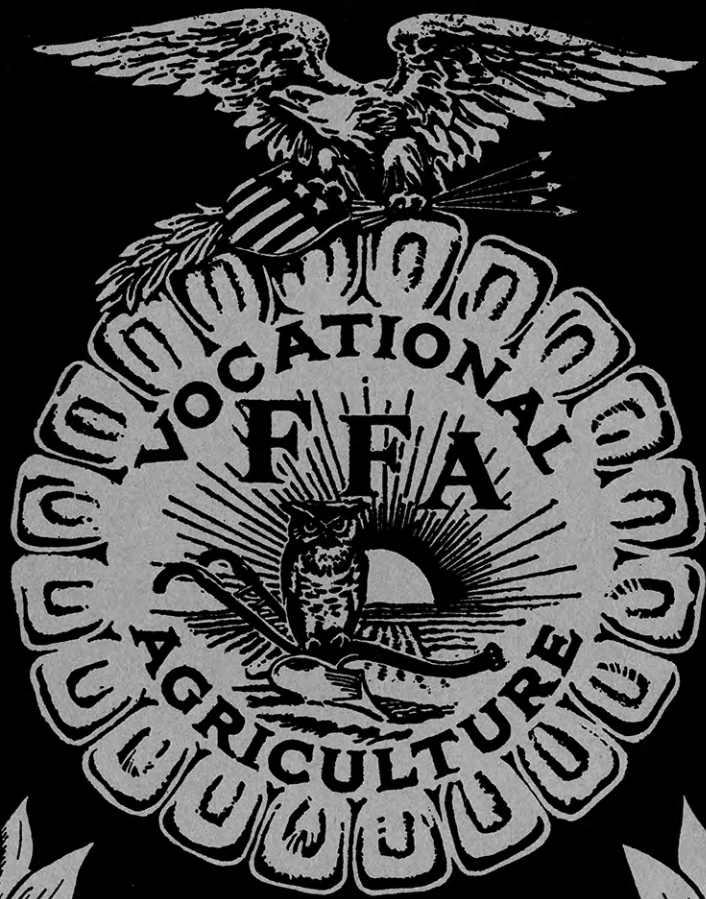


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TAMPA CHAPTER NUMBER 98

Congratulations are in order for the Tampa Chapter, the February baby of the Kansas group of FFA chapters. Tampa becomes chapter number 98. The State Association extends congratulations and best wishes. The officers of the newest chapter are: Earl J. Donnelly, president; Harvey Stegeman, secretary; Vernon Kleiber, treasurer; and W. L. McMullen, advisor.

OVERSIGHT

Havensville Chapter should have been included in the list of chapters having from 126 per cent to 150 per cent paid up memberships as run in the January issue of The Kansas Future Farmer. Havensville had a paid up membership of 131 per cent.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Entries in the National Chapter Contest close March 16, 1935. Any chapter in the state is eligible to enter this contest. However, the officers of the State Association follow the practice of sending entry blanks to the five chapters designated as outstanding at the annual meeting. Any other chapter may procure entry blanks upon request. The State Advisor must be informed concerning entries in this contest, and completed reports must clear his office. Kansas is entitled to three contestants.

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FFA CREEDS

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* We are in a position to furnish chapters with FFA creeds, size 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " *
* X 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", printed in blue and gold on heavy cream-colored paper. These *
* creeds are furnished us by the National Organization. New chapters re- *
* ceive a copy of the creed when their charter is mailed. We will be glad *
* to replace creeds which have become soiled or disfigured and are not *
* considered a credit to the chapter room. Creeds will be supplied to *
* chapters with the understanding that they will be framed under glass, *
* hung in the chapter meeting room and given reasonable display. *

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P U B L I C S P E A K I N G C O N T E S T

Approximately ten weeks will remain between the time you receive this issue of The Kansas Future Farmer and the date of the State FFA Public Speaking Contest. We hope that every one who has decided to enter a sectional or the State Contest will utilize this time to the fullest possible degree. Ten weeks of real honest work will result in another State contest of high calibre. Kansas has an enviable record in the Central Region in the Public Speaking Contest event, and we hope the boys interested in this contest this year will "place the aim higher than their grasp". The Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the National Contest.

The National Contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age who are regularly enrolled high school students successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work, and who are active members of chartered FFA chapters in good standing with the State and National Organizations at the time they are selected to represent their State in the Regional Contest. (Attention is called to the fact that boys who are still in high school as undergraduates and who have already taken all of the vocational agriculture offered in their school may be eligible.)

Each contestant's speech is to be the result of his own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery are limited to the facilities of the school from which the contestant comes, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Time Limit

Each speech shall be limited to ten minutes in length and five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges.


Subjects

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable.

The following list will offer many suggestions in choosing a topic for the State FFA Public Speaking Contest:

Equalization of Taxes As a Farm Relief Measure
Land Use and Human Welfare
Why Cooperate?
Federal Emergency Farm Loans
Cooperation for the American Farmer
America's Export Trade As It Affects the Farmer
The Challenge of Adversity and the American Farmer
Inflation As It Affects Farm Prices
Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture

Suggested Topics (Concluded):



Inflation As It Affects Farmers' Debts
The First American Farmer and the FFA
Financing the Farm Business
Large Scale Farming in the United States
Production Control Program As It Affects American Agriculture
Taxation, Its Value to the Rural Community
Cooperation and a Planned Agriculture
The Future Farmers of America
Federal Regulation of Public Domain and Marginal Bonds
The Farm Credit Situation
The Need for Rural Leaders
The Advantages of Being a Farmer
Future Farmers Point the Way
Diversified Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture
Young Men in Agriculture
The Future of the American Farmer
National Planning in Agriculture
What the Future Farmers of America May Mean to American Agriculture
The Farmer of Tomorrow
What Vocational Agriculture and the FFA Mean to Me
Adjustment of the Farm Tax Burden
The Reduction of Taxes As a Farm Relief Measure
A Balanced Agriculture
A New Frontier
Agricultural Adjustment and Country Life
Does Land Utilization Hold the Key to Present Farm Problems?
International Trade in Agriculture
The Restoration of Agricultural Stability
Mechanization of Agriculture
Why I Choose to Become a Farmer
The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
Equalizing the Farmers' Tax Burden
Cooperative Farming and Marketing - A Solution to Farm Problems
Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution
What is the Future of American Farming?
Why Education for Life on the Farm?
The Master Farmer
The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
The Farmer's Own Farm Relief
The Opportunities for and the Limitations of Corporation Farming
Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
Subsistence Farming in Relation to Rural Life
What the FFA Offers to a Wide-Awake Farm Boy
Why It Is a Privilege to Be an FFA Member
The Need for Greater Business Efficiency on the Average Farm
The FFA Creed - What It Means to Rural America

Sources:

It is not possible to list all sources of aid for those preparing to take part in the Public Speaking Contest. The following standard sources should not be overlooked:

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen.
2. Readers' Guide - in public libraries and high school libraries.
3. Publications of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Washington, D. C.
4. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
5. Special Reports of the Bureau of Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
6. Current National Magazines.
7. The Farm Press.
8. National and Columbia Radio Broadcasts. Study advance program schedule, listen to numbers that deal with any phase of your chosen topic. Often it is possible to procure a copy of the address in which you are interested by writing the author of it.
9. Census Reports.
10. State Newspapers.

TIMELY COMMENTS ON PUBLIC SPEAKING

Every FFA Chapter in our State has potential speakers. We never know what we can do until we try. Every Future Farmer has the opportunity to participate. He can derive many benefits from participation in the Public Speaking Contest -- personal development, contacts with intelligent people, increased knowledge of current problems, and greater confidence in self.

Participation in the Public Speaking Contest should be one of the major features of the chapter program. Participants should read copiously and lay a firm foundation that bespeaks knowledge, common sense, and confidence. Learn to speak with clearness and ease in public. Take advantage of every possible chance to speak before an audience, so that when you take part in a contest you can express your views in a way that you can be understood.

Keep informed on current problems from books, magazines, and other sources. Select an agricultural theme in which you are interested. After your reading has been done, make an outline, then expand your outline into a paper. Revise your paper many times. Discuss the leading points with competent authorities. Above all, start early on your preparation.

-- J. Phelon Malouf,* Utah Future Farmer
December, 1934

(* Winner of the 1934 National Public Speaking Contest)

Membership

Membership in the Future Farmers of America is on an individual basis. Chapters as such can not pay dues in a lump sum to the State Association. The names of the individuals paying dues must accompany the check for dues. One of the stated requirements for membership in the National Organization is the payment of both State and National dues. Nothing is said regarding payment of local chapter dues. This is left to each chapter to handle in accordance with its own wishes. No person can be an active member in the FFA without the payment of both State and National dues.

THE FUTURE FARMER'S HOME

Some time ago, at one of our Future Farmer meetings, we talked of buying FFA project markers so that, as one boy said, "You could tell when passing a farm if a Future Farmer lived there". That the markers are good things can hardly be disputed, but are we doing anything to make these homes of Future Farmers stand out without being labeled? It seems a little illogical, but nevertheless true, that some of our boys will almost religiously keep the weeds out of their corn and still pay little attention to the weeds in the front yard. I have seen a boy spend an entire day making a shade for his hogs, when there was not the slightest sign of a shade tree anywhere near his home. Another boy who scrupulously practiced sanitation with his baby chicks let them have the run of the place, including the back porch, when they grew older. I do not intend this as condemnation of the boys, but as an acknowledgment that they have been taught more of farming than of living. Sooner or later, as their education progresses, they are going to become dissatisfied with such surroundings.

We can speak at length about the intangible values of the farm, but they must be pretty hard for a young man to appreciate if there is not a little beauty and comfort to go with them. A great deal of attractiveness can be added to many farm homes with very little expense. Lawns, flowers, shrubs, trees, and walks certainly have a place on every farm. Electricity and water systems, while a little more difficult to acquire, might also be considered almost necessary luxuries. Surely these things play a real part in helping a Future Farmer grow into a happy useful citizen. With this in mind, we are spending some time during each Future Farmer meeting this year discussing how to improve the home and grounds. At the next meeting, one boy reports on Cost of Installing a Water System, and another on Desirable Shade Trees for a Farm Home. The boys are decidedly interested, and I believe they are becoming more and more conscious of the practical possibilities of developing their own home into the kind of a place every boy secretly dreams of some day occupying.

-- L. L. Colvis, Chester, Illinois
The Fan-Mill, January, 1935

FFA

Fun and Work For Future Farmers, Scranton, published by the Interstate Printing Company, Danville, Illinois, price \$2.00. This paper-backed booklet should be in every FFA library in Kansas. It is filled with sound suggestions touching every phase of FFA activities. Officers and advisors will find this booklet helpful indeed.

CHAPTER NEWS

Linn: The Linn Chapter of Future Farmers of America sponsored the First Annual Parents' Meeting on Monday evening, January 28, at the high school auditorium. There were 70 parents, guests, and Future Farmer members in attendance. Our president, Wilbert Duitsman, was unable to preside at the meeting because of illness. However, our vice president, Bud Olson, handled the meeting in a very commendable manner.

Professor A. P. Davidson, of the Kansas State College, gave the principal address of the evening. Other guest speakers included Mr. V. Sizemore, member of the board of Education; Mr. A. L. Higgins and Mr. C. A. Johnson, business men; Mr. A. R. Burton, principal of the high school; and Otto Lange, an alumnus of our chapter. Reports of the various activities of our Future Farmer chapter were given by several of our members. These reports included: judging activities, class projects, project tour, individual projects, FFA degrees, scholarship, and shop program.

Entertainment numbers included group singing, led by Robert Leuszler and Loren Van Petten, an accordion solo, and a short play. A delicious lunch was served at the conclusion of the meeting. Our chapter plans to make the parents' meeting an annual affair.

The officers of our chapter and our advisor attended the officers' training school held at Clay Center on November 17. Many worthwhile ideas were gained from the speakers and from the group discussions.

One of the activities of our chapter is a scholarship drive designed to stimulate each member to do better quality work. The goal set at the beginning of school was 90 per cent. At present we have reached our goal and expect to exceed it by the end of the school term.

Our chapter has completed plans to start a cooperative chick project this spring. This project will consist of three hundred high quality Leghorn chicks. We have conducted cooperative chick and laying flock projects for the past three years.

The project program of our chapter members includes a total of 30 projects, which have been either started or planned. Three of these projects are swine, one beef, three dairy, three garden, two corn, three oats, seven poultry, and eight sheep.

The project tour committee has made plans to hold the annual project tour the latter part of March.

-- Thello Dodd, Reporter

Colby: We held our Annual Father and Son Banquet on Friday evening, January 25, at 7:30 o'clock. There were 34 boys and dads present. The banquet was served by the Domestic Science I class. The speakers for the evening were the president of the Colby Chamber of Commerce and Mr. E. H. Coles, superintendent of the Colby Experiment Station. The rest of the program was contributed by the chapter.

The Colby chapter of FFA has been helping with a feeds and feeding school for adults. Meetings are held every Wednesday night at the high school building.

The advanced class entered the poultry judging contest at Bird City and placed third as a team. We had third and tenth high individuals.

The FFA is sponsoring the fourth poultry show for Thomas County on February 7, 8, and 9.

-- R. W. Fort, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Cottonwood Falls: At our January 16 meeting the following Green Hands were initiated: Doyle Conley, Everett Peek, Billy Selves, James Scott, Riley Storment, Melvin Storment. Six others will come in later.

The officers meet three days before the regular meeting to check plans for the next meeting. This occurs during activity period. The freshmen have just completed their second project tour. All projects, especially sheep and lambs, are in good condition. James Scott has twelve ewes and twelve lambs -- two pairs of twins.

Our FFA basket ball team would like to schedule a game or two with other chapters soon.

-- Leslie Cooper, Reporter

Clay Center: The Clay Center Future Farmer chapter held its regular meeting January 22. The parents of the chapter members were invited guests.

Frank Kennedy, chairman of the Future Farmer Degree committee reported that all Green Hands who are eligible and desire to take the Future Farmer degree will go to Concordia January 23 where the degree will be given.

Raymond Hanson, vice president, in his address of welcome, explained the working of a Future Farmer chapter and told of some of the activities of our chapter. A response was given by Mr. Will Chestnut, a local farmer. He paid tribute to Professor Hedstrom and the Future Farmer program. Gene Gardner contributed a few songs with guitar accompaniment. Ralph Engle reported on his sheep project and discussed balanced rations and the feeding of sheep. Richard Chestnut reported on the progress of his dairy project and discussed the feeding of dairy cows.

Mr. Valentine, editor of the Clay Center Times, gave a talk. He stated that outside activities play a very important part in school work, and remarked that when we get older we will consider the time spent in our Future Farmer work and the study of parliamentary procedure as very valuable. Professor Frick talked about the school. He pointed out the fact that poor children have about the same opportunity as the rich children to get their schooling in Kansas. Professor Hedstrom made a few remarks about the projects and reports that were given.

We had lots of ice cream, cake, and coffee. There were about 75 people present, and no one went away hungry.

-- Loren Elsassor, Reporter

Greensburg: Our chapter held a Green Hand initiation October 23. Nine boys were initiated: Earl Crowe, Wilbur Kohen, Glenn Batman, Paul Unruh, Kenneth Hill, Donfred Banta, Henry Parkin, Eugene Ellingboe, and Victor Einsel.

On September 26, the FFA boys attended the Southwest Kansas Free Fair at Dodge City. The livestock judging team composed of Victor Einsel, Claude Taylor, and Menno Holdeman, tied for first place with Ford.

Our chapter held its Father and Son banquet on November 13. The speaker was Mr. Vance E. Green, secretary-treasurer of the Greensburg Production Credit Association.

The boys are now planning a nursery project to make some money a year or two hence. They are also planning the usual hotbed project.

The class constructed a four-wheeled trailer which they use in making field trips.

-- Henry Parkin, Reporter



Chapter News (Continued)

Hoyt: The Hoyt chapter of FFA gave a Kansas Day program Tuesday, January 29. The program consisted of several readings and a pageant. "Visiting Kansas with Coronado", by Leonard Speaker; "The State Flower", by Donald Gooderl; "The Roll Call", by Herbert Woodhead; and "The Call of Kansas", by Jean McCaslin, were the readings.

The pageant given was "Kansas Through the Centuries". This pageant represented the periods of Kansas growth and history from 1835 to 1935. The costumes used were typical of the periods represented. Milton Nowlin was able to borrow a real Indian costume from an Indian chief. Frederick Hall, as a mountain man, used a rifle made in 1836. A "woman" member of the cast used a shawl which is more than 125 years old. The cast follows:

- 1835 Milton Newlin
- 1845 Frederick Hall
- 1855 Raymond Colhouer
- 1865 Myron Barker
- 1875 Clarence Frese
- 1885 Oliver Felker
- 1895 Raymond Donahuc
- 1905 Glen Hatch
- 1915 Donald Bibbler
- 1925 Max Joy, Charles Davis,
Noel Dickinson
- 1935 Donald Hatch
- Man Duwanc Stadel
- Wife Gerald Tolin

-- Leonard Speaker, Reporter

Delphos: At the regular January meeting the following officers were elected: Benton Jones, president; Max Rolph, vice president; Don Vossman, secretary; Bertel Soderblom, treasurer; Paul Halderson, reporter; Delmar Rolph, watch dog; and Maynard Kline, conductor.

Ten boys were initiated into the Green Hand degree this year. They were: Earl Clark, Loren Sparks, Merle Clark, Bob Buffington, Paul Allison, Clcon Allison, Lamoine Baldock, Ted Cree, Corliss Paramore, and Wyatt Myers.

Bertel Soderblom, our past president, is a candidate for the Union Pacific scholarship in this county.

The vocational agricultural judging team took second place in the livestock judging contest held at the Glasco stock show this year. Several of the FFA members showed their 4-H baby beeves at the Delphos and Glasco fairs. Corliss Paramore showed an Angus calf which took first place at both fairs and a Hereford which took second at Delphos and third at Glasco. A Hereford belonging to Bertel Soderblom took first prize at both Delphos and Glasco. Dale Clark's Shorthorn took first at Glasco.

-- Paul Halderson, Reporter

Berryton: A group of six freshman boys were initiated to the Green Hand degree in December.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a chapter program of activities. Suggestions from the chapter showed that several were interested in giving a play, developing an instrumental group of guitars and harmonica and group singing.

-- Quentin Rusch, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Williamsburg: The Williamsburg FFA chapter elected the following officers: Ervin Chambers, president; C. W. Robe, vice president; Allen Starosta, secretary; Rollin Starosta, treasurer; Clair Curry, reporter; and Edgar Clark, watch dog.

Seventeen of the FFA boys went to Ottawa to hear Mr. Ross, the National Executive Secretary of the FFA, on January 4. Other chapters present were Wellsville, Vinland, and Ottawa.

The local chapter has several money making schemes, such as butchering hogs, repairing farm machinery, and repairing furniture. We have repaired three manure spreaders and butchered six hogs so far this year.

Among the visitors of the vocational agricultural class room have been Supervisor L. B. Pollom and Mr. L. F. Hall.

We are proud to have a membership of 27 this year, all of whom cooperate in every possible way to further the best interests of the chapter.

-- Clair Curry, Reporter

St. Francis: The St. Francis chapter of the FFA held its annual election of officers February 4, 1935. We will have our annual father and son banquet as soon as the new officers learn their parts for conducting a meeting.

The Future Homemaker girls gave a party for our chapter Wednesday, January 31.

The second year class of Future Farmers have taken up acetylene welding. A shop man from downtown is instructing the boys. Considerable work has been done, and the boys all seem to like this course.

-- Ward Harvey, Reporter

Spearville: The Spearville chapter of FFA meets on Friday of every other week. At present we have 16 members enrolled.

At the first meeting we elected the following officers: Bernard Tenbrink, president; Carl Dvorak, vice president; Eugene Rosproy, secretary; Nicholas Arends, treasurer; Clarence Imel, reporter; and James Richie, watch dog.

The chapter is selling pop corn and hot dogs at the basket ball games in order to raise money to help finance our judging trips this spring. An electrically lighted FFA emblem is now under construction. This will add considerably to the appearance of our class room.

The entire chapter went on an ice skating party January 25. Refreshments consisting of toasted marshmallows and sandwiches were served.

-- Clarence Imel, Reporter

Lebanon: The FFA is sponsoring an evening school in poultry production. The attendance is good and much interest is shown. The first meeting was held January 24.

The local FFA basketball team played their first game with Smith Center January 28, winning by a score of 20 to 15. A return game will be played in the near future.

Our chapter has made approximately \$50 from the sale of candy at basketball and football games and the carnival.

We have three boys who are trying out for the State FFA public speaking contest. They are Richard Fisher, Robert Finch, and Gerald Carper.

John Woods, our chapter president, was elected co-captain of the football team for the coming year.

-- Harold Thaete, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

Seaman: During the football season our chapter sold pop corn, peanuts, and hot dogs. We were quite successful in raising funds in this manner.

We held a joint Christmas party with the Future Homemakers on December 20. Gifts were exchanged, games were played, and refreshments were served.

Since the football season is over we have been playing basketball every Monday afternoon. We choose teams and play among ourselves.

The following members have passed the requirements for the Future Farmer degree: Vernon Ammon, Robert Dister, Elmer Jackson, George Cochran, Benny Tiel, Earl Blair, and Kelon Wolford. These members will be initiated at our next night meeting which will be held in February.

Our Fourth Annual Parents' Banquet was held January 29, 1935. Special music was furnished by active and alumni members. The Future Farmer Standard was given by one of the active members. The after dinner address was given by Advisor L. B. Pollom.

-- Earl Blair, Reporter

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BE A BOOSTER

If you think your chapter best,
Tell 'em so!
If you'd have it lead the rest,
Help it grow!

When there's anything to do
Let them always count on you;
You'll feel better when it's through
And that's so!

When a knocker from afar
Comes along,
Tell him who and what you are --
Make it strong!

Never flatter, never bluff,
Tell the truth, for that's enough!
Be a booster, that's the stuff,
DON'T JUST BELONG!

From The Hawaii Planter,
September, 1934

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