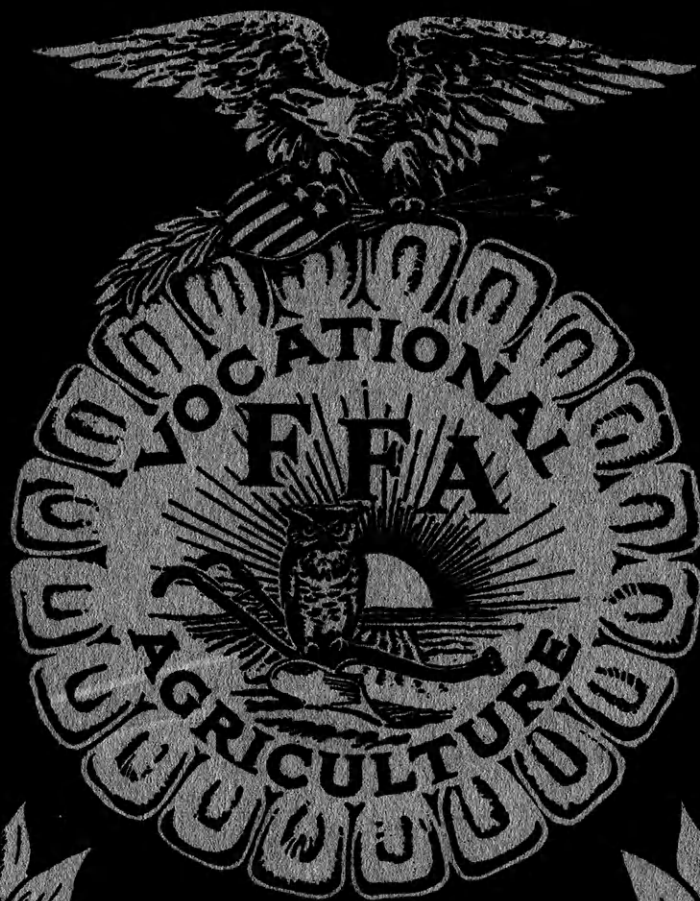


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THIS ISSUE DEVOTED TO CHAPTER NEWS

An unavoidable delay occasioned by attendance at the American Royal caused the chapter news to reach the state office too late for inclusion in the November issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, and for that reason we are devoting this issue to chapter news. While we regret to state that mailing difficulties make it impossible for us to include all the chapter news sent in in our December issue, we are glad to see the local reporters functioning to such a high degree of efficiency. We plan to catch up with the reporters at the earliest date possible and urge all local reporters to keep up the good practice of sending in the news.

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MEMBERSHIP

The dues are 10¢ national, and 10¢ state, and while they are due as of date of January 1, the state office will welcome them at any time. Thanks.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Parker: Forty-four members of the Parker Chapter, accompanied by their advisor, Mr. Young, attended the annual American Royal Live Stock Show on F.F.A. day, October 19. The trip was made in one of the school busses and two cars.

Our chapter sponsored a pie and box supper, November 23, 1937. We received a net profit of \$28.60. The program consisted of four short one act plays, one each from the Sophomore and Senior classes and two from the Junior class. Musical numbers were furnished by Dillard Cox, Harlen Mundell, and Lorraine Husted, also F.F.A. members. There were 30 Future Farmer members in the program.

The Parker chapter has a continuation breeding ewe project. The project consists of 19 native ewes, and 1 purebred Shropshire ram, also 10 fattening lambs that will be ready for market about January 1. Our chapter recently purchased alfalfa hay enough to do the sheep project through the winter. One ton was bought at \$20 per ton and 5 tons at \$12 per ton. We also had a class corn project consisting of 11 acres. We rented the ground giving 2/5 share rent. There was a total of 135 bushels. Labor was done by members who received shares for their labor. In spite of a very poor year and a low yield the project paid good wages to the boys.

We are planning a fattening hog project. We now have 18 boys contracted to furnish 10 bushels of corn each, besides the boys who have shares in the class corn project. The rest of the members intend to buy cash shares at \$1.00 per share. We plan to buy 10 fifty pound pigs and have them ready for market near April 1.

We now have 54 paid-up members in our chapter. There are 5 alumni members, 15 seniors, 18 juniors, and 16 sophomores belonging to the F.F.A. One hundred per cent of the boys taking vocational agriculture belong to the Future Farmer organization.

--Dale Woolsey, Reporter

Concordia: Concordia boys took part in the livestock judging contest held in connection with the county fair in Glasco. This was an individual contest and Marvin Olson placed second. We also took part in the livestock judging contest held at Abilene during the Dickinson County Fair. Howard Byrne and Vensel LaCell ranked second and third in beef.

We held a Green Hand initiation in which fourteen new members were taken into the chapter.

October 9 Concordia chapter officers attended the officers meeting held at Clay Center....The Concordia chapter got up a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family in town....During shop time some of the boys have worked on the back driveway smoothing up rough spots....We also had a display of our Vocational Agriculture department at Manhattan during the state teachers meeting.

--Lee Doyen, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Silver Lake: The Silver Lake F.F.A. chapter opened the 1937-38 season with 28 member. There are 16 new members this year. Mr. Schrag is our advisor.

Officers elected this year are: Frank Koci, president; Joe Helms, vice president; Bill Gibson, secretary; Merle Rhodes, treasurer; Bill Conaway, watch dog.

The chapter meets every Monday. We have a night meeting once a month, the first Monday of each month, and we also have a certain school period during the day for a meeting once a week. On the second Monday of each month we listen to the national F.F.A. broadcast.

At the Silver Lake Fair the chapter was represented by four boys. John David and Fred Reeder had baby beef calves, Cecil Philips and Frank Koci had some things in the shops division. The rest of the chapter had a pop stand there and the money made from the stand went to the chapter.

The chapter was represented at the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka. Later the chapter was represented at the American Royal. Six members and Mr. Schrag attended.

The chapter has a column in the school paper, "The Cardinal".

The dues to our chapter are 50¢, 20¢ for the state and national dues, and 30¢ for refreshments at our night meetings.

The chapter has a class project consisting of six Chester White shoats, which are kept in the school barns. Each boy has a share in the project.

--Herbert Whitehead, Reporter

Carbondale: The Carbondale chapter elected the following officers at their annual meeting: Dean Cazier, president; Clarence Vawter, vice president; Fred Widau, secretary; Russel Vawter, treasurer; Jack Tier, reporter.

Meetings are held every Monday afternoon for 45 minutes. During the month the meetings are divided into four part. The first meeting is devoted to entertainment, the second to education, the third to business, and the fourth to recreation.

Our last meeting was entertainment. Hugh Willis of the Portland Cement Company showed some film strips on concrete.

--Jack Tier, Reporter

Oskaloosa: Our new officers are Waldon Casebier, president; Home Boyd, vice president; Vernon Turner, treasurer; Garold Reser, secretary; Harry Icks, reporter; Bob Hawkinson, watch dog....Our F.F.A. chapter is sponsoring a poultry project....We are planning a date party for the Ag boys soon.

--Harry Icks, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

LaHarpe: The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the following: Hurless Meridith, president; Phillip Nicholas, vice president; Bob Crumrine, secretary; Bob Grieve, treasurer; John Aiken reporter; Allan Teague, watch dog.

To help us get more practice in appearing before groups, each boy will give a farm magazine report once a month before his class. Constructive criticism is given by the class, in order to help each boy improve his weak points.

On October 28, Bob Grieve, Richard Harris, Bob Crumrine, Allan Teague, Owen Wiggins, and Mr. Paul Hines, the leader, went to Chanute to witness the initiation of their Green Hands. After the initiation our representatives were shown around the Chanute Vocational Ag shop by Mr. E. L. Collins, the Chanute Vocational Agriculture teacher.

Our chapter visited the American Royal for one day.

Seventeen of our chapter listened to Secretary of Agriculture, Henry Wallace's speech on wheat, November 23, at 11:30 a. m.

--John Aiken, Reporter

Garden City: The Garden City chapter held its annual election of officers September 23, 1937. The following were elected: Dean Campbell, president; Fred Biernacki, vice president; Raymond Marmon, secretary; Richard Elliot, treasurer; John Staley, watch dog; Ralph Greathouse, reporter.

We held a meeting October 6, 1937, and discussed and assigned chapter activities for the coming year.

On October 25, 1937, we decided to initiate with Holcomb, since Mr. Cook has been teaching both Garden City and Holcomb classes while Mr. Adams has been ill. Mr. Adams is now well on the way to recovery and will take over full time work by the first of the year.

November 3, we held the initiation for Harold Stover, Leroy Biernacki, Charles Gossman, Jack Corn, Kenith Burkhead, Forest Burgett, and Henry Gillan.

November 23, we held a meeting to celebrate the first time this year Mr. Adams could be with us. We're drilling on parliamentary practice.

--Ralph Greathouse, Reporter

Vinland: The following are our officers for the year: Franz Johanning, president; William Randel, vice president; Gerald Millbern, secretary; Warren Smith, treasurer; Beverly Schick, reporter; Robert Madl, watchdog...Our potatoe judging team won fifth in the judging contest at the state potatoe show at Lawrence this fall....Chapter members were guests at the 4-H and F.F.A. annual banquet sponsored by the Bankers Association, November 19, at the Elridge hotel, Lawrence. Prize winning beef was served.

--Beverly Schick, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Chanute: Our chapter gave a pie and box supper November 18. Nineteen members of the chapter took part in the program that was presented. We sold numbers on a turkey that was given away that night. The net proceeds from the supper and turkey was \$30.55.

We picked 55 bushels of pears for a farmer, receiving 10 cents a bushel for picking. We used the money to buy our Future Farmer banner, which we received about a month ago.

We gave our 30 minute radio program over station KGGF at Coffeyville, Sunday November 14. The officers gave the opening ceremony. Ben Walker, our program chairman, announced the program. Our F.F.A. quartet, consisting of Max Tharp, Marion Stevens, Doyle Asher and Everett Gearheart, sang one number. Verne McKelvy, our cowboy singer played his guitar and sang. He also accompanied the quartet. A short skit was given by George Madill, Sam Breiner and Mr. Collins. The following talks were given: Farm Mechanics, Floyd Adams; Classroom Work, Lloyd Adams; Home Practice, Dale Tharp; Farming Program, Raymond Madill; History and Purposes of the F.F.A., Franklin Washburn; Value of the F.F.A., Junior West.

We initiated 16 Green Hands of our chapter and 6 members of the LaHarpe chapter at our October meeting.

George Madill, Max Tharpe, Junior West, Marion Stevens and our advisor, Mr. Collins attended the Parker F.F.A. pie supper at Parker November 23.

Twelve Green Hands were raised to the degree of Future Farmer at a meeting during activity period in October. We now have 16 Green Hands, 16 Future Farmers and 20 boys in the 9th grade class, who have not yet been initiated.

--Junior West, Reporter

McDonald: Our chapter meetings are held the first Monday of each month. Officers for 1937-38 are: Floyd Frisbie, president; Elmer Burk, vice president; Laddie Kacirek, secretary; Arthur Burk, treasurer; Vinson Rummel, reporter; Eldon Smith, watch dog; Hale Conner, first conductor; Roy Rummel, second conductor. Finances are raised by doing the janitor work in the vocational agriculture department, selling magazines on a commission and the sale of candy and gum at football and basketball games.

The F.F.A. boys are holding a parent-son night. The parents of the boys are invited and the evening will be spent in demonstrations.

The boys have completed many good shop projects this year. They consist of eight chicken feeders, three sets of laying nests, two feed bunks, three loading chutes and many other small projects. The class projects consist chiefly of swine, beef, and wheat.

Our officers attended the officer school at Colby this year.

--Vinson Rummel, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Havensville: Our chapter had their first meeting the 17th of August. This meeting was a special one called by our president, Junior Ellis, to talk over business for the coming year.

The chapter put up a pasture improvement booth at the Pottawatomie County Fair held at Onago, September 1, 2, and 3. On September 13, 25 vocational agriculture students accompanied by our sponsor, attended the Kansas Free Fair.

Our first meeting of the school year was held September 17. The following officers were elected: Warren Harris, president; Gale Breed, vice president; E. O. Harris, treasurer; Ralph Shove, secretary; Junior Ellis, reporter; Lloyd Venneberg, watch dog. We voted to buy five F.F.A. manuals.

The chapter set up a stand at the Havensville Community fair and sold hot dogs, hamburgers, and pop. The members took turns in serving in the stand. The profit was used to buy F.F.A. material.

Junior Ellis, Warren Harris, E. O. Harris, Gale Breed and Mr. Alwin attended the F.F.A. convention in Kansas City on F.F.A. day.

The chapter sponsored an all school Halloween party October 29, at the vocational agriculture building. The room was decorated with corn fodder and maple limbs as a background and bales of straw furnished the seats. The main event of the evening was the crowning of Miss Hazel Williams as F.F.A. queen, by our advisor, Mr. Alwin. Hazel was nominated and elected by the F.F.A. and escorted by our capable secretary. Games were played during the evening. Pumpkin pie and cocoa were served as refreshments.

November 12 the following Green Hands were raised to the Future Farmer degree: Lloyd Venneberg, James Bottoms, Harry Brenner, Clinton Clements, Lewis Paulsen, Clinton Harris, Glenn Strosnider, and Glenn Muncert.

--Junior Ellis, Reporter

Cottonwood Falls: Our chapter took a trip to the Hutchinson State Fair in which most of the boys participated. Twenty-one boys also went to the American Royal. One of the boys sold his calf at the pre-Royal sale.

Our chapter held a corn husking contest Saturday, October 30, in which the Reading chapter, and Council Grove took part. Reading won the contest.

We have purchased 23 head of Hampshire barrows. The barrows averaged 77 pounds when put into the feed lot. They have averaged 1.61 lbs gain daily, since put into the feed lot.

The annual F.F.A. parent-son banquet was held November 12, when a turkey dinner was served by the home making department to 81 guests. Dr. C. V. Williams from Manhattan was guest speaker of the evening.

We now have the largest membership in the history of our chapter.

--Bill Cooper, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Tampa: The Tampa chapter worked hard during September to get the activity program in on time. The activity program committee members were Maurice Ihde, Alfred Schwemmer, and Junior Rhodes.

We had a watermelon feed one night in August and invited our fathers. Projects and project outlook was discussed. At the first meeting after school started we elected the following officers: Eugene Costello, president; Alfred Schwemmer, vice president; Junior Rhodes, secretary; Maurice Ihde, treasurer; Albert Mastek, reporter; and Robert Vajnar, watch dog.

Twenty-five F.F.A. boys hired a truck and went to the State Fair at Hutchinson.

Our chapter recently sponsored a benefit show, "Seventh Heaven". We made \$3.00 which was not as much as we expected.

Our chapter together with the Boys Glee Club sponsored an all school masquerade Hallowe'en party. We gave prizes for the best masked boy and girl. Doughnuts and cider were served. Every one reported a good time.

We had a lunch counter at the one-act play contest and made about \$9.00. We plan to have a sales booth at the school carnival and each boy will donate something for the booth from home.

We have completed a concrete hog trough form and plan to have a circular tank form completed soon. The tank forms are to be loaned to farmers after we build one tank.

Reuben Kerbs, one of our Green Hands broke his leg while playing football and is in the hospital at Salina. Our chapter members have been writing letters to him and mailing them all together. We are going to buy a book and send it to him.

The Sophomore class held a culling demonstration at Arthur Patterson's farm one afternoon. The chickens were culled by the class and checked by our advisor, Mr. Schopp.

Last summer we had a two day camping trip at Diamond Springs. All boys reported a good time and look forward to another camp next summer.

Two of our chapter members, Edward Costell and Maurice Ihde, appeared on the honor roll the first six weeks. That was one of our goals in our activity program. We are proud of them.

--Albert Mastek, Reporter

"Ideas are the specie given us to pay our debt to humanity, but like material wealth they are only valuable when put to use."

Chapter News Continued

Sabetha: The Sabetha Blue Jay chapter held its first meeting on September 23 and elected the following officers: Milan Lukert, president; Guy Wikle, vice president; Boyd Hook, treasurer; Mervin Line, secretary; Charles Koch, reporter; and Leon Frey, watch dog. The chapter decided to have three meetings each month during the school year and one meeting each month during the summer. Two meetings each month are held during the forty-minute activity period and the other meeting will be held at night. Regular opening and closing ceremonies are planned for all meetings with recreation and refreshments for night meetings.

Twenty members attended the American Royal on October 19. They all enjoyed seeing the F.F.A. parade and hearing the American Farmer announcements. They also visited the packing plant of Swift & Company.

On October 23, a night meeting was held for the purpose of initiating Green Hands. Those initiated were: Leon White, Herbert Blough, Cecil Kirkland, Lawrence Miller, Cedric Robinson, Leonard Strahm, and Bernard Wiltz. Cider and doughnuts were served as refreshments. Superintendent W. O. Stark gave us a short talk.

We expect to have a preliminary milking contest for the purpose of selecting one contestant who will represent us in a regional contest which will be held here as a feature of Dairy Booster Day on November 29. A prize will be given to the school placing first.

An over night camping and fishing trip was held last summer on the Nemaha river. Everyone caught enough fish for one meal even though no record sized specimens were caught. All reported having a fine time.

--Charles Koch, Reporter

Council Grove: Officers elected for the year are: Walter Porter, president; LeRoy Wright, vice president; James Kiekemunde, secretary; Raymond Bolt, treasurer; Donald Brass, reporter.

Our chapter went on a camping trip September 3-5, at Lake Tonganoxie. Everyone went swimming and boating.

Our chapter attended the Hutchinson Fair September 20. Twenty-three members were present.

Some of the other activities enjoyed by our chapter were: a weiner roast October 6, attending the American Royal October 19, and a local corn husking contest to determine the champion to be entered in the Cottonwood Falls contest.

We are to have a wrestling and basketball team this year.

Our chapter will hold its Green Hand initiation and the raising of Green Hands to Future Farmers in the near future.

--Donald Brass, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Shawnee Mission: The sixth annual F.F.A. Officers' School was attended by representatives of the following eastern Kansas chapters: Fredonia, Gardner, LaCygne, Oskaloosa, Carbondale, Mound City, Parker, Ottawa, Harveyville, Effingham, Pleasanton, Olathe, Lawrence, Washburn, Meriden, Valley Falls, Williamsburg, Paxico. About 100 were present.

Outdoor initiation was held for 16 Green Hand candidates. Degrees will be conferred soon after the end of the first semester. An electric cow milking test furnished some of the excitement for the candidates. The "juice" obtained by the candidates could not be tested by the Babcock tester. Those initiated were: Robert Alcorn, Atwell Beatty, Phil Erickson, Earl Hartman, Louis Klausen, John Kadletz, Lyall Kniffin, Donald McEndree, George Liddle, Eugene Miller, Lowell Moore, Robert Purinton, Edmond Roberts, Robert Roy, Glen Tyson, Arthur VanWalleghan, Melvin Wisner.

The ninth annual Parent's banquet was held November 17. 185 parents, alumni, and friends attended. The supper was served cafeteria style in the old auditorium, and the program given in the new auditorium. Both stages were decorated with the F.F.A. insignia and colors. The program was as follows: Opening Ceremony, Chapter Officers; Welcome, Albert Coates; Future Farmer Creed, Robert Bell; Report of Committees: Cow Testing, Aksel Klausen; Hen Battery, Walter Smith; Home Improvement, Jack Nichols; F.F.A. Library, Chet Sebert; Mineral Mixing, Robert Purinton; Concession, Sam Clark; Farm Machinery Sale, Conrad Flinn; Basketball, Wilbur Clark; Spray Rig, James Stafos; Report on National F.F.A. Convention, Albert Coates; Conferring of Future Farmer Degree: Robert Bell, Jack Beasley, George DeWitt, Carl Davis, Harold Edwards, Billy Fanning, Conrad Flinn, Robert Gillespie, William Haseman, Justin Christiansen, Bobby Ely, Aksel Klausen, Millard Montgomery, Ralph Mullen, Tom Moody, Oren Page, Chester Sebert, Walter Smith, Donald Van Dalsem, Maurice Van Nieuwenhuysse, Harold Widmer, Glen Snelling, Ben Martin, Earl Coughlin; Short Talks: Shop, Tom Moody; Class Room, Sam Trager; Home Projects, Ralph Mullen; Contests, Floyd Smith; Address, Mr. Fred Olander, Kansas City Livestock Exchange; Master of Ceremonies, Russel Alcorn.

A new cooperative project this year will be a farm machinery sale to be held in the early spring. Throughout the winter, various pieces of discarded machinery will be brought in and repaired by chapter members. Most local public sales will have chapter representatives present to watch for bargains which may be reconditioned cheaply and later resold. So far the following machines have been made ready for the sale: corn planter, seed cleaning mill, corn weeder, cultivator, small spray rig, feed cart.

Our chapter will maintain four community bulletin boards to be placed in community centers at Lenexa, Shawnee, Merriam, and Overland Park. These bulletin boards will be kept up-to-date by posting helpful clippings and typewritten articles of agricultural interest. These will be selected according to the season. Selection will be a part of the classroom work of all three classes.

--Charles Roy, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Clay Center: To start the school term of 1937 the Clay Center chapter of F.F.A. held a swimming party at the municipal swimming pool on August 15. All members who had their dues paid for the coming year were allowed to swim free. All who attended the party had a good time.

In order to interest Freshmen in F.F.A. a watermelon feed was given for the Freshmen and their parents on September 22. The business meeting was spent in having boys tell about the F.F.A. Boxing and wrestling furnished recreation for the evening. After adjournment we went to the shop where about 1000 pounds of watermelon were disposed of in short order. Approximately 50 people attended this meeting.

To further interest the Freshmen the local chapter gave a pound of peanuts to the first five boys learning the Future Farmer Creed.

On October 9 an officers training school for officers of the F.F.A. in the North Central district was held in the Clay County Community High School. The local chapter of the F.F.A., with Professor Perrill as advisor, had charge of the school.

In the morning the opening ceremony contest was held. The Clay Center Chamber of Commerce furnished the prizes for this contest. In this contest Solomon placed first, Manhattan second, Clay Center third, Lebanon fourth, and Washington fifth. After the contest Mr. Davidson, State Executive Advisor of the F.F.A., explained the objectives of the state organization.

At noon dinner was served in the High School by the girls of the Home Economics Club and their instructor Miss Lindholm. Plates were served to 125 people. John Miller of Clay Center gave us several imitations and Earl Herman accompanied by Lawrence Vanderwilt, both of the Solomon chapter, played a trumpet solo. In the afternoon the different officers met in the different rooms and made plans for the coming year. The closing ceremony was given by the Solomon chapter since they had won the contest. High schools represented were Clay Center, Abilene, Beverly, Council Grove, Concordia, Frankfort, Lebanon, Linn, Manhattan, Longford, Hope, Blue Rapids, Morrowville, Solomon, Simpson, Smith Center, St. George, Wamego, Wakefield, Washington, Miltonvale, and Kensington.

Twenty-six members, our advisor, Mr. Perrill, and Mr. Benson of the school board went to the American Royal. We went on the new school bus, and left Clay Center Tuesday noon and got back Thursday noon. The boys who went were Joe Gingrich, Frank Hemphill, Keith Pacy, Royal Seal, John Berrier, Elmo Caldwell, Merle Carlson, Floyd Mall, Donald Hammerli, Robert Davis, Wilber Copeland, Clayton Chestnut, Ross McNeil, Warren Coupal, Virgil Brown, Ralph Mock, Dorsey Gibbs.

--Donald Hammerli, Reporter

Always laugh when you can; it is cheap medicine. Merri-
ment is a philosophy not well understood. It is the sunny
side of existence.--George Byron

Chapter News Continued

Ottawa: The following officers were elected last May: Donald Rappard, president; Morris Dodrill, vice president; Neil Anderson, secretary; Robert Jacob, treasurer; Curtis Mathias, reporter; Jack Weinheimer, alumni secretary; George Reed, watch dog.

The chapter held its annual poultry and grain show during Thanksgiving week with 171 entries of poultry and eggs and 105 entries of grain. This broke former records both in the poultry division and in the grain section. One hundred per cent of chapter members in school exhibited grain, poultry, or both. Local merchants contributed generously in donating merchandise articles for premiums.

Eighty-seven dads and members were present at the annual reception for fathers November 11. The dads became boys again, chose up sides, and waged a bitter battle of dart ball. Refreshments were served.

Chapter members have just completed a dartball tournament. The team composed of George Reed, Donald Rappard, James Burney, and C. O. Banta were the winners. A chapter basketball team is being organized and games will be sought with other chapters. It is hoped that a softball team can be organized in the spring. Drawings have been made for a horseshoe tournament for chapter members.

Cooperative buying of mill feed is of great importance to chapter members. Members meet the first Saturday of each month and mix laying mash, dairy feed, growing mash in season, and minerals. The chapter buys the materials for these products wholesale and chapter members divide the mixed products at cost. About 75,000 pounds of mill feed is purchased each year with about 40,000 of it mixed into laying mash.

A pest eradication contest will be organized soon with destruction of sparrows, crows, mice, and rats to earn points for the two opposing sides. At the end of a specified period of time the side with the least points to its credit will entertain the winning side.

Ottawa will be host in February to its fifth annual poultry judging contest for fellow chapters. Last year 25 teams were entered with Fredonia winning the cup for the second time.

Chapter officers have presented a parliamentary practice demonstration four times this year, including the Shawnee Mission officer school. We are proud of the fact that the idea of dramatizing parliamentary practice was originated by our chapter.

--Curtis Mathias, Reporter

Willie was being measured for his first made to order suit of clothes. "Do you want the shoulders padded, my little man?" inquired the tailor. "Naw," said Willie, "just pad the pants".

Chapter News Continued

Neodesha: Recent initiation of fourteen members to the Green Hand degree, bring our chapter membership to 26 active, six associate and three honorary members. Those initiated are: Carl Beurskens, Billy Brown, Roy Bryant, William Traxler, Wayne Coltrain, Clarence Clover, Lloyd Hamilton, Donald Lee McCarty, Murray Orr, Marvin Osburn, Ray Shields, Robert Taubeneck, William Wilson and Cecil York.

Our chapter members built the equipment for the Neodesha Junior Fair held October 8 and 9. Members won their share of the premiums and helped in every way to make the fair a success. A booth by our chapter exhibited bindweed control. A stand for selling candy, pop and ice cream bars netted \$6.20 for our treasury.

Our chapter took the lead in sponsoring the corn husking contest for Wilson and Montgomery counties on the L. E. Jones farm, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Neodesha, October 23. Nine contestants entered before a crowd of 1500 spectators. A committee consisting of Harold Basore, Keith Fish, Marvin Osburn and Roy Bryant served lunch on the grounds.

A broiler project with 200 Wyandotte baby chicks is our latest venture. These chicks are five weeks old now and are being kept by our president, Keith Fish. We hope to have dressed broilers to sell about Valentine's day. Members have bought shares in this project at \$1.00 per share. We mixed our own mash for \$1.61 per cwt.

Our F.F.A. parents banquet is scheduled for December 14. State Supervisor L. B. Pollom of Topeka, will be our guest speaker.

--Kenneth Leedy, Reporter

St. Francis: The officers of our chapter are: Howard Wagner, president; Emmer Groves, appointed vice president; Ivan Loyd, secretary; Alford Rieb, treasurer; Herbert Groves, watch dog; and our advisor, Mr. Cleland.

The Future Farmers entertained the Freshmen with a watermelon feed in September.

The Future Homemakers invited the Future Farmers to a skating party, October 25.

Several F.F.A. boys grew pure Sumac Seed for certification. The boys were: Howard Wagner, Jerald Felzien, Kenneth Felzien, Clarence Zebleman, and Herbert Groves.

Our advisor purchased several purebred Chester White Gilts from R. E. Frisbie of McDonald, Kansas. The boys are using them for projects.

The judging team consisting of Styers Danthit, Howard Wagner, and Burman Wiston entered the Livestock judging contest at McDonald Fair and won first place. They were awarded a silver trophy.

--Styers Danthit, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Abilene: Our chapter is proud of its enrollment of 64 members. This includes 24 Green Hands.

Our chapter attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson. The trip was made in cars. The boys enjoyed the livestock exhibits and the implement school. The Central Kansas Free Fair was the next big event for our chapter. Every member made one or more exhibits.

The junior judging contest was held Wednesday morning. Some of the winners were: Ervin Duitsman from Linn High School who had the highest score of 222 out of a possible 250. He received a round trip ticket to the American Royal and \$5 expense money. The following received round trip fare to the American Royal: Joe Chilen, Miltonvale who had a perfect score in beef cattle; Adelbert Wilson, Manhattan, who had a score of 49.2 out of a possible 50 in swine, James Widler, Chapman; Elvin Jones, Newton; Lawrence Oestrick, Linn, all tied in the sheep division, having a score of 49.

Some placings of chapter members at the Central Kansas Free Fair were: John Dean Easter, County wheat champion; George W. Stelter, champion Shropshire ewe; Engle, champion dairy cow.

Mr. Allison, John Dean Easter, and Jack Holton visited the American Royal. The only exhibits at the American Royal from our chapter were John Dean Easter's beef calf, which placed 17th in the Angus division, and his fat lamb which placed 7th.

The first year class has decided on a poultry project consisting of 100 White Leghorn hens.

Lloyd Sexton, president; John Dean Easter, secretary; Lyle Engle, treasurer; and George W. Steller, reporter, attended the officers training school at Clay Center October 9.

--George W. Stelter, Reporter

Seaman: The following officers have been elected: Clifford Dillon, president; Willis Betts, vice president; Warren Tevis, secretary; Charles Stover, treasurer; Don Stewart, reporter. Two summer meetings were held. The newly elected officers took charge of the September meeting. The dues were set the same as last year.

The F.F.A. under the direction of V. O. Farnsworth, the advisor, organized a plan of furnishing football schedules. This schedule, sponsored by the North Topeka merchants, has a list of football players, on both teams, their weights and numbers, and the position they play. This schedule is given away free at all home games. It was a scheme to raise money for the F.F.A. organization. They made about \$50 in this manner.

Twenty-one new members were voted into the chapter...Thirty-five members went to the American Royal Livestock show.

--Don Stewart, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Fredonia: The Fredonia F.F.A. chapter sponsored a trip to a summer camp at Ponca City, Okla. Nine members and their advisor, Mr. Watson, made the trip. They left Sunday and came back Sunday evening of the following week. The days were spent in swimming, playing baseball, and other sports. The members attending were: Paul Maxwell, Eugene Duncan, Wayne Pound, Howard Cummings, Emmett Keller, Emerson Colan, Eugene Spahn, Loren McDonald, John Brindler, and Mr. Watson. The trip was made the last week in July.

The first week in September four F.F.A. boys took their calves to Kansas City to the Midwest Show. The boys and their placings and the price they received are: Delmont Seirmor, 20th in Angus, \$17.75 per 100 #; Loren McDonald, 14th in Angus, \$17 per 100#; John Brindle, 21st in Angus, \$18.25 per 100#; Max Timmons, 16th and 17th, two Herefords, \$16.00 and \$13.50. Five ribbons and \$13 in prize money were won with the calves.

The officers attending the training school at Shawnee Mission were: Max Timmons, president; Paul Maxwell, vice president; John Bambich, secretary; Lester Koch, treasurer; John Brindle, reporter. Our own training school was held on Tuesday evening October 5 at 5:00 o'clock. Twelve chapters and over 100 boys attended. The program consisted of: Welcomes, Loren McDonald and Superintendent H. F. Wilson; Drill in Parliamentary Procedure, Neodesha Chapter; Initiation of Green Hands to Future Farmers, Howard Chapter; Discussion of State Program, Professor A. P. Davidson, State Executive Advisor.

At 6:30 the group had supper in the new vocational agriculture shop. Entertainment during the meal consisted of group singing, accordian numbers by Ardell Holland, harmonica numbers by Howard Cummings, and tap dancing by Blanch VanCamp and Kathleen Hudson. After this we went to our round table meeting and discussed plans and duties for this year.

At Fredonia's annual homecoming the F.F.A. entered two floats in the parade, one on erosions and the other on fertility. The F.F.A. chapter also had charge of the grain exhibit.

On Thursday, October 14, the judging team went to Winfield to the livestock contest. The team placed third with Charles Stover second high in the entire contest. Boys making the trip were: Max Timmons, Paul Maxwell, Frank McPherson, Eugene Duncan, Charles Stover, and John Brindle.

On October 17 thirteen boys with Mr. Watson, attended the American Royal.

--John Brindle, Reporter.

Newton: Some fifty boys enjoyed a day at the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson. Two boys exhibited livestock and one exhibited Clarkan wheat. About 25 boys attended the Kansas Free Fair at Abilene where they participated in the judging contest. The boys collected different wild legumes and weeds on the way home.

Sixteen boys went to the American Royal. We are exceptionally proud of John Dart, who was chosen as an American Farmer. He is our first member who has received this degree.

--Irwin Dey, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Linn: The main part of the September meeting was the initiation of the Green Hands. Arnold Lohmeyer had charge of the meeting for the last time. Officers elected at this meeting for the following year are: Ervin Duitsman, president; Lowell Hatesohl, vice president; Merle Gross, treasurer; Lester Thomas, secretary; Wilbur Heitman, reporter; Laverne Talbot, watch dog; Eldon Laue, song leader. C. C. Milligan is our local advisor.

We took part in the judging contest at Abilene and made a good showing. Ervin Duitsman of our chapter was high individual and received a trip to the American Royal, and expense money. Two other boys of our chapter won ribbons at the fair. Lawrence Oestreich took third in sheep and Wilbur Heitman took third in dairy.

Ten members of our chapter attended the Royal. Thello Dodd, a member of our chapter who is now attending Kansas State College, was awarded the degree of American Farmer at the Royal. He has done some outstanding work with projects during the last two years. Dodd is the second boy from Linn to be awarded this degree. Wilbert Duitsman won it in 1936. Wilbert is also attending Kansas State. Dairy Day was held in Linn the 23rd of October. We sold hamburgers, coffee, pie, and candy bars to the people who attended.

We are running a cooperative hog fattening project. We take turns in feeding them, each member feeding them for a week at a time. We expect to sell them sometime next spring.

--Wilbur Heitman, Reporter

Coats: September 28 we elected 13 boys to the degree of Green Hand and October 4 we raised 6 Green Hands to the degree of Future Farmer. We now have 21 members, including 5 boys who have completed their work in vocational agriculture in this school. We now have 11 projects started....The entire F.F.A. chapter attended the Hutchinson fair....Five boys attended the officers training school at Kingman, and participated in the livestock judging contest.... The Farm Shop classes are reorganizing and building up the entire school shop. Some of the things now being constructed are: A shop stock rack for scraps and materials; running water is being run into the shop and a wash stand with a shop made sink and a portable drain barrel is being constructed for convenience in cleaning up after shop; a pigeonhole cabinet is being constructed for the boys to keep soap and towels in; a sand, gravel and cement bin is being constructed for concrete work; a blackboard stand for shop lecture work has been started; three saw holders made of oak have been completed for use in saw sharpening; the old worn out hand forge is being rebuilt with an electric motor; two steel water drums with two 10 quart galvanized buckets are being painted and placed near fire hazards as a safety device and for shop convenience; cabinets are being made and will be conveniently placed for plumbing tools, forging tools and for soldering equipment....Elementary plumbing and elementary surveying are two new features of the farm shop work this year. It is not expected that the entire building program in our shop will cost the school more than \$30 since a large share of our materials are from reclaimed lumber and materials from the city dump.

--Charles Cooper, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

El Dorado: Our officers for the year are: Jim Cunningham, president; Harold Young, vice president; Rex Green, secretary; Forest Chapman, treasurer; Leonard Hunt, reporter; Virgil Kelly, watch dog.

Our regular meeting day is Thursday during the home room period. We are able to call special meetings most any day during home room. Of the 28 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture, 27 of them became charter members of the chapter.

Members of our chapter have made the following trips this fall. Approximately 15 members attended the State Fair at Hutchinson. On October 5 our officers, with the exception of the president, went to Fredonia for the officers training school. Harold Newton also attended as program chairman. On October 16, eleven members and our sponsor, Mr. Templeton, went to the American Royal. We spent from Sunday until Wednesday in Kansas City. Those making the trip were Jerry Kelley, Leonard Hunt, Ralph Fowler, John Fox, Floyd Smith, Max Hathaway, Frank Stull, Robert Large, Jim Cunningham, Harold Young, Eugene McKinney.

We are making plans to buy ten gilts to put out on shares to members of the chapter. One of our school patrons has agreed to finance the project. We are also planning to rent land for a potato project. We hope to be able to rent the land on a share basis from one of the chapter members.

--Leonard Hunt Jr., Reporter

Washburn: Marion Miller is the Washburn candidate for the Union Pacific scholarship this year. He was our State Farmer of last year.

Hog cholera seems to be about to break out in epidemic form in this part of Shawnee county. Norman and LeRoy Sidfrid had their hogs vaccinated last Wednesday. The second year class of agriculture visited Johnson's Serum Company last Friday, November 12, to see how hog cholera serum and virus is made.

All classes in agriculture enjoyed a series of motion pictures in soil formation and erosion Monday November 15.

Jimmy Hayes and LeRoy Sidfrid bought pigs for fat hogs projects this year.

--Earl Diehl, Reporter

Wamego: There are 28 active members in the Wamego chapter of Future Farmers this year. Three members of our chapter, Bill Davis, Howard Johnstone, and Clarence Childless represented the Wamego chapter in the Kansas Potato Judging contest.

Our chapter is preparing to have a Parent and Sons banquet.

Marvin Clark and Bill Davis both active F.F.A. members had leading parts in the High School operetta. Our Green Hand initiation was held December 4.

--Kenneth Warthing, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Belleville: The officers of the chapter are: Rudolph Rewclus, president; Donald McKinzie, vice president; Charles Lacey, secretary; Claude Whitman, treasurer; Stanley Boxa, reporter; Dale Roff, watch dog.

The chapter members prepared and sent their activity program to the state office on time. Our chapter meets every Wednesday morning for a business session and once a month for a special program and games.

New officers were installed at the monthly meeting December 2, and the Future Farmer and Green Hand degree were given to the eligible members. We are having a scholarship contest again this year. The purpose of this contest is to raise the scholastic standards of the F.F.A. boys. The losing members will provide a picnic for the winning members.

We cooperated with the local Farm Bureau and the State Flour Millers in a cooperative seed wheat demonstration. The F.F.A. members contributed twenty samples of wheat that were planted on a plot just south of Belleville.

Last summer our chapter went to Lake Goodwin for an all night picnic. It was a farewell party for our vocational agriculture instructor, Mr. J. R. Wells. We regretted seeing Mr. Wells leave our department. The members presented him with a gold knife with F.F.A. engraved upon it. Mr. Harder is our new advisor.

--Stanley Boxa, Reporter

Oberlin: Our first Father-Son banquet was held December 7. State Advisor L. B. Follom was the principal speaker.

The officers for this year are: James Vanroch, president; Donald Jorn, vice president; Keith Chambers, secretary; Fritz Helmkamp, treasurer; Elwood Mines, reporter; John Walker, watch dog. All officers went to the Northwest officers training school held at Colby, October 9.

There are 46 active paid up members in our chapter. Of these 44 are taking vocational agriculture this year. There are twelve first year boys, twelve second year boys, and twenty advanced students.

The fall date picnic was held November 2. While there was not 100 per cent attendance, there was 100 per cent fun had by those present. The evening was spent playing games, singing songs, eating weiners, baked beans, and marshmallows.

The Oberlin chapter is having a pest eradication campaign and the losers have to treat the winners. The captains are John and Virgil Walker. The pests to be caught are mice, rats, sparrows, prairie dogs, etc.

The shop boys have made a popcorn stand and a two-wheel trailer.

--Elwood Mines, Reporter

Chapter News Continued

Alton: The Alton chapter of F.F.A. held a special day meeting Tuesday, November 16. We decided to assess each member \$1.30 to help pay the expenses on our hog project. We also decided to initiate the new members which were voted in at a night meeting October 26, on December 3. The boys voted in were: John Grady, Carl Fry, Milo Conrad, Milo Stanfield, Clarence Gregory, Dale Haworth, Doyle Lamm, Carlton Brent, James Dugan, Bobbie Nichols, and Ernest Macha.

We have started a fat hog and a ewe and lamb project. The eight hogs were purchased before school started this fall. They averaged 70 lbs each. They will average about 185 lbs each now. We expect to butcher them in three or four weeks and sell the meat. We have had the 11 ewes out on pasture ever since we bought them, which was before school started. After Thanksgiving we brought them to the quarters on the school ground where they will be wintered.

--John DeFord, Reporter

Pratt: The first meeting was held at Gebhart Park on Monday, August 31. Officers elected were Leroy Bailey, president; Dean Hoffman, vice president; Edward Foster, secretary; Carl Briggman, treasurer; Charles Heflin, reporter. Mr. Martin is the advisor.

The vocational agriculture classes attended the State Fair one day. There are 40 boys enrolled in agriculture in the Pratt high school.

The new members were initiated November 1. There were 11 new members who entered as Green Hands. The Future Farmers initiation was held November 29.

There was an officers training school at Kingman October 16. Three of our officers attended, including the advisor.

--Charles Heflin, Reporter

Blue Rapids: Officers of the year are James Hunt, president; Fred Foreman, vice president; Rollin Fincham, secretary; Ralph Johnston, treasurer; Gilbert Johnston, reporter.

Our chapter sponsored a trip to the American Royal.

The chapter won first prize on their shop display at the Marshal county fair. James Honeycutt won first prize on his Angus steer at the fair. James Honeycutt won seventh prize on his Angus steer at the American Royal.

Officers of the chapter attended the officers training school at Clay Center, Kansas.

Our chapter has 100 per cent membership this year.

--Gilbert Johnston, Reporter