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TO MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER



Why not read outstanding Christmas stories, such as:

"Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

"Christmas Every Day" by W. D. Howells.

"Coming of the Prince" by Eugene Field.

"The First Christmas," "The Lost Word" and "The Story of the Other Wise Man"
by Henry VanDyke.

"Where Love Is, There God Is Also" by Tolstoi.

"When the Chimes Rang" by Alden.

Or Christmas poems, such as:

"Christmas Carol" by Coleridge.

"Christmas Minstrelsy" by Wordsworth.

"Ring Out Wild Bells," and "The Time Draws Near the Birth of Christ" by Tennyson.

"Three Kings," "King Olaf's Christmas" and "Christmas Bells" by Longfellow.

"The Mahogany Tree" by Thackeray.

"What Means this Glory Round Our Feet" by Lowell.

"The Carol of the Fir Tree" by Alfred Noyes.

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"Winter" by Southey.

"A Christmas Night" by John Drinkwater.

"What Sweeter Music Can We Bring" by R. Herrick.

Or Christmas Carols, such as:

"There's a Song in the Air" by J. G. Holland.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Phillips Brooks.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" by Charles Wesley.

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" by N. Tate.

"Joy to the World" by Isaac Watts.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" by Edmund Sears.

"Love Came Down at Christmas" by C. G. Rossetti.

"The First Noel" by William Sandys.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" by J. F. Hopkins.

"Silent Night, Holy Night" by Joseph Mohr.

"O Come All Ye Faithful," 18th Century melody.



F.F.A. CALENDARMEMBERSHIP DUES.

F.F.A. membership dues are due as of January 1, 1942. Dues are 20 cents per member, 10 cents national and 10 cents state. Associate and honorary members do not pay dues. Membership cards are sent out from the state office only upon payment of dues. Send dues to A. P. Davidson, K.S.C., Manhattan, Kansas.

STATE FARMER CANDIDATES.

Completed entry materials for application for the State Farmer degree must be in the mails January 15, 1942.

CARL RAYMOND GRAY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Completed entry materials for application for the Carl Raymond Gray scholarships (Union Pacific RR) must be in the mails January 15, 1942.

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NATIONAL BETTER CHAPTER CONTEST

A letter from W. A. Ross, national executive secretary of the Future Farmers of America, Washington, D. C., sets the due date for entries in the National Better Chapter Contest as January 31, 1942. The following chapters are eligible to send entries: Chanute, Great Bend, Highland Park, Holton, Lebanon, Olathe, Manhattan, Smith Center, Shawnee Mission, and Winfield. Entry blanks together with rules and announcements have been sent these chapters.

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MEMBERSHIP

National executive secretary, W. A. Ross, advises under date of November 15, 1941, that there are 7,340 FFA chapters in the United States and its Insular possessions, with a total active membership of 240,972. Kansas with 171 chapters and 5,235 active members ranked 20th in both number of chapters and in membership.

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ATTENTION--ELEVEN CHAPTERS!

In 1940 the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America was given a Bronze rating in the National Better Chapter Contest. In 1941 Kansas was given Honorable Mention in this contest. The state FFA officers are especially anxious to raise the rating of the state association for 1942. One of the factors rated is the number of chapters operating with a planned program of work. Eleven chartered chapters in Kansas have failed to turn in programs of work to date. Undoubtedly these eleven chapters are operating under a definitely planned program of work, but it would materially aid the state association in its effort to raise the rank which will be awarded in 1942 if the eleven chapters concerned would file their programs of work with the state office. This is your opportunity to cooperate-- is it asking too much to expect your program of work to be filed?

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STAR FARMER OF AMERICA

The following is a cross sectional listing of the farming program of Duane Munter, Randolph High School, P.O. Coleridge, Nebraska, who was named Star Farmer of America for 1941 and was awarded \$500 in cash by the Kansas City Weekly Star.

37-38	38-39	39-40	'41(out-of-school)
2 sow & litter	12 sow & litter	28 sow & litter	21 sow & litter
1 baby beef	1 beef heifer	4 beef cattle	11 beef cattle
8 A corn	16 A corn	2 baby beef	7 sheep
	24 A barley	3 ewes	200 baby chicks
	1 baby beef	24 A corn	300 laying flock
	200 baby chicks	310 laying hens*	1 baby beef
		$\frac{1}{2}$ A potatoes*	32 A corn
		200 baby chicks*	40 A barley
		3 A Atlas*	8 A Atlas
		1 feeding lamb*	12 A oats
		3 A soy beans*	1 A potatoes
		30 A barley*	
		* $\frac{1}{2}$ ownership	

Labor Income

\$470.03

\$1,496.23

\$3,565.89

Total in-school labor income, \$5,532.15.

While Duane's farming program included the production of swine, beef cattle, sheep, poultry and field crops, his main attention was given to a herd of Duroc Jersey hogs. During 1940 he owned and managed 28 sow and litter projects. He started his swine projects as a freshman in high school, starting with a two sow project on borrowed money. As an incentive to increased tonnage production, the Duroc Association in 1935 pioneered a "record of merit" award, called a production registry. The award was to be given any sow of the breed which produced a total of 16 or more pigs in two consecutive litters, with a combined weight of not less than 640 pounds at the weaning age of 56 days. Only 16 sows in the nation have qualified for the award in six years. Four of the 16 sows were owned by Duane Munter. No other breeder, excepting Munter, has qualified more than one sow, and no state, other than Nebraska, has had more than one winner. Munter's outstanding sow was Grandmaster's Pride, which produced the heaviest two litters ever registered, a combined weight of 1,305 pounds at 56 days.

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Each of the Gold Emblem winners in the State Association Contest have chartered chapters of the FFA in one hundred per cent of the vocational agricultural departments. Plans are under way for establishing FFA chapters in two of the three remaining unchartered vocational agricultural departments in Kansas. The state association is hoping that 1942 will see one hundred per cent of the vocational agricultural departments with chartered and active FFA chapters.

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"I have found that most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."--Abraham Lincoln.

STAR FARMER OF KANSAS

Grant Poole, Manhattan chapter, was declared the Star Farmer of Kansas for 1941, and received a cash award of \$100 given by the Kansas City Weekly Star. The following is a listing of the in-high-school and out-of-school farming program which played an important role in meriting this recognition.

37-38	38-39	39-40	40-41(out of school)
3 cows	4 cows	4 cows	4 cows
1 heifer	3 heifers	8 heifers	9 heifers
2 bulls	1 bull	1 bull calf	1 bull calf
2 steers	3 steers	2 steers	1 fat steer
1 sow	1 calf	4 sows	7 sows
1 gilt	3 sows	3 gilts	1 gilt
18 fat shoats	1 boar	1 boar	16 litters from 8 sows
15 pullets	38 fat shoats	58 fat shoats	2 boars
135 chicks	26 pullets	94 pullets	94 pullets
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ A oats	130 chicks	10 A oats	10 A oats
	6 A oats	35 A kafir	10 A kafir

Labor Income

\$400.44

\$525.29

\$941.01

Total in-school labor income, \$1866.74.

Grant built up a net income of more than \$1800 in his four years of vocational agriculture. He was active in vocational agricultural contests and was high individual in the state high school farm mechanics contest in 1940, and was vice president of the state association in 1940.

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KANSAS RADIO BROADCASTS

The following is a list of the radio schedules giving the kilocycles, days of the months, the hour and name of the stations over which the various chapters of the Kansas Association will broadcast future radio programs.

Station KSAL - Salina. 1150 Kilocycles. Each Saturday. Time - 1:30 p. m.

Station KFEG - St. Joseph, Mo. 680 Kilocycles. Each Saturday. Time - 1:45 to 2:00 p. m.

Station KFBI - Wichita. 1070 Kilocycles. Third Wednesday of each month. Time 11:15 a. m.

Station KGNO - Dodge City. 1340 Kilocycles. Second and third Tuesdays of each month. Time 3:00 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.

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"Blessed is he who has the will to get up after a fall."

--S. D. Eva.

BOOK REVIEW--REPORTING FFA NEWS

REPORTING FFA NEWS by C. E. Rogers, Iowa State College Press, Ames, Iowa, 248 pp, illustrated, 1941, price \$2.00.

This book represents a well balanced selection of principles which operate in successful publicity of vocational agriculture and will prove invaluable to workers in the field, from the youngest FFA chapter reporter to the veteran, local, state and national advisers. Not only does this book represent a well balanced selection of principles which operate successfully in FFA publicity, but it presents those principles in a form that will be clear and interesting to every Future Farmer. "Reporting FFA News" is written in a manner that is used in ordinary conversation; it includes examples taken from FFA journalism itself, and is illustrated both for clarity and interest with real FFA pictures.

The first three chapters, "How to Find News", "How to Write News", and "The Language of Journalism" relate the function of journalism to the life of ordinary people, and set forth the basic principles of news writing with a clarity which is understandable to anybody who can read. Chapters IV to VIII, inclusive, and the appendices, are elaborations and explications of the basic text as set forth in chapters I to III. The material for chapters IV to VIII is largely original. It was gathered at the source--from the editors of country newspapers and dailies, farm papers, and FFA state papers, and from news photographers and radio news men. Chapter VII, "FFA News in Pictures", fills a gap in the literature of pictorial journalism, with a detailed and practical discussion of how to photograph farm animals. Chapter VII, "FFA News on Radio" is a "Must" for the thousands of chapter advisers and officers who are confronted with and interested in the problem of FFA radio news.

Appendix A, "Future Farmer News Mart", sets forth the findings of a survey by the author to discover what publications are interested in FFA news articles and what types of articles are most desired by editors. Appendix B, "The FFA News Bureau", presents the functions of a news bureau and the techniques used to get thorough and accurate news coverage. Appendix C, "Newspaper Style" should be studied and mastered by local FFA reporters, chapter advisers, and all persons interested in writing FFA news.

Professor C. E. Rogers, the author, has had wide experience in the fields of agricultural and technical journalism. He aptly states in the preface to this interesting book, "The story that Future Farmers of America tell echoes familiar creeds and attitudes and hopes cherished in our country's traditions....it tells of democracy in education....it is practical....it radiates optimism, self-assurance and progress....and is a story worth telling--a story that American folk like because it is their own story."

This book richly deserves a place not only in the libraries of those persons interested in the Future Farmers of America, but also in the libraries of all persons interested in agricultural news writing.

A.P.D.

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"Sambo," said the magistrate reproachfully to the Negro before him, "I cannot conceive of a meaner, more cowardly act than yours of deserting your wife. Do you realize you are a deserter?"

"If you knowed dat lady as I does," replied Sambo, "you wouldn't call me no deserter, Ah is a refugee--dat's what Ah is."

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ACROSS THE BORDER

(Taken from Annual Reports of State Associations for 1940)

OREGON. The Better Farming contest sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Oregon has greatly assisted in improving the farm projects of the home farms and the establishment of boys in farming. In this contest the boys in each chapter select the best four projects in their chapters. This number is culled to one by neighboring agricultural instructors. The chapter winners are then visited by a state committee who select the best four in each of the five state districts. These 20 winners made exhibits at the State Fair....The Farm Mechanics contest sponsored by the Oregon Bankers' Association this year for the first time, conducted similar to the Better Farming contest, is showing considerable promise in developing the farm shop work at school and on the home farm. Over 100 boys rearranged the farm shop and 751 boys repaired farm machinery valued at \$9,726.25.

ARKANSAS. The state association maintains an annual clipping service with weekly delivery of articles clipped from the press in local and county papers and state dailies of Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and West Tennessee....118 chapters prepared and broadcast radio programs....187 chapters have a definite continuing written program of work....1,127 FFA boys participated in leadership training and recreation at Camp Couchdale during the summer months.

GEORGIA. A total membership of 10,732 in 337 chapters....the state FFA band from 65 chapters completed a successful year....3000 FFA members attended the State Rally....\$1,000 was spent on a swimming pool at the state FFA camp.

FLORIDA. Cooperative buying and selling activities were sponsored by all chapters, conservation programs were carried out in cooperation with the state conservation agencies, and each chapter had a particular project to carry out for the benefit of the community....One such activity, carried out by the Blountstown chapter, consisted of having members solicit funds and purchase materials with which they built a school lunchroom, all labor being donated by the FFA members. The lunchroom is operated by the WPA and 350 school children secure their lunches daily at the cost of five cents per person....The state association purchased \$1000 of National Defense Savings Bonds, and the goal is for each member in the state to purchase at least one \$25 Defense Bond.

LOUISIANA. The state association has never exceeded its budget....88 radio broadcasts were given by chapters in the state....81 per cent of the chapters have FFA welcome signs on roads leading to the schools....80 per cent of the chapters planned exhibits for fairs featuring one of the 12 purposes of the FFA....90 per cent of the chapters held public speaking contests with 6,736 members participating....for the seventh consecutive year the state association conducted a parliamentary procedure contest.

CALIFORNIA. Published an illustrated monthly FFA magazine with a subscription list of 10,400....started compilation of "Who's Who in Vocational Agriculture" for California....basic requirement for a chapter in good standing required minimum of 75 per cent of vocational agriculture students as members of FFA chapter....conducted camps at two major fairs with a total attendance of more than 1100 members.

Across the Border (Continued)

CONNECTICUT. State convention was held during Farm & Home Week, with 38 officers, delegates and alternates representing the association and 14 of our 15 chapters conducted the business. While the number of officers and delegates was smaller than when the convention was held in connection with the judging contests, the interest was higher....active membership for the year totaled 299 which represented 58.6 per cent of day class students eligible.

INDIANA. Approximately 50 boys applied for the State Farmer Degree, but because of the high standard of selection only 10 finally received the degree....While FFA activities in Indiana have not attained the excellent development that they have in some states, hope is held for bigger things eventually.

IOWA. 3,000 attended the state convention with 164 delegates from 82 chapters registered....700 boys attended the Tenth Annual District FFA leadership conferences....a 60 piece FFA band from 19 chapters played at the state fair....six district contests were held in parliamentary procedure, chapter programs, public speaking and extemporaneous speaking.

KENTUCKY. One hundred thirty-six teams participated in the district Opening and Closing Ceremonies contest....nine teams advanced to the state contest....sixty-six chapters entered the district chapter secretary's book contest...nine advanced to the state contest....87 chapters hold membership in the Kentucky Farm Bureau. ...117 parliamentary procedure teams participated in district contests....enterprise tests in 12 enterprises were held in the nine districts....90 music teams participated in the nine districts....52 chapters entered newsletters in the district contests.

MASSACHUSETTS. For the first time the state convention of FFA was opened and closed formerly, using the prescribed ritual...."The Baystater" is the name of the state FFA publication.

MICHIGAN. The Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America and the State Board of Control for Vocational Education in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture administer a special fund of \$10,000 for Future Farmer program promotion. This fund is provided by legislative act. It is used to promote a state fat stock show, leadership training program and public speaking contest, as well as \$40 per chapter for individual achievement awards to active members in good standing.

MISSISSIPPI. The State Association published six issues of the "Mississippi Future Farmer" with a circulation of 8,000....the latest issue was in the form of a handbook with information about the state association and national organization, constitution and by-laws, creed, motto, colors, officers of the association, winners of contests, contest rules and regulations, score cards, history of the state association, State and American farmers by years, state officers by years, convention reports, council charts, chapter directory of the state association, and membership by years.

MISSOURI. Membership of 8,525 represents an increase of 13 per cent over 1939. ...30 chapters entered district parliamentary procedure contests.

NEBRASKA. During 1940, 150 colored slides and 300 feet of motion picture film were taken of FFA activities....the state FFA president traveled 1300 miles in attending district conferences....total active membership is 3084.

Across the Border (Continued)

NEVADA. Every vocational agricultural department has a fully organized FFA chapter with a program of work in operation....all chapters used the official secretary's and treasurer's books; followed official opening and closing ceremonies; participated in public speaking and parliamentary contests; and all but two possess full meeting equipment.

NEW JERSEY. Eighteen chapters entered the annual apple packing contest....three chapters held cow milking contests....twenty chapters entered the state pullet rearing contest.

NEW MEXICO. Over half of the new Mexico FFA chapters belong to district and county FFA groups which meet from four to nine times a year, making possible closer cooperation between chapters.

NEW YORK. Chartered chapters increased from 299 to 307, but active membership showed a loss of 256....the loss is attributed largely to demand for workers in industrial defense programs.

NORTH DAKOTA. 90 per cent of the delegates to the state convention wore official FFA jackets....Earl Walter, national student secretary, together with the state president and the state vice president, visited 75 per cent of the chapters in the state association.

OKLAHOMA. 7,319 active FFA members, 1,458 honorary and associate members....of the active members, 3,157 live on tenant farms....FFA boys own 11,306 acres of land....state association owns and operates a 120 acre summer camp valued at more than \$10,000.

PENNSYLVANIA. 174 chapters landscaped school grounds....77 chapters completed home improvement programs....13,797 FFA exhibits were exhibited at local fairs.

SOUTH CAROLINA. A membership of 4,891 represents a membership decrease for the year, occasioned by boys leaving school to attend CCC camps, NYA resident schools, and some boys finding employment under improved economic conditions....there are three camps in the state being used by the FFA and a fourth camp is being constructed. 4,162 members attended these camps during the year....most of the chapters now have some kind of farm shops....forty new and enlarged shops were constructed during the year.

TENNESSEE. 3,000 Future Farmers with seven FFA bands marched in a parade at Memphis during the state convention....9,811 active members, 2,819 associate and honorary members, making a grand total FFA membership of 12,630.

ILLINOIS. 382 chapters, membership of 11,540, representing an increase in membership of 8 per cent....state association is divided into 20 sections with a vice president in charge of each section....the state legislature appropriates \$1,500 as premium money for each of the 20 sectional FFA fairs in the state....3500 FFA members exhibited at the sectional FFA fairs....the state association is sponsoring a contest to select the outstanding FFA boy in each section, the 20 winners to be given a free bus trip to the National FFA camp next summer.

UTAH. All of the chapters engaged in organized home improvement work....all chapters in the state except one, visited by student officers of the state association of FFA.

Across the Border (Completed)

VERMONT. The Long Trail Hike--extending from the state line of Massachusetts to the Canadian border is the "The Long Trail", a path through the wilderness which goes up the highest peaks and through the most scenic sections of Vermont. Each year, about the first Saturday in October, each FFA chapter takes to an assigned section of the trail and spends one or two days hiking and enjoying Vermont's beautiful landscape which is especially colorful at that season.

WISCONSIN. A fireplace and chimney were added to the state FFA camp at Jag Lake. ...123 chapters participated in the state public speaking contest....30 chapters participated in the quartet contest....29 Honor and Recognition awards were given to chapters on the basis of having completed 18 objectives in a total list of 20.

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The Oklahoma State Association dedicated a \$90,000 FFA State Fair dormitory in September. The state association, two years ago guaranteed \$10,000 as their share to match WPA and other funds. The successful drive netted \$11,243.67. While the building was under way the state association secretly collected another fund to be used in paying for an oil painting of Director and Agricultural Supervisor J. B. Perky, and for portraits of district supervisors Bonnie Nicholson, W. R. Felton, Roy Craig and S. M. Crosnoe. The painting and portraits were unveiled at the dedication ceremonies.

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CHAPTER NEWS

GOODLAND: Four boys who were carrying turkey projects for this year marketed 450 birds through the Yuma Colorado Turkey Pool. These birds were dressed and shipped to the eastern market bringing \$1,500 for the first down payment, the balance to be made when the shipment is sold. The turkey projects will net \$2.03 per bird this year....A class project consisting of a sow and ten pigs is being carried this year by the chapter in order to gain more knowledge of feeding practices and to raise money for the chapter. Each chapter member donates three bushels of grain with the local bank financing the necessary capital to purchase the sow and litter....Six pure bred Duroc Jersey gilts have been purchased by chapter members....Nearly 100 breeding ewes were purchased this fall and added to the number which were already in the chapter. This makes a little over 500 ewes in the chapter. We already have nearly 50 early lambs which will be ready for the early market next April....Among the chapter activities carried out this fall is the payment of our state and national dues, Green Hand initiation, organizing a softball team within the chapter, and a hay rack ride....Committee chairmen and members have been appointed to get underway with plans for the parent-son banquet which is to be held December 16....Four of our boys are candidates for the State Farmer degree and one will try for the American Farmer degree this year....A fall project tour was conducted during the last of September and many kinds of projects were visited, all belonging to members of the chapter. We feel this time is well spent as it gives us a chance to gather new ideas and see what others are doing. All types of projects were visited, including hogs, sheep, turkeys, dairy, poultry, and fall row crops such as grain and forage sorghum crops

--Bob Barnes, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

OLATHE: On October 3 the annual Junior Live Stock and Crops Show was held by the Olathe chapter. Several chapters entered and premiums were given. Everyone in the chapter participated....On October 11 Mr. Raines and 13 FFA boys attended the Swine Feeders day at Manhattan....Our sixth annual parent and son banquet was held in the school cafeteria November 1. Almost 100 per cent of the parents and boys attended....There are 53 boys enrolled in agriculture and the FFA this year....The vocational teachers conference of the east central group voted to hold the live stock judging school and contest at Olathe for 1942. This year our chapter has a three-quarter ton pick-up truck to use when they go on field trips....September 22 our chapter sponsored a parent meeting. This meeting was for the purpose of acquainting parents with the vocational program.... Nine Green Hands were raised to the Future Farmer degree, October 20....October 21 both the Future Farmers and the Future Homemakers held a meeting. Following the meetings the boys and girls met for a short program, and then went to the gym for an evening of games....November 18 we went to Richard Sackman's home where the chapter gilts are kept, and where we were given experience in judging and weighing gilts. November 21 a class went to the home of Junior Thompson to castrate boars, judge gilts and mark small pigs....November 24 we initiated 17 Green Hands.

--Bob Williams, Reporter

GARDNER: At the opening of school we found our vocational agriculture department much improved with many long needed improvements. A fine store room was built by our adviser. Six new tool cabinets were added and the shop was given a general overhauling and cleaning up....At the Johnson County fair at Gardner, FFA members did well. Lucky Brecheisen won 12 ribbons and \$22 in prizes with his sheep. Wyman Blakeman won 2nd place with his fat pig and George Filkins 3rd place in corn....We held a parent meeting September 30. Nearly all parents and every member were present....An article is being published every week in our local paper. A project story is to be published by every boy some time before the year is over....Our chapter had a large quantity of record book check sheets printed and distributed them at cost to other chapters....The superintendent and school board presented our chapter with a fine pair of boxing gloves in appreciation of our efforts this year....Initiation of 10 Future Farmers took place at a special meeting November 24....Tentative plans are under way for a corn husking contest....Our library is very up-to-date, including nearly all the FFA books available. All paraphernalia is now used by our chapter. A manual is available at all times for every member....We are trying hard to sell the supply of concrete hog troughs left from last year.

--Wyman Blakeman, Reporter

SABETHA: Our chapter has paid for the hog trough mold which was purchased last fall....On October 8 we initiated 19 Green Hands at a night meeting....The officers of our chapter gave a radio program on FFA activities over radio station KFEQ, November 1....Our chapter operated an eats stand at the Horse Show October 7 and made a nice profit....Daryl Bechteherimer won first prize on his Holstein dairy heifer on October 9 in the Sabetha Kiwanis Calf Club Show....In our shop we have repaired and painted 2 manure spreaders, 2 cultivators, 2 disks, 1 hay rake, 2 mowers, 3 sections of harrow, 2 feed bunks, 2 wagon boxes, 3 hog troughs, 1 hay rack, 8 chicken feeders, and 3 tool cabinets,

--Charles Hennigh, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MOUND CITY: Our chapter had 14 pure bred Duroc gilts to give out from the increase of last year's cooperative projects. A pure bred Duroc boar has been purchased for the chapter's use....Our chapter has 45 members this year....We held our parent-son banquet October 18 with 117 guests present. Our speaker was Director C. M. Miller of the State Board for Vocational Education....October 11 Charles Lanham, Bill Scott, Robert Baldwin, and J. B. New, accompanied by Mr. Raines, attended the Swine Feeders Day at Manhattan....The FFA boys have done quite a number of community service jobs so far this year. They have vaccinated 150 hogs, rung 7 gilts, 2 boars, castrated 11 boars, culled and treated 1,190 chickens for lice, dehorned 65 head of cattle, vaccinated 14 calves for blackleg, castrated and emasculated 10 bulls, rung 2 bulls, wormed 325 head of sheep, 175 hogs and oiled 7 gilts. We have completed or have under construction various shop jobs as follows: completed one wagon box, overhauled a manure spreader, made a big chicken feeder, overhauled and painted two trailers, made punches, coal chisels, and various other jobs, and have two other wagon boxes under construction now.

--J. B. New, Reporter

TONGANOXIE: The activities of the 1941 judging team closed when they were guests at the community club dinner November 5. Short talks about this year's judging were given. The team members honored were Junior Black, Paul Jones, and Tom Gray....At the weekly meeting of the FFA November 10, Mrs. James Wooden, a local business man, talked about the loss caused by the Hessian fly. He reported parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas badly infested with the fly. In some places there was as high as a 90 per cent loss....The FFA has organized a swine project. We have purchased four pure bred gilts and have given them to different boys. In return when these gilts farrow, the FFA gets to pick two gilts from the litter. The FFA can give these two gilts to other boys or sell them....Mr. Welton has begun judging practice....The Tonganoxie high school judging team, representing Kansas in meat judging, won 2nd place in the national contest held in connection with the American Royal in Kansas City. Champion teams from 20 states competed. The team is composed of Thomas Gray, Paul Jones, and Junior Black. Tom Gray was 2nd high individual of the contest with 196 points out of a possible 200...Thanks again to Fred Zoellner and Ted Pearson for providing the meat cuts for study.

--Eugene Bradley, Reporter

BUHLER: We exhibited at the Reno County Collective Agriculture Exhibit at the state fair winning first and \$132.84 prize money. This was our first place in 5 years of competition....We recently had a joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club of Hutchinson at Buhler. We considered this a great opportunity to show what we are doing....Mr. Johnson, Leo Ediger, Richard Dick, Harry Wall and Irven Wall drove to Dean Curtis' Berkshire farm near Ames, Iowa, and bought a boar and a gilt. The boar was bought for the Buhler Live Stock Improvement Association, of which the chapter is a member, and the gilt was bought for the chapter. Harry and Irven Wall will be managers of the boar. Harold Dick, our president, has the gilt. He will care for her until she farrows, and when the pigs are weaned the chapter will pick two gilts. Harold will continue to develop the gilts until they are eight months of age. The chapter then takes the two gilts and the original gilt becomes Harold's property. We are doing similarly with some Duroc sows and gilts, which we purchased the first week in December.

--Robert Sawatzky, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

HILL CITY: October 8 we initiated 20 Green Hands into our chapter. We have 40 active members....The members of last year's judging team and farm mechanics team were awarded school letters at a chapel program recently. FFA members receiving letters were Ben Schweitzer, Allan Knouf, Layton Strong, Don Billips, and Clair Legere....Our chapter has cleared \$11 at our eats and drink stand at home football games....We have made plans for our parent-son meeting which will be held after Christmas....25 FFA members are cooperating with Professor Glen Trewartha of the University of Wisconsin in making drawings of their home farmsteads....We had a window decoration down town welcoming the Alumni to Homecoming November 27, and were awarded 2nd place.

--Wayne Kerbaugh, Reporter

LACYGNE: Our chapter planned a joint meeting with the Home Economics classes for Thanksgiving evening....22 Green Hands were initiated into our chapter at a recent meeting. Three honorary members were also taken into the chapter....Two turkeys were raffled off before Thanksgiving, on which the chapter cleared \$15. ...The shop classes have piped water into the shop and erected metal goal posts on the football field in addition to the regular routine shop work....The FFA boys have dehorned 100 head of cattle, castrated about 75 hogs, and vaccinated 27 hogs....We plan a farm machinery repair class project in the shop, with a sale in the spring....Most of our Future Farmers have sheep for projects, with about 125 head in all. Hogs are next in importance, with several beef heifers and steers, and a few dairy heifers.

--Erven Donley, Reporter

SEDAN: Some of the Senior boys went on several out of town judging trips during the summer....Harold Smith and Gilbert Briggs won pure bred registered Poland China gilts in the Sears essay contest....Formal initiation was held for 26 Green Hands....Our pest eradication contest is well under way and promises to be an exciting contest. Many coyotes are expected to be caught and turned in during December....The father and son mixer was held November 25. 12 gallons of milk and 2 gallons of oysters were served as refreshments....We have vaccinated 96 hogs for cholera, drenched 1760 sheep with Phenol Ovine drench, culled 1250 hens, castrated 30 hogs, butchered 6 calves and 26 hogs. We received \$1.00 for each hog and \$1.50 for each beef from farmers who do not have boys in the department. ...We still have one registered Hampshire buck lamb for sale, a close-made, tight, low-set kind.

--Lyle Weaver, Reporter

LAHARPE: The FFA has been selling candy at noons which has made us a profit of \$5 to \$6 per month....Frank Himphill won a pure bred Duroc breeding gilt from the Peters Scrum Co. by furnishing a last line in a lyric contest....Our chapter sponsored an all school skating party. Plans are now being made for a boxing tournament which will be held in January....October saw the final payment on all loans made through the Chanute Production Credit Association for last year. Over \$500 was borrowed. Several new loans have been completed....Some of the shop work projects are sheep feeders, overhauling of farm motors, repairing used machinery, tool reconditioning, chicken feeders, gates and loading chutes.

--Charles Englehardt, Reporter

HALSTEAD: Our chapter has 24 active members....October 2 we held initiation for the Green Hands....We sold popcorn at the football games and will continue to sell it at home basketball games. We intend to buy an electric popper....We have started a chicken project.

--Harvey Nightingale, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

SHAWNEE MISSION: Our chapter bought up three truck loads of old machinery last summer, consisting of a corn binder, two discs, a two row corn planter, a mower, a grain drill, and several smaller pieces. These are being reconditioned and will be sold this winter....We started our chapter battery brooder on October 3. 30 baby chicks are placed in the battery each week and the battery is now full. The first birds average 32 ounces at seven weeks and will be killed, dressed, and sold at the age of nine weeks, each bird weighing three pounds or better. ...160 parents, friends, and members attended our 13th annual parent-son supper on November 22. Bad weather cut our attendance somewhat....A new seed germinator has been added to our equipment.

--Lawrence Zillhard, Reporter

MULVANE: August 14 the chapter received 127 ewes from Oregon which were bought by the FFA boys. Many of the boys used Production Credit money for purchasing the ewes....Our total membership at present is 26, all of whom are enrolled in vocational agriculture classes....The chapter is planning some very interesting meetings....December 5 the FFA carnival was held. This is one of the ways for raising money and the whole community has fun in helping us do it....We have planned a very interesting program of work with 83 goals that will be completed by next September....The cooperative hog plan that was started last year is working out very nicely, and the gilts taken in as payment are given to other boys in the chapter....The pest eradication is underway....The chapter has begun their custom butchering. All profit derived goes to the FFA chapter.

--Dale Watson, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: The annual parent and son banquet was held November 12. 220 guests were served in the beautifully decorated gymnasium. L. B. Pollem, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, was an honored guest at the banquet. President Winston Wheeler served as toast master. The evening was closed with a picture, "Romance of Meat", put out by the Federal Meat and Live Stock Board....During the month of October the Atchison County Chapter won a trophy presented by the Peppard Seed Company of Kansas City, Mo., for having the best radio skit of the month. This program was broadcast over KFEG, October 4. The chapter was given a nine inch bronze ear of corn, mounted on a celluloid base....73 boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture. 83 boys are paid up members in the FFA organization. This is said to be the largest department in the state for this year.

--F. B. Cormode Jr., Reporter

JUNCTION CITY. Members of the Blue Jay chapter and the vocational agriculture classes are looking forward to the completion of their shop building. The completed shop will be approximately 60' x 40'....Harvesting of their Sargo crop has been the main activity of the chapter during the last week. Due to the high cost of labor for harvesting the crop, the boys decided to cut it by hand. Some seed was harvested and if possible will be certified and sold. Proceeds from the sale of seed and the shocked feed will be put in the chapter treasury....The Blue Jay chapter now consists of 10 Future Farmers and 15 Green Hands. The Future Farmer degree was conferred and the Green Hands initiated at the October meeting.

--Edward Rogers, Reporter

BAZINE: Committees are being appointed and plans are being made now for a parent-son banquet which is to be held in the spring....A standard was made for the following year and every FFA member is expected to meet that standard.

--Lyle Schaben, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

ELLIS: Initiation of freshmen was held October 21 and 13 new members joined.... This fall the FFA has butchered and sold seven hogs. 18 head were butchered for farmers and the boys' parents....The FFA has bought and butchered and sold one beef from which we made approximately \$95....We are conducting scholarship contests for the FFA boys....The boys in vocational agriculture and FFA who owned lambs, sold 42 head on the Kansas City market November 10 at \$11 per hundred. The lambs averaged about 105 pounds per animal. We have at present a flock of 153 ewes....In shop we have built an insilage feeder 20 feet long and one tractor was cleaned and painted. January 28 this chapter will have their annual parent and son banquet....As a home practice we will keep a daily live stock and grain market....The FFA organization is starting a swine project which is a pure bred Hampshire gilt.

--Ralph Niernberger, Reporter

MCDONALD: A poultry and grain show, sponsored by the chapter and McDonald business men was held October 15, 16 and 17. A very large number of entries were made in both divisions, and quite a large sum in prize money was awarded. A poultry judging school for the schools in this district was also held that week in connection with the show....Joint initiation of the Green Hands was held by McDonald and Bird City in the McDonald chapter room. 22 Green Hands were initiated....A date party was held November 16 with 36 in attendance....A pest contest is being carried on between the No. 9 boys and the No. 10 and No. 11 boys. ...A mounted owl has been purchased for the chapter room.

--Harold Harper Jr., Reporter

SOUTH HAVEN: Our chapter has purchased a new set of boxing gloves and a punching bag for our members. A boxing tournament is being held....An attendance contest is being arranged....Our chapter is also establishing a Defense Stamp drawing. A number of members have Defense Stamp booklets and the lucky numbers will receive a 50¢, a 25¢, or a 10¢ stamp if he is present at the drawing.... We have purchased a \$25 Defense Savings Bond and also hold three shares of stock in the Kingman Production Credit Association....Dale Hamilton, our last year's president, is now attending Kansas State College, having won a \$150 Sears Scholarship last August....We held a roller skating party November 26. The vocational homemaking department and others were invited as guests.

--Lynn Kubib, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: Twenty-three Green Hands out of 24 freshmen enrolled in vocational agriculture were initiated at our October meeting....We held our FFA carnival November 3 and cleared \$25....The Agriculture II class made basketball goals for the Capitol Catholic High School at Topeka. We cleared \$10....We are now holding our annual rodent catching contest. The whole chapter is taking part including the honorary members. Prizes will be given to the three highest individuals in the contest....A Christmas party was held December 3 for the Home Economics girls.Dale Phillips and Cecil Simonto are candidates for the State Farmer degree this year. Maynard David, our State Farmer for 1941, is trying for the Carl Raymond Gray scholarship this year.

--Glenn Painter, Reporter

HOLTON: This year our FFA has purchased a new popcorn popper which will help a great deal in selling popcorn at football and basketball games....October 21 the senior vocational agriculture class went to the American Royal....Our FFA officers were invited by the Hiawatha FFA chapter to raise their Green Hands to the degree of Future Farmers November 17.

--John Kehler, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

CONCORDIA: In September we entered the Cloud County Fair livestock judging contest and placed first....So far we have borrowed over \$1100 cooperatively from the Production Credit Association for our members to use in financing sheep, swine, and calf projects. A large part of it was used to buy Western ewes that were purchased cooperatively....Our Hallowe'en party was held November 14 at the county lake shelter house....The chapter again this year furnished a basket of food for a needy family for Thanksgiving as a part of our community service program....We have started a contest in pest eradication....We have worked up a scholarship insurance plan which is in operation and which seems to function pretty well. Each member pays a premium of five cents each six weeks period and if he raises the average of all his grades the next six weeks period he draws out ten cents. The rate money has been drawn out this six weeks, indicates the company may go broke without considerable help from the FFA treasury.... Green Hand initiation was held December 2.

--Howard Doyen, Reporter

ELDORADO: One of the year's first events was a judging contest at the farm of Bert Barrier, who is an Aberdeen Angus breeder. Our chapter helped sponsor the field day. There were 17 judging teams present for the contest. Eldorado won 3rd place....The annual project fair was held October 30. The local Kiwanis club sponsored the show. 48 boys competed with a total of 200 entries. The FFA purchased a male hog from McKeever at Mahaska, Kansas....28 Green Hands from our chapter and 7 from Leon were initiated at our regular October meeting. Thus far this year we have had an average attendance of 48 at each meeting....On field trips we have mouthed 150 ewes, done live stock judging, helped terrace 3 farms, culled and blood tested chickens, built hog pens, hung gates and repaired and put a roof on a 20 x 20 sheep shed....We have published our second newsletter. ...A thrift bank has been organized whereby boys can deposit money with the school and cannot make withdrawals before the end of the year.

--Donald Mossman, Reporter

KISMET: We plan to buy about eight beef calves and feed them. Part of the boys will furnish wheat pasture and some will furnish forage and the rest will furnish grain....Our activity program also includes the making of a trailer, buying feed, trees, and seed cooperatively. We will have games and refreshments after each meeting and two parties during the year. We will also butcher hogs for those who do not care to do it themselves....Each six weeks everyone has a home shop improvement job to do....Our shop is full this year. It now has in it 3 self feeders for hogs, one 8 x 12 hog house and a number of sheep feeders, hog troughs, and chicken feeders.

--Harold Krause, Reporter

DOWNS: The chapter activity program includes a concrete trough mold with which we make troughs to sell....The chapter held a turkey shoot and cleared \$8.80. We plan to hold another turkey shoot December 15....The chapter is sponsoring a poultry yard with 250 laying hens. We started 300 White Rock chicks which we will sell as fries January 1. We will start a brood of White Leghorns in April for replacing the laying flock....We have elected a program chairman who plans all programs one meeting ahead of time....After the regular night meeting we go to the gymnasium where we box, wrestle, play volley ball and basketball.

--Duane Hiting, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

KINGMAN: A few of the things we plan to do this year in the chapter are: treat seed for the farmers, mix and sell hog mineral, buy certified seed and sell to agriculture students and farmers, print and distribute at least two copies of a newsletter.... November 17 we initiated 20 boys as Green Hands and 5 Green Hands were raised to the Future Farmer degree.... We have 31 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year and every one is a member of the FFA. Our total active membership is 41.... Three boys are striving for the State Farmer degree. They are Paul Conrady, Hobart Campbell, and Charles Mercer.

Hobart Campbell, Reporter

DIGHTON: Nine members of our chapter who are enrolled in vocational agriculture have organized a chapter cooperative swine project. The equipment is being built in the vocational agriculture shop and a pure bred Duroc gilt will be purchased. The chapter helped sponsor a school carnival and received \$50 for their efforts, which will be used in starting a battery brooder unit as a shop project. ... Some activities planned for this year include a cooperative swine project, cooperative buying of feeds and seeds and helping sponsor a school carnival. The members of the shop classes are building hog feeders, calf feeders, hog houses, hog troughs, and battery brooders.

--Bill Sharp, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: W_o purchased 18 sows and gilts this fall and a pure bred boar. The boys also purchased 150 ewes this fall. This makes the third fall for this project.... The steers which are being fed by the deferred feeding system are going to be shipped early in December if the markets are suitable. These steers were purchased last fall and winter, then put on grass in the spring. In August the steers were taken off of grass and full fed for 100 days and then sold.... The vocational agriculture class has been drenching sheep, and castrating pigs and calves. The boys have drenched around 350 sheep for the boys and farmers.... The skating rink was opened shortly after school started.

--Wayno Smith, Reporter

BERRYTON: Seven Green Hands were initiated November 4. The initiation was followed by a skating party at Carbondale..... Two self feeders have been built for farmers of our community, and we have an order for another. \$1.00 was charged for making each feeder.... Two pairs of boxing gloves were purchased by the chapter for recreation.... In order to help some of our members become established in the hog business, the chapter has placed six pure bred Poland China gilts with members on a share plan. These gilts are being bred for spring litters.

--Vernon Weston, Reporter

SAFFORDVILLE: We have 28 members in our chapter.... In the annual Chase county fair we entered a booth and received 2nd place, with a cash award of \$15.... In August some of the boys purchased 125 head of Western ewes cooperatively. We also purchased 25 head of pure bred Hereford steers cooperatively. In October we bought 6 pure bred gilts.... In shop the boys put 16 inch wheels on a model T trailer. They now have feed bunks under construction; large saws are being sharpened for the annual wood cutting day.

--Dan Nelson, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: Nine freshmen were initiated into the Green Hand degree, and 11 Green Hands were raised to Future Farmers at the last meeting.... Shop projects consisted of a windcharger, battery brooder, 20 bushel hog feeders, chicken nests, chicken feeders, automobile repair, and a 6-foot ladder. An addition to shop equipment is an acetylene torch.

--Robert Buckley, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

CENTRALIA: On a field trip the vocational agriculture III boys built a concrete gutter in Ray Wiseman's cow barn. They had also made the goal posts for the football field....Some of the major shop jobs are building wagon boxes, A type hog houses, hog feeders and repairing farm machinery such as mowing machines and two-row lister cultivators....The FFA earned \$7.00 by putting out programs for the football games.

--Bob Drumm, Reporter

SCANDIA: Our chapter has 18 active members. On November 1 three Green Hands were initiated. The next week 15 Future Farmers were initiated....Some projects completed in shop this year are: hay buck, wagon box, 2-wheel trailer, built-in cupboard for home economics room, two cupboards for the lunch program, and many smaller articles....Three boys sold 30 head of fat lambs last week and topped the Kansas City market....Committees have been appointed for the FFA father-son banquet.

--Lawrence Nelson, Reporter

PARKER: We have purchased a hammer mill and have been doing custom grinding in the community and have mixed chick starter and laying mash to pay for the mill. The mill is almost paid for and the boys hope to make enough to pay for the expense of a trip next summer....We have made six new tables for the agriculture room and have purchased a new fluorescent light....The chapter sponsored their annual pie and box supper which netted a profit of \$45....At the present we are conducting a pest eradication contest.

--Glenn Merrill, Reporter

OBERLIN: Mr. Pritchard who is an honorary member of the Oberlin FFA chapter, and who will manage the Hays hatchery this year, is assisting us in culling and testing farm flocks....Initiation of the Green Hands was held recently. 16 Green Hands were initiated....The agriculture classes are making the silhouette forms that will be used to decorate the building for Christmas....The annual pest eradication contest was officially opened this week....Five boys went to McDonald to a poultry and egg judging contest.

--Harold Walton, Reporter

BELLEVILLE: The Belleville chapter sponsored the WIEW Kansas Round-up on November 8. The program was presented to 1400 people at the high school auditorium. We cleared \$112....The FFA chapter has as a chapter project a subirrigated strawberry patch. Last year we planted 6,000 plants.

--Max Ball, Reporter

COLDWATER: Our chapter exhibited the Comanche county collective booth at the state fair. We took first in the western group and Grand Champion over all. During the last ten years we have been first nine times, and second once on this exhibit. We won the Grand Champion ribbon the last two years.

--Clair Thompson, Reporter

EYERS: November 10 the Byers FFA chapter initiated our five members as Green Hands....We are preparing an FFA banquet to be held December 15....The Home Economics class will serve the banquet. Our mothers will furnish the food. We have invited our fathers, mothers, the school board, and teachers. The banquet will be held in the auditorium.

--LeRoy Hodson, Reporter