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LOST - REPLIES OF SIXTEEN LOCAL F.F.A. REPORTERS

Out of twenty-one chapters to which letters were sent asking for news, only five replied. Surely these chapter reporters did not willfully neglect their duty as set forth in the opening ceremony.

"Reporter: As the Flag covers America, so should I strive to cover the country with information in order that every man, woman and child may know that the Future Farmers of America is a national organization that reaches from Oregon to Florida and from Maine to California."

These reporters were either busy, which most of us are or else thought they had no news to report. Surely the time necessary to write down a few points of interest can be found and most certainly each chapter is doing something which will be of interest to all of us.

So come on fellows, sharpen up your pencils, or oil up the typewriter and send us the news.

REPORTER CARL WOODS GIVES THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT
OF THE LEBANON CHAPTER

The Lebanon Chapter held a picnic and all night fishing and camping trip during August which was attended by 25 members. All reported a good time although they picked a rainy night and the fish remained in the river.

The chapter held its September meeting September 29th, at which time the new officers were installed, plans for the coming year made and initiation of the freshmen to Green Hand Degree.

Seventeen boys have enrolled in the beginning animal husbandry class. The boys in this class are carrying a laying flock project of 100 birds and are making plans for individual projects. The crops class has 11 boys enrolled in it and the boys are getting nicely started in their work.

The local chapter sent a number of boys to Salina, October 6th, and entered the judging contest of The Mid-Kansas Agriculture and Livestock Show.

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The Chanute Chapter as reported by Harold Heilman, has one champion corn grower. Arthur Lein won the sweepstakes prize with ten ears of certified Midland Yellow Dent Corn at the Neosho County Fair.

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VIRGIL MURPHY SENDS YEARLY PROGRAM OF MANHATTAN CHAPTER

Summer picnic - May and June meetings.
 September - Election of Green Hands.
 October - Election of Future Farmers.
 Initiation of Green Hands.
 Junior Fair, members show.
 November - Judging Contest.
 April - Project tour.

The members of the chapter plan to build a trophy case for the chapter rooms.

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Russell Gripp of Hill City makes his report brief. Fine, Russell, but can't we have a few more details next time?

The Hill City Future Farmers with their instructor superintended the Agricultural Department at the County Fair. Between times the boys sold fair programs. The boys proved to be good salesmen and made about ten dollars for the organization.

We are making definite plans to initiate the Green Hands sometime in October. Thirteen freshmen and five sophomores are prospective members.

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HAROLD BROWN BY HIS REPORT CONVINCES US THAT THE HOLCOMB
CHAPTER IS DOING THINGS

Twenty Future Farmers loaded into a consolidated school bus September 20th, bound for the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson. Two days were spent viewing the displays and getting acquainted with numerous livestock shown. The group borrowed \$115 on their Future Farmer Sugar Beet Project. This gave each boy \$5.00 for expenses and gasoline and oil for the bus. Floyd Smith met up with the "High Life" of the carnival crowd when he found that \$4.00 had been lifted from his pocket. The chapter returned Tuesday and all agreed that it was an ideal educational trip.

October 8th and 9th will see the Tenth Annual Fair held at Holcomb. Future Farmers have an active part in putting the Fair over, as building of display booths, livestock feed racks, etc. falls upon the Future Farmer members. Many of the members who have graduated from high school are now serving as department heads. Each Future Farmer member serves as assistant department head. This serves to acquaint them with the organization and operation of a fair.

The middle of October will see the Holcomb chapter doing some extra work as it will be time to harvest their seven acres of sugar beets. Prospects are for a ten-ton yield and they are guaranteed \$6.00 per ton - \$60.00 per acre is not bad in these times of depression. Practically all the work has been done by the members. The only expense will be irrigation.

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WAKEENEY CHAPTER CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 19

One of the best programs of the year was turned in by the baby chapter. No doubt but that this chapter will be a force in the Future Farmer organization in Kansas. We invite your special attention to the calendar and program as set up by this chapter.

Wakeeney Future Farmer Activity Calendar - 1931-1932

SEPTEMBER -

1. F.F.A. Booth at Trego County Free Fair
2. F.F.A. members exhibit at Fair
3. Plan year's program and appoint committees

OCTOBER -

1. Attend Mid-Kansas Livestock and Agriculture Show at Salina
2. Entertain all vocational agriculture students at F.F.A. meeting

NOVEMBER -

1. Initiate Green Hands
2. Make plans for Father and Son Banquet
3. Project tour

DECEMBER -

1. Father and Son Banquet
2. Attend poultry show at Ellis

JANUARY -

1. Give Agricultural Play

FEBRUARY -

1. Hold an egg show

MARCH -

1. To be decided later

APRIL -

1. Project tour
2. Attend contests

MAY -

1. Elect officers for ensuing year
2. Plan summer program
3. Entertain boys graduating from 8th grade this spring

JUNE - JULY - AUGUST -

Meetings not planned.

Regular meetings to be held the SECOND MONDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH.

Wakeeney Future Farmer Program of Work 1931-32

SUPERVISED PRACTICE -

1. 75% of membership carrying two projects

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES -

1. Conduct a class project in swine
2. Exhibit at Frec Fair (County)
3. Hold an egg show

COMMUNITY SERVICE -

1. Enlist members for evening school

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES -

1. Enter judging teams in Sectional and State Contests
2. Enter Public Speaking Contest
3. As many as possible attend Sectional F.F.A. meeting this fall

EARNINGS AND SAVINGS -

1. As many members as possible re-invest project earnings in another project
2. Members solicit shop jobs -- earnings to go into F.F.A. treasury

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS -

1. Increase membership
2. Hold Green Hand and Future Farmer Degree
3. Practice parliamentary procedure

SCHOLARSHIP -

1. 20% of boys try for U.P. Scholarship
2. Every member make all his credits in High School

RECREATION -

1. Father and Son Banquet
2. Give Agricultural Play

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DO YOU READ THE NEWSLETTER?

Undoubtedly local advisors do, but what is the plan to see that each Future Farmer member has an opportunity to avail himself of the monthly F.F.A. News sheet. Each Future Farmer Chapter has two responsibilities towards the "Newsletter". First, to see that interesting and timely news are furnished the State Reporter, and second, to see that each member of the local chapter becomes acquainted with all the news carried.

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GROWTH

The National Organization of Future Farmers of America is continuing to grow in a steady, healthful manner. There are now over 60,000 active members and this number will be greatly enhanced before the close of the present school year. Things, Nationally, are fine. How about Kansas? Last year the Kansas Association of Future Farmers increased its membership by approximately 40%. Can we equal this record during the coming school year? Three new charters were granted in September - Lawrence, Howard and Wakeeney. If we equal last year's record we must have 21 new chapters in addition to the three listed. Can it be done? The answer is checked up to the Kansas Association of Future Farmers and loyal vocational agricultural teachers.

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November 9, and December 14 are the two remaining dates for National Broadcasts concerning Future Farmers of America. Time - 12:15 P.M. Stations most readily accessible to Kansas Future Farmers are: WDAF, KTHS, KVOO, WOC, WHO, WFAA, AND KOA. Special broadcast of the National Future Farmer Public Speaking Contest will be made November 17th. Make it a point to listen in on these broadcasts. Advisors should plan meetings to listen in on the Public Speaking Contest if possible. The speeches are short, interesting, educational and something to be proud of. Organize your chapter for an evening meeting and invite interested guests to hear the broadcast of the public speaking event.

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Northwest Kansas Future Farmers plan a district rally for November 14th. The date is tentative. They plan on having State Advisor L.B. Pollom, Exec. Advisor A.P. Davidson, and American Farmer, Lewis Evans, in attendance.

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WHAT IS A FUTURE FARMER?

No attempt will be made to answer the question, but this suggestion is offered. When you meet a boy wearing a bronze Future Farmer pin you know you are meeting a boy who is enrolled in vocational agriculture in an accredited high school, that he is of good moral character, and is in a position to carry a worth while project. When a boy is met who wears the gold filled or rolled gold Future Farmer pin, you appreciate the fact that you are meeting a farm boy who has achieved. This boy has satisfactorily completed a year's high school work, carried a project to satisfactory completion, knows the Future Farmer Creed, has earned \$25, and can lead a group discussion for ten minutes. Should it be your privilege to meet a State Farmer who wears a gold key, you will be cognizant of the fact that this boy has successfully completed at least two years of vocational agriculture, has earned at least \$200, is familiar with parliamentary procedure, has represented his school on one or more of its teams, can lead a group discussion for forty minutes or more, has proven himself a leader, and is a student whose average attainment in all subjects equals 85 or above. If you should be so fortunate as to make the acquaintance of an American Farmer who wears the gold key surmounted by the American Eagle, you will know that this boy has held the degree of State Farmer, that he is engaged in or has definite plans for becoming a farmer, that he has demonstrated his ability to farm through an outstanding supervised practice program, has earned \$500, is a leader and has demonstrated his ability to work well with others.

The Future Farmers of America is an organization of farmer youth enrolled in vocational agriculture in the public high schools of forty-eight states and Hawaii. It stimulates achievement on the part of its members through a well planned system of advancement in the order. This advancement is designated by a system of badges. It is worth while to know these badges and their significance. "Joiners" have little opportunity to parade under false colors in this organization. What is a Future Farmer? A Future Farmer is a farm boy who has achieved.

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KANSAS ENTRY WINS FUTURE FARMER REGIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Word comes from St. Louis that Earl Parsons, Winfield, Kansas' entry in the North Central Regional F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest, has won first place and with it the right to represent the 13 North Central states in the National Contest to be held in Kansas City, November 16th. Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas sponsors the regional and national contests.

The winner of first place in the National Contest at Kansas City will receive \$400; second place, \$300; third place, \$200, and fourth place, \$100.

Earl Parsons was coached by his able instructor and advisor, Ira L. Plank.

The Kansas Association of F.F.A. is proud of this splendid achievement of its representative in the regional contest and extends congratulations and best wishes to Earl Parsons and the Winfield Chapter. We predict that Kansas F.F.A's will be on hand in numbers when Earl appears in the National Contest at Kansas City.