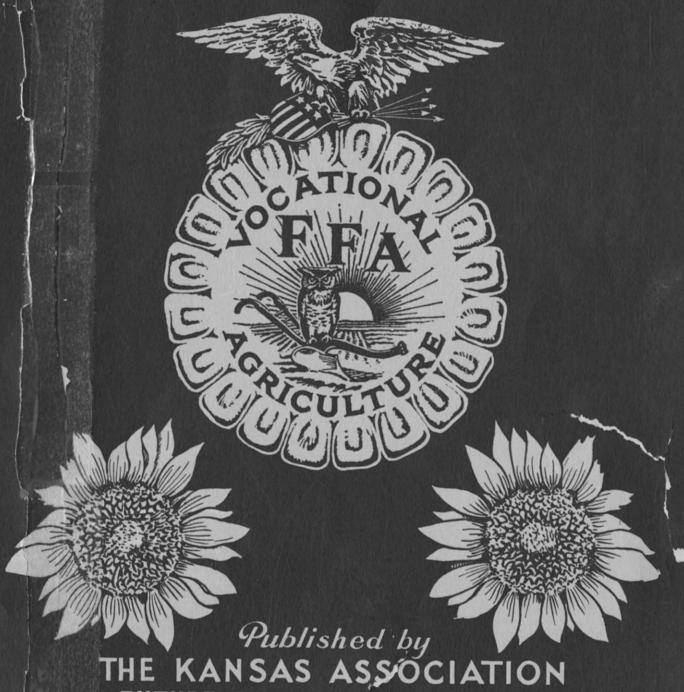
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# ELEVENTH NATIONAL F.F.A. CONVENTION

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\* behalf of the Kansas Association of Future Far- \*

\* mers of America we extend congratulations and

The Eleventh National F.F.A. Convention held in Kansas City, October 15 to 22 was one of the most successful in the history of the National Organization. Albert Coates of the Shawnee Mission Chapter, and President Walter Porter of the Council Grove chapter, were the delegates from the Kansas Association. Approximately 6,000 Future Farmers attended one or more of the programs sponsored by the National Organization of F.F.A.

The National Board of Trustees of the F.F.A. was in executive sessions in Kansas City from Wednesday, October 12 to Sunday, October 16. This board was scheduled for meetings until October 15, but had so much business to attend to that it was necessary to extend the executive sessions another day. Applications for the American Farmer Degree caused much difficulty and necessitated the board giving practically all its time to this one problem. Whether or not the board, composed of the national officers, erred in their decisions as to the worthiness of the various candidates for the American Farmer Degree, we are not in a position to state. Some criticism was offered. We are glad to state that the board was fair, worked hard, and had the courage of their convictions. The moving forward from September 1 to May 1, the due date for the American Farmer Degree application, will eliminate misunderstandings that have arisen each year, these misunderstandings being occasioned largely by lack of sufficient time to handle the matter of applications for the American Farmer

Degree. The recommendation for this change of date was made by the teacher trainers and supervisors in their meeting, and the House of Delegates passed a motion to that effect.

The Municipal Auditorium was headquarters for the Eleventh F.F.A. Convention. This \$6,500,000 building was literally turned over to the National Organization of F.F.A. for the conduct of their convention. The officers and leaders of the various states, as well as the officers and leaders of the National Organization, are proud of their Kansas City headquarters, and appreciate the generous cooperation of Kansas City in making available for the Future Farmers of America such magnificient headquarters. The building covers an entire block, having exterior dimensions of 419 x 332 feet and rises to a height equal to that of a ten story office building. The walls from granite base to parapet are of rough, rust colored limestone. The Main Arena in which many meetings of the convention, including the banquet, were held, has a seating capacity of 15,000. This unit has a domed ceiling suspended without posts or pillars to obstruct the view of spectators. The arena contains 5,000,000 cubic feet of space, five times as much as can be reached by the normal human voice. Exhibition Hall in which the Wednesday and Thursday meetings of the House of Delegates were held, offers approximately four acres of floor space. Electric trucks and tractors are provided for the rapid assembling and dismantling of exhibits and shows. The state agricultural exhibits were placed in the Little Theater, a room of breath-taking and fairy tale beauty. A million dollar conditioning plant manufactures to order the weather in the Municipal Auditorium. The apparatus heats or cools, humidifies or dehumidifies, washes and filters all the air that enters the building. Four 350 ... ton compressors, capable of manufacturing 1,200 tons of ice a day, cocl the building during the summer months. So large is the system that 420,000 cubic feet of fresh, pure air may be pumped into the Main Arena every minute without retard. ing the air conditioning service in other parts of the building. It would be possible, with capacity crowds in the larger units and committee rooms, to assemble 40,000 persons within the walls of the auditorium at one time. And yet, because of the arrangement of exit facilities, these crowds could be discharged onto the streets in approximately eight minutes. It was a privilege to have enjoyed the beauty and utility of this magnificient building.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, was given over to registration in the Grand Foyer of the Municipal Auditorium, and various meetings of coaches, teacher trainers, supervisors and directors, state advisors, and a get-together dinner for national F.F.A. officers and delegates. At 7:30 p. m. a concert was given by the 102 piece Iowa F.F.A. band, under the direction of Alvin R. Edgar, assisted by Paul Bachman. This band came from 39 F.F.A. chapters in the state of Iowa. Their director is the director of bands and orchestra at Iowa State College, and his assistant is also a member of the music faculty at Iowa State. Supervisor H. T. Hall was in charge of the organization work and business management. The state association, comprising 107 chapters with a total membership of 3,250, paid all costs over and above the sum furnished by the National Crganization. This cost approximating \$1500, was raised without soliciting the aid of any outside organization. We wish to congratulate the Iowa State Association, not only on the fine band furnished the Eleventh Convention, but anon their ability to stand on their own feet. The concerts were delightful and greatly enjoyed by F.F.A. members and visiting friends. Wayne Roberts of the Griswold chapter was par excellence in his twirling, and the College Springs F.F.A. quartette was especially well received.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, was given over to vocational judging contests at the American Royal, and to the opening and second session of the National F.F.A. Convention at the Municipal Auditorium. The delegates were seated, state reports were called for, and American Farmers were nominated and elected at the morning session. The most important business of the second session was the raising of the successful candidates to the American Farmer Degree. Of the class of 89 raised to the American Farmer Degree, Kansas had three members; Leonard Deets of the South Haven chapter; Albert Ccates, Shawnee Mission ' napter; and John Weir, of the Arkansas City chapter. At 7:30 p. m. the National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was held in the arena of the Municipal Auditorium, with President J. Lester Poucher presiding. The contest was preceded by a concert by the Iowa F.F.A. band. The speakers representing the various regions, together with the topics of their talks, are listed in order of their placing in the ninth annual public speaking contest. Leslie Howard Standlea, Upland, California, "Chemurgy as an Aid to the American Farmer"; Arthur Olson, Austin, Minnesota, "Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem"; Glenn Curlee, Deatsville, Alabama, "Farm Tenancy in the South"; Raziel Abelson, Woodbine, New Jersey, "The Problem of Soil Erosion"; Frederick Tom, Lahaina, Mavi, Hawaii.

Prizes of \$250, \$200, \$150, \$100, and \$50 were awarded. A gold F.F.A. medal was given the winner, while second and third place winners were given silver F.F.A. medals, and the fourth and fifth place winners received bronze F.F.A. medals. The contest was exceptionally high in quality and a credit to the boys and the national organization of Future Farmers of America.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, was designated as National F.F.A. Day. The morning session of the House of Delegates took care of certain important committee appointments, listened to guest speakers, and adjourned. The winning public speakers broadcast over NBC on their Farm and Home Hour program. The afternoon was given over to the Arena Parade and the Matinee Horse Show. The parade was dignified and impressive. Walter Porter of Kansas, was color bearer, and Albert Coates assisted with one of the large F.F.A. banners. The parade was lead by the Iowa F.F.A. b nd, followed by a 40 piece Texas band. The order of the parade following the color bearers and bands included national officers, American Farmers, delegates, judging teams, contestants, exhibitors, and winners of awards. The arena was practically filled and with the bands and banners presented a stimulating scene. Editor W. A. Cochel of the Weekly Kansas City Star then announced the Star Farmer Awards. (Broadcast). Hunter Roy Greenlaw, of Virginia, was declared the 1938 Star Farmer of America. Ed Terrill, Paris, Missouri, was named Star Farmer of the North Central Region, and Missouri. John Weir, Arkansas City chapter, was named Star Farmer of Kansas. Frances Harper, Mooreland, Oklahoma, and Jack Seay, Calico Rock, Arkansas, were named Star Farmers of their respective states. Clay McMechan, Ellensburg, Washington, was named Star Farmer for the Pacific Region, and Charles E. Mehaffey, Prospect, Ohio, was named Star Farmer for the North Atlantic Region.

The evening meeting in the arena of the Municipal Auditorium was presided over by J. Lester Poucher, National President, F.F.A. Concerts were given by the Iowa and Texas F.F.A. bands. A medal was given the Star American Farmer, Hunter Roy Greenlaw. Announcements of State Association and chapter contests were made. The following were the winners in the State Association contest: Wyoming, first; Texas, second; Louisiana, third; and Utah, fourth. The chapter winners were as follows: Southhill, Virginia, first; Holland Patent, N. Y., second; Sergent, Nebraska, third, and Chester, Montana, fourth.

Following the announcements of awards the audience was privileged to listen to an address by the nationally known humorist and philosopher, Strickland Gillilan. A motion picture of F.F.A. progress, 1928-38 was shown. We were surprised to see W. A. Wishert, a former F.F.A. member of the Manhattan, Kansas chapter, now a county agent in Kansas, in this picture leading his Grand Champion Shorthorn steer and being captioned as the winner of the Grand Championship of the first F.F.A. Livestock Show.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19. The House of Delegates meetings were moved to the basement in Exhibition Hall, and routine business was given proper attention. The annual vocational agriculture banquet was held in the arena of the Municipal Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. The Kansas City, Missouri Chamber of Commerce was the host. The Solomon F.F.A. Orchestra, under the direction of their vocational agriculture instructor and leader, Paul Chilen, furnished a delightful program. The stage setting appeared to be made to fit the beautiful arena of the auditorium, and the lighting effects were superb. This, together with much less clatter of dishes than was the case last year, and an excellent amplifying system, set the stage for a delightful dinner hour program. The Solomon boys rose to the occasion and gave the tops program of their career. The program follows:

Moonlight and RosesOrchestra
FanfareBrass and Drums Come On and Hear the Future Farmers
Swing Time Band
Yankee RhythmOrchestra Wagon WheelsVocalBill McCullum
The Merry-Go-Round Broke DownVocalDon Caplinger Rose RoomOrchestra
Donkey Serenade
Parade of the Wooden SoldiersOrchestra
Ten Pretty Girls
One Rose
Carry On Future FarmersVocalBill McCullum One Hour With YouOrchestra

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20. This is the day for real legislation on the part of the House of Delegates. Committee reports were heard and adopted. The big event of the day is always tied up in the report of the nominating committee. Their report which was unanimously adopted follows: Robert Arthur Elwell, Gorham, Me., president; Albert S. Coates, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, vice president, North Central region; Elmer Johnson, Winchester, N. H., vice president, North Atlantic region; Stevenson Ching, Waimea, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii, vice president, Western region; Bradley Twitty, Allsboro, Ala., vice president, Southern region; Harvey Schweitzer jr., Malta, Ill., secretary; W. A. Ross, Washington, D. C., executive secretary; J. A. Linke, Washington, D. C., advisor; Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg, Va., treasurer.

The new officers were presented, the old officers gave their farewells, and Advisor J. A. Linke gave the members present the charge which closed with the following statement: "A Future Farmer is Always a Gentleman". Advisor Linke was followed by a farewell by Executive Secretary W. A. Ross, who pointed out the important opportunities for experience and growth on the part of all members of the F.F.A., and left the following message: "Every man has within himself a continent of undiscovered character. Happy is he who acts as Columbus to discover his own soul."

The gavel was then turned over to President Elwell who called the outgoing officers to the stand and presented them with past officer badges. The new secretary was asked to take his station and the Eleventh Annual Convention of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America was closed in due form.

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### F.F.A. EXHIBITS

The F.F.A. exhibits portraying agricultural commodities for which the states are famous, was held in the Little Theater of the Municipal Auditorium. This exhibit is always the scene of much interest and proves to be an interesting attraction throughout the period of the convention. Kansas again showed the state with its HRW and SRW wheat areas, together with typical heads of the outstanding varieties in these two classes. Minnesota exhibited certified seed potatoes and showed by means of ribbon leaders the thirteen states to which they shipped  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million bushels of certified seed in 1937. Illinois had an exhibit of soy beans, a crop that has assumed much importance in this state during the past decade. The exhibit portrayed 62 different products of the soy bean. Hawaii told the story of sugar cane through the medium of an exhibit approximately 30 feet long and 10 feet high. The story was told by means of pictures, specimens, charts, and tables. This was an excellent exhibit and much credit is due the Hawaiian association for bringing this fine exhibit 4000 miles for our edification. Texas exhibited pecans and citrus fruit. Ohio exhibited wool. Louisiana, as the nation's sugar bowl, reminded us that in 1937, 403,000 tons of sugar were produced in the state. Idaho had an excellent exhibit of unblemished Irish potatoes. There were 22 potatoes in the exhibit and they appeared to be of a size that would weigh from 12 ounces to 14 ounces each--ideal for baking. Oregon presented an exhibit of hops and filberts, stating that 80 per cent of the filberts and 50 per cent of the hops produced in the United States were grown in Oregon. Virginia brought an interesting exhibit setting forth the Virginia grown apple, together with the various uses of the apple. The exhibit showed the following uses: fruit pectin, apple sauce, apple juice, apple butter, apple syrup, apple jelly, apple candy, apple pumice, (chicken and dairy feed), apple vinegar, apple cider, and evaporated apple. They failed to exhibit apple jack and apple brandy, although they were willing to admit that in some places the apple is used for such purposes. The Florida exhibit always intrigues us, and it never fails to put us in our proper place relative to our knowledge of agricultural products. The following is a list of products exhibited by the Florida F.F.A. The spelling is theirs, and we havent the slightest idea which are useful products and which are merely ornamental: Sea grapes, Karandas, Durinan Cherry, Guava, Glycasmis, Amberilla, Cavissa, Voa Vanba, Bacl Fruit, Governor's plumb, Kaffin orange, Persian limes,

Av cado pears, Green coconut, Akee nut, Tropical almond, Kusun, Candlenut, Pome granite, Papaya, Tris Peoma, Sapidella, Monesteria, Deliciocia, and Sugar apple. This is not a complete list of the products exhibited by Florida but we predict that the list is sufficiently long to convince most Kansas F.F.A. boys that they do not know all there is to know about agricultural products of these United States.

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### CONVENTION BRIEFS

Perhaps the most important bit of legislation on the part of the House of Delegates had to do with moving the date of the application for the American Farmer degree up to May 1, with a final notification of the state advisor at least thirty days prior to the annual convention. This will eliminate the possibility of candidates being brought to Kansas City upon invitation of representatives of the National Organization of F.F.A., and upon arrival being notified that their candidacy has been acted upon unfavorably by the National Board of Trustees. This new plan will not eliminate all the weaknesses, but represents a step in the right direction ... The Georgia Association presented the National President with a gavel made from the wood taken from a cedar tree planted and grown by the late Honorable Dudley M. Hughes, one of the sponsors of the original Smith-Hughes act.... The House of Delegates voted to plan in the budget adopted for a program of acquiring a national F.F.A. camp to be located near Washington, D. C. Approximately \$6,000 was set aside as a beginning. Such a camp, while expensive, will prove very useful to F.F.A. groups touring the country and stopping over at the nation's capital to see the sights. .... Steps will be taken to trade mark the F.F.A. emblem. In order to do this, slight changes will have to be made, including substituting something for the arrows, shield, and olive branch. While most of us hesitate to see any substitution made for these distinctive features of the emblem, we are cognizant of the importance of protecting the F.F.A. emblem ... . Henry Groseclose, National F. F.A. Treasurer since the inception of the F.F.A., came to Kansas City with the Virginia delegation, but was unable to attend meetings of the convention due to illness. He spent his time in the St. Joseph hospital. We all missed Henry, and we consider him one of the finest boy leaders extant ... . Paul Zillman, Missouri, a member of the first American Farmer class, and National Student Secretary during the first year of the life of the F.F.A. was a convention visitor and spoke a few words to the members assembled. Paul is a successful teacher of vocational agriculture at Hamilton, Missouri.... The Palmer chapter, Texas, had a hill billy string band that was much appreciated by the visiting F.F.A. members and friends....Dewey Varney on the guitar, and George Varney on the banjo, of Thedford, Vermont, entertained the audience on several occasions. These boys were good ... . The House of Delegates voted to present a plaque to the Hawaiian Association to show appreciation for the fine cooperation of the Hawaiian Association with the National Organization of F.F.A....Texas had 370 members in its delegation.... The F.F.A. dinnerware is not moving rapidly enough to satisfy the manufacturers. It was pointed out that more dishes would have to be sold if the pattern is to be kept open. Ways and means of increasing sales of the dinnerware were discussed. Most of the delegates thought more publicity concerning the dinnerware was needed.... The convention went on record as favoring a picture of the "ideal" F.F.A. boy on the inside cover page of the

Manual. The problem now is to find a picture that will satisfy all sections of the country. We have seen many fine "ideal" F.F.A. boys, and a picture of all the national presidents would come as near solving the problem as anything we can suggest ... . The program of work committee, Albert Coates, Kansas, chairman, set 185,000 as the membership goal for next year. The House of Delegates, in trying to devise ways and means of staying within the budget -- one wonders where they got such an obsolete idea -- decided the goal should be set at 200,000 members. Time will tell whose estimate is the more nearly correct....Much ado about "gyp" companies selling F.F.A. merchandise, thereby depriving the National F.F.A. treasury of money rightfully due it .... The Eleventh F.F.A. Convention banquet picture showing approximately 1,500 F.F.A. boys together with the Solomon F.F.A. orchestra is available through Andersons, Kansas City, Mo., at 1.00 each. The banquet picture is listed as F.37.... The newly elected national F.F.A. officers will be taken to Washington, D. C. sometime in the near future for a one week intensive training school.... Horace, a Latin poet who lived near Rome, 65-8 B. C., did such an excellent job of describing futility, "The Art of Foetry", line 139, wherein he stated that "The mountains are in labour, and a ridiculous mouse will be born", that we have always considered him tops from the standpoint of terseness and clarity. Phaedrus, the Greek and Roman fable writer who lived about 8 A. D., did what many writers since his time have done; i.e., said the same thing in different words. Phaedrus, in attempting to describe great effort and little result, in his Fable 22, line 1, put it this way: "A mountain was in labour, sending forth dreadful groans, and there was in the region the highest expectation. After all, it brought forth a mouse." These writers, operating two thousand years ago, aptly described the labour and result of the Kansas City meeting of our own National Advisory Council. This Council, comprised of four State Supervisors of Agricultural Education, one from each of the four administrative regions, elected annually at the time of the Regional Conferences; the four Regional Agents for Agricultural Education of the Office of Education; and the National Advisor, is supposed to serve in an advisory capacity and assist with the administrative direction of the National Organization of F.F.A. The Council in a called meeting at Kansas City, although I think all members were not present, laboured and brought forth the following "mouse", which was presented as a recommendation to the House of Delegates in convention assembled: "that the scholarship requirements for the State Farmer and the American Farmer degrees be changed from the upper 40 per cent of his class in all school subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction, to read the upper one-third of his agricultural class in all school subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction". To the everlasting credit of the House of Delegates be it said that it took them less than two minutes to throw the recommendation in the waste basket. Such wisdom coming from an adult advisory body at a time when we were just about ready to throw our weight on the side of those demanding more voice for the Advisory Council in handling F.F.A. matters causes us to pause and give thought. Perhaps it will be advisable to allow the boy officers to carry on .... A delegate from Arkansas waxed persistent in his efforts to revamp the local, district, state and national set-up for determining winners in the public speaking contests. He insisted that each team of judges be comprised of a dramatic coach, a business man, and a farmer. With this set-up, justice would be bound to accrue and all would be well. The House of Delegates failed to be impressed ... . Mrs. Ray L. Cuff brought greetings

from past president, Andy Sundstrum....Couper of California did a good job on publicity, and the Kansas City Star did itself proud in our behalf....Linke and Ross in their final picture looked a trifle tired--and so we bring to a close our treatment of another fine F.F.A. convention.

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### THREE NEW CHAPTERS

To Emporia, a new department this year, goes the honor of being the first school to be granted an F.F.A. charter this school year. The Emporia chapter was chartered October 3, 1938, and has a membership of 54. J. W. Taylor is the advisor; Hubert Gray, president; Marvin Sharp, vice president; Francis Korte, secretary; Arthur Price, treasurer; Paul Magathan, watch dog.

On October 5, 1938, Oxford was granted an F.F.A. charter with a membership of 28. Officers of the Oxford chapter are: Walter Blankenship, president; Russell Patten, secretary; Howard McDaniel, treasurer; John Lowe, advisor.

Barnes, another new department this year, was chartered October 18, 1938, and has a membership of 20 boys. Officers are: Jack Hague, president; Norbert Stigge, secretary; Paul Jackson, treasurer; L. S. Alwin, advisor.

We are glad to welcome these three new chapters into the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

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# ORGANIZING NEW F.F.A. CHAPTERS

Acquaint your students with the F.F.A. through the Manual, Newsletter, and information furnished by the instructor. Elect a group of temporary officers from your upper class group. Write the executive secretary for a petition blank. Fill out the petition blank, build and include a temporary program of their activities. Return petition blank, program of work, together with 20 cents dues for each member. The Executive Committee will waive the constitutional requirement, stating that all officers shall be chosen from ranks higher than the Green Hand degree. When this is done and your chapter meets the requirements stipulated, it will be chartered and a charter will be mailed you.

That your Chapter Activity Program is due November 1.

### CHAPTER NEWS

Howard: On June 2, 13 Future Farmers, 3 instructors and one of the instructor's sons, started on a trip to the Ozarks. Our first stop was at Joplin and from there we went south to Neosho and stopped and went through the fish hatcheries. We arrived at Noel, Missouri, about 5:00 o'clock. We found some cabins and stayed there that night. Several of the boys went swimming and a few went boat riding. We cooked our own supper that night. After supper we went to town and stayed until about 12:00, and by that time everyone was ready for bed. Most of the boys were up at 5:00 the next morning. After we had breakfast we crossed the line into Arkansas. We stopped at Bluff Dwellers Cave. We saw some very interesting sights in the cave, some of which we will remember all of our lives. From there we went to Eureka Springs. We saw some very interesting sights and took some pictures. Then we went to Roaring River and from there we went to Lake Tanyacoma. There we stayed all night and the next morning we were ready to come back so we left about 8:00. We spent the rest of the day returning home but we stopped at Joplin to go swimming.

On August 4 five of our Future Farmers and our teacher went to Ponca City on a trip. We had a fine time swimming and getting together with different boys from other schools. We stayed there two days and started back on August 8, about 2:00 and arrived home at 4:00.

September 27 six of the Howard Future Farmer boys left for Fredonia to attend the officers training school. We were a little late but arrived in time to give our opening ceremony. After this we ate supper and had our round table meetings of the officers. The Fredonia chapter gave the closing ceremony.

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday in every month. We plan also to have a day meeting once a month.

--Reporter

Holcomb: The Future Farmers of Holcomb held their first regular meeting for this school year Wednesday, September 14. Mr. Monson the new Agriculture instructor took charge until the new officers for the coming year were elected. Officers elected were: Doyle Earnest, president; Joe Dechant, vice president; Douglas Dearth, secretary; Warren McQueen, reporter.

The chapter has about 10 acres in beets and green manure crops. The beets show a good chance for a fair tonnage although they have been held back by weeds which the boys hoed. The farm is irrigated.

The chapter has also a dry land farm which is producing some fodder.

The Vocational Agriculture boys, most of whom are F.F.A. members are entering a booth of corn, maize, wheat, tomatoes, sargo, alfalfa, sugar beets, atlas, onions, hygera, popcorn, carrots, turnips, kafir, barley, and sudan. They are also entering livestock and woodwork. Some boys will enter the "Best Groomed" contest.

-- Douglas Dearth, Reporter

Kiowa: The Kiowa chapter of Future Farmers of America, which has been inactive for three years, has again organized and elected the following officers: Richard Vogel, president; Glenn Irish, vice president; Eldon Jacobs, secretary; Melvin Kimbrel, treasurer; Melvin Wyrick, reporter; V. T. Lake, advisor.

The chapter had a booth at the Kiowa Fall Festival on September 23. A small profit was made. They plan to sell popcorn and pop at the local football games to raise money for the chapter.

The monthly afternoon meetings will be held on the first Wednesday after school. The night meetings will be held on the third Wednesday night. The chapter expects to have more than 30 paid-up members by the first of the year.

At the first meeting a ruling was made that any member less than five minutes late shall be assessed two cents, and that any member more than five minutes late shall be assessed three cents. If a member is absent without a good excuse, he must pay five cents.

On September 27, the officers and advisor, Mr. Lake, attended the officers training school at Argonia. They were given many ideas which they intend to use and thought the time consumed was worthwhile.

In the near future the officers will meet and set up the yearly program of work to be presented to the members for their approval.

# -- Melvin Wyrick, Reporter

Argonia: Our F.F.A. chapter has an enrollment of 35 members. We are planning to held night meetings once a month. Officers are as follows: George Wagner, president; Merle Pearce, vice president; Jack Bond, secretary; Nolan Muhlenbruch, treasurer; Dale Wacker, reporter; Paul Rust, advisor.

Our chapter went to Hutchinson to attend the State Fair. About 35 boys went in a truck and had a fine time.

We have organized a wheat plot, where each boy of the chapter may plant three rows of wheat 15 feet long. There will be a stake at the end of each row to tell the name of the person who brought the wheat, the test yield and kind, and then we will see which wheat grows the best.

The Freshmen and Sophomores have torn down a barn and going to build a double garage with the lumber. They have already finished the foundation.

The F.F.A. boys are planning a trip to visit all the boys' projects the first of the year. They will go again at the end of the year and see the improvement they have made.

We planted 132 trees last year out of which 130 lived. We also planted  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres of Bermuda grass and have a good stand.

The district officers training school was held here at Argonia, September 27. Twelve schools were invited.

--Dale Wacker, Reporter

Bird City: The chapter held one summer meeting in the form of a picnic at Lake Atwood in July with 18 members present. Fried chicken and ice cream for the noon meal and fish from the lake for supper was the menu.

The livestock team consisting of Wayne Deeds, Lowell Query, and Donald Clark competed in three contests this fall. At the Thomas County Fair they placed sixth, at the N. W. Kansas Fair at Goodland, they placed third and at the Rawlins County Fair they placed second with Donald high individual with a score of 392 out of a possible 400 points.

Five members exhibited Colby Milo at the fair. Wayne Deeds, Rex Reade and Floyd Pettit received first, second and third prizes respectively.

Two day meetings during activity period and one night meeting per month will be held this year. Dues are 35 cents or a nickel per month. The first night meeting was held September 22 at the Boy Scout Grove with 33 present. The prospective members were guests. The opening ceremony and business meeting was conducted around the camp fire with adjournment followed by the third annual watermelon feed. At this meeting it was voted to invite Goodland and McDonald to a joint initiation ceremony for Green Hands October 18.

The officers, Lowell Query, Rodney Partch, Donald Clark, Kenneth Hitch-cock and Wayne Deeds had charge of the opening ceremony at the F.F.A. officers training school, October 8 at Oakley. President Lowell Query presided as chairman of the meeting.

All three classes attended the special field day at the Colby Experiment Station with St. Francis, September 27. The members who have Colby Milo to harvest received some pointers on selecting seed as they plan to offer certified hand selected seed for sale with a high germination and purity test. All of our Milo fields were certified, September 23. We will have about 1200 bushels of seed for sale.

Future Farmers in the No. 11 class are preparing native weed and grass mounts for display in the business houses down town. These will be mounted on cotton under glass frames 24 by 36. Bird City F.F.A. and the names preparing the mounts will be inscribed.

Lowell Query, chapter president, will be our State Farmer candidate this year. Lowell is also president of the Senior class and a football powerhouse.

# -- Wayne Deeds, Reporter

Miltonvale: The Miltonvale chapter of F.F.A. held a meeting recently and the following officers were elected: Clayton Koster, president; Joe Chilen, vice president; Bob McKain, secretary; Junior Stout, treasurer; David Trott, reporter; F. X. Butche, watch dog.

We have thirteen western ewes and registered Hampshire Buck for a F.F.A. project this year.

The F.F.A. held a Fitting and Showing contest, September 24 in connection with the Miltonvale fair. Eighty dollars of prize money was given away and over 40 animals were shown.

# -- David Trott, Reporter

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him. Be honest but hate no one; overturn a man's wrongdoing but do not overturn him unless it must be done in the overturning of the wrong.--Abraham Lincoln.

Clay Center: The Clay Center chapter held an officers training school for the North Central district of Kansas on October 3, at 4:00 p. m. in the school auditorium. The program began with the opening ceremony which was presented by a composite group of officers. Donald Hammerli, president of the Clay Center chapter, presided. The vice president was from M nhattan, the secretary from Linn, the treasurer from Washington, the reporter from Concordia, and the advisor, Mr. M. C. Barrows from Wakefield. Following the opening ceremony, Mr. H. S. Unger, vice principal of Clay County High School, gave the welcome. The response was given by Harold Walker, advisor of the Wamego chapter. Kenneth Schooley, a member of the Clay Center chapter, favored the group with a guitar solo.

The teams entering the Opening Ceremony Contest were: Washington, who placed first; Linn, second; Wamego, third; Wakefield, fourth; and the other teams who competed were, Barnes, Solomon and Manhattan.

Professor A. P. Davidson gave a talk on "Building the Program of Work". To complete the evening of talks and reports, Robert Randle, State F.F.A. Reporter, who is a member of the Wakefield chapter, gave a short talk.

At 6:00 the boys and their sponsors bought tickets and went to the Home Economics department where a banquet was served. There were 127 persons served. The Bauer twins of the Clay Center chapter played an accordian duet. A German band of the Solomon chapter then played three or four numbers. The band was composed of: Nolan McKenzie, Floyd Close, Roger Riordian, Dale Caplinger, Kenneth Geoffery. A Clay Center business man gave some impersonations and comedy acts.

After the banquet, group meetings and discussions were held. The presidents and vice presidents were under the supervision of Harold Kugler, advisor from Manhattan; secretaries, Clark Milligan of Linn; treasurers, E. I. Chilcott of Washington; reporters, A. G. Jensen, Concordia; advisors, M. C. Barrows, Wakefield. The winning chapter gave the closing ceremony and the meeting was adjourned.

### -- Reporter

Atwood: The officers elected for the year 1938-39 are: Raphael Sabatka, president; Wayne Gatlin, vice president; Bernhardt Niermeier, secretary; Wilbert Neuhart; treasurer. The reporter and watch dog are to be elected at the next meeting.

This fall the livestock judging teams placed first at the Goodland Fair, third at the Rawlins County Fair, and fifth at the Thomas County Fair. The members making these teams were Bernhardt Niermeier, Wayne Gatlin, Raphael Sabatka, Wilbert Neuhart and Elmer Timm.

The cooperative project consisting of 70 acres of Colby Milo will return to each member plenty of certified seed for next year's projects and in addition, pay all production costs.

This month the Farm Management Class made a trip to the Colby Experiment Station to study the various sorghum experiments. We always learn something on these trips that we can use in our farming programs.

--Bernhardt Niermeier, Reporter (Acting)

Burlington: The officers of the Burlington chapter were entertained at a chicken dinner and watermelon feed at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller on Monday, September 5, 1938. The officers are: Richard Keith, president; Jacob Schneider, vice president; Herbert Kelley, secretary; Leo Albert, treasurer; Archie DeLong, reporter; Wilbur Huyett, program chairman; Floyd Lewis, watch dog; A. W. Miller, Advisor. A short business meeting was held in the afternoon.

The first regular meeting of the F.F.A. for September was held during the first activity period Monday, September 12. The Freshman vocational agriculture students, as well as other new students, were given a watermelon feed by the old members. Thirty-nine members were present.

The Burlington chapter won the return game of baseball with the LeRoy chapter. The score was 15 to 13.

Richard Keith, Jacob Schneider, Archie DeLong, Harold Russell, Herbert Kelley, John Winn, Estell Schermerhorn, with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Miller, attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson, September 18-20. They went thru Carey's rock salt mine and the Boys Reformatory.

Six F.F.A. boys, Roy McReynolds, Maurice McReynolds, Merle Paxson, Leo Albert, Herbert Kelley, Richard Keith and their advisor, A. W. Miller took a three day trip through the Ozarks the last of August. The trip covered approximately 600 miles.

# -- Archie DeLong, Reporter

Winfield: Election of officers was held at the regular September meeting of the Winfield chapter on Wednesday, September 14. A very interesting and instructive report was given by State Farmer, Dalton Marten, on his attendance to the Outlook meeting at Eldorado the week before. Dalton told the boys this was no time to risk borrowed money to any great extent. However, he said it looked like this year might be a time when some investors might feather their nest for good or they might spend a good many years paying for their mistakes. He advised young beef cattle if they could be bought around eight cents.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Harold Snyder, president; John Lawrence, vice president; Keith Kerr, secretary; Leonard Greene, treasurer; Leonard Biddle, reporter; Millard Kettleson, watch dog. The newly elected officers attended the South Central section of the officers meeting at Argonia, September 27. Argonia is to be congratulated for the fine entertainment and instruction they gave the visiting officers. The Argonia officers conduct a fine meeting.

The Junior class in agriculture at the Winfield High School is now building a stone poultry house for Billy Hutto, a freshman in agriculture. The house is 16x18 and will house 75 birds as Billy's initial project venture.

-- Leonard Biddle, Reporter

Downs: The Downs FFA chapter had two over night outings during the summer. The first was very educational in the way of learning to cook as each boy had to fry his own pancakes for breakfast. Prospective FFA members for the coming school year were invited to attend the last meeting and they surely enjoyed the ball games, horse shoes, ice cream and root beer.

Our first monthly night meeting was held Wednesday night, September 28, at which time the community fair and yearly program was discussed, and committees appointed for the different activities. Immediately after closing the boys drove down to the ice plant where they discovered that the eats committee had 10 ice cold watermelons.

The F.F.A. boys planned and arrange a Community Fair, which was held October 8. They certainly enjoyed their trip to the Hutchinson State Fair and as a result worked harder to make their own Community Fair a big success.

The Becker brothers of our chapter planned and helped build a 20'x40' laying house the past summer. Some reasons for building this house was the success Walter had with his laying flock project last year and his brooding project last spring. He started with 416 chicks and at 8 weeks of age he took 396 birds out of the brooder house.

Our chapter has two boys who are raising pure bred pigs. Everett Frost has a Duroc Jersey gilt that farrowed 10 pigs and Donald Blunt has a Poland China sow that farrowed 8 pigs this fall.

Our chapter has a laying flock of 250 S.C.W. Leghorns and we are getting around 100 eggs per day at the present time. We have 10 Rambouillet ewes that were bred the middle part of September.

--Blaine Stephenson, Reporter

Paxico: Our chapter is ready to go into what it hopes to be a very successful year. The chapter officers for the coming year are: Bernard Meinhardt, president; Francis Michaelis, vice president; Silvin Schuetz, secretary; Harold Michaelis, treasurer; Winston Barthuly, reporter; and Harold Iott, watch dog.

The cooperative potato project, which the agriculture boys planted last spring, produced a fair yield. The proceeds from the sale of potatoes will go into the F.F.A. funds.

All chapter members and the Freshman agriculture boys attended the Kansas State Fair at Topeka in a group. Sherman Beasterfeld exhibited his Ayrshire heifer and won fifth place.

The live stock production class has just completed a study of poultry culling. We culled 46 chickens for Mr. Wurtz and 88 at the Frank Michaelis farm.

The F.F.A. officers and Mr. Bieberly, our advisor, attended the officer's training school at Emporia October 4.

-- Winston Barthuly, Reporter

Fairview: The F.F.A. officers are: Winfield Reiger, president; Junior Duckers, vice president; Lyle Rogers, secretary; Henry Torkelson, treasurer; LeRoy Hampton reporter; Leland Kleopfer, watch dog. Our new agriculture teacher and advisor is Mr. Joe Neill.

The first meeting at which the new officers presided was a special meeting called by the president on August 2, 1938, for the purpose of making plans for a project tour. The plans were made and carried out very successfully on August 25.

The first regular meeting was held on Friday, September 9 in the ag room. There were 19 members present. There was amotion to the effect that the president appoint a committee of two at each meeting to attend to a program for the following meeting. Arrangements were made for a committee to make out a yearly program. It was decided that we would charge 5 cents local dues in addition to state and national dues making a total of 25 cents. Committees were mamed for the initiation of the Green Hands and for the raising of the present Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree.

The second meeting was held on September 22 in the ag room. The president presided with all officers at their stations. There were 25 members present. Chairman Keith Schmitt of the Green Hand initiation committee reported that the committee had met and made plans for the initiation on October 4. Chairman Raymond Brockoff of the committee for raising Green Hands to the Future Farmers degree reported that all Green Hands must know the Creed. The date for initiation was set for September 29 in the ag room.

The matter of a chapter project was brought up. It was decided that a hog project would be the most practical because of the equipment available. It was moved that we have a brood sow and spring pig project. It was moved and carried to table the motion because of lack of time.

At a special meeting on September 27 the opening ceremonies were omitted. The motion to have a brood sow and spring pig project was taken from the table. It was amended by striking out the word spring and making it fall pigs. The motion as amended carried. Committees were appointed to make plans for the project. It was moved and carried that the officers and advisor Mr. Neill, act as a purchasing committee to buy the sows. After the meeting the officers, Mr. Neill and another member or two moved the hog houses to location.

-- LeRoy Hampton, Reporter

Seneca: The following boys were elected officers of the Seneca chapter of the Future Farmers of America: Don Rettele, president; Mark Stallbaumn, vice president; Stle Wymore, secretary; Francis Hecht, treasurer; Elmer Skoch, reporter; Syle Weyer, watch dog.

The above officers attended the officers training school at Holton.

--Elmer Skoch, Reporter

"Friends Seldom Go Back On You Unless You've Gone Back On Yourself."

Chanute: We elected our officers in May for 1938-39. They are as follows: Raymond Madill, president; Dean Smith, vice president; Glenn Neeley, secretary; Merle Tennis, treasurer; Phillip Cooper, reporter; Joe Winkler, watch dog; Mr. Collins, Advisor.

The second Saturday night in August our chapter went on a camping trip. We went to a scout cabin on Neosho River. The time was spent playing ball, horseshoe, and swimming. Max and Dale Tharp caught 20 pounds of fish during the night for Sunday dinner. Before going to bed Saturday night we held an informal meeting and sang songs.

On August 31 the officers met at Advisor Collin's house to make plans for the coming year. All members are on a committee. We also worked out a temporary program of work for the coming year.

School started September 6 with 63 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this. year. Fifty-eight of them are farm boys. We have our new class room changed from Junior High to Senior High this year.

On September 11 our chapter put on a 30 minute radio program over KGGF, at Coffeyville. Music was furnished by Elmo Alexander and Verne McKelvey. The program was on the program of work. Raymond Madill explained the program of work, which was introduced by Joe Winkler. Phillip Cooper talked on "Finishing the Program of Work". Merle Tennis, Dean Smith, and Phillip Cooper held a model committee meeting.

September 27 we attended the district officers training school at Fredonia. Twenty Chanute boys attended. Chanute won the cup for the opening ceremony contest. Dean Smith led the vice president's meeting. The banquet at 6:00 o'clock was enjoyed by all.

-- Phillip Cooper, Reporter

Simpson: The officers elected for the year are: Corwin Freeman, president; George Jones, vice president; Neal Doughrty, treasurer; James Johnson, secretary; Paul Jones, reporter; George Robert Jones, watch dog.

Our vocational agriculture judging team entered both the Mitchell and Cloud County fairs. The team won second at the Cloud County fair. Neal Doughrty was high score man there. Ray Huffman and Charles Gable tied for first place at the Mitchell County fair. Our president, Corwin Freeman won \$80 prize money on F.F.A. and 4-H livestock at Mitchell and Cloud County fairs.

Fifteen F.F.A. members attended the State Fair at Hutchinson, September 19.

Neal Doughrty, George Gentry, Robert Huffman and Eugene Prewitt have the total of 40 yearling western ewes.

Twelve of the F.F.A. members attended the Central Kansas Free Fair judging contest at Abilene Wednesday, September 28.

Paul Jones, Reporter

Lawrence: The department of Agriculture and the Jayhawk chapter are the proud owners of a new station wagon purchased for them by the Board of Education. The wagon on a Ford V-8 chassis has a carrying capacity of 11 persons. The main purpose for the purchase of this wagon is for the transporting of students on field trips. These trips are daily occasions where the class visits a place of agricultural interest. In addition to this, the wagon will be used for transporting students to the American Royal at Kansas City. It is also used for taking the teams to the State Judging Contest at Manhattan in the spring.

The officers of the Jayhawk chapter toured to Shawnee Mission in the recently purchased station wagon to attend the annual officers training school sponsored by the Shawnee Mission chapter. The meeting was called by a general assembly, with the Shawnee Mission officers opening the meeting with the regular F.F.A. Parliamentary Procedure. This was followed by a piano solo and group singing. The speakers were Mr. A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, Manhattan, executive advisor of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, and Mr. Roy Cuff of Kansas City. Lunch was served at the cafeteria. In the afternoon the officers met in their respective groups for round table discussion of the duties of the officers to bring forth different ideas carried on in different chapters. There were twelve chapters represented at the school. The representatives from Lawrence were: Mr. Essick, advisor, Lowell Penny, president, Maurice Knott, secretary, Carl Schaake, treasurer; Howard Heck, reporter. Herbert Hornberger, vice president, was unable to attend.

The Jayhawk chapter has made it an annual affair to sponsor an annual vo-cational agriculture fair. The boys have charge of the exhibits and the management of the fair. The boys of the chapter exhibit their projects and the 4-H projects are also exhibited. There is a sum of about \$300 for cash prizes. The best of the stock exhibited by the boys at the Fair is shown at the American Royal.

Emil Mack Jr., an alumni member of the chapter since last year, has been qualified as a candidate for the American Farmer degree. Emil made the State Farmer degree last year and also was elected state reporter. With this and his excellent project records he has been chosen candidate for the American Farmer Degree.

### Howard Heck, Reporter

Wakefield: Our officers for the coming year are: Melvin Thurlow, president; Robert Randle, vice president; Wayne Machmer, secretary; Merle Myers, treasurer; Thomas Brown, reporter; Royal Llewelyn, watch dog.

The two advanced classes went to the Topeka Fair on September 15. In the morning a judging school was held with the instruction in selection of beef cattle in charge of Mr. Linn. In the afternoon all boys and their instructors were guests of the Kansas Free Fair Association at the grandstand. We all enjoyed the evening program.

Eighteen boys of the advanced class took a trip to the Central Kansas Free Fair at Abilene on September 28. We attended the judging school, judging the livestock.

Morrowville: The local chapter sponsored a fishing party on the Little Blue River August 20. Fifteen members and ten eighth grade graduates attended.

As the North Central Free Fair approached several of the members entered the livestock judging contest for practice.

At the beginning of school 16 were enrolled in Agriculture I, 11 in Agriculture II, and 2 in Agriculture IV. The members went into action immediately and made plans for booths at the Banner and Washington County fairs. The boys entered the livestock judging contests at both fairs. At the Washington County fair 90 per cent of the members had exhibits. Entries were made in every division with major entries on sheep, swine, and poultry. There were a total of 20 first place ribbons, 19 seconds, and 2 thirds with 2 grand championships.

Plans for F.F.A. projects were discussed in a day meeting as well as plans for night meetings the first Monday night of the month.

Our judging team composed of Charles Schwab, Jack Nutter, and Gerald Fencil represented Kansas in Animal Husbandry at the American Royal.

### --Reporter

Norton: Officers chosen for this year are: William Donovan, president; Junior Sanderson, vice president; Donald Beaty, treasurer; Rowland Boddy, reporter; Learl Marsh, first conductor; Loyal Harper, second conductor. Leonard Getty was chosen to represent the FFA in the advisory council at Norton.

The vocational agriculture classes have taken a field trip to their sorghum plots on the airport farm for the purpose of studying sorghum variety tests, identification of various varieties, and taking moisture tests in the summer fallowed ground which has been planted to wheat.

We had charge of the poultry department at the Norton County fair. During the fair, the Sophomore class built a stand in the poultry exhibition house. Many of the boys helped with the livestock parade held the last day of the fair.

During August the judging team participated in the Colby and Stockton contests held in connection with the fair.

The Freshman and Sophomore classes are studying local agriculture and making a community survey this week. The Junior class has revised its farming programs and is making plans for next year.

The officers attended the F.F.A. officers training school, with their advisor, Leonard Bird, at Oakley, October 8.

# -- Rowland Boddy, Reporter

Vinland: The following F.F.A. officers have been elected: Franz Johanning, president; Gene McClintock, vice president; Bill Schimmel, secretary; Paul Laughlin, treasurer; Beverly Schick, reporter; Lloyd Jameson, watch dog...At a recent meeting it was decided to organize the FFA into a Junior Cow-Testing Association, as a helpful organization and to raise money to send judging teams to Manhattan.

—-Beverly E. Schick, Reporter

Chapter News Concluded

Hanover: The Hanover chapter had a float in the parade during the Hanover Days of '49....Our chapter is going to sponsor a play in the near future. The play is entitled, "Feed the Brute" ... . Our chapter entered a booth at the Washington County Fair, which won third place ... . We made a fine showing in the vocational agriculture judging contest at the Washington County Fair .... Paul Greiveldinger won grand champion of the fair with a fat steer. He placed third in showmanship competing with everyone.... The judging team placed third in the judging as a team, Senior division ... In the Senior division Alvin Meier was fifth individual ... . In the junior division Floyd Bruna was first individual . . . . Verdi Sedlacek won third and fourth with two Angus steers . . . . He also won first on the ten best heads of Atlas sorghum....Lavern Lohmeyer placed. fourth with a Hereford heifer; first and second, Angus heifers; first, ewe; third, ram; fourth, fat lamb; fourth, young ewe.... Chas, Bruna placed second best 10 heads Atlas sorghum; second, Hampshire ram; third, Hampshire ewe; second, best heads Blackhull kafir....Louis Prell placed second in Leghorn pullets....Louis Martin won third on tallest stalk of corn....George Turk won first on best ears of white corn....George Meier exhibited second best gallon of wheat.... The vocational agriculture department exhibited third best heads of grain sorghum.... The vocational agriculture team and individuals brought home 40 ribbons from the fair.... The following officers have been elected: Louis Prell, president; Charles Bruna, vice president; Paul Greiveldinger, reporter; Alvin Meier, secretary; Hugo Prell, treasurer; Elmer Duensing, watch dog.

-- Paul Greiveldinger, Reporter

Moundridge: The following officers have been elected for the coming year:
Reuben Zerger, president; Milo Kaufman, vice president; Walter Stucky, secretary; Oliver Stucky, treasurer; Harvey Goering, reporter; Milo Schrag, watch dog.... The three classes of vocational agriculture students spent a delightful and educational day at the Kansas State Fair, September 19.... The school board has purchased a new V8 ½ ton pick-up truck for the department which is a great improvement over the old truck... We spent some time arranging materials and exhibits for our Community Fair held September 30. The chapter prepared a float for the parade and cooperated with the school in building a school float ... We have decided to have a cooperative swine project this fall which will consist of feeder pigs and a purebred gilt for spring farrowing... There is a great deal of interest in ping-pong and our table is kept busy during recreation hours. Some of the boys are showing great form and can play a fast game. —Harvey Goering, Reporter

Ramona: On September 19 twenty-three of our boys attended the judging demonstration at the State Fair at Hutchinson...Twenty-one boys from our chapter took part in the judging contest at the Abilene Fair. Five classes of live-stock were placed by the large group of contestants attending and the placings and reasons were given by the judges in less than two hours...At our September meeting plans were made for attending the American Royal, a committee was appointed for formulating our program of work, and meeting dates were set... Officers have been elected as follows: Arthur Schubert, president; Wilbur Handschu, vice president; LaVerne Bornhardt, treasurer; Herman Bruns, secretary; Verdin Lidell, reporter; Aaron Bura, watch dog.

-- Verdin Lidell, Reporter