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"With an increase of 20,000 members during 1934-35, total membership now 100,000 plus, the National Organization of Future Farmers Of America has set 125,000 by October 1936 as its membership goal. These strong-hearted lads will make it, for in their organization 'Cooperation' is the watchword, 'Service' is their theme song, and 'Accomplishment' their guiding star."--W. A. Ross.

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Did you hear Paul Leck and James Nutt over the National Farm & Home Hour NBC coast to coast hook-up, December 14, 1935? National Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross declared the event to be a "Kansas Day", and paid a fine tribute to the Kansas Association and the work it is doing.

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The American Farm Youth Magazine is a splendid publication featuring F.F.A. activities. The editor, Homer Paul Anderson, is an alumni member of the South Cache, Utah, chapter, and is past president of the Utah Association. Other features of this magazine are fiction, scouting, aviation, hobbies, humor, outdoors, and stamps. It should be read

by every F.F.A. member in Kansas. Special offer in the matter of subscription price is being made through Supervisor L. B. Pollom's office. Ten issues for 20 cents. Every chapter in the state should receive at least one copy of this magazine, and the larger chapters should have at least two copies. Send 20 cents for each subscription to Supervisor L. B. Pollom, Topeka, Kansas, and your subscription will be forwarded to the magazine.

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#### HIGH POINTS OF THE 8TH NATIONAL F.F.A. CONVENTION

(From U.S. Office of Education, Service Letter 111)

Delegates. There were 89 delegates present from 47 states and Hawaii. The total Congress attendance was 4000.

Girl Memberships. The following resolution was adopted: "That when officially found that any State Association in the Future Farmers of America has girl members on its rolls, such State Associations shall be denied participation in all national Future Farmer of America contests and national F.F.A. awards. And no funds from the national treasury shall be available to such State Associations for the purpose of transporting delegates to the national conventions until such time as the names of the girl members are removed from the official rolls of the state association and local chapters in accordance with the constitution."

Subjects for Public Speaking. By unanimous action the delegates definitely disapproved of outside concerns being allowed to offer prizes which would influence the contestants to select and speak on subjects prescribed or urged by said outside concerns in order to win prizes on special subjects. This means that in all F.F.A. public speaking contests the subjects should be selected in accordance with the general rules without pressure or prejudice.

Representatives to Grange and Farm Bureau Meetings. The F.F.A. was officially represented at both these national meetings occurring recently in Sacramento, California and Chicago, Illinois respectively. James Eager of California was designated to attend the Grange meeting and the national president, William Shaffer, attended the Farm Bureau meeting.

American Farm Youth Magazine. A resolution was passed encouraging the efforts of Homer Paul Anderson, editor of this publication, and suggesting further cooperation and support from the F.F.A.

F.F.A. to Sponsor All National Vocational Activities. In order to eliminate confusion between activities of the National Congress of Vocational Agriculture Students and the National F.F.A. Convention it was voted to accept the responsibility for sponsoring all vocational agriculture activities at the national meeting. This was done at the suggestion of the A.V.A. committee in charge of the general Congress activities.

## High Points of the 8th National F.F.A. Convention (Continued)

Use of Emblem. Delegates voted that wherever the national F.F.A. emblem is used, it should be used as a whole and not split up or defaced in any way. The emblem should always stand out distinct when used as a part of a decoration. When used on products to be sold, it should only appear on the highest grade products equal at least to government standard grades.

Historian. The Executive Secretary was designated as such.

Espousing Causes. It was the sense of the meeting that the F.F.A. should avoid this sort of action nationally and remain neutral on outside movements and problems which might tend to create friction within the F.F.A. membership.

Uniforms. A second more reasonably priced uniform offered by the Universal Uniform Company of Van Wert, Ohio was accepted by the delegates and added by their action to the present corduroy jacket and cap.

Alumni Units Encouraged. The F.F.A. alumni idea from local and state standpoint was given further encouragement and a national committee appointed to serve for one year with the National Board of Trustees on alumni problems.

Tenth Anniversary Celebration. In two years the F.F.A. will be celebrating its tenth birthday. Plans were started to have an outstanding convention in 1937.

Convention Proceedings. To be printed and distributed.

Parliamentary Procedure. By committee and delegate action a parliamentary procedure contest on a national basis was favored at this time.

Public Speaking Contests. The regular contest will be conducted in 1936 on a basis similar to that of 1935. An extemporaneous contest may be added; the matter is in the hands of the Board of Trustees.

Chapter Contest. Rules for 1936 will be liberalized, prizes added and distributed further down the line.

Radio Programs. Continued for 1936 in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company. The theme will probably be "Rural Institutions".

Star Farmer Award. Continued with Regional Star Farmer designations and prizes recommended in addition to Star American Farmer.

American Farmer Degree Qualifications. Sample material to be prepared illustrating and interpreting each of the qualifications listed in the constitution.

## High Points of the 8th National F.F.A. Convention (Concluded)

Handbook and Secretary's Book. Both of these publications will be prepared in the national office and made available soon after January 1, 1936.

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## NATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK 1935-36

Adopted at the Eighth National Convention of Future Farmers of America.

1. Encourage membership increase  
Goal--125,000 members by Ninth National Convention.
2. Encourage use of official opening and closing ceremonies in chapter meetings and State Conventions.  
Goal--100% of chapters and State Associations using ceremonies regularly.
3. Encourage possession and use of official Manual by every member.  
Goal--75% members owning a Manual.
4. Encourage parliamentary procedure meetings.  
Goal--90% chapters have one meeting on instruction.
5. Encourage organization of thrift banks and long-time project programs.  
Goal--50% chapters participation.
6. Encourage participation in public speaking contest.  
Goal--100% chapter participation.
7. Encourage home improvement including landscaping, beautification, repair and providing conveniences.  
Goal--100% chapter participation.
8. Encourage rural fire prevention programs.  
Goal--50% chapter participation.
9. Encourage conservation programs.  
Goal--75% chapters participation.
10. Encourage pest eradication.  
Goal--50% chapter participation.
11. Encourage State F.F.A. camps and leadership training conferences.  
Goal--100% State participation.
12. Encourage State F.F.A. Bands and similar musical groups.  
Goal--25% State participation.

## National Program of Work 1935-36 (Concluded)

13. Encourage exchange of State F.F.A. publications (including Hawaii and Puerto Rico) and suggest that these be kept on file by the State Advisor.  
Goal--75% State participation.
14. Encourage State radio broadcasts.  
Goal--75% of States conducting programs.
15. Have national Father and Son Banquet night program with national F.F.A. radio broadcast at noon previous to banquet. Date to be set at least three months in advance.
16. Publish and distribute to every chapter the Proceedings of the Eighth National Convention.
17. Strive for more and better publicity on F.F.A. activities.
18. Have preliminary plans for Tenth Anniversary Celebration ready by Ninth Convention.
19. All vocational agricultural contests sponsored by the F.F.A.

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## HOPE

Congratulations to the newest F.F.A. chapter in Kansas. The Hope chapter was chartered December 21, 1935, and was issued charter number 105. Walter J. Buenning is president, and M. C. Barrows the local advisor. Herbert Barten is secretary, and Melvin Gueber is treasurer of the new chapter. They have a membership of ten.

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We are anxious to present charter 106 to the first department completing its petition--several are under way--and we are wondering which chapter will have the honor of being the first to be chartered in 1936.

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Is there any reason or sound argument why every vocational agricultural department in Kansas should not have an active, aggressive F.F.A. chapter? We think not. If you are in doubt as to the worthwhileness and the place of the F.F.A., read "What Do You Mean - F.F.A.?", an article appearing in School Life, December 1935. The article was written by Executive Secretary W. A. Ross, and ranks as one of his ablest of many high type contributions to the cause of education in general, and agricultural education in particular. The following excerpts will be of interest to state and local F.F.A. officers, school administrators, and Future Farmers:

"Study the product of an organization to determine its effectiveness. Is the F.F.A. actually training for rural and agricultural leadership? To answer this question one has only to review the records of outstanding members and other members who are making good as young farmer-leaders in their home communities. Thousands also have passed on into the ranks of the Grange, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, and other agricultural organizations, there to accept and to fill creditably places of trust and responsibility while still in their youth."....

"Something was added to the program of vocational education in agriculture when the F.F.A. came into existence. The boy's point of view on preparation for farming shifted considerably. He received a new interest in agriculture and a renewed enthusiasm for work that had not been there previously. There was now appeal and a challenge to bring out the very best within him."

"Cooperation, group thinking, and productive action are portrayed best in F.F.A. chapter programs of work."....

"When it comes to thrift the F.F.A. is outstanding. It is self-supporting. Operating nationally on 10 cents a year member dues it has been in good financial shape from the very beginning. Bills are paid promptly and the treasury maintains a safety balance at all times."  
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"In reviewing applications for American farmer degree (for highest achievement) and chapter reports over a period of 8 years, I have been impressed with the quality of scholarship shown by F.F.A. members. When a boy belongs to an organization which stands for high scholarship and which demands reasonable scholarship to engage in competition it is conducive to better school records."....

"The Hawaiian Association received the award as the most outstanding association for 1934; a loyal and enterprising group! Bear in mind that there are over 50 nationalities represented in the Hawaiian Islands; 50 per cent of the population is Oriental. As I sat in some of the chapter meetings where the officers in charge were Chinese-Hawaiian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, or Portuguese, I was thrilled to hear these lads conduct a regular F.F.A. meeting and finally, during the closing ceremony, all facing the American flag, at salute, declare:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands--one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

What fine Americanization work and citizenship training and what a fine patriotic influence all because agriculture--the common bond of interest--has drawn the boys of many creeds and nationalities together into an organization of their own."



"Is the F.F.A. an extra-curricular activity? No, indeed, it is an intra-curricular activity according to my way of thinking because this organization has its very origin and roots in a definite part of the school curriculum--vocational agriculture. It vitalizes, motivates, and correlates the regular, systematic instruction offered within a carefully outlined course of study. Activities of the members are derived from a training program designed to produce a capable farmer-citizen.".....

"Few student organizations in rural public high schools are attracting more attention than the Future Farmers of America. There are approximately 4,000 local chapters in 47 States, the Territory of Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. The rapid but healthy expansion, keen interest and whole-hearted support shown have been gratifying to all who are interested in the education of the farm boy and the improvement of country life."

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In answer to the inquiry on page five as to what chapter would have the honor of being the first chapter to be chartered in 1936, we are happy to announce that the Downs chapter has that distinction. This chapter with a membership of 16, was chartered January 6, and was issued charter No. 106. Daniel W. Trower is the president, and Albert E. Otte is secretary and treasurer. Mr. L. O. Gugler is the advisor. Congratulations and best wishes Downs!

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#### CHAPTER NEWS

Lawrence: We have an average of two projects per member of which 15 projects are pure bred beef calves.

Our basket ball team has been practicing and has played two games. We plan an annual faculty game with the teachers soon after Christmas vacation. Kenneth Johnson, a former member of our F.F.A. and high school player was elected manager.

We held our annual Father and Son banquet in November. The principal speaker of the evening was Doan R. A. Schwegler of the Kansas University. His topic was, "The Young Man and His Opportunities".

The Christmas party was held December 20 in honor of the waitresses at the Father and Son banquet. A program was given after which games were played and gifts exchanged. Everyone had a fine time.

--Ralph Hauk, Reporter.



## Chapter News (Continued)

Altamont: We elected the following officers for the year: Wood Winters, president; Lavon Price, vice president; Wilber Livesay, secretary; Paul Hunter, treasurer; Paul Eichhorn, reporter; Leroy Abshier, watch dog.

Fourteen new members were voted into our chapter. The initiation ceremony will be held soon.

The program of work has been completed. The principal project in the program of work is one of campus beautification. The boys expect to begin this project by establishing flower beds and trimming the shrubbery. From year to year the size of the project will be increased.

--Paul Eichhorn, Reporter.

Winfield: Due to the operation of the national potato control act the Winfield chapter will limit the production in 1936 to an acre or two. This will be run almost entirely on an experimental basis.

Evan E. Evans, superintendent of the Winfield schools, Homer Manny, of the Winfield Farm Machinery company and Glenn Becry, dairyman, were elected honorary members to the Winfield chapter at the December 11 meeting.

Winfield and Arkansas City must now go through all the requirements of conference basket ball teams in order to play matched games between the two chapters. This is a recent ruling as handed to us by one of the state officials. We are qualifying the boys now and our first legal game was played at Winfield January 8.

Winfield likes the new secretary's book and the suggested method of procedure in carrying out a program of work. Our Fair relations committee has reported and attended the annual county fair banquet last Monday night. Ernest Harris is chairman of the fair committee.

Edward Berrie, president, and Dalton Marten, chairman of finance attended the annual stockholders meeting at Howard January 7. The Winfield chapter is a share holder in the Howard Production Association.

--Robert Barnett, Reporter.

Mound City: The following officers were elected for 1935-36: Edgar Schasteen, president; Damon Michael, vice president; Joe Holt, secretary; Glenn Randall, treasurer; Willard Smith, reporter; Clifford Cash, watch dog; E. L. Raines, advisor.

Eighty-five members were present at a joint meeting of the F.F.A. and F.H.A. members held last August. Games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

## Chapter News (Mound City chapter concluded)

Our educational booth at the local fair consisted of bulletins, project books, reference books, pictures of judging teams, samples of seeds of various projects, and 25 mounted samples of weeds. The F.F.A. chapter sponsored its third annual stand at the fair. Candy, gum, cider, and orange crush was sold. The proceeds were used for the Father and Son banquet.

Forty-five members of the F.F.A. chapter left November 19 in the Mound City school bus for their sixth annual trip to the American Royal. The group was shown through the Armour Packing plant and then went to the Royal building. After the evening F.F.A. parade, in which the chapter participated the group left for Mound City, arriving at 11:00 P. M.

Through a government loan the F.F.A. chapter secured a double deck car load of western ewes which range in age from three to five years. The chapter then purchased six pure bred Shropshire bucks to breed the flock. The flock has been divided among the members in groups of two to fifteen each. Twenty of the least desirable ewes were put into a class project.

Twenty-one boys were given the Green Hand degree Monday night, October 16. The candidates assembled in the shop where they were blindfolded, and then taken in the department truck to a run-down farm where they were led around on the farm by other members. Following the initiation, refreshments of wafers and cider were served around a huge bonfire.

The poultry project which includes 110 Single Comb White Leghorns is being conducted by the F.F.A. chapter. The project is cared for by the first year boys.

Our chapter has purchased a radio so that we can listen to the national F.F.A. programs, market reports, agriculture programs, etc.

An evening school on sheep and poultry, sponsored by the F.F.A. chapter is being held at the high school on Monday and Thursday evenings. There are ten meetings on each subject which are conducted by our advisor, Mr. Raines.

Our chapter holds its day meetings every two weeks. The ritual is used at each meeting and the day program committee, Russell Dunavin, chairman, presents a short program at each meeting.

The F.F.A. and F.H.A. chapters holds a joint meeting every two months. The F.F.A. chapter uses the ritual at these meetings and the program is given, and refreshments are served.

--Willard Smith, Reporter.

## Chapter News (Continued)

Smith Center: At our October 8 meeting, 17 members of the agriculture classes were given the Green Hand degree of Future Farmers. This brings our membership to 43 for this year. Every boy in the Freshman class is a member.

Our chapter in cooperation with the R.O.H. sold football programs at all the home games. We sold enough ads to pay for the printing and paper, then sold the programs for five cents each. In this way our share of the profits for the season was \$13.10.

On November 19 we held a weiner roast and athletic contest. The weather being unfavorable we decided to have our weiner roast back of the shop. Each one brought his own eats. After supper we all went to the gym and enjoyed an hour of boxing and wrestling.

For the past six weeks we have been busy constructing a new project building. Our school board purchased the lots just east of our vocational agriculture building and on these lots were two old houses. For razing these old houses we were given the lumber to construct a project building. Our shop classes started razing the buildings, but as soon as they had enough material out they started building the new structure and turned the job of wrecking to the boys working under the NYA. The building we are putting up is a 20x60 open front straw loft type. We are dividing it into three rooms, a 10x20 feed room, 20x20 poultry house and 20x30 room that can be used for any other kind of live-stock we may decide to keep, such as sheep, swine, beef calves, turkeys, etc. We feel we are fortunate in getting such a building and so far our cost has been very small aside from the first cost.

Friday, December 13, (you will note from the date that we are not superstitious) our chapter sponsored an all school party. The committee in charge was Ralph Robb, Forrest Bloomer and Dean Logan. The school electric phonograph was used to furnish music for dancing. Delmar Knight, Marion Paul, Hays, and Donald Busch played for square dances and George Hashbarger called. Marion Paul, Donald and George are not members of our chapter but helped us out a great deal. Tickets sold in advance for ten cents single admission, or fifteen cents per couple. We cleared \$6.35 and every one reported a fine party.

Mr. L. B. Pollom, state advisor, visited us Friday morning, December 20. He made a short talk to our advanced vocational agriculture class.

--Delmar Knight, Reporter.

## Chapter News (Continued)

Washington: Washington chapter members are proud of Paul Leck, our Star American farmer. Paul has just returned from a 15-day trip to Arizona and California as the guest of Mr. Litchfield of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Among other experiences Paul had a ride in a blimp over Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and the sea coast; saw large scale farming in Arizona, and picked lemons, oranges, grapefruit, dates and figs from the trees. Paul spoke over the NBC Farm & Home Hour December 14, and was the guest at the State Board of Agriculture banquet at Topeka, January 8.

Home Farm Shops are the object of special study by the third year Farm Mechanics class. Each boy is arranging a shop or shop center on his farm, making a survey of the tools, fitting those in poor condition, selecting new tools, and building racks for all tools. They are planning to build forges of concrete and make blowers from old cream separators.

The officers for the Washington chapter are: Ernest Pannbacker, president; Lloyd Stamm, vice president; Junior Graham, secretary; Jack Willbrandt, treasurer; Max Dawdy, reporter; Elmer Walters, watch dog.

The chapter accepted the qualifications of 14 candidates to become Green Hands. These candidates were taken into the chapter for a month but were not elected members. A month later a vote was taken on them to elect them as Green Hands. The purpose of extending the time was to determine their interest, ability, and willingness to work in the chapter.

Six members have been raised to the Future Farmer degree. Those having met the qualifications for this degree are: James Donohue, Paul Froehlich, Franklin Roberts, Elvin Shum, Oliver Tromblay, and Jack Willbrandt.

Five members of the Washington chapter are enrolled at Kansas State College this year. They are Jack Evans, senior; Elmer Dawdy and Darrell Craik, sophomores; John Earle and Verlin Rosenkranz, freshmen.

--Max Dawdy, Reporter.

Wellsville: The following officers were elected last October: Theodore Bunnell, president; Gene Barnett, vice president; Merlin Ford, treasurer; Dayton Gelach, secretary; Charles Lawrenz Jr., reporter; and Paul Warren, watch dog.

During the summer the board of education pastured sheep on the school campus. The F.F.A. chapter purchased eighteen of these sheep for a cooperative breeding project.

The Freshman vocation agriculture class is carrying a class project of two gilts which are bred for spring litters.

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Chapter News ( Wellsville chapter concluded)

Regular F.F.A. meetings are held each Wednesday afternoon during the activity period.

December 9 eight Green Hands were initiated into our chapter. They were: Bill Lytle, Laverle Moody, Kenneth Boone, Russel McConnel, Brice Quellhorst, Howard Lawrenz, Donald Myers, and Clifford Cox. After the initiation refreshments of apples, doughnuts, and cocoa were served. Outside guests were Wilbur Brochway and John Sheely.

The F.F.A. chapter had a cold drink and candy stand at the state corn husking contest held October 30 at Wellsville. Nineteen boys of the Wellsville vocational agriculture department acted as gleaners at the contest.

The Wellsville chapter gave a short one act play as part of the program given at the five local meetings of the Farmers Union at Baldwin, Kansas. The program was sponsored by the Wellsville high school. The title of the play was "Old Susanna". Persons taking part in the play were: Charles Lawrenz Jr., Theodore Bunnell, Paul Warren, Merlin Ford, Bill Lytle, Gene Barnett, Kenneth Boone, and Willis Shelton.

A paper on, "Why Be a Farmer", was read by Laverle Moody as a part of the program. Cake and coffee were served after the program.

--Charles Lawrenz Jr., Reporter.

Kiowa: We have 21 boys enrolled in an Animal Husbandry course.

We have made several field trips. Some of them were experience work in judging.

Work in the shop has been spread over several enterprises. It included woodwork, forge work, soldering, sharpening tools, glazing, automobile repair, such as lining brakes, etc.

From now on the shop will be used for shop work only. Other classes that have been held in the shop will be held in the high school building. The high school building was formerly occupied by the grade teachers. The grade teachers are moving into a new grade building. They are happy and so are we.

The Kiowa chapter has reelected officers. Many of the members have paid up their dues. We are organizing a basketball team. We are determined to make the Agriculture organization one of the best in the school. The annual program of work has been sent in, and it has been approved.

--Howard Trilling, Reporter.

## Chapter News (Continued)

Wakefield: We elected new officers this year as follows: Sheldon Alquist, president; Charles Avery, vice president; Russel Jevons, secretary; Lawrence Rau, treasurer; Orval Thrush, reporter. We have a new advisor this year, Mr. Frank Brandenburg.

Our chapter was represented at the officers training school at Clay Center, by the following officers: Sheldong Alquist, Charles Avery, Russell Jevons, Lawrence Rau, and Mr. Brandenburg.

At our evening meeting in October we held an initiation for 14 Green Hands.

Our chapter had charge of chapel December 2. Several rounds of boxing were staged and it proved to be interesting to the audience.

We have bought a set of boxing gloves this year. The boys show considerable enthusiasm. Two of our members put on a bout for the American Legion meeting.

Each six weeks the three highest grades made by the boys are published in the local newspaper.

The F.F.A. boys and agriculture class went as a group to the following fairs: Topeka, Clay Center, Abilene, and the local fair. The chapter also sent four delegates to the American Royal. They were: Marvin Avery, Clarence Shandy, Sheldon Alquist, and Orval Thrush. Our advisor, Mr. Brandenburg and his wife took the boys down.

We have a laying flock of White Rocks for a class project. They are producing fairly good for the condition of the weather. We also have a swine and sheep project. Both of these are breeding classes. We plan on having a brooding project of about 400 White Leghorn chicks.

--Orval T. Thrush, Reporter.

Tonganoxie: The F.F.A. officers are as follows: Elmer Wickey, president; Clarence Weley, vice president; Leonard Eisele, secretary; Raymond Lawrence, treasurer.

An initiation was held and fifteen boys became Green Hands. After the initiation the boys were treated to a watermelon feed.

A basket ball game was played with the Lawrence chapter, resulting in the local farmers trouncing the Lawrence Cagers 13 to 9.

An egg laying project was recently started by each member loaning the F.F.A. chapter two hens to be used throughout the winter in the project.

--Reporter.

## Chapter News (Continued)

Argonia: The following officers have been elected to serve our chapter: Delmar Martin, president; Argus Pearce, vice president; John Young, secretary; Art Nystrom, treasurer; Leroy Floyd, reporter; Leonard Davis, watch dog.

The chapter purchased two Duroc Jersey hogs for a project. Two Freshman boys are taking care of them for us. They plan to use them for their project. They will divide the profit with the chapter.

Our chapter entertained South Haven chapter December 3 with a basket ball game. Preceding the game we initiated our Green Hands. Hamburgers were served for refreshments. We initiated 15 Green Hands, representing 100 per cent of the Freshman boys.

The chapter bought a few beeves in the fall to sell to students for projects. One student had hard luck with his, as the animal's neck was broken while being loaded into a trailer. With the help of some of the other boys he butchered the animal and sold the meat locally. He made a profit of about \$4.00.

We are selling pop corn and candy at the basketball games this winter. We have a new committee to sponsor this project at each game.

At our meeting December 31, we made plans for our parent entertainment to be held in January. In our program we also had the initiation of our Green Hands to Future Farmers. Committees were elected for this purpose.

--Leroy Floyd, Reporter.

Coldwater: We have set aside \$10.00 for an F.F.A. library, and we have already bought a few new books. The members of the library committee are Merle Richardson, Jack White and Dan Parcel.

We have bought a film strip machine and fifteen film strips. We are going to show the film strips at the F.F.A. meetings and in class. The film strip committee consists of Herbert King, Virgil McIntyre and Jim Haas.

Clair Parcel and Monroe Huck were on the honor roll for the second six weeks.

We have 95 pullets for our class project, and we are getting about 50 eggs a day.

Our annual Father and Son banquet will be held in the high school building January 30. The program committee consists of Monroe Huck, Clair Parcel and Chester Dale. The committee to see about decorations, invitations, etc., is Francis James, Donald White and Neil Jackson.

--Bill Avery, Reporter.



## Chapter News (Continued)

Auburn: The Auburn chapter of F.F.A. held its monthly meeting December 23, and had a Christmas party. All alumni members with their lady friends were invited. Forty-three members were present. This party was the first to be held in our new farm-shop building. The farm-shop was decorated by an appointed committee assisted by two girls. A member furnished the tree. The lights for the tree were secured from Mrs. Bruner. All of the boys on the committees met on the afternoon of the party and decorated the room. They popped corn for popcorn balls, froze ice cream, and the girls made the popcorn balls. The refreshments consisting of popcorn balls, ice cream, sandwiches, cocoa and coffee, were served following the playing of games. Some of the refreshments were donated by members, and the rest was paid for by the chapter.

Newly elected officers were installed by alumni members. The oath was administered to all by our state farmer, Robert Mason. The new president, Forest Kresie was informed of his duties by Lee Roy Mitchell, the vice president, Jim Robinson, by Dean Cellers, the secretary, Dick Moore, by David Manley, the treasurer, Glenn Kramer, by Dale Engler, the reporter, Ed Medved, by David Bruner, and the watch dog, Vernice Deghera, by Dale Buckley.

After the installation the new membership cards and buttons were distributed. Following the program a number of games were played, after which we had an exchange of Christmas gifts. A happy time was had by all. Our former coach, Mr. Moline, was a guest. Before adjourning we voted to attend the State Poultry Show at Topcka for our next meeting, and have a line party to the theater.

--Edward Medved, Reporter.

Hoyt: The F.F.A. officers for this year are as follows: Max Joy, president; Leonard Speaker, vice president; Gerald Tolin, secretary; Jean McCaslin, treasurer; Clarence Frese, reporter; Oliver Felker, watch dog.

On November 5 our chapter initiated the following members: Roy Coleman, George Smith, Harry Shubkagel, Byron Irvin, and Sidney Martin. This makes a total of 16 members.

We held a special meeting on December 10 at Mayetta for the installation of the Mayetta F.F.A. chapter. Mr. Welton, past advisor of our chapter, is now advisor of the Mayetta chapter.

We have decided to continue our electric heated hot bed project from which we cleared \$14.57 the past year.

--Clarence Frese, Reporter.



## Chapter News (Continued)

Morrowville: The following boys were elected as F.F.A. officers: Max Benne, president; Gerald Menzies, vice president; Donald Barnes, secretary; Dale Wells, treasurer; Earl Coder, reporter; Glenn Cummings, watch dog.

Monthly meetings have been held regularly since school started.

The local chapter was represented at the Washington county fair. As a result we won cash prizes amounting to \$159.75. The booth entered this year at the county fair represented the raising of beef on a farm. It was awarded the first prize of \$15. This makes the third consecutive year of winning first on booths. In the stock judging contest at the county fair, Morrowville took first as a team. Lawrence Dodd placed first and Jack Nutter second in the Junior division. Wayne McNish placed first in the senior division.

The following Green Hands were raised to the Future Farmer degree: Lute Richardson, Kermit Menzies, Marvin LaFarge, Guy C. Jennings, and Wayne McNish.

An initiation was held recently which raised the following boys to Green Hands: Charles Schwab, Lawrence Dodd, George Dhority, Jack Nutter, Earnest Howland, Marvin Odgers, Benjamin Naylor, Paul Prellwitz, Maurice Stanton, and Gerald Fencil.

We now have in our local chapter three honorary members, namely: Mr. Laman, our high school principal; Mr. J. J. Davis, a teacher in the school; and Mr. I. E. Peterson, F.F.A. advisor.

The annual Christmas party was held the Friday evening before Christmas. A small tree helped add the Christmas spirit to the party. A program was given by a committee assisted by the rest of the chapter. Refreshments consisting of large popcorn balls, apples and peanuts were served.

--Earl Coder, Reporter.

Seaman: The Seaman F.F.A. chapter held their annual Parent and Member banquet Tuesday evening, December 10. A welcome from our high school was given by Charles D. Logan, principal. The next number was a very interesting talk on the F.F.A. by our chapter president, Benton Earl Mitafele. Then we heard the mother's side of the organization by the chapter secretary's mother, Mrs. C. V. Cochran. A reading and a number by the F.F.A. quartet followed. The concluding number was a picture show showing what the activities of the organization are over the different parts of the state.

--Reporter.

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Stafford: The Stafford chapter of Future Farmers officers for the coming year are as follows: Boyd McCune, president; Carrol Newell, vice president; Herman Dickson, secretary; Keith McNicle, treasurer; Stewart Brock, reporter; Edgar Allen, watch dog.

The following boys were initiated as Green Hands: John Garey, Herbert Dye, Eugene Dierking, Keith McNickle and Albert Hayden. After initiation refreshments were served.

--Stewart Brock, Reporter.

Harper: At the close of a turkey feeding project the agriculture boys of Harper high school were hosts to their parents, the high school faculty, and the Harper Lions Club at a turkey banquet held in the high school gym, Thursday, December 12. Covers for 175 were laid. The meal was served cafeteria style with the faculty wives supervising the serving.

The program was as follows: Invocation, Group Singing; Opening F.F.A. Ceremony, F.F.A. Officers; Welcome, Glover W. Laird; Guitar Solo, Clifford Beyler; Introduction of Guests, Mr. Russell, Advisor.

--Reporter.

### Shawnee Mission: Our Trip to Florida:

The Shawnee Mission chapter of Future Farmers of America accepted an invitation of the Homestead chapter, Florida, to visit the southern tip of the United States during the Christmas holidays.

In winning the National Chapter Contest we received \$300.00 of which we used a part for our trip. To raise additional funds sufficient for such a trip, our chapter held two rummage sales, a card party, and two dances. We were all very anxious to visit the southern states to see how the people live and work; to study different crops, soils and farming methods.

The following chapters were visited on the way to Florida: Conway, Arkansas; Winfield, Alabama, Tallahassee, Largo, Loften, and Homestead, Florida. We met the advisor and several members at each chapter visited. We also met the president of the Florida Association of the F.F.A. Mr. George W. Wakefield is the advisor of the Homestead chapter. This was the host chapter, and of course we had the pleasure of meeting the entire membership.

Interesting points of the trip that come to my mind were: cotton growing in fields, cocoanuts, palm trees, oranges, grapefruit, and other tropical vegetation. We saw the Gulf of Mexico for the first time at St. Petersburg. At Tallahassee, Florida, we visited the state house

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and met the Governor, and State Supervisor J. F. Williams Jr. We saw our first citrus packing house at Largo, Florida. We drove through the Everglades; saw canal point on Lake Okeechobee; visited the Florida Botanical Gardens at Sebring; rode on Daytona Beach, the ocean beach speedway; visited Silver Springs; the University of Florida at Gainesville; St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States, founded in 1599; the old slave market; National Cemetery; Fort Marion built in 1672; Fountain of Youth; Bok Singing Tower; and Ravine Gardens. We also visited the Chapman Trial Gardens at Miami, and the Gainesville Experimental Station at Gainesville, Florida.

We left Shawnee Mission December 20, and arrived at Homestead, Florida, at 7:30 P. M., Tuesday, December 24. Forty-two F.F.A. members, our advisor, Mr. H. D. Garver, and twelve adults, composing our party, were escorted to the F.F.A. clubhouse in Homestead. Here we had supper and were assigned sleeping quarters.

On Christmas day we were up early and were served a fine breakfast in the chapter house prepared by the mothers of the local chapter. We then left for a day of deep sea fishing aboard the yacht Vasqus. The boat docked at Ragged Key where we had our first salt water swim. We pulled coconuts off the trees and also fished but were not very successful in our catch. Clam chowder and baked snapper were served for lunch. This trip was made possible through the courtesy of the city of Miami.

Thursday, December 26, we were luncheon guests of Mr. S. B. Roher, realtor, Miami Beach. Mr. Roher is a former Kansan. A broadcast over WIOD, Miami, was arranged in which members of both the Shawnee Mission and Homestead chapters participated. Shawnee Mission was represented by advisor H. D. Garver and acting president Charles Mangold. The Homestead chapter was represented by their advisor Mr. George W. Wakefield, their president, John Frederick, and a string quartet. Glen Simmons, Alvin Simmons, and Randolph Caves also participated. The entire membership of the two chapters sang the Future Farmer song, "Hail The F.F.A.". Following the broadcast we visited Miami Beach, the Miami Aquarium, and the Pan American Airways base. Here we saw the giant clipper ships arrive.

A banquet in the Pan American dining room was held Thursday evening. John Frederick, president of the Homestead chapter, presided. The meeting was opened with the official F.F.A. opening ceremony. Advisor Wakefield of the Homestead chapter introduced the following guests: Mayor P. B. Bird, Dr. J. B. Tower, Charles M. Fisher, S. B. Roher, Advisor Johnston of Sarosta chapter, and Sam Means of the Miami Edison high school. The chapters exchanged gifts, Shawnee Mission presenting the Homestead chapter with a block on which were carved the names of the two chapters in a handclasp, and a gavel made from walnut wood taken from a beam in the old Shawnee Mission building. The Homestead

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chapter presented the Shawnee Mission chapter with a seven year old live alligator. We promptly named the alligator George Homestead, in honor of the advisor of the host chapter. A native mahogany gavel, symbolizing Florida wood, was also presented to the Shawnee Mission chapter. Following the banquet we visited the Miami Chicken Hotel where more than 6,000 hens are kept on the third and fourth floors of a building built during boom days, intended for a hotel for the genus homo.

On Friday, December the 27th, we visited the Hialeah race track. Here we found the palms to be more than 100 feet high. Returning to Homestead for dinner, we visited the Keys to observe the effects of the recent storm. The storm certainly must have been a terrible thing. We were guests of the Seminole theater for a showing of "Bonnie Scotland".

We left for Kansas Sunday morning, December 29. We visited the St. Cloud and Young school chapters, Florida, and met the advisors and several members. At Tifton, Georgia, we met four state farmers who are attending the Abraham Baldwin College of Agriculture located there.

Arriving home on schedule we found that we had traveled over 4,200 miles, and had had only one breakdown and no serious accident. There were nine cars in the caravan, and the trip cost almost nine hundred dollars.

We all think the trip was highly educational and everyone enjoyed the delightful experience. We wish to thank the Shawnee Mission friends who made this trip possible, and especially we want to thank the Homestead chapter, other chapters already mentioned, and friends along the way, whose courtesies and cooperation not only made the trip possible, but a highly enjoyable occasion which will live long in our memories.

--J. W. England III.

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