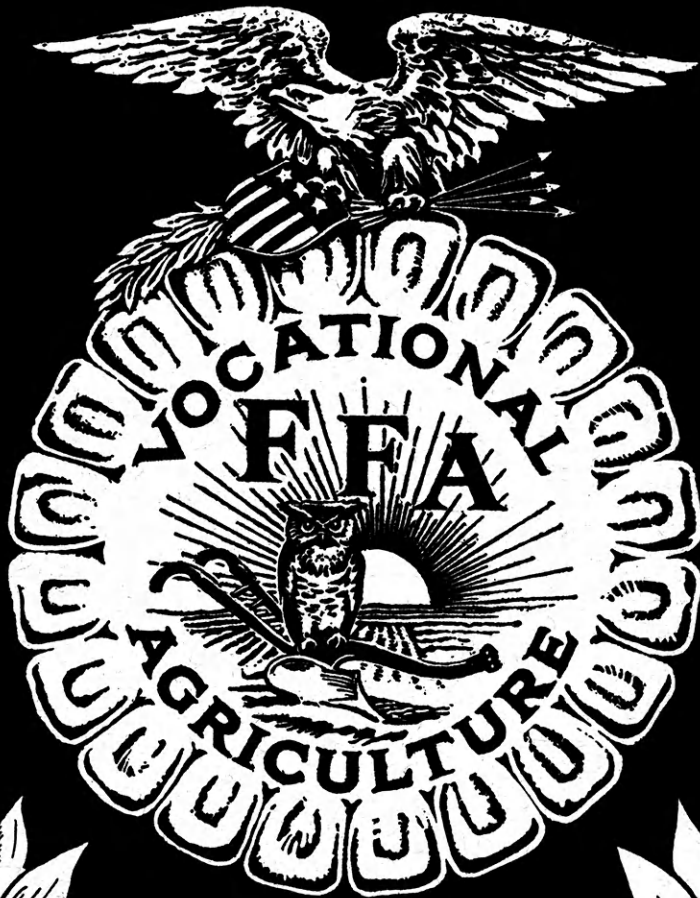


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TWELFTH NATIONAL F.F.A. CONVENTION

Persons attending were privileged to enjoy a highly successful convention of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, October 16-21. Approximately 6,000 of the 207,000 members of this national organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture in 47 states, Puerto Rico and Hawaii, attended one or more sessions. Our own Albert Coates Jr., 3rd National Vice President served with distinction and reflected honor upon his state association.

The six and half million dollar Municipal Auditorium served as headquarters for the Twelfth F.F.A. Convention. The House of Delegates meetings were held in Exhibition Hall, the F.F.A. exhibits were displayed in the Little Theater, and the banquet was held in the Arena.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15. Registration in the Grand Foyer of the Municipal Auditorium was the main item of business throughout the day. Various meetings of advisors and coaches were scheduled. A get-together dinner for the national F.F.A. officers and delegates was held at the Aladdin. At 7:30 p. m. a concert was given by the 100 piece Pennsylvania band, the official band of the convention, in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. This band was led by Dr. Henry Bruner, agricultural teacher trainer at Penn State College. Members of the band came from 75 different high schools located in 32 counties. The band was organized four years ago. Robert Craig, president of the state association, was a trumpeter in the band. They made the trip in three chartered busses and estimated the distance at 1100 miles. We wish to congratulate the Pennsylvania Association on the fine band they sent to the Twelfth Convention, and the leader and the members of the band for the many fine programs rendered.

Texas was present with a 50 piece band under the leadership of H. J. Rhineland, Teachers Training School, Denton, and the state champion string band from Van, Texas, C. B. Senter, leader.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16. The House of Delegates meeting of the Twelfth Convention, was officially opened by President Robert Elwell. The speakers stand was decorated in the F.F.A. colors, royal blue and gold. Across the front were the flags of the 47 participating states, and Hawaii, flanked on the ends by a large F.F.A. flag and Old Glory. At the rear of the stage well above the heads of the chairmen was the 20 foot long oil painting of the rising sun.

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Royal blue curtains draped the entire Exhibition Hall. The setting was very effective. Ninety-eight official delegates representing 48 chartered associations answered the roll call. Immediately following the seating of delegates, President Charles Williams of the Georgia association, presented National President Robert Elwell a gavel made by a Georgia F.F.A. member. The wood for the gavel was taken from lumber from the farm of the late Dudley M. Hughes, co-author of the 1917 Smith-Hughes Act. Principal activities of the day included receiving reports of state associations, nomination and election of American Farmers, and receiving felicitations. The Organization has not had much contact with the F.F.A. in other lands due to war conditions in Europe. Of the class of 166 raised to the American Farmer Degree, Kansas had four members: Robert Randle, Wakefield chapter, Old Lee Wineland, Alton chapter, Laddie Kacirek, McDonald chapter, and Edwin Tangeman, Newton chapter. At 7:30 p. m. the National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was held in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Robert Elwell, presiding. The speakers representing the various regions in the tenth annual contest, together with topics discussed, are listed in the order of their placing. James Wayne Poucher, Largo, Florida, "Soil Conservation - Man's and Nature's"; Harold D. Hoffman, Walnut, Illinois, "Save Our Soil"; Francis E. Landis, Laton, California, "A Contented People Make a Great State"; Seisuke Akamine, Hawaii, "Agriculture and Hawaii's Youth"; Francis Mansue, Allentown, New Jersey, "Cooperatives and Cooperation". Prizes of \$250, \$200, \$150, \$100 and \$50 were awarded. The contest was excellent throughout and is a credit to the National Organization.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17. This was designated as National F.F.A. Day. The morning was given over to committee appointments, special reports and an excellent broadcast over NBC on the Farm & Home Hour. The American Royal Arena parade, with the announcing of the Star Farmers by Editor W. A. Cochel of the Kansas City Weekly Star, constituted the high spot of the day. Free tickets to the matinee horse show were available to the "official family". The Star Farmer announcements with awards follow: Norman W. Kruse, 18 year old Albion chapter, Nebraska, Star Farmer of America, \$500; the regional Star Farmers each received \$150 in cash: North Atlantic, G. Wallace Caulk, Woodside, Delaware; Pacific Region, Dan K. Mizner, Avon, Montana; Southern Region, Arthur Lacy and Albert Lacy, twin brothers, Hondo, Texas. Robert Randle, Wakefield chapter, Kansas, William L. Baker, Jr., Hornersville, Missouri, J. Braudus Ferguson, Boonville, Arkansas, and J. C. Hamilton, Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, were the Star Farmers named from the states contiguous to Kansas City, and each received a cash prize of \$100. The Kansas City Weekly Star conducts this contest and furnishes all prize moneys.

The evening program of the F.F.A. Convention was held in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. The meeting was chairmaned by Everett Mitchell, announcer for the Farm & Home Hour programs of the Chicago NBC Studio. The Star Farmer of America medal was awarded to Norman W. Kruse, and certificates were awarded the regional Star Farmers.

Prizes were awarded to the winners in the National Better Chapter Contest, \$150 to first place and \$75 to each of the regional winners. Stamping Ground, Kentucky, was named as the outstanding chapter in the National Organization. This chapter won this outstanding honor in 1936. Fire destroyed their school building and their equipment in 1938. The irony of the situation

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was the fact that this chapter gave as one of their outstanding achievements in 1936-37 the sponsoring of a water system for the city costing \$35,000. In January 1939 a tornado hit the new building which was in the process of construction. They do not call 'em tornadoes down there, but reported that they were "numbed by a savage, twisting windstorm which blew the roof off the new building, crumbled the brick walls, and bent the steel as if it were "hay". One of the things that makes the Stamping Ground chapter great is the fact that immediately following their tragic fire they "determined to start today with a clean slate and a brighter outlook than we ever had before". First place in the North Central region went to the Albion, N. Y. chapter. Deer Lodge, Montana, chapter won in the Pacific region, and the Moultre, Georgia, chapter was adjudged the best in the Southern region.

Texas won the State Association award. A membership of 23,131, with 553 chapters, operating on a budget of \$10,215, with 93 per cent of all the boys taking vocational agriculture enrolled in the F.F.A. Wyoming placed second, Montana third, and Virginia fourth. Prizes of \$60, \$50, \$40, and \$30, were furnished by the National Grange.

Honorary American Farmers were announced as follows: A. M. Patterson, secretary of the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show; Everett Mitchell, National Broadcasting Company, announcer and director of F.F.A. radio programs; R. H. Woods, president of the American Vocational Association; H. B. Allen, father of F.F.A. work in Greece and the near East; J. B. Rutland, Texas State Advisor; J. C. Penney, chain store merchant, and Ivan Jett, advisor of the Stamping Ground, Kentucky, chapter.

Interspersed with the announcements was a fun program. The Hawaiian boys staged a song and dance; Ivan Kindshi, Wisconsin, our new national president, gave an excellent twirling demonstration. Brandt Curtis, 15 year old Solomonville chapter lad, Arizona, was outstanding among the vocal selections of the evening. Z. K. Keathley, Frost, Texas, the champion hog caller of the state, gave a demonstration. Immediately he was challenged by a lad from the floor. Announcer Mitchell upon learning that the challenger was from Texas, informed him that he was out of order, since the champion hog caller was from Texas and had won the honor fairly. The challenger claimed that the state contest was held at Dallas, a city only 80 miles from his home, and with his fences not in the best of condition he was afraid to enter the contest. Kansas City being 800 miles from his home he thought it would be safe to compete. A Pennsylvania lad challenged the challenger, and stated that back there they had to call the pigs and sows separately. Two boys from the west coast challenged, stating that out in their country distances were so great that it took two persons to get the job done, so they demonstrated how to call the hogs in unison. Mrs. Ray Cuff offered \$5.00 cash to the winner in next year's contest, which will probably be official.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18. Old and new business occupied the House of Delegates. The annual vocational banquet was held in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium at 6:00 p. m. The Kansas City, Missouri Chamber of Commerce was the host. The Solomon, Kansas, F.F.A. Orchestra, under the direction of their vocational agricultural instructor and leader, Paul Chilen, furnished a delightful program. This is the third year the Solomon boys have been invited to participate, and the program this year was the best they have ever presented. Paul Kelley, president of the Kansas Association, of

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F.F.A. is a member of this group. Truly Paul and his boys are favorably known from "Washington to Florida and from Puerto Rico to Hawaii".

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19. This is the day for legislation. Committee reports were heard, debated, and for the most part adopted. The big event of the day is always tied up in the report of the nominating committee. Robert Randle had the pleasure of working on the nominating committee. We are sorry to report that no national officers were elected for 1939-40. However, we expect Executive Secretary W. A. Ross, to get his old typewriter under control and turn out a properly made and seconded motion that will take care of the oversight. The president was so delighted with the report of the nominating committee that when he had the report formally adopted he forgot to call for a motion to elect. The "new officers" were called up for congratulations and proper induction, and we doubt if they yet know that they were not elected. The fine boys inducted into office were: Ivan H. Kindschi, Wisconsin, President; Kenneth Julion, Arizona, Secretary; Billy Bryan, Arkansas, Southern Vice President; Ervin Denisen, Minnesota, North Central Vice President; Elmer Denis, W. Virginia, North Atlantic Vice President; and Edgar Spiekerman, Oregon, Western Vice President. Art Ross, Henry Groseclose, and J. A. Linke were reelected to their various stations.

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F.F.A. EXHIBITS

In the Little Theater of the Municipal Auditorium were many F.F.A. exhibits portraying agricultural commodities for which the states are famous. This is always a most interesting part of the national convention, and this year additional interest was added by the 60' x 8' panel exhibit shown by the Office of Education depicting the various activities of the Future Farmers of America. This panel exhibit was built for the World Poultry Congress at a cost of \$1400. The panel was in royal blue, trimmed in gold. Each panel had a large glass show window, electrically lighted, displaying enlarged photographic views of Future Farmer activities representing the objectives of the organization. The F.F.A. motto made up the central panel. The motto was divided into four quarters of a circular graph, illuminated, and illustrated. The quarters were lighted in sequence. The purposes of the F.F.A. neatly framed opened the panel exhibit, and a framed F.F.A. Creed closed the exhibit. A photograph of the Shawnee Mission boys in connection with a group poultry activity represented "Improved Agriculture". Kansas displayed the hard and soft wheat varieties grown in the state, together with data on state and county yields. Minnesota displayed an F.F.A. emblem, 22" x 16", made of butter and placed under cellophane. The butter was refrigerated with dry ice. Virginia stressed the peanut, presenting the idea that peanut meal with 42 per cent protein was an important hog and dairy feed. Texas displayed pecans and grapefruit principally. A loaf of bread made from grapefruit pulp dehydrated and powdered, was of special interest. Iowa had a composite ear of corn approximately 30" x 4" in size. The state in outline was covered with shelled corn, showing the white and yellow corn belts. Louisiana depicted rice and boasted of growing 45 per cent of the nation's rice crop. Maine exhibited a fine showing of disease free, highly uniform potatoes. Wyoming

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displayed sugar beets and beans. The Rising Sun used by this state in connection with their exhibit was the best we have ever seen. Tung nuts and tung oil was exhibited by Mississippi. Florida used a map of the state showing all the variety of supervised practice work as carried on by her Future Farmer members. The entire exhibit was a distinct credit to the National Organization of F.F.A.

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CONVENTION BRIEFS

Maryland won the ear of corn contest...Old Farms & Ranches will be the radio theme for the 1939-40 radio program for the National Organization... The Shawnee Mission chapter was called before the House of Delegates and thanked personally by President Elwell for the many services rendered the National Organization in connection with the Kansas City meeting...\$12,000 was set aside in the national F.F.A. budget to finish paying for the 22 acres of land located $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Mt. Vernon, and to purchase six additional acres, to provide a site for a national F.F.A. camp. A \$60,000 historical feature consisting of a restored grist mill used by George Washington, adjoins the property, and plans are under way whereby this property might be transferred to the F.F.A. organization. Many opinions prevailed concerning the advisability of such a venture on the part of the national organization, but the delegates for the most part were in favor of establishing this national shrine. Dog creek is the romantic name of the stream running through the property....700 chapters entered the national better chapter contest and 29 entered completed reports, another reminder of the fact that the old boys who established the truism stating that "many are called and few are chosen" knew what they were talking about. In order to correct this condition and certain others pertaining to selecting the best chapter, the House of Delegates voted to do away with the old plan of naming the best chapter for the nation and for each of the regions. Next year the chapters will be classed as being "highly superior", "superior", and "excellent". No cash will be given, all awards will be in the form of certificates and plaques. Whether or not this will get the job done we cannot say, but we hope, we hope, we hope...Shawnee Mission chapter received honorable mention in the better chapter contest, and they had a very creditable report and one that was studied as much if not more than any exhibit on display in the Little Theater...Ivan H. Kindschi, Prairie du Sac chapter, Wisconsin, wearing the uniform of the Wisconsin University band, did a bang up job of leading the parade in the Arena of the American Royal building. His bright scarlet jacket contrasting with the royal blue worn by the Pennsylvania band added more color to one of the most colorful parades on the American Royal schedule...Everett Mitchell with his "It's a Fine Day in Kansas City", and Bill Dripps rendered a great service in their daily broadcasts from the convention floor...That part of the national emblem of the F.F.A. that can be will be trade marked. This will aid in protecting the emblem from abuse...Two American Farmer degree candidates died between the dates of submitting their application and the date of the national meeting. Keys and certificates were presented the surviving parents...The 4th degree ceremony was very impressive. Especially interesting

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to hear Stephenson Ching give his part, and to observe the heart felt meaning put into the phrase "the United States of America"...Approximately 25 states have F.F.A. bands...The regional Star Farmer receives \$150...Andy Sundstrom, past national president of the F.F.A. is now with the National Farm Journal, youth department...W. A. Cochel observing the F.F.A. parade entering the Arena of the American Royal building said, "this is the greatest event in America"...The American Farmer Degree applications will be briefed by the states submitting the applications and will be a part of the annual report of the state association...Albert and Arthur Lacy, "the" Star Farmer for the southern region, are what we would term identical twins. These boys come from a large cattle ranch in southern Texas and are engaged in a sizable cattle business of their own. Their tan hand made cowboy boots with their brand an "open A" and "L" on the shank, cost \$22 a pair...Considerable revision of the national F.F.A. constitution occurred. Official notification will be handled by the Office of Education. F.F.A. chapters can not be established in the future in Part-Time schools. The upper age limit was pegged at 25 years. Your Kansas Executive Advisor suffered an ebullience of loquacity in unburdening himself when this point was before the meeting of state advisors. He recommended that the national constitution be revised so that "deserving" candidates for the American Farmer Degree in the age group of 25 years to 32 years be given a full set of whiskers and an old age pension along with the degree award...We were glad to see the Star Farmer award made without the necessity of killing off one of the parents..."Be in the upper 40 per cent of his class in all school subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction" remains of the requirements for the American Farmer Degree...One American Farmer presented a scholarship record over the signature of his school superintendent, of 28 high school units with the following grade marks: 11 D's; 11 C's; 3 B's; 3 A's. The six units of A's and B's were in agriculture. He ranked 23rd in a senior class of 52. Our arithmetic always has bothered us. However, there were several pages of evidence that he knew how to pat a fat steer on the rump... Next year the national convention will be moved back to some time in November...\$85,000 net worth was the highest figure we encountered among the American Farmer applications, and 20,000 acres of land was the largest farm listed --all this so soon after the depression.

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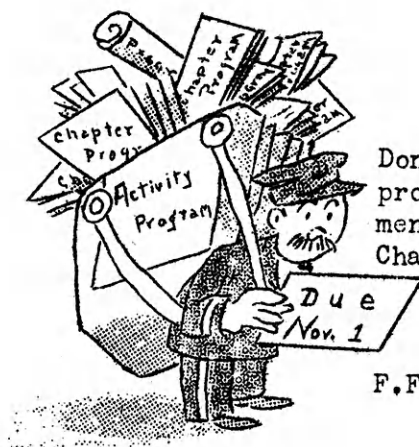
SHAWNEE MISSION

The Shawnee Mission chapter received honorable mention and a cash award of \$15 for their entry in the national better chapter contest. A few of the highlights of this report follow: 72 members, a state officer and a national officer...Averaged 85 per cent attendance at monthly meetings...31 cooperative activities listed...Ten items were included under leadership...Annual dues 50¢ per member...\$167.10 earned by the chapter from cooperative projects. Average gain in net worth per member was \$88.85, while total net worth of chapter members was listed at \$11,965...Chapter inventory listed at \$126...Principal forms

Shawnee Mission (Concluded)

of recreation, basketball team and ping pong tournament...Chapter representation on school honor roll higher than percentage for whole school...Three members received school scholarship letters...Average supervised practice enterprises per member 2.56...Cover representing an Indian scene, painted by a member...Christmas baskets to the needy, seeding school lawn, and field bindweed control among many community services listed...The entire report a credit to any chapter and any state association would be proud of such a program and the manner in which it was presented. Congratulations.

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Chapter activity programs are due November 1! Don't forget that only chapters submitting activity programs by November 1 will be eligible for achievement ranking at the time of the annual meeting. Chapters failing to submit programs of work by November 1 will not be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates for that year; will not be permitted to participate in the State F.F.A. public speaking contest.

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ORGANIZING NEW F.F.A. CHAPTERS

Acquaint your students with the F.F.A. through the Manual, Newsletter, and information furnished by the instructor. Elect a group of temporary officers from your upper class group. Write the executive secretary for a petition blank. Fill out the petition blank, build and include a temporary program of their activities. Return petition blank, program of work, together with 20 cents dues for each member. The Executive Committee will waive the constitutional requirement, stating that all officers shall be chosen from ranks higher than the Green Hand degree. When this is done and your chapter meets the requirements stipulated, it will be chartered and a charter will be mailed you.

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Members of both the Solomon F.F.A. Chapter and the Clay Center F.F.A. chapter who attended the Worlds Poultry Congress at Cleveland and returned by the way of Detroit and Chicago, were gone sixteen days and both schools averaged \$21 cost per boy.

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The best thing about obstacles is that they make us prove ourselves to ourselves. Some of life's keenest satisfaction comes from doing things we thought we couldn't do!--Henry Ford.

CHAPTER NEWS

NORTON: The Norton chapter elected officers at their regular meeting, September 19. The officers are: Leonard Getty, president; Donald Sanderson, vice president; William Donovan, treasurer; Darrell Bolliger, reporter; Wayne Davis, secretary; Eugene Darling, watch dog; Dale Severns, F.F.A. member of advisory council of the school.

The F.F.A. held its regular night meeting in the Ag room September 18, 1939. Seven members were initiated to the degree of Future Farmers. The successful candidates were John Joe Lawn, Dale Severns, Howard Goodman, Leon Stevenson, Glen Parker, LeRoy Sonntag, Elva Vanover.

Our F.F.A. chapter had a booth at the fair for the purpose of acquainting the public with some of the functions of F.F.A. A large chart with the names of each member and his farming program, with pictures of the members and their projects was exhibited. The members who had crops in their farming program exhibited them. Tools made in the shop were exhibited. Some of them were forge tongs, clevises, chisels, and punches.

We held two F.F.A. meetings during the summer. At the first one we met at the Norton swimming pool and spent an enjoyable afternoon swimming. The other one was before school started, to which we invited all farm boys who graduated from the eighth grade this year as guests. We explained to them the purpose of the F.F.A. and showed them our Ag room and shop.

We have been remodeling our shop, making new benches and tool cabinets. The interior of the shop was painted this summer improving the appearance greatly. Some badly needed tools have also been added to our shop.

--Darrell Bollinger, Reporter

ARGONIA: The officers training school which was held at Argonia on September 27, 1939, was a decided success. Eleven schools were represented: Medicine Lodge, Arkansas City, Kiowa, Kingman, Mulvane, Attica, Norwich, Oxford, Harper, Winfield, and Argonia. Separate sessions were held for the different officers. These were taught by the advisors from the schools represented. Following this, dinner was served at 6:00 o'clock by the homemaking department. Following dinner the Argonia chapter carried on by opening the meeting. Instead of the usual business session, short talks were given by the guest speakers. This was followed by the formal closing of the meeting by the Argonia officers.

Officers of the local chapter are Bud Muhlenbruch, president; Delbert Larson, vice president; Merle Pearce, secretary; Max McClure, reporter; Jack Bond, watch dog; Paul Rust, advisor.

Wheels of the Argonia chapter started rolling promptly this year. The treasury was found lacking in cash so a carnival was organized and held September 22 on the high school athletic field. The profit amounted to \$27 and since this carnival was so successful, we have planned to have another in the spring. The money is to be used to pay expenses of our night meeting.

--Reporter

HANOVER: The Hanover chapter started its activities September 27. Six new members were initiated and taken into the chapter. The new members include: Melvin Niemeier, Charles Bruna, Francis Rowland, Willard Teply, Melvin Stohs, Arthur Kriensiech.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Charles Bruma, president; Hugo Bell, vice president; Floyd Bruma, secretary; Melvin Niemeier, reporter; Elmer Duensing, treasurer; Louis Martin, watchdog.

--Melvin Niemeier, Reporter

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BURLINGTON: The new officers we elected last spring took their offices September 1. They are: Jacob Schneider, president; Estel Schermerhorn, vice president; Richard Keith, secretary; Delbert Helmer, treasurer; Herbert Kelley, reporter; Dean Redding, watch dog; Archie Delong, program chairman.

All prospective members for the chapter were treated to a watermelon feed September 11. The meeting of the year was held Monday night, September 11. A night meeting is held every two weeks and an officers meeting is held a week before each scheduled meeting. The officers attended the officers training school at Emporia September 26.

A membership drive was held lasting until September 25. Four captains collected dues. The captains were Archie Delong, Malcolm Bennett, Bilbert Huyett, and Glen Powell. The dues are 50 cents.

Five boys went to the Kansas Free Fair for some judging work. The boys making the trip were Harold Hammond, Delbert Helmer, Robert Weaver, Estel Schermerhorn, and Cletis Clay.

Roy McReynolds, Maurice McReynolds, Estel Schermerhorn, Carl Calvert, Theo Volland, Merle Paxon, Jacob Schneider, with their instructor, A. W. Miller attended the Worlds Poultry Congress held at Cleveland last summer. They all had a good time.

Delbert Helmer, Cletis Clay and Mr. Miller went to look at a flock of Oregon ewes September 16. They culled out 7 and bought 65 bred ewes for early lamb production. September 20 they arrived in Burlington. About 45 will be sold to individuals for projects, the remainder will be kept as a group project.

-- Herbert Kelley, Reporter

WINFIELD: The Winfield chapter executive committee, together with the honorary members, met at a dinner meeting at the Brettun Hotel in Winfield August 28 and nominated officers for the school year. At the September meeting each of the nominees gave a speech on a subject of his own choice before the election was held. John Lawrence was elected president; Leonard Kukuk, vice president; Leonard Biddle, secretary; Harvey Whitehill, treasurer; Raymond Groene, reporter; Laren Holt, watch dog.

The Junior Agricultural class under the instructor Mr. Ira Plank is now engaged in putting in a concrete floor in a basement room adjoining the farm shop. This room will be used in the future for a lumber room. A power saw is being installed.

This summer Mr. John Lowe accompanied by John Lawrence of Winfield, and Mr. William Robb of Tonganoxie, motored to Texas and purchased 480 head of bred ewes. The Future Farmers of Tonganoxie took one load and the Winfield boys the other. Our load was delivered at Winfield, September 1. These ewes looked good to the Winfield boys and cost them \$4.60 laid down here. They should start lambing in November.

In addition to the bred Texas ewes the Winfield chapter brought in 400 head of Idaho ewes and purchased 183 Texas ewes locally. Mr. Ira Plank, one of our advisors, located the Idaho ewes while on his vacation to the West coast this summer. Mr. Lowe purchased the local band out by Hutchinson and we trucked them in. The Idaho ewes cost \$4.30 laid down here and the local Texas bunch cost \$4.70.

--Raymond Groene, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

SMITH CENTER: The Smith Center F.F.A. chapter has the largest membership in its history, a membership of 66. The officers for this year are as follows: Raymond Kaup, president; Marvin Nelssen, vice president; LaRay Aellig, secretary; Marvin Hooper, treasurer; Buddy Bolton, reporter; Raymond Yemme, watch dog. These officers attended the officers training school at Osborne, September 25. They participated in the opening ceremony contest and received third place.

The F.F.A. and R.O.H. had their annual hayrack ride Tuesday, October 2. Approximately 100 members of the F.F.A., R.O.H. and faculty made up the party. The main item on the menu was barbecued beef. Four racks were used for transportation, making a round trip of eight miles. A fine time was enjoyed by all.

Our chapter shipped in a carload of western ewes from Wyoming which were sold very rapidly to the members. These ewes averaged 108 pounds. They are a cross between Rambouillets and Corriedales and appear to be good hardy rustlers.

Mr. Allbert, our superintendent, assisted us in sending a pen of our pedigreed White Leghorn hens to the National Egg Laying contest at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Every year a portion of the members of our chapter go to the American Royal. This year not only some of the members went, but also our Aberdeen Angus steer went to the American Royal.

--Buddy Bolton, Reporter

WELLSVILLE: We had our first monthly meeting September 25. The theme of the program was "Thrift". Committee reports were given and Mr. Sears of the Commerce Department gave a short talk on "Thrift". A talkie film, "Deisel Motors" was shown at the close of the business meeting. Ice cream and cake were served to the members and guests.

Our chapter cooperated with Ottawa, LeRoy, Gardner, and Williamsburg chapters and with farmers in buying 850 Texas ewes. Wellsville boys who purchased sheep are: Vernon McDaniel, James Phares, Junior Crist, Donald Breithaupt, Rollin Richardson, Maurice Warren, Stanley Hughes, Cleon Barnes, Neal Todd, James Price, and Lynn Harrington.

Our chapter has a cooperative sheep project continued from last year. We have 14 ewes on shares with Russell McConnell.

Plans are being completed for a cooperative sheep dipping vat.

During the Wellsville Fair our chapter entered a float in the parade.

Our chapter purchased a registered Duroc Jersey gilt which will farrow this fall. We are keeping the gilt at school and the livestock class members are working on plans for feeding and caring for her. We plan to put gilt pigs from the litter out with members on a plan of returning two gilt pigs from the first litter. This plan will make it possible for members to obtain good breeding stock, and may in time return a small profit to the chapter.

--Lawrence Pence, Reporter

TROUSDALE: The Trousdale chapter has chosen the following boys to lead them this year: Chet Wood, president; George Elledge, vice president; Lester Mische, secretary; Ralph Wood, treasurer; Walter Martain, reporter. The chapter attended the officers training school at Dodge City, September 30.

--Walter Martain Jr., Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

DOWNS: The new officers for this year are: Owen Briney, president; Bernard Otte, vice president; Blaine Stephenson, secretary; Norbert Grady, treasurer; Miles Colley, watch dog; Don Sheets, reporter.

As for our summer activity program, last May we had an all night outing at Lincoln Park. Then in August we spent a day in Beloit. While there we played soft ball, went swimming, visited a good dairy herd and went to a picture show. One evening the F.F.A. team played a game of softball with the town second team. Just before school started three boys from the advanced class went to Stockton to a judging contest. There were eight classes to be judged.

Six boys from the chapter attended the Hutchinson State Fair. When they arrived home each one talked on what he thought was most interesting. We invited our parents to our first night meeting. They were entertained by a program and following that, ice cold watermelon was served.

We sponsored a community fair October 7. There were exhibits of crops and most farm animals. In the afternoon there was a parade and at night a rural school contest.

The chapter has made a seed treater with which they will treat seed for anyone in the community. They also made 250 cement tile for underground irrigation.

The National Bank, John Stephenson, and Mr. Mantz have put out gilts and chicks on a share basis. They plan to continue unless something goes wrong. Several of the boys who obtained these gilts are building A-type hog houses.

--Don Sheets, Reporter

INMAN: The Inman chapter of F.F.A. chose the following boys as officers for 1939-40: Abe Thiessen, president; Emerson Pankratz, vice president; Herb Ediger, treasurer; Abe Neufeld, secretary; Arnold Wittorff, reporter; Walter Buller, watch dog; Paul Reimer, program chairman; William Braun, advisor.

On August 9 the Inman chapter had an ice cream supper for all the F.F.A. members. About 45 Future Farmers and Green Hands were present. Each of the officers and the advisor, Mr. Braun, furnished the ice cream and it was more than enough to satisfy 45 boys and three teachers.

On September 14 the regular night meeting was held to talk over and make plans for the annual F.F.A. activity program for the present year. It was voted upon at this meeting to enter a panel by the Inman chapter at the State Fair at Hutchinson. The panel exhibit showed the picture of a dairy cow as the representative milk machine with all feeds fed for the production of a 1,000 pound dairy cow on hoof. The per cent efficiency of the dairy cow was worked out in panel form.

There are at present 50 boys enrolled in the three classes of vocational agriculture.

On Monday, September 16 all 50 boys and their advisor attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson in one body. Every one reported a good program which was both educational and entertaining.

Tuesday, September 26 all of the F.F.A. members and vocational agriculture boys had a melon feed for their fathers. About 45 were present. Enjoyable talks were given, one by Mr. Johnson, Buhler high school instructor.

The F.F.A. officers training school in this district was held at Inman, October 10 at 4:00 p. m.

--Arnold Wittorff, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

PAXICO: The Paxico chapter has the following officers for this year: Winston Barthuly, president; Francis Michaelis, vice president; Harold Iott, secretary; Bernard Meinhardt, treasurer; Silvin Schuetz, reporter; and Harold Nuttman, watch dog.

Our chapter now has a membership of 31 members and will have nine Freshman agriculture boys eligible for the Green Hand degree this fall.

We are holding one day meeting during the school activity period each week, and one night meeting the first Wednesday of each month.

Four of our officers and our advisor attended the officers training school at Emporia September 26.

Two of our members, Winston Barthuly and Elmer Hund, won purebred gilts in an essay contest sponsored by Sears-Roebuck last spring.

We added to the balance in our treasury this summer by caponizing cockerels for some of our farmer friends.

There are 34 boys enrolled in the three courses which Paxico is offering this year in vocational agriculture.

--Silvin Schuetz, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: The Fairview F.F.A. chapter held its annual election last spring and the following boys are directing the chapter this year: Donald Irwin, president; Dale Lance, vice president; Melvin Scoby, secretary; Nathan Wilson, treasurer; Robert Meyer, reporter; and Harold Schneider, watch dog. We hold regular meetings the first and third Thursdays of each month. A definite program is planned in advance for each meeting and a definite theme is discussed each time.

We sponsored a colt and mule show August 10 and 11. Twenty-two colts were exhibited and 12 mules. Five prizes were given in each of the four classes. We sold chances on a Belgian filly to help pay expenses. We broke about even on the show financially.

August 21 the F.F.A. boys went on their annual late summer project tour. Forty-two boys were present and a profitable day was spent.

The vocational agriculture classes attended the Tri-County Fair at Horton September 7. Fairview boys walked off with most of the swine prizes and many other prizes.

The vocational agriculture classes attended the Topeka Fair September 11. Dale Lance's shorthorn steer placed eighth in the fat steer class at Topeka.

Under the leadership of president Don Irwin the boys have worked out our year's program of work and all the committees are functioning nicely.

--Robert Meyer, Reporter

PAOLA: The Paola chapter elected its officers for the coming year on September 19. The following boys were elected: Leon Miller, president; Wilbur Menefee, vice president; Joe Butel, secretary; Clifford Everhart, treasurer; Charles Pursell, reporter; Charles Burris, watch dog.

A watermelon feed was given for the freshmen on September 11 and was enjoyed by all. About 500 pounds were consumed. The vocational agriculture department cooperated with the Miami County 4-H fair August 24 to 26 by erecting a booth on, "How to Control Pasture Weeds", as well as having a car in the parade.

The chapter plans to improve the quality of their hogs. They have two registered Hampshire gilts and plan to secure more. They also purchased a registered boar....Eight committees have worked out the annual program of work.

--Charles Pursell, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

BIRD CITY: The Bird City chapter held its annual watermelon feed at the Boy Scout grove with 35 present. Floyd Pettit and Wayne Deeds furnished the melons and the result was ammunition for the undeclared war.

A panel display board showing results of last year's Colby Milo production in the chapter was prepared and sent to the Hutchinson Fair for display there. Two 8x10 tinted enlargements and four 5x7 enlargements of boys doing various jobs in producing Colby Milo were used. These pictures were of Floyd Pettit, Wayne Deeds, Duane Harris, Carl Beeson and Lowell Query.

This year instead of a poultry show we are sponsoring a grain show to be held in October. The business men will furnish prize money for entries of wheat, sorghums, and corn. It is planned to use charts showing yield data by the Farm Bureau and present results of the Kansas Wheat Improvement Association work in Cheyenne county and other educational material. Kenneth Hitchcock, Virgil Query and Tommy Gleason are in charge of this work.

A committee consisting of Tolla Colt, Harold Deeds, Raymond Harwath, has been appointed to prepare for a small tree nursery to supplement the 1200 trees that were planted last year. These trees will be 18" when put in and will be left for one year and then taken to the homes of members. Soil preparation will begin this fall.

At the Carnival to be presented by the Senior class the F.F.A. will present a fashion show. The Green Hands will be the actors or victims. Also we will build all booths and do most of the work in preparing for it and for this work and fashion show, receive \$10.

We entered the opening ceremony contest at the Officers Training School October 14 at Colby. Bob Brubaker was on the program for a vocal solo.

Junior Kenning won the F.F.A. scholarship contest for last year by making the greatest improvement the last semester over the first semester of any other member. Neal Leathers and Douglas Crane who were in charge of this activity will select a suitable prize.

--Wayne Deeds, Reporter

KIOWA: The first meeting of the school year was held September 11 by the Kiowa chapter of F.F.A. At this meeting the new business of electing officers was taken up. The following officers were elected: Melvin Wyrick, president; Glenn Irish, vice president; Eldon Jacobs, secretary; Bill Houlton, treasurer; Robert Hildebrand, reporter; Austin Rugg, watch dog.

Other business which was taken up was the coming initiation of the Green Hands at the next meeting. Committees were appointed for entertainment and refreshments.

At the meeting on September 25, fourteen Vocational Agriculture boys responded to the call for Green Hands. After initiation ceremonies were completed some tricks were played on the Green Hands by the Future Farmers. A watermelon feed was then given.

Officers who were elected at the meeting on September 11 went to Argonia September 27 to the F.F.A. officers training school. Officers gathered in their respective rooms at 3:30 where they strived to learn the duties of their office. A banquet was held at 6:00 o'clock. Following the banquet speeches on vocational agriculture and the F.F.A. were given.

--Robert Hildebrand, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MILTONVALE: Our F.F.A. chapter has an enrollment of 30 members. The officers for the coming year are as follows: Cyrus Wymore, president; Bruce Neill, vice president; Roy Lee Hauck, secretary; Bob Felt, treasurer; Frank Hauck, watch dog; James Fuller, reporter. The officers had a special meeting to plan the F.F.A. calendar for the year. We also planned a Parent-Son party which was held October 16.

Our chapter attended the Free Fair at Topeka. Twenty-two boys made the trip in a truck. Our livestock judging team entered the Cloud County Fair Judging contest at Glasco. We tied Concordia for second place. Bruce Neill was third high individual in the contest and Bob Felt was high individual in the beef cattle class. Joe Chilen received grand champion on his Angus steer, Shortie, at the Delphos Fair. At Glasco he received first in the Angus division. Junior Stout and Clayton Koster entered their Herefords at the Delphos Fair. Junior received first and third on his heifers and Clayton received fourth on his steer.

Ten of our F.F.A. boys attended the Central Kansas Free Fair Judging school at Abilene Wednesday, September 27.

In August our advisor, Mr. Patton, bought 80 head of Northwestern ewes and two pure bred Hampshire rams to be sold to the Future Farmers. Seven boys have new sheep projects this fall. Our chapter sheep project netted us a profit of \$20 last year. The third year shop boys are overhauling mowers. Last summer our shop was repainted inside and remodeled by putting in wall benches and re-racking the tools.

We attended the officers training school at Clay Center, October 2.

--James Fuller, Reporter

CHANUTE: Election of officers for the Chanute chapter was held last May. The following officers were elected: Glenn Neely, president; Charles Taylor, vice president; Raymond Friederich, secretary; Ben Walker, treasurer; Joe Arthur, reporter; Lloyd Adams, watch dog. Chanute has an enrollment of 66 boys this year, which is two more than last year's enrollment. Only three of the sixty-six live inside the city limits. They are far enough out that they are conducting a satisfactory farming program.

Chanute attended the district Officers Training School, September 26 at Fredonia. The chapter won a trophy for first place in the opening ceremony contest. Six of the boys have organized an "old time band" which includes an accordian, two guitars, a fiddle, harmonica, and a bozooka.

Twenty-eight of the members attended the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka, Monday September 11. We attended the livestock judging demonstration, after which we viewed the exhibits and livestock.

Thirteen members of the chapter put on a thirty minute radio program at Coffeyville, Sunday, September 24. This was the first of the series of programs to be given by the schools of southeast Kansas.

--Joe Arthur, Reporter

Columbus had returned to Spain with the news of his discovery. The reporter who got the interview rushed in to the Editor of the Madrid Daily Scream. "That's the story," he said at length. "How much shall I write about it?" "Not a line," snapped the Editor, "if Columbus wants any advertising let him pay for it at space rates. It's probably one of those darned real estate schemes."

Chapter News (Continued)

SIMPSON: On August 21 we held our last meeting during the summer. During this meeting we elected new officers as follows: Dale Berneking, president; Neal Dougherty, vice president; Gene Prewett, secretary; George Robert Jones, treasurer; Bob Guipre, reporter; Carl Johnson, watch dog. These boys took charge of our next meeting on September 9.

We entered the Mitchell county judging contest in which four of our boys won the first four places.

Carl Johnson entered his Hereford steer in the Cloud county fair and took first prize in his class as well as Grand Champion of Cloud county. Bill Weaver entered his calf in the Cloud county fair and won fourth place in the Angus class. Bill and Carl also entered their steers at the Wichita Livestock Show.

Corwin Freeman took his calf to the American Royal. He has a fine Hereford steer which took first prize in his class and Grand Champion of Mitchell county.

We went to the Officers Training school held at Osborne September 26 and entered the opening ceremony contest in which a trophy was given (for one year) to the winner. Eight schools participated in the contest. The scores were as follows: First, Simpson with 743 points out of 800; second, Stockton with 696 points; Smith Center, third, with 695 points. The winner of the trophy for three years will have permanent possession. Dinner was served in the basement of the Congregational Church at Osborne. After dinner we returned to the school house for group meetings which adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

--Bob Guipre, Reporter

WAKEFIELD: The Wakefield F.F.A. chapter held its annual election of officers September 12 and the following boys were chosen: Wayne Machmer, president; Ernest Sharp, vice president; Merle Myers, secretary; Harold Fehlman, treasurer; Duane Braden, reporter; Roy Thrush, watch dog.

The 13 high school Freshman boys, their parents, and several F.F.A. members met at the agriculture building Friday evening to explain the vocational agriculture program to both the boys and their parents. Nine of the boys had both parents there and four had one parent represented, making a total of 56. The building and farming programs, home practice work and FFA were emphasized.

Several demonstration booths were made recently for our part of the Wakefield Fair which was held October 12 and 13. Each F.F.A. member exhibited either livestock or a sample of some crop.

--Duane Braden, Reporter

BEVERLY: The Beverly agriculture department was well represented at the Sylvan Grove fair. We took several ribbons in swine and poultry.

The Sophomore ag class has a class organization which tends to increase knowledge in parliamentary procedure.

The Junior ag class is doing considerable shop work. Some of the jobs include: hot iron work, painting, motor machines, advanced farm machinery, plumbing and glazing.

The officers for the coming year are: Fred Woody, president; Harvey Loy, vice president; Gerald Harr, secretary; Keith Anderson, treasurer; David Bogart, reporter; Harold Morrison, watch dog.

--David Bogart, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

HOWARD: On September 6 we elected new officers for the Howard chapter. The following boys were elected as officers: Allen Loyd, president; Richard Young, vice president; George Winn, secretary; Junior Intermill, treasurer; Waldo Gray, reporter.

September 26, nine Future Farmers from our chapter attended the Officers Training School at Fredonia. Billy Pfrehm, a member of our chapter, who is now secretary of the Kansas Association of F.F.A., was on the program. We took second prize on the opening ceremony.

Eight boys and our agriculture teacher, Mr. Bergsma, attended the camp at Ponca City. They had a fine time while they were there and intend to go back next year if the camp is open to Future Farmers.

The Future Farmers sold used books to both the high school and grade school. We had 300 books turned in and sold 280 of them. The total sales came to \$240.

The Howard chapter purchased 75 head of Texas sheep, 65 of which were bought by members of the chapter. There are ten remaining sheep which we will keep or put out to members on the share basis.

--Waldo Gray, Reporter

ALTON: The officers elected for the school year are: Lyle Wonderlick, president; John Grady, vice president; Vernon Hackerott, treasurer; Milo Conrad, secretary; Aubrey Watson, reporter. An officers meeting was held August 1. We decided to have a party for the Freshmen on August 19. Two committees were appointed to take care of the recreation and the refreshments. Thirty-five people attended the party, 14 of whom were Freshman boys. We played a game of softball and ice cream and cake were served afterwards.

Some of the F.F.A. boys attended the state fair at Hutchinson, September 18.

The Officers School was held at Osborne September 24. The opening ceremony was presented with Alton as the secretary. Simpson placed first in the opening ceremony contest. Supper was served at the Congregational church at 6:00 o'clock. After supper each chapter gave an entertainment number.

About 25 per cent of our F.F.A. members attended the American Royal.

--Aubrey Watson, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: Several of the boys have purchased Western and Texas ewes during the summer. Through co-operative buying with the other schools, we have brought in 220 ewes.

The boys who have purchased purebred rams are: Max Well, Ralph Dodd, and Harold Durst.

The F.F.A. boys have shown live stock at the Belleville Fair, Banner Fair, and Washington Co. Fair this year. The boys did quite well on their entries and carried away many firsts and seconds.

The vocational agriculture department is now looking over the grades of the Sophomores to find those qualified for the Future Farmer degree. All those boys making a degree were given a free trip to the American Royal.

The F.F.A. held a roller skating party September 27. There were 45 present, including F.F.A. and other guests.

--Ralph Dodol, Reporter

"Worry is just like a rocking-horse; it keeps you going but gets you nowhere".

Chapter News (Concluded)

COLDWATER: The Coldwater chapter held their election of officers on September 6, 1939, and the following officers were chosen: Delmer Huck, president; Harold McKinney, vice president; Bill Robbins, secretary; James Thompson, treasurer; Frank Tarr, reporter; Ed Young, watch dog.

The Coldwater chapter won first in the western Kansas group on their collective booth at the Kansas State Fair. Prize money amounted to \$171.40. Thirty-five members attended the fair on Sunday and Monday. Three of the members, Tom Carleton, Clair Parcel, and George Smith won first in Livestock Judging contest at Topeka.

--Frank Tarr, Reporter

DELPHOS: The officers elected by our club for the coming year are as follows: George Reynolds, president; Dean Somers, vice president; Clayton Hogg, treasurer; Jim White, secretary; D. M. Bourne, watch dog; George Courtney, reporter.

The second year vocational agriculture class went to Glasco to the judging contest and took first place. The following boys made up the team: Carl Adolphson, Dick Shea and George Courtney. Carl Adolphson was high individual in the contest.

The second year vocational agriculture class went to Hutchinson to the State Fair. The truck expenses of the trip were paid by the money won at the Glasco contest.

--George Courtney, Reporter

PARKER: The Parker chapter enjoyed an eight day trip to Colorado this summer. The expense for each boy was \$4.00 bus fare and \$4.50 for eats. Fifty cents of this was refunded. Each boy took one dozen eggs, bedding and either beans, rice or noodles. There were 27 in the group including Mr. and Mrs. Webb and Don Koontz, our driver.

Sunday evening we stopped at a private lake northeast of Hill City, where we enjoyed boat riding and swimming. The cost of admittance was 10 cents per person. We stayed there all night. Monday evening we were in Denver and made it to Estes Park that evening, where we rented three cabins for Monday and Tuesday nights. Here we saw our first snow capped peaks. We went up into the Rocky Mountain Park Tuesday. At noon our altitude was 12,000 feet. We saw some deer and were about three miles above the snow.

Wednesday morning we left for Denver where we had our pictures taken by the Denver Post. We ate dinner Wednesday at Palmer Lake and Wednesday evening went swimming at Prospect Lake in Colorado Springs. The water had a temperature of 69 degrees and felt very cold. Some of the boys went motor boat riding while others went swimming.

Thursday morning we visited the Garden of the Gods, Hidden Inn, The Balanced Rock and Ship Rock, and the Cave of the Winds. We left Thursday noon for Pueblo, where we saw the largest steel mill west of Chicago, which covers 600 acres. After dinner we went to the Royal Gorge by the way of Canyon City. Saturday morning we left for home, tired but happy.

--William Bearly, Reporter

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DON'T FORGET THAT ACTIVITY PROGRAMS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1!