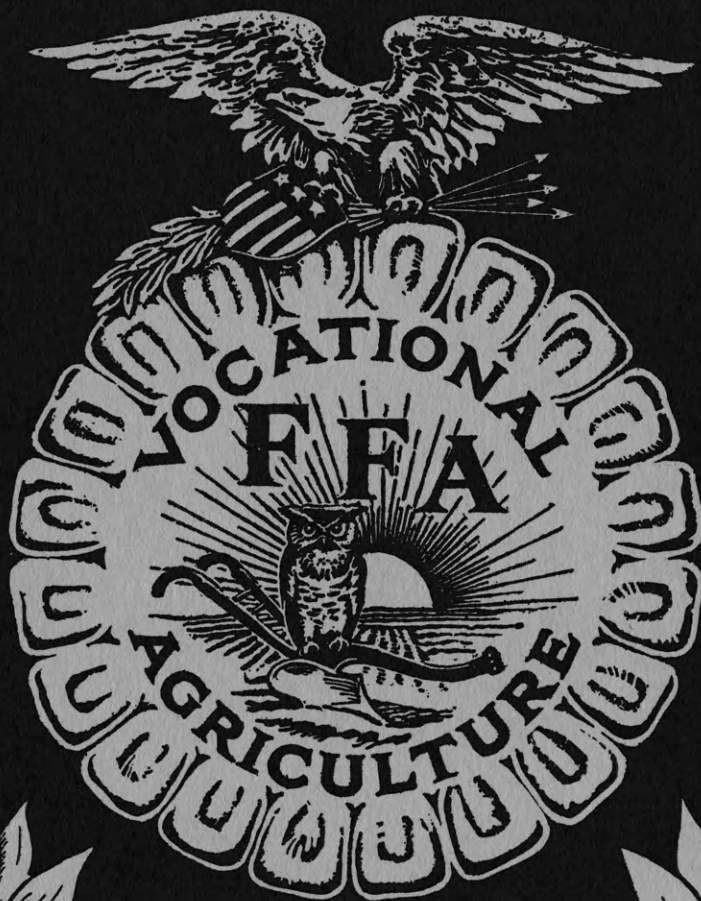


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NEW CHAPTERS

The State Association wishes to extend a welcome and best wishes to chapters numbers 122 and 123. The Byers chapter chartered December 22, 1936, was the 122nd chapter to be officially chartered, and Harveyville chapter was chartered December 30, 1936, as number 123. Harold Pritchett is president of the Byers chapter, and Mr. James Gearhart is the advisor. Byers has a membership of 21. Heading the Harveyville chapter is Carroll Pontius, president. Harveyville has a membership of 13. Mr. Howard Wildman is the advisor.

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NATIONAL F.F.A. RADIO PROGRAM FOR 1937

Annual Theme: "The Farm Home"

Monthly Themes
and Dates:

February 8	Recreation and Social Life
March 8	Improving the Exterior
April 12	Providing Food
May 10	Good Health
June 14	Music
July 12	Rural Aids and Services
August 9	Improving the Interior
September 13	Schools and Instruction
October 11	The Farm Workshop
November 8	Heat, Light and Power
December 13	A Satisfying Home Farm

All programs will be presented on the NBC Farm and Home Hour, the second Monday of each month from 11:30 to 12:30 central standard time. Be sure and listen in.

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THE SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL FFA BROADCAST

The 71st FFA national broadcast dealt with "Recreation and Social Life". President Joe Black told of his experiences in and around Washington, D. C., during the past ten days. Joe is in Washington working on plans for the Tenth Annual Convention. He informed us that he had called on President Roosevelt and had extended an invitation to the President to address the Tenth Annual FFA Convention.

One of the special features of the 71st FFA broadcast was an address by Strickland Gillilan on the subject of "Recreation in the Rural Home". We are glad to make available to the Future Farmer members of Kansas, Mr. Gillilan's treatment of his subject.

Far-flung and strung-out radio audience! And if you're "strung out" now, what sort of fix will you be in when I get through stringing you? Last year when I spoke me a piece over the radio for you all, about that ornery cow of ours, Ermintrude (heaven rest her treacherous old ashes) a good many people wrote in asking for copies of the "poem" I gave. Why! Bless your heart, that wasn't a poem, that old fly-up-the-creek wouldn't inspire poetry in anybody! That piece was prosy prose. And so I hope nobody will take this bit of random gab as an anthem or a cantata or a selection from Wagner's Niebelungenlied.

Now, when Art Ross came and propositioned me to muss up the airwaves for ten minutes or so on the subject of "Recreation in the Rural Home", I just lay down on the ground and rolled. After I had laughed my fool head off, I said:

"Art, you old cut-up you little rogue you, what a card you are! You can think of the fun-ni-est things! The idea of recreation in and around a rural home is as much of a knockout and a scream as if you asked me to do a tap dance, a rhumba or maybe some truckin' at a memorial service!"

Art looked serious and said:

"But I mean it"!

I said: "Now Art, you don't mean to tell me -- you just couldn't mean that -- that there is such a thing as recreation in rural homes!"

He said, "Yes, indeed."

And I said: "Well, for cryin' out loud -- how long has this been going on?"

You see, on the farm where I occurred there was no recreation in-so-far as I could discover. And was I on the lookout for it! On the prowl! Yay, man! If there was any recreation around there, the accent was on the rec.

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If anybody in that neck of the woods would have been proved guilty of actually enjoying himself, there's no telling what would have been done to him. Boiled in oil, I guess. Anybody getting tickled around there did so over the dead bodies of all persons in domestic and civic authority. Most of the time we were as gloomy as a bunch of ultra-modern society women getting drunk at a cocktail party.

Anybody knowing one of the fifty-two playing cards from any of the rest of the deck was quivering on the crumbling brink of eternal torment. A gone goslin! You could smell 'im singein'. And dancing--that was for the super-thugs; the kind the G-men chase with tommyguns; the public enemies numbers one, two and three, etc., who said doggone it, or maybe came right out and said darn! Whoopey! Yes Sir! Such things weren't for respectable people, not by a long shot. I bet a lot of the old babies in that neighborhood, if they knew I played at bridge, would turn over in their cold-frames; would feel as horrified at my playing any sort of cards at all, as my partner always seems to feel when I trump his ace. Now and then we grew ribald enough in our farm home, to pop corn or play cats-cradle. But not often! Not too much of that stuff. Light on the levity and heavy on the shoosh. Once, I remember, we got positively reckless -- just plumb let ourselves go -- and played Authors! Honest-- no foolin! But the orgy didn't last long. It seemed so much like card playing that we shuddered so hard we kept dropping the cards all over the floor. I remember, too, that one of us roistering young blades, in a loosened interval, bootlegged a parchesi outfit into the sanctity of our home! Owowowow! But we were soon caught, and that seductive device of slimy old Satan mighty quickly got the bum's rush good and plenty! What perfect young hellions we were! What out-and-out scamps!

Still -- and here's the funniest part of the whole thing: we didn't know, didn't even suspect that we were unhappy! I have seen recently hundreds and hundreds of young yahoos and yahoesses at night clubs who would have sworn they were having themselves a whale of a time, who weren't actually half as happy as we were in our secluded and unconscious misery. Why, these modern youths know they are having a perfect frolic; they can prove it to themselves by looking at the amount on the waiter's check. There it is in black on white -- look at it! The official reading of the whoopee meter! One recreation we used to indulge in now and then in the rural life of my day (that was so long ago) that often we saw fresh diplodoccus tracks in the wet soil of the cornfields, after a rain -- was fishing. Nothing elaborate or expensive, mind you. We couldn't afford it. If any one of us boys had ever had a dime and had taken the fool notion to rub it against another dime, we'd have had to hunt over a couple of townships, maybe go plumb into town, to find the owner of the other dime.

But almost anybody could get hold of a pin to bend. And strings came in, almost every month, when we bought something at the store. And worms -- and lashings of those! Oh, scads of worms! I used to dig a mean worm myself. When I dug a worm it stayed dug. I was president of the Worm Diggers Union. Take an old tincan full of those, the pin and the string, a cork for a bobber, a split shot for a sinker, a barlow knife to cut a mole with, in

The Seventy-First National FFA Broadcast (Concluded)

the bushes on the crickbanks. Boy, these rich fellers that go clean down in Miami, pay thirty bucks a day for a boat and have themselves strapped into a chair so they can catch marlin, porpoise and kingfish for the boatman to sell -- what do those chaps know about fishin'! Why, we unsophisticated roosters used to get a wilder thrill out of having a crawdad steal our bait, than one of these moneyed clucks gets out of landing a 75 pound sailfish. If anybody had ever shown one of us tall-grass delegates a reel or a creel or a jointed rod -- we'd have been running yet and hard to catch. And in another way we had it all over those poor rich Florida fishermen -- we didn't have to sit and look at a terrifying sign telling us it would cost us \$135 if we lost that platinum-plated 21 jewel fishing tackle overboard. No, we didn't have anything like that to pester us. We just snit on the bait, fished, caught some suckers, chubs, yellow-bellied catfish and sunnies, and had them emptied and beheaded and scaled and frying loudly in corameal before they had altogether quit wigglin! In the language of there and then, "they et good".

Yep, come to take an as the feller says invoice, get right down to brass tacks, we must have had ourselves a right smart of a time on our farm without noticing it. Not that I'd go back to it. The farm didn't need me for anything. When I laid down the farm tools to take up the typewriter, the public platform and the microphone, literature's, oratory's and radio's loss was agriculture's gain. Still and all, I'm glad I had it. Nobody is fitted for life among people of the world unless he has acquired a familiar knowledge of the honester animals on a farm. I learned about people by knowing pigs and geese and sheep and flocking with them on terms of equality. Hardly a day goes by but that I see one or more humans displaying the trait that made pigs get into the trough with all their feet and try to keep all the other grunTERS and squealers away while filling themselves first and eating it all, if possible. I never see people following some leader, with their eyes shut, without remembering our almost equally dumb sheep. And every time I see some white-livered coward running a big bluff he knows won't be called, I am reminded of an old white gander that would watch out of the tail of his eye until somebody went past, then turn and "chase" and hiss the person who didn't know anything was after him, so he could brag to his goose how he had made that guy burn up the road getting away. Yes, a lot of these farm critters weren't any brighter -- well, not much brighter, anyway, than people! No wonder they're called dumb animals.

Now, I understand young people on farms are as sophisticated as city slickers are, and have the same sorts of recreation. Not, I hope, as sophisticated as the young girl who wrote a book so naughty her parents wouldn't let her read it. That was terrible! I lived 'way, 'way too soon. Oh, my goo'ness yes! And as we don't know anything unless we have lived it; and as I haven't lived the modern rural life, I don't know anything at all to tell you about it. Now don't go getting the fool idea that that's all I don't know anything about! No indeedy! I have as extensive and varied and versatile an ignorance as the next fellow. And some day I may stick my nose into this mike and haul off and expose for you another big batch of it. Standby, and goodbye. See you in the funny papers.

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BULLETIN BOARD BY W. A. ROSS

Pennsylvania: Over 4000 members attended the 1937 Farm Show of the Keystone State. One of the outstanding features of this show was the F.F.A. Band made up of 100 pieces, representing 52 schools and 28 counties.

New Jersey: F.F.A. members had a prominent part in the activities of Agriculture Week, the winter farm show of the Garden State held at Trenton the latter part of January. The boys had the largest class of eggs in the egg show; were awarded 15 medals and \$55 in cash in the State Corn Project Contest and held a one-day apple packing contest on a raised platform in the exhibit building --viewed and commented upon favorably by hundreds of farmers.

Connecticut: Robert Schultz of the Guilford-Madison chapter won first prize of \$25 in a state-wide essay contest conducted in connection with the annual meeting of the Connecticut Dairymen's Association. Schultz was also awarded a heifer as first prize in the Berkshire class during the preliminary contest.

Virginia: The Groseclose Chapter at Nassawadox, Virginia, is sponsoring a state wide egg laying contest this year. It started December 7 and will close November 1, 1937. The hatcherymen of Virginia are cooperating, and will give 1800 baby chicks as prizes. The School Board of Northampton County, is also cooperating, by furnishing an up-to-date laying house with all equipment and a man to look after the hens. Fifty-five Virginia F.F.A. members have pens in the contest.

Utah: Sterling Taylor, Ralph Chadwick, and Clyde Blaine outstanding members in the Desert State received leadership medals at the annual convention of the Utah State Farm Bureau Federation in January. The Future Farmers also furnished the complete program for one of the meetings. Sterling Taylor addressed the convention on "Needs of Rural Youth" and Clyde Blaine received special mention for his ability as a turkey raiser.

Indiana: Lloyd Hilbert of the Hagerstown chapter won the State Public Speaking contest at the recent State Convention. Columbus chapter also won high honors for the second year. A comprehensive program of work was developed with emphasis given to conservation, cooperation, home improvement, social and educational development through the F.F.A. medium.

North Dakota: Members of the Bottineau chapter are cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service in protecting and maintaining the wild life in their territory. Heavy losses during the winter among upland game birds is common, due to heavy snows. As a result the F.F.A. members decided to cooperate by building feeding hoppers. The Conservation Service is furnishing the material and completed hoppers are distributed to sheltered spots where the birds can get to them.

Delaware: Woodrow Haas of the Saddle and Grate chapter, who was with us on our last broadcast, graduated from the Caesar Rodney high school in 1936, and is in partnership with his father and three brothers in the broiler business. They sell 200 tons of chicken per year -- mostly in New York, Phil-

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adelphia, and Baltimore -- and employ 10 to 15 extra men on full time. New practices are included as the business develops. During the season of nine months they start 108,000 chicks.

West Virginia: The West Virginia Association of F.F.A. has been divided into nine Regional Federations with a set-up in each one similar to the State Association. A higher percentage of member participation, interest and accomplishment is expected in the F.F.A. activities of the Panhandle State.

Wyoming: Expects 100 per cent attendance at their State Convention in April at Casper. And of course the boys in the Equality State are planning a large delegation at the Tenth National Convention where their own Joe Black will officiate.

Kentucky: "The Place of Dairying in Kentucky's Planned Agriculture" is the subject of a \$500 essay contest sponsored by the Dairy Products Association of Kentucky, for the students regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture. This subject fits in very nicely with Kentucky's present trend -- a program of planned agriculture.

Ohio: The Tenth Annual F.F.A. Leadership Conference was held January 28-29, at the Ohio State University with 170 delegates from 83 schools. The theme of the conference was cooperation and Virgil Harrison, winner of the state-wide public speaking contest presented his views on "What Cooperation is Doing and Can Do For the American Farmer". Two hundred-fifty persons attended the banquet.

A unique demonstration was given by four Future Farmers and four Future Homemakers on every day courtesies in planning entertainment and social life.

Eleven students of the Alexandria, Ohio chapter made a 3000 mile tour recently. In 12 days the boys visited eight of the southern states, observed the crops grown and covered many points of interest.

Arizona: Fifteen chapters of the Salt River Valley held a field meet at the Mission Dairy Ranch February 6. Stock judging, rodeo events and racing were included.

At the Arizona Livestock Show in Tuscon on February 18, six members will have steers entered in completion and the F.F.A. Chuck Wagon will serve lunch during the show.

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"What I say is, life ain't all you want, but it's all you 'ave; so 'ave it; stick a geranium in yer 'at an' be 'appy."

--From an English Journal

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Approximately ten weeks will remain between the time you receive this issue of the Kansas Future Farmer and the date of the State F.F.A. 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 F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the National Contest.

The State 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 F.F.A. chapters in good standing with the State and National Organizations at the time they are selected to represent their chapter in the State 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 F.F.A. 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
- The Challenge of Adversity and the American Farmer
- Inflation As It Affects Farm Prices
- Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture

Public Speaking Contest (Continued)

Inflation As It Affects Farmers' Debts
The First American Farmer and the F.F.A.
Financing the Farm Business
Large Scale Farming in the United States
Taxation, Its Value to the Rural Community
Cooperation and a Planned Agriculture
The Future Farmers of America
Federal Regulation of Public Domain and Marginal Lands
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 F.F.A. Mean to Me
Adjustment of the Farm Tax Burden
The Reduction of Taxes As a Farm Relief Measure
A Balanced Agriculture
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 F.F.A. Offers to a Wide Awake Farm Boy
Why It Is a Privilege to Be an F.F.A. Member
The Need for Greater Business Efficiency on the Average Farm
The F.F.A. 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

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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

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KANSAS CHAPTERS IN RADIO BROADCASTS

We are glad to know of the interest taken by local chapters in Kansas in radio broadcasting. A fine series of broadcasts have been run over KGGF, Coffeyville, by the departments of southeastern and southern Kansas. We are hoping that departments in other sections of Kansas might find it possible to organize definite programs to be broadcast over local stations serving their communities. The Solomon chapter of F.F.A. broadcast a full hour program over KFBI, 6:30 to 7:00 p. m., February 4. This was their annual parent-son banquet. The high points of the broadcast were the F.F.A. orchestra under the leadership of advisor Paul Chilen, the initiation of 18 boys to the Green Hand degree, and an address by State President, John Dean. Paul not only trained and directed the orchestra, but wrote the lyrics for two of the numbers used. The whole program evinced a high degree of organization and training, as well as the whole hearted cooperation of all the departments of the high school, and was a credit not only to the local chapter and school, but to the organization of Future Farmers of America.

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F.F.A. DISHES

F.F.A. dishes either in sets or by the single piece are now available from the James River Potteries Inc., Hopewell, Virginia. The dishes are of good quality, white porcelain, decorated with a blue stripe and the F.F.A. emblem in gold. The prices are very reasonable and price lists are available from the Company on request.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Argonia: The following boys attended the judging contest and officers' training school held at Kingman: Marvin Johnson, Harold Harper, Max McClure, George Wagner, Paul Davis, Arthur Duwe, Emmitt Whitesell.

Keith Parker and Marvin Johnson were in charge of the FFA booth at the Harper fair. Our booth demonstrated how a farmstead should be planned. We received second prize. Harper won first.

The second year class just finished building a Kansas type laying house for Karl Smith. They also put in a pump and built a well curb for Mr. Smith.

The second year boys built a sanitary outdoor toilet for Hank Stahle. They are now laying out terrances for Luther Phillips.

Loren Paxon and John Smith assisted the advisor in conducting an evening school. The boys made charts, kept the roll, prepared the room, assisted with volley ball games, prepared coffee and hamburgers for one meeting and served roast mutton at another. The evening school dealt with sheep production. Sixty different people attended. Twenty-eight attended at least three times and two members attended every meeting.

The chapter entertained the local Home Making Club with a party at the high school Tuesday December 22. Bingo, monopoly, and rook were the principal party games. Roast lamb sandwiches, pickles, potato salad, cookies and tea were served. Approximately sixty boys and girls attended.

Twenty-seven members and the advisor visited the South Haven chapter Wednesday evening, December 23. South Haven poured it on us in both games of basketball and then poured the chili, pickles and celery into our empty stomachs which we enjoyed. South Haven was a good host and we hope we can get together at a later date.

Our potato project is getting a slow start. The farmer was slow to get the last year's crop off of the ground and we were late getting the ground plowed last fall.

Leonard Davis is in charge of getting subscriptions for the local paper. We hope to raise enough money to send a judging team to Manhattan.

--Maurice Bandy, Reporter

Lebanon: The local chapter had a lunch stand at a local farm sale.

Plans are being made for a Parent-Son banquet sometime in March.

The chapter lost one of their chapter project calves....The chapter butchered two hogs and sold the meat.

--Merrill Thompson, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Arkansas City: The Arkansas City Future Farmers took an active part this year in assisting with the Cowley County Poultry Show. It was held on December 15, 16, and 17. The Future Farmer boys put up the coops and got the show building in order a day ahead of time. The student officers were Lloyd Cochran, Future Farmer student secretary, Harold Stocking, Green Hand secretary, Lawrence Cox, Gilford Goff, and Harold Wineinger, student superintendents. These boys assisted Mr. Faris, who was the secretary of the Poultry Show, and Mr. Wilson, who was the superintendent of the show. The boys also watched the judge place the birds and listened to a talk by the judge on Standard Bred Poultry.

Six FFA boys of Arkansas City recently made their first broadcast over state KGGF in Coffeyville, Kansas. The six boys broadcasting were John Weir, Eugene Kennedy, Bill Post, Junior Hardy, Walter Baird, and Lloyd Cochran. The program consisted of a chapter forum. Mr. Faris, the first speaker, introduced Lloyd Cochran, who in turn introduced each speaker. John Weir talked on fitting and showing a fat barrow. Eugene Kennedy talked on cooperative buying and marketing. Bill Post spoke on the Cowley County Poultry Show. Junior Hardy gave a summary of the Ayrshire show and Walter Baird spoke on the Future Farmer Camp. John Tufts ended the program with a song, "Home On the Range".

December 21, the Future Farmers held a dinner meeting at the Elmo Hotel. The Cowley County Poultry Show furnished two fine turkeys for the dinner. After the dinner the meeting was called to order by the president. Several short talks were given by the guests. Carl Fitzgerald, manager of the local Milk Cooperative, was the main speaker. Donald Chandler who just returned from college, talked on Freshman Studies and Activities.

The Future Farmer chapter is enjoying some very fine skating at a lake west of Arkansas City.

--Bill Post, Reporter

Ramona: For our December meeting we put on a Farm Bureau program. The county agent, Mr. Hagan, was invited in as our guest speaker and explained to us what the Farm Bureau is attempting to do in Marion County. The boys invited their Dads and we took occasion to explain to them all about the Future Farmers of America. A theater party in cooperation with the Home Making Club was held in January.

Our chapter is sponsoring a part-time school for boys between 16 and 25 years of age who have never attended high school. The agreement with the advisor is that both the FFA chapter and the individual member who secures the enrollment of a boy in the part-time class is to be financially benefitted. The part-time class is studying farm shop problems. Four meetings were held before the holidays and the attendance varied between 9 and 15.

--Arthur Hanschu, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Reading: The fourth annual Parent and Son banquet of the Reading FFA chapter was held Friday noon, January 8. The Banquet date had been set for January 7, but the storm of that evening made it necessary to postpone it until the next day. A good representation of FFA members, parents, business men and teachers attended the banquet. The banquet theme was, "Preparing Today for the Tasks of Tomorrow".

The chapter held a Girl Friend party Monday night, January 25. Only paid up members were allowed to bring their girl friends and attend. Those having no girl friends were allowed to attend as stags. Special assessment was made to take care of the expenses. The evening was spent in playing games.

Some of the boys in the FFA chapter have secured a cooperative loan through the Council Grove Production Credit Association for the purpose of financing their projects. This is the first loan of this type that has been put through in this district. This appears to be a good source of credit for the FFA boys who have had hard luck with their feed projects during the past year.

The Reading chapter initiated the Harveyville boys and their sponsor as Green Hands. Thirteen boys and their sponsor were initiated. After the initiation the two groups chose up sides and played basketball. Cider (not too hard) and doughnuts were served.

--Preston E. Wamser, Reporter.

Seaman: Initiation of new members was held November 3. The following members were raised to the degree of Future Farmers, December 2, Billy Carrieger, Lyle Edds, Billy Gibson, Don Stewart, Charles Stover, Ray Wilkie, Vern Dennis, Warren Tevis, and Everett Brunker.

A joint Christmas party was held with the Future Homemakers. It was in the form of a "kid" party.

George Cochran, the chapter secretary, attended the National Livestock Show at Chicago.

The Parent-Son banquet will be held February 18.

An FFA play night will be held in the near future to raise funds. One of the features of this performance will be a basketball game between the Future Farmers and the faculty.

Each Monday a period is allowed the chapter for FFA basketball. All members enjoy this period very much.

--Ralph Herman, Reporter.

Chapter News (Continued)

Pleasanton: Our FFA chapter started its activities the second Tuesday after school started on September 7. New officers for the year were elected at this meeting. The time was set for regular meetings. This meeting is held on Wednesday, every two weeks during the activity period set aside for such meetings by our school. The officers elected for this year are as follows: John Wood, president; Willis Adams, vice president; Frank Griffin, secretary; Oren Ison, treasurer; Gilbert Lingenfelter, reporter; Billy Springston, watch dog; D. C. Griffin, advisor.

Seventeen new members were given the Green Hand initiation October 14. Twenty-eight members of our chapter attended the American Livestock Show in Kansas City this year for one day. Four members and our advisor attended the officers training school at Parker. A party was given for the vocational home making classes. At present we are organizing an FFA basketball team, and are anxious to get a chance to play some of our neighboring chapters.

Some of our chapter members have very fine individual projects considering present financial conditions. Nineteen boys are enrolled in the vocational agriculture first year class. Eleven boys are enrolled in the second year class.

--Gilbert Lingenfelter, Reporter

Newton: We plan to have our Father-Son banquet February 19. Plans are being made for an enjoyable time.

Philip Adrain has been confined to the Halstead hospital for the past five weeks. It is hoped that he will be able to attend our banquet.

We regret to announce that the Eldorado contest which has been held at Hazford Place, will be discontinued due to the death of Mr. Hazlett. We are sure that every Kansas FFA member regrets to see this great farm become a matter of history. We looked upon the farm as a model pure bred cattle breeding plant. Internationally known and respected, managed by men who made welcome every visitor, we can think of no finer inspiration than was derived from an inspection of the farm's broad acres, splendid herds, spacious barns and lots, and a visit with the owner, manager, or herdsmen of Hazford Place.

Our class project is progressing nicely. Both the hogs and steers are putting on nice gains.

Some of the jobs which have been solved by the class members are: selection of individual calves, (these were bought through regular channels in the Wichita yards) buying feeder pigs, vaccinating against cholera, treating a sick shoat; delousing both the hogs and calves, and many other jobs. One of the jobs which has been splendidly performed during the severe weather was keeping ample bedding available at all times. Several of the boys proved themselves true Future Farmers of America by hauling bedding when the thermometer was six above zero.

--Dwight Tangeman, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Council Grove: There are now twelve Future Farmers and five Green Hands in our chapter.

We held the Green Hand initiation the first Wednesday in November. Those initiated were Albert Sample, Walter Porter, Harley Houdeshell, Gerald Schuster, and James Kirkiminde.

We are planning a basketball and a wrestling team to compete with some of the neighboring chapters. We have scheduled games with Cottonwood Falls and Saffordville for basketball. No wrestling matches have been scheduled.

At each meeting a program committee is appointed for the program of the next meeting. We have talks by members and business men and at some meetings we have movies, using the school projector.

The Council Grove chapter holds two night meetings each month. These are held on the first and third Wednesday.

--Reporter

Clay Center: Both the morning and afternoon classes visited Wilbert Duitsman's home at Linn; and the afternoon class visited Paul Leck's home at Washington, Kansas. They are both American Farmers and Paul Leck was the 1935 Star American Farmer. We visited these boys to look at their projects and to get an idea how we might better our projects.

The first year class went to Wakefield to visit Wakefield's class project.

Our FFA basketball team played Wakefield's FFA team. Two games were played. The advanced classes played one and the Freshman class played one. The advanced class won their game by a score of 14 to 15. In the Freshman game Wakefield won 14 to 10. Refreshments were served after the games.

The FFA boys held a date party January 20. The first part of the evening was spent sled riding after which we went up to Mr. R. H. Perrill's home and played some games. Oyster soup was served. There were about 15 couples present.

Six boys from our chapter went to Concordia to take the Future Farmer degree. They were as follows: Roy Anderson, Glenn Carlson, Donald Perling, Earl Fowles, Ralph Moch, and John Setchell.

--Reporter

Frankfort: We recently sponsored a pest eradication contest. Members were chosen by the captains and the losing side were hosts at a pie supper January 13. Two hundred-twelve jack rabbits, 16 crows, 17 owls, 3 hawks, 60 pigeons, 366 sparrows and 96 mice were killed. The three high point men were Red Easton, Paul Griffee, and John Rhodes with 439,385, and 235 points each.

--Reporter

Chapter Notes (Continued)

Paxico: Seven new members were admitted to the Paxico chapter Wednesday, January 21. New members are Roy Werner, Silvin Schuetz, Sherman Beisterfeldt, Francis Michaelis, Leo Muckenthaler, Wilfred Hund, Charles Reding. The initiation program consisted of jokes and tricks and the regular Green Hand initiation. The following officers participated: Charles Belcher, president; Dale Crader, vice president; Minton Kaul, treasurer; Eldon Clark, secretary; Walter Michaelis, reporter. Other officials were Myron Kauk, watch dog, and our advisor Mr. Loomis.

A business meeting followed in which our chapter decided to get up a basketball team. Materials for making ice cream were donated by the boys, and the agriculture boys froze several freezers full. This party was sponsored by Mr. Loomis and every one reported having a good time. Our guests were Professor Pecinovsky and Mr. Wilson.

--Walter Michaelis, Reporter

Fredonia: The school farm which we purchased last summer has been greatly improved.

All the old sheds have been removed and plans for a new farmstead have been made. The interior of the house has been cleaned and redecorated, and Mr. J. A. Watson, the agriculture teacher, has moved in the house.

Three black Angus beef calves were bought in the fall. Two of them are running out and the other one is on full feed. The plan is to fatten them out and enter them in a fair.

A part-time school has been organized for the boys who have graduated or for ones who have not taken vocational agriculture. They study whatever question the boys are interested in. The part-time school has organized a basketball team. They play the FFA and other teams around the school.

The FFA has also organized a basketball team. They have played Parsons, Neodesha, and several home team games. All the games have been won by the local team except one which was lost to a team from Fredonia. The following boys are on the team: Loran McDonald, Paul Maxwell, Leo Marshall, John Brindle, Charles Stover, Howard Cummings, and Max Timmins.

The FFA boys are planning a chapel program. The program is to consist of cowboy songs, stunts and an old fashioned square dance.

--Eugene F. Duncan, Reporter

Hope: The Hope chapter held its regular monthly meeting on January 6. The meeting was held in the Vocational Agriculture building. After a short business meeting, initiation services were held for the following boys, Delmar Rufner, Melvin Rufner, Wayne Branton, and Lawrence Rudy. Previous to this five other boys were initiated at a joint meeting of the Ramona, Tampa and Hope chapter. This year we have a total membership of 18 boys compared with 12 for last year.

Chapter News (Concluded)

Our F.F.A. boys take part in other school activities. Several were members of the Junior play cast, football, and basketball teams.

Our December meeting was used to entertain the girls of the Home Economics III class, with a Christmas exchange.

Our president Verden Long made a talk to the local Farm Bureau meeting on January 13.

Two of our boys Verden Long and Duane Rock, exhibited at the local county fair and at the American Royal last fall.

--Earl Gantenbein, Reporter

Attica: The Attica chapter of F.F.A. holds its regular meetings every Wednesday afternoon. We have 25 active members in our chapter.

The two vocational agriculture classes made an electric score board for the basketball games.

A brooder house is being built by the agriculture boys to be used in a class project in poultry. This project will be for the entire F.F.A. chapter. Several boys have raised enough money between them to buy 500 four weeks old chicks to be conducted as a group project. The proceeds of this project will be divided between the boys who have shares in it, according to the amount they have invested.

A committee composed of Leon Jansen, Roland Pritchett, and Leonard Pulium has secured two acres of ground for a truck garden project next spring. This project will be conducted yearly. The money returns will be divided according to the amount of work done by each person involved. Eldon Martin and Donald Bumgarner both members of the advanced class each have a ten acre plot of ground they will use as a project; an improved form of irrigation will be used on all these projects.

A negro minstrel is being planned by the F.F.A. boys to finance a trip to Colorado and other western states. Money was taken from the chapter treasure to buy the minstrel books.

An exhibit booth has been built in one corner of our class room to give the room a better appearance. This booth is rebuilt each month, and some new improved farm practice is shown. We also have built window boxes in the south windows of our room in which some experiments are being carried on.

--Leon Jansen, Reporter

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"Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours."