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The November issue of the F.F.A. Newsletter was purposely delayed a few days in order to include a report of the Vocational Agricultural Congress and the Annual Meeting of the National organization of Future Farmers of America.

LEO PAULSEN HONORED

Leo Paulsen, Concordia Chapter of FFA, past president Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, was elected Student Secretary of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. This is a high honor for Leo, and through him reflects credit on the State Association. Such a position carries a real challenge, and at the same time will afford a wonderful opportunity for leadership and service. We have every confidence in Leo's ability and judgment, and know he will give a satisfactory account of himself. This is the second national office to come to Kansas in the five years of the life of the National Organization. Boyd Waite, Winfield Chapter, was elected vice-president from the Central Region the first year of the existence of the FFA. Congratulations and best wishes Leo.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Two State Farmers from Kansas were raised to the degree of American Farmer. They were Leo Paulsen, Concordia Chapter, and Everett Miller, Ottawa Chapter. The Kansas Association is proud of these young men. Paulsen is a past President of the State Association and Everett is our present Vice President. These boys are leaders in the worthwhile activities of their communities, possess excellent moral stamina, rank in the upper 15% as students, and have shown steady growth in supervised practice work. Their supervised practice program was attested to through personal visitation on the part of state officers, and through the submission of original project records. Their records as abstracted by the National Committee follow:

"Leo Paulsen of Concordia, Kansas, 20 years of age, received his State Farmer degree in April, 1931. For farm services and by assuming a \$2,000.00 debt, Leo obtained 80 acres of upland farm land in 1929; he has paid off \$665 of this debt. He owns four horses, and has a 1/2 interest in 11 dairy cattle, 21 beef cows, 42 hogs, 569 chickens, 9 turkeys, and 36 ducks.

"He operates 160 acres of rolling upland farm land on a share lease plan which is used for corn, kafir, alfalfa, sorghum feed, sudan, sweet clover, brome grass, and native pasture. Farming activities for the current year include work with poultry, swine, beef cattle, dairy cows, bees, oats, corn, alfalfa and pasture. Leo plans to continue in farming; to increase his activities and next year will farm 240 acres instead of 160 acres. He is interested in improving the home farm, breeding and selling pure bred livestock and shows ability to successfully manage a farm on an independent basis.

"Home projects with poultry, bees, hogs, alfalfa and corn during four years gave him a total labor income of \$1527.00. He has a total investment in farming of \$5,050.00, including the 80 acres of land with a \$1200.00 debt. He is a progressive and energetic young farmer and shows a willingness to cooperate with others in the community. Leo's record shows outstanding ability as an agricultural leader and that he has participated in a number of fairs and shows winning many awards and prizes. Leo's scholarship average is high."

"Everett Miller of Rantoul, Kansas, received his State Farmer degree in May, 1931. From earnings from farming and increases, Everett has obtained 8 dairy cattle, 2 horses, 24 chickens, and 1 brood sow. He rents 27 acres of farm land used for alfalfa, corn and Hegari. During the current year he handled corn, alfalfa, Hegari, dairying, hogs and poultry.

He expects to complete a course in dairying at the Kansas State Agricultural College and then return to the farm. During four years of agriculture he has conducted home projects with dairy cattle, alfalfa, corn, hogs, milo, Hegari, and poultry which gave him a total labor income of \$204.00. He is proficient in a number of farm skills and has general farm experience. His total investment in farming is \$483.00 and his other assets amount to \$280.00. Evidence of farming ability is shown in Everett's record of successful farm management and he had entire charge of the home farm during the summer when his father was ill. He also has a good leadership record and is a real cooperator, having assisted in the purchase of 6,000 pounds of feed and the organization of a bred gilt sale for his FFA chapter. His scholarship average is good."

STAR FARMERS

Clarence Goldsberry of Houston, Missouri, was named "Star Farmer of America" and received a check from the Kansas City Weekly Star for \$1,000. Leo Paulsen was declared the Star Farmer of Kansas and received a check for \$200. Everett Miller was the runner up and will receive a check for \$100. Clarence Goldsberry's record as abstracted by the National Committee follows:

"Clarence Goldsberry of Houston, Missouri, 22 years of age, received his State Farmer degree in May, 1932. He is the owner of eight registered Jerseys, 11 registered Hampshire hogs, 952 improved White Leghorns, and has an interest in a bull block bull. All of the stock was either raised or purchased by the candidate. He also rents 2 horses and 125 acres of land for grain, legumes and pasture.

"The candidate holds a partnership interest in 343 acres of land from which he receives one-half the crop and all the pasture. During the current year his farming activities were with dairy cattle, poultry, swine, barley, wheat, oats, soybeans, strawberries, bees, hay, corn and garden.

"It is evident that Clarence is a progressive young farmer, for his home project record over the entire period of his systematic instruction shows that he had continuation projects with poultry and dairy cattle and swine, obtaining therefrom a total labor income of \$3,303.00. His record contains a long list of farming skills and supplementary farm jobs accomplished along with several instances of participation in group projects. The record shows further that Clarence has a total investment in farming of \$2,171.00 and other assets amounting to \$350.00. Clarence shows his managerial ability in the improvement of the home farm and getting established on an independent basis. He has participated in numerous cooperative enterprises and movements and has shown himself to be a real leader in local community affairs. Winnings at fairs give evidence of the quality of his stock. His scholarship record is high."

NATIONAL F.F.A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

William B. Searson, Jr., Meggett Chapter, South Carolina, representing the Southern Region won the National FFA Public Speaking Contest, and was awarded a check for \$400. His subject was "A Square Deal for Agriculture". Second place was won by Armond Stalnaker, Weston Chapter, West Virginia, who spoke on "Tax Equalization as a Farm Relief Measure". William K. Snyder, Lovell Chapter, Wyoming, and David Pettus, Stanford, Kentucky, were awarded third and fourth places respectively. The second place winner received a check for \$300, and the third place winner was given \$200, while \$100 was awarded the fourth place boy. Kenneth Pettibone, President of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, of Corvallis, Oregon, presided. The contest this year was under the auspices of the National Organization of FFA.

BEST CHAPTER CONTEST

The winners of the Best Chapter Contest follows with respective awards:

1st.	Deer Lodge Chapter, Deer Lodge, Mont.....	\$400
2nd.	Marysville Chapter, Marysville, Mo.....	\$300
3rd.	Bledsoe Chapter, Bledsoe, Tennessee.....	\$200
4th.	Franklinville Chapter, Franklinville, N.Y.	\$100

Excellent reports of chapter programs and accomplishments were handed in this year. Attempts at display were not so noticeable this year as last. The Washington Chapter at Washington, Kansas, represented Kansas in this contest.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONTEST

Arkansas won the Henry Groseclose silver loving cup for 1932, being declared by the judges to have shown the best list of accomplishments for the year. Kansas was among those states receiving honorable mention.

The best ear of corn grown in Kansas supervised project work for 1932 was submitted by Max Laptad of the Jayhawk Chapter, Lawrence, Kansas. This ear placed second at Kansas City, being bested by an ear of corn from Indiana.

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Harveyville represented Kansas in the National Livestock Judging Contest, competing with winning teams from thirty states. The contest was won by a team from Tennessee with Montana and Illinois taking second and third places. Scholarships of \$500, \$300, and \$200 were awarded high individuals of first, second

and third places respectively. Charlie Smith of Kansas was high individual in judging hogs. The Kansas team was composed of Charlie Smith, Lawrence Calkins, Emory Groves, and Russel Henderson, alternate.

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Illinois won the meat judging contest competing with teams from nineteen states. This is the third consecutive win for teams representing Illinois. The Illinois team had high individual with 49 points out of a possible 50. Kansas was represented by a team from Harveyville and composed of Charlie Smith, Russell Henderson, and Emory Groves. The team placed tenth.

PARADE OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Tuesday evening at 8:00 P.M., 1700 Future Farmers of America, hatted in overseas FFA caps bearing their colors and insignia, paraded in the arena before a large group of spectators. The U.S. flag and the FFA flag headed the procession, followed by a 60 piece FFA band from Texas. Next in line came the American Farmers for 1932, followed by the National Officers of the FFA, judging teams from 30 states, delegates from 46 states and Hawaii, and approximately 1500 Future Farmers and their advisors from nearby states. WDAF broadcasted the event. The program lasted 20 minutes, ran smoothly, was dignified, and inspiring.

SECOND ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN KANSAS FFA OFFICERS' SCHOOL

The Second Annual FFA Officers' School for Northeast Kansas was held at Shawnee Mission Rural High School, October 22nd. The general session began at 10:00 A.M.

Opening ceremony -- Shawnee Mission Chapter.

The Local Chapter ----- Waldo Cox, President,
Kansas Association of FFA

The Relationship of the Local Chapter to the
State Association ---+----- A.P. Davidson,
State Executive Advisor

The Relationship of the Local Chapter to the
Community ----- L.B. Pollom,
State advisor.

Agricultural Leadership -- W.A. Cochel, Editor,
Kansas City Weekly Star.

Luncheon was furnished by the Shawnee Mission school at a very nominal charge. The afternoon group discussions were led by the following persons:

Presidents and Vice Presidents - Supervisor L.B. Pollom
Secretaries ----- E.L. Raines

Treasurers ----- W.R. Essick
 Reporters ----- V.O. Farnsworth
 Program Chairmen ----- C.O. Banta

Reports of four of the group leaders follow:

Secretaries Group. This group was rather small, not over six or seven present but the interest was good. Most of the boys had questions written out or in mind pertaining to the secretaries' duties, such as: Should the secretary and treasurer have separate books? Does the treasurer authorize payment of all bills? Is money kept in school fund or in a bank? How is money raised by the FFA? Are FFA pins paid for individually? Methods of keeping secretarial books. Is roll of members called each meeting? How many have FFA meetings during activity periods?

There were many other questions and discussions on banquets and who served them, length, speakers, financing, etc.

Treasurers' Group. The first thing that came up in this group was the question How to make money for the chapter. The following ways were suggested:

Have stand at fairs
 Have booth at school affairs
 Class projects
 Judging awards

The treasurers' books and records were discussed. The boys voted to ask the state association for a uniform treasurers' book.

Reporters' Group. Each boy gave the method used in his chapter in getting news before the people. The papers used for this purpose were as follows:

1. Papers put out by the chapter, usually twice a year.
2. School papers.
3. Local town papers.

The following covers most of the problems brought out:

1. Getting material arranged in proper shape.
2. Cutting material down so papers will use them.
3. Duties of reporter in general.
4. Keeping records and paper clippings.

The first problem was solved in several ways by the different schools.

1. By help of agriculture teacher.
2. Doing the work through the English teacher and if possible through the journalism class.
3. Give the fact to the city reporter and let him arrange the material.
4. A few of the boys said they took the responsibility on themselves.

Program Chairmen Group.

1. Recommended that every meeting have a balanced program.
2. That all speakers use too little rather than too much time.
3. That variety of programs be sought.
4. That local men appear on the program.
5. That some of the following be included in every meeting.
 - a. Talks by farmers and business men.
 - b. Talks by students
 - c. Debates
 - d. Music, solos, group singing
 - e. FFA yells
 - f. Vaudeville
 - g. Athletics
 - h. Refreshments
 - i. Plays
 - j. Reports of books read

The Officers' School proved to be a success in every respect in the opinion of the advisors, state leaders and boys present. Every section of the state should organize and conduct a school for officers early in the school year. It is difficult for newly elected officers to grasp the varied list of duties confronting them. Unless officers have a clear concept of what is expected of them, there is little likelihood that the best type of leadership will result.

CHAPTER NEWS

Goodland - The local Future Farmer Chapter elected the following officers November 4th.

President	- Bernard Bordman	Treasurer	- Charles Campbell
Vice-President	- James Renner	Reporter	- Carroll Moggee
Secretary	- Alvin McCall	Watchdog	- Charles Baker

Floyd Andrews was awarded a trip to the American Royal, given by the Rock Island Railroad, for his excellent judging at Manhattan.

Twelve boys were initiated as Green Hands of the FFA October 14th by the usual procedure at a nearby farm, where they were also required to ride a calf. Light refreshments were served in the agricultural building after initiation. - Reporter.

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Lawrence - The Jayhawk Chapter of the FFA, with the cooperation of the 4-H Club, sponsored a livestock show at Mount Hope Nursery, September 12th, Lawrence, Kansas. At the show only vocational agriculture and 4-H members could exhibit their products. There was a good showing of hogs, beef, dairy cattle, clothing and canned fruit.

The ag picnic was held in September at Brown's Grove. Football and baseball were indulged in. The refreshments consisted of water-melons.

The Jayhawk Chapter members were taken to the Topeka State Fair and admitted free of charge to the auto races. A happy and exciting day was spent at the fair.

The cabin at the Tonganoxie State Lake is nearing completion. Some of the boys and teachers have been working consistently on this cabin.

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Reading - The FFA Chapter took a booth to the Burlington Fair in October. We won first place with it and the privilege of taking it to the Wichita National.

The Chapter voted to build a four-wheel trailer in shop. The members of the Chapter will bring in the various parts.

A committee was also appointed to investigate the cost of building a cabin and a boat.

The officers of our Chapter attended the Training School at Shawnee Mission on October 22nd. We are glad to report a very interesting meeting.

Our Chapter has adopted the following objectives for the coming year:

1. Every green hand to become a Future Farmer.
2. Every vocational ag student a member of the FFA Chapter.
3. Every farm boy a vocational agriculture student.
4. Every member knowing his part of the Ritual.
5. Every FFA member participating in one or more extra curricular activity.
6. To have the average grades of this organization above the school average.
7. To put on one or more chapel programs during the year.
8. To secure three or four outside speakers during the year.
9. To have a judging team at Manhattan.
10. To be properly represented at the State FFA Convention.
11. To have our projects more productive than like enterprises in our community.

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Seaman - The Seaman Chapter of Future Farmers of America was organized in the fall of 1931 with 14 charter members. It ended its first year with a membership of 34. Plans have been made for the Green Hand initiation the middle of November. A class of at least 15 new members will be taken in at that time.

The chapter gave a party for new vocational students October 25th for the purpose of getting acquainted and to explain the pur-

pose of the FFA to the prospective members. Fifty boys were present and enjoyed the evening. A short program was given at which Mr. L.B. Pollom gave the group some of the main objectives of this organization. After the meeting the boys went to the gym where they enjoyed themselves with basketball, boxing and other stunts. Pumpkin pie and cider were served for refreshments.

The retiring officers are President Frederic Doyle; Vice-President Robert Haynes; Secretary Harold Melton; Treasurer Harold Tompson; Reporter Chesley Rinehart. Officers for the coming year are President Charles Pence; Vice President Bradford Haynes; Secretary, Frank Schlodder; Treasurer Glen Dillion; Reporter Robert Haynes. The new officers went to Shawnee Mission for the officers' school held each year for this section. They enjoyed this trip very much and came home with many new ideas for the year's work.

The chapter's yearly program includes:

- Increase in membership
- Hold green hand and Future Farmer initiation
- At least one supervised project per member. These continued as long-time projects.
- Encourage exhibiting of projects at local fairs.
- Project tour during the summer.
- Sponsor district judging contests.
- Test seed corn for farmers.
- Test milk for local farmers.
- Put on parent and son banquet.
- Have athletic teams.
- Have camping and fishing trip during summer.

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Burlington - The Burlington Chapter of FFA sponsored a State Elimination Booth Exhibit Contest in connection with the Coffey County free fair in which three schools entered. Twenty-five dollars in prizes were offered as follows: \$15 for first; \$7 for second, \$3 for third premium. Reading chapter of FFA won first place with a booth on sorghum seed treatment. Reading will enter the state contest at Wichita in November. Burlington Chapter of FFA won second place with a booth on farm improvement. Williamsburg chapter of FFA won third place with a booth on seed cleaning. All the booths were interesting and attracted considerable attention at the fair.

The FFA Chapter had a watermelon feed at which all vocational agriculture freshmen and FFA members were present. Ice cold watermelon was served and all present had more than enough.

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Howard - The first regular meeting of the Howard Chapter of the FFA was held September 13, 1932. At that time the Green Hands were initiated into the Green Hand Degree of Future Farmers.

The officers elected for the year are President, Loraine Fear; Vice President, Donald Baughman; Secretary, Henry Leonard; Treasurer, Robert Hawkins; Watchdog, Dean Moore; Reporter, Gale Lyster; Advisor, J.A. Watson.

The Howard Chapter has completed a year book which contains the Future Farmers' Creed; the chapter officers; Roll of members - honorary, associate, active; Program of meeting for each month of the year; Objectives for the year 1932-33; and the Future Farmers' song.

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Chanute - The Chanute Chapter has the following officers for 1932-33. President, Harold Heilman; Vice-President, Elson Moran; Secretary, Dale Mosier; Treasurer, Glenn Heilman; Reporter, Earl Adams; Watchdog, Edgar Heilman. Four boys from the chapter were represented on the 4-H teams from Neosho County that judged at the state fair at Hutchinson this fall. The boys won five first, six seconds, and one third in prizes this fall at the Neosho County Fair on grains, poultry and livestock.

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Mound City - The FFA boys and the HHA girls had an all day get-together picnic July 4th which turned out to be a real success. Parents and friends accompanied the members. The crowd gathered in the forenoon. At noon a basket dinner was served. The afternoon was spent in playing baseball and swimming. August 22, the Mound City Chapter attended a local fair in a body. Three teams to compete in the judging contest were appointed - a vocational agriculture team, an FFA team, and a poultry judging team.

September 23rd the local chapter raised 14 Green Hands to the degree of Future Farmer.

The annual FFA Father and Son Banquet sponsored by the Mound City Chapter was held November 12th. About 80 boys and dads were present. L.B. Pollom, State Sponsor of vocational agriculture; and W.A. Stacey, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke.
