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NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA AND NATIONAL CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

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Practically all of the states of the Union were represented at the national judging contests by their championship teams.

Livestock: Iowa, Utah, California, Nevada, Missouri and Kansas placed in order named. Abilene represented Kansas. The Kansas team was first in horses and mules, with Bernard Veltman ranking first in this class, Donald Hargraves placing second, and Harmon Bear ranking sixth. The team ranked tenth in all classes of draft animals, ninth in sheep, and tenth in swine.

Dairy: Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Colorado, California, and Michigan ranked in order named. Clay County Community High represented Kansas and placed thirteenth. Edward Rundle was seventh high individual.

Poultry: Oklahoma, Nevada, Virginia, Florida, California, and Nebraska placed in order named. Ottawa represented Kansas and placed fifteenth.

Meat: Illinois won first. Kansas placed fifth. Linn represented Kansas in this contest. Ollie Olsen was ninth high individual. This is the seventh year of the eight years the meat judging contest has been held that a team from Illinois has won.

Milk: California, Utah, Arkansas, Illinois, Nebraska, and Kansas in order named. Miltonvale represented Kansas in this contest.

Showmanship: Robert Gillespie, Merriam, placed first in sheep, and Erwin Duitsman, Linn, placed first in dairy cattle.

National Convention of Future Farmers of America (Continued)

Eighty-nine delegates from forty-seven F.F.A. State and Insular associations presented their credentials. Delegates, team members, coaches, advisors, teacher trainers, American Farmer candidates, and others officially connected with the convention comprised a registration of 859. Approximately 3800 vocational agricultural students and their instructors registered at the American Royal building.

The ninth annual convention was easily the best organized of any of the annual meetings to date. The program went off on schedule, and the whole event showed the result of hard work and high quality ability on the part of the national officers. The Public Speaking Contest, the conduct of the banquet, and the quiet efficiency with which the house of delegates worked reflected credit on the Future Farmers of America organization. Henry Groseclose, founder of the F.F.A. Organization and National Treasurer, summed up the reaction of most adults who come in contact with this organization when he stated, "this group certainly shows much improvement over the early bedlam which prevailed at our first meeting. This is no reflection on the early group, but simply shows the value of the F.F.A. training".

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F. F. A. CONTESTS

Public Speaking:

Kenneth Jack, Pennsboro chapter, Pennsboro, W. Virginia, won first place and a cash prize of \$250. His subject was "What Next".

Louis Parkinson, Madison chapter, Rexburg, Idaho, won second place and a cash prize of \$200. His subject was, "Land Conservation".

Lowell Huckstead, Neillsville chapter, Neillsville, Wisconsin, won third place and a cash prize of \$150. His subject was, "Why Johnny Nason Didn't Want To Be A Farmer".

Elmo Johnson, Horace Maynard chapter, Maynardsville, Tennessee, won fourth place and a cash prize of \$100. His subject was, "The Future of the American Farmer".

State Association Awards:

First Award, Virginia, cash prize of	\$60
Second Award, Louisiana, cash prize of.....	\$50
Third Award, Utah, cash prize of.....	\$40
Fourth Award, Georgia, cash prize of.....	\$30
Fifth Award, Montana, cash prize of.....	\$20

The cash awards are offered by the National Grange. The state winning first has the privilege of having the name of their association engraved on

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Groseclose trophy cup. This cup, while not as large as some presented, is of solid silver and is of a very pleasing design. We do not know how often the Virginia Association has had the honor of winning this award, but we do know that the Virginia Association won it the first year the award was offered. In 1935 the cup was won by Hawaii Association, the first time this trophy had ever been won by an association outside of the Southern Region.

National Chapter Contest:

First place, Scenic City chapter, Iowa Falls, Iowa, cash prize..	\$150
Second place, Homestead chapter, Homestead, Florida,.....	75
Third place, Boise City, chapter, Boise City, Idaho,.....	75
Fourth place, Ciaro chapter, Ciaro, West Virginia,.....	75

This is the second time for both the Homestead and Ciaro chapters placing in this national contest. The Lawrence chapter was declared the outstanding chapter in Kansas and won a cash award of \$15.

Star Farmer Awards:

Star American Farmer of the United States, Clayton Hackman, Jr., Shafferstown chapter, Shafferstown, Pennsylvania, cash award of \$500. (Also Star Farmer of the region).

Star American Farmer of the north central region, Edward Kuhler, Brunswick chapter, Brunswick, Missouri, cash award \$100.

Star American Farmer of the southern region, Huston T. Ezell, Nashville, chapter, Nashville, Tennessee, cash award \$100.

Star American Farmer of the pacific region, Howard Annis, Twin Falls chapter, Twin Falls, Idaho, cash award \$100.

State Star Farmer Awards, each carrying a cash award of \$100, went to Wilburt Duitsman, Linn chapter, Linn, Kansas, Clyde McGinnis, Rogers, Arkansas, and Raymond Carter, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Official Band:

Michigan furnished the official band, and the national organization paid \$675 towards expenses incurred. Missouri was also present with an F.F.A. band, and the national organization voted \$125 to help defray expenses.

Delegates:

Kansas was represented by John Dean, Ottawa chapter, president of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, and Arnold Lohmeyer, Linn chapter, vice president of the state association.

American Farmers:

The National Board of Trustees rejected 35 applications, and approved 67.

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The standards for this degree are high and each succeeding group of trustees appear to be hewing more closely to the standards set up in the manual. We are happy to report that both applications from Kansas passed the reviewing body without question. Wilburt Duitsman, of the Linn chapter, and J. W. England III of the Shawnee Mission chapter were the happy recipients of this most coveted honor. Both boys had served their state association as officers, both were in the upper fourth of their class in scholarship, both had outstanding supervised practice programs, and both had demonstrated leadership ability.

National Officers for 1936-1937:

President, Joseph Black, Decker, Montana
First V. President, Julian Pierce, Stamping Ground, Kentucky
Second V. President, Clark Nicholson, Poolesville, Maryland
Third V. President, Phelon Malouf, Glenwood, Utah
Fourth V. President, Ray Martin, Cotulla, Texas
Student Secretary, Elmo Johnson, Maynardville, Tennessee
Executive Treasurer, Henry Groseclose, Blacksburg, Virginia

Convention Notes:

Michigan furnished a 60 piece F.F.A. band, led by Virgil Rowland, instructor in music, Barrynton High School. In audience appeal, the selection of numbers, and in all around ability, we rate the Michigan band as tops. Forty-six chapters had representatives in this band. The Michigan association sent 150 members to the National Convention, including 70 chapter presidents. They came on a special train with a total over-all expense of \$31 per member. The 150 members were registered and given keys to their rooms in exactly 12 minutes. That's the type of organization that characterized the entire contribution made by the Michigan Association....Texas has 450 chapters, and a membership of 12,032. They have 14,000 enrolled in vocational agriculture and their 1937 goal is 14,000 members....H. K. Nitta, adviser the F.F.A. chapter at Hilo, Hawaii, and convention delegate Masayuki Nii, were welcome visitors. They left Hawaii October 7 and returned November 12. Hawaii has 33 F.F.A. chapters and a membership of 1300.....The Texas Association presented a gavel and base made of walnut to the outgoing national president. Forty-five cent dues are charged. Their State F.F.A. newsletter is furnished to each member of the association, six issues of 15,000 each.....All the music was furnished by F.F.A. members. Frank Salemma a delegate to the convention and a recipient of the American Farmer degree, from the Baltic chapter, Connecticut, was very generous with his accordion; Jack Waits of Kentucky pleased with his harmonica, and Clarence Wood, also of Kentucky, delighted his audience with his piano contributions.....Girl F.F.A. members in Massachusetts still menace the peace of mind of National Officers and House of Delegate members. It seems there are only 20 members but how insistent they seem to be. One of the delegates intimated that a little more courage on the part of the "male" members of the Massachusetts Association might solve this problem without having to bother the attorney general for a ruling in the matter. Perhaps we don't know the "gels" from Massachusetts.

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However, it was evident that girls will not be officially recognized, and that Massachusetts will have to continue to get along without recognition and participation in national FFA affairs until their association can conform to the national constitution.....The question of adding a parliamentary procedure contest received considerable attention, as did also the question of the extemporaneous speaking contest. The delegates decided to spend the energies of the National organization in strengthening the contests now sponsored and not to add additional contests.....The use of FFA emblems on project record books and on salable farm commodities was frowned upon.....Many evidences of the value of FFA work in developing parliamentary proficiency were demonstrated during the course of the meeting. However, if one can judge from the delegates sent, some of the states are not familiar with FFA terminology and know little of the technique involved in proper parliamentary procedure.....The total membership in the National Organization of Future Farmers of America as of October 1, 1936, was 116,871.....Big plans are under way for the tenth annual meeting of the National Organization--at least 10 state FFA bands, all state association presidents, all chapter presidents, all former national officers, and the meeting to be addressed by the President of the United States are a few of the ideas included in the preliminary plans for the 1937 meeting.

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F.F.A. OFFICERS SCHOOL

The meeting of the sixth annual officers school was called to order by Eugene Keroher, president of the Shawnee-Mission chapter, on October 10, 1936, at 10:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Shawnee-Mission High School.

The business meeting was omitted and the program was conducted by Albert Coates, chairman of the Shawnee-Mission chapter program committee.

John Dean, president of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers, talked on building chapter activity programs.

The next speaker was Mr. Elrey Collins, vocational teacher at Parker, Kansas, who gave the high points of the summer class at Ft. Collins, Colorado, conducted by W. A. Ross, our national advisor.

The next few minutes of the program was devoted to raising the officers of the St. George chapter from the Green Hand degree to the degree of Future Farmers, by the officers of the Shawnee-Mission chapter.

The boys from Parker, Kansas, brought their musical instruments with them to provide music for the group. This music was much appreciated by all present.

This was followed by a talk on the FFA by state advisor A. P. Davidson.

F.F.A. Officers School (Concluded)

At 1:30 o'clock the officers were divided into separate groups according to their respective offices. The object of this meeting was to learn and help other fellow officers how to successfully fulfill their offices.-- Eugene Needham, Shawnee Mission Reporter.

Other officers training schools were held at Clay Center, Parker, Kingman, and Oakley. Due to the fact that we have not received reports of these meetings from the reporters of the above schools we are unable to print an account of the meetings, but will be glad to do so in the December issue of the Kansas Future Farmer if the reports are furnished us.--Ed.

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CHANGES IN NATIONAL F.F.A. CONSTITUTION

At the Ninth Annual Convention, in the House of Delegates, the following constitutional changes were authorized, subject to the approval of the National Advisory Council:

1. Change in pin design. All emblems will be surmounted with the eagle with outspread wings, a shield on its breast, holding an olive branch and a sheaf of arrows in its talons. The Green Hand emblem will be of bronze, the Future Farmer emblem will be of silver, and the State Farmer and American Farmer emblems will be of gold. The State Farmer emblem will be a charm, suitable for watch fob or chain, and the American Farmer emblem will be the key.
2. Change in classes of membership. To the active, associate, and honorary classes of membership, as set forth in the Manual, were added two new types of membership. The collegiate F.F.A. chapter member is now recognized, and the affiliate chapter member will be given constitutional status.

The details of the above recommended changes have not been made available. However, emblems will be available to both collegiate chapter and affiliate chapter members. The affiliate chapter is the only really new unit included. This chapter is designed to take care of the needs of part-time students, and former members of the local F.F.A. chapters who may desire to continue their membership on other than an associate member basis. The state F.F.A. advisor is the titular head of both the collegiate and affiliate chapter groups, and the advisor of the local high school chapter must be the advisor of the affiliate chapter.

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NEW CHAPTERS

The State Association extends congratulations to new F.F.A. chapters, Nos. 118 and 119, Simpson and LeRoy respectively.

OFFICIAL SECRETARY BOOK

The French Bray Printing Company, Candler Building, Baltimore, Maryland is in a position to furnish copies of the Official F.F.A. secretary book at 25¢ per copy. The Kansas Association has not decided as to whether or not it will make the new secretary book available through the Manhattan office. If the State Association decides to handle the book, notice will be given through the Kansas Future Farmer.

The National Organization plans to have ready for early delivery an official treasurer's book, and an official handbook. Watch the newsletters for notice of availability, price and source.

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STATE F.F.A. BAND

The questionnaire sent all chapters requesting information on the subject of a State F.F.A. band shows, according to Prof. Lyle Downey, the possibility of developing a band provided sufficient time and money can be made available. The Kansas Association will not be satisfied with a band unless it compares favorably with the high type bands that have represented the F.F.A. Organization in the past. The first prerequisite is talent. We have according to the questionnaire, the numbers, but do not know the degree of ability possessed. If the talent is available, we then will be faced with the problem of equipping and training. Professor Downey has offered his services. After that will come transportation, housing, uniforming, and feeding. It now appears that from between \$1500 and \$2000 will be required to finance a properly trained and outfitted F.F.A. band for the 1937 National Meeting.

Certain suggestions have been received regarding types of uniforming that might reduce the expenses somewhat. However, the National F.F.A. Organization sets all rules and regulations governing F.F.A. bands that will represent State Associations, and it is extremely doubtful if anything other than the official F.F.A. uniform will be acceptable.

A few words about the plan Michigan used in training the excellent F.F.A. band for the 1936 meeting. Forty-six chapters were represented, and while we do not know the chapter locations, it is safe to assume that travel would not amount to more than half that would be necessary in Kansas. Three days for tryouts and practice were used in connection with the State F.F.A. meetings in May. Three days were spent in practice and some performance in July, in connection with the Annual Farmers' Day program. In August one week was spent at a summer camp. The time was used for practice and the giving of concerts.

Can the Kansas Association with 62% of the students enrolled in vocational agriculture paying 10¢ annual state dues be expected to finance a state F.F.A. band at the 1937 National F.F.A. celebration? We believe it can be done, but not without 100% cooperation.

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ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

We are pleased to report 73% of the active chapters having filed activity programs by November 1. The programs show improvement over those of former years, and the number in on time is gratifying. Twenty four active chapters failed to submit activity reports. When we add to this the inactive chapters failing to support any phase of the State Association program, the picture takes on a different hue. Our congratulations to the chapters included in the 73%.

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DEMONSTRATION

The Ottawa chapter presented a parliamentary procedure skit before the vocational agriculture teachers sectional meeting at Topeka, November 7. The performance of each individual member was excellent, and the possibilities of parliamentary training through F.F.A. experience was clearly demonstrated. The teachers were appreciative of this fine contribution on the part of the Ottawa chapter. The following officers of the Ottawa chapter participated: Max Floyd, president; Gerald Hamilton, vice president; Donald Rappard, secretary; Howard Wallace, treasurer; Kenneth Jameson, reporter; Dean Hoopes, watch dog; Robert Jacob, alumni secretary.

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RADIO

The southeast Kansas F.F.A. chapters are sponsoring a program over KGGF, Coffeyville, 1010 Kilocycles, the second Sunday of each month, at 2:00 P.M. Tune in, and write in.

FUTURE FARMERS OUTSIDE THE BORDER

Tennessee -- Has an active membership of 5,186. 100% of the vocational agricultural departments have F.F.A. chapters, and there is not an inactive chapter in the state. The State Association owns Camp Clements which represents an investment of more than \$30,000.

California -- The State Association reports a membership of 6,077 out of a total of 7,000 enrolled in vocational agriculture. Approximately 60 alumni chapters are now organized which under the proposed new constitution will be known as affiliate chapters. 102 radio programs were presented during the past year. The monthly newsletter has a circulation of 7,450.

Pennsylvania -- Seventy-three chapters held public speaking contests, and fifty chapters participated in radio programs during the year. The Keystone F.F.A. band was a feature of the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Future Farmers Week. The Federal Government has assigned to the State Association an abandoned CCC camp in the heart of the Seven Mountains. This camp adjoins the Federal Roosevelt Park, and consists of a 4 acre lake, excellent trails for hiking, and an auditorium.

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Alabama -- 137 chapters comprise a membership of 3500 active F.F.A. members. Six F.F.A. district organizations of the state maintained regular radio program service throughout the year. The FHA and FFA associations jointly raised \$7,366.41 for the purpose of equipping the convalescent homes in each of the three orthopedic centers in the state.

Virginia -- The 202 chapters have a membership of 5,675. Quality as well as quantity of work is now stressed. One hundred and eighty-five chapters are members of Chapter Federations. The Federations are usually composed of from six to fifteen chapters joined together for cooperative efforts such as radio broadcasts, fairs, banquets, judging and public speaking contests, and buying and marketing.

North Carolina -- 6,944 paid up members in the State Association. 83 of the 204 F.F.A. active chapters have 100% paid up membership. 92 thrift banks reported a total savings account of \$35,966.21. 112 father and son banquets were held with 10,537 fathers, sons and visitors attending. Eighty-four chapters have complete F.F.A. ritual equipment, and 1,256 F.F.A. Manuals are in use. One hundred forty chapters did schoolground improvement work valued at \$7,852, and 74 chapters purchased and sold \$26,137.27 worth of farm products. Each chapter makes a monthly report to the state office. The above items were taken from the annual report of the North Carolina State Association.

Maryland -- The State Advisor is also the Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the State Association. By this plan of centralization it is hoped to stimulate paid up membership in the Association. The past year state dues of 5¢ per member were inaugurated, this being the first time in the history of the State Association that state dues were required. County organizations of F.F.A. in the form of cooperative programs between the several chapters of a county are being developed. The principal duty of such organizations is to interpret the F.F.A. and vocational agriculture to the patrons and people of the county.

Nevada -- The membership in F.F.A. represents 100% of all vocational agriculture students in the state, and 100% of the vocational agriculture departments have active F.F.A. chapters.

North Dakota -- Because of the very severe drought conditions the past year, resulting in a more severe economic situation, the members have not been able to make the usual or average financial gain in their project work. However, "like father, like son" the morale of these young men has not been destroyed. Emphasis is being placed on farmstead improvements and long time project programs.

New Mexico -- The membership in the state association showed a twenty per cent increase over the 1935 report. Chapters have had much more success during the past year in attracting and holding as members boys who are not in school, but who are still eligible for F.F.A. membership. For the first time, every all-day department of vocational agriculture had an active F.F.A. chapter.

CHAPTER NEWS

Linn: The officers elected at the first meeting of the school year include: Arnold Lohmeyer, president; Lowell Wallace, vice president; Ollie Olson, secretary; Ervin Duitsman, treasurer; Raymond Lange, reporter; Eldon Laue, watch dog.

Our chapter represented Kansas at the Royal in meats judging and won fifth place. The team consisted of Ollie Olson, Kenneth Rogge, Arnold Lohmeyer, and Lowell Wallace, alternate. Ollie Olson was ninth high individual in the entire contest and received a certificate and a cash award. Ervin Duitsman won first in showmanship in dairy, and also received a cash award.

Wilburt Duitsman, who is one of our chapter's leading members, won the American Farmer degree, and Star American Farmer of Kansas. He is the first member of the Linn chapter who has won the American Farmer degree. He received a cash award of \$100. At the present time he is attending Kansas State College.

Our annual fishing party was held last summer at Waterville.

On August 24 five of our state farmer members and advisor, Mr. Milligan, initiated the members of the newly chartered Council Grove chapter.

Winnings by our chapter at fairs and the Royal total \$230. Of this, \$26 is for the chapter, the balance being won by individual members.

Meetings are held twice a month during activity periods and one evening meeting will be held every other month. Our chapter has a total of 15 members.

- - Raymond Lange, Reporter.

Colby: At a special meeting of the chapter on September 26 election of officers for the following year was held. The following officers were elected: Sam Barnett, president; Hubert Adams, vice president; Lloyd White, secretary; Bob Wallace, treasurer; Ray Zoberst, reporter; Pershing Boyer, watch dog.

At the regular meeting held October 5, eighteen members were present. The yearly activity program was read and voted upon, and was accepted unanimously. A program committee was appointed.

Professor L. F. Hall addressed our chapter at a special meeting Friday, October 9.

The annual officers training school for north-west Kansas was held at Oakley on Saturday, October 10. Short talks were given by Director C. M. Miller of Topeka, and Mr. Hilpert, advisor of the Atwood chapter. After these very interesting talks the groups of various officers were called to separate meetings and given their duties and some goals for which to strive. We then went back to a mass meeting where organization of the chapters in this part of the state was discussed. Mr. Hilpert was elected chairman of the Round-table. The Atwood chapter will have charge of arrangements for next year's meeting which will be at Colby.

Chapter News (Continued)

A special night meeting on Monday, October 12, was held for the purpose of entertaining all the Freshmen enrolled in Vocational Agriculture and to invite them to join our chapter of Future Farmers. The reporter read several items for them from "The Kansas Future Farmer" and reported on the officers training school at Oakley. A pie supper was then held for the guests and several forms of competition were held in the gym. We then adjourned with the promises that we would have many new members.

On Tuesday October 20, the Pollard Players gave a play "Take My Advice", in the Colby high school auditorium. This program was sponsored by the Colby chapter of Future Farmers. There was a profit of around \$15 which will be used to help pay the expenses for the Hays and Manhattan judging contests in the spring.

Several of the agriculture boys are making farm levels in the shop. Individuals can either make these for themselves or for Mr. McMullen who will sell them at a small profit to be put into the chapter's funds. These instruments cost less than a dollar and seem to be very accurate and durable.

- -Ray Zoberst, Reporter

Newton: Newton F.F.A. members and vocational agriculture boys attended the Kansas State Fair, September 21.

The agriculture class of the Newton high school recently completed an inner fence at the football field. The fence is to serve to keep spectators off of the field. The boys were rewarded by receiving complimentary tickets to any two of the football games.

Mr. Karns, agriculture instructor, and several of the F.F.A. members attended the American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City, October 16-20. Mr. Karns gave a brief report to his classes when he returned. Those who attended were Mr. Karns, Tipton Lantis, Albert Martin, John Dart, and Max Zook.

Albert Martin, secretary of our chapter, exhibited a baby beef at the American Royal Livestock Show. He received sixteenth place out of approximately eighty entered in the class.

Philip Adrian, Glenn Everett, and Max Miller of the F.F.A. chapter purchased purebred Hereford heifers, Saturday October 24. Philip Adrian also purchased a Poland China boar pig from George Gammel of Council Grove. This pig is out of "Pathway", Grand Champion Poland China boar at the State Fair last year.

The agriculture class is carrying out a class project this year. The Board of Education obtained a three year lease on a plot of ground which has upon it a barn, a shed, a windmill, a water tank, etc. The local bank is loaning the money to buy beef steers, lambs, pigs, and chickens. This livestock is to be fed and fattened and then is to be marketed.

- -Dwight Tangeman, Reporter

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Spearville: New officers elected last spring for the year 1936-37 are: Richard Imel, president; John Durler, vice president; Gregory Scheve, secretary; John Tembrink, treasurer; Sylvester Van Nahmen, reporter; Herman Steimal, watch dog.

The F.F.A. chapter sponsored a float in the Columbus day parade at Spearville. The float took second prize.

The chapter has planned to have a night meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. After the meeting the boys play in the gymnasium. They play basket ball and other indoor games. The chapter plans to schedule some basket ball games later in the season.

There are nineteen enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year. Eleven are in the first year class, and eight are in the second year.

- - Sylvester VanNahmen, Reporter.

Manhattan: The Manhattan chapter of the Future Farmers of America held their first meeting of the school year on October 27. The new officers took charge. They are as follows: John Poole, president; Rex Kent, vice president; Wallace Barry, secretary; Phil More, treasurer; Wilburt Nixon, reporter. We also have a new sponsor, Mr. H. H. Brown, who is from Washington, Kansas. The program consisted of two talks. The first speaker was John Dean, president of the State Association, from the Ottawa chapter. The second speaker was J.W. England III, former president of the State Association and an American Farmer, from Shawnee Mission. The talks were enjoyed by all.

Two boys of the chapter entered lambs in the American Royal. Bill Fleeker took fifth and seventh, and Douglas Caves's lambs did not place. Roy Currie sold a steer and two lambs at the prevocational sale.

There are twenty-one boys enrolled in the live stock division and eighteen in the crop division of vocational agriculture at Manhattan.

- - Wilburt Nixon, Reporter

Reading: The following officers were elected for 1936-37: Tom Whitaker, secretary; Verne Duggan, treasurer; Preston Wamser, reporter; Willard Beason, watch dog; Herbert Balding, alumni secretary; Arthur Jones, J. H. Richart, and Charles Schobolm, exective committee.

The F.F.A. chapter of Reading gave a picnic for all Freshmen boys interested in F.F.A. work. We played baseball until dark and it was followed by a wiener roast.

- - Preston Wamser, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Fredonia: The Fredonia high school purchased a fifty-five acre farm for the vocational agriculture department last June. Test plots are being run for wheat varieties and wheat fertility, also for grass varieties and grass fertility. In the spring other tests will be made. We now have fifteen acres of wheat planted and are planning to get four beef calves this month. This farm lays just three blocks from the high school building. Plans are now that a new vocational agriculture building will be built on the farm this school year.

Allen Honeyman, Loren McDonald, Tom Robertson, Charles Stover, Wendell Brunner, and Gene Simpson went to Winfield October 10, where they judged livestock at the Cowley County Fair. Fredonia placed second with Allen Honeyman high individual of the contest.

Sunday October 11, the Fredonia F.F.A. officers went to Coffeyville and broadcast over KGGF. The program consisted of the opening ceremonies, initiation of the Green Hands and the closing ceremonies. The following officers took part in the broadcast: J. A. Watson, advisor; Wayne Pound, president; Max Timmons, vice president; Allen Honeyman, secretary; Glen Bauman, treasurer; Eugene Duncan, reporter; Loran McDonald, watch dog.

Saturday, October 10, the vocational agriculture department and Future Farmers took part in the annual home-coming parade. There were two cars, two trucks, two tractors and a trailer in our part of the parade. The cars were decorated with signs and the first car carried the Future Farmer banner and the banner, "Future Farmers Reach from Washington to Florida and Maine to Hawaii." The trucks carried some shop equipment and a large sign, "We Learn by Doing". The two tractors were driven by Paul Maxwell and Melvin Sell.

Fredonia won the following prizes at the Neodesha Junior Fair: Future Farmer chickens, first on White Leghorn pullets; first on White Leghorn Cockerels; second on White Leghorn cockerels. Howard Cummings, first on Jersey heifer, one year or over; second on White Leghorn pullet; third on White Leghorn pullet; Emanett Keller: first, Jersey Dairy heifer, less than a year; Eugene Duncan: second, pen of White Leghorns, (four pullets and a cockerel; Max Timmons: first, ten ears of white corn; Paul Maxwell: second, light Brahma pullets; Melvin Sell: first, Barred Rock pullet; second, Barred Rock pullet; Gene Hash: first, Polland China gilt. Fredonia brought back a total of \$11 in prizes.

Glenn Bauman, Howard Cummings, Wendell Brunner, Eugene Eilert, Allen Honeyman, Paul Maxwell, Loren McDonald, Frank McPherson, Wayne Pound, Tom Robertson, Melvin Sell, John Brindle, Eugene Simpson, Charles Stover, and Max Timmons, members of the advanced class in vocational agriculture, accompanied by their advisor, J. A. Watson, attended the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, October 16-20. Among the educational advantages which the trip afforded the boys were sightseeing trips, which included a visit to Kansas City's two air ports, a trip through the grain inspection department in the board of trade building, inspection of Swift packing plant, and the Montgomery Ward establishment. During their stay in Kansas City the boys

Chapter News (Continued)

were guests of the Kansas City Implement, Hardware and Tractor Club, luncheon guests of Montgomery Wards, and guests of the City Chamber of Commerce at a buffet supper. The Fredonia delegation also enjoyed a personal visit with Mr. J. C. Swift, president of the American Royal.

- -Dwight Tangeman, Reporter

Clay Center: New officers for 1936-37 elected in May 1936 are: Roy Fowels, president; Joe Gengrich, vice president; Glenn Carlson, reporter; Roy Anderson, treasurer; Dorsey Gibbs, secretary.

The North Central Kansas F.F.A. officers training school was held Saturday, October 31, 1936, at the Clay Center high school. Lunch was served at noon by the Home Economics department.

The advanced class held a watermelon feed for the Freshmen and their parents September 16, 1936. There were fifty present. Six hundred pounds of watermelon were served.

Green Hand initiation was held November 9, 1936.

Mr. Perrill and our dairy judging team went to the American Royal on October 17, 1936. The team consisted of Ed Rundle, Ben Temprow, Ralph Engle, and Eugene Jones. Ed Rundle placed second and Ben Temprow placed sixth in judging Jerseys. The team stood thirteenth in the entire contest.

We are nearing completion of two forges built on the newly recommended plan. The boys first made the hood on the one-half inch scale using cardboard. Truck frames were used in making the framework for the forge.

We have four wagon boxes in progress. One model T saw rig has been completed.

Our enrollment in the Freshman class this year is 27, and 24 in the advanced class.

- -Glenn Carlson, Reporter

Marysville: Officers elected by the Marysville chapter for the year are: Julius Hyers, president; Harold Rutti, vice president; Carl Schroller, secretary; Donald Van Amburg, treasurer; Walter Blaser, watch dog; Harold Kruse, reporter.

At the last meeting it was voted upon that we have a Father-Son banquet, thus coaxing the fathers to start their son with one or more projects. Our money making scheme is to sell tickets and advertise a show for the theater thus getting a certain amount of each ticket. Last year we sold tickets for one show and made over \$15.

- -Harold Kruse, Reporter.

Chapter News (Continued)

Seaman: The Seaman Future Farmers enjoyed their annual trip to the state lake at Tonganoxie, May 15-16.

The Seaman and Silver Lake chapters held a joint meeting June 6. They agreed to have more athletic competition throughout the coming year.

The following officers were elected last spring and assumed responsibilities at the beginning of the school term: Earl Blair, president; Willis Betts, vice president; George Cockran, secretary; Elmer Jackson, treasurer; Ralph Herman, reporter, and Doc Dillen, Watch dog.

A group of F.F.A. members and agriculture students attended the American Royal Tuesday, October 20. They also visited Armour and Company's packing plant.

Instead of selling something at the football games, we are giving something, a program listing the opposing team's players. The program also contains advertisements, part of which pays for printing and the remainder goes into the chapter treasury.

The following members were initiated on October 27: John Harms, Dean Dunnington, Dale Redman, Bernard Fordice, Paul Peterson, Darwin Redwin, Eugene Herman, Albert Deckland, Duane Christman, Elmer Betts, and Joe Pasia.

The Seaman F.F.A. officers attended the officer's training school at Shawnee Mission.

- -Ralph Herman, Reporter

Washburn: The officers elected by the Washburn chapter for this year were: Lowell Sheets, president; Forrest Oberholman, vice president; John Hanna, secretary; and Eddie Mitchell, treasurer. Ferrol Oberholman has been appointed acting reporter.

Rudolph Smercke won first on a litter of six market hogs and first on Hampshire barrow in the Future Farmer Hog Show at the Kansas Free Fair. Eddie Mitchell won fourth on a litter and second on Duroc barrow.

Our chapter attended the Future Farmer program given on Thursday afternoon at the Kansas Free Fair. Paul Smith of Lebanon chapter gave his winning oration and the boys from the Parker chapter gave some good musical entertainment. Chapters in eastern Kansas should plan to attend this program while at the fair.

All of the regularly elected officers attended the officers training school at Shawnee Mission, October 10, and made reports to the chapter in the regular meeting October 19.

An executive committee is working on a program of work for this year to be submitted at our next meeting.

Chapter News (Continued)

We expect to raise seven boys to the Future Farmer degree and initiate nine Green Hands by the first regular meeting in November.

Nineteen boys completed the year in vocational agriculture last year. Thirty-one completed project record books have been turned in to date. Our last year's president, Marion Miller, turning in the most, five.

- Ferrol Oberhelman, Reporter

Glasco: The Glasco chapter of F.F.A. held a hamburger fry for the Freshmen taking vocational agriculture early in the month of September.

The chapter booth in the Cloud County Fair won fourth money.

The following officers were elected for the school year 1936-37: Roy Halderman, president; Gerald Gritman, vice president; Harlan Berndt, secretary; Neil Parks, treasurer; Otis Tilton, reporter; Chriss Wilson, watch dog.

Vocational agriculture students from Concordia, Miltonvale, Delphos, Simpson, and Glasco participated in the stock judging contest held by the local chapter at the Cloud County Fair September 11. The contest was an individual competition in judging eight classes of stock. Winners in the entire contest were: first, Max Krummel, Concordia; second, Richard Mitchel, Glasco; third LeRoy Windhorst, Delphos; fourth, Corwin Freeman, Simpson; dairy cattle, Winifred Shivers, Delphos; beef cattle, Richard Mitchel, Glasco; sheep, Virgil Cyr, Miltonvale; swine, Warren Condray, Miltonvale.

The following members from Glasco attended the American Royal Livestock Show this year: Jack Jordan, Lorn Schmidt, Junior Neff, Richard Wyatt, Edward Brown, Roy Halderman, Nile Bray, and Mr. O. L. Norton.

Richard Wyatt won the trip to the American Royal given for high score in judging beef cattle at Abilene. He made the only perfect score.

- Otis Tilton, Reporter

Osborne: The following officers have been elected for the new year: Wayne Kaser, president; Edwin Hodson, vice president; Virgil Mayers, treasurer; Dick Store, secretary; Neil McDanel, reporter.

We held a meeting of the F.F.A. on October 15. All first year boys in agriculture were invited to attend and see how we carry on our meetings. Our latest check-up shows that about 90 per cent of them plan to join. We will hold the initiation at our next meeting.

We have started to organize a horse shoe pitching team. Plans are also being made for a basket ball team, so all Future Farmers living near Osborne organize yourself a team, and we will see if we can't get together for a game.

- Neil McDanel, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Shawnee Mission: On October 22 at 8:00 o'clock at the Shawnee Mission High School a special meeting of the Shawnee Mission chapter was called to order by George Justice, president of the Oregon Association of Future Farmers. Robert Stultz, vice president of the Oregon Association was called to the vice president's station for the opening ceremony. Other Oregon association members present were Ray Rock, American Farmer, and acting advisor, Mr. Crabtree.

The business meeting was conducted by George Justice from Oregon. The program, directed by Albert Coates, chairman of the Shawnee-Mission program committee, follows: Owl's Nest by Donald Nehl; Reading, Eugene Needham; Impressions of Kansas City, by the Oregon boys; Oregon by Mr. Crabtree; Movies of the Homestead Florida chapter's visit to Shawnee Mission and Washington chapters, George Wakefield, Advisor Homestead chapter. Doughnuts and cider were served following the program.

- - Eugene Needham, Reporter

Lebanon: The following officers for 1936-37 were recently elected: Jean Woods, president; Gerald Carper, vice president; Merrill Thompson, reporter; Joe Mansur, treasurer; Lloyd Russell, secretary.

The local chapter bought six grade Aberdeen Angus calves which they plan on wintering on silage, cottonseed meal and limestone. The chapter sponsors a laying flock project consisting of 86 pullets. During October a 45 per cent production was received. The pullets were raised by the chapter.

All the officers of the chapter attended the officers' training school held at Clay Center on October 31.

A Green Hand initiation was held at the regular October meeting. Eighteen boys were given this degree.

- - Merrill Thompson, Reporter

Frankfort: The F.F.A. chapter of Frankfort has held two regular monthly meetings this year. Three talks were given by members of the chapter. Lloyd Jones talked on his trip to the State Stock Judging contest in Manhattan, Kansas. Rex Massie gave a talk on his trip to the Shop Team contest and Ralph Glasgow talked on his trip to the World Fair.

The officers have been elected and the initiation of new members will take place at the next monthly meeting. At present the officers are working out a chapter activity program and a program for the meetings. The chapter is going to sponsor a stock judging contest. We also plan to have a basketball team and play other chapters in the community.

- - Leo Wempe, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

Argonia: We had our last meeting September 15, 1936. A nominating committee consisting of Delmar Martin, Ray Stephens, and Argus Pearce were elected. This committee decided that all members will be required to keep records on at least one project. They also made out the yearly program of activities.

Our second meeting was held October 6, 1936, and the following officers were elected: Emmett Whitesell, president; Paul Davis, vice president; Delmar Martin, secretary; Arthur Duwe, treasurer; Maurice Bandy, reporter; Argus Pearce, watch dog.

We plan to put up an educational booth at Harper County fair and Dale McCants, Keeth Parker, and Marvin Johnson are on the committee. We plan to show some of our purebred Duroc Jersey hogs at the Harper fair. Louie Crits is in charge of showing the hogs.

John Smith and Loren Paxson will be the committee to help the advisor organize an evening school.

- - Maurice Bandy, Reporter

Highland Park: A watermelon feed was held by our chapter the latter part of August. All active members and some prospective members attended.

As one of our major activities this year we are attempting to have 75 per cent of our members establish a home farm shop.

On Wednesday, October 21, the entire F.F.A. chapter attended the American Royal Show. The group made the trip in the school truck and were accompanied by their advisor, Mr. Carpenter, and Principal W. W. Wright.

An F.F.A. cooperative laying flock project was started this fall by members of our chapter. An old poultry house was remodeled for housing the flock.

We attended the Topeka State Fair each day, there being no school in the afternoons during fair week. We attended the livestock judging demonstration and the grandstand program on Monday.

Martin Pressgrove, Alfred Bates, and Merton Whitlow exhibited project stock at the county fairs this fall. Several first prizes were won.

- - George Wagstaff, Reporter

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We have too many people who live without working, and we have altogether too many who work without living.

- - Charles R. Brown.