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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA NEWS BULLETIN

A Message from the State President.

Volume 1.

Number One.

Up to August 1st only thirteen local chapters of the Future Farmers had applied for their state charters. Many of the states report a much higher per cent than this. Let us hope that as soon as school starts this fall every department in the state will complete their organization and apply for their charter.

Some arrangement will be made for a state initiation at Hutchinson this fall during the State Fair. Each local chapter should drill their initiation team because they may be asked to put on the initiation.

Mr. Robert Paige of Manhattan has been appointed reporter for the state organization. From now on we shall expect to broadcast some news over the state. Send any news items you have to Paige at Manhattan. Let us get acquainted through the news letter.

Plans are now under way for a reunion of Future Farmers at Hutchinson this year. This might become an annual event with a full program for Future Farmers.

The Kansas chapters should be awake to the national

contests that are being sponsored this year by the Kansas City Weekly Star and the Farm Journal. If you do not have details of the contest, Mr. Pollom, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, will furnish them. Kansas should be well represented in these contests.

Fellow Future Farmers, this is a short letter but it is a start. Perhaps we can write more next time. Let us hear from you through Robert Paige, our reporter.

Respectfully,

Boyd Waite, President.

Kansas Chapter F.F.A.

CREED OF A FUTURE FARMER

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds -- achievements won by the present and past generations of farmers; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of farm life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our soil. I believe we can safeguard those rights against practices and policies that are unfair.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so -- for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

Schools
Friday afternoon, April 12th, forty-two delegates from twenty-one local chapters of Future Farmers met in Education Hall at the Kansas State Agricultural College for the purpose of perfecting a state organization of the Future Farmers of Kansas.

Limited time did not permit a report from each chapter as was planned. The nominating committee composed of the Board of Directors of the K.V.A.A. had made nominations for president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and state adviser.

Our President

The balloting resulted in Boyd Waite of Winfield being elected president, Elwyn Rufener of Abilene, vice president, Lee Kaff of Carbondale, secretary-treasurer, and Dr. W.E. Grimes, state advisor. Perhaps you would like to know something about each of these officers.

Boyd Waite is 18 years of age. He is a senior in Winfield High School, earned over \$200 in project work last year and has four projects under way this year. His major project this year consists of 50 acres of wheat. He has continuation projects in potatoes, corn, and baby beef. He was a member of the stock judging team which won first place at the Western National Livestock Show at Wichita last November.

Our Vice President

Elwyn Rufener of Abilene has earned \$600 in projects and is now carrying projects in the following enterprises: swine, dairy, wheat, and turkey production. He is 18 years of age and a senior in the Abilene High School. He was a member of the 1928 judging team, a member of the high school student council and active in school affairs. He qualifies as a state farmer.

Our Secretary-Treasurer

Lee Kaff of Carbondale Rural High School earned \$80 in projects last year. He is 15 years of age and president of the Future Farmer Chapter. He was high man in the Lawrence judging contest. This year his supervised practice activities include an Angus calf, three purebred gilts and thirty acres of corn.

Our State Advisor

Dr. W.E. Grimes, head of the department of agricultural economics at the Kansas State Agricultural College, was unanimously chosen as state advisor for the Future Farmers of Kansas. Probably no one could have been found better qualified for this responsibility. The Future Farmer delegates are to be congratulated on their choice for this important office.

The duties of executive secretary for the time being will be assumed by this office. Negotiations will begin shortly for providing local charters and a state charter.

One of the first duties of the local organization is to set up local programs of work. There is no justification for any organization existing that does not have something worthwhile to do. The nature and scope of the program of work of the local chapter, together with the zeal, enthusiasm, and determination with which the organization sets out to put the program over will in a large measure determine the usefulness of the chapter. Organizations thrive on worthwhile tasks but usually stagnate and die without them.

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A well balanced Future Farmer program should call for some constructive thinking and some hard work, seasoned with a reasonable amount of recreation and opportunity for social development.

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The Future Farmers of Tennessee have pledged \$3500 toward the establishment of a permanent state camp ground for the organization.

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At present there are eight Future Farmers in the United States who have attained the rank of American Farmer. They are: Leslie Applegate, New Jersey; Elsnier Beal, Arkansas; Ollie Duroy, Oklahoma; Arthur Kotterlin, California; Carrol Baker, Idaho; Lawrence Augenstine, Ohio; Guy Whitstone, South Carolina; and Joseph Beard, Virginia.

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One of the fine features of the F.F.A. Constitution is that it permits active membership for three years after the course of study in vocational agriculture is completed. It is hoped every member will remain active throughout his time of eligibility.

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In a short time blank petitions will be sent to all local chapters. Each local chapter will file its petition with the executive secretary subject to the approval of the state advisor. This will be followed by granting of charters. If desirable, the names of the charter members of the local chapter can be placed on the charter.

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"Future Farmers of Kansas:

Mr. Pollom has suggested that you would appreciate a message from me as your state advisor. The Future Farmers' movement is so new to me that I do not feel competent to offer advice and, in fact, I do not know that any is needed.

I appreciate your confidence in honoring me in this way and welcome the opportunity to be of any service that I can. The Future Farmers' movement has a big task ahead of it. As I understand it, the development of real men is its chief purpose. Cooperation and diligent application on the part of all of us is the first and the biggest step in accomplishing this purpose.

Sincerely,

(Signed) W.E. Grimes."

Suggestions for Setting up a Program of Work

1. A chapter of Future Farmers of Kansas in each department of vocational agriculture in Kansas by the end of the school year 1929-1930.
2. A thrift program in each chapter with 75 per cent of the members participating. One thousand dollars saved or invested productively by each chapter.
3. Ninety per cent of members completing program of supervised practice.
4. Long time supervised farm practice programs set up by 50% of the members.
5. Every chapter to hold:
 - a. A father-son banquet.
 - b. A community fair, or an exhibit of work of agricultural department at an already established fair.
 - c. Future Farmer of Kansas bulletin board.
 - d. An all-day project tour and annual picnic.
 - e. A definitely organized program to improve a major farm enterprise.
6. Every chapter send a team to the state high school vocational contest in April 1930.
7. Every chapter send delegates to the state convention of Future Farmers of Kansas, April 1930.
8. See that Kansas is represented to the National Congress of Future Farmers of America next fall.
9. The "Creed of the Future Farmer" and the charter framed and hung in the agricultural room of each chapter.
10. Insignia worn by all members.
11. A project story in the local press and farm papers from each chapter.

BY-LAWS

Article I - The Duties of State Officers.

- Sec. A - The President. It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of the State Convention of Future Farmers of America and over all meetings of the State Executive committee. The president shall call one meeting of the State Convention each year at the time of the state contest at Manhattan. The president shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees.
- Sec. B - Vice President. The vice president shall assume all the duties of the president in the event that office becomes vacant by absence, resignation, or otherwise.
- Sec. C - The Secretary. The Secretary shall perform the duties common to such office, such as keeping record of the meetings of the State Convention and state executive committee, one copy of which is to be filed with the adviser, the other in the secretary's file, and such other duties as he is instructed to perform by the president or State Executive Committee.
- Sec. D - The Treasurer. The treasurer shall handle all moneys for the State Convention. He shall keep permanent records of all financial transactions and make an annual report on same to the State Convention. He shall pay all bills ordered by state executive committee on checks countersigned by president.
- Sec. E - The Adviser. He is a member of State Executive Committee and an ex-officio member of all committees. It is his duty to advise the executive committee and appointed committees on matters of policy, meetings, programs and finances. He shall issue to local chapters their charters when applied for in a regular channel, seeing that same are signed by president, secretary and himself. He shall review all applications for "State Farmer" degree and prepare brief of their qualifications and present same to state executive committee for confirming degree of "State Farmer" on accepted candidates.
- Sec. F - The Reporter. The duties of the reporter shall be to handle all beneficial publicity and advertising for the state organization. He shall also have records of membership and progress of association for advertising purposes and report to executive committee work done during year.
- Sec. G - Method of Electing State Officers. A nominating committee consisting of four representatives from four sections of the state shall be appointed annually by president. The election of officers shall be by ballot

and by majority vote of delegates present, each chapter being entitled to two votes. President shall not be elected from same region in two consecutive years.

Article II - Methods of Issuing Charters to Local Chapters. The Secretary of local chapter "Future Farmers of America" shall submit with their application for charter the following information:

1. Copy of proposed constitution and by-laws.
2. Copy of chapter program of work.
3. List of all members of chapter.
4. Name, grade and address of each officer of chapter.

Application for charter shall be signed by president, secretary and adviser and _____ fee to cover cost of engraving.

Suspension of charter is at discretion of State Executive Committee.

Article III - Procedure for Choosing Candidates for "State Farmer" Degree.

1. Chapter organizations may submit one candidate for each 50 members or fraction thereof in chapter organization.
2. Not more than 2 per cent of members shall be elected annually.
3. The adviser shall formulate score cards for selecting candidate for "State Farmer" degree and send to chapter advisers 30 days previous to State Convention.
4. Application for "State Farmer" degree shall be forwarded to adviser 15 days prior to State Convention meeting.

Article IV - Reports to State Adviser. Each chapter shall submit following information to adviser.

1. Yearly statement of names of chapter officers, delegates, Future Farmers and Green Hands.
2. Report of amendments and changes in constitution and by-laws.
3. Report to State Secretary showing name and number of boys in each chapter and other desired information.

Article V - Dues. Dues in local chapter shall be _____ per member per year, in state organization 10¢ per member per year, and in National organization 10¢ per member per year, making a total taxation of _____.

Article VI - Committees.

1. Nominating committee
2. Auditing committee
3. Program of work committee

Nominating committee shall select and place in nomination candidates for various state offices.

Auditing committee shall examine and report on treasurer's report.

Program of work committee shall set up the annual objectives of organization and suggest ways and means of attaining them.

Committee members shall serve for one year.

Adviser is ex-officio member of all committees.