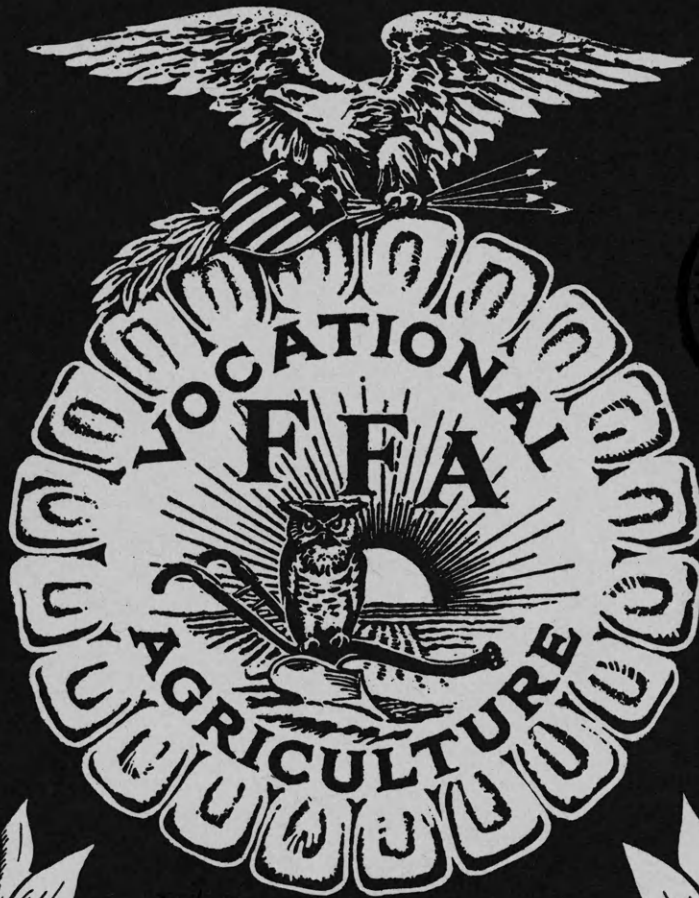


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PRESIDENT KAUP SPEAKING

Dear Future Farmers:

Again all Future Farmers are facing a new year, a year which we shall endeavor to make the most successful in the history of our Association. We shall realize this goal only through the systematic and diligent cooperation of every member in furthering the yearly chapter program of work.

In developing the yearly program it would be well to keep in mind the fundamental principles of our organization, namely, the development of leadership, thrift, cooperation, improvement of scholastic abilities, and the creation of a new interest in farming.

By following these principles we should reach the goals set up by the State Association relating to activity reports, parliamentary and ritualistic proficiency, publicity, home improvement, chapter libraries, and F.F.A. training school. In regard to chapter libraries and the F.F.A. training schools you should consult this issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. You will notice a change in the requirements of chapter libraries and also suggestions concerning the district officers training schools to be held this fall. I would also recommend that each chapter have complete chapter paraphernalia. This will do much to add dignity and respect to your chapter.

We must bear in mind the fact that if an organization such as the F.F.A. is to survive and continue its splendid work, active participation on the part of every Future Farmer will be required. Such an organization will not go forward if it places its dependence upon wishful thinking and past accomplishments.

With these thoughts in mind I challenge the members of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America to make this year one of outstanding significance.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond Kaup

Raymond Kaup, President
Kansas Association of F.F.A.

HAYS RECEIVES CHARTER

The Hays chapter of Future Farmers of America received its charter May 25, 1940. Twenty-eight members are enrolled in the Hays chapter. Officers are: Lawrence Ross, president; Harold Jensen, vice president; Clarence Knoll, secretary; Alfred Schneider, treasurer; Junior Hertel, reporter; and Carl Heinrich, advisor.

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REGIONAL F.F.A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

In the Eleventh Annual North Central Regional Public Speaking contest, Douglas Charles Fisk of Hunter, North Dakota, speaking on "Between Men", won first place. Second place was awarded Stanley Jepsen, Renville, Minn., whose subject was, "An Economic Law", and third place went to Dewey Condit, Centertown, Kentucky, who spoke on "What the F.F.A. Means to Rural American Youth". Russell Barrett of McPherson, Kansas, winner of first place in the Kansas F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest, placed ninth. Barrett's manuscript was ranked third.

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AN ERROR

Through an error the Olathe chapter of F.F.A. was omitted from the Honor Roll published in the May 15, 1940, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. The Honor Roll listed the names of the chapters having teams entered in the agriculture contest, the farm mechanics contest, filed an achievement report in the better chapter contest, had a State Farmer candidate, and seated delegates at the annual state convention. The Olathe chapter was also listed in the chapters having a membership percentage of 80-89, when it should have read 98 per cent. This error was occasioned by the fact that a mistake was made in reporting the number of vocational agriculture students enrolled in the Olathe school.

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OFFERS CASH PRIZES IN BUILDING CONTEST

SUCCESSFUL FARMING, feeling that 1940-41 is definitely going to be a building year, is offering 68 cash prizes totaling \$2,000 in a building contest, which they are sponsoring. The contest beginning on September 1, 1940, and closing December 31, 1940, involves service building, remodeling and new construction. In connection with the contest SUCCESSFUL FARMING has published a new booklet, "Building Guide for Farm and Home", which they will send free to vocational teachers and students upon request. This booklet written by acknowledged authorities on farm buildings and farm homes, was planned for the purpose of giving practical suggestions for building problems. Anyone interested in this contest should write to Kirk Fox, Editor, SUCCESSFUL FARMING, 2909 Meredith Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

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MEETING OF KANSAS OFFICERS OF STATE FFA ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 5, 1940

The annual meeting of the officers of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America was held Thursday, September 5, 1940, in Education Hall, Manhattan, Kansas. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing and building the objectives of the State Association for 1940-41, and for the discussion of other business.

All officers were present at this meeting. Following the reading of the minutes of the 1940 meeting of the House of Delegates and the annual report of the Kansas Association to the National Organization of FFA, the session was devoted to building the state program for 1940-41. The following objectives were formulated:

1. One hundred per cent of Kansas Vocational Agriculture departments establish chapters of F.F.A. and strive for 100 per cent enrollment of eligible members.
2. Each chapter to have a definite program of activities for the year and this program to be submitted to the state office not later than November 1, 1940. Each chapter to present an achievement report at the annual meeting of the State Association. 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, and will not be permitted to participate in the state F.F.A. public speaking contest.
3. Nine issues of the F.F.A. newsletter to be published, beginning with September and monthly thereafter for nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all state advisors, and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders.
4. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management, and financing of supervised long-time farming programs.
5. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that each chapter own sufficient copies of both the F.F.A. Manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure to furnish a copy of both for each officer. It is further recommended that sufficient copies of both publications be owned by the chapter to make both readily available to all local members.
6. Encourage 100 per cent of chapters to use official F.F.A. secretary's book. It was recommended that the official treasurer's book be used if it meets the needs of the chapters concerned.
7. Support F.F.A. contests of state and national scope.
8. Publicity: Encourage local chapters to keep the public informed as to worth-while activities, and the State Association to give publicity to activities of state and national interest.
9. Continue to cooperate with the KVAA in a study of F.F.A. problems of state wide interest.

Meeting of Kansas Officers of State FFA Association (Continued)

10. Encourage the organization of district FFA officers training schools, and recommend that such meetings be held before October 12, 1940, and recommend at least one state officer be present at each district meeting.

11. Encourage home improvement by members of local chapters to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and conveniences.

12. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following minimum list of paraphernalia:

- U. S. Flag
- Owl
- Ear of Corn
- Pictures - Washington and Jefferson *
- Plow
- Gavel
- Seal
- Charter *
- Creed *
- Secretary's Book
- Treasurer's Book
- F.F.A. Manuals (minimum of six)
- Filing Case
- Mounts for Officer's Emblems
- F.F.A. Song
- Purposes *
- Picture * Henry Groseclose

*.Framed under glass.

13. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries, and recommend the minimum requirements to be: (Figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed).

- a. FFA Manual, one for each officer (1) 15¢
- b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer (1) 10¢
- c. Complete file of the Kansas Future Farmer for the current year.
- d. One copy of the Kansas Organization Booklet issued Oct. 1, 1938.
- e. Most recent issue of the Proceedings of the National Convention.
- f. Forward FFA by W. A. Ross (10) 50¢, paper cover, \$1.00 card-board cover.
- g. Contributions of Ten Leading Americans to Agriculture (1) 10¢
- h. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Your Career in Agriculture, Homer Paul Anderson (11) \$2.00
 - Fifty Famous Farmers, Ivins & Winship (3) \$2.00
 - Men of Earth, Russell Lord (4) \$3.00
- i. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Tom of Peace Valley, Case (5) \$1.50
 - Green Hand, Chapman (5) \$1.50
 - Moon Valley, Case (5) \$1.50
 - New Land, Schmidt (6) \$2.00
 - Short Stories for Future Farmers (7) \$1.67
- j. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Good Tyme Parties, Becker (8) 50¢
 - Games & Recreation Leadership in Community, Higgins (9) 30¢
 - Fun & Work, Scranton (7) \$2.00
 - Programs for Future Farmers Chapter Meetings, Tenney (2) \$2.30

Meeting of Kansas Officers of State FFA Association (Concluded)

k. Recommended but not required, one copy of either:

Winning F.F.A. Speeches, Judson (7) \$2.00

Public Speaking for Future Farmers, Judson (7) \$2.00

- (1) A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Manhattan, Kansas.
- (2) John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., New York.
- (3) The Macmillan Company, 2459 Prairie Ave., Chicago.
- (4) Longsman Green & Co., 55 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
- (5) J. B. Lippincott Co., 220 North Michigan Ave., Chicago.
- (6) Robert M. McBride & Company, New York
- (7) Interstate Printing Co., 132 N. Walnut St., Danville, Ill.
- (8) Minneapolis Novelty Co., 706 Baker Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
- (9) State Department of Vocational Education, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- (10) The French-Bray Printing Co., Baltimore, Maryland.
- (11) E. P. Dutton Co., Inc., New York.

The afternoon meeting of the state officers was given over to the discussion of many problems. The following is a partial list of items considered together with recommendations.

The five highest individuals in the annual FFA Public Speaking contest shall be announced. Certificates and medals shall be given the first, second and third place individuals.

It was recommended that the State Association continue the study of district parliamentary procedure contests, as well as the district ritualistic contests.

The State Association will continue the practice of awarding certificates to the ten chapters indicated as having completed outstanding FFA programs, and certificates of honorable mention will be awarded the next 15 high ranking chapters.

A motion was made and carried instructing the state office to have an exhibit prepared for the Twelfth National FFA Congress to be held at Kansas City, November 11-14. The subject treated shall be wheat.

The state officers went on record as favoring the continuance of the plan of the purchasing of official uniform jackets for the state officers.

- John Lawrence, Secretary.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL REPORT TO NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

An active membership of 4972, an increase of 640 members....of the ten new departments established last year nine were chartered during last year. ...of the 156 chapters in Kansas, 148 were active....Ten issues of the Kansas Future Farmer were published....84 Future Farmers were raised to the State Farmer degree....4 State Farmers were advanced to the American Farmer degree....All chapters owned manuals for their officers and over 50 per cent of the members owned manuals....all active chapters owned Parliamentary Procedures....139 chapters had official secretary's books and 114 owned official treasurer's books....all chapters had FFA libraries....149 chapters held parents-sons banquets....43 chapters had public speaking contests....133 chapters engaged in home improvements....98 chapters engaged in cooperative buying and selling....56 chapters prepared and broadcast radio programs.

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OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOLS

The following centers have been determined upon for the F.F.A. Officers Training Schools: Goodland, Alton, Garden City, Clay Center, Emporia, Buhler, Mulvane, Holton, Shawnee Mission, and Fredonia. The instructors of the centers chosen will act as chairman of the committee and will be responsible for all arrangements. It is hoped that all schools will be scheduled and out of the way by October 12. It was recommended by the state officers in their annual meeting that in so far as possible the program chairman include in their leadership program the following:

- a. Opening ritual.
- b. Greetings from local school superintendent.
- c. Committee training.
- d. Officer training.
- e. State officer, past state officer, or national officer present at each of the district meetings.
- f. Have group singing at general session. Also encourage special numbers for this program.
- g. Contest - parliamentary, ritualistic or other types, to be left to the judgment of teachers in charge.

The state officers recommended that , if feasible, the opening ceremony contest be included in all programs, as it is considered a valuable means of encouraging ritualistic performance.

It was the hope of the officer group that more training schools would include in their program a group meeting for committee chairmen.

It was further recommended that all group meetings be in charge of boy leaders supervised by local advisors.

A suggestion was made that a parliamentary procedure contest might be added as another feature of the officer training schools. Schools competing should be notified of the number of abilities taken from Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure that would be included in the contest. Chapters would draw for the ability to be performed. Three minutes would be the maximum allowed with penalty for overtime. The state officer group hoped that this activity might be made a part of the training schools wherever possible.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FFA DISHES NO LONGER AVAILABLE. The national office announces that the Simon Slobodkin Potter (formerly James River Potteries) of Hopewell, Virginia, official manufacturers of FFA dishes, that they are unable to supply this merchandise any longer.

ADVISOR'S PINS. Advisors of FFA chapters wishing to purchase advisor's pins can obtain them through the L. G. Balfour Co., Attleboro, Mass. The bronze pin is 21¢ and the silver 23¢.

F.F.A. BANNERS. F.F.A. Motto banners and F.F.A. Aims and Purposes banners can now be obtained through the Staunton Novelty Co., Inc., Staunton, Va. The banners each measure 3x6 feet and sell at \$7.50.

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WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES

Following is a list of FFA supplies and where they can be purchased. See that this list is filed so that when your chapter is in need of supplies, your secretary will have the necessary information where the material can be purchased, thereby eliminating the necessity of writing the state office for this information.

Advisor's pins (1)	Membership cards (11)
Arm bands, felt (2)	Metal markers (6)
Badges and buttons (6)	Music:
Banners, felt (2)	"FFA March" (8)
Belts and Buckles (1)	"Hail the FFA" (11) 15¢
Caps, convention style (2)	Napkins (4)
Caps, swagger style (3)	Newspaper mats (4)
Caps, military style (3)	Parliamentary Procedure (11) 10¢
Charters for chapters (11)	Pennants, felt (2)
Collegiate chapter pins (1)	Pictures, Washington and Jefferson (10)*
Cups, trophy (1)	Pins and buttons, degree (11)
Cuts, emblem (4)	Green Hand 19¢; Future Farmer, 21¢
Degree pins and keys (11)	Place cards (4)
Electrical transcription of	Plaques (1)
"FFA March and Hail the FFA" (5)	Plows, miniature (9) *
Emblems, felt (2)	Printed supplies (4)
Emblem stickers (4)	Project Markers (6)
Envelopes (4)	Ribbons, prize (6)
Felt goods (2)	Rings, finger (1)
Flags (6)	Secretary and treasurer's books (11) 25¢
Handbook for Future Farmers (11)	Stationery (4)
Kansas Organization booklet (11)	Stickers, baggage (4)
Jackets, corduroy (3)	Stickers, windshield (4)
Jewelry, (1)	Sweater emblems (2)
Keys, degree (11)	Trophy cups (1)
Letterheads (4)	Uniforms (3)
Manuals (11) 15¢	Watch fobs (1)
Medals (1)	

- (1) L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Mass. Jewelry.
- (2) Staunton Novelty Co., Staunton, Va., Felt Goods and Convention Caps.
- (3) Universal Uniform Company, Van Wert, Ohio. Uniforms and caps.
- (4) French-Bray Printing Co., Candler Building, Baltimore, Md., Printed Supplies, Stationery, Emblem Cuts, etc.
- (5) U.S. Recording Co., Earle Theater Bldg., Washington, D. C.
- (6) St. Louis Button Co., 415 Lucas Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Celluloid Buttons, Ribbons, Badges, Markers, Flags.
- (7) W. M. Welch Scientific Co., Chicago, Ill.
- (8) Cundy-Betteney Co., Chestnut Ave., J. P. Boston, Mass.
- (9) John Deere & Co., Moline, Ill. Miniature Plows *.
- (10) Swift & Co., Chicago, Ill., Agricultural Research Dept.
- (11) A. P. Davidson, Executive Advisor, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas

*Request must be accompanied by letter from Executive Advisor.

ATTENTION REPORTERS

One of the most important offices in the FFA is that of reporter. It is necessary to choose some one for this office, who is alive and awake to the value of a good news story, and one who will keep his chapter before the public through interesting chapter news. Four of his most important duties are as follows:

1. Furnish news to the school and local community press.
2. Furnish newsworthy items to the state press.
3. Report promptly and regularly to the Kansas Future Farmer.
4. Organize and bring to the attention of your chapter a complete review of each issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

The following is the plan of gathering news for the Kansas Future Farmer. The state has been divided into four sections and the chapters of each section numbered 1, 2, and 3. The chapters were then grouped into three divisions -- all the number ones in one group, the number twos in another group, and the number threes in a group. Each group will be mailed a request for news every third month. Requests for news will be mailed from the office of the State Reporter by the 18th of each month. The news of your chapter must reach the State Reporter by the first of the month following. This means PROMPT ACTION on the part of the local reporters.

If your chapter is not represented in the issues of the Future Farmer it will be because your chapter is not functioning properly, or that the chapter has been unwise in their choice of a reporter.

Due to the fact we have 156 chapters in the state association and that we publish only nine issues of the Kansas Future Farmer each year, it will be impossible for us to print regular chapter notes from each chapter more than three times during the year. However, if your chapter has engaged in some outstanding and interesting work we will be glad to give the story space in the Kansas Future Farmer, regardless of whether or not it is your chapter's turn to furnish news.

The local reporter will be sent a blank requesting chapter news, and his reply will be due in the office of Phillip Cooper, State Reporter, in care of the High School, Chanute, Kansas, on the date specified on the request sheet sent him.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

According to W. A. Ross, national Executive Advisor of Future Farmers of America, the Hotel President at Kansas City will be headquarters for the official delegates and others having specific duties of various kinds in connection with the 13th National FFA Convention, November 10-14. Delegates can go two to a room at \$1.25 each per day according to Mr. James Harkless, Asst. Manager, to whom all correspondence should be addressed. The Aladdin Hotel will be used to house national officers and the official FFA band.

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"Be kind to all dumb animals
And give small birds a crumb,
Be kind to human beings too.
They're sometimes pretty dumb."- Rebecca McCann,

AMERICAN FARMER CANDIDATES

We are happy to state that a letter from National Advisor, J. A. Linke, under date of September 3, 1940, informs the officers of the Kansas Association that the National Advisory Council and the F.F.A. Board of Trustees have approved the applications of the following Kansas candidates for the American Farmer Degree: James Sylvester Cunningham, Eldorado; Harold Hackerott, Alton; Randall Libby, Smith Center; John McCall, Lebanon; Harry Stauffer, Frankfort.

These candidates will be recommended for the degree at the national convention in Kansas City on Monday, November 11.

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F.F.A. YEAR

The F.F.A. year in Kansas as it effects the state program of work is from May 1 to May 1. The official F.F.A. year for the Kansas Association is from July 1 to June 30. It is necessary to retain July 1 to June 30 in order to conform with the official year of the National Organization.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

In building chapter activity programs all listing of activities, goals, and accomplishments should follow the pattern recommended in the October 1, 1938, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. The Kansas Association recommends the size of activity program filed not to be in excess of 10" x 12" and not to exceed 6" in thickness. November 1, 1940, is the dead line date for filing chapter programs of work with the state office.

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NATIONAL BETTER CHAPTER CONTEST

Kansas will be represented in the National Better Chapter contest this year by the Highland Park (Topeka) chapter. F. E. Carpenter is advisor of this chapter.

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MEMBERSHIP

Mr. W. A. Ross, national Executive Secretary, announces the total active membership for the United States as of June 1, 1940, to be 223, 895.

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From 1919 to 1938, the number of tractors in use on American farms increased from 20,000 to 1,600,000.

Largest tires ever built for actual use are those on the much-publicized snow cruiser Admiral Byrd is using in the Antarctic. They are ten feet high, weigh 700 pounds each and are made of special rubber that will remain pliable at 70 degrees below zero.

I WANT TO BE A FARMER

by

Russell Barrett, McPherson, Kansas
(Winner of First Place in 1940 State FFA Contest)

Most young children love to live on a farm. Paul Poponoe, director of the institute of family relations in Los Angeles, says that the farm is the nearest to ideal of any place to rear children. On the farm the boy and girl are taught to work for the good of the whole family and they learn to cooperate.

Many farm children as they grow older become dissatisfied with the farm. Droughts, poor markets, and grasshopper invasions are experiences that are real to them. They say it is unfair that they should work so hard all year and have only enough left with which to buy the necessities of life. To these dissatisfied young farm people the city seems to be a more promising place where everyone has plenty of money and is able to enjoy many of the luxuries of life. Behind the glamorous front of the city they fail to see the slums, the environment which gives a start to many human derelicts.

The old adage, "The grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence", applies to those people who are running away from certain hardships of the farm to find a more comfortable and fuller life in the city. To me the grass does not look greener on the other side of the fence. Every occupation has its drawbacks. I am willing to enter farming even if it has disappointments because I love farm life. I know more about farming than about any other business, and I believe that I will be able to get an earlier start and be happier on the farm than in any other occupation.

There are five reasons why I want to be a farmer. First, a farmer has better food. Dr. Hazel Stiebeling of the United States Bureau of Home Economics, and one of the nation's authorities on nutrition, makes the following statement: "A much higher proportion of farm families have diets that can be called good from the standpoint of nutritive value than do families living in villages, small cities, large cities, or metropolitan areas. A good diet includes plenty of milk, butter, eggs, green leafy vegetables, and fruit. These foods cost the farmer very little money compared to what the city man has to pay." Not only is Dr. Stiebeling's statement correct but during a depression the farmer's diet becomes better and the city man's diet becomes poorer. This is due to the fact that the farmer consumes a larger per cent of his produce during a depression because of low prices.

In the second place, I want to be a farmer because the farmer lives longer. Despite the lack of sanitary facilities in the average farm home, there is less sickness among the farming population than in the city, and there is statistical evidence to prove that farm people live longer than city people.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company estimates that a city man will live 57 years, which is three to five years shorter than the life of a country man. A city woman will live on an average of 61 years, while the average life of a farm woman is four years longer. Dr. Harold F. Dorn, statistician of the United States Public Health service, states that two-thirds of the people who entered a New York State hospital because of mental diseases came from the urban districts.

My third reason for wanting to be a farmer is that a farmer accumulates more wealth. This statement is true regardless of the fact that the average farm income is less than the average city income. Statistics show that approximately 80 per cent of the city people own less than ten per cent of the city property while 80 per cent of the farm people own 45 per cent of the

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farm property. Thus you see that the farm property is more equally divided than city property.

The span from the lowest city income to the highest is much greater than the span in the farm incomes. This greater equality of distribution of incomes on the farm indicates that it is less speculative and more stable. This stability no doubt is the reason why farm people live longer and have fewer mental diseases.

During the past decade the ownership of farm property by city people has increased. We all know that such a condition is unhealthy. A sound permanent agriculture is based upon farm ownership by the farmers. Steps have been taken to make it possible for the farmer to repurchase his lost farm.

C. E. Baker, senior agricultural economist, Washington, D. C., in an article, "Why I Want My Boy to be a Farmer", published in Extension Service Circular 300, February 1939, makes the following statement: "The narrowing and lengthening of the agricultural ladder in the United States, the gradual loss of land ownership of farm people, and to an even greater extent by city people also, the rapid approach of a stationary and probably later declining national population, the condition of extensive unemployment, particularly of youth - these suggest to me that our Nation is rapidly developing the conditions that characterize many older nations. It appears to me probably that most of the farm families who are now losing the ownership of the land are losing it forever. Some of these families, particularly those who move to the larger cities, will probably die out, some will survive, dissolved in the urban proletariat; few, it seems to me, are likely to find such economic security, intellectual freedom, and peace of mind as they could have had on the farm".

My fourth reason is that a farmer may enjoy his work. Which job will afford the most pleasure, feeding a herd of steers or working in a factory where the job all day long is to screw a certain sized nut on a certain spindle? Is juggling figures eight hours each day in a small office on the twenty-first floor more pleasant than working in a field of green alfalfa that is in bloom? Some people may enjoy screwing on nuts or juggling figures but farm work appeals more to me. Some of the most beautiful scenes that I have ever beheld have been those viewed from the top of a farm building or a high hill. To view a field of golden wheat flanked on the one side by green growing corn and on the other by a field of alfalfa in full bloom is a pleasure too often denied city workers. The farmer has an opportunity to see and enjoy the beauties of nature.

Improved management practices and the application of the principles of genetics make farming a fascinating occupation. Through the application of technical information the farmer is now able to grow poultry that economically produces four or five times as much as was formerly possible. The dairy cow now produces annually many times her own weight in milk. Improved breeds of livestock together with improved management practices not only make farming more interesting but represent an important contribution to civilization.

My fifth and final point is that the farmer has a more satisfying home life. Again I would like to quote from O. E. Baker's article, "Why I Want My Boy to be a Farmer". "It is this knowledge of and respect for life that is one reason, I believe, why farm people emphasize home life".

On a farm where each member of the family has certain responsibilities there will be more unity among the members of the family than is the case in a city where it is difficult to find enough work to keep one healthy boy busy and interested.

I Want to be a Farmer (Concluded)

Mothers who have to leave home to work, bridge playing mothers, fathers spending too much time at the club, are factors that have a tendency to disorganize the city home. In the city the individual is the unit while in the country the family represents the unit. In the country the home and business are one unit while in the city they are divided. The home is the foundation of our civilization, and the farm home contributes most to keeping our civilization intact.

In closing I want to remind you that I want to be a farmer because the farmer has better food, the farmer lives longer, the farmer accumulates more wealth, farm work is enjoyable, and the farmer has a more satisfying home life.

Future Farmers of America! Let us be proud to be a part of rural America. May we always believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in her national life and that we can exert an influence in our homes and communities which will stand solid for our part in that inspiring task.

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FARM SAFETY AND THE F.F.A.

by

Supervisor L. B. Pollom

Nothing is more important than human life. Nothing is more important in the human life than that it shall function in the full power of health and strength in all its faculties.

Few experiences are more tragic than going through life with a maimed and crippled body. Millions of people have spent days, months, and even years under the care of physicians or in hospitals as the result of accidents. Millions of man hours of gainful employment have been lost as the result of accidents. Financial loss as a result of accidents has exhausted the savings of the past and mortgaged those of the future for thousands. The physical and mental suffering caused by accidents justifies every individual and every organization concerned with the welfare of man to be concerned with the matter of prevention of accidents.

Someone has said, "Accidents don't happen; they are caused."

The Farm Accident Committee of the Kansas Safety Council has prepared a bulletin entitled, "A Farm Safety Primer", a copy of which has been sent each vocational agriculture department.

The primer was sent with the thought that farm accident prevention and farm safety might merit recognition in the local annual program of the F.F.A.

This book refers to and suggests contests. However, much good can be done regardless of whether the effort takes the form of a contest.

It would not seem out of place for the F.F.A. to include farm safety as one of its recognized objectives. Perhaps a meeting might be given to this subject. Individual members might be invited to relate the farm accidents that have occurred in their own homes or in the homes of neighbors, giving the causes as a means of impressing the group with the importance of safety effort. Possibly an assembly program before the entire high school with demonstrations of farm and home hazards pointed out would be appropriate, especially in high schools where farm boys and girls predominate. Demonstration teams from the FFA might appear before rural meetings such as the Grange, Farm Bureau, and Farmers Union. Each local chapter should decide for itself just what steps, if any, will be taken in behalf of farm safety.

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PAST PRESIDENT PAUL KELLEY WINS HONOR

Immediate past president, Paul Kelley, one of the fifteen Sears-Roebuck Agriculture Foundation scholarship students at Kansas State College, 1939-40, won the \$200 Sophomore scholarship award offered by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation for the outstanding student of the 1939-40 group. This award is based upon scholarship, leadership, character and thrift. Paul held a part-time job throughout the year and in addition found time to direct the activities of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. He spent a week as a delegate to the national convention of F.F.A. in October and gave another week of his time in connection with the annual meeting of the Kansas Association during the second semester. In spite of his multitudinous duties Paul came through with the distinction of winning one of the outstanding scholarship awards in the division of agriculture for the 1940-41 school year.

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WINFIELD BOY GOODYEAR TRIP WINNER

Among the 35 boys selected as winners in the national essay contest conducted by The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. for high school boys living on farms, was Raymond Groene, a member of the Winfield F.F.A. chapter. Raymond was one of the ten boys named as grand prize winners, and was awarded an all expense paid vacation trip from his home and return to Akron, Cleveland, Detroit, Niagara Falls, and Timagami, Ontario, Canada, where with the ten grand prize winners he enjoyed a one week's northwoods outing as the guest of P. W. Litchfield, Goodyear president. An account of Raymond's trip follows:

I left my home at Winfield on July 22, at 4:25 o'clock on the Santa Fe Ranger. I arrived in Chicago at 9:00 July 23; there I changed trains going on into Akron on the Baltimore & Ohio. I arrived in Akron about 6:00 o'clock. There I was met by a Goodyear representative. Leaving the railroad depot we went to the Mayflower Hotel in Akron. After being shown our rooms we left and went to the home of Mr. Litchfield, president of the Goodyear Tire Company, where we met some of the sales managers and salesmen of the Goodyear Company. We also saw some of the trophies and carvings that belonged to Mr. Litchfield.

The next day we went to the Zeppelin dock where we met Dr. Einstine, designer of the Zeppelin, the Akron, and the Macon. We also saw the Derby Downs while in Akron. Leaving there we went to the Goodyear factory and saw how tires are made. We had luncheon at Mr. Litchfield's home, and later went to Cleveland to see a Major League baseball game which the Cleveland Indians won 7 to 6. That night we stayed at the famous Dearborn Inn in Detroit, Michigan.

We visited the Ford factory and then drove around the Ford plant which covers 1200 acres. That afternoon we visited part of the Greenwich village, then boarded a steamship for Buffalo, New York. We arrived in Buffalo about 8:30 o'clock where we had luncheon overlooking the Niagara Falls. From there we continued to North Bay, Ontario.

We left North Bay about 10:30 the next morning getting into Timagami Station at 12:00. We got to Camp Pinto about 3:00. After making our beds we went out in a sail boat.

We went to church Sunday morning July 28, about 11:00. After lunch we went to see a ball game at Bear Island, and later came back and assembled our

Winfield Boy Goodyear Trip Winner (Concluded)

fishing tackle. Monday morning we went out in the boats and canoes. After lunch we went fishing at Obibica Bay, where we caught about 90 pounds of fish. That night we wrote letters and cards home.

Tuesday morning we took the boats and canoes to Bear Island for soft ball practice. That afternoon we played the boys of Bear Island a game of soft ball. They won 10 to 9.

We went to Whitfish Bay Wednesday and fished all day. The largest fish caught was a six pound lake trout. Of course the largest one got away.

While we were at camp we went for a dip every morning before breakfast. We had our canoe and row boat time trials Thursday morning. After lunch we went to Bear Island to play a game of soft ball with Camp Wabi Kon, a boys' camp up there and we won two to one. Coming back we had some boat races. After dinner we went to Camp Acouchiching which in English means the "End of the Lake".

Semi-final races in both canoeing and rowing occupied our time all day Friday. In the evening we attended a square dance at Bear Island.

Sunday morning August 3 we packed our suit cases, and then we had our finals in the canoe and row boat races. I won the row boat race and Tommy Howard of Indiana won the canoe race. We left camp at 12:30 arriving at Timagami Station about 2:00 o'clock. On arriving at North Bay about 4:00 o'clock we checked our bags. We had dinner at the Empire Hotel.

We left North Bay about 8:30 a. m. Monday and arrived at Callander about an hour later. Here we saw the Dionne quintuplets. We had lunch at the Albion Hotel in Gravehurst and arrived at Toronto about 5:00 p. m. and checked in at the King Edward Hotel.

We left Toronto about 9:00 o'clock Tuesday morning and got to Buffalo, New York, about 12:00 where we had lunch. From Buffalo we drove up to Skaneateles, New York, for dinner. After dinner we came back to Jamestown where we stayed over night. We visited the Welland Canal which connects Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

Leaving Jamestown about 10 a. m. Wednesday August 7, we arrived in Akron, Ohio, about 1:30 p. m. Here we had lunch at the Mayflower Hotel, then we toured Akron. After dinner we parted to go our ways on the trains.

I arrive home Thursday, August 8, at 10:00 p. m. and so ended a swell trip.

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