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DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

At a recent regional FFA leadership school, the following items were listed as being duties and responsibilities of the FFA president. It was agreed that the vice-president should be an ex officio member of all committees.

- I. Encourage and cooperate in the organization of regional FFA leadership schools.
- II. Train officers in the FFA opening and closing ritual.
- III. Appoint a committee to build the yearly activity program.
- IV. Have program committee report given consideration, modified if necessary, and adopted not later than second meeting of school year.
- V. Appoint committees for activities listed in the program approved.
- VI. Require committee reports.
- VII. Study degrees, rituals, and train officers in proper presentation of same.
- VIII. Plan practice in parliamentary activities.
- IX. Procure member participation through committee appointments and program assignments.
- X. Maintain alumni contacts.
- XI. Check through records and reports and by means of tests make certain that degree advancement requirements are met.
- XII. Keep informed on activities and discharge of responsibilities on the part of fellow officers.
- XIII. Maintain order and insist upon the dignity of the chapter being upheld. Use disciplinary means as a last resort -- suspension if necessary.
- XIV. Assist the vice-president in working with committees and checking to see that committees are functioning.
- XV. Act as a liaison officer between FFA chapter and other school organizations.

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ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

Three type programs are included in this issue. These were taken from programs submitted in order to qualify for chapter contest competition. These type programs are included in the hope that they might prove suggestive to chapters that have not given much thought to program building. No one knows how many activities a chapter should engage upon. It is generally agreed however, that unless a chapter has a worth while activity program it will experience difficulty in maintaining interest. The FFA chapters in Kansas which are progressing satisfactorily are chapters without exception that have adopted a definite program of activities.

The activity program "Type I" could have been improved by adding a calendar, by listing committees, and setting up goals and means.

The activity program "Type II" could have been improved by listing committees, goals, and means.

The program indicated as "Type III" could have been improved by adding a calendar.

The members of the Chapter have been divided into eight groups, each group is to be responsible for one of the regular monthly meetings and must see that a program, entertainment and lunch is furnished.

Below is a list of activities which have been prepared by the officers:

1. To become better acquainted with the manual by studying it and using the ceremony at each meeting.
2. To improve in parliamentary procedure by having talks on it and practice.
3. To improve scholarship.
4. To improve rank of department.
5. Complete 100% project started.
6. Beautify school grounds by keeping up the lily pool.
7. Hold father and son banquet in March.
8. Exhibit products at the county fair during August.
9. Conduct project tours during the fall and spring.
10. Send delegates to National Congress at Kansas City.
11. Send delegates to state FFA convention.
12. Enter judging teams in state contests. The trip will be financed by sales from candy and pop corn stands.
13. Engage in cooperative buying and selling by having a class project and some sows which are out on shares.
14. Put on chapel programs.
15. Put on a three act play.
16. Participate in worthwhile community enterprises by furnishing programs, demonstrations and assisting with work when called upon.
17. Hold a joint meeting with Smith Center chapter.
18. Each member has a definite program of work by serving on committees.
19. To hold athletic contests within the chapter and with other chapters.
20. Elect honorary and associate members.
21. Have one or more state farmers elected.
22. Post FFA honor roll.
23. Report FFA news through school paper and local newspaper.
24. Publish an issue of the school paper.
25. See that each member wears the FFA insignia.
26. Have a party and invite girl friends.
27. Hold FFA picnic in the spring.
28. Each member always ready to assist with anything that will better his chapter, school, community or himself.

October

- Elect new officers.
- Adopt the Cane system.
- Form a French Harp Quartet.
- Discuss an aim at each meeting.
- Each boy carry 1 or more major projects.
- Each boy carry 1 or more minor projects.

November

- Attend the American Royal.
- Form a \$100 Club.
- Write essays upon Agricultural subjects.
- Start a Co-op. Class project.
- Improve our scholarship.
- Keep contacts with the Alumni.
- Each member to sponsor a program.

December

- Initiation of Future Farmer degree.
- Attend the Poultry Judging Contest at Lawrence.
- Compile a song book.
- Hold a popularity contest.
- Serve refreshments at 1/4 of the meetings.
- Establish a loan fund.

January

- Initiation of Green Hands.
- Publish an issue of the school paper.
- Hold a poultry-grain show.
- 50% of members to have a bank account.

February

- Give a play to raise funds.
- 50% to beautify homes.
- Run two or more surveys for terracing.
- Eradicate bindweed, Johnson Grass, etc.
- 75% to have farms named.

March

- Hold a Father and Son banquet.
- Form a baseball team.
- Hold a chapel program.

April

- Have a judging team at 5 contests.
- Have a Co-op. Class project.
- Sponsor letters to the team members at Manhattan.
- Pay for any State Farmer keys granted.

May

- Conduct a project tour.
- Elect new officers (train during summer).
- Hold a new student party.

June

- Have an all-night fishing party.
- Instruct the new officers.
- Attend Crops' Days at Manhattan.

July

- Take a motor trip.

August

- Hold a watermelon feed - Alumni especially.

September

- Have a kafir booth at Fair.
- Make out annual program for year.
- Have 50 exhibits at fair.

Activity	Committee	Goal	Ways and Means
Co. Fair Exhibits	3 members	85% exhibiting	Honor points allowed. Record books with each exhibit. Individual and Group sign.
Pop Stand	3 members	Beat last year's profit of \$35.00	Erect own stand. Call for bids. Allow points for participating.
Officer's School	Officers of chapter	Unified program. Accurate record of proceedings.	Call in past officers for consultation. Notify each chapter by letter.
Initiation	4 members	100% initiated. Ceremony well prepared.	Each member to sign an application form. Hold at Ely's.
Parent's Banquet	4 members	95% parents and 100% members attend.	Contest between classes for attendance. Give a play. Food all from projects.
Christmas party		A present for each member. Program. Baskets for needy families.	Allow each to invite a girl. Hold in shop & classroom. Deliver baskets by stags after party.
Basket ball games	4 members	At least 10 good players. At least 4 games with other chapters. All day tournament with other chapters.	Only those in regular attendance allowed. Follow state Athletic Association rules.
Alumni program	3 members	All alumni present.	Write letters to those at a distance. Phone those close. Meet with present officers.
Owl's Nest	4 members	Weekly issues of interest and on time. Special issue during winter.	Solicit city advertisers. Write interesting articles. Have group picture. Individual write-ups.
Camp	3 members	At least one over night trip in fall & spring	Each to take own articles. Expenses by those going. General expenses by chapter.

Electric incubator project	2 members	Remodel old shed for project. Hatch all project eggs.	Expenses figured on basis of eggs hatched. Squads to care for machine. No outside eggs hatched.
Eggs laying contest	4 members	Continue thru winter months. Prize to winner	Build hen batteries. Heat with oil stove. Base winners on number of eggs, and on cost per dozen.
Cow testing contest	3 members	Every project cow tested every month.	Winner to be based on cost per lb. of butterfat, and on completeness of records.
Hotbed project (electric)	4 members	Raise plants for all projects. Sale of plants to go to chapter.	Operation to be by squads.
Demonstration teams.	Not appt.		
Monthly night meetings	3 members	Outside speaker special program Refreshments.	Not to mix athletic and programs. If necessary, have two meetings each month.
Weekly activity hour meetings	Same as above	Attend to business matters.	Reading of Owl's Nest. Business.
Judging teams	4 members	Attend at least one district and the state meet.	Short drill session three afternoons each week. (after school). Saturday field trips.
Finance	2 members	Have at least \$50 in treasury by spring and no debts.	Be on the lookout for any means of raising money for the chapter.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Future Farmer newsletter editor wishes to call to your attention the scholarship record made by the members of the Lawrence FFA chapter. We also wish to congratulate the Lawrence chapter on the splendid showing made.

Auburn. At our regular meeting for the election of officers the following officers were elected after they had been nominated by a committee composed of our four-year members. For president, LeRoy Mitchell; Vice-president, Dean Cellers; Secretary, Louis Carlat; Treasurer, Dale Engler; Reporter, David Bruner; Watch dog, Clifford Bronson.

Carbondale chapter met with us for our December meeting and after the program our visitors bested us at basketball. Score was 17 to 14. The chief speaker on our program was our state farmer and past president, Robert Nason, who gave a report of his trip to the International at Chicago. This was Robert's first trip and he enjoyed it, and gave us an interesting report.

We had a project tour last week and weighed all the young pigs in the boys projects. We made a small box just big enough to hold a weaning pig and weighed them on ice scales carried in the car.

Dale Engler won a bronze medal for having been declared the county champion corn grower.

-- David W. Bruner, Reporter.

Kiowa. At a meeting December 7, the following officers were elected: Vice-president, Lloyd Ligenstoffer; Secretary, Alvin Eckert; Treasurer, Kenneth Short; Reporter, Lawrence Alexander; Watch dog, Richard Ligenstoffer.

Our chapter has a membership of fifteen, with a possibility of eight new members.

Practically every boy in our chapter has an animal project and have had crop projects during the last season.

A coon hunt is being planned.

-- Lawrence Alexander, Reporter.

Beloit. The vocational agricultural students of Beloit High School, under the supervision of Fred Rees, harvested the sorghum variety test conducted by Will Deneke, 1 mile east of Beloit. Samples harvested were sent to Manhattan Saturday to be dried, threshed and to make yield calculations.

The sorghums had an unfavorable year in which to develop. The stand was not good. However, the test will give some good dry weather results.

The varieties in the test are Pink, Atlas sorgo, Red, Black Hull, Western Black Hull, Kansas Orange, Kalo, Early Sumac, number 2182 and 2183.

Pink kafir appears to be one of the highest yielding varieties in this test.

-- Wayne Walker, Reporter.

Miltonvale. We had a night meeting December 15. The whole membership was divided into two groups. They count points for attendance, judging and other accomplishments. At the end of the contest the losing side treats the winners.

The discussion was led by James Mitchell on "How to maintain interest in FFA."

The banquet planned in honor of Vincent Fuller, American Farmer, Glen Woolpert, who sang the F.F.A. song at the American Royal Banquet, and Mr. John Kerr, their teacher, was postponed on account of the meningitis epidemic in our community.

F.F.A. sold eats at the annual Alumni High School game to make money for the chapter. We have permission to sell candy and sandwiches at the Minneapolis-Miltonvale High School game.

We plan to hold a district initiation for boys reaching second degree, the last part of January.

Members sold Christmas cards to aid in paying for their dues and pins.

-- Tom Neill, Reporter.

Garden City. The Garden City chapter has purchased a Duroc Jersey Boar for those having duroc sows. There are fifteen or more boys who have registered durocs. The boys also bought some milo and are grinding it for their projects.

Harry and Frank Lightner are building a hayrack, Joe Helsel is finishing a hog house, and Loe Meeker is finishing a "dobe" mixer. Others are doing general shop work.

The chapter is planning on an overall-apron party soon.

-- Donald Henselman, Reporter.

Ramona. The Ramona Future Farmer Chapter enjoyed a two day fishing trip during the latter part of August. Time was spent in boating, swimming, fishing and hunting. Everyone enjoyed the catching and the eating of frog's legs.

New officers were elected at the regular meeting in September. Those elected were: President, James Eskeldson; Vice-president, Kenneth Fike; Secretary, Theodore Danitschek; Treasurer, Junior Klover; Reporter, Daniel Hanschu; Watch dog, Edwin Berger.

The chapter voted to hold their meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

All of the members entered the livestock judging contest held at the Central Free Fair at Abilene. Placings were as follows: Clark Buttell and Lauren Daetwiler, first and second in Dairy Cattle, respectively; and Oren Daetwiler second in Fat Cattle.

At a special meeting held on October 31, new members were initiated as Greenhands and Greenhands were raised to the Future Farmer degree. After the initiation everyone enjoyed apples, cider and doughnuts.

Members of the chapter gave a high school assembly program by giving a pantomime entitled, "Farmer call the Doctor". Also a talk giving the history, aims, purpose, and activities of the local chapter.

-- Daniel Hanschu, Reporter.

Fairview. Seven Greenhands were initiated in October. Sherman Joy, Alvin Duesing, Orville Dance, Dale Weikle, Alan McCullough, more Greenhands, will be taken in soon. All these Greenhands survived the initiation without serious injury. Refreshments consisted of apples and sandwiches.

The Fairview chapter is sponsoring an interclass athletic tournament in all sports. Season tickets were sold for five cents and a trophy purchased.

We paid the way of one representative from each class and the advisor to the American Royal. Charles Meyer, Forrest Snyder, Dale Schaible, Charles Blakeslee and Roger Regnier made the trip.

Our Father and Son Banquet was held December 12. Seventy-five attended the banquet. Mr. W. T. Markham, State Superintendent, made the principal address in a manner most pleasing to all present.

We sponsored a "Halloween Hippodrome" in cooperation with the Girl Reserves. The hippodrome cleared almost sixty dollars. Features were competitive class stunts and an athletic show.

-- Ernest Lubert, Reporter.

Bird City. Election of F.F.A. officers were as follows: President, James Hickert; Vice-president, Ralph Shay; Secretary, Talton Blair; Treasurer, Pardee Woods; Reporter, Martin Busse.

The following Greenhands were initiated October 17: Darrel Childers, Bert Wright, Leroy Connet, Pardee Woods, Martin Busse, and Clyde Munn.

On December 19, our instructor Mr. Flanders gave our chapter a Christmas party and all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly. We are planning on having a grain show sometime in the near future at the high school.

-- Martin Busse, Reporter.

Norton. The Norton chapter of Future Farmers of America held a meeting in September to reorganize the chapter for the school year. Watermelons were served for the Freshman agriculture boys. The election of officers followed. The officers elected were as follows: Grayson Murphy, President; Max McCormick, Vice-president; Merle Sleffel, Member of Advisory Council; Leo Moody, Secretary; Donald Hershiser, Treasurer; Alfred Benien; Watch dog; Gilbert Towslee, Reporter; Donald Moody, First Conductor; Russell Huff, Second Conductor.

The chapter decided to hold their meeting every second Monday of each month. At the October meeting the Freshmen were initiated into the Greenhand Degree. The former Greenhands were initiated into the Future Farmer Degree.

The November meeting was held at a farm grove at which a weiner roast was enjoyed by everyone. Guessing contests and games were also enjoyed.

Grayson Murphy attended the American Royal Livestock Show. He was awarded this trip by his outstanding work in Vocational Agriculture.

At the meeting held in December, Grayson Murphy gave a very interesting report of his trip, experiences, and different things seen at the American Royal Livestock Show; several musical numbers were played by some of the members.

-- Gilbert Towalee, Reporter.

Smith Center. The Smith Center chapter of the F.F.A. had a joint initiation with Lebanon chapter raising the Greenhands to the Future Farmer Degree. After the initiation, a game of basket ball was played, which ended 22-6 in favor of Lebanon.

The following Greenhands from our chapter were initiated: Irwin Gedney, Franklin Ingeldue, Delamr Knight, Dean Libby, Gaylor Hava, Orval Francis, Elbert Mathes, Joseph Jones, Bernard Morrison, and Harold Buell.

Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served by the Lebanon boys after the basket ball game. The local chapter enjoyed the evening, and vote the Lebanon boys dandy entertainers. A return game of basket ball is planned in Smith Center later.

The Future Farmer chapter in Smith Center have plans toward starting a class project; the proposition has been presented to the local school board and they have reported favorably and have started arrangements for a site on which to carry the project.

-- Leonard Brown, Reporter.

Jayhawk. We have 49 boys in our chapter. Thirty-three of the boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture at the present time. The others are seniors who have completed their course in agriculture.

We had our annual livestock show in cooperation with the 4-H clubs in September. Some fine stock was exhibited by the boys. Marvin Houk and Arthur Leonhard won third and eleventh at the American Royal with their senior Hereford calves.

Our chapter had a party for the Greenhands at our cabin at the state lake. The boys went to the cabin Friday afternoon and returned Saturday afternoon. We had a fine time, playing games and preparing the meals.

Our Father and Son banquet was attended by over one hundred chapter members, fathers, and guests. Professor J. F. Brown of Kansas University who has traveled extensively in Russia gave a very interesting talk on Russian agriculture. Wachita Ouya, the Japanese boy who was a delegate from Hawaii to the American Royal gave a very interesting talk on his work in Hawaii.

Our chapter purchased a complete basket ball outfit this year. The uniforms are in the F.F.A. colors. We expect to play a complete schedule with other chapters and schools.

Three boys from our chapter won the major "L" in football this season. All will return next year.

For the first twelve weeks of this semester not a single failure was on the grade card of any boy in our chapter. There were more E grades than P grades.

-- Raymond Schaaake, Reporter.

Chanute. Officers for 1933-34 are as follows: President, Dale Mosier; Vice-president, Earl Bundy; Secretary, John Gilmore; Treasurer, Wayne Dennis; Reporter, John Gaughan; Watch dog, Sylvester Starliper.

Ten members including the officers attended the South-East Kansas Officers' Training School for F.F.A. members. John Gaughan was Chairman of the Reporters' round table.

The chapter is holding regular monthly meetings. To date, we have initiated fifteen Greenhands and ten Future Farmers. More pupils have requested membership recently. At the December meeting, each officer gave a list of his duties of his office. Ice cream and cake was served. Members made their own ice cream.

The F.F.A. members held a horse shoe tournament last month. Dale Anderson, a Greenhand and freshman in high school, won the tournament and a pair of regulation horse shoes offered for the champion pitcher.

A Father and Son Banquet will be held the last of January or the first of February.

-- John Gaughan, Reporter.

Howard. Saturday, December 16, the following officers of Howard F.F.A. organization went to Neodesha to a group meeting of all the officers of South East Kansas. J. A. Watson, Adron Hebb, Wesley Indermill, Donald Baughman, Leroy Veach, Loraine Fear, were the officers who represented Howard. The schools represented were Chanute, Neodesha, Parsons, Burlington, Altamont and Howard.

The officers from Howard began the program by going through the F.F.A. ritual. After dinner the different officers of these towns grouped together and discussed how they could improve their part of the program at regular meetings. Many useful ideas were obtained.

-- Loraine Fear, Reporter.

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