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F.F.A. CALENDAR

State Farmer Candidate's current year's record book.....April 15
Public Speaking entry and manuscript.....April 15
Better Chapter contest report.....April 22
Eleventh Annual Meeting of Kansas Association of F.F.A.....May 1 & 2
American Farmer application due in Washington, D. C.....May 1

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MEMBERSHIP

When one thinks of F.F.A. membership his mind usually turns to the first objective of the State Association which states that as an association, we will strive to have chartered chapters in one hundred per cent of the established vocational agriculture departments, and have as active F.F.A. members, one hundred per cent of the students eligible for membership. Looking beyond this objective we also see membership as it relates to the number of State Farmer and American Farmer candidates that can be recommended. Your chapter can help the state association by paying state and national dues promptly. Dues were due January 1.

On February 1, 1939, we had 95 state farmer applications in the state office. On the basis of last year's membership 72 candidates may be recommended for the State Farmer degree. Whether or not our membership will total 3625 by April 15, the date of the meeting of the State Executive Committee, will depend primarily upon the response we have from the local chapters.

In 1938 Kansas had the honor of recommending four candidates for the American Farmer degree. This year the state association should be in a position to recommend five candidates for this highly coveted degree. The number of candidates the state association can recommend for the American Farmer degree will be based on paid up membership as of August 1, 1939. Since the applications for this degree must be submitted by May 1, 1939, it will be necessary to know rather definitely by April 1, 1939, the total state membership in order that the various candidates might proceed with the preparation of their applications. Preparing an application for the American Farmer degree requires considerable time, much effort, and no little expense. You can help by seeing that your chapter pays state and national dues promptly.

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NEW CHAPTERS

We are happy to announce the addition of two new chapters, Trousdale and Stockton, to our list of active F.F.A. chartered chapters.

The Trousdale chapter was chartered January 17, 1939 with eleven members. Officers of this chapter are: John Budde, president; Chester Wood, vice president; Donald Wood, secretary; Ronald Toot, treasurer; Hugh Monaghan, reporter. J. R. Wood is the Trousdale advisor.

The Stockton chapter with one hundred per cent membership, was chartered February 6, 1939, with the following officers: Duane Miller, president; Bill Wieland, vice president; Donald Riffel, secretary; Bill Daniels, treasurer; Gordon Biggs, reporter; L. I. Thomas, advisor. The chapter has 33 members.

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A program of cooperation with Future Farmer organizations in foreign countries will be promoted during 1938-39 by the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.

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Participation certificates will be awarded the past national officers, public speakers, state association, and chapter contest winners by the National Organization of F.F.A.

KNOW YOUR F.F.A.?

How many of the following questions pertaining to the Future Farmers of America can you answer? If one point is allowed for each correct answer it will be possible to score 27 on the test. Study the test, then write the correct answer or answers for each of the numbered questions. Turn to page 7 for the correct answers. A score of 20 would be considered very satisfactory. It might be good fun to try this test on your advisor. Perhaps a team of non-officer Future Farmers would like to match their wits with the officers of your chapter. Can your Future Farmer members make a higher average score than your Green Hand members. How do you suppose the State Farmer members, or an American Farmer if your chapter has one, would score on this test. A member of the office staff who attends to all F.F.A. business scored 25 points on this test. How many advisors, or active F.F.A. members can equal or better the 25 score. The state office will welcome questions pertaining to the F.F.A. that might be suitable to include in a future test.

1. The National Organization of F.F.A. was founded at Kansas City, Mo., Washington, D. C., Blacksburg, Va.
2. There are 43,45,46,47, 48 states affiliated with the National Organization of F.F.A.
3. The F.F.A. colors are national blue and gold, yellow and black, orange and black.
4. The F.F.A. emblem is made up of 3,4,5,6,7,8 symbols.
5. There are 2,3,4,5,6, kinds of F.F.A. membership.
6. There are 2,3,4,5,6, grades of active membership.
7. A meeting of the National Organization of F.F.A. is held quarterly, semi-annually, annually, at Kansas City, Washington, D. C., Chicago, Boston.
8. Each active chapter is allowed to seat 2,3,4, delegates in the annual state convention.
9. The Kansas Association of F.F.A. has a membership of 3,625. This entitles the Association to 55,67,72,78, 88 State Farmer candidates. 3,4,5,6 American Farmer candidates.
10. The Tenth Convention Celebration of the F.F.A. was held in Kansas City in 1936, 1937, 1938.
11. The Tenth Convention Celebration and National Vocational Agricultural Judging was attended by approximately 6,000, 7,000, 8,000, 9,500 students of vocational agriculture.
12. The State F.F.A. Advisor for Kansas is W. A. Ross, C. M. Miller, A. P. Davidson, L. B. Pollom.
13. The State President of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. is Robert Randle, Walter Porter, Albert Coates, John Weir.

Know Your F.F.A.? (Concluded)

14. Leonard Deets, Albert Coates, Arnold Sawyer, is third vice president of the National Organization of F.F.A.

15. There are 4,5,6,7,8,9 divisions in the national scorecard for the national best chapter contest.

16. Kansas chapters paying state and national dues, but failing to submit program of work to the state office by November 1, are eligible to: seat delegates at the annual meeting of the state association; enter the state F.F.A. public speaking contest; enter state better chapter contest; recommend candidates for State and American Farmer degrees.

17. The winner of the 1938 national F.F.A. public speaking contest came from: California, New Jersey, Minnesota, Alabama.

18. The winning chapter in the National Better Chapter Contest for 1938 was: Stamping Ground, Ky., Toyack, Utah, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, South Hill, Va.

19. The official state F.F.A. band at the 1938 National Convention was from Missouri, California, Kansas, Iowa.

20. The 1938 Star Farmer for Kansas was: Albert Coates, Walter Porter, Arnold Sawyer, John Weir.

21. The immediate past president of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America is: Joe Black, Wyoming; Robert Elwell, Maine; Lester J. Poucher, Florida; Arden Burbidge, N. Dakota.

22. The National F.F.A. Farm & Home Hour broadcast is scheduled for the: first Tuesday of each month; second Wednesday of each month; first Friday of each month; second Monday of each month.

23. There are 4,5,6,7 paragraphs in the Creed of the F.F.A.

24. The price of the Green Hand emblem, FOB Manhattan, is 17¢, 18¢, 19¢, 21¢.

25. The number of purposes of the National Organization of F.F.A. as revised and amended at the Tenth National Convention are: 8, 10, 12, 14.

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N. B.

Any chapter expecting to receive consideration on candidate's application for the State Farmer or the American Farmer degree should see that their chapters' state and national dues are paid.

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"A cold is sometimes affirmative and sometimes negative. Sometimes the eyes have it, and sometimes the nose."

A PROBLEM IN ARITHMETIC

In order to be in a position to recommend five candidates for the American Farmer degree, the Kansas Association of F.F.A. must have a paid up membership of 4501. Certainly this should not be too difficult when we consider the fact that we have 5174 students enrolled in vocational agriculture. We are hoping that we will have 4501 paid up members which will entitle us to recommend five American Farmer candidates, but our arithmetic shows that we will have 4128 paid up members by August 1, 1939. No one wants to believe that the Kansas Association, with a vocational agricultural enrollment of 5174, will have only 4128 paid up members by August 1, 1939, but arithmetic claims to deal with facts and not hope. There are a few variable factors involved, and we hope these variables will prove old man arithmetic wrong. The problem in arithmetic follows:

Total number of students enrolled in vocational agriculture	5174
9 departments not having chartered chapters, average enrollment 35.....	315
12 inactive chapters 1938, average 35.....	420
Total enrollment in non-chartered departments, plus inactive chapters in 1938.....	735
Total enrollment in vocational agriculture 5174, minus 735, non-chartered and inactive, equals 4439.....	4439
Chapters paying dues in 1939 have paid on an average of 93% of their vocational enrollment. 93% of 4439 equals the predicted paid up membership of August 1, 1939, or.....	4128

The three variable factors are non-chartered departments, inactive chapters, and percentage of vocational agricultural students enrolled in the F.F.A. What is the relation of your department to this problem? Is it too much to hope that from the three above listed variables, we will receive 373 members, the number necessary to add to the predicted figure to reach the total of 4501?

Perhaps it is too much to hope that the two departments established for more than five years and not chartered will charter F.F.A. chapters. However, if the three non-chartered departments of the fifteen departments established in 1937-38, and the four non-chartered departments of the ten departments established in 1938-39 will proceed to petition, the membership problem will be aided materially.

Inactive chapters of 1938 can aid in reaching the membership goal which will entitle Kansas to five candidates by reestablishing an active status.

Active chapters can aid by increasing the percentage of their membership of the total enrollment in vocational agriculture.

Will the arithmetic prediction of 4128 stand, or will those interested in the F.F.A. in Kansas, by their efforts, increase the membership to the coveted 4501?

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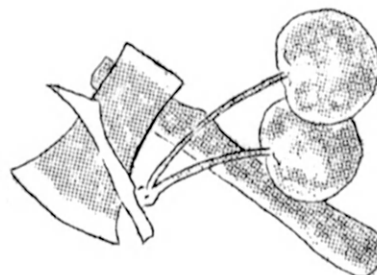
Objectives of the F.F.A. organization will be blocked out and put on sale for individual chapters, according to a legislative enactment of the 11th convention house of delegates. Date of availability, source, and price have not been made public as yet.

SOME IMPORTANT ACTIONS OF
ELEVENTH NATIONAL F.F.A. CONVENTION

1. 1939 American Farmer applications due in national office on or before May 1, 1939 rather than September 2.
2. \$6,000 set aside to start a National F.F.A. Camp near Washington, D. C.
3. Trade mark and design patent to be secured on F.F.A. emblem and name.
4. F.F.A. dinnerware to be continued -- available from Simon Slobodkin Pottery Company, Hopewell, Virginia.
5. Membership goal set at 200,000 for 1939.
6. Special training school for newly elected national officers to be held in Washington, D. C., during February.
7. 1939 Chapter Contest entries to be sent to national office by December 15, 1938. Final report on September 1, 1939. Standardized scrapbook to be used if separate scrapbook is included with the final report.
8. F.F.A. Exhibit at National Convention to be continued.
9. Entire 1939 convention to be held in Exhibition Hall of the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City.
10. Budget for 1938-39 set at approximately \$19,000.00.
11. Cooperation with "Future Farmer" organizations in foreign countries was urged.
12. F.F.A. participation in World's Poultry Congress to be provided.
13. Participation certificates were approved for past national officers, public speakers, outstanding State Associations and Chapter Contest winners. Certificates will begin with 1928.
14. F.F.A. purposes to be printed in chart form -- distribution to chapters.
15. Further killing of owls as specimen for Advisor's station discouraged and provision to be made for artificial owls.
16. Organization to participate in National Education Week - November 1939.
17. National dues remain at 10¢ per member for 1939.

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"First in war.....
First in peace.....
First in the hearts of his
countrymen".....



ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOUND ON PAGE 3

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| 1. Kansas City, Mo. | 10. 1937 | 18. So. Hill, Va. |
| 2. 47 | 11. 8,000 | 19. Iowa |
| 3. National blue and gold | 12. L. B. Pollom | 20. John Weir |
| 4. 5 | 13. Walter Porter | 21. Lester J. Poucher |
| 5. 4 | 14. Albert Coates | 22. Second Monday each month |
| 6. 4 | 15. 8 | 23. 5 |
| 7. Annually--Kansas City | 16. Seat delegates | 24. 19¢ |
| 8. 2 | 17. California | 25. 12 |
| 9. 72. 4 | | |

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CHAPTER NEWS

Barnes: Our chapter was chartered October 17 and we have for our officers: Jack Hogue, president; Lester Clark, vice president; Norbert Stigge, secretary; Paul Jackson, treasurer; Oliver Hansen, reporter; LeRoy Bell, watch dog. Our advisor is L. S. Alwin.

The vocational agriculture class attended the Washington fair and judged livestock. In the beginner's class, Owen Rose placed second and the team placed second in the beginner's division.

The program of our parent and son meeting held in October included: Talks on, "Welcome and Purposes of F.F.A.", by Jack Hogue; "My Farming Program", by Lowell Rodick; "Value of Farm Mechanics", by Oliver Hanson; "Parent, Student, and Teacher Cooperation", by Mr. Dixon, high school superintendent. Mr. Alwin explained the course of Vocational Agriculture and Farming Program Standards. Dean Oberhelman and Jack Hogue favored us with a trumpet duet. After the meeting the entire group enjoyed a watermelon feed.

The agriculture class sponsored a four reel motion picture for the benefit of their parents and the farmers on Thursday, January 5. One reel was entitled, "Rain for the Earth". This reel showed the need for water conservation in the west to prevent dust storms and drouth. The other three reels were on "Poultry Improvement Plan". This reel showed the methods of good poultry practice.

Several of our F.F.A. members are on the honor roll. The following are honor students: Jack Hogue, Dean Oberhelman, Norbert Stigge, and Oliver Hansen.

There are 26 boys in the vocational agriculture class of which 20 are F.F.A. members.

We are making plans for a county public speaking contest to be held at our school building. This contest will be held after the basket ball season is over. Our F.F.A. banquet will be held sometime after the public speaking contest.

- -Oliver Hansen, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Seaman: Eighteen Green Hands and nine Future Farmers were initiated into our chapter. Seven graduates have paid dues, making a total paid up membership of 48. Thirty boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture at Seaman this year. Fred Cook was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy made by Eugene Herman, who is not in school this semester. Ben Fink was also elected to the office of watch dog, as Dwane Christman is not in school this semester.

Our potato judging team placed fourth at the annual potato show held at Lawrence. Joe Pasia was fourth high individual.

Twenty-five FFA markers were purchased through the chapter at a cost of 13 cents per marker. All but three markers are on the job advertising FFA projects.

Considerable interest is being shown in home practice work. Home improvement work will take on a new goal as plans for home beautification, including many plantings which will be sponsored by Skinners Nursery, are being made.

The second year shop class assisted in building the Township Fire station. Rafter cutting was especially interesting to the boys.

Our poultry project of 36 pullets had an average production of 48.4 per cent during the month of December. This project furnishes finances for refreshments at monthly meetings.

We collected \$2.50 breeding fee for use of the Shrop buck from Mr. Mitchell.

Our four Chester White gilts now average 246 pounds. They are due to start farrowing March 12. All fattening hogs were weighed January 1, charted, and costs of daily gains compared. Wayne Lippold's pure-bred Hampshire barrow gained one and three-eighths pounds per day. Pictures were also taken of all the pigs. Weights will be taken again February 1. Spring lambs have been arriving for Warren Guffey, Ben Fink, and Warren Kimball. These lambs are sired by the chapter's Shrop buck.

Pictures of our cooperative projects were taken by the photographer for the Seaman annual.

We are entered in the Hoard's Dairyman judging contest. Our chapter will award the three high individuals of the chapter with a year's subscription to Hoard's Dairyman.

A roller skating party was attended by 50 members on January 25. All had a good time.

Fifteen members of the chapter and their fathers were guests of the North Topeka Kiwanis Club at an agricultural meeting held at the Seaman Community Church, February 2. All joined in singing "Hail the F.F.A."

Plans are being made for our annual banquet to be held late in February. Lauren Whiteman is chairman of the banquet committee.

We plan an FFA play night as an all school activity in the near future. At this annual affair the FFA will play the faculty in a game of basketball.

--Lauren Whiteman, Reporter

Arkansas City: Initiation of new members was held in November. The program consisted of each new member performing an assigned task such as counting the trees in the park or counting the light posts on main street. After this came the initiation in which each new member repeated the pledge after the president.

As part of our recreation program for the year we have organized a basketball team. We intend to play the FFA teams of the other towns near by. We practice at noon in the high school gym. We have played a game with the Winfield chapter, which we lost.

--Max Haslett, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Colby: On January 9 a joint meeting with the F.F.A. chapters of Goodland, Norton and Hoxie, was held with approximately 90 boys as guests of the Colby chapter. The main feature of the evening was a film strip picturing scenes from the trip in Canada given the FFA boys who won the National Goodrich essay contest. Program speakers were Loren Whipps, vocational agriculture instructor at Goodland; J. O. Gunnels, guest of the evening, and Willard Gross, alumni member. Glenn Fields and Eugene Davis sang two numbers. Gerald and Lloyd White gave several musical selections. The last part of the program consisted of several boxing bouts. Following the boxing, everyone returned to the lunch room for ice cream and cookies.

All of the vocational agriculture students have either joined or designated that they will join the FFA. This will give Colby a 100 per cent membership.

Fifty per cent of the Colby wrestling team are FFA members. The team is composed of Morris Hemstrom, Murray Adrian, Anthony Schroeder, John Curtain, Gerold and Lloyd White.

If you were to visit the vocational agriculture shop at this time you would see many profitable projects underway. Murray Adrian and Donald Laurent are making field cultivators from old drill frames. Charles Cook is painting his tractor. Lowell Anderson has a two-wheel trailer well under way. Glenn Fields, Victor Hall, and Lloyd Lunsway are working on motors.

The judging team and two alternates went to Bird City January 27. The boys who went are: Bob Wallace, Ralph Jones and Allen Sloan. Frank Aschenbrenner and Harlen Sloan were the alternates. Colby placed first in the contest with a total of 892 points out of a possible 1200 points. Atwood placed second with 836 points. McDonald placed third with 810 points. Bird City, fourth, with 807 points. Oberlin placed fifth with 803 points. The high individual was Bob Wallace. His score was 307 points out of the possible 400. Ralph Jones was second high. Allen Sloan placed seventh. There were seven teams in the poultry contest.

To raise enough money for judging trips to Manhattan and Hays in the spring, the FFA chapter will sponsor a program at the high school auditorium.

The officers of our chapter are: Gerold White, president; Charles Cook, vice president; Lloyd White, secretary; Ralph Jones, treasurer; Stanley Ward, reporter; and Bob Wallace, watch dog.

--Stanley Ward, Reporter

Cottonwood Falls: The Cottonwood Falls chapter of FFA held its annual Parent and Son banquet, November 23. There were 111 plates served. Short talks were given by Robert Archer, Arthur Burton, Ray Sherffius, Keith Brown, Tommy McKee, Riley Cahone, and Raymond Butcher. The main speaker of the evening was Dr. C. M. Miller, State Director of Vocational Education. After the talks, Mr. Davis, assistant secretary of Agriculture, showed some pictures of Kansas agriculture.

The vocational agriculture classes have butchered thirty-seven hogs and two beeves this fall and winter. The money received for butchering is put in the FFA treasury. Butchering has strengthened the treasury about \$15.00.

Our active membership is now 34.

--Raymond Butcher, Reporter

"The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things."--Henry Ward Beecher

Chapter News (Chapter News)

Medicine Lodge: The Future Home Makers of America cooperated with our local FFA chapter in putting over one of the best school carnivals ever to be staged here. The date was December 9, 1938. Roman Abt and Frank Fishburn, our president and vice president, represented our organization in appointing committees and the general organization of the activity. The election of the school queen and prince charming netted us \$59. We sold votes for one cent each. The six upper classes nominated a candidate. Other features were: trained dog show, picture show, negro minstrel, wrestling and boxing, and the crowning of the queen and prince charming. After all expenses were paid, each organization had a net profit of \$42. Besides the main concessions we had 13 side shows.

On January 1 we had 175 of the original 192 ewes left. On this date 85 per cent of the ewes had lambed. Ted Freeman's ewes ran off shortly after he got them and he lost three of them. Dean Groendycke lost nine by coyotes. For the most part the boys have had good luck with the lambs and if the early lamb market is favorable they will make a profit.

Glenn Thomas and Howard Gant bought a gilt a piece from Andy McIntire of Duquoin, Kansas. These gilts are pure bred Duroc Jersey and will farrow in March. They borrowed \$57, from the Greensburg Production Credit Association, which hiked our loan to the \$500 mark.

The Freshman boys have just completed six combination sheep feeders. They are now working on a hog feeder, stop signs and other smaller jobs and exercises. The second year boys are working on a four wheel trailer and four of them have one cylinder gasoline engines to start working on. Elmer Endree is overhauling his Willis Knight. Good jobs add to shop interest.

Group activities have been rather dull for the past month. For the past four meetings we have shown motion pictures. The pictures have come from the USDA and the International Harvester Company.

Roman Abt, Glenn Thomas, and James Wright are working hard on their State Farmer applications.

Pat Harbaugh, last year's president and State Farmer, has just closed his accounts on his entire farm. All of his enterprises showed a good profit except the oats and horses. He is now working on his American Farmer application.

--Howard Gant, Reporter

Melvorn: The following are the officers of the Melvern FFA chapter: Marlin White, president; Marvin White, vice president; LaVerne Thompson, secretary; George Thompkins, treasurer; Ernest Monroe, reporter; Owen Shirley, watch dog.

Six FFA alumni members and their dates had a chili supper at the Ag class room.

At the last regular night meeting it was voted to have a pest eradication contest. Each of the 22 members were chosen and each side is giving the other plenty of competition. The captains are George Burns and Roger Whitney. The losers are to treat the winners with a party.

As a means of raising money, plans have been made to treat seed oats for the local farmers. The local chapter will receive a cent and a half a bushel for treating. Last year was our first attempt and we made about \$1.50.

A basket ball team has been organized. We have practice sessions every Monday night. For our first game we played Burlington, in which we lost by a score of 27 to 10.

There are 20 students taking vocational agriculture and 22 members in the FFA chapter.

--Ernest Monroe, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Highland Park: Our chapter is conducting a scholarship contest. Lynn McDonald, Melvin Quinn, Ernest Abbott, Norman Jones, and Dale Rake made the highest averages for the first semester.

The officers and older members of our chapter have been assisting in giving instruction to new members in Parliamentary Procedure, the F.F.A. Creed, membership requirements, and committee work. Part of this instruction is given during class periods and some during our regular weekly meeting periods.

We had a Christmas party December 17. A short business meeting was held, followed by a program consisting of short talks, music, and games.

To encourage payment of dues, the members were divided into two groups and a contest organized. The losers are to treat the winners at a regular night meeting.

Dale Rake is our candidate in the Union Pacific Scholarship contest.

The film, "F.F.A. Celebrates at Ten", was shown at our high school assembly program held in November.

Mr. C. M. Miller discussed opportunities for F.F.A. members at a meeting held in November. Superintendent W. W. Wright was our speaker at a recent day meeting.

Two cooperative swine projects have been organized. One project consists of 16 head of purebred Duroc fattening pigs. Kenneth Frownfelter, a new member, is manager. Through a purebred Duroc gilt project we hope to distribute some good quality breeding stock among new members of our chapter. James Kinder and Paul Weir are managers of this project.

Our treasurer, Warren Iwig, received honorable mention on the "All Kansas" high school football team.

--Merton Whitlow, Reporter

McCune: Our chapter held its Green Hand initiation December 2. The Columbus chapter installed the group. Seventeen candidates were raised to the degree of Green Hand. The officers in charge of the ceremony had the initiation ceremony memorized. Informal initiation was held in the shop after the ceremony. The Home Economics club members were guests. After a short program and refreshments, games were played in the gym. At a later day meeting five additional candidates were raised to the degree of Green Hand so our chapter now has 22 Green Hands.

Our chapter sponsored a half hour radio program over station KGGF at Coffeyville, January 18 in which 10 of our members took part, including the officers. The title of the program was, "A Model FFA Meeting". Our Future Farmer basketball team has played the following teams: Columbus, Chanute and Parsons. Our Green Hand team has played a game with Columbus and one with the grade school team.

At noon the chapter members have been playing ping pong on the tables in the class room. Our chapter held a joint meeting with the Columbus chapter at McCune January 18 for the purpose of raising 14 Green Hands to the degree of Future Farmer. The Columbus officers had charge of the initiation as our chapter had no members with a Future Farmer degree. Our chapter holds a day meeting once a week.

We have purchased five shares of Class B stock from the Chanute Production Credit Association which makes it possible for the chapter to have a loan fund of \$500. We have loaned 16 boys an average of \$26 to buy 10 sows, 6 steers and 7 ewes.

--Eugene Emons, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Howard: This year our chapter elected the following boys: Billy Pfrehm, president; James Hupp, vice president; Harold Kling, secretary; Allen Lloyd, treasurer; Waldo Gray, reporter. Our officers attended the Fredonia officers training school, and learned a great deal about the FFA.

On December 5 the Howard chapter had a parent meeting and 50 attended the meeting. Each officer had a part in the meeting. They explained to the parents the purpose of the farming program.

Five of our members won letters in football.

The Howard chapter purchased 11 pure bred gilts; 9 were Poland China, and two were Duroc Jersey. There were 8 put out on shares and three were purchased by the members.

The Howard chapter on January 14, initiated ten Green Hands making the total of 35 members.

The FFA chapter recently made a ping pong table and now we play ping pong at our meetings. We are having a ping pong tournament, which is limited to FFA boys only and costs each person five cents to enter. After this tournament is over we plan to have an all school tournament.

The FFA boys cooperated with the Girls Reserve, and had a penny dinner. At a penny dinner we sell the food for a penny per serving. We also served the Howard Rotary Club a banquet on January 19. Glenn Cunningham, the great foot racer, was a guest of the Club. The Rotary invited several high school boys to be their guests. Several of the boys were FFA members.

Our annual Parent-Son banquet was held February 9. Capons produced on the FFA farm made up a part of the menu. Dessert was prepared by girls of the Home Economics department, and covered dishes were brought by the mothers.

--Waldo Gray, Reporter

Clay Center: Our chapter of Future Farmers is a busy group of boys. Ambitions run high with a Future Farmer basket ball team in the air, scholarship reaching a new high, and an assembly program almost due and public speaking progressing with plans for oration writing.

Our shop is also an active place being cluttered up with hog houses and sheep and cattle feeders. A new attraction has been the installment of a new acetylene welding set.

With all project books successfully completed we are looking ahead to the future to face the problems our plans have made for us. A proposed 3,000 mile trip taking us to the International Poultry Exposition at Cleveland, is the new goal we are driving at. By paying a little rent on the school bus and of course paying the expenses on it, we plan to load it with about 25 boys, our instructor, Mr. Perrill and his wife, and another couple. Estimating it to take approximately 16 days, we are going to take advantage of some other opportunities on the way. Some examples are: the interesting and educational sights at St. Louis, Springfield, Akron, Cleveland, Buffalo, Niagra Falls, back to Detroit on the Canadian side, Chicago through Iowa, Nebraska and then home. Money undoubtedly is our biggest difficulty, but from the response of boys planning to go, money seems not to bother them. The organization is planning to use a number of methods to raise money for this occasion, but even though this may not be successful, the cost including all expenses seems to be satisfactory with too many.

Wish us luck, as well as to hope that we leave Clay Center next July 24, Cleveland bound.

--Douglas Faulconer, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Benedict: The F.F.A. boys put on an assembly program which was one of a series, being put on by different high school groups illustrating different points of etiquette. The F.F.A. boys demonstrated, "Good Manners in Company", by acting out a few short skits which they had prepared to illustrate the points.

Our chapter presented the radio broadcast program over the Coffeyville station, KGGF, Sunday, December 11. The program was in the form of an interview, in which Mr. W. H. Cauble, a Benedict merchant, interviewed members of the chapter regarding their farming programs and the organization of the Future Farmers of America. Special numbers were given by Keith King, Milburn Cook, Roy Guild and Elmer Seibel.

A girl friend party was sponsored by our chapter. F.F.A. boys brought their girl friends and entertained them by playing games. The evening was spent playing table games and solving puzzles. Refreshments were served before escorting the girls home.

Our chapter has secured a cooperative loan through the Chanute Productive Credit Association for the purpose of purchasing livestock to be used in their farming programs. This makes it possible for the boys to borrow money at a low rate of interest.

Our Parent and Son banquet was held February 1. Several short talks were made by men of our community. The Home Making girls served the banquet.

Our chapter is playing a schedule of basket ball games with other chapters in this section. We have a Freshman team and Sophomore team and play a two game schedule at each place.

--Harlin Cook, Reporter

Fredonia: Initiation ceremonies were held December 7 for 20 members. Those initiated and promoted to the Green Hand degree were Jimmie Cline, Dean Dannels, Lloyd Eby, Thomas Fiscus, Walter Hash, Waldo Jordon, Drexler Markel, Joe Gailord Boss, Clarice Bracken, William Chamberlain, Ward Dannels, Chester Davis, Robert Harding, C. J. Jordon, Kenneth Smith, Wayne Pippin, Carl Thorton. After the initiation ceremonies, Jimmie Cline entertained the group with guitar and song selections. Eugene Mason gave a hog judging demonstration on four of the new members, Chester Davis, Wayne Pippin, Clarice Bracken, and Waldo Jordon. Since this initiation ceremony, two more members have been admitted to the Green Hand degree. They are Lloyd Chisham and John Young.

At our meeting of January 6 we had H. C. Stevens, assistant county agent, furnish the entertainment for the meeting by showing some pictures of Wilson county. The pictures were taken in their natural colors, and proved very interesting to the group. Terracing and soil conservation were stressed as educational features of the pictures. After the meeting the F.F.A. basketball team played the High School Freshmen with the Freshmen coming out victorious by a very narrow margin.

Mr. Watson, local advisor, offers for the third consecutive year, part-time classes for farm boys who are not regularly enrolled in school. The first meeting was held in the vocational agriculture class room, January 11. The purpose of these meetings is to help establish the boys in farming on a sound basis. The group organized a club to be known as the Fredonia Juniors Club. The purpose of the club is to develop more efficient farmers and rural leaders.

--Ed Slater, Reporter

"The smart man can always catch on. The wise man knows when to let go."

Chapter News (Continued)

Manhattan: The Manhattan chapter held its annual pest eradication contest in November. We caught 472 sparrows, 39 rats and 89 mice. The chapter was divided into two sides with a captain in command of each side. Burke Bayer and Glenn Jolley were the captains. Burke's side won and Glenn's side had to furnish eats at the November night meeting. Either the sparrows were not so plentiful or the catchers did not work hard as our score does not compare with the score of a lot of others that have been sent in by other chapters.

Our chapter is presenting two Union Pacific scholarship entries. They are Roy Currie and Amos Wilson. Roy was State Farmer last year and Amos is a candidate this year. Both boys have served the chapter well and have good scholarship records. Amos Wilson and Dale Knight will submit applications for the degree of State Farmer. Members of the advanced shop class have a number of large projects under way. Two mowing machines are being overhauled by Grant Poole and Adelbert Wilson. Alfred Woodman is making the seed box on a drill larger, as well as painting and overhauling the drill. Wayne Lewis is making a chest of drawers for bolts, nails, etc. Norman Woolgar is putting a completely new wood form on an old corn sheller. Charles Parry is making a smut treater from a 50 gallon barrell.

The chapter has a mail box painting campaign under way at the present time. We are urging all members to get their mail box painted. A kit containing aluminum paint, stencils, and all equipment necessary has been prepared by the committee in charge. The members take turns taking the kit home. A charge of 10 cents is made for the use of the home kit.

The members of the beginning class have been testing milk. The milk has been secured from several farms on which the quality cream survey is being made.

The chapter has been represented in a number of judging contests. The team won first place at the potato show at Lawrence. The chapter received \$10 prize money and possession of the trophy cup for a year. The team consisted of Burke Bayer, Amos Wilson, and Dale Knight. Burke won a silver medal for being second high individual. At our regular night meeting in January, members of the Randolph chapter were our guests. Del Wilson performed some tricks of magic and Dr. E. C. Miller illustrated some plants which perform magic in agriculture. Two games of basketball were played following the meeting, Randolph winning both of them.

The poultry judging team consisting of Amos Wilson, Burke Bayer, and Orville Gillman took fifth place in the vocational agriculture division of the poultry show at Junction City. We are entering the Hoard's Dairy judging contest. The pictures of the cattle have been placed on the bulletin board and each member makes his selection.

We are planning our father and son banquet for February 17, 1939. Felix Brunner of Berlin, Germany, is to be the speaker. Grant Poole is in charge of the banquet. On February 7, the Manhattan chapter will visit the Wakefield chapter at which time the qualifying Green Hands will receive the degree of Future Farmer.

--Adelbert Wilson, Reporter

Hoyt: An initiation meeting was held December 14, 1938 and the following boys were initiated: Billie Brown, Harvey Richards, Ellis Starkey, Junior Larson, Merle Dunn, Burton Wilson, Jack Rickel, Clifford Rickel, Lyle Joy, Jimmie McCaslin, Edgar Cook.

The Hoyt chapter hold one night meeting each month. The last one was held January 11.

--Adelbert Wilson, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Williamsburg: We have an enrollment in vocational agriculture this year of 28, with a total FFA membership of 98 per cent. The following are our officers: John O'Neill, president; Merl Montgomery, vice president; Glen Crowley, secretary; Rex Kendall, treasurer; Raymond Loliwe, reporter; Junior Miskimon, watch dog. Seventeen boys of the Freshman class were initiated as Green Hands. They are: Billy Allsup, Donald Ast, Harry Bezouska, John Bush, Billy Craff, Paul Davis, Richard Davis, F. W. Davis, Benard Fisher, Paul Keller, Eugene Shea, Lloyd Stine, Cloyee Thornbrugh, Milton Tucker, Dale Willhite, Buddie Vanvalburg, Junior Whitcher.

The FFA boys have agreed to make two land packers, of which the wheels are made of concrete, and the remainder of the frames are made of angle iron, oak boxings, car frames, and mower axles. The boys have agreed to make the two packers for \$14, with the materials furnished. The chapter intends to use the money for carrying their yearly activity program.

As a part of the activity program the FFA boys have drenched 151 head of ewes, 56 head belonging to a school board member, 50 for the Silkville Ranch, and 20 for an FFA member who has sheep as a part of his farming program. Five soil tests have been made by the boys to determine lime, phosphorus, and nitrogen deficiencies in the soil. Three cooperative class projects are in progress; 10 ewes which at present have lambed 11 lambs, with 1 ewe yet to lamb, one sow and eight pigs, and one calf. The feed for these projects was obtained by the boys as a cooperative effort on their part by helping various farmers harvest their corn and kafir crops. By this activity the boys obtained about 50 bushels of corn, 20 bushels of darso grain, and 10 ton of darso fodder in return for their labor. To provide supplement, part of the grain was sold to pay for the supplement.

The purchase of the ewes for the ewe and lamb project was made possible by buying \$3.00 shares by various members and also faculty members. Fourteen individuals have a share in the project. The chapter has built up a fund of \$25 as a result of an advertising scheme, and have used this money to purchase the sow for the cooperative project.

Tentative farming program plans made by the No. 9 boys show an average of $2\frac{1}{2}$ projects per boy to be carried out this year. The No. 10 boys, a project average of 3, and the No. 11 boys an average of 5.

The FFA boys have made two ping pong tables that are now being used by the Student Union, but will be used later by FFA members for a ping pong tournament. The Student Union furnished the material for the tables. New equipment to be added this month includes a FFA pennant 2' x 6', an owl, new frames for the pictures, and a flag holder which was recently made by an FFA member.

--Raymond Loiwe, Reporter

Jayhawk: Herbert Hornberger, vice president; and Lowell Penny, president of the chapter have been selected to represent Douglas county for the Union Pacific railroad scholarship. The scholarship is based on scholarship, leadership and projects.

The Jayhawk chapter held a Christmas party December 22 in the high school cafeteria. The party was an all date affair and was attended by 50 of the members.

The Jayhawk alumni have been having many activities lately. They held a party December 20, at the Country Club which was well attended by the member.

--Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Onaga: The Onaga boys are proud to be admitted into the ranks of the Future Farmers of America. Officers who were elected are as follows: Edwin Force, president; Walter Roscoe Eddy, vice president; Arthur Surdez, secretary; Evan Crumbaker, treasurer; Ralph Carl, reporter; Joe Eisenbach, watch dog. Howard Wildman is our advisor....The Wamego chapter initiated 28 of our members into the Green Hand degree, November 19....Five officers and our advisor, Howard Wildman, attended the Holton Officers Training School, October 3. Many fine points were acquired by each boy. While in attendance at the Officers Training school, the Valley Falls chapter presented our chapter with a gavel and block. The rest of our paraphernalia has been mounted by various members. Walter Roscoe Eddy mounted the ear of corn; Dale Hodge and Floyd Teske worked together in mounting the flag. Our owl was captured by our janitor and mounted by a lady in our community....A parent meeting was held October 26 with 85 people present. The program, put on by members of our chapter and Mr. Walker of the Wamego chapter and one of its members, was designed to inform the parents about vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America....Projects in shop which have been completed are: a concrete floor in the shop, concrete steps in front of the school house, and work benches for the shop. Duane Malone has built three sheep feeders and is working on the fourth. LaVelle Baxter and Edwin Force have been working together on a large tool cabinet for our shop. Everett Bonjour and Delbert Clark made a small tool cabinet for the shop.This year the Sophomore and Junior-Senior classes in vocational agriculture have handled one thousand three hundred fifty nine hens in culling....Our parent-son banquet was held February 8.

--Ralph Carl, Reporter

Oxford: The Oxford Future Farmer basketball team played Winfield at Winfield December 16. Our second team won by a score of 16 to 14 but Winfield won the first team game 8 to 3. Before the game we attended the December meeting of the Winfield chapter and after the game they served pop and sandwiches. December 20 Rainbow played at Oxford and defeated us 35 to 20. Our team is going to play Arkansas City soon. Winfield played us a return game in basketball January 18. Our second team won 17 to 11. The Winfield first team won 37 to 25.The entire vocational agriculture class and some of the older Future Farmer members attended the John Deere Farm Machinery School at Winfield. Walter Blankenship, our president, attended the annual stockholder's meeting of the Howard Production Credit Association. Our chapter owns six shares of Production Credit stock. We are using \$600 to finance our farming programs this winter. All of the livestock projects are progressing well with some new ones having been started this month. Some of the members had summer bred ewes and have lambs five weeks old while the members with ewes bred later are just now busy saving their lamb crop. Three laying flocks and two turkey projects are being fed by our members this winter. One member has saved fourteen lambs from eight ewes....Work on our new vocational agriculture building is progressing rapidly and we expect to start using the classrooms soon. We have been using the shop for quite some time, working on equipment. Two of the boys are building a rolling table tractor saw frame for one of the Oxford farmers. Some other jobs being built in the shop are: one large self feeding chicken feeder; two sheep waterers made from a hot-water tank cut in half; two reel type chicken feeders and others....At the December meeting of our chapter seven new members were initiated and given their pins and cards. They gave reports and discussed their farming programs.

--Theodore Young, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Stockton: Our chapter was organized December 23 with 33 members....On October 31, we gave a carnival named "Goblins Glory". We cleared \$30. With the money from the carnival we bought 3 pigs to butcher. We made \$10 on the first one and have hopes of doing the same on the other two. Our department is carrying a cooperative sheep project. Nearly all the boys plan to plant a feed crop.... On January 4, four of our members gave a debate at a PTA meeting. The question for debate was: "The Farmers of Rooks County Would Be Better Off Financially if They Raised More Sorghums Than Wheat". Alvin Carstin and Billy Wieland made up the affirmative team, Russel Bouchey and Harold Jones made up the negative team. The affirmative team won. Gordon Bigge was chairman. At the close of the debate four speeches were given telling what we do in vocational agriculture. Alvin Carstin told about shop work; Bill Wieland, about our field trips; Harold Jones, about our class work; and Russell Bouchey about the fun we have....We are building a brooder house for a farmer. We hope to finish it in time to brood some chicks this spring.

--Gordon Bigge, Reporter

St. Francis: The St. Francis chapter held its regular meeting November 6, 1938. We appointed Buster Wickwar at the head of the eats committee and Gerald Felzien, program chairman. At the same meeting we divided the members of the FFA into eight groups and a chairman at the head of each group. One group is to have the program one week and another is to furnish the eats....The Future Farmers and the Future Homemakers put on a program and the girls of the school brought boxes. All of the high school was invited. The Future Farmers received one fourth of all money taken in....The Future Homemakers and the Future Farmers exchanged names for Christmas which was sponsored by the Homemakers....Lyle Rath, Russel Edmonds, Relaford Stuart are going to be initiated at the next meeting into the second degree Future Farmers....We are planning on having about two day meetings a month which will come on Wednesday.

--Wayne Andrist, Reporter

Overbrook: Our chapter organized and elected its officers on October 12 of last year. The officers are as follows: Bill Baldwin, president; Wayne Baker, vice president; Clifford Desque, secretary; Donald Atchison, treasurer; Bill Hollis, reporter; Willis Vann, watch dog; and Mr. Anderson, advisor. We have an enrollment of 49 members and were initiated at a joint meeting with the Ottawa chapter on January 12....Art Hoover participated and placed third in a corn husking contest for our chapter at Auburn in October. Mr. Frank Chamberlain presented the chapter an award of one-half bushel of Certified Black Hull Kafir....We invited our parents to attend the November meeting to acquaint them with what we are doing and what we plan to do. After the meeting, we took them to our shop where we displayed some of our shop work....Our chapter has bought a purebred Poland China gilt and we are feeding and housing it near our shop in the basement of the community hall for our chapter project....We are having a pest eradication contest in which we kill all kinds of farm pests such as rats, crows, hawks, etc. We have divided the chapter into two groups and each pest killed counts so many points. The contest is open to all members....In shop we have completed and are working on several large jobs. Seven box wagons, four auto trailers, and two "A" type hog houses are being built, and four gasoline engines are being overhauled along with several other smaller jobs....We have been selling candy bars at home basket ball games....We play basketball for recreation at our meetings.

--Bill Hollis, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

Frankfort: Our chapter is planning to hold the 12th annual livestock judging contest on April 1. There will probably be 12 classes consisting of hogs, beef and dairy cattle, horses and sheep. Last year there were 29 schools and over 200 boys that took part in our contest. We are hoping for a bigger and better contest this year....Harry Stauffer, Howard Mills, and George Boggs entered the poultry judging contest at Junction City January 7 and tied with Blue Rapids for eighth place....The farming program summary reports showed an average net income of \$60 per boy for the Freshman boys and an average of \$110 per boy for sophomores and juniors. Harry Stauffer, a junior and vice president of our local chapter had a net income of \$741. His farming program this past year consisted of raising 460 turkeys, fattening 11 hogs and 12 acres of oats. At the present time he owns 6 head of purebred Ayrshires, 5 grade cows, 5 grade calves, 3 Poland China gilts and 1 Poland China boar, 35 bronze turkey hens and 5 gobblers....Our chapter was entertained by the Frankfort chapter of Future Homemakers on January 17.--George Boggs, Reporter

Coats: We initiated 8 boys to the degree of Future Farmer at our meeting, February 6....The livestock class has added to the cooperative business program the use and sale of semi-solid buttermilk. For our gilts we mix one part of semi-solid to 15 parts of water and find it very economical and satisfactory. ...Lorraine Eubank holds the spotlight in our chapter at present with a Hampshire sow farrowing 13 lively pigs.--Warren Jacks, Reporter.

Alma: Our chapter has a membership of 35. Officers are Edward Hauer, president; Dewey TenEyck, vice president; Melvin Geisler, secretary; Donald Rice, treasurer; Delmar Maike, reporter; and Charles Hauer, farm watch dog....Last year Mr. Hawk added the No. 9 beginning agriculture class to our school and this year he added the No. 12 Farm Management course. We have moved the Farm Shop from the barn to the three rooms in the grade school basement. We have constructed classroom tables and two crop storage cabinets for our classroom and enterprise cabinets for our shop tools....Although our chapter carried away no first prizes in our competitive judging during the past year we have developed an interest in judging. We plan a chapter crop judging contest here at Alma this spring....Six of our members entered the Poultry Judging contest at Junction City. Albert Theel ranked highest of our six judges with a total of 1050 points.--Delmar Maike, Reporter

Harveyville: Our officers are Kenneth Henderson, president; Maurice Joss, vice president; Warren Linville, secretary; Jim Milbradt, treasurer; Therman Behner, reporter; Ray Coleman, watch dog....The chapter initiated 8 Green Hands and now have a membership of 22. Twenty one boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture. Those initiated were: Robert Converse, Paul Peterson, Paul Berry, Harvey Marrs, Don Johnson, Max Henderson, Gail Thompson, and Kenneth Chelf. The projects number 27 livestock, and 17 crop, but there will be more later on....Orville Walker and Warren Linville are candidates for the degree of State Farmer. --Therman Behner, Reporter

Altamont: We have a basketball team and plan on having a soft ball team. We have played Columbus and Parsons FFA teams....We plan to attend the World Poultry Congress meeting at Cleveland. Our members debated on the subject for a month. The chapter purchased the tickets and members planning to go to Cleveland will purchase tickets from the chapter....We are putting on a radio program over KGGF in February.--Floyd Atherton, Reporter.