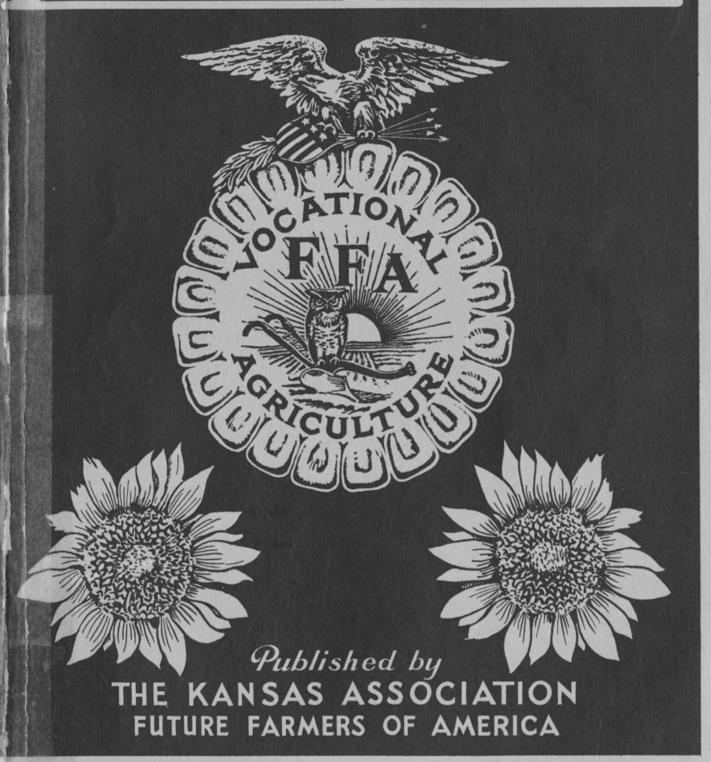
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PRESIDENT PORTER SPEAKING

Dear Future Farmers:

It is time now that we should begin new plans to make this year the most successful in the history of our organization. You all want a strong, active and growing chapter. You may have this only by constructing a well planned program of work. Without a complete, balanced, well planned program, our efforts, as an organization, are apt to be in vain. I hope that your plans are already formulated and that you have kept in mind the controlling purposes of our organization—the development of leadership, the creation of interest in, and love for farming, the encouragement of cooperation, the promotion of thrift, and the improvement of scholastic abilities. However, I believe there is one other purpose which is often forgotten by us. That is the advancement of the cause of vocational education in agriculture in our public schools.

I wonder if, in our individual chapters, we are making our work known to the community in which we live. There is no better way in which to promote the organization of Future Farmers of America than to create an interest in, and a respect for it in the community.

May we all live to exert an influence in the life of our fellow workers so that we may truly say, as does our Creed, "I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others".

Sincerely,

Walter Porter, President Kansas Association of F.F.A.

Walter Porter)

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

The 1938 National Convention of Future Farmers of America and National Contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture will be held in Kansas City, Mo., October 15-22, 1938, in conjunction with the Fortieth American Royal Livestock Show

HOTEL RESERVATION

Special convention rates have been secured at the following hotels:

<u>Hotel</u>	3 in room	4 in room	More than 4 in room
Aladdin	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Bray	1.25	1.25	1.00
Drake	1.25	1.25	1.00
Phillips	2.00	2.00	2.00
Pickwick	1.50	1.25	1.00
President			1.50
Rasbach	1.00	1.00	•75
Robert E. Lee	1.25	1.00	
Sexton	1.50	1.25	
Stats	1.50	1.25	1.00

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MATTERS FOR EVERYONE, IT IS HIGHLY ESSENTIAL THAT ALL HOTEL OR ROOM RESERVATIONS BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL CONCERNED.

It is important that hotel or room reservations be made as soon as possible since early reservations will receive first consideration.

REGISTRATION

In order to speed up and unify registration as much as possible, everyone who attends the F.F.A. Convention or American Royal Livestock Show will register at the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium located at 13th and Wyandotte Streets.

BANQUET

The annual banquet will be held on Wednesday night, October 19. Details will appear in the printed program to be issued later.

National Convention of Future Farmers of America (Continued)

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

No planned educational tours will be provided but full information regarding points of interest in and around Kansas City will be provided at the time of registration for those who wish to make such trips on their own initiative.

HORSE SHOW

Tuesday, October 18, has been designated as "Vocational Agriculture and F.F.A. Day" at the American Royal. A block of seats will be reserved for the matinee horse show on that day.

ARENA PARADE

The Arena Parade will be on Tuesday afternoon, October 18, immediately preceding the matinee horse show. Definite plans will be announced later. However, the organization will probably be the same as that of last year, which was as follows:

- 1. Official F.F.A. Band
- 2. National Officers of the Future Farmers of America
- 3. All 1937 American Farmers
- 4. Winners of National F.F.A. Awards
- 5. Official delegates to the National F.F.A. Convention
- 6. Contestants in all National Contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

The Eleventh Convention will include among other things, special national radio broadcasts, band concerts, parade, agricultural products exhibit, chapter scrapbook exhibit, delegate - officer dinner, Star Farmer awards, Chapter awards, State Association awards, Public Speaking Contest, and a special evening program. Invitations to attend and participate have been extended to many high officials in government, education and business.

CONVENTION SESSIONS

The regular Convention will consist of business sessions, special programs committee work, reports, addresses and talks, election and raising of candidates to the Degree of American Farmer, election of officers, presentation of awards, and various educational and entertainment features.

Convention sessions are always open to the public. All students of vocational agriculture, their friends, and other interested persons are urged to attend.

National Convention of Future Farmers of America (Continued)

DELEGATES' DUTIES

F.F.A. delegates come to Kansas City to represent their associations in the affairs of the convention. While certain recreational features are also provided during the week, the delegates first responsibility is to attend all meetings of the convention, which lasts 4 days, and report back to their respective states, concerning actions taken, at the time of the next state convention.

HEADQUARTERS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS

F.F.A. headquarters will be located in the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium. Those expecting to attend the Convention are advised to make early hotel room reservations. For detailed information see page 2 of this issue.

REGISTRATION

All persons attending the convention should register at headquarters in the Municipal Auditorium. There will be no Registration Booth at the American Royal Building.

OFFICIAL BAND

The Iowa Association of F.F.A. will provide the official band for the convention.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The four candidates recommended by the Kansas Association of F.F.A. for the American Farmer degree are: Albert S. Coates, Shawnee Mission chapter, Merriam; Leonard Deets, South Haven chapter, South Haven; John Wier, Arkansas City chapter, Arkansas City; Emil Heck Jr., Jayhawk chapter, Lawrence.

STAR FARMER AWARDS

The regular application and records of candidates for the degree of the American Farmer in the F.F.A., forwarded by the States to the national office, will be used as the basis for selections. States have no responsibility for entering a candidate for a Star Farmer Award since the records of all American Farmer candidates elected to the degree will be reviewed in the process of scoring for Star Farmer awards.

In addition to the \$500 award to the "Star Farmer of America" regional rewards of \$100 each will again be made through W. A. Cochel, Editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star, to the most outstanding American Farmers in the other three regions of the country. "Star Farmers" will also be designated for the State of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

National Convention of Future Farmers of America (Concluded)

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Arthur M. Olson, of Austin, Minnesota, winner of first place in the North Central Region public speaking contest will represent the North Central Region in the national contest. Mr. Olson will speak on "Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem." While no definite announcements have been made relative to time and place, it is assumed that the contest will be held Monday evening at the Municipal Auditorium. It is presumed that the four ranking winners in this contest will broadcast their speeches on the Farm and Home Hour, on Tuesday, October 18.

BETTER CHAPTER CONTEST

Kansas will not have an entry in the Better Chapter contest this year.

STATE ASSOCIATION AWARDS

In order to encourage improvement among State Associations of Future Farmers of America, awards are made annually to those States showing the most outstanding accomplishment on the basis of their annual reports submitted to the national office for the year ending June 30. No special reports are required and presentations will be made during the convention. This award is also under the direction of the National Board of Trustees.

The National Grange, through L. J. Taber, Master, offers cash awards for this event as follows:

First award	\$60
Second award	50
Third award	40
Fourth award	30
Fifth award	20
Total	\$200

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SOLOMON FFA ORCHESTRA TO PLAY AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Solomon F.F.A. chapter dinner orchestra, under the direction of Paul Chilen, vocational agriculture instructor has been invited for the second time to appear on the annual banquet program at the Eleventh National Convention of Future Farmers of America to be held in connection with the American Royal at Kansas City, October 15-22. The orchestra has been getting plenty of practice by appearing at several county fairs, among them the Jackson County Fair at Holton, and the Ottawa County Fair at Minneapolis. Paul and his boys will also be heard in the Peoples Pavilion at the State Fair in Topeka, F.F.A. Day September 15.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS DUE NOVEMBER 1

Chapter activity programs, addressed to Professor A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Manhattan, Kansas are due in the mails by November 1. Un - less a chapter has its activity program in the mails by November 1, the chapter will not be eligible to F.F.A. competition on a state wide basis. That means chapters failing to submit activity programs on time will not be eligible for chapter ranking, participation in the public speaking contest, or will they be eligible for State or American Farmers. A chapter that expects to accomplish anything worth while will expect to have a well planned program. It is important that such programs be sent to the State Executive Advisor and that they be mailed on time. Ninety per cent of the active chapters filed activity programs on time last year. It is the hope of the State Association that one hundred per cent of the chapters will cooperate in this worth while movement this year.

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DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

State President Walter Porter of Council Grove chapter, and Albert S. Coates, Shawnee Mission chapter, retiring state president, will represent the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America at the National Convention this year. It is a distinct honor to be selected as a delegate to the National Convention and the delegate is faced with heavy responsibilities. Official meetings of the delegates begin Monday morning and run continuously, morning and afternoon until Thursday noon. Committee assignments often make it necessary to work during the evenings. We have every confidence in the two delegates selected to serve Kansas, and they go to the convention uninstructed.

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NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Ninth Annual Future Farmers of America Public Speaking Contest of the North Central Region was held in the Memorial Union Building at Ames, Iowa, Monday, August 8. The three ranking contestants and the title of their speeches were: Arthur M. Olson, Austin, Minn., "Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem"; Richard H. Rust, Bunker Hill, Ill., "The Good Earth"; and Jodie Lynn, Lexington, Kentucky, "Cooperation". Raymond Wolfe of Solomon, Kansas entry in the contest tied for eleventh place. Arden Burbidge, Park River, North Dakota, national vice president, presided at the contest, and James H. Pearson, Office of Education, Washington, D. C., acted as chairman. Judges were G. W. Godfrey, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa; Kirk Fox, Meredith Publishing Company, Des Moines, Iowa; J. S. Russell, The Des Moines Register, Des Moines, Iowa.

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"The real test of Golf and in life is not keeping out of the rough....but getting out after we are in...."
--J. H. Moore

MEETING OF KANSAS OFFICERS OF STATE FFA ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 3, 1938

The annual meeting of the officers of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America was held Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Education Hall, Manhattan, Kansas. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing and building the objectives of the State Association for 1938-39, and for the discussion of other business.

All officers were present at this meeting. Following the reading of the minutes of the 1938 meeting of the House of Delegates, the morning session was devoted to building the state program for 1938-39. The following objectives were formulated:

- 1. One hundred per cent of Kansas Vocational Agriculture Departments establish chapters of FFA and strive for one hundred 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, 1938. 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, will not be permitted to participate in the State FFA public speaking contest, or will they be eligible to seat delegates at the annual meeting.
- 3. Nine issues of the FFA Newsletter to be published, beginning with September and monthly thereafter for nine months.
- 4. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, encourage careful selection, management, and financing of supervised farm practice program.
- 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 Manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure to furnish a copy of both for each officer.
- 6. Encourage 100 per cont of chapters to use official FFA secretary's book.
 - 7. Support FFA 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 FFA problems of state wide interest.
- 10. Encourage the organization of district FFA officers training schools, and recommend that such meetings be held before October 15, 1938, and recommend at least one state officer be present at each district meeting.

Meeting of Kansas Officers of State Association (Continued)

- 11. Encourage home improvement by members of local chapters to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and conveniences.
- 12. Encourage the establishment of F.F.A. 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. Stewarts Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer (1) 10¢
 - c. Paths to Leadership, Morgan & Hausrath (1) 10¢
 - d. Complete file of The Kansas Future Farmer for the current year
 - e. One copy of the Kansas FFA Organization Booklet (1)
 - f. At least one copy chosen from:

Young Men in Farming, Gettman & Chapman (3) Fifty Famous Farmers, Ivins & Winship (4)

Men of Earth, Russell Lord (5)

g. At least one copy chosen from:

Tom of Peace Valley, Case (6)

Green Hand, Chapman (6)

Moon Valley, Case (6)

New Land, Schmidt (7)

h. At least one copy chosen from:

Good Tyme Parties, Becker (8) 50¢

Games & Recreation Leadership in Community, Higgins (9) 30¢ Fun & Work, Scranton (10) \$2.00

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

The afternoon meeting was given over to the discussion of general problems confronting the association.

Recommendations made by the KVAA committee on F.F.A. were approved at this time. These recommendations are as follows:

1. The state be divided into 10 districts for officer training schools. The time recommended for such schools to be held not later than October 15. Dates for the different meetings to be set by state department and teachers in charge of schools.

Meeting of Kansas Officers of State Association (Concluded)

- 2. Content of the programs should consist of:
 - a. Officer training
 - b. Committee training
 - c. State officer present at all meetings
 - d. Have group singing at general session. Other numbers such as local talent, outside speakers and contests to be left to teachers in charge.
- 3. State Farmer entries are to be declared by January 1. Completed record books, and complete report, including grades to date, be in state office by February 1. Current year's record book to be in state office by April 15. Teachers are to be informed that a higher standard in keeping records will be expected.
- 4. Annual report of chapters for better chapter contest to be in State Office one week prior to state contest.

A motion was made and carried that the three winning contestants in the annual FFA Public Speaking contest be given certificates. These certificates are to be given winners placing first, second, and third in the contest in previous years upon request.

A motion was made and carried that a close study be made of district Parliamentary Procedure contests, as held under the guidance of the KVAA in 1938-39.

A motion was made and carried that the offer of scholarships to the American Youth Foundation Camp by the Danforth Foundation be referred to the KVAA committee of F.F.A.

A motion was made and carried that certificates be awarded the ten outstanding FFA chapters in the state, and that honorable mention be given the next 15 high ranking chapters.

A motion was made and carried that the State Association plan to have one state officer in attendance at each district F.F.A. officers training school this year.

At the close of the afternoons business, the meeting was adjourned.

-- Howard Wagner, Secretary

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FILE YOUR KANSAS FUTURE FARMER NEWSLETTERS

The president of each FFA chapter should make it a point to see that each issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter is properly filed. Each issue contains important announcements and information that can be used throughout the year, and if your copies are kept where they can be referred to when the need for information arises, it will save both the local chapters and the state office unnecessary correspondence. At the close of the school year, the issues can be bound into one volume and placed in the local F.F.A. library.

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOLS

The following schedule of FFA Officers Training Schools was decided upon during the August conferences. The plan is in keeping with the recommendations of the FFA Committee as adopted by the June KVAA meeting.

A committee of teachers is in charge of all local arrangements and any information concerning the school may be secured from the chairman.

Place	Chairman	Date
Shawnee Mission	H. D. Garver, Shawnee Mission	Sat., Sept. 24
Fredonia	J. A. Watson, Fredonia	Tues., Sept. 27
Argonia	M. W. Pearce, Medicine Lodge	Tues., Sept. 27
Clay Center	R. H. Perrill, Clay Center	Mon., Oct. 3
Newton	Edwin Sample, Moundridge	Mon., Oct. 3
Holton	W. N. Page, Sabetha	Mon., Oct. 3
Emporia	L. E. Croy, Cottonwood Falls	Tues., Oct. 4
Oakley	Joe Greeng, Bird City	Sat., Oct. 8
Lebanon	Everett Yoxall, Osborne	Mon., Oct. 10
LaCrosse	L. E. Melia, Coldwater	Sat., Oct. 15

More definite announcements as to the time of meeting and program will be sent out by the local committee. The Saturday schools will consist of a morning and an afternoon session, while the school day meetings will meet in the late afternoon and evening.

The committee chairman should notify the Manhattan office of any changes in dates and should file a copy of the day's program as soon as it is completed.

It is planned to have at least one state officer in attendance at each of these meetings. Much guidance and inspiration will result from attendance at one of these schools and it is the hope of the state officers group that every local officer be given an opportunity to attend an officers training school.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION FFA ANNUAL REPORT 1937-38

An active membership of 3,526, a growth of 801.... Eleven new chapters were chartered, bringing the total of chartered chapters to 137.... Ten issues of the Kansas Future Farmer were published and sent to a mailing list of 410Sixty members were raised to the State Farmer degree rank....Three members were awarded the American Farmer degree ... Five district officers training schools were held Thirty-six per cent of the chapters have honorary members, ranging from 1 to 8. In a number of chapters 100 per cent of the members owned manuals; in a large majority of cases the chapter owned manuals for the officers.... Eighty-five per cent of the chapters purchased Parliamentary Procedures50 per cent had secretary's books, and 22 per cent had treasurer's books.... Forty-eight per cent of the chapters had libraries .. which met the minimum requirements as set up by the State Association Twenty per cent participated in the Agricultural Emergency program, 38 per cent in the Fire Prevention programs, and 85 per cent in the Conservation program of the AAA...Fifty-five percent of the chapters engaged in pest eradication Seven per cent had musical organizations...65 per cent had access to radios, and 10 per cent of the chapters appeared on radio broadcasts Forty-two per cent of the chapters engaged in cooperative buying and selling ... Fifty-eight chapters reported an average individual net worth of \$1,371, ranging from \$10.50 to \$4,377.79.

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 137 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 Robert Randle, State Reporter, in care of the High School, Wakefield, Kansas, on the date specified on the request sheet sent him.

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HANOVER NO. 137

The Hanover chapter with a membership of 27 boys has joined the rank of chartered FFA chapters and is chapter 137. Carl Beyer is advisor of the Hanover chapter, Louis Prell is president and Hugo Prell is secretary and treasurer.

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Coach (to new player): "You're great. The way you hammer the line, dodge, tackle your man, and worm through your opponents is simply marvelous."

New Player (modestly): "I guess it all comes from my early training, sir. You see, my mother used to take me shopping with her on bargain days".

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.

Arm bands, felt (2) Metal markers (6) Badges and buttons (6) Music: "FFA March" (8) Banners, felt (2) 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) Paths to Leadership (11) 10¢ Collegiate chapter pins (1) Pennants, felt (2) Pictures, Washington and Jefferson (10)* Cups, trophy (1) Cuts, emblem (4) Pins and buttons, degree (11) Degree pins and keys (11) Green Hand 19¢; Future Farmer, 21¢ Electrical transcription of Place cards (4) "FFA March and Hail the FFA" (5) Plaques (1) Emblems, felt (2) Plows, miniature (9) Emblem stickers (4) Printed Supplies (4) Project Markers (6) Envelopes (4) Felt goods (2) Ribbons, prize (6) Flags (6) Rings, finger (1) Handbook for Future Farmers (11) Secretary and treasurer's books (11) 30¢ Kansas Organization Booklet (11) Stationery (4) Jackets, corduroy (3) Stickers, baggage (4) Jewelry (1) Stickers, windshields (4) Keys, degree (11) Sweater emblems (2) Letterheads (4) Trophy cups (1) Manuals (11) 15¢ Uniforms (3) Modals (1) Watch fobs (1) Membership cards (11)

- (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., Chapter charters
- (8) Cundy-Betteney Co., Chestnut Ave., J. P. Boston, Mass.
- (9) 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
- (12) Collegiate Press, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa
- * Request must be accompanied by letter from Executive Advisor