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CONGRATULATIONS!

We want to congratulate and extend best wishes to the South Haven chapter of Future Farmers of America which was organized November 1, 1933, and to the Argonia chapter of Future Farmers of America which was organized November 20, 1933. Harold Kugler is the local advisor for the South Haven chapter and Marion Pearce acts in this capacity for the Argonia chapter. The state office has every confidence in the success of these two chapters under the leadership of the two above mentioned beginning teachers.

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TIME AND METHOD OF SELECTING FFA OFFICERS

By

Max F. Shoemaker, State Secretary  
Kansas Association of FFA

In selecting our officers, close attention must be paid to the qualities of the candidates. What are the qualities of a good leader? A good leader must have the ability to think, to plan, and to make sound decisions. A real leader is the leader in action as well as in words. A leader will set up certain goals to reach; he must inspire his followers to reach those goals. A leader is honest, lives a clean moral life, and uses clean language. Choose the type of leader you want to follow. An organization is no better than its leaders.

When is the best time to elect officers? Most of the chapters in Kansas use one of the three following systems:

1. Elections at the first of each calendar year.
2. Elections at the first of each school year.
3. Elections held in the spring and officers take their office in the fall.

The last system is the one I wish to recommend. I think this system has advantages over the first two. Some of the advantages of this plan are:

The new officers can meet during the summer to learn the duties of their office and to plan activities to present to the chapter the following fall.

The older members of the chapter may help elect the best leaders to offices.

The new officers are familiar with the duties of their office when they take their posts.

One disadvantage is that a new officer might not return to school the next fall. If so, the officer might resign and then the chapter could elect some one else to fill the vacancy. True, this person would be faced with the duties of his office for the first time, but that is the exact status of all officers where chapters elect just before they take office. The nominating committee will keep this possible situation in mind as they make out the ballot and thus practically eliminate that possibility.

How shall we nominate and elect our officers? I think the best way to nominate our candidates is through an unbiased nominating committee. This committee may be composed of from three to five members. I would suggest the president, vice-president, some other officer, the local advisor, and an alumni representative, preferably an ex-president, to comprise this committee. This committee should consist of those people who are the best judges of leaders and who can pick out the leaders who will be of the most benefit to the chapter. The duty of this committee is to make the ballot. It is becoming a common practice among organizations where there are two candidates for president for the defeated president to automatically become the vice-president. I think this is a good practice as the chapter will receive the benefit of both leaders. The committee can select the most capable leader for each of the other offices. Opposing these candidates they may run other promising leaders who need a little more seasoning and development before they become the actual leaders. Nominations from the floor will always be in order. I think the use of an unbiased nominating committee is the surest way of getting the most capable leaders elected to an office.

. Let's not forget that a good strong organization like the Future Farmers of America must have good followers as well as good leaders. We all have our part to do. Let's do it and in that way add our bit to the advancement of a splendid farm boys organization.

REPORTS ON PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF THE EIGHTH VOCATIONAL  
 AGRICULTURE CONGRESS AND THE SIXTH ANNUAL  
 CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
 OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA  
 Nov. 18-24, 1933

Kansas was represented by delegates Vincent Fuller of the Miltonvale chapter and Delbert Richardson of the Lawrence chapter. A tragic automobile accident in Richardson's immediate family caused him to withdraw from the meeting and return to Lawrence, and Elmer Dawdy of the Washington chapter was appointed in his place.

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The headquarters for the FFA activities were at the Baltimore Hotel. Mr. Ray L. Cuff, superintendent of the vocational congress, maintained headquarters at the American Royal pavilion. The plan of admission to the Royal was changed this year. The FFA button served only as an advertising medium for the organization. FFA members were admitted by card. It was necessary to register each day. This caused considerable inconvenience but did away with the practice of using the FFA pin as a pass for persons who were not members of the organization.

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This year saw all attendance records broken. Twenty-eight hundred FFA members registered by Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Forty-two states sent delegates and Hawaii had a delegate present at the convention. Thirty-three states entered judging teams in the livestock contest. Eighteen states entered judging teams in the meats identification contest.

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The Frederickstown Ohio FFA band of thirty-one pieces again furnished the music for the various FFA activities. Mr. J. H. Lintner is the vocational agriculture teacher and local advisor at Frederickstown. This same chapter sent their band to the FFA convention two years ago.

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The National officers did a splendid job in organizing and carrying out the various FFA activities. Vernon Howell, National President, Guyman, Oklahoma, demonstrated his leadership qualities. He has a very pleasant and easy manner of presiding and kept the convention and its various activities well in hand at all times.

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Leo Paulsen, National Student Secretary, Concordia, was very much in evidence at the convention. Mr. W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary, paid a high tribute to Leo when he remarked to one of the Kansas official representatives that Leo "possessed good judgment, was a willing cooperator, and a hard worker". The Kansas delegates were proud of their National representative.

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IMPRESSIONS OF THE SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF  
 FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA  
 By  
 Vincent Fuller, Delegate

The Sixth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America opened their meeting with the usual opening ceremony Tuesday, November 21. Roll call was taken and delegates were seated. Forty-two of the states were represented and the territory of Hawaii. Dr. C. H. Lane read the nominations for the degree of

American Farmer. Each candidate was supposed to give a one-minute response, but it was impossible to do so in such a short time. I believe they should appropriate enough time to the boys for the one-minute response so they become acquainted with one another.

The representative from each state read the accomplishments of their state during the year. I am proud to say the accomplishments within Kansas compared favorably with those in any other state. The delegates voted on the candidates for the American Farmer degree and elected the American Farmers. President Vernon Howell presented the keys to the American Farmers.

Tuesday evening seemed to me the greatest event of any at the convention when the representatives of forty-two states and the territory of Hawaii paraded around the arena in the American Royal Building. It seems to me this published in a satisfactory manner the Future Farmers of America before some eight to ten thousand spectators. From the seventy-five American Farmers the Star Farmer of America and the four State Star Farmers were designated by the Kansas City Weekly Star.

It was suggested that girls be admitted to membership in the Future Farmers of America. This question drew more discussion than any other question, but it was definitely decided that they should not be admitted.

In my estimation this was the most important convention the Future Farmers of America have ever had.

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#### FOURTH NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

This contest was held in the beautiful Edison auditorium in the Power and Light Building. The auditorium was comfortably filled. The speeches were splendidly organized and delivered in a manner comparable to the high standards set by FFA members participating in this event. Albert W. Richardson of the Reading, Massachusetts chapter won first place. His subject was "Why Be a Farmer". Raymond Malouf of the Richfield, Utah chapter won second place. Joe E. Brummel of the Troy chapter, Troy, Missouri, placed third, and William Guidury of the Breaux Bridge chapter, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, placed fourth. The respective prizes in this contest were \$300, \$200, \$150, and \$100. The judges were Mr. R. C. Pollock, National Livestock and Meat Board, Chicago; Superintendent George Melcher, Kansas City, Missouri; and President F. D. Farrell.

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#### KANSAS PLACES THIRD

Meats Identification Contest. The meats identification contest was held Monday afternoon, November 20. This contest was under the direction of Supervisor L. B. Pollom of Kansas. The Washington chapter of Future Farmers of America represented Kansas in the meats contest. The placing of the five high state teams follows: First, Illinois; second, Utah; third, Kansas; fourth, Oklahoma; and fifth, Colorado.

This is the third consecutive year that Illinois has won this contest.

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## KANSAS PLACES SECOND IN THE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The eighth annual livestock judging contest for students in vocational agriculture was held Monday morning, November 20. Thirty-three states were represented by teams in this contest. This contest was under the supervision of Regional Agent, J. A. Linke.

The Country Gentleman each year awards prizes to FFA students showing the highest degree of proficiency in holding stock in the various classes of livestock judged. Bob Stewart of Montana was declared the best boy in this contest. The Washington FFA chapter judging team represented Kansas in the livestock judging contest. This team was composed of Elmer Dawdy, Darrell Craik, and Delbert Stratton. The Kansas team was high in judging sheep and ranked fourth in judging swine. The ranking of the five high teams in the entire contest follows: First, Kentucky, 1967 points; second, Kansas 1948 points; third, Pennsylvania, 1926 points; fourth, Utah, 1898 points; and fifth, Ohio, 1897 points. Darrell Craik was third high individual in the entire contest and Elmer Dawdy ranked fourteenth. This is the second time that a Kansas team has ranked second in this contest. The Clay Center team coached by Edwin Hedstrom was defeated by one-half point in the 1932 contest.

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### THE BEST CHAPTER CONTEST

In the Best Chapter Contest the Park River chapter of Park River, North Dakota was declared the winner. The Twin Falls chapter, Twin Falls, Idaho, placed second. Third place went to the Cairo chapter, Cairo, West Virginia. The Homestead chapter of Homestead, Florida, placed fourth. The respective prizes in this contest were \$300, \$200, \$150, and \$100. The Winfield chapter represented Kansas in this contest.

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### THE BEST STATE CONTEST

Louisiana was declared winner in the contest to determine the state association which made the best showing for 1932-33.

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### AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Seventy-five candidates were raised to the American Farmer degree. Kansas was entitled to two American Farmers on the basis of membership. Vincent Fuller of the Miltonvale chapter and Elmer Dawdy of the Washington chapter were the Kansas boys raised to the American Farmer degree.

The National FFA Congress voted the honorary American Farmer degree upon the following men: Ray Cuff, Superintendent of the Vocational Congress; F. M. Simpson, Swift and Company; L. J. Tabor, Master of the National Grange; E. P. Taylor, Editor of the Agricultural Leaders' Digest; Carl Gray, President of the Union Pacific Railroad Company; Dr. J. C. Wright, United States Bureau of Education; S. M. Jackson, State Advisor, Louisiana; M. H. McDonald, Advisor, Mark River, North Dakota chapter; and Supervisor Ray Fife, President of the American Vocational Association, Columbus, Ohio.

The descriptive report of the activity programs of the two American Farmer candidates from Kansas follow:

Vincent Fuller of Miltonvale, Kansas - Eighteen years of age, received his State Farmer degree in May, 1932. He owns 5 sows, 13 pigs, 2 colts, 1 purebred cow, 6 heifers, 2 baby beeves, 536 turkeys, and a team of mares. He also has a fourth interest in a purebred Hereford bull. During the current year he rented 40 acres of land and carried enterprises in turkeys, baby beef, swine, and corn. His four-year supervised practice program included beef, swine, corn, and turkeys, from which he derived a labor income of \$1041.78. Vincent's total investment in farming is \$1358.62. Vincent plans to continue farming, increasing the scope of his present activities. He has been treasurer of the local FFA, president of the district FFA, past state reporter, and president of the Student Forum. Vincent won two Union Pacific Scholarships of \$100 each, won a first place at the Ottawa County and Central State Fairs in livestock judging, third in the State public speaking contest, and many other awards.

Elmer Dawdy of Washington, Kansas - Eighteen years of age, received his State Farmer degree in May, 1932. He owns 3 purebred Holsteins, 2 grade Holsteins, 3 Hereford calves, 2 purebred Duroc sows, 13 purebred Duroc pigs, and 50 Single Comb White Leghorn hens. He also has a half interest in 16 turkeys and 1 purebred Holstein bull. During the current year he rented an acre of land, for pasture, and carried on the enterprises of turkeys, swine, dairy, chickens and beef production. His three-year supervised practice program included dairy, chickens, beef, swine, turkeys, corn and oats, from which he derived a labor income of \$214.88. Elmer's investment in farming totals \$507.00 and other assets amount to \$70.00. His fair premiums to date amount to \$126. He plans to take an agricultural course and then probably return to the farm. Elmer is a member of the Kansas Holstein Freisian Association and has been treasurer and president of the local FFA. He ranks very high in scholarship, having maintained an average 94.

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#### STAR AMERICAN FARMER

The Kansas City Weekly Star each year selects from the American Farmer candidates the Star Farmer of America and awards the prize of \$500 for this recognition. Maurice Dankenbring of Sweet Springs, Missouri, was declared the 1933 Star Farmer of America. This is the second consecutive year that a Missouri boy has been selected as the Star American Farmer. Vincent Fuller of Miltonvale, Kansas, was declared the Star Farmer for Kansas and received an award of \$100.

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#### OFFICIAL FLAG SALUTE ADOPTED

During the past several months several inquiries have been made relative to the correct flag salute for F.F.A. meetings in connection with the closing ceremony. The delegates voted that the official salute be a peace-time salute made as follows: Member rise, face the flag and with the right hand placed over the heart repeat the words, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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## SONG CONTEST

The results of the 1933 contest conducted to obtain songs for the F.F.A. organization were as follows:

- 1st - Dorothy Ikenberry, Daleville, Va.  
"We're the Future Farmers."
- 2d - Helen M. Bellman, College Park, Md.  
"Marching Song of the F.F.A."
- 3d - Aubyne Harris Umholtz, R.F.D. No. 3, Alexandria, Va.  
"Future Farmers of America".

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## PAYMENT OF DELEGATES TRANSPORTATION PASSED

By action of the delegates, the transportation expenses of one delegate from each chartered association of F.F.A. will be paid from the national treasury to the 1934 National Convention.

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## 1933 FFA OFFICERS

The National FFA officers elected for 1933-34 follow: President, Bobby Jones, Radnor, Ohio. Alex Alampi, Williamstown, New Jersey; Robert Stewart, Miles City, Montana; Marion Winge, Lyons, Georgia; and Morrison Lowenstein, Kearney, Nebraska, were the vice-presidents elected representing the four regions. Carl Shopbell, Dansville, Michigan, was elected student secretary. Dr. C. H. Lane is the National Advisor, and W. A. Ross the Executive Secretary of the organization.

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## CONVENTION NOTES

Mr. George Catts, agricultural representative of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, was very much in evidence throughout the entire convention. The banquet tendered by the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce to the judging teams, delegates, and American Farmers on Wednesday evening at the Baltimore Hotel, was one of the high points of the convention. Mr. Catts was largely responsible for arrangements.

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Dr. C. H. Lane, National Advisor, puts in many long hours prior to the opening of the vocational congress and National FFA convention, and is on the job every minute until the convention is closed and the delegates have returned home. Looking after the details of arrangements for a convention of this size is no small task. Dr. Lane and his coworkers are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which these conventions are handled each year.

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Ross Anderson of Kansas City led the group singing at the banquet. He is one of the outstanding song leaders in the middle west. Mr. Anderson also had charge of the practice singing in selecting the new FFA song.

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Kansas may well be proud of two FFA members who contributed to the general program. We refer to Glenn Woolpert of the Miltonvale chapter and Raymond Bryan of the Ottawa chapter. FFA members in Kansas who attended the last state association meeting and banquet held at Manhattan in connection with the annual judging contests will remember these two boys in connection with our annual banquet. Glenn Woolpert sang "Hail the FFA" before the seven hundred persons present at the Wednesday evening banquet. He was especially well received. Another opportunity came to Glenn for which the Kansas FFA workers were very glad and that was to sing "Hail the FFA" over a National hookup during the National Farm and Home Hour Tuesday, November 21, in connection with the public speaking broadcast program. Raymond Bryan of Ottawa, Kansas, brought his guitar with him and was scheduled to appear before the House of Delegates only. Raymond appeared before the House of Delegates Tuesday afternoon. He was so well received that Dr. Lane asked us to keep him over for the banquet. Arrangements were made for Raymond to remain in Kansas City and he was given a place on the banquet program. Those of you who recall his reception at our own banquet know something of the manner in which he was received in Kansas City. We believe Raymond could have been going yet had not the authorities decided that the balance of the scheduled program would have to go forward. Kansas representatives were delighted with the contribution these two young men made to the program and the delightful manner in which they were received.

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Merle Smith of the J. C. Nichols Company introduced a new note into the general program activities when he presented to the House of Delegates a group of outstanding Kansas City high school boys. These boys were guests of delegates at the general banquet. The principal purpose of Mr. Smith's plan was to create better relations between farm boys and city boys.

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Vincent Fuller, the Kansas delegate from Miltonvale, was placed on the Resolutions Committee. Vincent turned in a good piece of work as a delegate.

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The principal address at the banquet was made by President J. C. Swift, President of the American Royal Livestock Show. Mr. Swift is a firm believer in youth and delivered an inspiring message.

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Missouri conducts a best chapter contest under the auspices of the American Royal. The Maryville Missouri Chapter was awarded the silver trophy for having the best program of any chapter in the state of Missouri.

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Heated and prolonged discussion followed the recommendation by the Massachusetts delegate that girls be admitted to membership in the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. Some excellent parliamentary skill was displayed during the discussion. The recommendation was defeated by a vote of forty-one to one. Regardless of how one might feel concerning the recommendation, one had to admire the courage of the Massachusetts delegate in standing out against the forty-one states for the point in question.

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Next year Puerto Rico and Hawaii will have a public speaking contest of their own. This contest will be held in connection with the National FFA public speaking contest. Each territory will send one delegate.

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The House of Delegates meeting hall was splendidly decorated. These meetings are held in the principal dining hall of the Baltimore Hotel. The rostrum this year had an added feature. The background which represents the rising sun, gold on blue, was completely surrounded by state flags. These state flags were affixed in a circle at the outer edge of the background, each flag at the end of a golden

ray emanating from the central sun. It is not often that one has the privilege of seeing a complete set of state flags. This was an added educational feature.

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Paul McCutcheon, vice-president of the West Virginia FFA organization, was married just prior to leaving for the National convention. The trip to Kansas City was a part of the honeymoon trip.

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Charles Fitzgerald, vice-president, representing the pacific region, of the state of Washington, also had his bride of eight months with him. They were enjoying a delayed honeymoon.

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Past President Vernon Howell of Guyman, Oklahoma, is now enrolled in the Oklahoma A. and M. College. Vernon is president of the freshman class.

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The National convention completely revised the national constitution. A copy of the revision is not available for this issue of the Kansas newsletter. Two points that will affect the FFA program in Kansas are first, American Farmers must be recommended from State Farmers who have had the degree for one calendar year. In the future it will not be possible to elect State Farmers in May and raise them to the American Farmer degree in November, as has been the practice in Kansas in the past. One calendar year must intervene between the date of being raised to State Farmer and the date obtaining the American Farmer degree.

The second point of legislation which will affect Kansas had to do with the number of FFA members in relation to prorating the American Farmer degree. Under the old constitution, a state was entitled to one American Farmer for each one thousand members of fraction thereof. The new ruling reads that a state will be entitled to one member for each one thousand members and major fraction thereof. This means that Kansas will have to have 1,501 members before they will be entitled to two American Farmers. We have never attained this membership. Our largest membership has been 1452. This is a point that should be called to the attention of the inactive chapters in Kansas. At the present moment the Kansas Association has chartered ninety-one chapters. According to the state records, nineteen chapters are on the inactive list. If these nineteen chapters would become active, there is little question but that Kansas could continue to have two American Farmer candidates each year.

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W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary, is one of the busiest men connected with the FFA convention. Ross is thoroughly acquainted with the organization's many problems, has a clean cut idea of the purpose and place of the organization, knows boys, loves to work with them, and gets things done on time.

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#### CHAPTER NEWS

Goodland. The Goodland F.F.A. officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Alvin McCall, president; James Shaver, vice-president; Bernard Borgman, secretary; Gordon Hartzler, reporter; Lorren Ellist, watch dog. All of the officers were elected from the third year agriculture class.

The initiation for Green Hands was held at a dairy barn close to town. The eleven members initiated were: Oliver Chatfield, Dale Ellison, Billie Hartzler, Floyd Hubbard, George Edwards, Dean Lugsch, Robert Ufford, Billy Seaman, Edward Scheopher, and Marvin Sexson.

The freshman agriculture class is carrying a class project in poultry. Each boy bought six birds from the instructor and have them in a house which the school provided. The hens were all culled and are being trap nested.

The Future Farmers have made considerable money on football programs this fall. They solicited advertising for four games. The programs were prepared by our local printer.

The programs gave the starting line up of both teams playing and possible substitutes. The advertising paid for the printing and made a nice profit so that it was possible to give them a free copy at the gates. The boys also have the concession at all the football games from which are realizing additional profits. Their goal is to send a judging team and a public speaker to Manhattan in the spring.

Alvin McCall was chosen from our school and our instructor, Mr. Perrill, was chosen as coach from this section of the state to attend the American Royal at Kansas City. They were gone four days which was a splendid vacation and they brought back much valuable information and inspiration.

-- Gordon Hartzler, Reporter.

Hill City. Regular meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. The boys take turns on the eats committee. At the January meeting we will have an annual election of officers.

Ralph Bethel, our president, is trying out for the debate team and has taken part in one practice debate.

Sophomore members are making individual collections of weed and grain samples. They expect to use them in this study for contest work later in the year.

-- Russell Gupp, Reporter.

Concordia. Nine of the Concordia FFA boys went to Miltonvale on Saturday for a game of baseball. We were defeated.

We initiated the Green Hand boys out in a cabin by the river. Had a good time and for lunch we had mountain oysters. Did they go, well? You bet they did!

The Vocational Homemaking girls and FFA boys had a picnic together out to a cabin on the river that belonged to one of the boys. We had hot dogs and buns for lunch then we played cards.

The two vocational agriculture classes made up a Thanksgiving basket for the needy. Most of the contents were made by the class.

Harold Jones, who was president of the local FFA chapter last year, is president of the senior class.

John Jones had ten acres of popcorn for a project last year. It averaged twenty-five bushels an acre and brought him one hundred and ninety dollars.

-- Dean Larson, Reporter.

Clay Center. Our chapter met September 27 to elect the new officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected: President, Kenneth Hauserman; Vice-President, Lelond Anderson; Secretary, James Hatfield; Treasurer, Raymond Hanson; Reporter, Ritchard Heikes; Watch Dog, Leo Sanneman.

On November 7 the chapter met to initiate the Green Hand candidates. They are as follows: Duane Achenbach, Kobert Ross, Russell Kanphaus, Willis McConn, Donald Kanphaus, Lyle Hohon, Ben Temperom, Gerald Gardner, Harland McConnell, Eugene Jones, Ralph Engel, Robert Habluetzel, John McDonald, William Davis, and Clarence Subold.

The members gave the candidates a picnic before they were initiated. Buns, hot dogs, and popcorn were served.

We have a committee working to collect the money for the FFA pins and stickers and we expect to order them soon.

A few of our members have been busy arranging the classroom in such a manner as to better facilitate the ritualistic work at our meetings.

Our chapter has a poultry project of 120 pullets. They are laying at the rate of forty per cent production.

-- Ritchard Heikes, Reporter.

Harper. Russell Robertson and Glover Laird attended the Vocational Agriculture Congress and the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City.

The Harper chapter has selected for the class project 103 head of bred ewes. There are seven freshmen and nine upper classmen enrolled in the vocational course.

-- William Nye, Reporter.

Ellis. Election of FFA officers are as follows: President, Oswald Deutscher; Vice-President, Don Gatewood; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Johnson; Reporter, Frederick Jacobs; Watch Dog, Hugh Faulkner.

Last spring the FFA boys had several games of soft ball. One game was played with the Ellis Junior High, one with the high school seniors, two games with the Y.M.C.A. We won three games out of the four.

This fall a Junior Fair was held in Ellis, October 5, 6, and 7. The FFA class won eleven first prizes, five seconds, and one third in poultry display.

The FFA boys accompanied by O. E. Campbell, agriculture instructor, and L. R. Vaniman, superintendent, drove to Hutchinson to the State Fair.

The Ellis FFA chapter consists of twenty-six boys.

-- Frederick Jacobs, Reporter.

Lincoln. The Lincoln FFA officers held a meeting November 6, 1933.

The plan of work for the following year was discussed, planned, and worked out. It was moved that the officers have a meeting the first Monday of every month.

All members listened to the Kansas City radio program November 21. We plan to listen to the farm and home program once a month.

The local FFA chapter butchered a hog for the Farm Bureau Club, November 8.  
-- Howard Markely, Reporter.

Westmoreland. Mr. Knouse, our leader, took William Evans to the Frankfort husking contest and entered him as our delegate. He also took several extras to act as gleaners.

We initiated two new members and served them with pie and whipped cream. The two were Glenn Tibbets and Gilbert Barr.

At our last meeting we decided to have a Father and Son banquet sometime during the month of December.

Our officers are as follows: President, Bernard Plummer; Vice-President, Dale Zabel; Secretary, Ed. Repp; Treasurer, Tom White; Reporter, Bob Springstead; Watch Dog, Arnold Maskil.

-- Bob Springstead, Reporter.

Washington. The Washington vocational agriculture department began its sixth year last fall with an enrollment of twenty-eight boys. This enrollment is the largest in the history of the department. There are eleven boys in the first year class and seventeen in the second year class.

Officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Paul Leck; Vice-President, Verlin Rosenkranz; Secretary, Clyde Neu; Treasurer, Darrell Craik; Reporter, Delbert Stratton; Watch Dog, John Frager.

Eleven boys were initiated as Green Hands. They are, Junior Pannabacker, George Powers, Muril McMully, Dwayne Justis, Glenn Higbee, Elmer Walters, Lloyd Stamm, Armond Wilson, Dwein Shimp, James Wise, and Junior Graham.

We have two class projects, one consisting of a flock of 106 white rock pullets and the other consisting of two sows and fourteen pigs.

We are proud of our past President Elmer Dawdy who received the degree of American Farmer at the Royal.

There were four Future Farmers who won the state judging contest and entered the contest at the American Royal. They did a good job of judging because they won second in the entire contest, first in sheep and fourth in cattle. They won a cup for being the best judges from one vocational school. Darrell Craik won third in the entire contest which gave him \$8.00 prize and a \$100.00 scholarship.

They also won third in identification of meats. The members of the team were, Darrell Craik, Elmer Dawdy, Delbert Stratton, and Paul Leck as alternate.

-- Delbert Stratton, Reporter.

Shawnee-Mission. There are fifty-four boys enrolled in the department, twenty-seven in livestock and twenty-seven in farm management. The following livestock projects are carried: 24 dairy; 17 poultry; 10 swine; 5 beef; 1 sheep.

One hundred and thirty-five parents and members attended the fifth annual Parents banquet on November 16. Food served was from home projects. The following program was given: Invocation, Harry Weber; Opening ceremony; Welcome, Herbert Layman, President; Response, Mrs. Rosa Trager; Report of FFA Pilgrimage, J. W. England, Jr.; "Hail the F.F.A.", FFA Quartet, Donald Cover, Herbert Layman, Harry Weber, Charles Mangold. "Farmer, Call the Doctor", with a cast of seventeen

Mr.  
 . was presented. /Glen T. Stebbins, Secretary of the Kansas City Livestock Exchange, gave the principal address. Fred Vanschoelandt was the toastmaster.

This chapter is planning a public installation of officers in January at the regular P.T.A. meeting when the entire program will be in charge of the local chapter. The Future Farmer degree will be conferred on all eligible candidates.

This chapter is sponsoring the purchasing and building of a cooperative feed grinding outfit. A grinder will be mounted on a Model-T chassis. A trailer hitch will enable the outfit to be moved to the place it is to be used.  
 -- Robert Watson, Reporter.

Mound City. The students of both the vocational agriculture and homemaking classes and their parents were invited to a party, before the opening of school, at the home of E. L. Raines. Games were played by both old and young. During this time the remainder of the boys aided by the fathers froze the ice cream which was served with cake. This party was enjoyed by all.

The Pleasanton FFA members were guests of the Mound City chapter at one of the latter's regular night meetings for the purpose of raising both chapters Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree. The two groups met in the auditorium where a short program was given. The program was opened with the ritual. Mabry Wheeler presided. The band played a number after which there was group singing. Then the regular ceremony for Future Farmer initiation followed. After the initiation the boys adjourned to the west side of the high school where refreshments were served by the Mound City group.

Saturday evening, November 18, eighty-six plates were set at the fourth annual Father and Son banquet in the high school gymnasium. Mabry Wheeler was the toastmaster. Wilbur Nation gave the welcome address. Mr. Hawkins gave the response after which some well planned speeches were given by FFA members, Howard Wakefield, Robert Green, Charles Christianson, and Marion Smith. Mr. Banta of the Ottawa chapter gave a very interesting talk on the values of education in the school. One of the high spots of the program, however, was the part taken by Raymond Bryan of the Ottawa chapter who played the guitar and sang several selections. Harry Paddock, a Mound City alumni member, also played and sang.

-- Reporter.

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