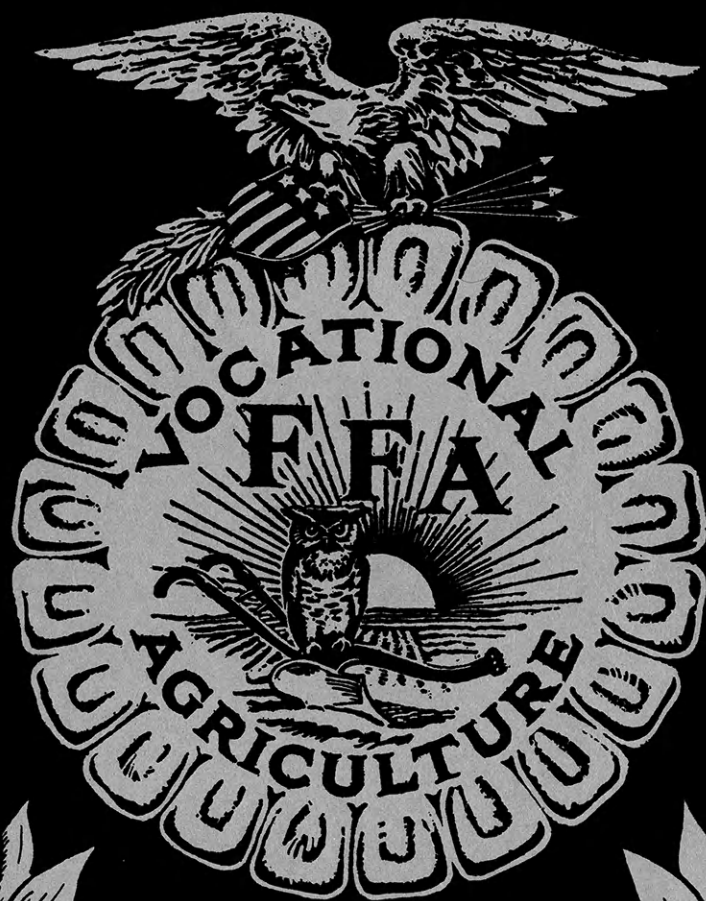


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L O C A T E   Y O U R   C H A P T E R

"One hundred per cent of Kansas Vocational Agricultural Departments establish chapters of FFA, and strive for one hundred per cent enrollment of eligible members." So reads Objective Number One of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. Ho, Hum! What are you going to do about it?

Certainly this news sheet is not going to deliver a lecture on the importance of membership. Neither are we going to differentiate between the passive and the active member. But, we thought you might be interested in knowing how the State Association is progressing as regards its Number One Objective, and to what extent your chapter is cooperating.

EIGHTY-FOUR per cent of the vocational agricultural departments in Kansas had established FFA chapters at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, and the 1693 paid active memberships represented only SIXTY-ONE per cent of the total vocational agricultural enrollment. Whew!

What would you think of a chapter that had only twenty-five per cent of its vocational agricultural enrollment listed as paid up FFA members? "Poor Officers." "No worthwhile program." "Lack of leadership." "Lack of loyalty." Your answer is as good as ours.

To the Ramona Chapter goes the honor of having the highest percentage of paid up members during the 1933-34 fiscal year. This chapter with an enrollment of 13 students in vocational agriculture had a paid up membership of 24 members, or approximately ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE per cent. Congratulations!

The following tabulation is based on enrollment figures furnished by the State Department of Vocational Education:

Chapters Having More Than 150 Per Cent Paid Up Membership:

Ramona .....	185 Per Cent
Coldwater .....	162
Delphos .....	158
Mound City .....	157

Chapters Having From 126 Per Cent to 150 Per Cent Paid Up Membership:

Morrowville .....	150 Per Cent
Norcatour .....	145
Ottawa .....	142
Mullinville .....	138
Washington .....	131

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Chapters Having From 101 Per Cent to 125 Per Cent Paid Up Membership:

Bird City .....	123 Per Cent
Bonner Springs .....	122
Medicine Lodge .....	117
Winfield .....	116
Auburn .....	115
Fairview .....	111
Mulvane .....	111
Harper .....	108
Kiowa .....	108
Wellsville .....	106
Manhattan .....	106
South Haven .....	103

Chapters Having From 91 Per Cent to 100 Per Cent Paid Up Membership:

Beloit .....	100 Per Cent
Coats .....	100
Concordia .....	100
Ford .....	100
Hoyt .....	100
Lincoln .....	100
Linn .....	100
Powhattan .....	100
Colby .....	96
Haddam .....	96
Quinter .....	96
Goodland .....	95
Paxico .....	94
Spearville .....	94
Washburn Rural .....	91

Number of Chapters Having From 81 Per Cent to 90 Per Cent Paid Up Membership ..	10
71 .....	80 .. 9
61 .....	70 .. 8
51 .....	60 .. 5
41 .....	50 .. 5
31 .....	40 .. 4
21 .....	30 .. 1

The range in paid up memberships was from 25 per cent in the case of one chapter to 185 per cent in the case of the Ramona Chapter.

"Locate Your Chapter"

1934-35 FFA MEMBERSHIP IN KANSAS

It is difficult to predict what the paid up membership in the Kansas Association for the current year will be. We hope the per cent of enrolled vocational agricultural students who are active FFA members will materially increase over the 1933-34 figure of SIXTY-ONE per cent.

Kansas has an enrollment of 2,971 students in the vocational agricultural day school departments, according to Advisor Pollom. EIGHTY-FIVE per cent of this enrollment paid up in the FFA would entitle Kansas to three American Farmers. It is not fair to expect 84 per cent of the departments to carry this load. By increasing the number of departments chartered and by interesting all boys of the different departments in becoming active Future Farmers, the goal of three American Farmers for Kansas could be attained this year.

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We wish to congratulate the four chapters that maintained more than 150 per cent membership in their organizations. In fact, any chapter which maintains a membership of 100 per cent or above of the vocational agricultural enrollment is to be commended.

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Mound City is the only chapter in the State to be listed among the leading group based on total number of paid up memberships and also among the group having the highest per cent of vocational agricultural students participating in FFA activities. This chapter tied with Ottawa for second place in total number of paid up memberships, previously published, and ranks fourth in per cent of members based on enrollment.

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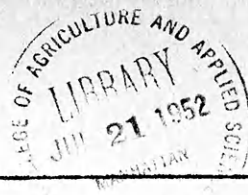
NATIONAL BEST CHAPTER CONTEST

Entry blanks for the National Best Chapter Contest have arrived and will be mailed to the five chapters having completed the best programs for the year 1933-34. The chapters declared outstanding by the committee are: Winfield, Shawnee Mission, Washington, Mound City, and Lawrence. Any chapter is eligible to enter, and if your chapter is interested in this contest you may receive blanks for entry by requesting same of the office of the State Executive Advisor. The annual program of work entry must be in the national office by March 16, 1935. From the completed programs submitted to the State Advisor at a date later to be specified three may be submitted to the national office.

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The new FFA manual is available through the office of the State Executive Advisor. The price is 15¢ per copy.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VISITS KANSAS

W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary of the Future Farmers of America, spent three days visiting chapters in Kansas the first week of January. Mr. Ross pointed out the fact that the FFA is the largest farm boys' organization in America.

The following points were set up by the National Executive Secretary as being essential to the well being of a chapter: Harmony; Worthwhile Program; High Per Cent of Eligible Members; Leadership from Members as Well as From Officers; Careful Selection of Officers; Duos; Loyalty; Service; High Standards.

We are always glad to welcome Mr. Ross to Kansas. He is without a peer in the field of FFA work. Our hope is that Mr. Ross will be able to return to Kansas for our annual meeting in order that a larger percentage of our membership might have the opportunity of hearing him.

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Clay Center chapter has one of the most unique Rising Suns we have had the pleasure of seeing. An exact replica of the FFA emblem is painted on sign cloth in the FFA colors. The emblem is mounted on a frame 2' x 3' in size and is illuminated by means of a concealed electric light.

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Public Speaking Contest

It is not too early to begin preparation for the annual FFA Public Speaking Contest. Instructions will be mailed later, along with other annual contest rules and regulations. Early reports from the national office are to the effect that there will be no changes in the contest this year, except in the matter of eligibility. Previously, contestants had to be enrolled in vocational agriculture. The new ruling permits students who have completed their vocational agriculture to quality. No student 21 years of age or over is eligible. The subject can be any topic of an agricultural nature. The presentation will be limited to 10 minutes, with a rebuttal required.

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A cross section of the programs of work submitted by the chapters for the school year 1934-35 is being compiled. This material will be mimeographed and mailed to the chapters as a special Program Number.

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The state office is working on a Secretary's Book. Any suggestions you might have will be welcome. It is the hope of the state office that a suitable book will be available for chapters by the next meeting of the state association.

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Burlington: The Burlington Chapter of FFA meets regularly the second Monday of each month, and on other Mondays many members meet for athletic activities which include wrestling, boxing, tumbling, and basket ball.

Reading will come to Burlington for a double header in basket ball in January.

The first year agricultural class in animal husbandry has been making quite a practice of dehorning and butchering. So far 76 head of cattle have been dehorned, six calves and 16 pigs castrated, and six hogs slaughtered.

Many boys in the second year vocational agricultural class in crops production have been making knives of all descriptions out of Octagon tool steel, files and old saws.

All projects have been selected by the students enrolled in agriculture, and practically all have been started. Most projects are of the breeding type, as feed is scarce and expensive.

One adult school has been completed in Feeds and Feeding, and two more will be started soon in Farm Management. The schools are being held in rural school houses.

-- Reporter

Coldwater: The Future Farmers entered the booth contest and also the grain and livestock judging contests at the Southwest Free Fair at Dodge City September 26. The booth placed first. The grain judging team -- Ivan Hadley, LeRoy Deerwall, and Vernon Huck -- placed second. The livestock judging team -- Donald White, Dan Parcel, and George Sundgren -- placed sixth.

At the October meeting six Green Hands were initiated.

The annual father and son banquet, which will be served by the domestic science girls, is planned for the last of January. Every FFA member will give 25¢ to help pay for the banquet, and the remainder will be taken from the FFA treasury.

-- George Sundgren, Reporter

Hoyt: The officers of the Hoyt Chapter of FFA for 1934-35 are as follows: Glen Hatch, president; Milton Newlin, vice president; Wilce Sconce, secretary; Gerald Tolin, treasurer; Herbert Woodhead, watch dog; Raymond Donahue, first conductor; Max Jay, second conductor; Leonard Speaker, reporter; R. L. Welton, advisor.

Initiation for new members was held October 26 at the Sconce farm. Five new members -- Charles Davis, Myron Barker, Noel Dickinson, Donald Bibbler, and Raymond Colhouer -- were "taken in". After initiation services, refreshments consisting of weiners, buns, and apples were served. A good time was reported by all present.

The members of FFA decided to use electricity instead of manure as the source of heat for their hotbed. All equipment will be furnished by an electric company. As we are using this as an experiment, the electric company will furnish this equipment free of charge and we will get the electricity at greatly reduced rates.

-- Leonard Speaker, Reporter



Argonia: Our officers attended the Officers' Training School held at Kiowa. Our officers are: Roy Floyd, president; Herbert Crites, vice president; George Young, secretary; Dale Pearce, treasurer; Milford Johnson, reporter; Deene Nystrom, program chairman; Richard Handy, watch dog.

On October 17 our chapter set up an educational booth at the Harper Fair on "Controlling Field Bindweed." Our booth won first prize and a five dollar cash prize. We plan to buy pins with this money.

Our Executive Committee met after school on October 26 and set up our yearly program. This program was presented to the chapter at the next meeting and was accepted. This program accompanied by our national and state dues was sent in to the office of the State Executive Advisor.

Our chapter reporter is aided by Argus Pearce and Charles Hodson in gathering chapter news for our school and local papers.

Richard Handy, Milford Johnson, and Charles Hodson constitute our membership committee. They are making a drive among the old vocational agricultural students to have them join our organization.

Arthur Nystrom and Emmett Whitesell were appointed to pick out a short play to be presented by the chapter in a chapel program. The play has been selected, characters chosen, and we will start to work on it soon.

-- Milford Johnson, Reporter.

Morrowville: Future Farmer initiation was held October 15. Those receiving the degree were: Donald Barnes, Kenneth Lull, Hubert Menzies, Lloyd Mooren, Earl Steele, Ralph Wells, and Keith Wilkinson. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served. Wow! What swell homemade ice cream and cakes "embossed" with FFA letters.

All of the newly elected FFA group attended the American Royal. Every one enjoyed visiting with Jack Dunn from Hawaii.

Special committees completed their work on the annual program, and the local officers met with the advisor in October to revise and complete the program for presentation.

A project route is planned for the near future to observe new as well as old projects.

Dale Wells and Hubert Menzies, local FFA boys, sang in the quartette between acts during the Fresh-Soph play recently given for the benefit of the athletic fund.

Eight new books were recently added to our vocational library, two of which were FFA books.

A Christmas party was held December 19 at which time a basketball game was played, refreshments were served, and materials were collected for distribution to needy families.

Each of the three groups of the freshman class in agriculture butchered and cut a hog recently. One of the groups has also slaughtered a beef and made the standard cuts. We charge \$1 per head for this work, which is all done in the shop, and the money goes to our FFA fund.

Every one has made New Year's Resolutions, and we hope to cultivate some of them and reap a good harvest in 1935.

-- Earl Coder, Reporter



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Miltonvale: The business meetings of our chapter are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month during activity period. Our night meeting is held the third Monday of each month.

The boys are divided into two groups, led by Lawrence Heald and Wallace Bulleigh, for the purpose of a contest. The losing side will entertain the winning side with a party. Points are awarded for making the honor roll, winning scholarships, perfect attendance at all day or all night meetings, promotion to higher degrees in FFA, participation in athletic contests, placing in local and county judging contests, and placing in state contests.

Three of our officers -- William Pearce, president; Ed Zahn, secretary; and Tom Neill, reporter -- along with our advisor, Mr. Kerr, and three other members attended the officers' training school at Clay Center, November 17. Vincent Fuller, our American and Star Farmer, gave the response to the address of welcome. He also led the discussion at the reporters' round table. Mr. Kerr was a member of the committee that planned the school.

Nine boys were initiated as Green Hands November 19. They were: Junior Beyers, Ronald Bombardier, Warren Condray, Maurice Francis, Edmond Hebert, Lavern Liby, Fenton Walker, Wendell Walker, and Leroy Windhorst.

The chapter had charge of an assembly program December 7.

The boys of our chapter were hosts to their parents at a Parent-Son banquet held in the study hall December 11. One hundred two parents, members, and friends of the organization were present to enjoy the good fellowship that was in evidence. The banquet was prepared and served by the girls from the 4-H club and sisters of the members, under the supervision of Miss Virginia Gibson, instructor of home economics.

After the opening ceremony given by the local officers, Vincent Fuller, a very efficient toastmaster, introduced President William Pearce, who gave the address of welcome. Mr. George Neill gave the response. Special music was given by Glenn Woolpert, Esther Hager, and Pauline Palmer. Harvey Loveland talked on "The Aims and Purposes of FFA". The four degrees were explained by Wayne Hauck, Joe Zahn, Paul Crane, and Vincent Fuller. The chapter's accomplishments were given by Ray Coleman. Mr. R. H. Phelps, a member of the board of education, discussed "The Relationship of FFA to the School and the Community". Mr. C. M. Miller, State Director of Vocational Education, gave the main address, which was enjoyed by all present and was inspirational to the boys.

Mr. Kerr awarded pins to 12 boys who had reached the Future Farmer degree. They were: Vern Carver, Jettie Fuller, Wayne Hauck, Lawrence Heald, Vincent Lacy, Harvey Loveland, Tom Neill, William Pearce, Ernest Trickle, Robert Wheeler, Ed Zahn, and Joe Zahn.

The boys sold Christmas cards to earn money for their state and national dues. A few sold enough to pay for their pins, too.

-- Tom Neill, Reporter

Lincoln: The Lincoln FFA Chapter has an enrollment of 14. We have three members not in agriculture this year, which is a total of 17 members. Our program of work has been carried out very successfully up to date. We have had regular meetings. Our Christmas program was held December 18, with 12 members present. Exciting games were played. Names were exchanged and each received a present.

The FFA chapter decided to put on a chapel program. The name is "A Racket on Payson's Farm".

-- Howard Markley, Reporter

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Fairview: The interclass basketball tournament has been held. The seniors defeated the sophomores for the championship. The tournament was held at night this year and an admission of five cents was charged.

The annual Father and Son banquet will be held January 23.

We are going to buy several tons of feed for the members of the chapter soon. By purchasing it in large quantities we can get it somewhat cheaper.

-- Forrest Snyder, Reporter

Wakefield: The Wakefield Chapter held a Parent-Son banquet Saturday night, December 15, 1934. The capons raised by the vocational project were used in the menu. The girls in the Department of Home Economics prepared and served the food.

Dr. C. V. Williams, of Kansas State College, gave an interesting talk and showed a moving picture of FFA activities in Kansas. There were 87 people present, including all of the FFA members and other agricultural students, and all girls in the Home Economics classes. The school board and the faculty were also present. The purpose of the banquet was to create interest in the FFA Chapter.

-- Bill Alsop, Reporter

Bird City: The second annual Cheyenne County poultry show, sponsored by Bird City business men and Future Farmers, was held in Bird City December 13, 14, and 15. There were 200 entries. Money for prizes and expenses of show and judging contest was donated by the business men to the amount of \$150. In the poultry judging contest, in which eight teams participated, Brewster placed first, Oberlin second, Colby third, and Bird City fourth.

Individual placings were as follows:

First:	Irving Imhof, Brewster
Second:	Grover Chessmore, Atwood
Third:	Willard Gross, Colby
Fourth:	Earl Daws, Brewster

-- Reporter

Chanute: The Chanute Chapter holds its meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The following members are serving as officers this year: Garth Davis, president; Ervin Heilman, vice president; Earl Bundy, secretary; Ernest Inman, reporter; Wayne Dennis, watch dog; Earl Adams, program chairman.

We have a program committee which furnishes a fine program for each meeting. Five boys were initiated recently into the Green Hand and Future Farmer degrees.

A S. E. Kansas FFA association was organized at the officers' training school at Parsons last fall. Garth Davis, of our local chapter, was elected secretary, and Earl Bundy was elected watch dog for the temporary organization.

The Future Farmer members attended the tour of the Kansas Jersey Cattle Club that visited the leading Jersey herds near Chanute. The tour was held in December during the state meeting of the Kansas Jersey Cattle Club at Chanute.

The chapter intends to have a judging team at the S. E. Kansas contests this spring. Our president and vice president were members of the champion dairy judging team last spring. Our president was on the team that tied for the championship three years ago.

-- Ernest Inman, Reporter

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Norton: The entire membership of our vocational agricultural department attended the Norton County Poultry Show held at Edmond on Friday afternoon, December 15. A special program was arranged for us: "Obtaining and Brooding Baby Chicks", by Mr. M. A. Seaton, of Kansas State College; "Poultry Diseases, Including Blood Testing and Posting", by a Salisbury laboratories representative; and a short demonstration of show judging by Mr. Seaton. Five of our boys exhibited poultry and won places. The show was small, as might well be expected for this year, but the quality of the poultry shown was excellent, especially the Rhode Island Reds and Buff Orpingtons.

The November night meeting featured the construction and operation of the Ford V8 truck, and included sound films of the Ford display at the Century of Progress at Chicago.

Our January regular monthly night meeting will be devoted to hobbies. Several members will exhibit their hobbies and tell something about them. Byron Salisbury has promised to attend and to show and discuss his collection of coins, stamps, and various other articles which he has been collecting. A special feature will be a round of hot chili before going home.

The chapter members are now working on a home constructed band saw for the shop. We hope to have it ready for use in a short time. One good home constructed wood turning lathe was made for home use by our president, Gilbert Towslee. Our vice president, Bob Miller, is now working on a scroll saw made from a sewing machine head. Such a saw can be made at very little expense.

These machines are good starters for a wood working shop hobby at home.

-- Leland Porter, Reporter

Winfield: The Winfield Chapter plans to play a basketball game with the South Haven Chapter during January.

The chapter has about 200 sacks of junior seed potatoes for spring planting. The chapter lost about 30 sacks because of late planting. Junior Fife is in charge of this activity.

The Winfield Chapter quarterly bulletin will come out about the first of the year and will feature home project activities.

At the last meeting the following eight Green Hands were initiated: Junior Miller, Melvin Cadwell, Dalton Martin, Benny Humbert, Earl Wagner, Allen Snook, Wayne Brothers, and Lowell Vincent. The following boys were raised from the Green Hand to the Future Farmer degree: Wayne Randall and Harold Muret.

-- Robert Barnett, Reporter

Ramona: The Ramona Chapter held initiation services on November 1 for Green Hands and Future Farmers. Seven boys were given the Green Hand degree and nine were raised to Future Farmers. The boys on the refreshment committee served apples, doughnuts, and cider after the meeting.

Five boys from the chapter attended the American Royal Livestock Show.

The one-acre plot which will be used for a potato project has been plowed. We will plant treated seed this spring.

Our January activity program calls for an ice skating party and an assembly program. We also expect to do work in butchering and meat cutting.

-- Reuben Koch, Reporter