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The November Issue of the F.F.A. Newsletter was purposely delayed a few days in order to include a report of the Vocational Agricultural Congress and the Annual Meeting of the National organization of Future Farmers of America.

VOCATIONAL LIVESTOCK AT AMERICAN ROYAL AT K.C.

Emeal Luthi of Wakefield exhibited the champion animal at the Vocational Livestock Show at the Royal. The winning entry was a yearling Aberdeen Angus calf. There were approximately 100 entries in the vocational exhibit, and a marked improvement in the quality of the exhibits was shown.

Other Kansas F.F.A. winnings in the junior division of the livestock show follow:

Class B - Hereford - Robert Steele of the Waterville department, first.

Class F - Angus - Francis Hammett, Marysville, first;  
Clyvis Hammett, Marysville, third.

### VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Clay Center represented Kansas in the National Livestock Judging Contest and placed second with a score of 2190.8. Texas, the winning team, was only two-tenths of a point above the Kansas entry. The team was composed of Everett Hundley, Kenneth Bork, Enno Wiberg, and John H. Ross, alternate; and was coached by Edwin Hedstrom. Utah ranked third; Kentucky, fourth; and Arkansas, fifth.

High individual in entire contest was L. Simmons, of Utah. Everett Hundley of Kansas was third; and Kenneth Bork, Kansas, twelfth. The Kansas team was first in judging horses, and second in beef cattle.

There were 33 state champion teams in the contest, which constituted a record. The largest previous contest was an entry of 32 teams.

### VOCATIONAL MEAT JUDGING CONTEST

Illinois won the meat judging contest, and the following states ranked in order named: Missouri, Arkansas, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Kansas. Joseph Wogel of Illinois was high individual, scoring twenty-one points out of a possible twenty-five. This is the second consecutive win for teams representing Illinois.

Kansas was represented by the Clay Center team composed of Everett Hundley, Kenneth Bork, and Enno Wiberg, and coached by Edwin Hedstrom.

### NATIONAL F.F.A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Earl Parsons of the Winfield chapter of F.F.A., representing the North Central Region in the National Public Speaking Contest, covered himself with glory and brought honor to the region in placing second in the contest, held at the Shrine Temple, Monday, 7:00 P.M., November 16.

R.H. Conn, of the Worcester, Massachusetts, chapter of F.F.A. won first place. His subject was "Cooperative Marketing as a Solution of Farm Problems". Earl Parsons presented "The Future of the American Farmer". Keith Rhodes of Utah placed third, and Randall Toole of Screvin, Georgia, placed fourth.

The meeting was presided over by Leslie Frye, Louisiana, Missouri, National President F.F.A. Judges were R.W. Dunlap, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.; L.R. Alderman, Department of Education, Washington, D.C.; and M.G. Thornburg, Department of Agriculture, Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. C.H. Lane, National Advisor of the F.F.A. was time-keeper. Wilbert Choi, an F.F.A. delegate from Hawaii was an

interested spectator and addressed the audience. The finished manner in which Leslie Frye handled the meeting was an inspiration. Tuesday, November 17, 11:30 A.M., the contest was presented over the National Broadcasting Company.

The cash prizes of \$400, \$300, \$200, and \$100 were awarded by John F. Case, Editor, Missouri Ruralist, representing Senator Arthur Capper, sponsor of the contest. The national organization of F.F.A. gave a gold medal to the winner and silver medals to the second, third and fourth place winners.

#### SALE CITY, GEORGIA, BEST F.F.A. CHAPTER

The best F.F.A. Chapter Contest sponsored by the American Farmer was won by the Sale City, Georgia, Future Farmer Chapter. This chapter received a cash prize of \$400. The Bear River Chapter of Garland, Utah, won second place; and received a cash prize of \$300. Third place was won by Park City Chapter of Park City, North Dakota, and a cash prize of \$200 was awarded. Trinity Chapter of Washington, Pa., won fourth place and a prize of \$100.

The report of the Sale City Chapter carried a story of successful group cooperation. These Future Farmers built a store building, operated therein for two years a successful cooperative, the earnings going into a scholarship fund to be loaned worthy Future Farmer members in furthering their agricultural education. The chapter has a membership of 30 boys, a high school average grade of 82%, and total project earnings of \$9,886 for the past year.

An average of 22 improved farm practices per boy were carried out on the home farms, twenty new skills per boy were taught, and the chapter averaged eight projects per individual.

Their program of work was well defined and the recorded achievements evidenced the fact that the group accomplished what it set out to do.

#### GLENN FARROW, DANVILLE, ARKANSAS, THE STAR FARMER OF AMERICA

The Star Farmer of America, carrying a cash prize of \$1,000 given by the Weekly Kansas City Star, was awarded Glenn Farrow of the Danville Future Farmer Chapter of Danville, Arkansas. Kenneth Waite of Winfield, Kansas, was the Star Farmer for Kansas and received \$200. Houston Herndon of Leeton, Missouri, was chosen the Missouri Star Farmer and received \$200. The Star Farmer for Iowa was Wm. Stitt, of Clarinda; for Nebraska, Ernest Householder of Kearney; and for Oklahoma, Herman Morton of Greenfield. Runner up as Star Farmer for Kansas was Francis Grillot, Parsons, and for Missouri was Oscar Clausen of Fredrickstown. Each of these boys received \$100.

The Star Farmer awards were made by Hon. Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture. Following the presentation of Star Farmer awards the Secretary addressed the Future Farmer Conclave.

#### PARADE OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Tuesday evening, 8:00 P.M., 1,700 Future Farmers of America, hatted in overseas caps bearing their colors and insignia, paraded in the arena before 6,000 spectators. The U.S. Flag and the Future Farmers of America Flag headed the procession, followed by a splendid band. Next in line came the 63 American Farmers, the National Future Farmer officers, judging teams from 33 states, Future Farmer delegates from 47 states and Hawaii and approximately 1500 Future Farmers and the teachers from vocational agriculture departments in nearby states. The parade was halted while the Star Farmer awards were made and Secretary Hyde addressed the group.

W.D.A.F. broadcasted the event, Paramount sound pictures were taken, and a movie sponsored by the Federal Board for Vocational Education was taken. The Future Farmer program lasted 20 minutes, ran smoothly, was dignified and inspiring.

#### AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES TO SIXTY-THREE

American Farmer degree, the highest degree in the Future Farmers of America organization, was awarded to 63 Future Farmer boys who had previously attained the rank of State Farmer. The nominations for this degree were made in the morning session of officers and delegates of the national organization of Future Farmers of America, at the Baltimore Hotel, November 17.

The nominees were voted upon and passed in the afternoon session of the house of delegates, and the candidates were raised to the American Farmer degree. The splendid ritual of the fourth degree was ably executed by the national officers.

Kenneth Waite of the Future Farmer Chapter of Winfield, Kansas, and Francis Grillott of the Parsons Chapter of Future Farmers of America were honored with the American Farmer degree.

Honorary American Farmer degrees were conferred upon Mr. Henry, Agricultural member of the Federal Board for Vocational Education; Mr. John Case, Editor, Missouri Ruralist, and author of Tom of Peace Valley (which should be read by every vocational agriculture boy in America); and the four regional agents of the Federal Board for Vocational Education representing agriculture. Bill Ross, National Executive Secretary of Future Farmers of America, and a member of the Federal Board staff was granted an honorary American Farmer degree.

These honorary members are staunch supporters of vocational agriculture and the Future Farmer organization.

## TENNESSEE BEST FUTURE FARMER STATE RECORD

For the best state organization of F.F. of A. the national organization of F.F.A. awards each a silver cup and plaque. Tennessee won this distinction for the 1930-31 year.

### NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS

The national officers elected for the 1931-32 year follow:

President - Kenneth Pettibone, Corvallis, Oregon  
First vice president - Wallace Bryan, Lebanon, Tennessee  
Second vice president - Randall Hart, Beardstown, Illinois  
Third vice president - Donald Gantz, Washington, Pennsylvania  
Fourth vice president - Scott Hawley, Richfield, Utah.  
Secretary - Oscar Clausen, Frederickstown, Missouri  
National Executive Secretary - W.A. Ross, Washington, D.C.  
National Treasurer - Henry Groseclose, Virginia.  
National Advisor - Dr. C.H. Lane, Washington, D.C.

### WHAT MAKES THE WHEELS GO ROUND?

One wonders when he attends such a conclave as the National Congress of the Future Farmers of America just who is responsible for all the arranging, planning, and foresight necessary to have the Congress run so smoothly. The following are some of the officers and friends of the Future Farmer organization who played a large part in the promulgation of the recent successful conclave.

Dr. C.H. Lane, National Advisor, was ever present. He seemed to be everywhere. Sat through two days meetings of the F.F.A. assembly, and was at top form at the banquet.

The smiling countenance of Henry Groseclose, Virginia, founder of the F.F.A., was mighty welcome. Henry is an inspiration to all Future Farmers of America. He is national treasurer.

Bill Ross, National Executive Secretary, F.F.A., did a fine job of organizing the entire program and arranging for appointments.

Leslie Frye, past president who carried the brunt of the burden throughout the sessions displayed outstanding parliamentary abilities. His handling of the entire Future Farmer program was excellent, and the organization is proud to claim a young man of such fine character and ability.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cuff, Kansas City, were responsible for the fine entertainment furnished by Kansas City. They are friends of the Future Farmers of America, and work hard and efficiently each year to see that the vocational agriculture boys are well taken care of.

J.A. Linke, Regional Agent Central Region, Federal Board for Vocational Education, has charge of the livestock judging contest. A fine job he did of the work assigned him. This year was the biggest and best. Linke had some fun with Earl Parsons, insisting that the Regional Agent should have a split on his winnings in the Public Speaking Contest.

Bob Maltby, Regional Agent Southern Region, did a fine job of tabulating results of the contest. We are always glad to see Bob come to Kansas City.

Sherman Dickinson of Missouri was busier than a cranberry merchant seeing to it that the Future Farmers received proper publicity. Dick did a "bang up" piece of work.

Dutch Angerer, Missouri, in charge of procuring suitable animals for the livestock judging contest, in charge of arranging the parade, and a thousand and one other duties. Dutch says he is coming over to Kansas some day to see what the Future Farmers are up to in the Sunflower State. Welcome Dutch!

Guy James, member, National Committee on Arrangements, busied himself in directing the movie of the Congress. This movie will be available at an early date through the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

W.A. Cochel, Kansas City Weekly Star, a charming host, and responsible for the Star Farmer Contest.

Estes P. Taylor, editor American Farming, responsible for Best Chapter Contest.

Les Pollom in charge of the meat judging contest.

L.F. Hall in charge of the vocational exhibits. This year's display was a credit to the vocational workers.

Andy Patterson and Andy Anderson, fine friends of the group, and responsible for many favors received.

J.V. Ankeney, West Virginia; Bill Kerr, Idaho; members of National Committee, responsible in part for fine arrangements for entire program.

Ray Fife, Ohio; E.E. Gallup, Michigan; members of National Advisory F.F.A. Council, guiding hands in the smooth running of the Congress.

Supervisors Hill and Damish of Illinois responsible for the largest state membership in F.F.A. in the U.S. Assisted materially in organizing the parade.

Supervisor Ekstrom of Iowa, passed on to the F.F.A. assembly the recommendations of the State Advisors.



Supervisor Clements of Nebraska had two of his fine teachers with him, Cook of Kearney and Young of Minden.

Supervisor Martin of Pennsylvania brought the record of his fine Washington Chapter, as well as the Pennsylvania delegates and American Farmer candidates. Martin claims to know favorably and well our own Dr. C.V. Williams. Remarked that he would liked to have run out to see Cy, but was afraid of hostile Indians.

Leo Paulsen, President of Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, present at every meeting. Leo was one of our delegates. Francis Grillot of Parsons, second delegate from Kansas. Kenneth Waite and Earl Parsons sat in on most of the meetings but not in an official capacity however.

Wilbert Choi, Hawaii, had the distinction of coming the longest distance to the meeting. Reports an active F.F.A. Chapter over there and his stories of the advantages and pleasures of his native Hawaii made many Future Farmer delegates long for a trip to what he terms "the best place on earth."

A.P. Davidson, Kansas, sat through all the meetings and committee reports, and wonders if there should not be a medal offered to executive state advisors.

Generally conceded that this year's meetings were the best in the history of the organization. It is an honor and a privilege to be able to attend in an official capacity. Right now is the time to lay plans and begin working for a trip to the next year's F.F.A. Congress.

REPORTER DALE LEICHLITER, NORCATUR CHAPTER, SENDS THE FOLLOWING NEWS

The F.F.A. Chapter met in regular meeting Monday, October 19th, at the high school.

The new officers who are: President, Carol Leichliter; Vice President, Dale Kelly; Secretary-Treasurer, Herbert King; Reporter, Dale Leichliter; and Watch Dog, Emery Johnson; conducted the meeting.

Plans were made for the Achievement Day, and a committee was appointed to prepare for the initiation of the new members. Several of the boys' fathers were present as visitors. Mr. J.A. Sanderson spoke to the Chapter about the Breeding and Growing of Purebred Hogs.

Two of the Norcaturo boys have beef projects and the remainder of the class are carrying either gilt or sow and litter projects.

The Norcatur annual program includes the following events:

1. The chapter plans to meet every two weeks if speakers can be secured. Otherwise monthly meetings will be held.
2. October: Supervised and assisted with a 4-H Achievement Day.
3. November: Initiation of Green Hands. Send group of eight or more to the Northwest Kansas F.F.A. Rally held at Atwood, Kansas.
4. December: Box supper to raise money to pay expenses of judging team to the Manhattan contest.
5. Winter or early spring: Father and Son Banquet.

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The Hoyt Chapter plans to make a hotbed in the spring by which they may raise money for their "Father and Son" banquet. The first social meeting this fall will be held on charter day. A part of the program will be offered in memory of the first vice president, George Stach, who was killed in an airplane accident July 4, 1930, at Neosho, Missouri.

At the County Fair members won first, second, and third on white corn and 2nd and 4th on yellow corn. They also won prizes on kafir and apples.

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Washburn Chapter initiated six green hands October 9th. The boys thought the farm was certainly run down. An initiation party for six more green hands is planned for the December meeting.

The chapter is holding two meetings a month for thirty minutes during activity period, and one evening meeting a month. During the activity period meeting the chapter plans to learn the creed and the opening and closing ritual.

The Washburn chapter combines their shop and F.F.A. program by having the boys frame the charter, make a F.F.A. bulletin board and construct shelves for the owl and the plow.

All members of Washburn chapter attended "Hog Feeder's Day" at Manhattan, October 23rd. The boys enrolled in crops visited the college orchard and agronomy farm.

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The Atwood chapter has an interesting social and organization program. A watermelon feed in September for prospective

members was followed by the initiation of 14 green hands in October. This proves that good feeding is profitable.

The annual "Barn Warmer" was held October 16th to which each member invited a girl friend. The Future Home Makers of America took part in this event.

The Northwest Kansas F.F.A. Rally will be held at Atwood November 21st. The chapter is busy with plans for this event.

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The Coldwater Chapter seems to be scoring in both membership and activities. Officers elected to lead the chapter the coming year are:

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| President      | - - - - - | Clifford Blount                |
| Vice President | - - -     | Lynn Haas                      |
| Secretary      | - - - - - | William Griffith, State Farmer |
| Treasurer      | - - - - - | Fred Lohrding                  |
| Watch Dog      | - - - - - | Clyde Bibb                     |
| Reporter       | - - - - - | Russell McKinney               |
| Advisor        | - - - - - | LeRoy E. Melia                 |

On the evening of September 23 four boys obtained the Future Farmer Degree. These four boys were Clifford Blount, Clyde Bibb, Fred Lohrding and Russell McKinney. After the initiation the boys played basketball and were then served refreshments of doughnuts and apples.

On Wednesday, October 28th, an initiation was held for thirteen boys who wished to obtain the green hand degree. An old abandoned farmstead was located and a warm time provided for the lucky thirteen. The boys initiated are now carrying sow and litter projects.

On Thursday, October 14th, the Future Farmer judging team composed of Clifford Blount, Clyde Bibb, and Fred Lohrding, with two alternates John Dewall and Russell McKinney went to Kingman to judge. The alternates promised to buy a gallon of cider if the team would place third or higher of the six teams entered. The team placed second winning a silver loving cup. Clifford Blount was second individual, winning a two dollar check. Clyde Bibb placed fourth and Fred Lohrding was ninth. Harper won the contest by a margin of 21 points. Everyone arrived home sober and reported a good time.

The Coldwater chapter of the Future Farmers of America has been busy since the opening of school. When school first opened we had to look up varieties for the Comanche County booth which we exhibited at the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson. The booth placed ninth. The exhibit proved to be a very profitable enterprise both financially and educationally. We have resolved to exhibit in the same class next year and hope to make a much better showing.

Six green hands of the Pratt Chapter were raised to the Future Farmer degree on October 26th and ten new members received the green hand degree on October 30.

Clarence Martin of the Pratt Chapter died last September. He would have been a senior this year.

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By virtue of winning first place in the dairy judging section of the state contest at Manhattan last spring the Norton Community High School team composed of Irvin Horning, AuRelle Corder, and Glen Hazlett, with Lewis Atkinson as alternate, and accompanied by their coach, R.G. Frye, drove to St. Louis to compete in the National Dairy Judging Contest. Although the weather was very disagreeable the team placed well in the contest and enjoyed a worthwhile trip.

California won first in the judging of all breeds of dairy cattle with the Kansas team in fourth place and a seventh individual placing. Kansas won first both as a team and individual in Guernseys, Glen being the one who placed high. The team won second in the judging of Jerseys, and lost a first individual place by a very small fraction of a point. AuRelle was the highest on the Kansas team here.

In addition to the places won in dairy judging, the team also won third place in the milk scoring and judging with AuRelle as the fourth high individual.

That the National Contest was one showing real competition is shown by some of the scores and differences between the top and bottom placings. There were only 157 points between the score of the team winning first place in all breeds and the score of the team ranking 32nd out of a possible 2400 points. There was a difference of about 140 points between the highest individual and the 96th individual. Glen and AuRelle were only about 10 points under a perfect score in making their places on Guernseys and Jerseys. The dairy judging contest had entries from 32 states, and the milk and poultry had 23 and 20 respectively. The Kansas team judged poultry also, due to the fact that the Ottawa team could not attend, but failed to place. Each contestant made a total of 40 placings in the judging of all breeds. The contests were well managed. The team enjoyed the honor of representing Kansas in these contests.

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Elvin Adee, President of the Miltonvale Chapter, was high individual in the Salina Livestock Judging Contest. He received a \$35 wrist watch. Four other Miltonvale boys entered the contest. Ray Coleman took fourth place, and Glen Woolpert tied for ninth in the judging of dairy cattle.

The chapter held a summer party for the members and their girl friends.

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