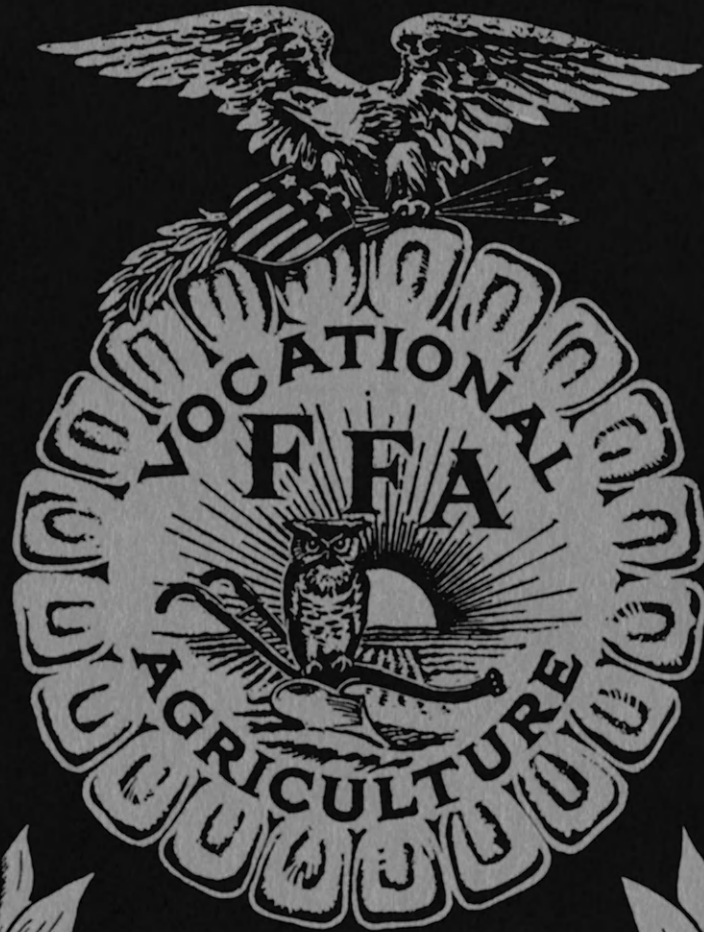


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JANUARY

JANUS am I; oldest of potentates;
Forward I look and backward, and below
I count, as god of avenues and gates,
The years that through my portals come
and go.
I block the roads, and drift the fields with
snow;
I chase the wild-fowl from the frozen
fen;
My frosts congeal the rivers in their flow,
My fires light up the hearths and hearts
of men.

-- Longfellow.

CANDIDATES FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The American Farmer applications are due in the Washington office on or before May 1, 1939. Chapters having candidates for this degree should notify the state executive secretary, A. P. Davidson, at the earliest date possible. Qualifications for the American Farmer degree are set forth in Section E of Article V of the new national constitution. Active members holding the State Farmer degree for at least one year preceding the election to the American Farmer degree (October 1940) are eligible. Active membership may be retained for three years from date of graduation, completion of high school classroom instruction, or leaving school. An active member shall be considered in good standing when: (1) He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity; (2) He shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter; (3) He pays his dues regularly.

All chapters should notify the state executive advisor of possible American Farmer candidates by February 1, 1939. This will give time during February and March to visit all candidates and to encourage those deserving to make application for the degree. April will be the month during which Form 665, revised January 1939, will be filled out and forwarded to the Washington office.

In previous years the American Farmer degree applications have been taken care of during the summer months. This year the matter will have to have attention during the regular school year. April is a busy month for vocational agricultural teachers and chapter advisors as it is during this month that final preparations are made for the annual state contests in farm mechanics and agriculture as well as for participation in the annual meeting of the state association of F.F.A.

We shall expect the names of all State Farmer members who can meet the qualifications for the American Farmer degree to be filed not later than February 1, 1939.

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F.F.A. CALENDAR

American Farmer Candidate, notify A. P. Davidson.....	Feb. 1
State Farmer Application, including records to Jan. 1, 1939.....	Feb. 1
State Farmer Candidate's current year's record book.....	April 15
Public Speaking entry and manuscript.....	April 15
Better Chapter contest report.....	April 22
Eleventh Annual Meeting of Kansas Association of F.F.A.....	May 1 & 2

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The entire convention of the Future Farmers of America for 1939 will be held in Exhibition Hall of the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, according to a statement from the F.F.A. editor in the December 1938, issue of the Agricultural Education magazine. We hope this is an error, and that the editor means that all official meetings of the House of Delegates will be held in this great hall, and that the F.F.A. exhibit will be held in the Little Theatre and the banquet will be held in the Arena. Another banquet in Exhibition Hall mixed with the clatter of dishes and the roar of tractors racing up and down the ramps will be too much for our digestion--we fear.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Kansas Association of F.F.A. will not conduct district public speaking contests this year, but it recommends that try-out contests be organized and held in connection with the various district judging schools. Such contests will have to be managed completely by interested advisors of the districts where such contests are held. The State Association ruled that until the number of entries in the state public speaking contest increased to such a point that they could not conveniently be handled that the association could not afford the time and expense necessary to the proper organization and conduct of district contests.

The 1939 State F.F.A. Public Speaking contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the National Contest. The State Contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age who are regularly enrolled high school students, successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work, and who are active members of chartered F.F.A. chapters in good standing with the State and National Organizations at the time they are selected to represent their chapter in the State Contest. (Attention is called to the fact that boys who are still in high school as undergraduates and who have already taken all of the vocational agriculture offered in their school may be eligible.)

Each contestant's speech is to be the result of his own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery are limited to the facilities of the school from which the contestant comes, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Time Limit

Each speech shall be limited to ten minutes in length and five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges.

Subjects

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable. The following list will offer many suggestions in choosing a topic for the State F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest:

1. Why Be a Farmer?
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, the Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. The Challenge of Adversity and the American Farmer
6. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
7. The Farm Credit Situation
8. The Future Farmers of America
9. The Equalization of Taxes as a Source of Farm Relief
10. The Advantages of Being a Farmer
11. Diversified Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture
12. The Present and Future of American Farming
13. The Future of the American Farmer
14. A Live-at-Home Program as a Farm Relief Measure
15. The Future Farmers of America in Relation to American Agriculture

Public Speaking Contest (Continued)

16. What Vocational Agriculture and the F.F.A. Mean to Me and Other Farm Boys
17. Does Controlled Land Utilization Hold the Key to Present Farm Problems?
18. The Restoration of Agricultural Stability
19. Why I Choose to Become a Farmer
20. Farm Management and Cooperative Marketing as a Solution to Farm Problems
21. The Agricultural Situation
22. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
23. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
24. The Farmers' Own Farm Relief
25. Tariffs and Their Relation to the American Farmer
26. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
27. The Back-to-the-Land Movement
28. Subsistence Farm Homesteads and Their Relation to American Agriculture
29. Education as Permanent Farm Relief
30. Emergency Organizations and Their Relation to the American Farmer
31. How A Commodity Adjustment Program Effects the Individual Farmer
32. The Utilization of Economic Information in Farming
33. The Economic Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
34. The F.F.A. and the Youth Movement
35. Horse and Mule Power in American Agriculture - Their Economic Relation
36. The Part-time Farmer in American Agriculture
37. Training for Leadership Through the F.F.A.
38. Agricultural Adjustment and a Balanced Agriculture
39. The New Era in American Agriculture
40. Equalization of Taxes as a Farm Relief Measure
41. Taxation, Its Relation to the Rural Community
42. Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution
43. The Relation of the Farm Credit Administration to the American Farmer
44. The Necessity for Trained Farmers
45. Chemurgy As An Aid to the American Farmer
46. Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem
47. The F.F.A. Creed--What It Means to Rural America
48. The Master Farmer
49. Young Men in Agriculture

Sources

It is not possible to list all sources of aid for those preparing to take part in the Public Speaking Contest. The following standard sources should not be over looked:

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen
2. Readers' Guide--in public libraries and high school libraries

Public Speaking Contest (Concluded)

3. Publications of the Agricultural Adjustment Administrations, Washington, D. C.
4. Publications of the United State Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
5. Special Reports of the Bureau of Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
6. Current National Magazines
7. The Farm Press
8. National and Columbia Radio Broadcasts. Study advance program schedule, listen to numbers that deal with any phase of your chosen topic. Often it is possible to procure a copy of the address in which you are interested by writing the author of it.
9. Census Reports
10. State Newspapers
11. Proceedings of National F.F.A. Conventions

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DUES

The October 1938, enrollment in vocational agriculture in Kansas was 5207. Is it too much to hope that we will have over four thousand five hundred paid up F.F.A. members in Kansas this year? This number would entitle us to recommend five candidates for the American Farmer degree. Since the American Farmer degree application has to be filed in Washington by May 1, 1939, it will be necessary that the F.F.A. dues in Kansas be paid promptly in order that we may determine the number of candidates the state association is eligible to submit. The following ditty taken from the Texas P-T Magazine is of interest in this connection:

Forget the trials you have had;
Forget the weather if it's bad;
Forget the knocker--he's a freak,
Forget him seven days a week;
Forget the gray streaks in your hair;
Forget the home team lost the game,
Forget the one who was to blame;
Forget to ever get the blues
But don't forget to pay your dues--
On Time!

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Third National vice president, Albert Coates, representing the North Central Region, will be in Washington for a week's F.F.A. training school beginning February 9, 1939. Congratulations and good luck to you Albert.

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I have found that most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

--Abraham Lincoln

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1938-1939
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

1. MEMBERSHIP
Strive for increased membership
Goal--200,000 active members by the Twelfth National Convention
2. MANUALS
Stimulate interest in the use of the official manual
Goal--100% of officers owning manuals
50% of members owning manuals
100% of members having access to manuals
3. SECRETARY AND TREASURER BOOKS
Continue to make available official Chapter Secretary and Chapter Treasurer books and encourage their use
Goal--100% of chapters using these books
4. UNIFORMS
Encourage use of official uniform by members
Goal--100% of State officers and 100% of chapter delegates to State Association convention be attired in official uniforms
5. LIBRARIES
Encourage and assist chapters to build up chapter libraries
Goal--85% of chapter having libraries
6. THRIFT
Encourage chapters to cooperatively earn money for the benefit of the chapter; encourage the chapters to buy and sell cooperatively for the benefit of the members
Goal--75% of chapters participating
7. LONG-TIME FARMING PROGRAMS
Encourage members to build individual farming programs through continuous project work which will lead to permanent establishment in farming
Goal--80% of members participating
8. CEREMONIES
Create interest in the use of the official opening and closing ceremonies of all F.F.A. meetings
Goal--100% of chapters and Associations participating
9. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
Encourage improvement in the conduct of chapter meetings by use of accepted parliamentary procedure
10. PUBLIC SPEAKING
Encourage greater member participation in public speaking
Goal--100% of chapters holding a public speaking contest
11. HOME IMPROVEMENT
Encourage home improvement by members to include landscaping, repair, electrification, and the like
Goal--80% of members participating
12. RURAL FIRE PREVENTION
Encourage and improve rural fire prevention program through education and demonstration
Goal--100% chapter participation
13. CONSERVATION
Encourage continuous conservation programs to include work with soils, water, trees, prevention of forest fires, protection of wild life, and the like
Goal--100% chapter participation with 80% of chapter members carrying on such improvement on their home farms

National Program of Work (Concluded)

14. LIVESTOCK LOSS PREVENTION

Continue to cooperate with the Livestock Loss Prevention Board in their survey work and in helping to reduce livestock loss

15. STATE CAMPS AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Encourage establishing and maintaining State Camps with Leadership Training schools held in connection with these camps

Goal--100% of States with Leadership Training Conferences

100% of States with camps, tour, or recreational facilities

16. STATE MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Encourage the organization of State Bands and other musical units working toward a National F.F.A. Band

Goal--50% State participation

17. STATE PUBLICATIONS

Encourage establishing and maintaining official State F.F.A. publications and their exchange with other State Associations

Goal--100% State participation

18. STATE RADIO BROADCASTS

Encourage organized State radio broadcasts operating on a systematic basis

Goal--75% State Participation

19. STATE PRODUCTS EXHIBIT

States to prepare a display for the Twelfth National Convention; plan to be developed by the National Board of Trustees

Goal--100% State participation

20. F.F.A. PARAPHERNALIA

Encourage the use of appropriate F.F.A. paraphernalia in connection with all F.F.A. gatherings

Goal--100% participation

21. NATIONAL F.F.A. DAY

Date set for Tuesday of Convention Week, October 1939

Provide for special National radio broadcast. Request chapters to listen in and schedule special public programs on that day

22. DEGREE ADVANCEMENT

Encourage early and systematic preparation on the part of all members wishing to advance in degree membership

23. NATIONAL OFFICER VISITS

Arrange, as far as possible, to have some national officer visit each State during the year

24. SEVENTH WORLD'S POULTRY CONGRESS AND EXPOSITION

Continue to have representatives assist in making plans for the Seventh World's Poultry Congress and Exposition and encourage State Associations to have representation at the Congress

25. PROCEEDINGS

Publish and distribute to every State Association, chapter, and official delegate to the Nat'l Convention, the Proceedings of the 11th Nat'l Convention

26. MOTION PICTURE

Continue to circulate films of the Tenth National Convention among the respective State Associations and local chapters in accordance with the demand.

27. NATIONAL F.F.A. CAMP

National Board of Trustees to formulate preliminary plans and develop as far as possible the proposed National F.F.A. Camp and Leadership Training School

28. RELATIONSHIP WITH KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS

Continue to maintain contact with and assist other organizations patterned after the F.F.A. both in the United States and in foreign lands

NOTES FROM NATIONAL F.F.A. BROADCAST

December 19, 1938: California will have a \$243,000 F.F.A. building on their state fair grounds....The Stamping Ground chapter, Kentucky, sold their tobacco cooperatively and received prices that were highly satisfactory.... Bill Shaffer, past national president, has been a director for two years of the Virginia State Certified Hatchery Association, and has recently been elected secretary-treasurer of this Association....Shawnee Mission chapter, Kansas, held their second successful farm machinery sale. The items for sale consisted of second hand machines purchased and reconditioned by the chapter as part of their farm shop work. Shawnee Mission also continued the ten year old practice of giving aid to needy families at Christmas time. This year three families were cared for....Immediate past president Lester Poucher is serving as editor of the Florida College Farmer, a paper published by the University of Florida by the students in agriculture....Advisor J. A. Linke read an original poem entitled "Christmas" which we are happy to present to the members of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America herewith:

What shall I tell my child tonight,
Who sits with wonder in his eyes,
That Santa Claus, with whiskers white,
A real, real man he is and wise
To all the wants of girls and boys
And comes this night with sled and deer
All loaded down with gifts and toys
To bring to all the Christmas cheer?

Or shall I tell him Santa Claus,
An unseen spirit man but real,
Will bring tonight, o'er snow so white,
The gift supreme and so reveal
To all the world, the Christ of love
That makes of every man a dear
Old Santa Claus who brings rich gifts
On this great day of all the year?

I know what I shall tell my child;
I'll tell him that old Santa Claus
Is Christ himself returned to earth,
And for a day he seems to pause
And wonder why mankind can't see
That love should be the only way
To rule the world and always be
The rule as on this Christmas day.

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The following chapters of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America have entered the National Better Chapter Contest: ElDorado, Highland Park, Inman, Medicine Lodge, Morrowville, Shawnee Mission, Wakefield, Winfield. All final reports are to use the standardized scrapbook. The size of the scrapbook was raised at the Eleventh National Convention from 10" x 12" to 10" x 20".

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CHAPTER NEWS

Wellsville: Our enrollment in vocational agriculture increased this year with 97 per cent belonging to the F.F.A. In August our advisor purchased 58 western ewes from the Olathe chapter and these were sold to the boys after school started for projects.

During our fair the boys had a window display in one of the store windows consisting of three revolving links in a chain with a money bag labeled Farm Profits at the bottom of the chain. The links were labeled, Feed Crop, Livestock and Pasture. The window was decorated in blue and orange, the F.F.A. colors.

At our first meeting after school started we elected the following officers: Lloyd Russell, president; Russell McConnell, vice president; Marion McConnell, secretary; Junior Crist, treasurer; Arthur Meisel, reporter; Leslie Seyler, watch dog.

Our advanced class attended the fair at Olathe to hear Professor Bell of Manhattan give a demonstration in horse judging. Our advisor, Fred Schopp, judged the grain exhibits. The F.F.A. gave a benefit Chinese Checker party in the agriculture building to earn money to attend the American Royal. There were about 35 present and we cleared \$6.00.

Twenty-three F.F.A. members attended the Royal on F.F.A. day. We sat in on the National Convention of the F.F.A. in the morning, looked at the livestock display at the Royal building and returned to the auditorium that evening to see the Star Farmer award presented.

Mr. Schopp and Russel McConnell, our vice president, attended the annual parent and son banquet given by the Olathe chapter at the Olathe high school November 5.

October 28 our Agriculture 3 class treated Maurice Warren's sheep for worms. Maurice wanted to have his sheep treated so that they would not infect the lambs with parasites.

At our November meeting a point system was discussed by which we might choose a Star farmer from our chapter. After the meeting we played ping-pong and served chili.

December 13 the Freshman agriculture boys entertained their parents at a Parent's meeting. The meeting opened in the vocational agriculture building with a talk by Mr. Schopp on projects and the farming program. Afterwards a short play was given, "Monkey Shines in a Doctor's Office", with T. J. Bivins, Dean DeGarmo, Calvin Brecheisen, Oliver Taylor, Lauren Myers, and Leonard Sturm. Also a stunt, "The Fashion Parade", with Denzil O'Connor, Max Meisel, Donald Breithaupt, George Layton, Billy Leib, Joe Phillips, Maurice Warren and Lawrence Pence. The boys made lovely models. Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served to the parents. We have recently organized an F.F.A. basketball team and had twelve boys out for practice. One of our local ministers has agreed to coach the team.

--Arthur Meisel, Reporter

Winfield: Our officers are: Harold Snyder, president; John Lawrence, vice president; Keith Kerr, secretary; Leonard Greene, treasurer; Leonard Biddle, reporter; Millard Kittleson, watch dog; Mr. Plank, advisor. About 35 boys were initiated to the Green Hand degree and about the same number to the Future Farmer degree this year. The Green Hands have received their pins.

At the first of this year we initiated the officers of the Oxford chapter.

--Leonard Biddle, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Paola: The officers of our newly organized chapter are as follows: Leon Miller, president; Leland Trickett, vice president; Joseph Butel, secretary; Clifford Everhart, treasurer; Brice Gilbert, reporter; John Knoche, watch dog; Mr. Brandenburg, advisor. This is the first year an F.F.A. chapter has been organized in Paola, and we have an enrollment of 45.

In September the officers attended the Shawnee Mission training school where they learned several things about carrying on a meeting. The same boys also journeyed to Ottawa in October where they saw several boys being raised to the degree of Future Farmers.

On October 19 most of the boys journeyed to the American Royal in the school bus. We all took our lunches and studied the livestock in the morning, and attended the horse show in the afternoon.

We also had a Parent-Son party to acquaint the parents with what we were doing and what we plan to do. There were 105 present. The program was as follows: Welcome, Brice Gilbert; Talk, Superintendent W. L. Rambo; Music, Joseph Butel and Wendall Oldham; Talk, Mr. Brandenburg; Music, Kenneth Hillman; Talk, Leon Miller; Music, Ivan and Alvin Walters; Talk, Donald Sherwood. After the program refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the boys.

The Scholarship committee reported that 28 per cent of the boys improved their grades over the last six weeks and the boys making the honor roll were Wilbur Meniffee, Harold Oberheide, Leon Miller, Brice Gilbert, and Jack Greenawalt.

Several of the boys have been helping Mr. Brandenburg conduct an evening school which has been well attended both by the parents and the boys.

In the shop Bill Skeens has completed an "A" type hog house, Wilbur Meniffee has nearly completed a combination type hog house, Joseph Butel and Wendall Oldham have made sheep grain troughs, Charles Carter and Charles Burris have completed sheep feeders and Brice Gilbert has cleaned up and ground the valves in his Model A.

The officers met at Mr. Brandenburg's house October 20, to make out the program of work. We decided for each officer to be chairman of a committee and for the rest of the boys to be on which ever committee they thought they would enjoy the most.

We have two games of basket ball scheduled with Olathe on January 16, and the other for January 30.

--Brice Gilbert, Reporter

Morrowville: Our judging team consisting of Jack Nutter, Charles Schwab, and Gerald Fencil represented Kansas in Animal Husbandry at the American Royal. The team placed seventh in the entire contest and third in sheep judging. Jack Nutter placed third in horse judging, winning a third prize medal and \$5.00 in money. Gerald Fencil placed eighth in the entire contest. These boys spent from Sunday until Wednesday night at the American Royal.

The chapter held its annual Future Farmer initiation at which Ralph Dodd, Oliver Steele, Fred Prelwitz, Lester Miller, Max Wells, and Keith Enfield, were raised to the Future Farmer degree. These boys and Mourice Stanton, Allen Mayberry, Blaine Wells, George Durst, were rewarded by being permitted to make the trip to the Royal.

The following boys were awarded the Green Hand degree: Frank Lull, Kenneth Menzies, Herald Durst, Jerald Dhority, Herald Fry, Basial Elliott, Edgar Reynolds, Darrell Menke, Bob Shaw, Bob Moore, and Everett Weber. This initiation was held early this year so that the boys would be able to enjoy the holiday parties with the rest of the members. Both a Christmas party and a New Years party was held with the F.H.A.

--Marvin Odgers, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Norton: The 23 members of our organization initiated nine Green Hands on October 10. Three members were raised to the degree of Future Farmer the same night. The initiation ceremony took place in the vocational agriculture classroom. After the formal ceremony the candidates were taken for a tour of a run down farm in our farm shop. The committee in charge then gave the boys a chili feed.

The vocational students are now closing their project books and making plans for continuing their farming program. Members of the No. 9 class are working on the agreements for their farming programs.

The cooperative committee is busy with plans for a cooperative chick project. Plans have been made to purchase a second hand 600 egg electric incubator and hatch the chicks, then brood them in our home made brooder, then sell them as started chicks. The committee in charge of cooperative activities is Leonard Getty, Bill Donovan and Dale Cargill.

There is one way to learn parliamentary procedure, according to the F.F.A. boys in Norton Community High School. That way is to practice it. Once a month in our regular meeting the third hour, we have what we call parliamentary drill. The 32 boys were divided into four groups and one group is responsible for the drill one month and another group the next month.

Another activity that is gaining lots of interest is the scholarship contest that the F.F.A. boys are conducting. There are two sides in the contest. Don Beaty is one captain and Don Sanderson the other. The grades of the F.F.A. boys serve as points. I scores 1 point, II counts 2 points, III, 3 points, IV, four points, and F counts 5 points. At the end of the first six weeks the score was 209 to 222 with Don Beaty and his group trailing. The second six weeks the score was 431 to 428 and Don Sanderson was still out in front but with a margin of only 3 points. The losing side must give the other side a party.

Members of the livestock production class are putting some of their class room work into practice. The morning of December 22 they butchered a 200 lb. hog for Frank Dean. Then on Friday morning they cut up the carcass.

A glance into our shop shows several jobs under construction. Some of these jobs are rope making, rope halters, motor repair, chisel, punches, sharpening cultivator shovels, cleavices, and many others. Dale Severns is making a forge for his home farm shop from an old binder wheel.

--Rowland Boddy, Reporter

Mayetta: The following are the officers of the F.F.A. chapter of Mayetta: Peryl Farmer, president; Verne Smith, vice president; Charles Warrington, secretary; James Johnson, treasurer; Francis Jensen, reporter; John Cummings, watch dog.

The vocational agriculture class treated 40 bushels of seed wheat at four cents a bushel. The money will go into the F.F.A. treasury.

The F.F.A. program for the year has been sent in to Manhattan. It consists of plans for a class project of two beef calves, treating seed, F.F.A. basketball team, butchering demonstration, terracing demonstration, parties, and a banquet.

The F.F.A. held its initiation September 30, with 13 boys taking the degree of Green Hand.

Two new members have joined the chapter. They are Harold Taylor from the Holton chapter and Charles Warrington from the Hoyt chapter.

There are 24 members in the F.F.A. chapter of Mayetta and 25 boys taking vocational agriculture.

--Francis Jensen, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Argonia: The F.F.A. boys and Home Making girls held a party for their parents on November 6. The entertainment consisted of a one act play and several special numbers. After the program refreshments of cocoa, pumpkin pie, and ice cream were served. There were 164 present including the boys and girls.

Our chapter held a sparrow hunt during the past month. The railroad track was used as the dividing line and the side having the fewest sparrows was supposed to furnish the treats at our night meeting. The South side won with a total 1,009 sparrows while the North side had 910. This month we are holding a similar contest except that this time we are catching mice, gophers, moles, rats, and prairie dogs.

Our chapter has started holding night meetings this year and we find it boosts the interest in our chapter one hundred per cent, and we always look forward to the next one. We always try to put on a program that will be educational. Our first one was on safety driving, the second one was on first aid and the last one on the proper use of parliamentary procedure.

The Junior boys bought some beeves for a class project this fall. There are seven boys in the class and they purchased four common steers weighing on the average of 734 pounds. After feeding the steers for six weeks they were butchered by the class and sold to the local stores and people of the community. The enterprise returned a total profit of \$27.37 and a profit per boy of \$3.90. At this time the Sophomore class are figuring on buying six gilts so as to have a swine project to carry through their Junior year.

--Dale Wacker, Reporter

Ramona: December 12, Tampa, Hope, and Ramona, held a joint meeting at Ramona. The purpose of this meeting was to advance candidates to the Future Farmer degree. Thirty-three received this degree. The ceremony was in charge of the Hope chapter. All members answered roll call by telling of their farming program. There were seventy members present including some alumni from Ramona.

The F.F.A. and Home Economics Club cooperated in holding a Christmas party, to which all High School students and teachers were invited. There were presents and gifts for all. After the gifts were distributed we all enjoyed an evening of games and fun. Refreshments were served.

An F.F.A. cabinet is being made for the purpose of housing F.F.A. property. We are painting it in the F.F.A. colors and it is almost completed.

--Verdin Liddell, Reporter

Kiowa: The chapter has good attendance at all of its meetings. Due to so many conflicts with other activities after school, our chapter voted to have all meetings at night instead of only one at night as had been previously planned. We now have 34 members whose dues are paid up.

A program committee was appointed by Richard Vogel, president, consisting of Delbert Smith, Jack Tidwell, and Charles Wiedman. This committee has been quite active in preparing entertainment for our meetings. We have been spending quite a bit of time on Parliamentary Procedure at our meetings.

At the last meeting volley ball teams were chosen. A tournament was held and Clarence Rose's team came out as champions. Our advisor, Mr. Lake, reported that we will probably match some volley ball games in the near future with some of the surrounding F.F.A. chapters. Also we are anticipating on entering a volley ball tournament sometime during January at Medicine Lodge.

--Melvin Wyrick, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Wakefield: Our school farm is in full swing, with the following livestock: ten head of high grade Hereford feeder calves, which we expect to winter well, then put them on pasture for about three months, then full feed and get them on the market around November 1. We have added one gilt to our swine, so now we have two bred sows, one bred gilt and eight feeder pigs to be fed out. We have culled down our Hampshire breeding flock until we have only 20 pure bred ewes left. We started out with 62 pullets but have culled down to forty. They are beginning to lay well now.

On our January 4 night meeting we started a new thing in our F.F.A., the initiation of honorary members. We plan to do this once a year. We initiated our high school principal, one member of the school board, and two of the boys' fathers. We had our regular business meeting, initiation, program, games and refreshments. We have about 85 per cent attendance at our night meetings.

Robert Randle of our chapter who is state reporter is trying out for a Union Pacific scholarship. Robert has had an outstanding farming program during his high school career. Tom Brown our local reporter is trying out for the State Farmer degree. Tom is a very consistent worker and our chapter surely hopes he makes the grade.*

The pest eradication contest was held December 20-29. We chose a captain for each side. We then chose up sides and started the contest on December 20. We decided that the losing side would have to treat the winners at some night meeting, which was done at our January meeting. The total of each type of pests that were caught during that week were: 8 pairs of jack rabbit ears, 55 mouse tails, 1 rat tail, 1 crow head, 790 sparrow heads.

A joint meeting of the Clay Center F.F.A. chapter and Wakefield F.F.A. chapter was held at the Agriculture building Tuesday evening, December 6. A business meeting and program was held. Following the program two games of basket ball were played for recreation, Clay Center winning one and Wakefield the other. After this the members of both chapters had an oyster stew.

--Tom Brown, Reporter

*Comment made by Mr. Barrows, our advisor.

Paxico: The Paxico chapter held their monthly night meeting December 2. Plans were made for the Green Hand initiation and a drive was started against a common pest with a sparrow catching contest. President Bernard Meinhardt appointed "Busting Ben" Michaelis and "Heartless Harold" Lott, captains to choose sides for the contest. The purpose of the contest was to reduce the number of sparrows in the community as well as to provide some fun for the boys. The contest closed December 16 with Harold's group leading by the small margin of seven sparrows. Sherman Beasterfeld and Harold Michaelis won prizes for being high individuals in the contest with 250 and 167 sparrows respectively.

Sixteen new members were taken into the chapter Wednesday, December 21 with the initiation of the entire Freshman ag class as Green Hands. All the new members proved to be good sports and a good time was had by everyone. We now have 33 members in the organization.

Ben Michaelis shot a great horned owl for our chapter. John Bechthold, a member of the Saffordville chapter, is mounting the owl for us.

Our chapter recently recieved pictures of Washington and Jefferson from Swift & Company, and a miniature plow from the John Deere Implement Company.

We have taken over one entire page in our school paper for chapter news.

--Winston Barthuly, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Chanute: Our annual pie and box supper was held October 27. We cleared \$26. A forty-five minute program was presented by members of our chapter.

Our annual Parent and Son banquet was held November 15 in the Senior High School cafeteria. The theme of the banquet and program was "Building the Bridge." The following talks were given by members of the chapter: Vocational Agriculture, Robert Heaton; Farming Program, Joe Auther; F.F.A., Charles Tyler; Parents, Dale Tharp. Music was furnished by Verve McKelvey and Elmo Alexander, and our F.F.A. "Female" trio consisting of Marion Johnson, Arthur Rule and Dan O'Neill. Our president, Raymond Medell, was toastmaster. Three men were presented the degree of Honorary F.F.A. members. They were as follows: J. V. Hamilton, Director of Trade School; Wm. Gough, of the Bank of Commerce; and E. L. Collins, our advisor. The initiation ceremony for the Green Hand degree was given to 28 boys. Approximately 180 parents, boys, and guests were present.

Thirteen boys were raised to the degree of Future Farmers at a regular meeting November 9. They were: Dan O'Neal, Ralph Clemans, Kenneth Hanson, Marion Johnson, Charles Tyler, Junior Heilman, Joe Arthur, Lyndell Old, Earl Dean Alford, Harold Lasley, Merle Allen, and Verne McKelvey.

November 1, seventeen members from our chapter went to Cherryvale to put on the Green Hand initiation ceremony for their members. A short program was given by our members and refreshments were served by the Cherryvale boys.

Members of our chapter have purchased 7 head of registered Duroc gilts; 11 head of Chester White gilts; and 3 Poland Chinas. Most of these gilts are being financed through a Cooperative Production Credit loan. We also have 6 Hereford calves on feed for baby beef.

Twelve members of our chapter went to Benedict, Kansas, November 21, to initiate their members to the degree of Green Hand.

We gave a 45 minute assembly program for the Senior High School December 9. Our program consisted of music by our F.F.A. trio, Verne McKelvey, Elmo Alexander, and our 9 piece Old Time Band. Phillip Cooper gave a talk on "Why We Study Vocational Agriculture". Raymond Madell gave a talk on "Our Farming Program", and Merle Tennis announced the program.

We held our annual Christmas date party Tuesday, December 20. Thirty-two couples were present. Games and contests made up part of the evening's program. Most of the time was spent dancing. Everyone present danced, although it was the first time for several.

Phillip Cooper, Reporter

Burlington: Our officers are: Richard Keith, president; Jacob Schneider, vice president; Herbert Kelley, secretary; Leo Albert, treasurer; Archie DeLong, reporter; Floyd Lewis, watch dog; and A. W. Miller, advisor.

On December 7 our chapter sponsored a parent and son banquet. Mr. L. B. Pollom, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, was the main speaker. Mr. Pollom was a former teacher in the Burlington High School. There were 140 parents, guests and F.F.A. members present.

We are practicing every Monday to develop a basketball team. Boys out for practice are Leo Decker, Theo Volland, William Darnes, William McMullen, Floyd Lewis, Bob Mark, Gilbert Williams, Malcolm Bennett, Delbert Helmer, Wilbur Huyett, Cletis Clay, Verl Conkle, and Archie DeLong.

We have set up an F.F.A. point and award system. We are planning a judging and shop team this year. We are planning on attending the Seventh World's Poultry Congress and Exposition to be held at Cleveland, Ohio. We have set our goal for 15 members attending the Congress.

--Archie DeLong, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Downs: Our officers for the year are Alvin Otte, president; Walter Becker, vice president; Everett Frost, secretary; Ivan Bos, treasurer; Blaine Stephenson, reporter; and Julius Becker, watch dog.

Our chapter has purchased two old buildings and razed them for lumber which will be used in constructing an 18'x20' hog house, a sheep shed and probably a brooder house. The hog house is under construction at the present time and will go to Everett Frost when completed.

Our class projects are as follows: 400 white rock chicks ordered for delivery January 2, which we will brood out and sell as broilers. About the last of March we will start 800 chicks for the production of pullets to be put into the laying house next fall, half of these will go to the boys individually; 10 Rambouillet ewes due to lamb in February, and 235 S.C.W. leghorns which we have in the laying house at the present time.

We now have 13 boys who have pure bred swine as a part of their own farming program. Several have taken advantage of a share lease as follows: the boy takes a weaned gilt, feeds it to maturity, has it bred, and returns two weaned gilts next year.

We are having a pest eradication contest at the present time which includes sparrows, mice, crows, gophers, and rats.

At our last night meeting we had Mr. Glenn Cunningham, a local dealer in gasoline and oils, explain the factors that contribute to good gasoline and oil.

The community fair which was the first of its kind held in Downs last October and which was sponsored by the F.F.A. chapter with the aid of the business people and the Rotary Club was considered a great success by every one attending.

The chapter has helped to contact boys for the part time school which meets on Thursdays.

--Blaine Stephens, Reporter

Little River: The Little River chapter of F.F.A. opened their first year of activities by electing officers. Those elected were as follows: Clifford Williams, president; Ted Troy, vice president; Lee Gobbs, secretary; Laurel Case, treasurer; Lester Williams, reporter; Byron Goodrich, watch dog. The officers attended the officers training school at Moundridge. They also attended the American Royal.

Laurel Case, our treasurer, who moved to Reading was replaced by Leland Johns.

Thirty-three vocational agriculture students were initiated into the local F.F.A. chapter with the regular initiation ceremony at our regular night meeting November 6, 1938.

After our F.F.A. officers were elected, the officers met together and made out a program for the following year, 1938-39. The program was calendared and so far has proven very successful.

The F.F.A. advisor, Mr. Kohns, has several members of the chapter in mind for basketball players, boxers and wrestlers. We are getting well under way with these athletic activities and hope to be able to compete with other chapters soon.

The supervisor has posted the two highest grades and has kept the low grades to himself.

The chapter has also picked out their judging team.

--Lester Williams, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

Seneca: We are planning a carnival January 25, to be held in the new gymnasium. The profits from this will be used to pay expenses of the judging team, judging letters, and a Parents and Son banquet.

The Seneca Annual Poultry Judging contest will be held Saturday February 11. There will be 12 classes as follows: 4 classes of Production; 2 classes Live Market; 2 classes Dressed Market; 2 classes Hatching Eggs; 2 classes Exhibition. Send entries to J. R. Wells, advisor of Seneca F.F.A. chapter.

The shop boys are wrecking a Buick to make a pair of two wheel trailers.

--Elmer Skock, Reporter

Alton: Our chapter has 27 paid up members. We held an afternoon meeting, December 22 at which time we had reports from the chairmen of our committees. Dean Smith was elected secretary, and Milo Conrad was appointed reporter to fill the vacant offices. After the meeting adjourned Santa Claus came and told of his work during the summer months, and read us some of the letters which he received from some of the Freshman F.F.A. boys. Before he left he gave each one an interesting useful gift....The chapter is sponsoring a sow and litter project consisting of two Hampshire sows, which were purchased from J. Stephenson of Downs, on shares. The sows farrowed November 27 and have raised 12 large thrifty pigs. Some of the F.F.A. boys are donating feed for shares in the swine project.

--Milo Conrad, Reporter

Auburn: Our new officers are: Floyd Moran, president; Robert Towne, vice president; Paul Moore, secretary; Donald Longabach, treasurer; Francis Bean reporter; Curtis Porter, watch dog....For the program for meetings we usually have a picture show. For practice in judging we went to Ottawa to a potato judging contest and took second place. The Auburn F.F.A. boys bought 22 Hereford calves for their projects. They were bought from the Mulvane ranch at Rossville.

--Francis Bean, Reporter

Beloit: Officers: Harry Webster, president; Stanley Emmot, vice president; John Kirgis, secretary; Carl Pierce, treasurer; Max Rickard, watch dog; Lloyd Kadel, reporter....Green Hands: The degree was conferred upon Noel Belles, LeRoy Holway, Harry Mehl, Richard Holway, Jack Tipton, Willis Harvey....Finance: Our finance committee earned \$9.00 at the football stand....Recreation: We play basket ball, volley ball, wrestle and box...Debates: On trucks, combines and tractors....Budget: Our budget calls for money for dues, pins, pictures in class annual and recreation....Cooperation: We had the cooperation of 30 F.F.A. members in the disposition of 12 watermelons in honor of our new Freshmen vocational agriculture students. Christmas presents were given to the less fortunate boys in our county.

--Lloyd Kadel, Reporter

Simpson: Our chapter held its annual Christmas party December 16. Forty-four were present....One hundred per cent of the boys taking vocational agriculture are F.F.A. members....The boys having sheep projects are making preparations for lambing time. There are eight Angus baby beef projects....Our chapter cooperated with the Girl Reserve in putting on their annual G. R. carnival.

--Paul Jones, Reporter

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Tis not enough to help the feeble up, but to support him after.

--William Shakespeare