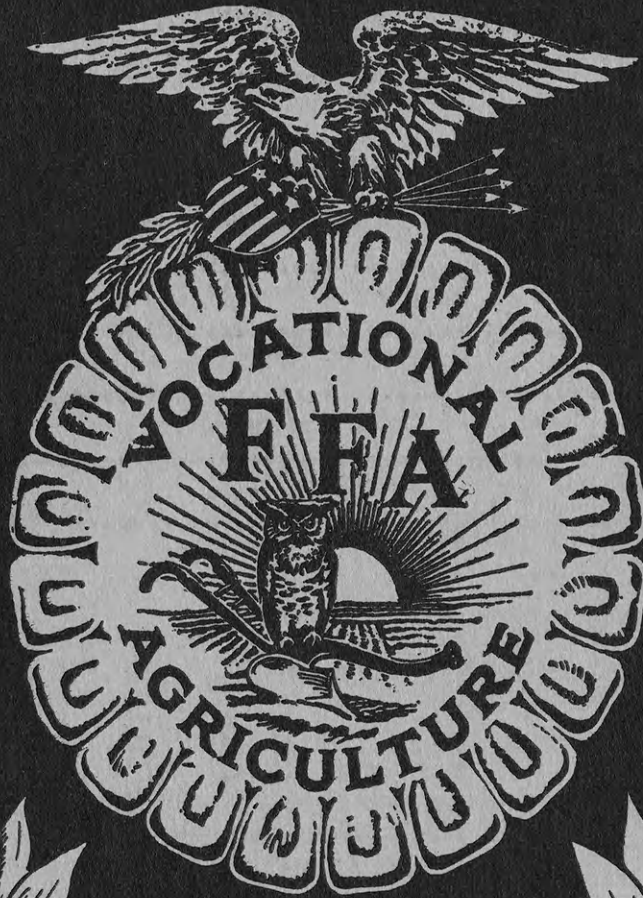


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American Farmer Application materials for those candidates declared on or before November 1, 1941, due February 1, 1942. Address application materials to Executive Secretary L. F. Hall, Kansas St. College, Manhattan, Kansas.
Public Speaking entry and manuscript..... April 13
Better Chapter Contest Report..... April 13

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NATIONAL FFA ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross, Office of Education, Washington, D. C., has issued the following announcements:

1. Entries in the 1942 National Chapter Contest are due in the National Office, January 31, 1942.

In Kansas this announcement concerns the ten chapters that were designated at the 1941 State FFA Convention as having completed programs of work that were rated as Outstanding. These entries MUST clear through the state office at Manhattan. Mail entries to A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, in sufficient time to enable the state office to forward same to Washington, D. C., by January 24, 1942.

2. The 1942 National FFA Radio Programs, beginning January 12, 1942, will have as its annual theme, "Future Farmer Families."

Local chapters should write the state executive adviser if they have a member or a former member who might be a proper subject for one of the national radio broadcasts. This matter should be given early attention, as it requires considerable time to formulate a program of this nature.

3. 1942 revisions of the American Farmer blank, the Rules for the National Public Speaking Contest and the Rules for the National Chapter Contest are in press as of December 20, 1941. Supplies will be forwarded states as soon as possible.

4. Copies of the 1941-42 National Program of Work were sent December 16, 1941, to the state associations.

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CANDIDATES FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Twenty-two candidates for the American Farmer Degree were declared by November 1, 1941, which was the dead line date for chapters to nominate American Farmer candidates. An American Farmer application folder including instructions as to the manner of presenting the qualifications of candidates has been mailed all teachers who declared candidates for the fourth degree on or before November 1, 1941.

American Farmer application materials must be in the mails by February 1, 1942, addressed to State Executive Secretary L. F. Hall, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

The American Farmer candidates to be submitted to the National Organization of Future Farmers of America will be selected by means of a careful evaluation of the entry materials submitted to the state office, together with visits to the candidates on their home farms by one or more adult members of the state officer group.

Minimum qualifications for election to the American Farmer Degree as set forth in Article V, Section E of the new national constitution:

1. Must have held the degree of State Farmer for at least one year preceding election to the degree of American Farmer, have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least three years, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State Association.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture (or have completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school attended) and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming which shows comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope as substantiated by complete, accurate, and neat records.
3. Must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$500 (at least two-thirds of the amount must be derived from his supervised farming program). In cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.
4. Show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation.
5. Be in the upper 40 per cent of his class in all school subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction.
6. Be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of Future Farmers of America.

A candidate for the Degree of American Farmer must be an active member of the FFA. The constitution defines Active Membership in Article III, Section B, as follows: Any male student not over 25 years of age who is regularly enrolled in an all-day, day-unit, or part-time class, in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any regular FFA chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A

Candidates for the American Farmer Degree (Concluded)

member may retain his active membership throughout his high school career and for three years after the first national convention following completion of high school vocational agriculture class room instruction or leaving school.

Active membership requirements which must be met by any member applying for the American Farmer Degree are set forth in By-Law VII of the national constitution and read as follows:

1. He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
2. He shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter.
3. He pays his dues regularly.

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ATTENTION REPORTERS

The state department has found it necessary to severely edit chapter notes in each of the issues of the Kansas Future Farmer this year. We regret that this has been necessary, but in order to take care of the many responses in the space allotted to chapter notes many items had to be deleted. Items of purely local interest have been omitted in favor of items of statewide or national interest. Names of members elected to office in local chapters as well as names of members making trips and participating in judging activities have been deleted. We are very much interested in names of members who have achieved something which has more than local interest. Also techniques in carrying on worthwhile chapter activities are considered newsworthy. Accomplishments are more important than plans.

It is a healthy situation when we find more than 75 per cent of the chapters solicited for news each month responding with more materials than we can possibly run in the eight to ten pages allotted to chapter notes. Remember if the item has more than local interest it will find a place in the state newsletter. Restricted space, requiring more careful reporting, should be a challenge to every local FFA reporter in Kansas.

We earnestly hope that the local FFA reporters will not become discouraged but that they will continue to send us more material than we can find room to print. (Ed.)

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NOTICE

Copies of the January 15, 1942, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer mailed to the president of each local chapter, and to the vocational agricultural instructor in departments not having chartered FFA chapters, will contain a printed report of the Kansas Association for the year 1940-41, and a printed copy of the 1941-42 National Program of Work. In addition there will be a printed page setting forth some important actions of the 14th National Convention, together with the 1941-42 budget of the National Organization of FFA.

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No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.--Abraham Lincoln.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The 1942 State FFA Public Speaking contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the National Contest.

The following changes have been made in the 1942 national public speaking score card:

Under Part I, Content and Composition, the total score has been reduced from 400 to 300. Items affected are: 1. Content of manuscript, reduced from 250 to 200 points; 2. Composition of manuscript, reduced from 150 to 100 points.

Under Part II, Delivery of the Production, the score has been increased from 600 to 700. Items affected are: 3. Power of expression, increased from 150 to 200 points; 4. Response to questions, increased from 150 to 200 points.

The state contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age who are regularly enrolled high school students, successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work, and who are active members of chartered FFA chapters in good standing with the State and National organizations at the time they are selected to represent their chapter in the state contest. Attention is called to the fact that boys who are still in high school as undergraduates and who have already taken all of the vocational agriculture offered in their school, may be eligible. Each contestant's speech is to be the result of his own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery is limited to the facilities of the school from which the contestant comes, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Any boy who has participated in any state FFA public speaking contest is ineligible for participation in the 1942 Kansas FFA public speaking contest.

Each speech shall be limited to ten minutes in length and five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges.

Time Limit

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Subjects

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable. The following list offers many suggestions in choosing a topic for the State FFA Public Speaking contest:

1. Agriculture and America
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, the Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. The Challenge of Adversity and the American Farmer
6. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
7. The Farm Credit Situation
8. The Future Farmers of America
9. The Advantages of Being a Farmer
10. Diversified Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture
11. The Present and Future of American Farming

Public Speaking Contest (Continued)

12. The Future of the American Farmer
13. A Live-at-Home Program as a Farm Relief Measure
14. The Future Farmers of America in Relation to American Agriculture
15. What Vocational Agriculture and the FFA Mean to Me and Other Farm Boys
16. Does Controlled Land Utilization Hold the Key to Present Farm Problems
17. The Restoration of Agricultural Stability
18. Why I Choose to Become a Farmer
19. Farm Management and Cooperative Marketing as a Solution to Farm Problems
20. The Agricultural Situation
21. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
22. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
23. The Farmer's Own Farm Relief
24. Tariffs and Their Relation to the American Farmer
25. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
26. The Back to the Land Movement
27. Subsistence Farm Homesteads and Their Relation to American Agriculture
28. Education as Permanent Farm Relief
29. Emergency Organizations and Their Relation to the American Farmer
30. How a Commodity Adjustment Program Affects the Individual Farmer
31. The Utilization of Economic Information in Farming
32. The Economic Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
33. The FFA and the Youth Movement
34. Horse and Mule Power in American Agriculture--Their Economic Relation
35. The Part-time Farmer in American Agriculture
36. Training for Leadership Through the FFA
37. Agricultural Adjustment and a Balanced Agriculture
38. The New Era in American Agriculture
39. Equalization of Taxes as a Farm Relief Measure
40. Taxation, Its Relation to the Rural Community
41. Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution
42. The Soil--A National Heritage
43. The Necessity for Trained Farmers
44. Chemurgy as an Aid to the American Farmer
45. Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem
46. The FFA Creed--What It Means to Rural America
47. Home Beautification
48. Young Men in Agriculture
49. Soil Conservation--Man's and Nature's
50. Save Our Soil
51. A Contented People Make a Contented State
52. Cooperatives and Cooperation
53. Why Be a Farmer

Sources

It is impossible to list all sources of aid for those preparing to take part in the public speaking contest. The following standard sources should not be overlooked.

Public Speaking Contest (Concluded)

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen.
2. Readers' Guide--in public libraries and high school libraries.
3. Publications of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, USDA, Washington, D. C.
4. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (Yearbook, Technical bulletins, special reports of Farm Security Administration).
5. Special Reports of the Bureau of Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
6. Publications of Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.
7. Current National Magazines.
8. The Farm Press.
9. National and Columbia Radio Broadcasts. Study in advance program schedule, listen to numbers that deal with any phase of your chosen topic. Often it is possible to procure a copy of the address in which you are interested by writing the author of it.
10. Census Report.
11. Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Biennial Reports and special bulletins, Topeka, Kansas.
12. State Newspapers.
13. Proceedings of National FFA Convention.
14. Winning Future Farmer Speeches, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill.
15. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill.

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DUES

Membership dues which were due January 1 have been coming in regularly. However, at least one-third of the chapters in the Kansas Association have not paid their dues for 1941-42. It might be a good idea for the advisers to check up with their respective officers and see whether or not the dues for their chapter have been sent to the state office. Although the dues are due as of January 1, 1942, they will be accepted up until May 1. However, we urge that they are sent in at once.

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NEW CHAPTER

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America is glad to welcome into the Association the Kinsley chapter which was chartered December 19, 1941, with 21 members. Officers of the chapter are: Gerald Herrmann, president; Joe Herrmann, vice president; Nick Lobmeyer, secretary; Cornelius Schinstack, treasurer; Joe Heinz, reporter. Chester Ward is the adviser of the chapter.

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100 PER CENT IN 1942?

With the chartering of the Kinsley chapter we find only two departments without chartered FFA chapters. It is the hope of the association that 1942 will see 100 per cent of the vocational agriculture departments in Kansas with chartered FFA chapters.

1941-42

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National Program of Work

for 1941 - 42

*Including Budget and Important Actions Taken
at the 14th National Convention*

PROGRAM OF WORK

Activity	Goal	Ways and Means
1. Increasing Membership	250,000 active members	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture.Encourage increased membership in established chapters.Encourage retaining of active membership during three-year period following high school.Urge full payment of national dues on the part of all associations by May 1.Encourage establishment of more collegiate chapters in agriculture colleges.Urge all active members to use membership cards.
2. Using Official Manuals	100% of chapter and State officers provided with 1940 revised Manuals. 100% of members having access to 1940 revised Manuals.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Urge State associations to secure Manuals in quantities for distribution and sale to chapters.Emphasize the need for having up-to-date Manuals with which to work.Suggest that new Manuals be included in every chapter library.Urge discussion of important features included in new Manual at chapter meetings and conventions.Urge study of Manual as phase of leadership training schools and conferences.
3. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	100% of chapters using both books.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Call further attention of States to the value of these books.Urge filing copies of completed books as permanent chapter record.Urge discussion of both books at chapter meetings and at leadership training schools and conferences.Encourage display of these books at State conventions and other F.F.A. gatherings.
4. Providing Official Meeting Paraphernalia, Equipment and Supplies	100% of chapters and State associations have standard materials with which to work.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Send out lists with information on how and where to obtain.Stress loyalty to the national organization and urge the use of official materials.Suggest official merchandise displays at conventions and various other F.F.A. gatherings.Urge discussion of standard materials at leadership training schools.Point out advantages to organization in patronizing official companies.

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| 5. Using Official Uniforms | 100% of national and State officers, 75% of chapter officers and 100% of chapter delegates to State convention have official jackets, F.F.A. shirts, or ties. 100% of State delegates with official jackets at National Convention. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage a more extensive use of official uniforms. b. Urge displays at various F.F.A. gatherings and conventions. c. Encourage group purchase of such equipment to reduce expense. d. Point out advantages of uniformity in dress at F.F.A. events. |
| 6. Using Official Ceremonies | 100% of the chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to 1940 revised Manual. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge that all officers learn their parts and that ceremonies be rehearsed. b. Suggest special training on ceremonies for new officers. c. Recommend discussing the meaning and significance of ceremonies at chapter meetings and leadership schools. d. Urge practice on unison parts, especially the Flag salute. |
| 7. Following Parliamentary Procedure | 100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge careful study of the parliamentary procedure section of the Manual. b. Suggest chapter study of parliamentary procedure. c. Encourage parliamentary procedure demonstrations and contests. d. Urge chapters to include at least one book on parliamentary procedure in chapter library. |
| 8. Building Programs of Work | 100% of States and chapters with definite continuing programs of work set up in form suggested in new 1940 Manual. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage more carefully built programs and closer attention to them. b. Urge special emphasis on program building in leadership schools. c. Print and distribute the national program of work immediately following the National Convention. d. Encourage more chapters to compete in National Chapter Contest. |
| 9. Advancing Members to Higher Degrees | 100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge early and careful explanation of the progressive features of degree work to members and systematic advancement in chapter degrees. b. Encourage members to keep scrap book records of their achievements. c. Urge each State to provide uniform State Farmer application blank. d. Improve American Farmer blank and applications. |
| 10. Providing Chapter Libraries | 100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare and distribute suggested list of books for F. F.A. chapters. b. Suggest displays of books at conventions and various other F.F.A. gatherings. c. Send out suggestions on establishing and maintaining libraries. d. Suggest discussion of Chapter libraries at leadership training schools and conferences. |
| 11. Practicing Thrift | 100% of chapters and members with thrift accounts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stimulate interest in regular systematic savings for all. b. Encourage chapters to earn money cooperatively to help finance chapter activities. c. Urge individuals to buy and sell cooperatively. d. Urge every State association and chapter to have a budget and safeguard its funds. e. Urge chapters to establish thrift banks. f. Encourage members to invest earnings in productive enterprises. |
| 12. Participating in Public Speaking | 100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage every chapter to hold a contest with a high percentage of members participating. b. Stress the value of participation to the individual regardless of prizes or honors. |

Budget

(From the close of the Fourteenth National Convention and after all items chargeable to the 1940-41 year have been paid, to the close of the Fifteenth National Convention, including all expenses incurred during this period)

Anticipated Revenue—

Membership dues	\$25,000.00
Royalties	4,500.00
National Grange	200.00
Income from Camp and Old Mill	2,000.00
Interest from Savings	250.00
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	\$31,950.00

Anticipated Disbursements—

I. Travel of National Officers, Etc.	\$ 4,500.00
II. Travel of National Advisory Council	800.00
III. Fifteenth National Convention	4,800.00
IV. American Farmer Keys	1,300.00
V. National Prizes, Awards, Etc.	2,200.00
VI. Exhibit to be prepared for use of States	500.00
VII. Printing	2,500.00
VIII. Radio	500.00
IX. National office	900.00
X. Clerical assistance	3,500.00
XI. National F.F.A. Camp and Mill	6,000.00
XII. Contingent Fund	500.00
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	\$28,000.00

Estimated Balance \$ 3,950.00

Some Important Actions -- 14th National Convention

- The large national F.F.A. exhibit is to be left in Kansas City except where satisfactory arrangements can be made to transport it to important meetings, the decision being left to the National Board of Trustees. A new smaller exhibit suitable for shipping from State to State is to be provided.
- No new national F.F.A. contests were added to the present list of national activities.
- Motion picture scenes of 14th Convention to be combined with suitable scenes secured from various States to make up a new national film.
- No "John Doe" American Farmer applications to be provided to State in 1941-42.
- Small onyx ring added to official F.F.A. jewelry supplied by the L. G. Balfour Company.
- Local chapter may sell articles under its own name (not the emblem) but chapters are to be careful about the quality of such articles. Emblem not to be used on farm commodities.
- Additional protection in the form of new trade mark registrations ordered for the F.F.A. emblem.
- No changes in the Official F.F.A. Scrapbook.
- Mock initiations and "horse play" done away with, officially, and chapters requested to hold to the regular ceremonies provided in the Manual in the future.
- No rising sun equipment to be made available to local chapters by the national organization.
- Chapters taking tours and trips cautioned to always lay careful plans and follow them through.
- Board of Trustees to present recommendations on changes in the national constitution at the 15th Convention.
- National dues to remain at 10c per member for 1941-42. Dues to be paid on or before May 1, 1942.
- Fireplace to be built at National F.F.A. camp and each State to be requested to furnish a stone of **specified size** for the inside facing.
- Score card for National Public Speaking Contest changed to 300 points for content and composition and 700 points for delivery.
- Each State allowed to submit not more than two chapter reports in finals of 1942 Chapter Contest. All \$15 cash awards discontinued.
- Official project markers, manufactured by the St. Louis Button Company, to be discontinued after present supply is exhausted.
- Trousers of light twillardine cloth to be made available from Universal Uniform Company.

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| 13. Taking Tours and Trips | 75% of chapters taking educational tours and trips. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage all chapters to save for and try some kind of a trip. b. Stress planning of all F.F.A. trips; also the importance of always making a good appearance and the right impression while traveling as an F.F.A. group. c. Encourage chapters to use facilities of National F.F.A. Camp. |
| 14. Making Home Improvements | 100% of members doing some home improvement work. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage all members to list home improvement possibilities and to undertake such projects. b. Encourage chapters to provide, cooperatively, needed materials for home improvement projects. |
| 15. Preventing Farm Fires | 100% chapter participation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Secure materials for distribution to States on farm fire prevention. b. Suggest chapter discussions and demonstrations on fire prevention. |
| 16. Conserving Natural Resources | 100% chapter and member participation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge cooperation with various conservation organizations and agencies. b. Emphasize the need for conservation work on the part of both chapters and individuals. |
| 17. Preventing Livestock Losses | 100% chapter participation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Urge humane and practical stock devices made as farm mechanics projects. c. Encourage survey work on livestock loss prevention to help reduce livestock losses. d. Urge States to promote livestock prevention programs. |
| 18. Improving State Conventions | 100% of associations with well-planned and well-conducted conventions with 100% chapter representation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge that two days or more be made available for conducting only F.F.A. business at all conventions. b. Urge provision for greater participation from the floor of State conventions on the part of delegates. c. Request State convention dates set as far as possible in advance so as to make the best use of national officers' time and travel expense. d. Urge States to avoid too many contests at State conventions. |
| 19. Increasing State Officer Travel | 100% of the States making some provision for visits to local chapters by State officers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage visits by each State officer to chapters within his home area. b. Encourage tour of chapters by State officers. c. Encourage States to provide for State officer travel in their annual budget. d. Encourage State officers to attend chapter banquets. |
| 20. Increasing State Musical Organization | 75% State participation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage establishing and maintaining State F.F.A. bands, orchestras and other musical organizations. b. Invite State musical organizations to take part in national convention activities. |
| 21. Providing State Publications | 100% of States with an official publication. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage the establishment and maintenance of State F.F.A. publications. b. Encourage exchange of State publications with other associations. c. Offer constructive suggestions on improving present publications. |
| 22. Providing Leadership Training | 100% State participation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage State and district leadership training schools and conferences. b. Encourage States to provide leadership training in connection with State camps. c. Encourage all chapters to provide at least one leadership school or conference during the year. d. Urge special leadership training for State officers. e. Provide special leadership training school for national officers. |

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| 23. Providing State Camps and Other State-wide Recreational Activities | 100% of States developing State camps or providing other State-wide recreational facilities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage States to develop permanent State camps. b. Encourage all chapters to take part in State recreational activities. c. Urge all States to carry on recreational activities that reach members in all parts of the State. |
| 24. Practicing Safety | 100% of States with safety programs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperate with all agencies engaging in promotion of safety. b. Encourage books on safety and first aid in chapter libraries. |
| 25. Distributing Proceedings of 14th National Convention | Completed by February 1. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Follow form and style of preceding years; modify according to suggestions of committee on Proceedings. b. Send out printed copies to all associations for distribution to chapters and official delegates. c. Distribute pamphlets that include important actions at National Convention immediately after 14th National Convention. |
| 26. Continuing National F. F. A. Day | 100% of State associations participating. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Set aside Monday of National Convention week, 1942, as National F.F.A. Day. b. Send out suggested materials for F.F.A. Day programs. c. Plan special national radio program and encourage chapters to listen in. |
| 27. Providing National Officer Travel | 100% of State associations visited as requested. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge the States in each region to plan conventions in sequence, as far as possible, so as to enable national officers to attend on circuit trips. Conserve travel funds by avoiding single trips to States. b. Get requests for service in early from States. c. Urge States to make most effective use of officers while in the State. |
| 28. Developing National Camp | Further develop both Camp and Mill and have ready for use by April 1. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp. |
| 29. Informing the Public | Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage more extensive and regular use of local, county, and State newspapers by chapters and State associations. b. Secure more articles in national magazines. c. Urge taking of more and better pictures of F.F.A. work and their use as illustrations. d. Encourage use of film strips and building of film strip libraries by chapters. e. Encourage the taking of motion pictures by State associations and the distribution of such films for chapter use. f. Continue National F.F.A. Radio Program and encourage States and chapters to provide similar broadcasts. g. Wider use of windshield stickers. |
| 30. Maintaining Relationship with Kindred Organizations | Assist where possible. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue to maintain contact with such organizations as the New Farmers of America, and other organizations patterned after the F.F.A. b. Cooperate with the American Indian Youth Organization. |
| 31. Assisting with National Defense Program | 100% of State associations cooperating. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Every State association and chapter helping with the national defense program in every way possible. b. Encourage every member, chapter, and State association to buy defense bonds or stamps. c. Urge national, State, and local publicity so the American public will realize that we are willing and able to do our share in national defense. |

CHAPTER NEWS

CHANUTE: Our chapter has been very busy this semester. In October we held our annual pie and box supper which netted us \$49....November 30 we held our annual all school party. Approximately 300 students enjoyed an evening of dancing and playing games....December 12 we held our parent and son banquet. 150 guests were present....December 30 the seniors sponsored an alumni banquet and dance. 60 members, seniors, and alumni attended the party....Our shop classes have been building A-type hog houses and chicken feeders for anyone who wants them. Also we have been mixing mineral and selling it to our members.... Recently our chapter officers went to Cherryvale and raised the Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree....We presented our radio program over KOAM, Pittsburg, Kansas, January 2. Our subject was "The Public Speaking Contest." February 1 brings the annual district public speaking contest held here in Chanute. We are asking each school in the southeast Kansas district to bring a contestant for each division.

--Wayne Brant, Reporter

CHAPMAN: We have 14 Future Farmers and 20 Green Hands this year....Some of the shop projects completed, and others now being made are: 5 chicken feeders, 2 hog feeders, 5 hog troughs, 1 hay rack, 2 trailers, gates, 7 farm ladders, welding table, 2 bench saw tables. We have also repaired harrows, a truck bed, a car, 2 pick-up trucks, 3 stationary engines, and other minor jobs....We gave a radio program over KSAL, December 6....The senior FFA boys are making plans to landscape our industrial arts building grounds. This project is being prepared and studied through the use of a miniature model....The flood of October 20 spoiled our plans for the annual corn husking contest which is a part of our variety test program. In spite of the flood some of the varieties are still making from 40 to 50 bushels per acre. There were 11 varieties under test this year. Our sorghum tests which were harvested before the flood, were also very satisfactory.

--Gerald Bielefeld, Reporter

PAOLA: The Paola FFA boys are selling their steers which they purchased last year and are making a fair profit....The chapter has started a battery brooder project and will start some chicks soon....12 Green Hands were initiated December 9 and 4 honorary members were elected....The members held their 4th annual parent and son banquet January 5. We served one of our choice heaves fattened by one of our members. After the banquet a film, "The Green Hand" was shown....In shop the boys are making hog houses, hog troughs, sheep feeders, wagon boxes, hay racks, tool boxes, etc....Our chapter has raised 422 hogs, 244 sheep, 55 steers, 20 dairy cattle and some chickens.

--Dale Kettler, Reporter

RAMONA: Our chapter sponsored the annual father-son banquet which was held November 26. 90 fathers, sons and guests attended. The meal was prepared and served by the mothers of the FFA boys....The Home Economics club and our FFA members entertained at an all-school party Christmas. After the serving of refreshments, Thural Brehm, a former R.R.F.S. student, told us some stories of his experiences.

--Donald Smith, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MORROWVILLE: The vocational agriculture students have finished a cattle shed 8' x 16'. This building will be used by the FFA in running class projects. At the present time we have 3 buildings and 3 lots....Our projects consist of 11 ewes and two steers. The weight of the steers at the present time is about 750 lbs., and 4 fattening hogs weigh about 130 lbs....So far we have butchered 10 hogs, 3 beef cattle and a lamb....At our October 13 meeting we had as the guest speaker, Lowell Houghton of the PCA of Concordia....November 10 we initiated 5 Future Farmers and 12 Green Hands. This brings our chapter membership to 43 paid-up members....At the December meeting the group made several plans for coming events. The pest contest was started, the chapter voted to paint 100 mail boxes for the cost of the paint, and the banquet date was set. The banquet will be held January 29 and we have invited Mr. L. B. Pollom, supervisor of vocational education, Topeka, and George Stelter, state FFA president.... January 10 the local chapter presented a radio broadcast over KSAL at Salina.

--Perry Dodd, Reporter

KIOWA: Our chapter has 25 members, 20 of whom are enrolled in agriculture. ...We have built a sick hen laboratory in shop this year. When any member has a sick hen he brings it in and the agriculture classes take care of it...Each member of the vocational agriculture class is bringing some milk from their cows to class to test for butterfat....We have bought 25 chicks and are using the battery which we own to put the chicks in....FFA members have been castrating pigs for the farmers in our community....We recently made a delousing powder for poultry, which we find works very satisfactorily. The mixture contained 2 pounds of tobacco dust, 2 pounds of sodium fluoride, $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of sulphur, and 2 pounds of rotenone....The FFA boys have culled several flocks of chickens for farmers, and have also been worming chickens, hogs and sheep....Our chapter has rented 16 acres of land and are subrenting the land to boys who cannot rent land elsewhere....Chapter members are making concrete troughs usable for hog waterers, salt troughs, and chicken waterers. Some of the boys have made sheep feeders.

--Herb Kennicutt, Reporter

SPIVEY: Seven Green Hands were initiated into our chapter November 20....We butchered 5 hogs this fall. We made us a scalding vat similar to the one pictured in a recent issue of the Weekly Kansas City Star....We have some ewes for a class project and we have an acre of alfalfa ground near the school house where we are keeping the sheep....We are planning to get some baby chicks for our Purina brooder and will raise them for the FFA banquet.

--Leonard Dick, Reporter

MCPHERSON: In November the FFA boys sold cooperatively 13 deferred feeder calves ...The class has made tours to the various homes to inspect and judge their projects....The parents and other interested parties were invited to a meat cutting demonstration conducted by Professor Mackintosh of Kansas State College, who demonstrated various cuts of pork and lamb. Professor Mackintosh stressed the importance of meat consumption....The FFA have been constructing two wheel trailers and building calf and sheep self feeders.

--Carroll Fillman, Reporter

JAYHAWK: Some of the boys in our chapter have bought sheep projects....Our annual father and son banquet was held November 25. Mr. C. M. Miller, state director of vocational education, was present...Our Christmas party was held Dec. 18.

--Charles Corol, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

WAKEFIELD: November 3 our chapter held a joint meeting with the Manhattan chapter at Wakefield at which time 11 Manhattan and 19 Wakefield boys were initiated as Green Hands....At the present time our cooperative swine project which was started in the fall of 1939 has paid back to the boys \$2.80 for each \$1.00 share invested....Our chapter gave a broadcast over station KSAL on the subject of, "Selecting Beef Breeding Cattle", December 27....At the present time we have 8 high grade Hereford steers on full feed, a flock of 30 pure bred Hampshire breeding ewes and 20 Western ewes, a flock of 100 certified White Leghorn hens, 2 Duroc sows, 1 Spotted Poland China sow and 1 Poland China sow.
--Dean Thurlow, Reporter

BYERS: Two weeks ago 19 of our FFA chapter members went on a field trip....December 9 we had our FFA banquet, with the fathers, mothers, school board members and their wives, and the faculty members as our guests. The mothers furnished the food....The boys of the Byers chapter have borrowed \$2500 from the P.C.A. at Greensburg....Some of our boys have good projects. Ronald Bird has 10 head of brooding ewes and one-half interest in a ram. Leroy Hodson has one-half interest in 3 cows and 3 calves, and has 25 acres of wheat. The rest of the boys have projects that are similar. In all, the boys of the chapter have 51 head of calves, 5 cows, 20 head of ewes, 1 ram, 3 sows and 12 pigs. All of the boys have projects in shop.
--Leroy Hodson, Reporter

WATERVILLE: Our agriculture classes have audited and closed their farm record books....Some new lambs have already put in their appearance for some of our FFA members....The sophomore and junior classes have nearly completed their shop program. Glen Peterson has completed an electric fence....Our FFA chapter had their annual Aggie Ball November 22. No member was admitted unless he had paid his dues so one of the results obtained is that we now have 30 paid up members. ...Our officers went to Randolph for their last monthly meeting and raised the Randolph Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree. The Randolph officers will do the same for us at our next meeting.
--David Livers, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: Our adviser, Keith B. Wagoner, presented each FFA member with a Defense stamp and booklet as a New Years gift, and expressed the hope that each of us would get some good from this start that he had given us....We have built two hog houses, a 4-wheel trailer and box in shop. We are also overhauling a "jeep" and a model T Ford. The freshmen are still working on basic skill jobs. ...We held Open House during National Education Week. Our vocational agriculture program was explained to the visitors and an exhibit of freshman shop work was on display. About 65 people visited the exhibit....We will present a radio program over station KFEQ, St. Joseph, Mo., April 18.
--Lawrence Smith, Reporter

BURLINGTON: Our new building is coming along slowly. The footings are poured and forms are being put in place for the foundation....We have a post contest in full swing now....Our basketball team has been practicing each week. We are open for games during the season with nearby chapters....All the members of the vocational agriculture classes are saving up their dimes and buying Defense stamps and bonds. The total now is near \$50. It will be much higher soon as we have been doing this only two weeks.
--Marvin Robinson, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

BIRD CITY: The annual grain show sponsored by our chapter was held October 15-18 and was a very successful venture....Joint Green Hand initiation was held with the McDonald chapter October 20. Fifteen of our members were initiated as Green Hands....As a method of making money so we could attend the Western Stock Show at Denver, members of the chapter shocked feed for one of the farmers and made \$48.75....Five hogs were butchered by members of the chapter for the county Farm Bureau meeting. Other butchering done in the department included the dressing of 6 turkeys, 2 ducks, and 4 chickens....Projects being made in the shop this year are sheep feeders, chicken feeders, A-type hog house, and much tool reconditioning is being done.

--Bernard Kramer, Reporter

SIMPSON: The initiation of three Green Hands took place at our December meeting....The Simpson chapter has selected a pure bred gilt as a cooperative project. This gilt will be put out on shares to a member. After the gilt has farrowed, the chapter gets to have their pick of one pig and their sow back at the end of six months....The chapter members have purchased two feeder pigs. The pigs will be butchered for the annual banquet which will be held in February or March and the remainder will be sold locally....In shop a new acetylene welding outfit has been purchased for the students. We also have a new electric drill. In shop we have built ten new eating tables to be used for serving the school lunches. We received \$10 for painting the new lunch room....Some of the students have made sheep bunks and panels for sheep pens....The chapter plans to buy an old building which will be torn down for lumber which will be used by some of the students in making equipment.

--Robert Vernon, Reporter

ST. GEORGE: Ten Green Hands were initiated recently by our chapter....Some 50 guests were present at the parent meeting, including 22 parents. Jim Wilson presided at the meeting....A last year's senior FFA member, Eldon Henton, is now farming an 80 acre farm which he has rented. His machinery is owned in partnership with his father....Our chapter has caponized 40 chickens and culled 100 chickens. Plans are being made for butchering hogs and a beef....Some of the shop projects now are a 4-wheel trailer, tool cabinets, seed treater, step ladders, etc....Warren Piper, Thomas Elder, Robert Seematter, and John Bock made the all-school honor roll this last six weeks....Our hayrack ride was participated in by 23 members....An all-school skating party was given last week.

--Kenneth Rowe, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Our regular meeting in November was devoted to the study of bindweed. Invitations were sent to farmers in the community and a notice was run in the local paper urging those interested to attend. The speaker was Robert Palmquist, the county bindweed supervisor, who talked on the bindweed situation of the county, and gave a summary of work completed in the past four years....Our chapter treated the bindweed on the school ground, using 200 pounds of sodium chloride. We used the city's sodium chloride spreader....Two captains were appointed for a pest eradication contest which closed January 5....Our chapter has culled over 1400 chickens, blood tested 210 chickens for Pullorum disease, and deloused 100 chickens.

--Roy Hauck, Reporter

ARGONIA: The chapter conducted a sparrow hunt in November. There were about 600 sparrows killed....Our volley ball team played their first game with Attica, January 3.

--Russell Garber, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

COLUMBUS: The third annual parent and son banquet was held in the gymnasium November 20. We had an attendance of 135. This was the largest banquet we have ever had. Miss Jennette McGregor's cooking class served the banquet....The following equipment has been added to the department this year: a Babcock cream tester, R.C.A. radio, portable electric drill and stand, 1928 Chevrolet motor and a gas furnace for soldering....The following jobs have been completed in shop this year: A-type hog house, hay rack, anvil base, 1 pick-up truck rack, 1 sheep feeder, 1 poultry feeder, 1 hay rack for sheep, 1 hay rack for cattle, 1 Wisconsin type hog house, 1 stepladder, 1 kitchen cabinet, and many smaller articles. At the present time we have under construction 1 stepladder and 1 extension ladder. The repairing of a manure spreader, single cylinder gas engine, and a Chevrolet motor are well under way at the present time....Lee Sellers, Calvin Garrett, and Bobby Fry recently purchased registered Chester White gilts.

--Lee Sellers, Reporter

NORTON: Our chapter purchased a Berkshire sow about a month ago....Our sheep are doing very well. We are feeding our sheep the Sumac that we raised on the airport....We are planning to have another father and son banquet this year. It probably will be held in March....We had the Green Hand initiation at the regular monthly night meeting November 3....In shop some of the boys are building trailers, chicken feeders, and other minor jobs. We appreciate our new bench grinder, electric drill, and our circle saw in the shop....No. 10 and 11 classes are writing essays for the Swift & Co. contest February 1. Mr. Bird will select the best five essays and send them to Swift & Co....The FFA has bought some buildings and are selling them to the boys so that they can use them in making shop projects.

--Wilmer E. Severns, Reporter

BELOIT: The FFA cooperative hog program, the main financial project of our chapter this year is progressing exceptionally well....Ten shoats, purchased October 25 have gained an average of 45 pounds each. Each FFA member contributes his share of the feed for the hogs....The local club expects to sell their hogs in March for a profit of about \$125....A turkey dinner was enjoyed by the members of the FFA chapter at their regular meeting December 8. The Green Hands helped prepare and serve the meal....January 1 the total value of the combined projects of the members of the local FFA chapter will be approximately \$5,000. A large per cent of the boys finance their projects by borrowing money from the local banks and credit associations. In this manner they establish a credit rating which makes it possible for future business activities.

--Bob Severance, Reporter

HORTON: We held our parent and son banquet December 9. Jce Kennedy, one of our honorary members was the chief speaker. 50 members and parents attended. ...Cooperative selling of potatoes produced on our chapter plot was completed early this month. Our chapter will cooperate with neighboring chapters in a meat cutting demonstration....To make more scrap metal available for Defense purposes, our chapter will make concrete articles, particularly troughs for sale to replace metal containers. Rope halters continue to be popular shop articles that have a ready sale value.

--Kenneth Knudson, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

STAFFORD: The December meeting of the Stafford FFA was our date night. After the regular meeting we were entertained with a motion picture after which a scavenger hunt followed....Our chapter purchased 11 feeder pigs on November 25 to feed out for the April market. The ration now being used consists of ground milo, tankage, and leafy alfalfa hay....A group project in capon production was completed December 18 with the sale of the last of the capons for the Christmas market. 300 chicks were purchased for this project last February. Pullets and some broilers were sold in April and May and 100 cockerels were caponized and fattened for the Thanksgiving and Christmas markets. The net profit was \$17.15.

--Leslie Kail, Reporter

WELLSVILLE: Our chapter held a barnwarmer November 16. We decorated the Ag shop to represent a barn. Music was furnished by local musicians. We had a refreshment stand and pies were sold at auction by our secretary Junior James. We cleared \$12....Our secretary Max Van Horn, entered 2 calves, 2 heifers, and 2 cows in the fairs at Richmond, Lane, Ottawa and Garnett. The calves entered at the Ottawa fair received the Grand Championship award. Max realized over \$100 in prizes won at the four fairs.

--Jack Chalender, Reporter

LYNDON: At our regular meeting November 12 Mr. Bill Duitsman, assistant county agent of Osage county, gave a very interesting talk on "Supervised Farming Projects." Mr. Duitsman was an American Farmer in 1938. Following his talk, the picture, "Green Hand" was shown. Members from the Overbrook and Melvern chapters were present....Under supervision of our adviser the vocational agriculture classes made a survey of all the junked farm machinery in the community. A record was made of 70 machines. This record will be kept in our department so that anyone looking for repairs can refer to it....At a recent meeting six qualifying students were initiated in the Green Hand degree.

--Francis Kitchen, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: Our chapter members were divided into equal sides this year and held a contest to speed up the payment of dues. The losing side put on a program at a night meeting for the freshman agriculture students, January 12. A member of the Forest Service showed some pictures at this meeting....A date party was held in October with all members present. Roller skating was enjoyed after which a woiner roast was hold....We conducted a Truth or Consequence type of program recently at assembly.

--Marvin S. Stucky, Reporter

HANOVER: The freshmen and parents hold a meeting in September with an attendance of 35....We have about 2000 acres posted for game reserves and plan to stock it with wild game. The game will be furnished by the State Game Commission....We sponsored a wolf hunt January 4....We are making plans for a parent and son banquet in February....We are feeding out ten head of Chester White sheats which we purchased the first of December through the Production Credit Association....Donald Stanbrough, our president, is a candidate for the State Farmer degree....We have conducted two pest eradication contests and killed a large number of posts.

--Gilbert Jandera, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

CHETOPA: The FFA boys were hosts at a Defense party which was held for the Home Economics girls. There were 52 guests present and the local chapter gave each guest a Defense stamp....Our chapter now owns 17 shares in the Chanute Production Credit Association and because of this are planning to double their livestock project....The FFA boys made a profit of \$14 in selling candy at all of the Chetopa football games. We also made \$7 picking pecans from local pecan groves. We will buy more FFA equipment with this money.

--Junior Smith, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: Members of the Clay Center chapter of the Future Farmers of America entertained the freshman members and their parents at an early meeting of the chapter. We had reports from our swine committee and the FFA training school...We held our Green Hand initiation November 12 for 11 new members. We had a report on the program of work on the swine committee. Our president appointed a radio program committee consisting of Harold Milligan, Bob Reed, and Bruce Chestnut....We entertained the Greenleaf chapter, December 10. For roll call we introduced a Greenleaf boy and told of his project and what he was doing in shop. The agriculture 9 and 10 classes furnished the program. After the program we played two games of basketball...."Our Swine Project" was the subject of our radio broadcast over KSAL, December 13.

--Harold Milligan, Reporter

WAMEGO: The chapter initiated 14 members in the Green Hand degree at the October meeting....On November 21 the chapter put on an assembly program in the high school auditorium....The Manhattan chapter invited us to one of their regular meetings and for a game of basketball on December 19.

--Jim Bearman, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: At the last meeting of the chapter plans were made for a rodent control contest. The chapter was divided into two groups. The losing side will treat the winners to a steak fry....Making meetings more entertaining and beneficial is one of the goals of the chapter this year. Committees have been appointed to see that a good program is carried out at every meeting.

--Derward Worf, Reporter

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FIVE THINGS TO LEARN

1. Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. When you smile or laugh, your brain for the moment is freed from the load that it ordinarily carries.
2. Learn to tell a helpful story. A well told story is wholesome and as welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom.
3. Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to linger over your ills and sorrows.
4. Learn to stop creaking. If you can not see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself.
5. Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.

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