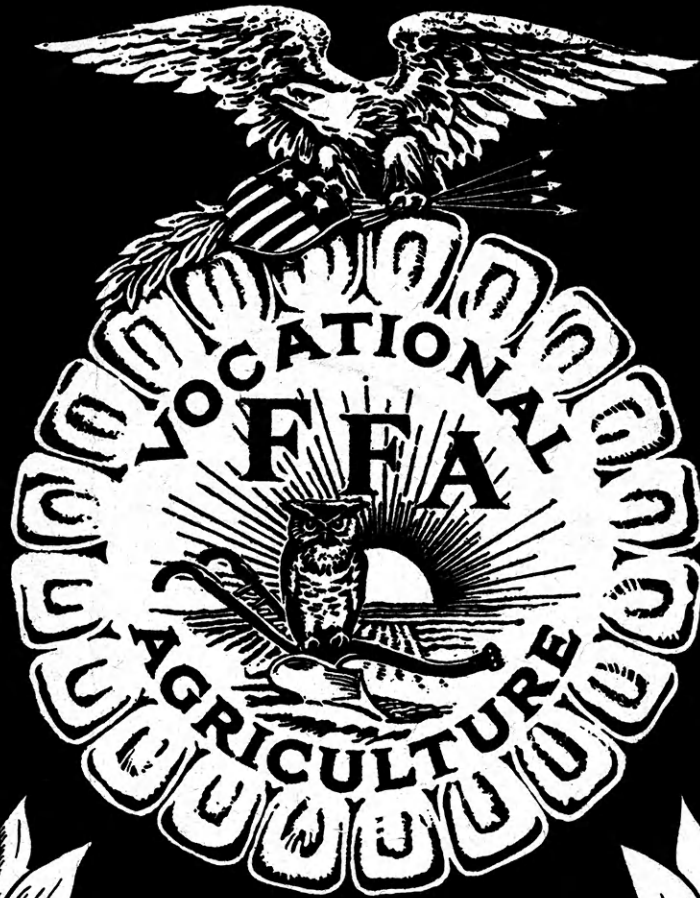


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PRESIDENT KELLEY SPEAKING

Dear Future Farmers:

All Future Farmers are looking forward to this year as the most successful year in the history of our association. This can be accomplished only by constant and diligent cooperation by every member with his local chapter in planning and executing the yearly chapter program of work.

In developing the yearly program I know every chapter will keep in mind the fundamental principles of our organization -- the development of leadership, thrift, cooperation, improvement of scholastic abilities, and the creation of a new interest in farming.

I hope every F.F.A. member in Kansas will strive to make this the finest and most successful year in the history of the State Association.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Kelley

Paul Kelley, President
Kansas Association of F.F.A.

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LEON CHAPTER RECEIVES CHARTER

We are happy to welcome the Leon Chapter of Future Farmers of America into the Kansas Association. The Leon chapter was chartered June 17, and has a membership of 53. Mr. Don Flenthrope is the vocational agriculture instructor at Leon, which is one of the new departments established last year. Jim Winzer has been elected president of the Leon chapter, George Worrell, vice president; Lester Davidson, secretary; Bob Davidson, treasurer; J. G. Williams, reporter; and Don Flenthrope, advisor.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
AND
NATIONAL CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE
1939

The 1939 National Convention of Future Farmers of America and National Contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture will be held in Kansas City, Mo., October 14-21, 1939, in conjunction with the Forty-first American Royal Live Stock Show.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Special convention rates have been secured at the following hotels:

| <u>Hotel</u> | <u>3 in room</u> | <u>4 in room</u> | <u>More than 4 in room</u> |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Aladdin | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | -- |
| Bray | 1.25 | 1.25 | \$1.00 |
| Drake | 1.00 | -- | -- |
| Maddox | 2.50 (room) | .75 | .75 |
| Phillips | -- | 1.75 | 1.50 |
| Pickwick | 1.50 | 1.25 | 1.00 |
| President | -- | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Rasbach | 1.00 | .75 | .75 |
| Stats | -- | 1.25 | 1.25 |
| Washington | -- | -- | .60 |
| Westgate | 1.00 | -- | -- |

All of these hotels are located within walking distance of the Municipal Auditorium.

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, every one 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.

There will be no Registration Booth at the American Royal Building.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

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

National Convention Future Farmers of America (Continued)

BANQUET

The annual banquet will be held on Wednesday night, October 18 at 6:00 o'clock. Details will appear in the printed program to be issued later. All national F.F.A. boy officers, American Farmer candidates, public speaking contestants, official delegates, members of official F.F.A. bands, musical organizations, convention entertainers, winners of railway educational prizes, members of judging teams and their local coaches, will be provided with complimentary tickets as guests of the Kansas City (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce. All adults including federal and state officials may secure banquet tickets at \$1.50.

HORSE SHOW

Tuesday, October 17, 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 17, 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 1939 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 Twelfth National Convention will include, among other things, special coast-to-coast radio broadcasts, band concerts, parade, agricultural products exhibit, chapter scrapbook exhibit, delegate-officer dinner, banquet, Star Farmer awards, chapter awards, State Association awards, Public Speaking Contest, and a special evening program on October 17, which has been designated as National F.F.A. Day. Invitations to attend and participate have been extended to many high officials in government, education, and business circles.

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 special 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 of the Kansas Future Farmer.

REGISTRATION

All persons attending the convention should register at headquarters in the Municipal Auditorium. See page 2 for further details.

OFFICIAL BAND

The Pennsylvania Association of F.F.A. has been invited to 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: Laddie Kacirek, McDonald; Robert Fielding Randle, Wakefield; Edwin C. Tangeman, Newton, and Oid Lee Wineland, Alton.

STAR FARMER AWARDS

The regular application and records of candidates for the degree of the American Farmer in the F.F.A., which were 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 awards 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 States of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

National Convention of Future Farmers of America (Concluded)

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Harold D. Hoffman of Walnut, Illinois, winner of first place in the North Central Region Public Speaking Contest will represent the North Central Region in the national contest. Mr. Hoffman will speak on "Save Our Soil". The contest will be held in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium at 7:15 and will be preceded by a concert by the Pennsylvania F.F.A. band. The four ranking winners in this contest will broadcast their speeches on the Farm and Home Hour over NBC, on Tuesday, October 17 at 11:30.

BETTER CHAPTER CONTEST

Kansas will be represented in the National Better Chapter contest this year by the Shawnee Mission chapter. Mr. H. D. Garver is advisor of this chapter. The Shawnee Mission chapter was awarded first place in the 1935 National Better Chapter Contest.

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:

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|-------------------|--------------|
| First award..... | \$60 |
| Second award..... | 50 |
| Third award..... | 40 |
| Fourth award..... | 30 |
| Fifth award..... | 20 |
| | <u>\$200</u> |

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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 FFA library. Approximately half of the Kansas Future Farmer is devoted to the state association program and the other half to the activities of the local chapters. Each chapter should devise some means of acquainting their members with these programs.

SOLOMON F.F.A. ORCHESTRA

The Solomon F.F.A. chapter dinner orchestra, under the direction of Paul Chilen, vocational agriculture instructor has been invited for the third time to appear on the annual banquet program at the Twelfth National Convention of Future Farmers of America to be held in connection with the American Royal at Kansas City, October 14-21.

Paul and his boys were heard in the Peoples Pavilion at the State Fair in Topeka, F.F.A. Day, September 14. A large and enthusiastic audience packed the pavilion to hear Mr. Chilen and the members of his orchestra and each number was heartily applauded.

The Solomon Orchestra also appeared at the Worlds Poultry Congress July 28 to August 7 at Cleveland, Ohio. An interesting account of the boys' trip to Ohio and their stay there will be included in a forthcoming issue of the Future Farmer Newsletter.

-- FFA --

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

State president Paul Kelley of the Solomon chapter will be delegate No. 1 to represent the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America at the National Convention this year. Robert Randle of the Wakefield chapter has been selected from the recommended list of candidates for the American Farmer degree to serve as delegate No. 2. 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 evening. We have every confidence in the two delegates selected to serve Kansas, and they go to the convention uninstructed.

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REGIONAL F.F.A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The North Central Region participated in the tenth regional F.F.A. public speaking contest at Ames, Iowa, August 14. Twelve states were represented. Harold D. Hoffman of Walnut, Illinois placed first, speaking on "Save Our Soil". Lloyd Howard Johnson of Osceola, Wisconsin, ranked second on "Farm Management - A Way Out", and Billy D. Weigand of LaCrosse, Kansas, was third on "Why Be A Farmer". Billy placed tenth on manuscript and first on delivery, and total points placed him third in the contest. Congratulations Billy. It is a distinct achievement to win the State Contest, and you brought honor to yourself and state in ranking third at the regional contest.

Albert S. Coates, Jr., served as chairman of the contest.

-- FFA --

If you have an idea, use it, whether it is perfected or not, because in using it you will find a way to make it work.

--Romolo De Luca

MEETING OF KANSAS OFFICERS OF STATE FFA ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 9, 1939

The annual meeting of the officers of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America was held Saturday, September 9, 1939, in Education Hall, Manhattan, Kansas. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing and building the objectives of the State Association for 1939-40, and for the discussion of other business.

All officers were present at this meeting. Following the reading of the minutes of the 1939 meeting of the House of Delegates and the annual report of the Kansas Association to the National Organization of F.F.A., the session was devoted to building the state program for 1939-40. 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. 99% 90%

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, 1939. Each chapter to present an achievement report at the annual meeting of the State Association. Only chapters submitting activity program 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 F.F.A. public speaking contest nor 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. 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. 2 copies

4. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, encourage 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.

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. 91

Meeting of State Officers (Continued)

9. Continue to cooperate with the KVAA in a study of F.F.A. problems of state wide interest.

10. Encourage the organization of district F.F.A. officers training schools, and recommend that such meetings be held before October 15, 1939, 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. 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. Complete file of the Kansas Future Farmer for the current year
- d. One copy of the Kansas FFA Organization Booklet, issued Oct. 1, 1938 (1)
- e. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Young Men in Farming, Gettman & Chapman (2)
 - Fifty Famous Farmers, Ivins & Winship (3)
 - Men of Earth, Russell Lord (4)
- f. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Tom of Peace Valley, Case, (5) *Winning F.F. Spirit*
 - Green Hand, Chapman (5)
 - Moon Valley, Case (5)
 - New Land, Schmidt (6)
 - Short Stories for Future Farmers (7) \$1.67
- g. 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

- (1) A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Manhattan, Kansas
- (2) John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., N. Y.
- (3) The Macmillan Company, 2459 Prairie Ave., Chicago
- (4) Longsman Green & Co., 55 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
- (5) J. B. Lippincott Company, 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 Company, 706 Baker Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
- (9) State Department of Vocational Education, Little Rock, Arkansas

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:

State Officers Meeting (Continued)

The 10 districts set up by the KVAA committee on F.F.A. to facilitate the holding of officer and leadership training schools were approved. The state officers concurred in the recommendation of this committee that these schools be held not later than October 15, 1939. The following tentative schedule for these schools was approved:

September 25, Osborne, Everett Yoxall, Chairman
September 26, Emporia, J. W. Taylor, Chairman
September 26, Fredonia, E. P. Schragg, Chairman
September 27, Argonia, Paul Rust, Chairman
September 30, Shawnee Mission, H. D. Garver, Chairman
September 30, Dodge City, LeRoy E. Melia, Chairman
October 2, Clay Center, R. H. Perrill, Chairman
October 2, Holton, M. O. Castle, Chairman
October 10, Inman, W. J. Braun, Chairman
October 14, Colby, M. W. Dutton and C. C. Eustace, Chairmen

It was recommended that in so far as possible program chairmen include in their leadership programs 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.

State farmer entries are to be declared by January 1. Completed record books, and complete report, including grades to date, to be in **state office** by February 1. Current year's record book to be in state office by April 13. A high standard of performance is expected.

The annual activity report of chapters in the better chapter contest to be in the state office one week prior to the state contest. The reports to be standardized as follows:

- a. The F.F.A. year be from May 1 to May 1.
- b. Only those activities in the annual activity program which have been completed be made a part of the annual activity report.
- c. Size - 10"x12" and not to exceed 6" in thickness.
- d. Listing of Activities, Goals, and Accomplishments should follow the pattern recommended in the October 1, 1938, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

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

State Officers Meeting (Concluded)

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

It was recommended that the KVAA committee on the F.F.A. be encouraged to contact the Danforth Foundation to ascertain whether or not scholarships will be available for F.F.A. members from the Kansas Association to the American Youth Foundation Camp to be held at Shelby, Michigan, in 1940.

The State Association will continue the practice of awarding certificates to the ten chapters indicated as having completed outstanding F.F.A. 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 F.F.A. Congress to be held at Kansas City, October 14-21. The subject treated shall be wheat.

It was agreed that the state association should build an F.F.A. exhibit for the National Corn Husking Contest to be held at Lawrence, Kansas, October 4, 1939. The cost of said exhibit not to exceed \$5.00.

It was moved, seconded and passed, that the state association set aside \$15 to assist in defraying expenses involved in building the F.F.A. program at the People's Pavilion at the State Fair at Topeka in 1939.

The state officers went on record as favoring the purchasing of official uniform jackets for the state officers, provided the state budget will permit.

A request by the managing editor of the American Farm Youth Magazine that the state association purchase a subscription to this magazine for each chapter in the state was acted upon unfavorably.

Continued cooperation with the Live Stock Loss Prevention Board in their survey work and in helping to reduce live stock loss was recommended.

--Billy Phrehm, Secretary

-- FFA --

AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION CAMP

John Dean, past president of the Kansas Association of F.F.A., as the outstanding Junior in agriculture at K.S.C. won the Junior Danforth Fellowship last year, and attended the camp at Shelby, Michigan in August. Robert Singleton, state treasurer, 1938-39, was chosen as the freshman in the division of agriculture for the Danforth award available to freshmen. Robert Randle, state reporter of last year, was sent to the camp by the Manhattan Rotary Club. Albert Coats, Jr., was scheduled to attend this camp, but was unable to do so. We were pleased to have three former Kansas Association F.F.A. officers in attendance at this excellent leadership training school, and we wish to extend congratulations on behalf of the state association.

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ATTENTION REPORTERS

One of the most important offices in the F.F.A. 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 145 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 John McCall, State Reporter, in care of the High School, Lebanon, Kansas, on the date specified on the request sheet sent him.

-- FFA --

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION FFA ANNUAL REPORT 1938-39

An active membership of 4322, a growth of 796...Fifteen new chapters, bringing the total of chartered chapters to 145...Of the ten new departments established last year, all have chartered chapters...Ten issues of the Kansas Future Farmer were published...Fifty-eight members were raised to the State Farmer degree...Three members were awarded the American Farmer degree...Ten district officers training schools were held...In a number of chapters 100 per cent of the members owned manuals and all chapters owned manuals for their officers...Ninety per cent of the chapters purchased Parliamentary Procedures...120 chapters had secretary's books and 90 chapters had treasurer's books...90 chapters had libraries which met the minimum requirements as set up by the State Association...111 chapters engaged in home improvement; 135 chapters encouraged soil conservation programs...105 chapters cooperated in organized buying and selling of farm supplies and commodities.

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.

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| Arm bands, felt (2) | Membership cards (11) |
| Badges and buttons (6) | Metal markers (6) |
| Banners, felt (2) | Music: |
| Belts and Buckels (1) | "FFA March" (8) |
| Caps, convention style (2) | "Hail the FFA" (11) 15¢ |
| Caps, swagger style (3) | Napkins (4) |
| Caps, military style (3) | Newspaper mats (4) |
| Charters for chapters (11) | Parliamentary Procedure (11) 10¢ |
| Collegiate chapter pins (1) | Pennants, felt (2) |
| Cups, trophy (1) | Pictures, Washing and Jefferson (10) * |
| 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) |
| Envelopes (4) | Project Markers (6) |
| Felt goods (2) | Ribbons, prize (6) |
| Flags (6) | Rings, finger (1) |
| Handbook for Future Farmers (11) | Secretary and treasurer's books (11) 25¢ |
| Kansas Organization Booklet (11) | Stationery (4) |
| Jackets, corduroy (3) | Stickers, baggage (4) |
| Jewelry, (1) | Stickers, windshield (4) |
| Keys, degree (11) | Sweater emblems (2) |
| Letterheads (4) | Trophy cups (1) |
| Manuals (11) 15¢ | Uniforms (3) |
| Medals (1) | Watch fobs (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.

FIRST TO PAY DUES

The Linn F.F.A. chapter has the honor of being the first chapter in the State Association to pay their membership dues for the year 1939-40. C. C. Milligan is the advisor of the Linn chapter and Waldemar Meier is the treasurer.

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FFA BOYS RETURN FROM CLEVELAND TRIP

Elsewhere in this issue we mentioned we would print an account of the Solomon FFA boys' trip to Cleveland, Ohio, where they appeared on the program at the Worlds Poultry Congress. Since setting up the Newsletter we find we have room for the story and are printing it below. The story is taken from the Solomon Valley Tribune.

The F.F.A. Band returned to Solomon about 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning, August 13, following a 2,599 mile trip to the World's Poultry Congress, in Cleveland, O., and various other interesting places. The boys all report a fine trip, which was very enjoyable and educational. The group left Solomon July 28 and were gone 16 days.

Enroute to Cleveland they spent the first night outdoors near a country service station about 10 miles east of Columbia, Mo. It had rained there that day and it was quite cold. The dew settled down on them that night and fairly soaked them.

At 4:45 a. m., the next morning they headed for St. Louis, Mo. On the way they took some motion pictures of the fine corn in that vicinity. There too, the boys saw their first capped shocks of wheat, red clover and the many scenic hills and drives were very beautiful in that locality.

They passed through the northern edge of the Ozark country. Arriving in St. Louis, Saturday morning at 10:30, they located the baseball park. They talked to the secretary who sold them \$1.10 seats for 25¢ each and the boys saw their first major league baseball game. The Brooklyn Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals played.

In looking for a place to stay, they were welcomed to sleep in the gymnasium of the St. Louis Univeristy. There they found probably the finest accommodations on the entire trip. The gym was nicely and comfortably furnished and had showers at one end. In the basement there was a large swimming pool with heated water which was clear as a crystal. The Missouri Valley Swimming meets are held there. They were given permission to swim in it and some of the boys made it four time before leaving the next morning.

Sunday morning the boys attended their respective churches. The St. Louis Cathedral, which some of the boys attended, is one of the largest in the world.

The next day, Monday, they traveled through the state of Illinois. In Brazil, Ind., they played a concert in Forest Park.

Going across Indiana they saw lovely crops of tall corn, beautiful farm homes which were far better landscaped and more attractive and well kept than the farm homes we see here in this part of the country. There blue grass grows like a weed and the trees don't know what a drought is.

FFA Boys Return From Cleveland Trip (Continued)

In Indianapolis, Ind., after eating dinner, they drove back about six miles to see the speedway. The man who won the race last year happened to come out on the track at that time. He was testing spark plugs in the car in which he won the race. He made 10 or 15 laps around the two and a half mile track. The boys were more than thrilled.

The next stop was in Vandalia, Ohio, where they found an attractive high school building not much larger than ours, and stayed over night. Because of its cleanliness, its organization and the courteous hospitalities, they were highly impressed and made to feel that the community was a first class one. They were told that corn there makes on an average of 60 to 70 bushels per acre while some fields make as much as 100 bushels. Continuing through Ohio, they saw men digging the famous Ohio potatoes.

Late Tuesday afternoon, August 1, the boys reached the Youth Camp at Berea, Ohio, where they had made reservations to stay while at the Poultry Congress. The camp was located sixteen miles from the Congress grounds in Cleveland.

The next morning the band loaded into their bus and made their first visit to the Congress. Since they did not have to play until Thursday, they spent the entire day looking over the exhibits on the grounds. The site of the Poultry Congress was on the 1937 Great Lakes Exposition grounds and was on the shore of Lake Erie.

It proved to be a small world for the band found other Jayhawkers and even fellow townsmen at the Congress in the vocational agriculture students of Clay Center, Kansas, and our own Frank and Paul Henderson.

Thursday noon, August 3, the band played their first program at the Congress in the Youth Hall in the Hall of Nations and were enthusiastically received. They played again later in the afternoon in the same place.

That evening the boys got their first taste of sea life when they borrowed a sight-seeing vessel for a moonlight cruise on Lake Erie.

The following day two more programs were played, one in the Youth Hall for the general public at the Congress and the other in the Horticulture Gardens for a civic reception. That evening the orchestra members were guests at an ice carnival where they witnessed artistic and fancy ice skating acts, together with an amateur hockey game.

With a concluding program on Saturday, August 5, at the Congress, the boys said goodbye to Cleveland and followed the lake, going north. That evening they arrived at Geneva, Ohio, where they secured permission to sleep in the city hall. They played a short program for a grange meeting there and were served refreshments before retiring.

Sunday found them leaving Ohio, crossing into the borders of Pennsylvania and New York, and finally into Ontario, Canada. Before retiring, the band viewed the splendor of the Horseshoe and Niagara Falls under the colored lights from the Canadian side. That evening they camped out along the roadside.

The next half day was spent at the falls. Most of the boys took a ride across the Whirlpool rapids below the falls on a cable suspended aero car and went on an excursion back of Horseshoe Falls, viewing the rushing water from the back side. Traveling on that afternoon, they reached Woodstock, Ontario, where they gained access to the gymnasium of a seminary for sleeping quarters that night.

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Through this portion of Canada and the states east of Cleveland, the boys noticed the best fruit and garden area of the whole trip. There were roadside stands all along the highway, loaded with all kinds of fresh flowers, fruits, and garden vegetables. Between Niagara and Woodstock, Ontario, the largest vineyards were noticed--most of which were company or commercially owned and covered hundreds of acres. Forests of trees and clear streams and brooklets were the only thing that broke the vast grapevine areas.

The country west of Woodstock was less devoted to gardens and vineyards and more to small grains and farms. Harvest was just under way and the region the boys passed through was in the process of reaping a bumper oat crop. Nearly all of the harvesting was done by binder--only one combine was seen on the trip east of the Mississippi--and horse power was much more in use than tractors.

Through this area much shipping is done as there were many canals connecting navigatable streams with the Great Lakes. The bridges crossing these are all drawbridges, which allow ships to go through. At one point along the route the boys stopped at a series of locks on the Welland canal and watched a boat pass through the different water levels.

At 2:40 p. m., Tuesday, August 8, the Solomon Rural high school bus and its cargo passed over Ambassador bridge into Detroit and the United States. The orchestra visited the Ford plants and watched the automobiles assembled. Leaving Detroit that evening, they went on to Elkhart, Indiana, where accommodations were provided them at a Y.M.C.A. building.

Elkhart proved to be an interesting place and the entire next forenoon and a portion of the afternoon was spent in visiting the Conn musical instrument factory. The band members saw how their horns were made from beginning to end. The Mills Laboratories were also visited and the boys saw the Alka-Seltzer processes.

They arrived at the Y. M.C.A. hotel, in Chicago, that evening at 7:30. Some of the members took in a little night life, but the most of them turned in for a good night's rest.

All of Thursday and Friday was spent sight seeing in Chicago. Paul Chilen stayed at the home of Leon F. Montague, former Solomon Schools superintendent. Visits were made to the Chicago Board of Trade, the Field Museum, the Aquarium, planetarium, NBC studios, big league baseball games, stockyards, theaters, amusement parks and so forth. The boys never found a dull moment in Chicago.

Saturday morning the bus was again repacked and headed towards home. By evening they had reached Quincy, Ill., and since it was showering and raining, they decided to not camp out but go on towards home. Kansas City, Mo., was reached at 12:22 a. m., Sunday morning, and after driving the remainder of the night, the company arrived in Solomon at 6:30 a. m.

Those enjoying the 16 day trip were: Marvin Brown, Floyd Close, Eugene Close, Kenneth Eye, Kenneth Geoffroy, Tim Greene, Joe Hall, Earl Herman, Elvin Johnson, jr., Paul Kelley, George King, Ralph Kirn, Elston Meek, Bill McCallum, Nolan McKenzie, Harold Riordan, Robert Riordan, Roger Riordan, Lawrence Vanderwit, Raymond Wolfe, M. A. Rasher, driver, and Paul R. Chilen, director, all of Solomon; Gerald Walburn and Harold Leckrone, of Abilene, Robert Kubitscheck, of Salina; and Joe Chilen of Miltonvale. Paul Donmyer was with the boys until after their performances at Cleveland, then he joined his parents in another trip.