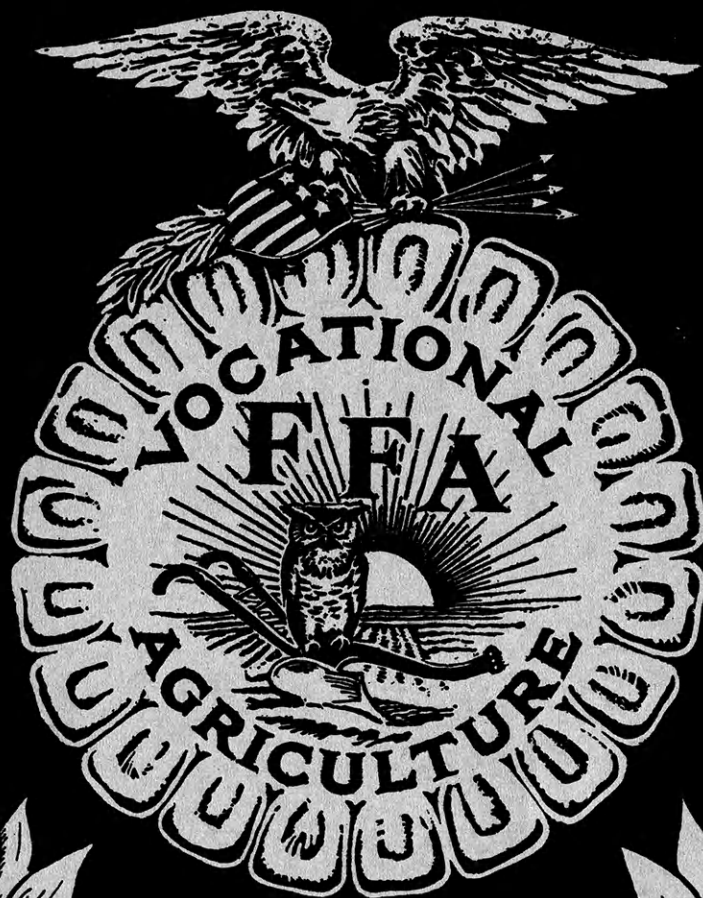


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Chapter Activity Programs Due November 1

Chapter activity programs are due in the office of A. P. Davidson, November 1.

The program must be set up in accordance with the form recommended in the June, 1935, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. No special blanks are required. In presenting the activity program of your chapter the following points should be kept in mind:

1. Designate the major division of the National Scorecard under which the activity falls.
2. Name the activity.
3. Indicate the goal set.
4. Briefly indicate ways and means.

The state officers voted that unless chapter activity programs as well as achievement reports were set up in accordance with the forms recommended, the program would not be rated in the state best chapter contest. When you consider the fact that the committee has to review the activity programs and check the degree of achievement for one hundred or more chapters, it is not difficult to understand why the committee insists upon an objectified plan of listing the proposed activities and the accomplishments attained.

The first activity program for the 1935-36 school year to reach this office contained 37 activities distributed among the eight divisions of the National scorecard, with statement of goal, and brief presentation of ways and means, and the typed report covered exactly one and one-third pages of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11 paper. Reporting on a carefully planned program is not time consuming, nor does it involve a waste of paper.

Every chapter that expects to amount to anything will have an activity program. Whether or not you are interested in the State Contest, we recommend that you file your program with the state office as evidence of the fact that you have a worth while program and a live chapter.

Chapter Activity Programs Due November 1 (Concluded)

Of the ten chapters cited as having outstanding programs of the past year, three were from schools in cities of the second class, and seven were from departments located in schools of third class cities, rural high schools, and community high schools.

The number of activities planned and executed are not as important as the type of activity selected. One chapter cited as being among the best five in 1932-33 had only thirteen activities listed. Do not choose activities for activity sake, but select worthwhile activities that fit the needs of your chapter and the community which it serves.

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National F. F. A. Radio Program

We can think of no single activity that will be more important in acquainting your school officials and school mates with the worthwhileness of the F.F.A. than to plan a radio party for the Farm and Home Hour, October 22. Time and radio stations listed in the September issue of the Kansas F.F.A. Newsletter. If your school does not own a radio, have your local radio salesman demonstrate the quality of his merchandise as an invited guest on your program. A little initiative and planning will serve to acquaint your friends with your organization, and we assure you the program will be enjoyed by all in attendance.

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Regional Public Speaking Contest

Frederick Renich, Newton chapter, Kansas, took second place in the Sixth North Central Regional public speaking contest, held at Waterloo, Iowa, September 30, 1935. Twelve states were represented. The judges for written composition were Dr. F. W. Lathrop, Mr. C. M. Arthur, and Mr. J. H. Lloyd, all of the Office of Education, Washington, D. C. Judges for oral delivery were Mr. Kirk Fox, Meredith Publishing Co., Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. R. W. Reynolds, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company, Chicago, Illinois; and Mr. G. W. Godfrey, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

The winners in this contest were:

1. Thomas Downing, Lexington, Kentucky, - "Land, the Basis of National Well-being".

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2. Frederick C. Renick, Newton, Kansas - "Under All - The Land".
3. Owen D. Owens, Portage, Wisconsin, - "Education in the Spotlight".

Frederick had a fine speech, delivered it in a masterly fashion and handled every rebuttal question effectively. We are sorry he couldn't win, but congratulate him on placing second in one of the stiffest hurdles in the public speaking contest plan. We are now ready to switch our support to Thomas Downing of Lexington, Kentucky, who will represent the North Central Region at Kansas City.

The following is Frederick's splendid speech which won the Kansas 1935 contest and placed second at Waterloo:

"The economic structure of our nation rests upon three great fields of activity,--agriculture, manufacturing, and commerce.

Of these three, agriculture is basically the most important to our economic welfare; for the land is our primary source of wealth and stability, inasmuch as history tells us that no nation has survived which did not have a sound program for agriculture.

My purpose is not to discuss causes and cures for the sundry economic ills which beset our land, but to call attention to a danger menacing America's agricultural future, a danger graver in that most of us are unaware of its presence. I speak not of a threat to the ever changing factors of production and distribution, but of a menace to agriculture's one foundation--American farm land--I speak of the menace of soil erosion by water and by wind.

Of these two types, wind erosion, though the more spectacular, with its blinking, choking, clouds of wind-whipped, drifting soil, is economically by far the less important. The areas affected by wind erosion are definitely limited due to insufficient rainfall. Though we would not minimize the importance of wind erosion, yet erosion by water, in all its phases and results, is so great as to completely overshadow the former.

The devastations wrought by the washing away of farm land are incalculably vast. At the present time over twenty-one million acres of formerly cultivated land in this country have been abandoned because of gullying. However, H. H. Bennet of the United States Department of Agriculture says that land impoverishment and destruction through gullying is small in comparison with the never ending process of soil wastage through sheet erosion, i.e., by water flowing down unprotected slopes. Recent estimates show that at least sixty-three thousand tons of plant food are being carried away from our farm fields by water every year; twenty-one times the amount removed by the crops grown on these fields. The Texas experiment station has found that twenty-seven inches of rainfall washed away forty tons of soil per acre on land with a slope of only two per cent. At least seventy-five percent of the cultivated land of America slopes fully as much as this. When we realize that the agri-

Regional Public Speaking Contest (Continued)

culture of our nation depends for its very existence upon a thin layer of top-soil with an average depth of seven or eight inches, this matter of soil erosion assumes an importance of the first rank, not only to the tiller of the land, but also to every individual whose welfare is in any way associated with the welfare of the farm.

The United States Department of Agriculture tells us that nature requires at least four hundred years to build one inch of the type of rich top-soil found over much of the corn-belt region. Continuous growing of corn in this region has permitted an erosion loss of one inch of top-soil in from ten to fifty years, according to the slope of the land. Thus, in extreme cases, man has destroyed in two generations, that which nature took centuries to build.

Time will permit the citation of only a few other instances of the staggering loss of land through erosion. In the Piedmont country of the eastern states, extending from Alabama nearly to New York City, sixty-five per cent of the land has lost from four to eighteen inches of soil since it has been under cultivation. In a small valley in the corn belt region of northeastern Kansas, eighty-six per cent of the upland has lost from eight to forty inches of soil in the last forty-two years. Startling as these examples may be, they are by no means isolated cases, for I could cite many other such instances of the havoc wrought by water erosion throughout the length and breadth of our land; from the cotton fields of the sunny south to the dairy farms of Wisconsin and Minnesota; from the long-settled Piedmont plateau of our Eastern states to the great Palouse wheat land of the Pacific Northwest; families eking out a bare existence on land whose rich and productive top-soil, built up by nature through many centuries, has in a few short years been washed away.

If these things be true, then it is natural that men should ask the reason for the permission of this wanton waste of America's greatest national resource, and should demand a plan to stop, before it is too late, the treachery of erosion, the despoiler of our land.

The most important factor which has allowed this great tragedy to overtake so many of our farms is a widespread ignorance of the great destructiveness of erosion. Though the damage of gullying is readily seen and appreciated, this acute form of erosion is responsible for only a small part of the total damage. Sheet erosion on the other hand, is usually unnoticed by the farmer until the soil has been robbed of much of its fertility, and even then the full extent and true cause of the damage is often not appreciated.

Our land policy--or lack of policy--is another factor which must be considered. In years past land was plentiful, both the national and the state governments were eager for settlers to occupy the vast regions of rich farming land within their domains, hence they offered many inducements to settlers to open up new farming territories. The farmers of the nation, in accord with this policy, were comparatively unconcerned for the welfare of the land which they occupied. And, indeed, why should they have been? Was not land plentiful? Was it not easy and natural

Regional Public Speaking Contest (Concluded)

when the bloom had been plucked from the virgin soil, when the first great reserve of soil fertility had gone, for the farmer to move on to new land, where both state and nation would unite to make him welcome, hardy pioneer and patriot, conqueror of the new frontier that he was? We would not in any way disparage the pioneer settlers of our nation; rather, we seek only to show how in the normal reactions of human nature our governments, both state and national, have encouraged extreme carelessness in handling the soil, and in clearing and subjecting to the plow, land by nature unfit for cultivation; land suitable only for timber or for grazing purposes; land which should never have been passed from public use to private exploitation and ruin.

If it be that we have named the true causes for the evils of soil erosion then the cure for these evils must be apparent. America must be awakened to the danger at hand. We dare not remain indifferent, for our soil experts tell us, that for every single year that concerted, united, decisive action is delayed, five additional years must be spent in staying the tide of destruction.

How then can we save our good farm land? The most effective single preventive yet known for sheet erosion is field terracing. The Guthrie, Oklahoma, experiment station found that over a three-year period, terracing decreased the yearly erosion loss from sixty-four and one-tenth tons of soil per acre to two and two tenths tons. Terracing not only saves the soil, but tests from five states show that terraced land retains at least one-fifth more rainfall than does unterraced land.

Fellow Future Farmers, we should sponsor and lay out terracing projects and thus do our part in the war on erosions. True, the Soil Erosion Service under the supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture, and in cooperation with state agricultural colleges is taking the leadership in the control of erosion and in the conservation of the nation's soil and water resources, but "primary responsibility for soil conservation rests upon the shoulders of the farmer."

Finally, let those lands unfit by nature for the conquest of the plow, be restored as grazing, or timbered land, or wild life, or recreational areas, to be used for the good of all rather than for the exploitation of the few.

American farmers of the future, and fellow citizens of this country, shall America succeed where other nations have failed? The answer is YES, "if we are wise enough to make agriculture productive, profitable, and permanent", realizing that our land is a trust which must be wisely administered. Let us apply ourselves therefore to this tremendous task of erosion-control, remembering that upon the future of agriculture rests the future of this nation and that there must be--UNDER ALL--THE LAND.

Missouri - Kansas - Kentucky

If one were inclined to be the least superstitious we might have conceded the winning of the Regional public speaking contest at Waterloo for 1935 to Kentucky. If there was anything in the cyclic alignment of these states in winning the honor of representing the North Central Region at Kansas City, certainly, this was scheduled to be a Kentucky year. And sure enough, Kentucky came through. But you know Missouri and her mules, and of course curiosity for a Kansan is like a mirage on the desert. We simply had to go to Waterloo and find out if Tom Downing of Kentucky had the stuff that it takes to represent the North Central Region. He did. So, Missouri - Kansas - Kentucky, other states of the Region being willing, are willing to start the cycle anew in 1936. What do you mean, "Missouri - Kansas - Kentucky"? Simply the order in which these three states have represented the Region in the National Public Speaking contest at Kansas City. The schedule follows:

- 1930 - Missouri - Edwin Drace, Keytesville chapter. (Won the National).
- 1931 - Kansas - Earl Parsons, Winfield chapter.
- 1932 - Kentucky - David Pettus, Stanford chapter.
- 1933 - Missouri - Joe E. Burmmel, Troy chapter.
- 1934 - Kansas - J. W. England III, Shawnee Mission chapter.
- 1935 - Kentucky - Thomas Downing, Lexington chapter.

The National Public Speaking Contest has been won twice by boys representing the Northeast Region, while the South, Pacific Coast, and North Central Regions have each had one winner. We are backing Thomas Downing with his "Land" topic to place this region in a tie with the Northeast Region.

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Supplies

All articles furnished through this office for the chapters in Kansas are on a cash basis. Please remember to remit with order. We are on a cash basis plan simply because it requires only about half the clerical work to handle supplies in that manner. If you wish supplies sent C.O.D. please inform us. Otherwise we will hold up the order awaiting "cash on the barrel-head". Please do not misunderstand us, it is not a lack of confidence in the integrity of the Kansas chapters that causes us to operate on a cash basis, but simply a matter of clerical assistance required.

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Officers Training Schools

Shawnee Mission chapter opened the 1935-36 season on officer training with a fine school held in their chapter rooms October 5. On Saturday, October 12, Clay Center was host to the chapters of north central Kansas and Colby was host to the chapters of northwest Kansas. What are the plans of chapters representing the regions of southeast, south central, and southwest Kansas? Certainly an officers training school is worth while, and if it is worth while it should be held early in the school year.

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Dues

Don't forget that the total of state and national dues for this year is twenty-five cents (25¢) per individual member. The dues are due as of January 1. The state dues are 10¢, and the national dues are 15¢, total 25¢.

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Exhibit

Friends returning from the Pacific International Exposition are loud in their praise of the splendid exhibit sponsored by the California Association of Future Farmers of America. They have been unanimous in their claim that this exhibit was by far the finest educational exhibit housed by the Exposition. Tens of thousands of people stopped to enjoy this exhibit and thereby learned more of vocational agriculture and that splendid rural youth organization known as Future Farmers of America. Our sincerest praise to the Future Farmers of California. Read about this splendid exhibit in the illustrated article on pages 62-63 of the October, 1935 Agricultural Education Magazine.

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F.F.A. Secretary's Book

A secretary's book for use in local chapters of F.F.A is being explained and distributed at the regional officer training schools. Chapters not in attendance at officer training schools will be mailed copies. This book has the approval of the KVAA committee on F.F.A. problems, composed of H. H. Brown, W. R. Essick, and H. D. Garver, the Kansas Associa-

F.F.A. Secretary's Book (Concluded)

tion of F.F.A. and the state officials interested. It is designed to systematize and simplify the duties of the local secretary, and to provide a means of keeping a permanent record of the chapter. The book offered this year is in experimental form, and state officers will welcome criticisms and suggestions. It is hoped that by next fall a book satisfactory to all concerned will be printed and distributed to chapters at cost. The book for 1935-36 is mimeographed.

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EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The Eighth National Convention of Future Farmers of America has been called as an event of the Tenth annual National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students to be held in conjunction with the American Royal Livestock Show, October 19-26, 1935.

Delegate Duties and Materials

The national convention F.F.A. is a series of important business meetings in charge of and presided over by the national officers. Delegates attend to represent their State Associations and participate in the program. In order to do this creditably the representatives should be familiar with standard parliamentary procedure and should attend the full three days of meetings.

Railroad Rates

Inquiry at local ticket office should be made from time to time by those expecting to attend regarding available railroad rates on the open rate or identification certificate plan. Convention certificates for delegates and State Advisers were sent to each State office under dates of September 17 and 18.

Headquarters and Hotel Reservations

Convention headquarters will be at the Baltimore Hotel, 12th and Baltimore Streets, Kansas City. Those attending are advised to write immediately, if they have not already done so, for reservations; address T. C. Bourke, resident manager, requesting convention rate of \$1.00 per day per person for six or more in a room or \$1.25 per day for four in a room.

Eighth National Convention of Future Farmers of America (Concluded)

Registration

All official delegates to the national convention, National Public Speaking Contestants, State Advisers or those in charge of the delegation should register at headquarters in the Hotel Baltimore on October 19, 20 or 21. Visiting F.F.A. members should register at the Secretary's office, American Royal Building. All delegates should plan to arrive in Kansas City not later than the afternoon of October 21 in order to attend the Public Speaking Contest that evening and should plan to remain until the evening of October 24. The Convention lasts 3 days, October 22, 23, and 24.

Admittance tickets to various events and other necessary convention materials will be distributed at the time of registration. F.F.A. Convention caps at 10¢ will also be available at that time.

Arena Parade

Every F.F.A. member who is in Kansas City on Tuesday evening, October 22, is expected to be in the great Arena Parade that evening wearing his convention cap.

Official Band

The official band for the Convention is being furnished by the Texas Association of F.F.A. with the assistance of the National organization. This band will furnish music for all important events and other occasions as well.

Tentative Outline of Program

- October 18 - Executive Session, Board of Trustees
- October 19 - Registration
Executive Session, Board of Trustees
- October 20 - Registration
Executive Sessions, Board of Trustees
National Advisory Council Meeting
State Advisers Meeting
- October 21 - Registration
Executive Session, Board of Trustees
Public Speaking Contest
- October 22 - Convention Sessions
Broadcast of Public Speaking Contest
Buffet Supper
Arena Parade
- October 23 - Convention Sessions
Banquet
- October 24 - Convention Sessions
Joint Meeting 1934-35 and 1935-36
Board of Trustees

CHAPTER NEWS

Quinter: The Quinter Chapter elected the following officers for the coming year: Ivan Lahman, president; Charles Kinzie, vice president; D. Allen Flora, secretary; Loren Ikenberry, treasurer; Delbert Jamison, reporter; Harley Beaver, watch dog.

Our livestock judging team went to Colby August 21 to enter the annual judging contest held in cooperation with the Thomas County Free Fair and sponsored by the vocational agriculture department of the Colby high school under the direction of R. W. Fort. Schools participating were Colby, Atwood, Quinter, Oberlin and McDonald. The Quinter team won first with Charles Kinzie as high individual in the contest. Additional students who accompanied Mr. Shea to Colby were Michael Younger, Elvin Ikenberry and Kenneth Crook who are members of the winning dairy team of Kansas.

Twenty-nine vocational agriculture students with their instructor, James F. Shea, attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson, September 15-18. While at the fair we attended the livestock and machinery schools which were very interesting. We also saw some of the judging. We made the trip by truck.

Several of the boys entered exhibits of livestock, poultry, and grain at the Trego County Free Fair at WaKeency, August 27-30.

-- Delbert Jamison, Reporter

Smith Center: The following officers have been elected to handle the Smith Center chapter this year: William Post, president; Waldean Hooper, vice president; Ralph Robb, secretary; Dean Libby, treasurer; Delmar Knight, reporter; Robert Mathes, watch dog.

Tuesday, August 27, Mr. Templeton, Forrest Bloomer, Dean Logan, Wayne Collins, and Bill Campbell attended the fair at Belleville.

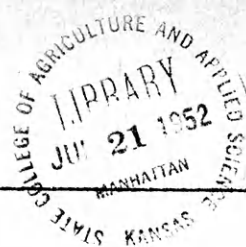
Thursday evening, September 12, the officers met at the vocational agriculture building and set up a list of activities for the chapter to work on this year. They then appointed committees for each activity to set up goals and ways and means of carrying out that activity. These committees are now at work.

Mr. Templeton, Warren Griffing, Waldene Ogle, Wayne Collins, Dean Logan, Jack Critchfield, and Bill Campbell attended the fair at Hutchinson, September 16. While on this trip they also bought 50 White Leghorn pullets to be used as a Future Farmer project.

By putting in dropping boards and roosts, a straw loft, and ventilators, the shop classes have converted a 12x20 garage into a laying house for our laying flock project.

We are working in cooperation with the R.O.H in putting out a program for the home football games this season. We have sold enough advertising to pay for printing the programs and expect to sell them for five cents each.

-- Delmar Knight, Reporter



Chapter News (Continued)

Beloit: During the summer months, the Beloit chapter played two baseball games. After each game the organization furnished ice cream bars to all who participated. An all night hike was planned, but because of high water the plan was dismissed.

In the third week of September we had a watermelon feed at the school house.

We are planning to have recreation such as basket ball and boxing at least once a month throughout the year.

The F.F.A. gets ten per cent of the proceeds that are taken in at the concession stand at the football games.

-- Clarence Scoggan, Reporter.

Chanute: The Chanute chapter had a watermelon feed and soft ball game recently for the newly enrolled vocational agriculture boys. The purpose of F.F.A. was explained briefly.

We are looking forward to a more active year as we have the largest agricultural enrollment in the department since its establishment.

Ervin Heilman, newly elected president and brother of State Farmer Edgar Heilman, is acting as president until the officers are installed next week. Other officers for the new year are, Wayne Dennis, vice president; George Madill, secretary; and Ross Rettig, reporter. Vacancies occur in the offices of treasurer and watch dog.

Garth Davis, past president is attending the State Teachers college at Pittsburg.

-- Ross Rettig, Reporter

Burlington: F.F.A. officers for the year are: Lee Johnson, president; Charles Schneider, vice president; Harvey Hammond, secretary; Robert Raymond, treasurer; Leo Docker, reporter; Norral Richards, watch dog; A.W. Miller, Advisor.

At the regular meeting September 23 nine names were presented for membership. They were: Rolna Bennett, Milfred Teffr, Floyd Lewis, Edward Birk, Harold Gillett, Wilbur Livering, Herbert Bowman, Roger Knoblock, Roscoe Rogers. These boys were asked to wear overalls to school, wear their shirts backwards, and call hogs once during the three days.

F.F.A. members who took prizes at Coffey County fair: Lee Johnson, 8 firsts, 8 seconds, 2 thirds, on poultry; Francis Novinger, 4 firsts, 4 seconds on poultry; Virgil Levering, 1 first on poultry.

-- Leo Docker, Reporter

Manhattan: The Manhattan chapter is sponsoring a trip to the American Royal and F.F.A. Convention. President Wallace Barry has arranged to have the service of the high school bus for the occasion.

-- John Poolo, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Coldwater: Our new officers who were elected last spring are: Rex Guseman, president; Dan Parcel, vice president; Donald White, secretary; Clair Parcel, treasurer; Billy Avery reporter; Clifford Case, watch dog, Mr. Melia, advisor.

We have a larger enrollment in vocational agriculture this year than at any time before. There are 18 in the first year class and 12 in the second year class.

The 4-H club grain judging team, consisting of Ralph Deewall, Leroy Deewall and George Sundgren, who received their training in vocational agriculture, placed first at the Hutchinson State fair 4-H club grain judging contest. George Sundgren was high individual in the contest.

Ralph Deewall, who had a calf for a 4-H club project, and for a minor vocational project, exhibited it at the Hutchinson State fair and placed first in the senior fat calf class, also first in the Hereford breed.

Our crops project booth took first premium at the Dodge City fair, the prize money amounting to \$50. The members of the booth committee are: Clair Parcel, Dan Parcel, Jack Heft, and Rex Guseman. This is the second consecutive year that we have taken first at the Dodge City fair.

We also entered a county collective booth at the Hutchinson State fair and took first premium of \$157 as prize money. This is the fourth consecutive year that our booth has placed first at the Kansas State fair.

We have secured 120 White Rock pullets. The first year boys will care for these as a laying flock class project. The project will be financed by the F. F.A.

--Wm. H. Avery, Reporter

Jayhawk: The officers elected last year have taken office. They are: Raymond Ico, president; Gilbert Gilgos, vice president; Vernon Florey, secretary; Bill Penny, treasurer; Ralph Honk, reporter.

The Green Hands have been given an informal initiation followed by a watermelon feed.

In our chapter we have had mostly business, such as payment of dues, etc. As it is the opening of the school year, of course there are many business matters to attend to. We sent in our national chapter report which was a large book made up with chapter pictures and activities. It was colored in F.F.A. colors, the back being blue and the pages yellow. We have had the boys who took trips this summer give talks for a chapter prize, and also we have had some music.

We are continuing our baseball team and plan a basket ball team this winter. We are planning a father and son banquet in the future.

We have 53 members in the chapter, 24 being Green Hands.

We had a F.F.A. fair as usual this year and had some good exhibits.

We have had some project tours and are closely watching an 18 acre field of potatoes which were planted this summer.

I think this report covers most of our activities so far this year.

-- Ralph Honk, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Fairview: The following officers were elected in this chapter: Dale Schaible, president; Johnny Meerpohl, vice president; Billy Monroe, secretary; Orville Lance, treasurer; Hillary Cyphers, reporter; Herman Dale, watch dog.

The Fairview chapter finished their bur grinder last spring and it has been used by several members through the summer. We pay for the expense of running this grinder, which is powered by a Model T Ford engine, by charging a small fee per bushel of grain.

Both the Future Farmer and Green Hand initiations have been conducted.

Two project tours were conducted through the summer on which we visited each and every project.

We plan to have our interclass baseball games as soon as we can find time between scheduled games.

-- Hillary Cyphers, Reporter

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WORK

If you are poor--work.
 If you are rich--continue to work,
 If you are burdened with seemingly
 unfair responsibilities--work.
 If you are happy--keep right on work-
 ing. Loneliness gives room for doubts and
 fear.
 If disappointment comes--work.
 If sorrow overwhelms you and loved
 ones seem not true--work.
 When faith falters and reason fails--
 just work.
 When dreams are shattered and hope
 seems dead--work. Work as if your life
 were in peril. It really is.
 Whatever happens or matters--work.
 Work faithfully--work with faith.
 Work is the greatest material remedy
 available.
 Work will cure both mental and physi-
 cal afflictions.--From **The Silent Partner**.

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