Hand members of a central Kansas chapter have effected an organization of their own. Can you name the two principal purposes of this "inner" organization?

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ADVISORS EMBLEM

Attention is called to the fact that all F.F.A. Advisors are now entitled to wear the owl pin of special design formerly worn only by collegiate chapter members. All emblems may be had with screw back, button attachment or safety clasp as desired. The advisor's pin comes in bronze at 21 cents and gold plate at 23 cents.

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RANK

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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Notice from W. A. Ross, national executive secretary of the F.F.A., informs us that arrangements are being made with the L. G. Balfour Co., to manufacture for sale a suitable gold emblem pin in the identical size and style of the present Green Hand, and Future Farmer pin for the Honorary degree member. These pins are not to be worn by active members.

CHAPTER NEWS

HOWARD: The Howard chapter held their annual parent and son banquet February 10 in the high school building. Most of the food was donated by the boys. The girls of the vocational homemaking department under the direction of Miss Cynthia Payne, prepared and served a fine dinner consisting of chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, cabbage supreme salad, hot rolls, jelly, celery, pickles, banana cake with whipped cream and coffee. The tables were colorfully decorated with candles and individual favors which carried out the chapter colors of national blue and gold. Allen Loyd Jr., president of the chapter acted as toastmaster. The following program was given: Invocation, Rev. E. P. Fisher; Opening Ceremony, F.F.A. Officers; Roll Call and Introduction of Guests; Welcome, Albert Andrews; Response, Mrs. L. F. Winn; Initiation of Honorary Members; Talk, Green Hand Degree, Eugene Coble; Future Farmer Degree, George Winn; State Farmer Degree, Billy Pfrehm; F.F.A. Activities, Loren Kling. At the close of this part of the program Mr. Bergsma introduced Mr. L. F. Hall of the office of Vocational Education, who had charge of the showing of an F.F.A. picture. Mr. Hall prefaced the picture with a few explanatory remarks. After this all adjourned to the high school auditorium where the picture was shown and three numbers were sung by the boys' quartette composed of Jimmy Sexton, Dickie Heisler, Richard Young, and Kenneth Walters. They were accompanied at the piano by Mr. Yonder. Eighty members and guests attended and J. Farr Brown was made an honorary member of the organization. Guests of the chapter besides the parents were: C. H. Lange, Homer Yoder, Roderick Holmes, E. N. Elder, Ralph Perkins Sr., Clay Reams, A. K. Rader, Frank Squier, E. B. Henry, Dr. F. R. Reid, L. F. Hall and L. B. Wisner.

--Allen Loyd, Reporter

ELLIS: January 9 the F.F.A. bought a 250 lb. hog, butchered it on the 11th and raffled it off on the 12th. We cleared \$7.90 on the hog....January 29 was the date set for our FFA banquet. Our president, Albert Pfieler, was absent. Marvin Hamburg, vice president presided. The program consisted of an invocation by L. R. Vaniman. The meal of three courses was served by the Homemaking girls. While the meal was being served Dorothy Nickolson played several popular numbers on the piano. There were 79 people present. Immediately after the banquet we had two short talks. Bruce Rathbun spoke on Farming Programs, and Mr. Nicholson, president of the School Board, talked on Agriculture and Banking. Following the closing ceremonies, Mr. L. F. Hall of Kansas State College, showed an interesting movie talkie, "Future Farmers at Work"....We have organized an FFA basketball team and have played local teams. We are planning on organizing a soft ball team....In vocational agriculture class work, the junior class is practicing the classification of seed samples and judging of livestock.

Bill Keal, Reporter

NEODESHA: Twelve boys and their instructor attended the Tractor Show at Wichita. This grand show was enjoyed by all the students attending....March 6 the Neodesha chapter held a regular monthly meeting which was called Sports Night. This consisted of weight lifting, boxing, wrestling, rope climbing, and chinning. The winner in each division received a prize.

--William Wilson, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

GOODLAND: The Goodland chapter has carried several cooperative and class projects during the present year of school. The chief objective of these projects is that the boys may learn by actually participating in the planning and carrying to completion the various projects in live stock, crops and farm mechanics which are carried on in the farm shop at the high school, under the guidance of Mr. Loren E. Whipps, vocational agriculture instructor. During the month of August and early part of September two hundred bred ewes were purchased by the boys. The ewes were purchased from local ranchers who make a business of selling ewes. We are fortunate in having two local banks which lend the boys the necessary amount of money to finance the purchasing of these ewes. The boys at the present time have averaged slightly over 100 per cent in their lamb crop. These early lambs will be finished out and sold on the May and June market. The wool crop will be sheared and marketed cooperatively by the boys....During the spring of 1939 thirty selected bronze hens and three well selected toms were chosen with which to begin the turkey project. The flock was purchased January 1 and placed in their respective laying pens on a balanced ration which was prepared by the boys. A careful record of feed cost and eggs gathered was kept during the month of April. 570 eggs were gathered during this month which represented the peak of their production, and the eggs were sold for 15 cents each to a local hatchery. Part of the money was used for purchasing 200 poults which were brooded in the shop by the boys and later put on range where they were grown and carried to maturity for the fall market. The birds were killed, dressed, cooled, and shipped to the eastern market thus giving the boys a complete cycle of experience in the production of turkeys. This year the chapter is carrying a turkey laying flock of 93 hens....A third cooperative project which the F.F.A. boys have shown considerable interest in is in planning the beautification and protection of their home farm steads by the use of trees. During the spring of 1939 300 Chinese elms were purchased by the chapter from the Fort Hays Experiment Station. The trees were planted in a chapter nursery and cared for until the following spring, after which the trees have been carefully pruned, and as soon as the frost has left the ground the trees will be transplanted on the boys various home farms. They plan to expand this project by purchasing and setting out 1200 Chinese Elm trees for the coming year. This project was financed through the money collected in the FFA treasury....A fourth class project the chapter has carried out this season is the preparation or butchering of well finished pork and beef on the boys home farms. Due to the fact that pork can be produced on the home farm for 35 per cent less than it can be bought over the block the chapter feels this project is worth the time and effort. Twelve hogs and two beefs have been butchered during the season this year. The majority of the meat is cooled and stored in meat lockers at a local ice and cold storage plant.

--Lowell Harding, Reporter

HILL CITY: Our officers are Floyd Ninemire, president; Dwane Nickole, vice president; William Glenn, secretary; Edwin Herman, treasurer; Bob Engleman, reporter....Our chapter worked very hard through the last of December and the first of January remodeling and painting our school shop. Some of the things accomplished were: installed an electric drill, made a stand for the grinder and gave the shop a complete paint job. On January 10 we voted in 15 new members, then on January 12 held the initiation ceremony for the Green Hands. The Vocational 10 and 11 boys are working for the Oberlin contest.

--Bob Engleman, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

SHAWNEE MISSION: Our third annual farm machinery sale held March 9 included the following: 2 mowers, 3 hay rakes, 2 discs, 3 cultivators, 1 drill, 2 weeders, 3 harrows, 1 gas engine, several concrete lawn rollers, rope halters, and other small items. All machines were painted in FFA colors of blue and yellow. Conrad Flinn was manager again this year. The sale grossed \$150.We participated in the KMBC radio contest February 17. Our subject was "Farm Machinery". Twenty-three boys participated....The Smith brothers of Shawnee Mission chapter are keeping up their scholarship record. Floyd a sophomore at Kansas State College, won this year's Alpha Zeta award, Walter ranked first among the boys in this year's senior class of about 170, and is entitled to take the Summerfield examination at K. U. He plans however, to enter Kansas State next fall. Both Floyd and Walter are State Farmers, each represented this chapter in the state FFA public speaking contest and on the judging teams. George, the youngest of the brothers and a sophomore here has always been on the school honor roll....A special room has been built for our hen battery. It is large enough to house a battery brooder which we expect to have by next year....Albert Van Walleghan and Robert Rieke have charge of our hot bed this year. They sowed tomatoes in February....About 40 members are planning to take the Washington, D. C. trip next spring. In addition to our farm machinery sale, a benefit card party and a minstrel show will be given to help raise money for the trip....This year's judging team will be chosen from the following upper classmen trying out: Phil Erickson, Earl Hartman, Ben Martin, Albert Van Walleghan, George Smith, Lawrence Zillhart, Donald Lawrence, Fred Seager.

--Ben Martin, Reporter

MCDONALD: October 1, 1939, a pest eradication contest was started between the sophomores and the junior agriculture classes. The juniors defeated the sophomores 22 points. The number of pests eradicated were: rats 21, mice 82, sparrows 341, rabbits 306, skunk and civet cats 74, crows 4, magpies 10, coyotes 4, hawks 8, ground squirrels 3, rattle snakes 2. Another pest contest started February 19, between the freshman class and the junior class, which is to close May 1. The boys decided to add cattle warbles to this contest.The FFA seed treater has been finished and we will charge a small fee to treat seed for anybody who wishes to have seed treated....At our last FFA meeting February 5, we had the Rawlins county agent, Rawleigh Flanders as a visitor, and he showed us some technicolor pictures on making adobe poultry houses, and some pictures on smuted sorghum and sorghums that had been treated for smut that didnt have smut in it or on the field of sorghum....The McDonald Future Farmers are going to hold their parents and son banquet the latter part of March and the FFA boys are all disappointed that Mr. L. F. Hall cannot be here to show us the film, "Future Farmers at Work"....We held our annual FFA date party December 19, with 20 members present and those who weren't there had to pay a small fine of 25 cents. There were seven members absent and the money was put into the treasury....Leonard Wilkinson is a candidate for the State Farmer degree this year. He is the treasurer of the FFA chapter.

--William Cahoj, Reporter

"Lord give me grace to catch a fish
So big that even I,
When talking of it afterwards,
Will never need to lie".

Chapter News (Continued)

SOUTH HAVEN: We are seeding our five acre plot to Fulton oats on March 1. We used a subsoiler on part of the tract to break through the hard layer just below the surface soil, and also fertilized about two acres with Anaconda Treble Superphosphate. We are placing about 20 bushels of Fulton oats among FFA members and neighbors at the rate of about 4 bushels per place. If they do well this should give a very good start of Fulton oats in this community,Dale Hamilton, Truman Miller, Raymond Scott, Arlis Troutman, and Melvin Mason attended the annual meeting of the Kingman Production Credit Association February 13 at Kingman. All of these boys have Production Credit loans. Dale gave a 10-minute talk on our organization and how we have used and are using Production Credit. Over 400 stockholders and visitors attended the meeting. Dale and our advisor were both holders of lucky numbers in the cash drawings made there. Truman answered a Professor Quiz question and was awarded an Eversharp pencil....Several boys are planting a small plot of hybrid seed corn due to our advisor again being lucky enough to draw some seed at a hybrid seed corn meeting. Corn hasn't made much in this vicinity for several years, but a number of farmers are still willing to try again....We conducted a rodent catching contest. Our points amounted to over 4600. Approximately 1200 sparrows, 2500 starlings, and 300 rats were turned in, and also a few mice. Starlings are comparatively new here, but have taken charge of some barns rather completely. We have not experienced the extreme circumstances related by some about starlings, but our observations of them have caused us to believe them undesirable inhabitants of our barns....We held our annual Father and Son banquet March 11. Professor L. F. Hall from the state office was present and showed the film, "Future Farmers at Work"....Our January 1 inventories showed almost \$6000 invested in Farming Programs by boys now regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture classes, an average of approximately \$125 per boy enrolled....We played two games of basketball with Arkansas City, January 30. We were unable to win the second team game, but won the first team game by about five points. The Arkansas City boys expect to return the games if it is possible to schedule a date for them....Due to impassable roads and the severe weather recently our regular night meetings have been suffering some. In order to transact business we held a noon lunch meeting Wednesday February 28. About 40 boys were present. Hot chocolate was served to go with the lunch brought by each boy. Many boys expressed the desire to repeat this type of meeting. We expect to hold a special night meeting soon....We now have 47 paid up members and expect that number to be increased in the next few days....Our sophomore sheep project of eight ewes has an addition of 8 lambs which now average about 35 lbs. each. This is in addition to regular farming programs carried by boys in the sophomore class....The Junior class treated 60 bushels of oats for a farmer recently. They learned the job very well and expect to treat all the seed they sow from now on. However, it is not considered by them that they should custom treat more seed oats due to the fact that they would lose much class time, the chemical is irritating to the nose, throat, and lungs, and only a very small amount of profit could be realized by so doing. We consider it a service to farmers in our community if we provide a treater and encourage its use.

--Raymond Frye, Reporter

"The best safety device is just above the ears".

Chapter News (Continued)

OLATHE: The Green Hand officers are all from the No. 9 class and are as follows: Tom Ewing, president; Kenneth Tippin, vice president; Donald Hoff, secretary; Franklin Evans, reporter; Cecil Tunison, treasurer; Ralph Hale, watch dog....An oratorical contest was held for the Green Hands. Donald Hoff was first, Charles Thompson, second, and Kenneth Tippin, third. Donald Hoff will go to Manhattan with the judging team in April as a reward for winning first place....In class room we are working on our farm record books. In shop we are completing some exercises in blacksmithing, learning to use the taps and dies, repairing and sharpening tools, making a nail box, etc.February 9 the live stock class of the Olathe chapter butchered three hogs for Mr. Lorimer. To our surprise we were served pumpkin pie and cocoa.Norman Voigts, one of the students in the live stock class, is making a 7 x 8 A-type hog house in the shop building. Bill Spencer is helping him build it....December 4, 1939, Norman Voigts received the sow which the FFA chapter gave to him for the return of three gilts weighing 200 lbs., for a project....Several of the boys have been making baby chick feeders and some have been blacksmithing. Four of the boys have been working on and repairing harness for farmers and for themselves....The No. 9, 11 and 12 classes banded 85 elm trees on the school grounds. Our chapter received 10 cents per tree....Saturday, February 24 the team journeyed to Ottawa to do some judging work. They competed with 33 schools and placed fourteenth. They had 16 classes to judge. The score was 2496 points. The squad consists of John Freedlun, Russel Powell, Laven Oltmer, Bernard Paulsen....The shop team has been making progress and preparing for their first competition at Effingham. The team consists of Martin Staley and Eddie Smith, and Henry Schlagel. Both teams are working hard and are going to make good competition for the schools that they are to compete with....The chapter is beginning to make plans for the Northeast live stock judging contest which they plan to hold April 20. They plan to hold it at the Ralph L. Smith farm near Stanley, Kansas....The chapter will have four pages in the 1940 high school annual in addition to the one that the chapter will have of its own.February 10 the Olathe chapter presented the first of the series of programs, starting a contest presented by Kansas and Missouri schools to be heard over KMBC. Our subject was, "The Care of the Breeding Ewe". John Freedlun, John Lyle Hayne, Laven Oltmer, and John Walters presented the skit. Bobbie Wright, Marvin Lorimer, Loren Williams, and Bob Stuckey helped sing, "Hail, Hail the FFA", at the close, with Mary June Busch at the piano.Laven Oltmer has completed three hog houses of the shed type. He also has completely overhauled a harrow which he cleaned, sharpened the teeth, and painted....The rest of the crops class have been working on harness repairing, washing, and oiling. John Walters, Bobby Wright, Loren Williams, Henry Schlagel, and Robert have just completed eight leather halters which were made for colts, cows and horses. A picture was taken of the crops class washing harness, and judging squad placing a class of poultry for the high school annual.

--Reporter

WASHBURN: Plans are being made to treat oats and barley for smut with our power treater....April 13 the chapter will be host to a large number of chapters competing at the district Dairy Judging contest, on the state Fair grounds.We have butchered 12 hogs. We butchered three hogs and sold all but the hams, which were served at our banquet by the Homemaking girls.

--Harold Nickel, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

BARNES: An invitation party was held December 5. Following the regular meeting and program, Lyle Clark and Norbert Stigge, our recreation committee, lead us in several games in the gym....Our entire Freshman class was initiated into our organization at a regular night meeting in January. These Green Hands have formed an organization of their own, the purposes are to obtain skill as officers and to become familiar with Parliamentary Procedure....Some of the shop jobs found in the shop include a truck box, four wheel trailer, two hog feeders, concrete land packer, two A type hog houses, and several small construction and repair jobs....Projects carried by the chapter include: 54 acres sorghum, 51 acres corn, 79 acres wheat, 51 ewes, 10 beef steers, 1 beef heifer, 1 dairy cow, 1 dairy heifer, 75 hens and 400 baby chicks....All the vocational ag boys are preparing their talk for the chapter Public Speaking contest to be held March 20. All talks are related to agriculture....Our parent-son banquet was held in the high school gym March 7. The Home Economics classes prepared and served the meals. Norbert Stigge, Noel Gnagy, and Paul Jackson had charge of the program....Edward Downard, a Green Hand member painted an 18" by 24" FFA emblem for the chapter.

--Junior Winklepleck, Reporter

BUHLER: Our chapter has been doing a lot of work for the community lately. One of the interesting activities is the pest eradication contest, which has been running for four months and will continue until April 1. Walter Bartel and Charles Lemen are the captains of the two teams. Approximately 500 rabbits, 250 sparrows, 75 crows, 8 opossums, 8 skunks and a few blackbirds, prairie dogs and gophers, have been killed....February 24 the chapter held its annual parent and son banquet. There were 120 guests present. Dr. C. V. Williams was guest speaker. His address was appreciated by all who heard him. The school board members, the local banker, and the county superintendent were special guests. The decorating scheme included A-type hog houses and hog troughs. All members looked forward to this date, because to the eight outstanding members who had superior Farming Programs and Record books and had taken an active part in chapter activities, the chapter presented seven inch FFA chenille emblems. The achievement was determined by a score card. The lucky members were Bill Dyson, David Loepp, Norman Croy, Cecil Carter, Richard Buller, Irvin D. Schroeder, Claud Smith, and Edwin Dirks....The officers, our advisor Mr. Johnson and six other members initiated the Haven chapter's Green Hands. This is their first year in FFA and they have a large and ambitious group of boys. After the initiation they served doughnuts and cocoa.

--Reporter

WAMEGO: Our third annual parent-son banquet was held February 3, 1940. Howard Johnstone acted as toastmaster. Two speeches were made by Kenneth Worthing and Harmon Orsborn on the activities of our chapter. Mr. Harold Stewart, a member of the school board delivered the main speech of the evening. A picture show of the FFA activities in Kansas was shown....We plan to have a hot bed. We have been selling garden seeds and receive 30 per cent of our sales. We also plan to sell trees to the members as an Arbor Day project. Old machinery is to be bought and reconditioned by the shop boys and a sale will be held later in the spring....Our chapter is invited to attend a meeting of the Manhattan chapter in the near future....The advisor has recently conducted a project tour for his students of vocational agriculture.

--Robert Burgess, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

OXFORD: From a report we find that due to poor pastures and rising feed prices in proportion to live stock prices five boys failed to make any profit after they had paid themselves for labor. Ten other boys after paying themselves for labor, had a combined net profit of \$651.54 from 37 separate projects. Many of the boys who have graduated from school are still carrying on their projects....During the past year six sheep projects showed a net profit above labor or \$272.50. Lowell Green had the most profitable sheep project. His 20 ewes and 24 lambs showed a net profit of \$128.43....Five hog projects showed a net profit of \$93.66. John Cansinos' hog project of one sow and 8 pigs paid him \$54.53 above feed and labor charges. Wallace and Bill Martin had the most profitable beef project. Four good shorthorn steer calves were carried on the deferred feeding plan by which calves are wintered well, run on grass during the summer, then dry lot fattened for 100 days before selling in early winter. Bill also short fed a grade Hereford heifer. The five calves paid a profit over feeds and labor of \$120.62. If we have a good corn crop this year several of the boys expect to feed calves next fall....Three dairy projects showed a net profit of \$283.35. Plenty of moisture, certified northern seed, and commercial fertilizer combined to make all of the five potato projects profitable. They showed a net profit of \$76.79....Due to low cost of feeds and low price of pork many hogs were butchered this winter. The two classes butchered 87 hogs and 8 cattle....We held our father and son banquet March 14.

--Russell Palten, Reporter

TONGANOXIE: We held our annual Green Hand initiation January 23 for the following boys: Ed Gates, George King, Aaron Landauer, Donald Little, Ernest Schade, Earl Sedgwick, George Snow, Frank Trapp, Jack Himpel....Our basketball team has played several FFA chapters this year. On the 29th of January we went to Olathe. Our first team won by a score of 13-9; the second team won by a 9-6 score. Lawrence chapter team played us here February 21. Their first team won over ours 21-15 and our second team won over their second team 29-9. The chapter has played 6 games and has won 5 out of the 6....Chapter members are financing some certified seed for students in our chapter. We have ordered Kanota and Fulton oats, Atlas sargo, Club kafir and A. K. soybeans....The poultry judging team went to Ottawa to the annual Poultry contest. Billy McGraw, one of our team members took 6th place in individual honors. The team took 11th place out of 33 teams. Those who made the trip were Paul Jones, Billy McGraw, Charles Kesinger, Donald Keighty....Our ewes are almost through lambing. Each spring when the lambs are ready for market our chapter elects a manager who has charge of the lambs when we sell them. He sells them and receives the check under his name. Before the lambs are taken to market the manager weighs and marks them. The shrink is prorated....Several students have ordered orphan lambs from the Kansas City stockyards, but have not received them as yet.

--Donald Leighty, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: December 28 our chapter held an enjoyable roller skating party at Wamego....January 3 a farm meeting was held in the vocational ag building. The St. George chapter presented two shows, a terracing show and a soil conservation show, which we enjoyed very much....We are holding a home practice contest. On the first of each month we report the jobs we have done. At the end of the term the losing side will furnish entertainment for the winners.

--Wilfred D. Clark, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

SILVER LAKE: Our rodent catching contest ended January 3. During the contest 13 crows, 105 rats, 8 chicken hawks, 4 moles, 15 gophers, 742 sparrows, 54 jack rabbits, 551 cottontails, and 814 mice were caught. The losing side furnished refreshments at the regular monthly meeting....Our chapter had two tons of the K.P.I.A. mash mixed and the boys are buying it at the cooperative elevator. By mixing it in large quantities the boys are saving 10 cents per cwt.We had a roller skating party in December. We really had a rolling good time....We are publishing our annual program of work in the school paper, printing one section each issue so that the people in our community will have a better idea of what our organization does during the year....We have been having an outside speaker at our night meetings to create more interest. Patrolman Amos of the State Highway Patrol gave us a very interesting talk on safety, and Mr. Wm Meissinger of the Mutual Life of New York Insurance Co., also addressed the group....All the students in the Agriculture classes are enrolled in the Hoard's Dairyman Judging contest....We have our plans well under way for our annual FFA carnival. We wish to extend a hearty invitation to all FFA boys near Silver Lake to attend on March 22 at 7:30 p. m....Our parent and son banquet will be held April 1. We are planning on plates for 138.... On February 17 Mr. Reece and six of the boys attended the Poultry Judging Contest at Seneca. Our boys ranked eighth out of sixteen teams and had fourth high individual. Those attending were Wm. Reeder, (fourth high man), Wm. Frey, Wm. Conaway, John Penry, Robert Whitehead, and Warren Haynes.

--Cecil Simonton, Reporter

BLUE RAPIDS: Our chapter has 16 Future Farmers and 3 Green Hands. The officers are: Everett Kavonda, president; Armand Dolen, vice president; Dale Chapman, secretary; Gerald Johnson, treasurer; Earl Aley, reporter; Percy Strader, watch dog; R. J. Cohorst, advisor....Our judging team entered two poultry contests this winter; February 3 we attended an invitational at Waterville with six teams competing, and on February 17 we attended the District Poultry School at Seneca. At Waterville we placed first with the boys placing as follows: Jack Ratliff, second, and Dale Chapman third individual in the entire contest. At Seneca the boys placed fifth with 17 teams competing. The boys who attended the Seneca school were Jack Ratliff, Dale Chapman, Walter Francois, Everett Kovanda, J. J. Quinley, and Howard Baker....The following boys were initiated as Green Hands February 11: Don Harris, Gail Skalla, and James Strader. The following boys were raised to the Future Farmer degree: Jack Ratliff, Howard Baker, Robert Jincham, J. J. Quinley, Elton Smith, Dick Spuaugle, and Don McHugh....We are planning on choosing sides again this year and have a contest to stimulate the sale of garden seeds with the losing side treating the winners.

--Earl Aley, Reporter

GARDNER: Our chapter purchased 124 bred Western ewes August 1. Ninety per cent of the lambs were born by December 15. The rest of the ewes lambed during February and now we have 100 per cent lambed....The boys have made a wagon box in shop and are selling garden seeds to make enough money to purchase an electric shearing machine. We plan on buying this from the Midwest Wool Growers Association....We plan to sell our wool cooperatively to the Midwest Wool Growers Association....We financed this sheep project through the local bank, where we received a $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent interest rate.

Irvin Kneidler, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MULVANE: Our chapter gave a date party February 21, which was one of the goals in our activity program this year. Eleven of our goals have been completed 100 per cent and plans are to complete more in the near future....The local Livestock Judging Contest is March 22....Our spring project tour was held March 1....The parents and son banquet will be held April 17....Five FFA boys attended the Poultry Judging Contest February 24 at Stafford, and the team placed third. Those on the team were Deverne Schwyhart, who was third high individual, Max Wentworth and Dale Watson....February 28 the chapter presented their annual chapel program, giving a play entitled, "F.F.A. Foils the Villain". This play was also given as a return program to the Derby, Kansas high school assembly....Nearly all skill jobs have been completed by the No. 10 boys. Also three sheep feeders of a combination type have been constructed....200 Home Improvement and Home Practice cards have been turned in this year. Some fine work has been done at home through this system and all the jobs are inspected by the class and the instructor on the project tours....The chapter divided up sides for contests to be held during the year. Our largest contest was a pest eradication contest in which there were 1124 sparrows killed. Points were also given for hawks, crows, skunks, opossum, rats, and starlings. Points were also given for winning athletic matches....The Livestock class has had considerable training in hog butchering and cutting of meat. Donald Walker and Dale Watson presented a demonstration to the Homemaking girls on the cutting of pork....There are two State Farmer candidates from the Mulvane chapter, Deverne Schwyhart and Carroll Kerley. They are both seniors and farm management students.

--Dale Watson, Reporter

ATCHISON: The Atchison County chapter FFA have recently organized a 24 piece drum and bugle corps which is being coached by K. M. Heywood....The second annual amateur hour contest sponsored by the chapter was concluded with the final on February 22. Proceeds were \$65. Five locals were held before the final in five different communities. Winners in each division grade, high school, and adult appeared over radio station KFEG, March 2....The second annual parent-son banquet was held in the gymnasium on February 27. Eldon Reichart, president, acted as toastmaster for the occasion. Talks on the program were given by Walter Page, Leonard Kuckelman, Leslie Nottingham, Junior Armstrong, Murray Wilber. Mr. William Manson, school board member, gave a short talk. Music was furnished by the high school swing band, FFA trio, Eldon Cusic with guitar, and Elwin McClure, a piano solo. Recognition to judging teams and outstanding Future Farmer members was made at the banquet. Mr. L. F. Hall concluded the meeting with the motion picture, "Future Farmers at Work"."

--Jerry Figs, Reporter

ELDORADO: During the month of November the chapter sponsored a sparrow hunting contest, the 10th grade class challenging the 11th and 12th grade classes. The 10th graders won doubling the score on the other two classes. The 11th and 12th grade classes have now challenged the 10th grade class to a seed selling contest....January 31 we entered a team in the Southeast Kansas Public Speaking contest consisting of Billy Arnall, Bruce Cunningham, Frank Mechling, and Dwight Hull Jr....We are planning to have our annual parents banquet on April 9 at which time Mr. Hall will show the new FFA technicolor talkie.... A number of our members attended the tractor show in Wichita.

--R. L. Smith, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

PLEASANTON: November 14 eight of our boys received their Green Hand degree and 12 boys received their Future Farmer degree in a joint meeting of all FFA chapters of Linn county which was held at Parker....November 17 we had a party in the gymnasium for the homemaking girls. Coco Cola and wafers were served....We held our first father and son banquet on December 14. Mr. Lester B. Pollom, Topeka, was guest speaker. The food for the banquet was donated by chapter members and was prepared and served by the Home Economics teacher, Miss Nellie Lindsay and her students....On January 31 two of our members, Marion Hazelbaker and Harold Arlint, participated in a public speaking contest at Chanute. Marion participated in the Senior division and Harold participated in the Freshman division of the contest, and were rated excellent and superior, respectively on their speeches....Our chapter sponsored a county Poultry Judging contest Saturday February 17. Five classes of birds for production, one class of exhibition birds, two classes of live market and two classes of eggs were judged. A medal was given to the individual with the high score in the contest, and this went to Harley Dunsworth of Mound City. Mound City had the highest team score in the contest, Pleasanton second, LaCygne third, and Parker fourth. The boys from our chapter who had high scores went to a district poultry judging contest held at Ottawa Saturday, February 24. Those making the trip with Mr. Griffin our advisor, were Eugene Umphenour, Marion Hazelbaker, John Thomas, and Harry Whinery....Our basketball team has played six games during the season and lost only one of the six....To raise money for our chapter we have sold candy at football games and basketball games, had a faculty vs. FFA basketball game, and have contracted to sell garden seed.... Mr. Griffin, our advisor is preparing a shop team to go to Altamont to attend a district shop contest.

--Marion Hazelbaker, Reporter

WASHINGTON: During the winter season the Washington chapter members have been slaughtering hogs and beef for their neighbors. Altogether we have killed 40. With this money we are purchasing a pair of power shears to shear our own sheep, of which we have 100 head....January 29 the chapter started a brooding project of 350 New Hampshire red chicks. Up to the present time they have been doing very well and weigh close to one pound each....The FFA boys in the junior class are building a portable sheep dipping vat on a 4-wheel trailer for the county farm bureau. We feel that this is a very worth while project for farm shop....February 3 the Washington poultry judging team bucked the snow drifts to Waterville to attend their annual poultry judging school. Regardless of drifts we enjoyed our trip and felt that we accomplished a great deal. We received third in the contest with eight teams competing. Ival Brabec was high individual....The Washington FFA is going to sponsor a District Dairy Judging Contest later in the spring in which there will be approximately 30 schools enrolled for the contest....Members of our chapter have gone strong for basketball this year. Ten of the boys represent Washington high school as first and second string players.

--Roy Davenport, Reporter

PARKER: Twelve boys from our chapter attended the Poultry Judging contest at Pleasanton, Feb. 17. Duane Lanzrath was high man from Parker with a score of 390 out of 500....Clarence Fraul, Clayton Pavenmire, Duane Lanzrath and Wayne Holderman went to the Poultry contest at Ottawa Feb. 24. Clarence was fifth high individual with a score of 703 out of 794. We ranked 7th in the contest.Our chapter sponsored a novelty game of basketball March 1. The girls team played the FFA team, the boys wearing rubber boots and skirts.

--William Bearly, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

SAFFORDVILLE: Our chapter purchased one share of stock in the Midwest Wool Growers Association. All the FFA boys plan to sell their wool through the Midwest....The Future Farmers have butchered a total of 15 hogs....The members planting feed crops plan to purchase certified Atlas sargo seed. The boys with sheep projects in their farming program plan to purchase several rams for use next year....Thirty members were present at our annual Future Farmer-Home Economics party....The FFA boys have been castrating and docking lambs in the community....The total lambs in the department are 64....All members are entering the Hoards Dairyman contest....In shop the boys have repaired and sharpened the teeth on two harrows....Several of the boys are experimenting with Ford coils in the making of electric fence....Raymond Thompson made a forge out of a binder wheel and repaired a blower for it. He also made a small self feeder for his swine project. The boys are making a new Minnesota type seed treater to treat oats for farmers....The past week the boys made a large sheep feeder for Robert Im Masche....Donald Rich is working on a wind charger made from an old generator. A power saw is being mounted on a table to be used in shop.

--Darwin Reyer, Reporter

HOLTON: The Holton chapter recently held a pest eradication contest. The sides turned in 873 rats, 841 mice, 625 sparrows, 83 crows and 44 jack rabbits.At present we are landscaping a new grade near our athletic field....The chapter has purchased some common hardware which is sold to the boys who need it in their shop projects. There is a boy in each class who has charge of the sales during his period. Holton went to the poultry judging contest at Seneca and placed third. The team members were Harold Riley, Elmer Kuglin, Elwood Cook, Eugene Ternkoff, Lyle Siple and David Schirmer....The outstanding shop projects which have been finished or are nearing completion are 2 manure spreaders, 3 wagon boxes, 2 trailers, tongue trucks for mower. Each boy also made a rope and completed a rope halter....The chapter has initiated 17 Green Hands and has raised 24 boys to the degree of Future Farmer....The parents reception was attended by 75 parents and the main program consisted of talks by Charles Glenn, Elmer Kuglin, William Cope, David Schirmer, Andrew Reiderer, and Clarence Schirmer....The chapter presented the play, "The Racket on Payson's Farm" as an assembly program and since then the cast has given it at two grange meetings.... Our chapter is scheduled to broadcast over KMBC at Kansas City May 25.

David Schirmer, Reporter

BERRYTON: Our chapter held a Green Hand initiation February 14 for the following boys: Eugene Chapman, Lawrence Herrmann, Tom Saffel, Melvin Hormann and William Smith. Robert Barngrover was initiated to the Green Hand degree February 28....The Berryton FFA chapter gave an assembly chapel February 29. It consisted of a Parliamentary Procedure demonstration, demonstrations of tinning solder copper and making flux by Tom Saffel and Melvin Hormann, and preparation of copper sulphate for treatment of sheep for stomach worms. One of the chapter's purebred Shropshire rams was used. A talk was given by Bill Boley on his farming program. A contest was held to see how much kafir corn a rooster would eat. An Eversharp pencil was awarded the winner....Thursday afternoon the Berryton chapter gave a Parliamentary Procedure demonstration at the grade school. A demonstration was given on making waxed end harness thread by Lawrence Herrman and William Smith. A talk was given by Arthur Worthington on his farming program. The meeting closed with the FFA March as played by the U. S. Army Band.

--Arthur Worthington, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

CONCORDIA: At our December 5 meeting we had a very interesting talk on boys' problems by Dr. L. E. Haughey. On December 11 the night school group played basketball against the day classes and the night school group won 34-24. We played the other games with the night school group beating them the last game 40-32. We also played the gym class and they won 40-28....December 18 the FFA boys made ice cream from products brought from home. We made four gallons of very good ice cream and it didn't take 54 boys long to get around it.... On February 19 we held our annual parent and son banquet. For a program several of the boys played their guitars and violins. Some very good speeches were made. At the close of the banquet Professor L. F. Hall showed a very interesting picture of FFA activities in Kansas....Some unusually large projects are under construction in our farm shop. Billie Lee Jackson is constructing a hay rack and Howard Spencer is building a brooder house...On February 24 the shop team went to Greenleaf. Ray Doyen and Howard Spencer placed second as a team and Ray was second as an individual....On February 23 the FFA boys had charge of the school assembly and every boy in the Concordia chapter was on the stage. Several of the boys gave speeches and played their musical instruments. Keith Olson sang a solo and Ray Doyen played a piano solo....Our chapter held a poultry judging school March 2. Two of our boys, Arvid Detrixh and Melvin Pearce, are preparing for the FFA public speaking contest. ..

--Eldon Collins, Reporter

MCCUNE: We held our annual Green Hand initiation January 15 for 19 freshmen. After the meeting, oyster and vegetable soup was served. The group then journeyed to Parsons and went roller skating at the Blue Moon skating rink.Our chapter membership is now 51....Our chapter broadcast their annual radio program over station KGGF at Coffeyville, January 14 at 4:00 o'clock. Richard Winger our chapter president acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the officers who told of the chapter symbols....Our public speaking team tied for fifth place at the district Public Speaking contest held at Chanute, January 31. Ira Johnston, freshman, rated superior; Mark Warren, junior, excellent; James Sales, freshman, and Eugene Emmons, senior, good....Our chapter is planning to put on the Green Hand degree for the Parsons chapter February 20 after which we plan to have a game of basketball....We have two electric brooders in the department brooding 30 chicks in each unit. One group sponsored by the seniors are feeding Startena, and the other group sponsored by the juniors are feeding the Kansas State College chick ration.

--Jack Graham, Reporter

EMPORIA: The Emporia chapter held its second annual parent-son banquet February 13. The guests numbered 168. Ernest Kettner, president was toastmaster. Each member of the FFA introduced his parents and guests after which Rice Brown, led the group in singing. Frank Witherspoon gave an address of welcome and Wayne Osborn gave a report on chapter activities. Superintendent Richards addressed the group. Mr. Taylor, our advisor, introduced the guests. The highlight of the program was a talk by L. F. Hall of Kansas State College, on the general program of FFA. Mr. Hall followed his talk with a colored movie, "Future Farmers at Work". A five piece orchestra directed by Ormand Parker, played during the dinner....The chapter has been working on poultry judging. Trevor Rees, Clarence Arndt, Eugene Douglas and Wayne Osborn represented our chapter at Ottawa....Wayne Osborn, Lloyd Lewis, Glendon Iverson, Keith Douglas, Floyd Pedersen and Clifford Kopke represented our chapter at the Public Speaking contest at Chanute March 5.

--Flold Lewis, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

LACYGNE: The LaCygne chapter had their father and son banquet March 15. Each member of the chapter was on a committee and worked hard to make the banquet a success....Our chapter has attended two poultry judging contests this year. One was at Pleasanton in which Loreon Jarred was high individual in the Junior division, and one at Ottawa, in which Jack Hall, Donald Burnett, Glen Lindsey and Ward Allen made the team and placed seventeenth....In our farm shop you will find a wagon box just completed by Paul Long; a new hay rack being built by Clarence Farris; and Carl Robie is building a typed hog house. Many other repair jobs and farm skills are being developed in our shop....A pest eradication contest has created much interest among the boys in our chapter. The senior and junior boys have challenged the freshmen and our advisor in this contest.

--Donald Burnett, Reporter

KENSINGTON: Our chapter held its Green Hand initiation December 18, and initiated the following boys: Waldean Bierman, Thaine Larson, Lawrence Reynolds, Clyde Day, Eugene Hagman, Dwight Myers, John Nenerson, Charles Philbrick, Harold Gibson, Melvin Rietzke, and Douglas Hall....At the Livestock Judging contest held at Smith Center in December our judging team placed fifth out of ten schools competing. At Phillipsburg our team placed sixth out of eleven teams....Our parent-son banquet was held Monday night, January 22. Thirty members and their parents were present. Mr. L. F. Hall showed the technicolor film, "Kansas Future Farmers at Work"....At the last meeting February 26, an oyster supper was enjoyed by the members.

--Cloyce Hand, Reporter

HAVENSVILLE: The third year class ran a 42 day feeding test on nine pigs at Sidney Bateman's. The pigs made an average gain of 2.43 pounds per day. The pigs were fed on the following ration: 5 bushels corn, 2 bushels oats, 14 pounds linseed meal, 16 pounds tankage, 2 pounds salt, and 1 pound lime, ground together and fed with skim milk. The feed cost \$4.27 per 100 pounds gain. The pigs sold for \$5.60....Seventeen hogs have been butchered by FFA boys. The shortest time required to butcher a hog was 38 minutes. The FFA boys have earned \$129 this year. As a way to earn more money the boys are selling garden seed, are planning to give a play, and are building a hot bed.... Jobs done in shop are as follows: painting a tractor, building picture frames for the Creed and Purposes of the FFA, building a hay rack, overhauling a manure spreader, work done on the motors of cars, and many other jobs such as forge work, soldering, painting and wood work.

--Robert Wilson, Reporter

TAMPA: The Tampa chapter of the FFA gave a program February 2. The program opened with the regular opening ceremony of the FFA, followed by a cornet solo by Kenneth Wiley. A play, a mock trial of a farmer who was charged with having in his possession and allowing to run at large, a scrub bull, was then given by the following boys: Harold Kerbs, Kenneth Wiley, Olander Mohn, Edward Costell, Raymond Idhe, Bernard Meysing, Roy Ottensmeier, Elmer Ottensmeier, Wilbur Steinert, Richard Noone, Jack Hogan, Bruno Maaser, Dale Patterson, Virgil Haynes, Ralph Teetzen, Martin Hajek, Harold Ottensmeier, Alvin Bentz. While the stage was being set for a demonstration, the advisor, Mr. Kilian, gave a short talk, stating that there are 20 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture and the total amount invested is \$1,555.85, an average of \$77.59 per boy....Twenty-three boys went to Wichita on February 21. In the morning they visited the Cudahy Packing plant, and attended the tractor show.

--Raymond Idhe, Acting Reporter