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THE ALTON CHAPTER OF F.F.A.

The Alton chapter of F.F.A. held its first meeting October 26th, and decided to initiate new members soon. New officers were elected at that time. They are as follows:

President	-----	Carl Stevens
Vice President	-----	Howard Welker
Secretary	-----	Kreigh Magaw
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The president appointed several committees for the following year. A program committee was appointed to work out a program for the year. A project committee was selected to work up a project score card and encourage boys to carry larger projects. A membership and initiation committee was appointed to encourage the boys not belonging to the F.F.A. to join.

The second meeting will be held November 23rd, at which time Green Hands will be raised to the Future Farmer Degree.

The freshman and sophomore classes of vocational agriculture went on a field trip to Hays on Sorghum Day, September 10th.

All projects are started and well under way. The following is a list of projects being carried this year.

Kafir -----	4	Dairy Cow -----	3
Potato -----	4	Laying flock ---	2
Wheat -----	5	Baby beef -----	1
Sow and litter--	11	Fattening Swine-	1

The Alton F.F.A. plans to send a poultry judging team to the Norton Poultry Judging Contest.

Reporter Wayne Newbrey

### CONCORDIA CHAPTER OF F.F.A.

On November 16th two Concordia F.F.A. members, Billy Kennedy, President; and Armand Marlhoit gave talks to the Rotary Club regarding F.F.A. and what it means.

We had a "Possum feed" on November 24. There were about thirty members present. We had four o'possums and about a peck of sweet potatoes. The boys licked the bones clean.

We have a large horned owl for a mascot. The boys built a large cage for him, and he now decorates the corridor.

We are planning a Father and Son banquet to be held December 4th.

Reporter Harold Jones

### MOUND CITY CHAPTER OF F.F.A.

An initiation for 15 Mound City Green Hands was held October 15th. The boys were ushered into the vocational agriculture room where the first part of the initiation was held. Then they were taken to a nearby farm. Here their skill in identifying some farm machinery and some inhabitants of the corral was tested.

The vocational agriculture boys are getting some valuable experience in using the terracing level.

Mound City F.F.A. judging teams went out to win this year, and the money in our treasury was increased about \$25.00 from their winnings.

We are sorry to say that two of our boys had a little hard luck. A horse fell with one boy, giving him a vacation of six weeks in the hospital. Another boy hit a Kincaid man too hard in a football game and suffered a broken collar bone.

Plans are being considered for our Father and Son banquet to be held January 29th.

We have attended several fairs this year. A judging team was entered in each.

Reporter Waldo Cox

#### NORTON CHAPTER OF F.F.A.

The Norton F.F.A. Chapter and the vocational agriculture department are sponsoring a poultry judging contest Friday, December 4, in connection with the annual Norton County Poultry Show. Ten schools of northwest Kansas have signified their intention of entering teams.

An F.F.A. Father and Son banquet is being planned for December 11th by the Norton chapter. Lester B. Pollom, Supervisor of Agricultural Education, will be the principal speaker.

Aurette Corder, a member of the winning dairy judging team last spring at Manhattan attended the American Royal via a Rock Island Railway Prize Educational Trip. Donald Moody also received a trip to the American Royal. This trip was presented by the Missouri Pacific Railway Company.

A large F.F.A. emblem the size of the one on the regulation F.F.A. banner was presented to the local chapter last week. This emblem was painted on glass in blue and gold colors by the sister of one of the members. The chapter has framed it.

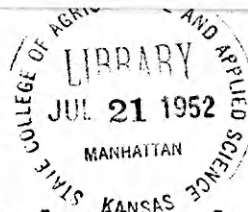
An Associate F.F.A. member and former vocational agriculture student, Royse Murphy, who has made an outstanding record in high school in various ways, has been awarded a prize 4-H educational trip to Chicago next week. The trip is awarded by the Rock Island Railway Company.

#### PARSONS CHAPTER OF F.F.A.

Initiation program. The night before Thanksgiving, November 25, 1931, ten new vocational agriculture boys assembled at the senior high school to be initiated into the Green Hand degree of Future Farmers of America.

The ceremony was conducted by second year boys. The new candidates were as follows: Max Hiatt, Alferd White, Murl Garber, Floyd McConnell, Paul Devine, Harold Orner, Horce Carter, Earl Skeeters, Victor Shears and Edward Chambers.

The boys were first compelled to remove their shoes and their stockings. Then blind folded they were lifted to the top of a high table with instruction to jump off. The blind fold



was then removed so that they might pick a landing place among the numerous tacks that covered a board directly in their way. They were then blind folded again and the board was removed. The victims received a pleasant surprise when instead of landing with carpet tacks in their feet they landed on smooth floor.

The airplane ride, dropping a coin into a funnel under your belt from your chin, and last sitting on a comfortable looking chair till someone pressed a button that sent an electric shock through your body were other features of the initiation.

After the initiation the boys were surprised with refreshments consisting of doughnuts and cocoa, supplied by their instructor, Mr. L.N. Jewett.

Basket ball provided an entertaining period before adjourning for home.

The next meeting of the Parsons Future Farmers of America will be December 2 at the Senior High School.

Reporter Garland Bolander

#### READING CHAPTER OF F.F.A.

The Reading Chapter of Future Farmers of America held a picnic November 5, 1931, at Lake Walnuts.

The evening was spent playing soccer and horseshoe, after which a lunch of weiners, cider, apples, and marshmallows was enjoyed.

There were 15 boys present: Mr. Wood, sponsor; Kenneth Woodward, Charles Bacquin, Virgil Wamser, Clarence Wamser, Nolan Schlobolm, Junior Walquist, Harold Fetcher, Myron Zumsteg, Wayne Whittington, Arrin Peet, Gomer Jones, Thomas Hopkins, Leo De Donder.

#### SHAWNEE-MISSION CHAPTER OF F.F.A.

The Shawnee Mission chapter entertained the parents and a few special friends of the members at a banquet, November 12, in the auditorium of the high school. One hundred and twenty boys, parents and friends attended the affair. A feature of the banquet was the fact that all food served was produced from the boys' home projects. A project hog was butchered, the hams and shoulders taken out for the banquet and the rest of the meat retailed for enough money to nearly pay for the live hog at local market price. The menu consisted of crimson apples, carrots, peas, cottage cheese salad, mashed potatoes, whole wheat rolls, corn bread and pumpkin pie, all produced from respective projects.

The program of the evening started with the opening F.F.A. ceremony, all officers responding from memory. After that a welcome by the President, Donald Cover, followed by a response from C.E. Pincomb. Edward Wahlstrom read his prize winning Capper Essay paper on "Why I Intend to Remain on the Farm." Mr. George Catts, of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, was the speaker of the evening, and talked on the romance of agriculture and the requirements of the successful farmer of the future. The program ended with a one-act comedy, "The Lamp Went Out" by several boys of the chapter. Thomas Wagner was toastmaster of the evening. Among the special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lester B. Pollom of Topeka.

The national colors were carried out by yellow chrysanthemums donated by the Frank Payne Farms of Shawnee. Blue baskets were used to complete the color scheme. An electric F.F.A. emblem was suspended over the center of the stage.

Members of the Shawnee Mission chapter cooperated with the Shawnee Mission Floral Club in constructing a rock garden and lily pool in the state park being built on the grounds of the old Shawnee Mission school for which this school was named. While there, the boys obtained a piece of walnut from one of the old buildings and made it into a gavel to be used in meetings. This has particular historic interest since the old Shawnee-Mission is supposed to be the first place in the middle west where vocational education was taught, nearly eighty years ago.

The Shawnee Mission chapter was again host to F.F.A. brothers from other schools during the National Congress of F.F.A. held in connection with the American Royal. Eighty-seven boys with their teachers from the following schools bunked in the farm shop: Neodesha; Chanute; Cottonwood Falls; Parsons; Kearney, Nebraska; Hastings, Nebraska; and Minden, Nebraska.

Kenneth Pettibone, National President of F.F.A., and Richard Carter, both of Oregon were the guests of H.D. Garver, chapter advisor, who took them around to visit several home projects of Shawnee Mission members. The Star Farmer of Nebraska, Ernest Householder, was another guest of the Shawnee-Mission boys during the American Royal week.

Reporter Arthur Smith

#### WINFIELD CHAPTER OF F.F.A.

The Winfield chapter of F.F.A. will hold its election of officers in the December meeting and will initiate Green Hands into the Future Farmer degree. We plan to hold initiation of first year agriculture boys into the Green Hand degree in the January meeting.

The chapter plans to have a party in the near future.



The boys have a good outlay of projects at the present time averaging about two projects per boy.

The Winfield chapter has been asked to bring an initiation team to Mulvane to help organize an F.F.A. chapter.

The vocational agriculture team won the judging contest at Harper and placed third in the contest held at Wichita, bringing \$10 into the treasury of the chapter. Ivan Bolack of the team placed second high individual winning \$8. The Winfield chapter had a booth at the county fair and won \$5 for third place. The boys took an active part in helping the fair association in getting ready for the show.

Kenneth Waite and Earl Parsons with their fathers were guests of the Winfield Chamber of Commerce, November 23rd.

Our school has suffered a great loss in the death of our Superintendent, Mr. McConnell. Mr. McConnell was a good leader in every line of work. He has done a great deal in aiding the vocational agriculture department of Winfield High School and every other department of the school.

#### THE STAR FARMER CONTEST

The purpose of the Star Farmer Contest sponsored by the Weekly Kansas City Star is to determine and reward outstanding Future Farmers of America. Winners in the Star Farmer Contest are picked from those members receiving the American Farmer degree at the time of the annual congress. The boy who wins first place is given the title of "Star American Farmer" and receives a cash prize of \$1000.

In addition, one boy from each of the following states: Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, and Iowa is awarded the title of "Star Farmer" and a liberal cash prize. In Kansas and Missouri the runner-up for the title receives a second place prize of \$100.

The 1931 winners of this contest were announced in the arena at the American Royal Live Stock Show in Kansas City. On the evening of the announcement, the Future Farmers of America marched into the arena of the American Royal Building, led by the National Officers of the F.F.A., followed by the American Farmers. Next in line were representatives from each state in the Union carrying the name of their state above their respective groups. The American Farmers, the group from which the Star Farmers were picked, marched to the center of the arena and formed a semicircle around the announcer's stand. Mr. Arthur Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, gave an address. The editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star announced the winners of the contest while Secretary Hyde presented the checks to the winners.

I think it is a high honor to win the Star Farmer contest and I urge all the Future Farmers of America in Kansas to try to win in the next Star Farmer Contest.

- By Francis Grillot  
Vice-Pres., Kansas Association  
of F.F.A.

### SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

During my recent visit to Kansas City as a delegate to the convention of the Future Farmers of America, I was impressed most favorably with the fine type of young men who were raised to the rank of American Farmer.

Kenneth Waite of Winfield and Francis Grillot of Parsons who were the two Kansas Future Farmers to receive this degree were good examples of the type of young men selected.

When we consider the fact that there are forty-seven states including Hawaii having State Future Farmers of America organizations, and that the state of Kansas alone has a total membership of 1219 it is easy to see that it is no small honor to be one of the sixty-five young men thus recognized.

The formal ceremony used in raising newly elected members to the degree of American Farmer was carried out with dignity and in a totally impressive way. I join with all the other members of our organization in wishing these boys the world of success they deserve.

The Concordia chapter had a very successful Father and Son Banquet, December 4th, 1931.

- By Leo Paulsen  
Pres., Kansas Association of  
F.F.A.

### THE VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE LIVE STOCK EXHIBIT AT THE AMERICAN ROYAL

Cattle, swine, and sheep made up the vocational agriculture live stock exhibits at the American Royal Live Stock Show. I exhibited a calf. The cattle exhibit was made of fat steers. There were three breeds - Aberdeen Angus, Shorthorns, and Herefords, as well as some crossbred steers. There were two classes for each breed - junior yearling, and senior yearling. Twelve prizes were awarded in each class.

Each boy can exhibit only one calf. There were about seventy-five calves in the show this year. They were from three states - Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas.

I think it would be a fine thing for vocational agriculture boys living near Kansas City to pick out their best calf, barrow, or lamb and exhibit it at the American Royal for it will give experience in handling, showing and selling stock.

- By Emeal A. Luthi,  
Wakefield.

#### THE VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE PARADE AT THE AMERICAN ROYAL

The vocational agriculture parade was held Tuesday evening after a buffet luncheon given to the boys at the Shrine Temple. The boys left the Shrine Temple about 7:30 o'clock and were taken to the show grounds on street cars furnished through the courtesy of the Kansas City Street Car Company.

When they arrived, the boys marched into the arena with the newly elected American Farmers and the officers of the past year -- the officers of the following year leading. The rest of the boys followed with their state banners. While we were in the arena, Secretary Hyde presented the Star Farmer awards. After the presentation of these awards, the boys marched out and then returned to see the Horse Show.

By Earl W. Parsons,  
Winfield.