

NEWSLETTER
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of
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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This is the last issue of the F.F.A. News under the direction of the 1932-33 officers. We hope the Newsletter has been well received by the chapters and trust it has had a part in stimulating F.F.A. activities.

We want to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for the splendid cooperation of all the officers and wish to pay special tribute to the fine manner in which our State Reporter Vincent Fuller has handled the collecting and organizing of Chapter News.

Next year we hope to have an improved cover page for the F.F.A. Newsletter. We also hope the individual chapters will devise a plan whereby the local officers will bring before the chapter the main topics of each issue in the form of a discussion report at their regular meetings.

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Congratulations to the outgoing officers for the splendid manner in which they handled the Annual Program of the State Association and for their unselfish service during the Fifth Annual Meeting. These officers came to Manhattan from the school room and the farm to spend two mighty busy days and nights in conducting the affairs of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. They paid their own expenses and did an exceptionally fine job of handling the duties of their respective offices. The entire program reflected credit upon the group of boys in charge. The ritualistic parts were well handled, and a spirit of fair play permeated the entire group of meetings.

The year closed with 90 chapters having been chartered out of 113 schools having vocational agriculture. 65 of these chapters paid State and National dues, thereby remaining on the active list. The total active membership paid up in the State Association was 1341. The number of established chapters was increased during the year by 10%. 35 chapters submitted annual reports. The State Officers reviewed these reports and declared Winfield and Ottawa chapters at the top; Washington, Linn, Morrowville, and Lebanon chapters were given honorable mention.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, Monday evening, May 1:

President	Wayne D. Trail, Colby
Vice-President	Delbert Richardson, Lawrence
Secretary	Max Shoemaker, Ottawa
Treasurer	Alfred Taylor, Winfield
Reporter	Mabry Wheeler, Mound City

The State Association followed the approved plan of having the outgoing officers together with Itinerant Teacher L.F. Hall and the president of the Kansas Vocational Agriculture Association act as a nominating committee. This committee spent several hours in going over the activity records of the eligible State Farmers and turned in a slate that was highly acceptable to all concerned. We wish to congratulate this group of young men who will guide the destinies of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. during 1933-34. They are an intelligent, wholesome, aggressive group of boys, and we have every confidence in their ability to continue the best interests of the F.F.A. in Kansas.

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The Public Speaking Contest was held Tuesday morning, and in the opinion of the judges it was the best contest to date. Mabry Wheeler of Mound City won first place. The subject of his address was "The Future of the American Farmer". Delbert Richardson of Lawrence placed second, and his subject was "A New Voice Is Heard". Raymond Muret of Winfield placed third with "The New Frontier" as his subject.

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At the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, nineteen Future Farmers were elected to the degree of State Farmer. We wish to congratulate this fine group of F.F.A. members and trust they will continue with their all-around program. Kansas is entitled to two American Farmers next year, and the recommendations of the State Executive Committee will come from the list of eligible State Farmers.

There were some very promising candidates for the State Farmer degree who although not meriting the degree this year, should, by strengthening their programs have a fine chance of winning another

year. Future Farmers may compete for the State Farmer degree as long as they are active members. Active membership is defined in the Manual, Article III, Section B.

The State Farmer degree represents a balanced record of achievement including scholarship in all high school subjects, leadership, character, project program, and supervised home practice work. The following is the list of Future Farmers elected to the State Farmer degree:

Wayne D. Trail, Colby
Delbert Richardson, Lawrence
Hilbert Thaete, Lebanon
Mabry Wheeler, Mound City
Alfred Taylor, Winfield
Fred Vanschoelandt, Shawnee Mission, Merriam
Almarin Nottingham, Lawrence
Charles Bredahl, Fairview
Fred Muret, Winfield
Donald Cover, Shawnee Mission, Merriam
Harold Jones, Concordia
Robert Nason, Auburn
Clifford Blount, Coldwater
Max Shoemaker, Ottawa
Fred Lohrding, Coldwater
Ernest Finlayson, Washington
Arthur Grillot, Parsons
Elmer Musil, Blue Rapids
Keith Lindsay, Frankfort

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The annual banquet was held at the Community House, Tuesday evening. The entire program was in charge of the State Association of F.F.A. The banquet program was opened by the State Office through the medium of the regular opening exercises. Tom McClung led the singing, Professor "Dick" Jesson, of the Music Department, accompanying. An outstanding feature of the musical part of the program was the splendid manner in which Glenn Woolpert, an F.F.A. member of the Miltonvale chapter sang the National F.F.A. song, "Hail, the F.F.A." We were mighty grateful to Glenn for cooperating with us and presenting this number. This song is available with arrangement for piano music and words at 15¢ each, or \$1.50 per dozen copies, through the French Bray Printing Company, Homer Building, Washington, D. C. Another musical number which was especially well received was the group of cowboy songs by Raymond Bryan, a Future Farmer from the Ottawa chapter. We all appreciate the fine manner in which both Glenn and Raymond cooperated with us to add to the pleasure of our annual banquet.

The State Officers are to be congratulated on the fine manner in which they conducted the ritual in raising the nineteen Future Farmers to the State Farmer degree.

The Kansas Association was fortunate in having W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary of the F.F.A. present at both the meeting of the House of Delegates and the banquet. "Bill" made his characteristic inspiring talk to the group. It was the first time that Mr. Ross had heard "Hail, the F.F.A." sung by a group, and it was the first time he had heard an active F.F.A. member sing the National song. Mr. Ross was responsible for the words of this song, and was highly pleased with the manner in which it was handled by the Kansas group.

Following the address by National Executive Secretary Ross the meeting of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. was formally closed by the State Officers. President Waldo Cox then turned the meeting over to Professor C. W. McCampbell, who had charge of announcing the winners of the various judging contests and the awards.

The 1933 banquet was considered by all officials to be the best in the history of the Association. Special credit should go to the State Officers and especially the President, Waldo Cox, for the fine manner in which the banquet was handled.

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The school year is about over and every chapter should be giving consideration to its summer program. The success of the F.F.A. chapter depends largely upon the vision of its leaders. The leadership in your chapter is a joint responsibility between the officers and the local advisor. Objectives that can readily be carried forward during the summer months are project tours, community service, earnings and savings, and recreational activities. The nature of the summer meetings should vary but the conduct of meetings should not be lost sight of.

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The following chapter programs and achievement reports were declared the best by the committee of State Officers. We commend the reading and study of both these programs to every chapter in Kansas. Our hope is that these chapter programs may serve as a guide in formulating activity programs for next year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OTTAWA CHAPTER
F.F.A. FOR THE YEAR, MAY 1932 TO MAY 1933

I. Supervised Practice

Number enrolled in the department	28
Number of projects carried	58
Number of students in second year work	14
Number of continuation livestock projects	16
Scope of dairy projects, average, 2 1/6 cows	
Scope of swine projects, average, 2 sows with litters	
Scope of poultry projects, average, 75 hens, 100 chicks	

Scope of sheep projects, average, 9 ewes
Scope of beef projects, average, 2 steers or cows
Scope of corn projects, average, 3 acres
Scope of sorghum projects, average, 7 1/2 acres
Scope of legume projects, average, 2 1/2 acres
Scope of truck projects, average, 2/3 acre

II. Cooperative Activities

Purchase, cooperatively, of 65,000 pounds of commercial feed.
Cooperative mixing of 7,000 pounds of laying mash.
Cooperative mixing of 5,000 pounds of growing mash.
All shop janitor work for remuneration in cash.
Partial landscaping of school campus.
Purchase of a pair of emasculatomes.
Annual poultry and grain show within the chapter.
Cooperative marketing of capons.

III. Community Service

Promoted two evening Vocational Agriculture Evening Schools for adults.
Assisted in presenting material in evening school.
Terraced 1000 feet of ground for community demonstration.
Surveyed an additional 5000 feet for terrace.
Surveyed and laid out 1500 feet for drains.
Pruned grapes, one entire vineyard at one stop.
Culled poultry for farmers, individually and collectively.
Bloodtested 400 hens for B.W.D. for farmers.
Landscaped part of the school campus.
Planned and set an orchard of 52 trees. Planned other orchards.

IV. Leadership Activities

Two boys became State Farmers.
One boy became an American Farmer.
Our F.F.A. President is President of "O" athletic club.
Five leaders of local community 4-H clubs.
Participation in 6 Vocational Agriculture contests, including the State Contest. Our teams placed first 3 times, second once and seventh twice.
Three F.F.A. members were members of high school football team.
Two were members of the high school basketball team.
Several are members of the school orchestra which placed first at Emporia.
We have the retiring State Vice-President of F.F.A.
We have the Secretary-elect of State affiliation of F.F.A.
We have a desirable candidate for State Farmer degree this year.
Three members of the department represented Kansas 4-H clubs in National contests at Chicago, winning second in grain and fourth in poultry. All three were trained in Ottawa Vocational Agriculture Department.

V. Earnings and Savings

85% of all project earnings of the past year were reinvested in projects.
10% were invested into life insurance.
5% was used to assist families of the earners.
Sole ownership of projects increased during the past year.
Partial participation in profits decreased.
Projects in which there was entire managerial responsibility but no financial participation decreased.

VI. Conduct of Meetings

Regular meetings once each month.
Called meetings when necessary, activity period, Thursday.
Regular meetings at night, second Thursday of each month.
All business meetings snappy, correct parliamentary procedure used.
Some educational features in every meeting.
All meetings opened and closed with the ritual.
Recreation at every meeting.
Refreshments served at all evening meetings.
14 Green Hands initiated.
9 Green Hands raised to Future Farmers.
Standing committees in charge of permanent chairmen.

VII. Scholarship

Average of all F.F.A. members for the year in all subjects ..83%
Average in Vocational Agriculture ..85%
"Making of honor roll" lauded by all members.
Percent of F.F.A. members failing one subject ...12
Percent of F.F.A. members failing two subjects .. 0
Percent of F.F.A. members failing in Voc. Ag. ... 4

VIII. Recreation

Father and Son reception in November.
Entertained 9th grade farm boys in April. (We do not enroll Freshmen in the department.)
Basketball team played neighboring chapters.
Baseball team doing likewise.
Horseshoe tournament for F.F.A. members.
Several musicians in chapter who sing and accompany others in songs.
Free access to gymnasium after F.F.A. meetings.
Annual F.F.A. picnic in May.
Visited Topeka Free Fair.
Planning a summer camp.

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I. Supervised Practice

Our Chapter has made one tour to see progress in the feeding of some fifty head of baby beeves being fed by the members. Another project tour is planned for later.

Our Chapter last year completed 20 projects on potatoes, including 15 3/4 acres. Two boys reported chick projects, including 632 chicks. 12 boys completed ewe projects with a total of 156 ewes and 190 lambs. 3 boys report 3 dairy cows. 3 boys completed beef projects with 4 beeves. 12 boys completed sow and litter projects with 17 gilts and 80 pigs. Six boys had 62 acres of corn, one boy 6 acres of kafir and 3 boys had 75 acres of wheat.

This year our Chapter members are feeding fifty head of Baby Beeves. We have about the same potato projects as last year, and about 80 head of ewes with a good early lamb crop coming on. The boys who graduated last year are going on with their ewe projects but their records are not included in the report.

II. Cooperative Activities

The Winfield Chapter bought about 300 bushel of potatoes cooperatively. They were purchased cooperatively through the Farmers Union and the Farm Bureau. We treated 40,000 lbs. of potatoes which netted about \$20.00 for our Chapter. We used the hot formaldehyde method and charged 5¢ per sack which netted the Chapter \$10.00.

We purchased all spray material cooperatively and used a Power Spray which the Chapter built in the shop. We hope to finish paying for the spray this year. The machine cost \$25.00 complete.

Last fall our Chapter members purchased from a former Aggie, 40 head of high grade Hereford Feeder Calves. The boys bought the calves by the bunch, then dividing them by lot. The Chapter borrowed \$700.00 through the Producers Com. Co. cooperatively to finance the feeding.

Our members expect to cooperate with the Farm Bureau in selling the wool. We are now planning to help put on a sheep day in cooperation with the Farm Bureau.

III. Community Service

Our Chapter loans out for hire a sweet clover harvester. The harvester was constructed in the Farm Shop.

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VISION AND HOPE

No vision and you perish;
No ideal and you're lost;
Your heart must ever cherish
Some faith at any cost.

Some hope, some dream to cling to,
Some rainbow in the sky,
Some melody to sing to,
Some service that is high.

-- Harriet du Autermont.