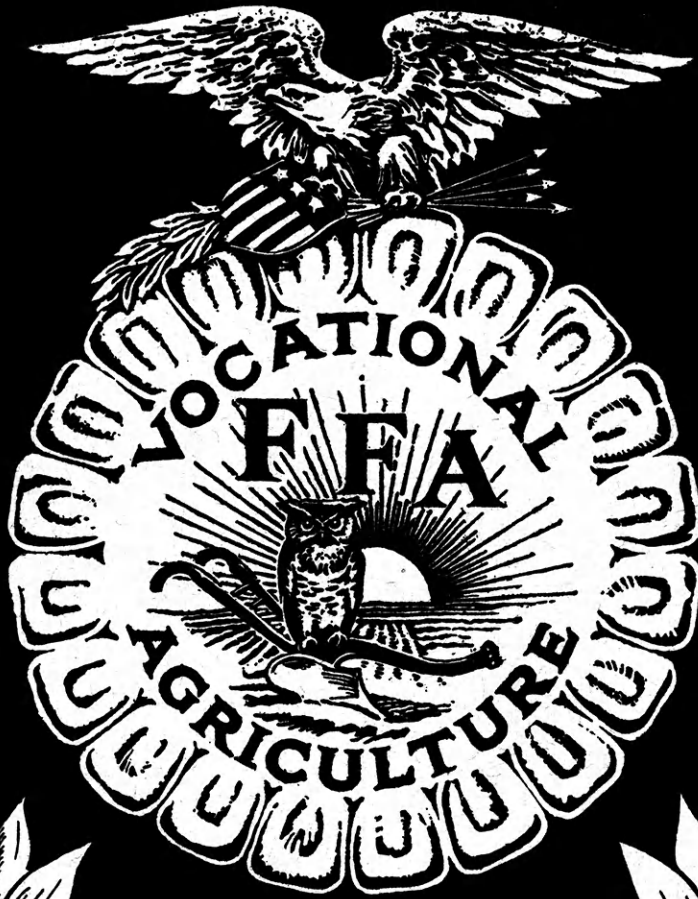


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\* The State Association plans to give considerable \*  
\* weight to the summer program of local chapters in \*  
\* ranking chapters in the 1940-41 Better Chapter \*  
\* contest. We strongly urge the planning and execu- \*  
\* tion of a program for May, June, July and August, \*  
\* this program to be made a part of the annual activ- \*  
\* ity program submitted to the State Department by \*  
\* November 1. \*  
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STATE F.F.A. OFFICERS 1940-41

The House of Delegates elected the following officers to direct the affairs of the State Association during 1940-41: Raymond Kaup, Smith Center, president; Grant Poole, Manhattan, vice president; John Lawrence, Winfield, secretary; Burton DeBaun, Washburn (Topeka), treasurer; Phillip Cooper, Chautauque, reporter; L. B. Pollom, Topeka, advisor; A. P. Davidson, Manhattan, executive advisor.

The outgoing officers extend congratulations and best wishes.

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NEW CHAPTERS

On April 22, 1940, the Syracuse chapter of Future Farmers of America was added to the ranks of the Kansas Association. Syracuse has a membership of 48. Officers are: Onzo Mayers, president; Rex Wells, vice president; Govan Mills, secretary; Timie O'Hare, treasurer; Hanford Brogan, reporter; Wade Morey, advisor.

Dighton, a new department this year, was chartered April 25, 1940, with a membership of 34. Officers are: Junior McWhirter, president; Wilbur Reifschneider, vice president; Dale Lewis, secretary; Jack Shull, treasurer; Eldon James, reporter; Hoy B. Etling, advisor.

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CHAPTER CONTEST

131 chapters filed activity reports during the year. Chapters desiring to enter the better chapter contest mailed their completion reports to the state office prior to April 20. 51 reports were mailed in time to be included in the chapter contest. The quality of programs and the excellence in portrayal through the medium of the achievement report deserve high praise. The rankings follow.

Ten outstanding chapter programs: Chanute, Elery Collins, Advisor; Clay Center, R. F. Perrill, Advisor; Highland Park, Topeka, F. E. Carpenter, Advisor; Lawrence, W. R. Essick, Advisor; Lebanon, F. A. Blauer, Advisor; Linn, C. C. Milligan, Advisor; Manhattan, Harold Kugler, Advisor; Shawnee Mission, H. D. Garver, Advisor; Smith Center, Paul Gilpin, Advisor; Winfield, Ira Plank, Advisor.

Chapters receiving honorable mention: Effingham, Earl Johnson, Advisor; Fairview, Joe Neill, Advisor; Olathe, E. L. Raines, Advisor; Ottawa, C. O. Banta, Advisor; Mound City, Glen Raines, Advisor; Holton, M. O. Castle, Advisor; Cherryvale, C. H. Young, Advisor; Mulvane, Jess Cooper, Advisor; Osborne, Everett Yoxall, Advisor; Burlington, A. Miller, Advisor; Buhler, J. A. Johnson, Advisor; Howard, S. S. Bergsma, Advisor; Downs, Charles Mantz, Advisor; Morrowville, Harold Ellwood, Advisor; Alton, A. H. Loomis, Advisor.

Chapters established the past year being recognized as having excellent programs under way: Great Bend, Fred Schultis, Advisor; Haven, E. R. Ausherman, Advisor; McPherson, Marion Pearce, Advisor.

Chapters reestablished during the past year being recognized as having exceptional one year programs: Iola, J. A. Watson, Advisor; Parsons, Frank Brandenburg, Advisor.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

Twenty-three contestants reported for the annual F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest held Tuesday morning, April 30, beginning at 8:00 a. m. The contest was directed by Dr. C. V. Williams, and Professor F. L. Parsons and Dr. Randall C. Hill assisted in judging. Russell Barrett of the McPherson chapter, speaking on, "Why I Want to be a Farmer", won first place. John Walters, Olathe, speaking on "Our Soil", won second place; and John McCall, Lebanon, speaking on, "Farm Education", won third place. Mr. Barrett will represent the Kansas Association in the North Central Regional Public Speaking contest to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, August 27, 1940.

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RECOMMENDED FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The following State Farmers have been recommended for the American Farmer Degree: John McCall, Lebanon; James Cunningham, Eldorado; Harold Hackerott, Alton; Harry Stauffer, Frankfort; Randall Libby, Smith Center.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America was held Monday, April 29, 1940 at 7:30 p. m. in Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order by President Paul Kelley and opened with the formal ritual. The delegates were seated by Wm. Pfrehm, secretary. The secretary's report was read by Wm. Pfrehm, and the minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was read by Chase Wilson, treasurer. A motion was made and carried that this report be accepted.

Following the reading of the qualifications of the State Farmer Degree by the secretary, Wm. Pfrehm, the advisor, Mr. L. B. Pollom, presented the candidates for the State Farmer Degree to the delegates. The candidates were accepted and raised to the State Farmer degree at this time. The successful candidates were as follows:

Aiken, John, LaHarpe	Kaup, Raymond, Smith Center
Anderson, Leonard, Randolph	Kent, Theron, Highland Park
Bahr, Willard, Sabetha	Kerley, Carroll, Mulvane
Baxa, Stanley, Belleville	Lawrence, John, Winfield
Beurskens, Carl, Neodesha	Lull, Linton, Smith Center
Bolton, Bud, Smith Center	Luthi, Dale, Wakefield
Bouchey, Russell, Stockton	Mayer, Robert, Marysville
Brenner, Harry, Havensville	McCormick, Glenn, Kensington
Bruna, Charles, Hanover	McKinney, Harold, Coldwater
Buchman, Robert, Council Grove	Milbradt, James, Harveyville
Butel, Joseph, Paola	Milligan, Dale, South Haven
Cahoone, Riley, Cottonwood Falls	Mitchell, Richard, Glasco
Close, Eugene, Solomon	Mosier, Jake, Hoxie
Coltrain, Wayne, Neodesha	Neill, Bruce, Miltonvale
Conrad, Milo, Alton	Oestreich, Lawrence, Linn
Cooper, Phillip, Chanute	Poole, Grant, Manhattan
Cox, Waldon, Mound City	Quakenbush, Eugene, Garden City
Davies, Clinton, Reading	Repstine, Charles, Effingham
Davis, Rufus William, Wamego	Reyer, Darwin, Saffordville
DeBaun, Burton, Washburn	Riley, Harold, Holton
Deeds, Wayne, Bird City	Sanneman, Robert, Clay Center
Detrixhe, Arvid, Concordia	Schwyhart, Deverne, Mulvane
Dodd, Ralph, Morrowville	Scoby, Melvin, Fairview
Dutton, George, Concordia	Shannon, Rex, Miltonvale
Engle, Lyle, Abilene	Sharp, Ernest, Wakefield
Engle, Voiland, Abilene	Spangler, George, Harveyville
Engleman, Robert, Hill City	Stalnaker, Ray, Arkansas City
Faulconer, Douglas, Clay Center	Steele, Oliver, Morrowville
Fehlman, Harold, Wakefield	Tunison, Arthur, Olathe
Freedlun, John, Olathe	Voth, Harry, Inman
Frost, Everett, Downs	Wells, Max, Morrowville
Gillan, Henry, Garden City	Wendland, Clinton, Randolph
Gottlob, Verne, Arkansas City	Werner, Leonard, Kensington
Goyen, Corlis, Pratt	Whitehill, Harvey, Winfield
Grady, John, Alton	Wickwar, Buster, St. Francis
Green, Raymond, Mound City	Wilkinson, Leonard, McDonald
Hammerli, Donald, Clay Center	Williams, Clifford, Little River
Hansch, Wilber, Ramona	Wilson, Adelbert, Manhattan

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Herman, Earl, Solomon  
 Hogate, Ned, St. Francis  
 Holmes, Archie, Pleasanton  
 Irwin, Donald, Fairview

Wolfe, Walter, Bazine  
 Wonderlich, Lyle, Alton  
 Wood, James, Clifton  
 Wright, James, Medicine Lodge

The president, Paul Kelley, presented the plan of balloting for the state officers. The ballots were passed and the following officers were elected: Raymond Kaup, Smith Center, president; Grant Poole, Manhattan, vice president; John Lawrence, Winfield, secretary; Burton DeBaun, Washburn, treasurer; Phillip Cooper, Chanute, reporter; Mr. L. B. Pollom, advisor; Mr. A. P. Davidson, executive advisor.

It was moved and seconded that the State Association of F.F.A. pay \$10. to the Chanute Chapter to help defray the expenses of the Hill Billy Band to the state F.F.A. banquet, April 30.

A motion was made and carried that the president of the state association and the outstanding American Farmer candidate represent the state association as delegates to the national convention of F.F.A. at Kansas City this year.

Ivan H. Kindschi, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, president of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America was present and gave a very interesting and instructive talk.

Announcement of the activities of the concluding day of the convention was made by Mr. A. P. Davidson, state executive advisor.

The meeting was closed with the formal ritual at 9:30 p. m.

--Wm. Pfrehm, Secretary

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#### BANQUET

Eight hundred and twenty-five tickets were issued for the twentieth annual Chamber of Commerce banquet for members of agricultural judging teams, farm shop teams, and F.F.A. contestants and delegates, held at Nichols gymnasium at 7:00 p. m., April 30. All assisting Chamber of Commerce members, as well as college helpers ate at home in order to care for the list of contestants and their leaders.

The more commodious quarters coupled with a cool evening aided President Paul Kelley in the presentation of an interesting and pleasing program. Tom McClung, accompanied by Professor Morrison of the music department, K.S.C., did a fine job of leading the group singing. The Chanute "Hill Billy Band", consisting of Marion Johnson, Verne McKelvey, Marle Allen, Wendell Brant, and Hal Welch, pleased the audience greatly. National F.F.A. President, Ivan H. Kindschi, presented a two handed twirling feature that was a knockout. He was accompanied by Keith Harrison, a former State Farmer from Ottawa, on the piano. Kenneth Geoffery, Solomon chapter, convinced everyone of his right to the recently won state recognition as a trombone artist. Advisor Pollom introduced 84 newly elected State Farmers. The winning public speakers were presented by Dr. C. V. Williams, department of Education, K.S.C. "Future Farmers at Work", a talkie technicolor movie, was shown by Professor L. F. Hall. This picture depicts the work of Kansas Future Farmers and is a distinct credit to the staff members who planned it, photographed the scenes, and wrote the script. The meeting was turned over to Dr. C. W. McCampbell, chairman of the college contest committee, at 10:10 for announcement of contest results.

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TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF F.F.A.

The following annual report read by President Paul Kelley at the House of Delegates meeting, April 29, covers the twelfth year of the Kansas Association of America.

In April 1929 the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America with a chapter membership of 394, was organized. From that time on the Kansas Association grew rapidly and today the Association boasts of 156 chapters and a total active membership of 4909. This number is expected to reach 5,000 before the close of the fiscal year. Each year sees an increase in membership of from 500 to 800. *47 chapters*

~~In 1929 there were 10 federally aided vocational agriculture departments in Kansas.~~ Today there are 160 <sup>such</sup> departments in the state. Of this number, 156 have chartered chapters. Of the four departments not having chartered chapters, one has been established two years and the other three are new departments. It is hoped that all of these departments will apply for a charter before the close of the year. *Enroll APD*

During 1939-40 eleven new chapters were chartered by the Kansas Association, increasing the membership by 346. Chapters chartered were Haven, McPherson, Soldier, Horton, Woodston, Great Bend, Longford, Phillipsburg, Kincaid, Scandia, and Syracuse.

Active chapters in the state number 148. The 148 chapters have a paid up membership of 4909. In 1938-39, of the 145 chapters, 128 were active. Today 148 of the 156 chartered chapters are active. This shows an increase of 20. Kansas is proud of this record. The number of inactive chapters is eight.

The number of Green Hands initiated this year is 2110, and the number of Future Farmers, 2798. Eighty-four candidates have been recommended for the State Farmer degree.

In 1929 Kansas had 11 State Farmers. The number today totals 301. A complete list of the names of the State Farmers was carried in the April 15, 1940 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. This number (301) does not include the 1939-40 class of State Farmers. By adding the 1939-40 class of State Farmers (84) we now have a total of 385 State Farmers.

Kansas has 22 American Farmers. Four State Farmers were raised to the American Farmer degree at the annual convention held in Kansas City, October 16, 1939. They are: Laddie Kacirek, McDonald; Robert Fielding Randle, Wakefield; Edwin C. Tangeman, Newton; and Oid Lee Wineland, Alton. Robert Randle was named Star Farmer of Kansas and received a reward of \$100. Honorary American Farmers in Kansas are Harold D. Garver, instructor of the Shawnee Mission vocational agriculture department and Senator Arthur Capper.

Attending the Twelfth Annual Convention at Kansas City in October 1939 as delegates from the Kansas Association were Paul Kelley, president of the Kansas Association 1939-40, and Robert Randle, outstanding American Farmer candidate from Kansas. Robert Randle had the honor of being on the National Nominating Committee. Also attending this convention was Albert S. Coates, of the Shawnee Mission chapter and past president of the Kansas Association. Albert had the honor of serving as third vice president of the National Organization of F.F.A., 1938-39, serving the North Central region.

Kansas was represented at the National Vocational Agriculture Congress in 1939 by Medicine Lodge, Livestock; Chanute, Dairy; Smith Center, Meats; Washington, Milk; Wamego, Poultry. Medicine Lodge placed fourth in the Livestock contest. Glenn Thomas and Jim Wright, members of the Medicine Lodge

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## Annual Report of Kansas Association of F.F.A. (Continued)

team placed sixth and tenth, respectively as individuals. Thomas was third individual on judging hogs. Jim Grant of Medicine Lodge placed second in the holders contest on showing horses.

Chanute placed 13th in the Dairy contest. Raymond Mandill of this team was 10th individual on judging Jersey cattle. Kansas won second place for having the highest combined score on livestock and dairy judging.

Smith Center placed 9th in the Meats judging and identification.

Washington placed 5th in Milk judging and Robert Combs of this team was 7th high individual.

Wamego placed 4th as a team in the Poultry contest. Edgar Alt, a member of the team, was 4th high individual.

Shawnee Mission was given honorary mention in the Better Chapter contest at the National Convention and received an award of \$15. Mr. H. D. Garver is advisor of this chapter.

Paul Chilen and his nationally known F.F.A. orchestra appeared for the third time on the banquet program of the Twelfth National Convention of F.F.A. held in the arena of the Municipal auditorium at Kansas City, October 18, 1939. Paul and his boys also played at the Worlds Poultry Congress, July 28 to August 7 at Cleveland, Ohio.

In the North Central Regional Public Speaking contest, Billy D. Weigand of LaCrosse, Kansas, speaking on "Why Be a Farmer", had the honor of winning third place for Kansas. Billy placed tenth in manuscript and first in delivery. Albert S. Coates Jr. of the Shawnee Mission chapter served as chairman of this contest.

Ten F.F.A. Officers Training Schools were held during the months of September and October. Schools were held at Osborne, Emporia, Fredonia, Argonia, Shawnee Mission, Dodge City, Clay Center, Holton, Inman, and Colby.

Honor was brought to the Kansas Association during the past year by John Dean, past president of the Kansas Association of F.F.A., Robert Singleton, past treasurer of the Kansas Association, and Robert Randle, past state reporter. John was named as the outstanding junior in agriculture at Kansas State College and won the Junior Danforth Fellowship and attended the Danforth camp at Shelby, Michigan, in August. John was also elected to Phi Kappa Phi last year. Robert Singleton was chosen as the freshman in the division of agriculture for the Danforth award available for freshmen at Kansas State College. Robert Randle was sent to the Danforth camp by the Manhattan Rotary Club. Robert was also elected president of the freshman class at Kansas State College, 1939-40.

The state department of vocational education completed an 800 foot technical talkie movie of vocational agriculture in Kansas as depicted through F.F.A. activities. The picture, called "Future Farmers at Work", is a work of art and very interesting and informative. This picture had its premier showing at the agricultural section of the A.V.A. meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan in December. Since then it has been shown at approximately 65 F.F.A. banquets in the state.

A number of Kansas chapters were heard in a series of broadcasts over stations KGGF, KFBI, and KMBC.

The Winfield, Lebanon, Highland Park, Topeka, Medicine Lodge, and Shawnee Mission chapters have entered the National Better Chapter contest this year. These chapters were among those placing in the ten outstanding chapters in the state in 1939.

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## Annual Report of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. (Concluded)

A number of district public speaking contests were held. Winners of the district contests are entered in the state contest this year.

Wilbur Blake of the Clay Center F.F.A. chapter won first place in the "Project Story Contest" conducted by the American Farm Youth in May.

Charles Ecklund of the Harveyville chapter won a trip to the North Woods in an essay contest sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

Ten issues of the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter will have been published with the publication of the May 15, 1940 issue. The May 1, 1940 special issue contains programs of 26 outstanding State Farmers of the 1939-40 class of State Farmers. This issue also carries a list of the names of the 1939-40 class of State Farmers. 500 copies of the Kansas Future Farmer are published each month.

131 chapters filed activity reports on time. This is the largest number filed on time in the history of the organization.

Paul Kelley, President.

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HONOR ROLL

Whether or not the local advisor should interest a few boys in contest activities or whether he should interest many has long been a mooted question. If the contest is a stimulus to development on the part of the boy, it then follows that we should interest as many as possible. The following schools entered teams in the agricultural contests, the farm mechanics contests, filed a report in the better chapter contest, and seated delegates at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates. Certain of these chapters in addition, had one or more State Farmers and entered the public speaking contest, while others of this list had in addition, either one or more State Farmers or a contestant in the public speaking contest. The asterisk (\*) will indicate one or more State Farmers, while an (x) will indicate entry in the public speaking contest. Buhler, Decatur County Community High, Emporia, Iola, Wa-Keeney, Clay Center (\*x), Downs (\*x), Atchison County Community High (\*), Fairview (\*), Fredonia (x), Holton (\*), Inman (\*x), Manhattan (\*), McCune (x), McDonald (\*), Mulvane (\*), Pleasanton (\*), Smith Center (\*x), Highland Park (\*), Winfield (\*).

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PICTURES

The following pictures of the 1940 F.F.A. and vocational agriculture events are available at the office of the college photographer, F. J. Hanna, K.S.C. at 15¢ per print for those listed under the 5x7 size, and at 40¢ per print for those of the 8x10 size. 5x7 prints: State F.F.A. officers 1940-41; F.F.A. presidents group consisting of five state presidents, the national president, and the advisor and executive advisor; winning agricultural judging team; high individual agricultural contests; winning public speaker; high farm mechanics team; high individual farm mechanics contest. 8x10: State Farmer group, and a picture of the banquet group.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, closing the fiscal year as of April 17, 1940.

Cash on hand, April 20, 1939 \$ 851.36

Receipts:

5213 Membership dues @ 20¢	\$1042.60	
809 Future Farmer pins @ 21¢	169.89	
1271 Green Hand pins @ 19¢	241.49	
814 Manuals @ 15¢	122.10	
150 Parliamentary Procedures @ 10¢	15.00	
12 Secretary's books @ 30¢	3.60	
43 Secretary's books @ 25¢	10.75	
12 Treasurer's books @ 30¢	3.60	
40 Treasurer's books @ 25¢	10.00	
For postage	3.27	
10 Songs @ 15¢	1.50	
2 Charters @ 50¢	1.00	
4 Handbooks @ 25¢	1.00	
56 State Farmer charms @ \$2.00	112.00	
3 State Farmer charms @ \$4.25	12.75	
From Henry Groseclose national treasurer (partial expense of delegates to nat'l conv.)	3.00	
Henry Groseclose pictures Iowa, 500; Nebraska, 125; Missouri, 500;	14.06	
Postage on above pictures	1.61	
Receipts from F.F.A. jackets John McCall, \$2.00; Paul Kelley, \$2.00	4.00	
	\$1773.22	
	Total	2624.58
Less 1939 Disbursements		1472.63
Cash on hand 4/17/40		\$1151.95

## NET WORTH Kansas Association of F.F.A. 4/17/40

Cash on hand	\$1151.95	
On time deposit	300.00	
Interest accrued	23.16	
Loan to Kansas Volume Bulletin	200.00	
Fund @ 8% interest		
Total net worth	\$1675.11	

DISBURSEMENTS from April 20, 1939 to April 17, 1940

L. G. Balfour Company.....	\$ 9.10	\$ 589.71
6 Public Speaking medals	\$ 9.10	
58 State Farmer charms @ \$2.00	116.00	
4 State Farmer charms @ \$3.75	15.00	
3 State Farmer charms @ \$4.25 plus post.	12.87	
2 Advisors buttons @ 21¢ and 23¢	.44	
1300 Green Hand pins @ 19¢	247.00	
900 Future Farmer pins @ 21¢	189.00	
Postage on Green Hand, Future Farmer pins	.30	

## Financial Statement (Continued) Disbursements

French Bray Company.....		\$ 209.75
1 F.F.A. Scrap book	\$ 3.00	
69 Secretary's books	18.00	
69 Treasurer's books	18.00	
1150 F.F.A. manuals	161.50	
12 F.F.A. Songs	1.50	
1000 F.F.A. Napkins	<u>7.75</u>	
Kansas State Cafeteria.....		7.13
Dinner for Officers 5/1/39	2.25	
Dinner for old and new Officers 5/2/39	4.88	
Gillette Hotel, Dinner for State Officers 9/6/39.....		3.25
Artcraft Printers.....		38.63
352 Pub. Speaking and Better Chapter cert.	15.30	
500 F.F.A. envelopes	3.83	
1700 Pictures of Henry Groseclose	19.50	
State Convention Expenses May 1 and 2, 1939.....		48.52
Keith Wallingford, accompanist	1.00	
Howard Wagner, expense to convention	15.00	
Albert Coates, expense to convention	2.52	
Paul Chilen, orchestra, Solomon	25.00	
Eldon Stien, expense to convention	<u>5.00</u>	
State Officers Meeting in September.....		15.00
Billy Pfrehm	5.00	
James Cunningham	5.00	
John McCall	<u>5.00</u>	
National Convention Expense.....		20.76
Stats Hotel, Rooms	10.20	
Robert Randle, Meals	4.86	
Paul Kelley, Meals	<u>5.70</u>	
College Drug Store, for secretarial services.....		3.00
College Book Store, framing picture of national convention.....		1.25
NuWay Cleaners, cleaning and pressing banner.....		1.00
Henry Groseclose, 4322 national dues @ 10¢		432.20
Carl Heinrich, expenses of Billy Weigand to North Central		
Regional Public Speaking contest .....		15.00
Enterprise Cooperative Company, 200 Par. Procedures.....		20.00
Returned check due to bank foreclosure.....		4.40
Horton Chapter, refund on 30 membership dues paid twice.....		6.00
Diehls Furniture Store, framing copy of F.F.A. Creed.....		1.84
Welsh Manufacturing Co., 50 F.F.A. charters.....		24.31
Anderson Photo Company, pictures of national convention.....		1.50
St. Louis Button Company.....		29.38
500 F.F.A. buttons, 250 delegates badges		
Total expenditures		<u>\$1472.63</u>

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The Thirteenth Convention of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America will be held in connection with the American Royal, Kansas City, November 10-14. Note the change of date from October to November.

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CHAPTER RANKINGS

When one considers the fact that the national organization of Future Farmers of America has for each of the past ten or eleven years picked the outstanding chapter in the entire organization, and that annually most of the state associations point their fingers at the best chapter in their respective state, it should be "easy pickins" for Future Farmer leaders in Kansas to list 25 chapters deserving of mention on the basis of chapter achievement. Despite these facts, an adult committee worked on the better chapter reports for two weeks, and the officer group spent one full day wrestling with the findings of the adult committee before they were able to come up with a list of ten outstanding chapters and another list of 15 chapters to be cited for honorable mention. The Kansas workers considered 17 factors in addition to the eight headings set up in the national better chapter contest score card. Believing that we might aid chapter officers in a better understanding of points to be given consideration in comparing chapter programs, and hoping that we might have constructive criticism from both the active membership and from the advisor group we are listing the items considered in ranking chapters.

Items Studied in Ranking Kansas Chapters, 1940

<u>1</u> Enroll- ment	<u>2</u> % FFA member- ship	<u>3</u> State Farmer	<u>4</u> American Farmer	<u>5</u> Parent Banquet	<u>6</u> Seat del- egates	<u>7</u> Radio Program
<u>8</u> Chapter Notes Newsletter	<u>9</u> Public Speaker	<u>10</u> Complete Chapter Parapher- nalia	<u>11</u> Minimum Chapter Library	<u>12</u> List Summer Program	<u>13</u> Individual Farming Programs	
<u>14</u> Total Activ- ities planned under 8 major headings	<u>15</u> % of planned activities ex- ecuted.	<u>16</u> Supervised Practice (200 pts)	<u>17</u> Cooperative Activities (160 pts)	<u>18</u> Community Service (160 pts)		
<u>19</u> Leadership (120 pts)	<u>20</u> Earnings & Savings (120 pts)	<u>21</u> Conduct of Meetings (80 pts)	<u>22</u> Scholarship (80 pts)	<u>23</u> Recreation (80 pts)		
	<u>24</u> Illustrative Materials	<u>25</u> General ap- pearance of report				

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## Chapter Ranking (Continued)

No weights were given any heading, except the weights listed under the eight major score card headings and these are ascribed by the national organization.

Certain items could be measured objectively, while others had to be given subjective consideration. Percentage of F.F.A. membership based upon enrollment in vocational agriculture, seating of delegates, response to news-letter request for news, chapter paraphernalia, and minimum chapter library, are items that could be objectively scored. It was understood that all chapters did not have an opportunity to do radio broadcasting, nor were they all expected to have candidates for the State Farmer and American Farmer degrees. However, these items counted in their favor. Parent and son banquets were credited, and if attended by a member of the college or state staff, they were given a rating on the basis of performance. The summer program was not given as much weight as will be the case in 1941. The recommendation for the inclusion of the summer program in the chapter program came too late to reach all chapters in time to have such plans included in the 1940 contest. The same is true of the item dealing with the listing of individual farming programs. This recommendation will not be obligatory, but is strongly recommended.

The eight major headings included in the national chapter contest score card were considered under the following 3 divisions: (a) Activities Planned; (b) Activities Executed; (c) Worthwhileness of Activities. Balance in the entire program, as well as quality was desired.

Illustrative material was considered as substantiating evidence. It was not a requirement, but is helpful.

General appearance of the report was given consideration only when chapters were evenly balanced in all other items considered.

The Kansas Association wishes to encourage the continuance of the better chapter contest. It is recommended the reports be made on size 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11 paper and that reports not exceed 10x12x6 inches in size.

A chapter completion report should be of sufficient value to the chapter to justify the time and expense involved. Unless the report can be justified on the basis of chapter satisfaction it should not be compiled. If the chapter report is built by individuals and committees as the events occur, there need not be a great deal of time spent in completing the final report.

The planning and building of a comprehensive chapter report should:

- a. Clarify chapter objectives.
- b. Develop group consciousness and pride in achievement.
- c. Afford an excellent means of using committee assignments.
- d. Teach cooperation.
- e. Provide a desirable means of presenting the work of the chapter to school officials, faculty members, and patrons.
- f. Interest parents of members in the work of the chapter.
- g. Serve as a permanent history of the chapter.

In compiling the chapter completion reports the officers and advisors should avoid demanding too much time on the part of individual members. Expenses should be kept within reason. While teacher stimulus and direction is desirable, care should be taken not to turn the building of the final chapter report over to well meaning adult friends.

DISAPPOINTMENT

Three State Farmer candidates, two public speakers, members of two agricultural judging teams and members of two farm mechanics judging teams, together with the instructors concerned, were disappointed because of inattention to deadline dates. The governing rules for state contests are set up by the Kansas Association of F.F.A. and by the college contest committee, and while the enforcement of the regulations is not a pleasant task, it is obvious to all thinking persons that strict enforcement must be maintained if the contests are to be successfully conducted. While observance of deadline dates is usually charged to the instructor, it might be pointed out that boys interested in State Farmer Degrees and in public speaking should be sufficiently well informed relative to F.F.A. deadline dates to see that they are observed. The state office hopes that in the future all deadline dates will be observed and in this manner avoid the disappointment that came to 15 boys and 6 instructors in connection with this year's contests.

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NATIONAL BETTER CHAPTER CONTEST

Shawnee Mission, Winfield, Medicine Lodge, Lebanon, and Highland Park chapters are eligible to complete entries in the National Better Chapter contest. Only one report may be forwarded to the national office, all elimination must be handled by the state association. The completed report must be in the hands of the state advisor or state executive advisor in time to be signed and placed in the mails September 2, 1940. Note: The 1939 House of Delegates of the National Organization changed the rule which stated that activity reports submitted in the national better chapter contest should conform to the 10x12x6 size, and it is now required that the report be submitted on Form 666 (revised 1940) and that this report together with additional materials be included in the official F.F.A. scrap book, size 15x18, French Bray, \$3.00. The scrap book shall not contain more than 100 pages and be more than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick.

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FOUNDER GROSECLOSE

A splendid 8x10 picture of Henry Groseclose of Virginia, founder of the F.F.A., will be given to each vocational agricultural instructor in attendance at the annual conference of vocational agricultural teachers held at Manhattan, June 13-15. Chapter officers should see to it that this picture is framed under glass and made a part of the chapter paraphernalia. We would suggest the framing of the Groseclose picture under glass as one of your summer activity goals.

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NATIONAL F.F.A. CAMP NOT READY

In order to avoid any possible confusion or disappointment, please be advised that the National F.F.A. Camp, near Washington, D. C., will not be ready for occupancy during the spring or summer of 1940. The 30 acre site is paid for, and a contour map has been made of it. However, no accommodations have yet been provided.

IRA PLANK

This year marked the twentieth vocational agricultural judging contest for Kansas high school students held at Kansas State College. Dr. C. W. McCampbell pointed out at the annual banquet that only one teacher who trained a team for the first agricultural judging contest was present with a team at the twentieth annual contest. That teacher was Mr. Ira Plank of Winfield. Mr. Plank is completing his twenty-first year of teaching vocational agriculture, twenty of these years having been spent in the Winfield high school. More than one thousand farm boys of the Winfield community have come under the splendid influence of Plank, the counsellor and teacher.

The following brief record of the Winfield F.F.A. chapter is indication of the high type of leadership given by advisor Plank:

1. The first president of the Kansas Association of F.F.A.
2. The first American Farmer from Kansas.
3. The first national F.F.A. officer from Kansas.
4. Three state officers.
5. Three winners in the state F.F.A. public speaking contest.
6. One winner in the regional F.F.A. public speaking contest.
7. One second place winner in the national F.F.A. public speaking contest.
8. Fourteen State Farmers.
9. Three American Farmers.
10. Listed in the group of chapters designated as outstanding eleven years out of twelve.
11. Placed second in the region in the national better chapter contest - the chapter outranking Winfield for that year was declared the most outstanding in the nation.

The above record speaks for itself. Mr. John Lowe has ably assisted Mr. Plank during the past twelve years.

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FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Pest Campaigns - From time to time letters come to the national F.F.A. office from organizations and individuals deploring the fact that various local chapters of F.F.A. engage in pest eradication, campaigns "affecting certain animals and birds". Considerable research work has been done on this subject of pests in recent years and there may be need for a revision in our thinking along this line. No doubt Future Farmers need to be cautioned occasionally about the careless killing of any form of wildlife. Certainly we must always be very sure that any bird or animal does more harm than good before we can justify making war upon it and it is always well to remember the "balance in nature."

National F.F.A. Radio program - Conditions have arisen which make it desirable and necessary to change the date of the national F.F.A. radio program from Monday May 13 to Monday, May 20.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Due to the fact that we are carrying a complete account of the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of F.F.A., we found it necessary to abstract the chapter news this month.

LACROSSE: We have purchased an owl which gives us a complete set of paraphernalia, with the exception of a gavel. We plan to turn out a gavel soon. ...In our exhibit at the spring festival we exhibited panels of rope work, forge work, tool care, sheet metal and crops. The department made a hoist stand, turning lathe, vacuum barrel, water fountain, chairs, step ladders, trailer, a two inch hawser 18' long made from binder twine....We have made a turning lathe out of parts of an automobile for the shop....Fifteen herds of dairy cows of the community were tested for butter fat by our department. We also tested seed for farmers in the community....February 24, 8 boys went to Stafford for the poultry contest. On April 26, six boys went to Hays for the stock judging contest....We held our parent-son banquet February 1.

--Ray Eilts, Reporter

OVERBROOK: Our new officers are Jim Land, president; Robert Simon, vice president; Edgar Finley, treasurer; Everett Kentch, secretary; Albert Smith, secretary; Charles Leonard, watch dog....The local chapter held their pest eradication contest from November 1 to February 1. Floyd Hupp high individual, has a total of 27,000 points....The chapter is sponsoring a baby chick program. The boys secure the chicks from the chapter and later pay the chapter for the chicks plus 3 per cent interest....The annual project show was held Friday, April 26, at the home of Rhol Land. Every boy exhibited one or more of his projects for which first, second, third and grand champion placings were given.

-- Albert Smith, Reporter

COLDWATER: Our chapter have finished planting 261 trees and shrubs around the new grade building. The vocational IV class and the vocational teacher, Mr. Melia, landscaped the ground and all the vocational classes dug the holes and planted the trees and shrubs....

--Frank Tarr, Reporter

MOUND CITY: On February 17 we attended the county Poultry contest at Pleasanton, where we took first. We held the county Crops contest at our school March 15 and took first place with four high individuals....For community service we have castrated, masculated, and docked 116 head of hogs, calves, and sheep. We have dehorned 30 head of cattle, rung 46 head of hogs and butchered 4 hogs and 1 beef. One afternoon the No. 9 students docked and masculated 10 head of lambs, masculated 15 bulls, vaccinated 52 head of cattle for blackleg and pink eye, branded 52 head of cattle, castrated 6 head of hogs, rung 26 head of hogs, and dehorned 13 head of cattle....We have two State Farmers this year, Waldon Cox and Raymond Green....On April 20 we broadcast over KMBC. Our radio skit was "Pasture Improvement"....We have had a satisfactory shop program this year. Some of the jobs are as follows: built continuous work benches in both shop rooms and installed eight vises. Made one hay rack, one wagon box, overhauled a mowing machine, made a seed treater, overhauled and painted a trailer, worked on several cars and one tractor, made double trees, single trees, gate hooks, hay hooks, saw horses.

--Bueaford Dunsworth, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

SEAMAN: Our parent and son banquet was held February 28 with 160 present... Several members observed Arbor Day and made an A rating in home improvement by planting trees March 28....Shop projects include rebuilding a corn sheller and a wagon box and overhauling gasoline engines and sheep shearing equipment....Twenty-five members have entered the Goodyear essay contest....Two boys under the direction of Mr. Peterson received letters of placing in the Hoard's Dairyman contest in competition with 52,000 entries....We sold the last of our 15 broilers with a profit of \$7.22. Our laying flock has been culled to 20 birds with 52 per cent production average for the last 60 days. ...Our 10 Duroc fattening hogs were marketed in this manner: one was served at our banquet, one was sold to be home butchered, four were sold to Morrells and two were trucked to Kansas City to the Vocational Swine Marketing Day. Robert Scheetz and Glen McKinley also had entries. All hogs were graded blue (choice) except one which rated good. These were the only Kansas hogs entered.... Our chapter is cooperating with the North Topeka Kiwanis Club in assisting them in sponsoring 11 P.B. registered Duroc gilts to be placed among boys of the Rossville, Silver Lake, and Seaman communities....March 18 we planted our eight-tenths acre plot to Certified Irish Cobblers....Warren Kimbal has planted our corn test plot using Certified Reid's Yellow Dent, Shawnee Co. White, Pioneer 307, and Forbes Hybrid....Ten members will cooperate to check for date of planting, rate of planting, and date of maturity on Certified Atlas Sorgo this season. Ben Fink has a sweet clover test plot sown and will try some soybeans for experiment....Our news has been regularly showing up in the Seaman Clipper, Kansas Future Farmer, Topeka State Journal, and Topeka Daily Capital.

--Warren Kimbal, Reporter

BENEDICT: We entered judging teams in the Poultry School at Cherryvale, the Dairy School at Parsons and the Livestock School at Fredonia....The advanced class in vocational agriculture exchanged places with the sophomores in Home Making for one week. The boys tried their hand at cooking and darning socks, while the girls did theirs in wood working and soldering....The annual parent and son banquet was held April 18 in the high school auditorium with a total of 92 persons present....The chapter gave the monthly broadcast over station KGGF at Coffeyville April 14. The broadcast was in the form of a tour visiting the homes of each of the F.F.A. members having each one explain his program as they reached his home....Plans are being made for a summer vacation trip.

--Rex Scott, Reporter

WEBSTER: Our father and son banquet was held on April 23....The judging team have been enjoying their trips to the different judging schools. They have a trailer house in which they cook and sleep. The boys helped make the trailer house last year in class....The Future Farmers have a hog project of 10 hogs. They are planning on making enough money to take a trip this summer to the Scott City State Lake....The boys are fixing an electric fence to keep dogs out of a field where they plan to have a sheep project....The officers of our chapter are: Keith Dryden, president; Harold McCauley, vice president; Cecil Pettyjohn, secretary and treasurer. The high school and Mr. Stricklin are our sponsors. We had a roller skating, basket ball game at a party for our girl friends in April.

--Reporter



## Chapter News (Continued)

READING: The Reading chapter of Future Farmers of America held its annual Parent and Son banquet Thursday evening, March 28. The event marked the 10th anniversary of the Future Farmer organization in the Reading High School.... The Reading F.F.A. baseball team is starting spring training this week in order to have a good team this year. We had a great season last year winning ten games and losing none....An agreement was formed by a few schools of this district to put on radio programs over KTSW at Emporia. Reading was chosen as the first one because of our fine program last spring. We put on our program this winter.

--Clinton Davies, Reporter

OTTAWA: Our chapter entered the State Judging contest and placed second in crops, fifth in poultry, with Milton Jameson second high individual in crops, Lawrence Mages, fourth; and Walter Johnson, fifth....We are planning an F.F.A. rally again this summer. We will hold it at Forest Park. Neighboring chapters will join us in an all day picnic with tennis, horseshoe, croquet, races, swimming and softball featured. Last year the following chapters were present: Lawrence, Gardner, Wellsville, Overbrook, Melvern, Williamsburg, and Ottawa. ...We are holding our annual party for eighth grade graduates this month. We will try to sell them on high school and will explain F.F.A. and its relation to vocational agriculture to them.

--Junior Miller, Reporter

LINN: The Linn F.F.A. held the annual Washington county poultry judging contest, Friday April 5. Seven county teams entered. Linn won first with 1752.5 points. Barnes was second with 1707.5, Washington, 1675.6, Haddam, 1635.9, Clifton 1689.2; Greenleaf, 1521.1, and Morrowville with 1370.1. We have won the plaque two consecutive times. The first school to win the plaque three times secures permanent possession. Herbert Meyerhoff of Linn was high individual this year....The strong Washington F.F.A. team defeated the Linn F.F.A. basketball team 40 to 37 at Washington. The Linn team was composed of Herman Laue, Kenneth Duitsman, Willard Hatesohl, Wilbur Oestrich, Verlin Gross, and Neil McGregor....The F.F.A. held a party for the Home Making girls who served at the parent and son banquet. The evening was spent playing games. Ice cream and cookies were served....Lawrence Oestrich, a senior in high school was a member of the 1940 class of State Farmers. Lawrence is the eleventh member of Linn to receive the State Farmer degree.

--Kenneth Duitsman, Reporter

RANDOLPH: The Randolph F.F.A. chapter has treated seed for approximately eight farmers and have oiled seven sets of harness, and vaccinated and castrated pigs on several farms....Our poultry judging team placed fifth at Concordia. We won 4th place in the Better Livestock Day at Chapman. The team consisted of Glen Bergsten, Leonard Anderson, and Leonard Hillstrom. Leonard Anderson was third high individual in the contest....Our parent and son banquet was held on April 11 with 95 per cent of the parents and sons present. The program was made up entirely of numbers given by the boys and their parents....We are now looking forward to our shop sale to be held on May 16. This sale will consist of the sale of used machinery that was purchased and overhauled by the boys. Other articles that will be sold are those made by the boys during the past year to be sold at this sale.

--Raymond Lundberg, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

HOPE: We will elect our officers for the coming year on May 18. On May 18 we are going to have our spring project tour and fishing trip. In the evening by the camp fire side we will have election of officers....Our chapter bought 50 cockerels for 4 cents each and sold them as broilers for 18 cents per pound. We realized about \$3.75. We also carried a cooperative chick project with Earl Cook, a farmer in the community. He furnished the chicks and feed and we furnished heat and labor, and he gave us the cockerels and he took the pullets....February 24, we broadcast over KFBI at Abilene. Our subject was "Safety". Twenty-one members of the chapter and their advisor, Mr. Dewey, took part....The committee on the wheat project reports the F.F.A. wheat project is looking fine. On March 9 the annual father and son banquet was held....Hope entered the Dairy contest at Washington on April 20. With 21 teams entered, Hope ranked 11th....April 8 the Hope chapter drove to Tampa for a joint meeting with the Tampa and Ramona chapters....On April 4, the F.F.A. boys cooperated with the G. R. in sponsoring a cake walk. Six dollars was realized as our share of the profit....April 23 the boys put on a Lions Club program....The chapter has treated 1200 bushels of oats and barley. The chapter sponsored a school ping pong tournament and horse shoe tournament.

--Glenn Murray, Reporter

PARSONS: We gave our radio program over KGGF. The theme was "Safety". Chas. Teague, the F.F.A. president, presided with the following boys giving talks: David Rice, Jack Groff, Merle Little, Levi Green, Bill Searles, Fred Geifer, Robert Smith, and Paul Lauerman. Bob Hamrick and Junior Carnahan gave the news of adjoining chapter....The McCune chapter initiated our Green Hands at a recent meeting....We held our dairy judging school March 30, at which 17 schools were entered. McCune chapter won the contest....We made a gravity seed treater and have treated seed for several boys....We are organizing a soft ball team and will practice at noons....We held a record book contest that was judged by Mr. Hughes, our superintendent of schools. The winning book was Jack Groff's....We held our parent and son banquet Monday evening, April 22 with 105 present....Boys who received the most points on our F.F.A. achievement card were Jack Groff, Junior Carnahan, Bill Searles, Robert Smith, Robert Hamrick, David Rice, and Glenn Moore.

--Reporter

OSBORNE: On April 16 we had the Business Mens banquet. The theme of the banquet was "Diversified Farming". The guest speaker was Mr. Jantzen, superintendent of the Lebanon high school. Jerry Crummie a local business man, gave a talk. Talks were also given by different boys of the local chapter. There were 83 present at the banquet....We have finished the better chapter report which was worked out by every boy in the chapter. We had a shop exhibit for the different shop projects the boys had made. The field trips have consisted of judging different classes of stock, also castrating sheep and dehorning cattle.

--Reporter

ALTA VISTA: Our vocational agriculture classes have each formed organizations for the main purpose of carrying out parliamentary practices....We are planning to give two plays after school is out. The receipts will be used for financing class projects. The bed which was constructed by the members, cost 40 cents per boy. Fifty per cent of the profits will be paid into the chapter treasury....Members of class 1 are planning to have a project of 100 more young trees, 100 laying hens, 2 brood sows and 15 ewes.

--Wallace Dalter, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

KINCAID: At the first of the year our chapter held an election of officers: They are as follows: Gene Ferguson, president; Lester Garver, vice president; Jack Lombard, secretary; Donald Smart, treasurer; Wayne Howarter, reporter; James Holmes, watch dog....We had a Green Hand and Future Farmers basketball team that played F.F.A. teams from other schools....Our vocational agriculture classes have taken several field trips to near by farms for actual experience in judging, while our judging teams have taken active part in judging contests within touring distance....Due to vocational agriculture being a new course in our school, our chapter had to figure out some way to earn money to buy our F.F.A. banner and membership badges. We decided to sell pop at the district basketball tournament held at Kincaid. We were quite successful.

--Wayne Howarter, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: Douglas Faulconer, our president, Donald Hammerli, and Robert Sanneman of the Clay Center chapter, were among the members of the 1940 class of State Farmers....On February 22 we had a joint meeting and initiation with the Solomon F.F.A. chapter. Fourteen boys from our chapter were raised from Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree....On March 1 we put on a chapel program in our school auditorium. The program consisted of a play, "Squaring it With the Boss"....We sent our first shop team to the Manhattan State contest. Eldon Thorman and LeRoy Sebring made up the team. Walter Knitter was the alternate....Harold Hundley, a member of our F.F.A. chapter won the Carl Raymond Gray vocational agriculture scholarship. The scholarship is judged on the boys' records, books, and other credentials....We have just finished building a Masonite brooder house in our shop, and have about 550 four weeks old chicks in it....We are also building a picket fence around our poultry yard and expect to have a yard to turn our chickens into soon. We have rented 20 acres of ground and expect to plant sorgo, popcorn, and oats....We bought four Duroc gilts from Richard Kneale of Topeka. They were put out on contracts with F.F.A. boys of our chapter....On Monday, April 22, we held our annual parent and son banquet with 68 parents and members present.

--Wayne Caldwell, Reporter

POWHATTAN: The Powhattan chapter of F.F.A. has carried out all of their activities this year under the leadership of our officers who are: Wayne Rouse, president; Donald Pfister, vice president; Keith Winger, secretary; Eddie McCray, treasurer; Richard Pfister, reporter, and John Moyer, advisor. We plan to hold an election of new officers in the next few weeks....A recent meeting of our chapter was for the purpose of entertaining and making 8th grade boy graduates acquainted with our work. The meeting before that was with our dads....Practically every member in our chapter is putting out from 2 to 6 sample Hybrid corn tests plots this spring. The results this fall will be interesting to the corn growers of this county....Four of our boys tied for 1st place in the district Guernsey Show at Horton, and our No. 10 class team won 2nd place at the district Holstein Show at Sabetha.

--Richard Pfister, Reporter

NORWICH: The Norwich chapter of F.F.A. held their annual father and son banquet on April 10....The chapter plans to make a project tour in the near future. We also plan to have a camping party the last of this month.... Jim Gilmore and Eugene Macke were awarded \$1.50 for selling the most garden seeds. Jim won \$1.00 for selling \$6.15 worth of seeds and Eugene .50 cents for selling \$5.90 worth of seeds.

--Lawrence Baker, Reporter