

NEWSLETTER

KANSAS ASSOCIATION

of

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF STATE ASSOCIATION

The third annual conference of the Kansas Association of the Future Farmers of America was held at Manhattan, April 27 and 28.

The Chamber of Commerce banquet was turned over to the officers of the state association in time for them to formally open the meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA and raise the following members to the degree of State Farmer:

Orval W. Bishop, Linn 10  
John Henry Peters, Washington  
Charles Cooper, Carbondale 1  
Delos Shore, Winfield  
Francis Hammett, Marysville 8  
Leo Paulsen, Concordia 5  
Cecil Leidig, Morrowville 9  
Harold Missimer, Manhattan 6  
Francis Grillot, Parsons  
John Robinson, Colby 2

Leo Griffing, Morrowville 9  
William A. Wishart, Manhattan 6  
Edgar Heilman, Chanute 3  
Donald Cornelius, Westmoreland  
Ansel Dickinson, Coldwater 4  
Wilbur Westing, Washington  
William M. Murphy, Wellsville  
William Griffith, Coldwater 4  
Max Dickerson, Parsons  
William Trager, Merriam 7

The meeting was conducted by last year's state officers, who are to be congratulated for the fine manner in which they handled the ritualistic work. Three honorary State Farmer memberships were awarded to: Dr. W. E. Grimes, Supervisor L. B. Pollom, and Prof. A. P. Davidson.

The meeting of the house of delegates was held the evening of April 28. A brief report of each chapter represented was given. Chapters having State Farmer representation gave oral reports and the other chapters gave written reports to the state secretary. At this meeting it was voted that the newly elected honorary State Farmers be awarded State Farmer keys. The new officers whose names appear for the first time at the head of the newsletter were elected at this meeting. The president and vice president were

designated as state representatives to the national convention of FFA which is held in connection with the American Royal in the fall.

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NOTES FROM NEW OFFICERS

The FFA is a growing organization. We have grown rapidly during the past year and I am positive we will continue to do so during the next.

It is my earnest belief that the Future Farmer organization is the best and finest organization for young American farmers. We can make it even better.

Let us all roll up our sleeves and work to make the Kansas Association of the Future Farmers of America the greatest of them all.

Leo Paulsen, President.

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On behalf of the state association of Future Farmers of America I want to thank the Manhattan chapter for the use of their paraphernalia during the banquet and in connection with the annual meeting of the house of delegates, April 27 and 28. This was a very courteous thing for the Manhattan chapter to do, and the paraphernalia added greatly to the dignity of the meetings.

Francis Grillot, Vice Pres.

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The reporter of the FFA newsletter has a great responsibility in getting the letter out. As we know, Frank Sawyer was reporter last year and he did a fine piece of work. Our plan for the coming year is to put out as interesting a newsletter as Frank did. We hope to make it as interesting for the reporter of each chapter as possible. To accomplish this, each reporter must get his report in on time and include all news of interest. We want to make Kansas rank at the top in FFA work.

John Henry Peters, Reporter.

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KANSAS ENTITLED TO TWO AMERICAN FARMERS NEXT FALL

Since the paid up active membership in the Kansas Association is somewhat over one thousand our state will be entitled to two American Farmers next year. Local advisers will please bear in mind the fact that American Farmers will be chosen from the State Farmer members. This will include State Farmers of last year and the previous year provided they are still active members. Forms for making application for the American Farmer degree will be available early next fall.

The officers of the national organization next year will be chosen from the American Farmer group. This year it was necessary to elect officers of the national organization from members holding the State Farmer degree, but at the next election and from then on only members holding the American Farmer degree will be eligible for office in the national organization.

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LET'S USE CORRECT F.F.A. TERMINOLOGY

In the past few months, considerable literature has appeared in various forms dealing with FFA activities and accomplishments. Many of these prepared articles are splendid in form and content but there seems to be a widespread mis-use of the

terminology in connection with designating the various units of the FFA organization. Such terms as "FFA club" and "FFA society" are sometimes used when the writer is actually referring to a local FFA chapter. In a similar way, the term "FFA State Chapter" frequently makes its appearance when the author is referring to a State Association of F.F.A. The same mis-use is often evident in conversing on FFA matters.

Although the term "Future Farmers" is popular, it is well for us to remember that it is not especially definite and might refer to other groups. However, "the FFA" or the "Future Farmers of America" terms when used in writing immediately designate and distinguish our organization from all others.

It is confusing to everyone when FFA terms are mis-used and surely it is largely due to carelessness on the part of most of us. Why not be a little more careful and encourage the members to do the same. Let's forget such words as "club", "society", and similar terms; they have no place in the FFA. It is the "national organization", the "State Association" and the "local chapter", always, when speaking of or writing about the FFA.

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### FFA ON THE AIR

Through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company fifteen minute FFA programs will be given during the Farm and Home Hour on the second Monday of each month. Doctor C. H. Lane, National Adviser of the FFA opened this series of Broadcasts on April 13 with the topic, "What the FFA Is and Does".

The dates for the remainder of the year are: June 8 (See next announcement), July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14. The Farm and Home Hour is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, and the FFA programs are scheduled from 1:00 to 1:15 p.m. Chapters that have radios in their schools should make plans to listen in. The reporter should be in charge of local publicity and get announcements in the local newspapers. Boys should tell the home folks and get them to listen in.

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### FFA President to Broadcast Radio Message

"The Future of the 'Future Farmers of America'" will be the subject of a radio talk to be given June 8 by Leslie Fry of Louisiana, Missouri, president of the Future Farmers of America, the national organization of boys enrolled in vocational agriculture courses in the United States. Fry's talk will be given during the Farm and Home Hour of the National Broadcasting Company, from 1 to 1:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, and will be carried by over 20 stations. In his radio talk Fry will outline the aims and purposes of the Future Farmers of America and will tell how the 60,000 boys who are now members of this organization are profiting by their membership. He will broadcast his message from the studio of Station WRC, Washington, D.C., where he is to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Future Farmers of America, to be held at the headquarters of the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

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### OFFICIAL FFA MARKERS NOW AVAILABLE

The delegates at the Third Annual Congress of FFA last November adopted an official marker. This marker is manufactured and for sale by the St. Louis Button Company of St. Louis, Missouri, and is made of 30 gauge copper-bearing, black steel. It has the FFA insignia printed in enamel paint colors upon the face, has four holes punched in the corners for mounting and is slush coated on the back

to protect it from the weather. The price of these markers is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ each, put up only in cartons of 25 for \$2.07, plus shipping charges. Cartons weigh about 10 pounds each.

The marker was designed for display at FFA members' homes, in project fields, and at fairs, shows and exhibits. Below is an approved form for ordering markers. Two or more chapters may pool orders to make a full carton. Send orders direct to the St. Louis Button Company.

St. Louis Button Co.,  
St. Louis, Missouri

Gentlemen:

Please fill the following order for FFA markers and ship as indicated to the address given.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Send \_\_\_\_\_ cartons of 25 markers each @ \$2.07 per carton, \_\_\_\_\_

Ship as checked here:	Under terms as checked here:
1. Parcel Post	1. Cash with order (Except Parcel Post)
2. Express	2. Thirty days time.
3. Freight	3. Collect on delivery.

To address given here:  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town and State \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by:  
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 Exec. State Adviser.

FFA SUPPLIES

The following companies furnish official FFA supplies:

- \*FFA Manual - The Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- \*Pins and Buttons - L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts.
- Pennants - Banners - Stickers - Cloth Insignia for sweaters - Beverly Mfg. Co., Staunton, Virginia. Catalogues and prices may be obtained by writing to this company.
- Cut of FFA emblem - Central Publishing Company, Richmond, Va. This may be used for printing letterheads, etc. Price, \$1.75.
- Uniforms - Pool Manufacturing Company, Sherman, Texas. A uniform was adopted or approved for chapters or individuals desiring them. It consists of blue khaki shirt, pants, and cap with yellow tie to sell for \$5.75 complete.
- Plow - John Deere Plow Company, Moline, Illinois. (Miniature plow - free).
- Washington and Jefferson Pictures - Swift and Company, Chicago, Ills. (Requests for pictures must be O K'd by Exec.State Adviser.)

SONG WRITING CONTEST

The Future Farmers of America announces at this time a song-writing contest with a capital prize of \$150. This contest is conducted in order to secure an appropriate official FFA song which is characteristic of the organization, its

\*May be obtained at office of A.P. Davidson, Exec. State Adviser, K.S.C., Manhattan.

ideals, and its purposes. Competition is open to anyone anywhere. Entries may be submitted in the manner outlined later in this announcement.

It is suggested that all persons who expect to compete in this contest secure a copy of the Future Farmers of America Manual, price 15 cents, printed for sale by the Farm Journal, Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The material contained in this publication will supply necessary information about the FFA and will be very helpful to the song writers.

All songs submitted will be reviewed by a committee of competent persons and they shall select three or more of the songs which in their opinion are most suitable and appropriate. The songs selected will be rendered before the delegates at the Fourth Annual Congress of FFA in November 1931. The delegates present shall make the final selection. In case no selection is made by the delegates at this Congress, the contest will be continued another year or until a final selection is made.

#### Rules

1. The composition, including words and piano accompaniment, must be original.
2. Words and music may be by the same author or by different authors. In case of joint authorship, the prize may be divided according to the wishes of the authors.
3. Two completed copies of the composition on manuscript paper ready for rendition and in form suitable for printing must be submitted.
4. Both copies of the song submitted must bear the following information at the end of each manuscript submitted:
  - a. Name of author or authors.
  - b. Share of authorship (if more than one author.)
  - c. Complete address of author or authors.
5. Entries as indicated may be submitted at any time, but all entries to be considered must be mailed before September 15, 1931, to:

The Executive Secretary, Future Farmers of America  
1523 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.
6. Authors will be duly credited with their composition but receipt of prize money by individuals will constitute evidence of the fact that authors thereby relinquish all rights and claim to their compositions, and that the said compositions henceforth become sole property of the Future Farmers of America.
7. Manuscripts will be returned to the authors on request after the contest closes.

#### Prize

This amount will be payable immediately upon selection of a song which is accepted as the official song of the Future Farmers of America.

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### NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AWARDS PRIZES FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS

The boys who place first, second, and third in the coming four regional FFA Public Speaking Contests will receive gold, silver, and bronze medals awarded by the national organization. The four contestants in the National Contest will each receive medals. A national FFA plaque also goes to the chapter of which the winning contestant in the national contest is a member.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Fairview. April 6 six freshmen were initiated to the degree of Green Hand...A hog project was run by the sophomore FFA's. Twenty-four hogs were fed to top the market, and a slight profit was made...The chapter will have a farm tour May 31. Fairview sent teams to Frankfort, Lawrence, Topeka, and the Manhattan contests.  
Charles Bredahl, Reprtr.

Alton. On May 11, 1931, we initiated eleven freshman vocational agriculture boys. A hike followed the initiation. On May 12 we had a project tour and visited all projects of the students.  
Dean Mayfield, Reporter

Coldwater. We have eight Green Hands, seven Future Farmers, two State Farmers. Coldwater chapter gave a three act play, had a father and son banquet and three parties. We have a "hot house" project. Joint meetings were held with Mullinville and Pratt chapters of FFA.  
Reporter.

St. George chapter held a Hog Feeders' Day.

Lee Grunewald, Rptr.

Washington. The first year boys of the chapter have a poultry class project. They purchased their eggs from a trap nest flock of white Leghorns and set a 400 egg incubator. They now have 175 chicks on range and plan to run a laying flock project. On May 16, the freshman class and advanced class had a fishing trip. A few boys were lucky in catching fish. Our advanced class consisted mostly of Senior boys and I am sure we will miss them when they go to college.  
John Henry Peters, Reporter.

Beloit chapter is conducting a garden project for the Community Hospital. We elected officers at our last meeting. The livestock and crop classes had a project tour. We sent a grain and shop team to the Miltonvale contest and two teams to the Manhattan contests. We planted asparagus and a rhubarb bed for the Hospital.

Kenneth Thiel, Reporter.

Auburn. On the night of May 14 before the last day of school, our chapter had a fishing party. There were eighteen boys who were on the all-night trip. We had lots of fun, camping out for supper and breakfast. The game was one small lean fish. Our chapter had one member who moved to St. Cloud, Florida, and became a Future Farmer there. He is returning this summer. I wonder if any other Chapters have members who also hold membership in another state.

Reporter.

Medicine Lodge. In February we initiated six boys into our chapter, and in April we initiated ten more. Our total membership is now 23. We have a 60 acre terracing project which is being done by second year vocational agriculture boys. We sponsored creep feeding of thirty-five head of calves. We are supervising the project; no financial responsibility. We have a laying flock project of 80 White Leghorn pullets, and a 100 bird Buff Wyandotte broiler project.  
Ellis Thomas, Reporter.

Attica chapter held an initiation in October, 1930. On the night of April 17 we had a Father and Son party; reports were given of last year's projects and this year's projects. We had a nail driving contest. When our Dads came into the shop each boy was at his usual work. On May 7 and 8 we had a project tour. After touring on the 8th a fishing trip was taken. We caught plenty of fish and no one was drowned. On making the trip to the state contest at Manhattan, our boys traveled in trucks.  
Reporter.

Mullinville. We had initiation of four different schools, Pratt, Coldwater, Spearville, and Protection. For a summer project we are planning bindweed eradication. We also had a project tour. Our chapter had a joint meeting with Pratt and decided on a district organization of FFA. We took a judging team to Wichita.

Alva Lewellen, Reporter.

Norton. The Norton chapter has been instrumental in launching two new chapters, Norcatur and Wakeeney. The local chapter has been very glad to cooperate with neighboring schools by initiating their charter members or enough of them to get the work started in their chapters. On Tuesday, May 19, ten Green Hands were raised to the rank of Future Farmer. As freshman Green Hands have not completed their full year of vocational agriculture they will not be raised to Future Farmers until next fall. Five FFA members were recently awarded school letters as a result of judging work at Hays and Manhattan. Reporter.

Manhattan. The Manhattan chapter gave a play in the high school chapel, March 5. Every person in the local chapter had a part in the program and the play was a great success. It was a comedy in three acts, showing past and modern farm life in happy modes.

Manhattan chapter held its annual banquet March 20, in the high school cafeteria. About 75 members were in attendance. Lester B. Pollom of Topeka, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, was the main speaker of the evening. Several members of the chapter gave short talks on the different degrees that can be achieved in the FFA. It was announced at this time that Carl Elling was winner of the 1931 Union Pacific scholarship award for this county, entitling him to \$100 when he enters college. Closing the program of the evening, Professor A. P. Davidson of Kansas State College showed motion pictures of some of the outstanding boys in vocational agriculture in Kansas who have achieved the State Farmer degree.

### Colby.

#### Farmers Carry Canes

The cane has long been popular with stock connoisseurs the country over, and for that reason the Colby chapter of the FFA has adopted it as an emblem of its organization with colored stripes to symbolize specific individual achievements. Each boy who belongs to the organization is eligible to own a cane with stripes.

The cane is black trimmed with a belt of green just below the crook, when carried by a Green Hand member. When the Green Hand becomes a Future Farmer the green stripe is narrowed and just below it is added a belt of red. If he is raised to the rank of State Farmer, a white stripe is added below the red. Then, if the State Farmer becomes an American Farmer, the highest degree of FFA, a belt of blue is added. These bands cover a space of two inches just below the crook of the cane. The highest degree band always covers the major part of this distance, leaving only a one-half inch strip for lower degree bands.

If, at any time during his agriculture course, a member wins a letter by being on a judging team, he paints the crook of his cane orange, thus converting it into an orange "C" for Colby. A belt of orange is added below the degree stripes for each judging letter won.

In addition, Mr. Fort, the chapter advisor, is offering a gold headed cane for the outstanding Future Farmer member of the Colby chapter. This award is given on a consideration of the following points: Scholarship, 25 points; project achievement, 25 points; extra curricular vocational activities, 20 points; leadership, 10 points; other extracurricular activities of the school, 10 points; and character, 10 points. When this award is made, the boy will present his cane to the school. An oval picture of the boy will be placed in the crook and this cane with the picture and achievement stripes will be hung in the vocational agriculture room as a memoir to that student. A record of achievement will be placed on the reverse side of the picture.

Northwest Kansas FFA. On November 10, representatives from the Colby, McDonald, and Atwood chapters of the FFA met at Atwood for the purpose of forming a district organization of FFA for northwest Kansas. It was decided to use the regular FFA ceremony for opening all district meetings. The district officers were elected. This organization was named "Northwest Kansas District Association of FFA". All FFA chapters in this district will be invited to join.

The second meeting of this organization was held January 12. At this time it was decided that certain qualifications should be met before a chapter would be entitled to membership:

Ninety per cent of club meet Future Farmer degree requirements after one year of Green Hand degree. Seventy-five per cent of Future Farmers eligible to \$100 club. Must have passed in three subjects for each year of high school unless prevented by illness or some excusable cause. Must have earned or invested at least \$100. Must hold Future Farmer degree.

Twenty-five per cent of Future Farmers in \$200 club. Must have passed in four subjects for each year of high school with a grade of 85% or above unless prevented by uncontrollable cause. Must be eligible for State Farmer degree. Must have earned or invested at least \$200.

Five per cent must be in \$500 club. Must have earned or invested at least \$500. Must meet requirements for American Farmer degree.

Each chapter's past year's program will be judged by competent judges at a district rally to be held in September.

Each chapter's program for the coming year is to be submitted for inspection by the representatives of the member chapters.

Each chapter is to be represented at the district meeting by the adviser and by boys who have at least reached the Future Farmer degree.

The organization will strive at all times to encourage members of chapters and entire chapters to raise their standing.

The organization will at all times work with the state association in putting over every phase of the FFA work.

The organization will strive at all times to further the interests of agriculture in the community, in the state, and in the nation.

-Colby (Kans.) Hi Life.