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of  
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LEADERSHIP

Every one recognizes the need for leadership among farmers and no one who has observed closely the workings of the organization of Future Farmers of America can fail to see that it is a very effective agency in the training of leaders among young farmers. The valuable experiences they are getting in this organization were unheard of when their fathers were starting out to farm for themselves. I should say that the organization of Future Farmers of America should have for its goal the preparation of its membership to meet its problems with more confidence and solve them more effectively in order that it may render greater service rather than it shall solve its problems with less effort. There will always be problems; they will always be difficult. The more difficult they are, the greater the challenge. Let Future Farmers be prepared to meet the challenge, whatever it is. - C.M. Miller, State Director for Vocational Education, Kansas.

STATE FARMER CANDIDATES

It is not too early to begin shaping material for your State Farmer candidates. The requirements for the State Farmer degree are set up in Article III, Section D in the F.F.A. Manual. A special communication relative to information and materials necessary, and procedure, will be sent each chapter advisor at an early date. An important change this year will be the inclusion

of all project record books for all project activities submitted as a part of the candidate's supervised farm practice program. This is in keeping with the National Organization's policy of requiring project record books for the entire supervised farm practice program submitted for the American Farmer degree.

### TEN COMMANDMENTS TO SUCCEED

Cultivate the habit of persistence which is the most necessary element of success.

Make up your mind to do the thing you dream of doing.

Plan the first step to be taken. There begin.

Believe in yourself, believe in the thing you mean to do, and be proud of it.

Do not be turned from your purpose by failure nor expect too much at first. Achievement is not a swift ride in an elevator; it's a hot, hard climb up a long, steep hill.

School yourself to disregard discouragements and opposition, and to get along, if need be, without praise or approval.

Do not interfere with others nor try to direct their lives. You'll find it all you can do to make a success of your own.

Cut out all ill humors from your disposition, and disabuse your mind of the thought that you are being slighted or overlooked.

Finally, be of a cheerful countenance. More battles have been lost by frowns, and more successes won by the narrow margin of a smile than this old world dreams of. -- United News.  
(From CHAPTER CHATS, F.F.A. of Virginia, Vol. 5, No. 1, January 1932.)

### TUNE IN ON F.F.A. BROADCAST OVER N.B.C. FARM AND HOME HOUR, SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Kansas received the following in the February broadcast. "Emeal Luthi, Wakefield, who exhibited the prize winning animal at the vocational agriculture livestock exhibits, American Royal, last fall, was a guest of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture at their annual meeting in January".

What chapter can furnish news of sufficient importance to make the March broadcast? Send the news to A.P.D. who will forward same.

### NEW F.F.A. SONG

Here are the words to the song that was judged best of over one hundred submitted in the F.F.A. song writing contest last year:

Hail the F.F.A.  
(Farmers Roundelay)

Sing, oh sing, the song of progress, sing the farmers roundelay!  
Hail, oh hail, the soil redeemers, and the good times on the way.

Lo, the world has learned its lesson, of remorse and war and harm  
And the hearts of men are turning to the little country farm!

Chorus

Let the nation build her armies, let the navy sail her fleet.  
We're the boys who turn the furrow that the hungry world may eat.  
We're the royal standard bearers in this good old U.S.A.  
We're the nation's inspiration, we're the vanguard F.F.A.

Sing the song of harvest bounty; sing of sun and sing of rain,  
Sing of fertile plains and valleys, armed deep with hosts of  
grain.  
Ours, the nation's wealth in keeping, ours the coming better day.  
All the world is turning in to sing the farmer's roundelay.

Words by Bertah A. Kleinmann.  
Music by Ralph Sarager.

(\* In the original the word is "guys". Am certain F.F.A. boys  
in Kansas will prefer the word "boys". - A.P.D.)

F.F.A. PARTICIPATION IN THE GEORGE WASHINGTON  
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The following interesting information has just been re-  
ceived from the National Secretary of the F.F.A.:

As you all know, the year 1932 is a George Washington  
year. It marks the 200th Anniversary of the birth of the "Father  
of Our Country" and throughout the United States during the next  
nine months (February 22nd to Thanksgiving) the American people  
everywhere will be participating in their own way in a great  
celebration designed to commemorate the life and deeds of the  
man who was "First in war; first in peace, and first in the  
hearts of his countrymen."

"In the Concurrent Resolution of the United States Con-  
gress respecting the 200th Anniversary of the birth of George  
Washington, the Nation was asked to commemorate this occasion  
in such a manner that future generations of American citizens  
may live according to the example and precepts of his exalted  
life and character, and thus perpetuate the American Republic."

The youth of our country are best able to honor and to  
emulate the life of George Washington and the Future Farmers of  
America have a special interest in the Nation's First Citizen  
whose character, personality, and accomplishments as a citizen  
and farmer weave a pattern by which every true F.F.A. member may  
guide his actions. In the Opening Ceremony for F.F.A. Meetings  
as outlined in our F.F.A. Manual you will recall that the trea-  
surer is stationed under a picture of Washington and when asked  
what his duties are, his reply is as follows:

"I keep the record of receipts and disbursements just

as Washington kept his farm accounts, carefully and accurately. I encourage thrift among the members and strive to build up our financial standing through savings and investments. George Washington was better able to serve his countrymen and posterity because he was financially independent."

Again in our F.F.A. Initiation Ceremony for Green Hands, we find this reference in one of the speeches by the treasurer:

"Washington was an engineer, a general, a President, and the Father of Our Country, but he was a farmer first, last and all the time. His old home at Mt. Vernon is a model farmstead. He kept farm accounts, practiced rotations, loved country life, and lived the life of a country gentleman."

From the foregoing, it is evident that it is fitting and proper that the Future Farmers of America should participate in the Bicentennial Celebration in this year, 1932.

#### F.F.A. Indorsed Bicentennial Celebration

At the Fourth National Convention of Future Farmers of America, held in Kansas City, in November, 1930, Item No. 3 was set up in the National Program of Work for 1932, which reads as follows:

"Encourage every State Association and local chapter of F.F.A. to participate in the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration during 1932."

As an organization we have gone on record and have definitely provided in our National Program of Work for taking part in a celebration which honors one of the characters around which our Future Farmer organization is built.

#### Suggestions for Participation

An item covering participation in the Bicentennial Celebration might well be inserted in all State and local F.F.A. programs of work for 1932. Since the primary interest of F.F.A. members is in Washington, the Farmer, it is suggested that special programs on the theme, "George Washington, the Farmer," be organized and carried out this year to emphasize his accomplishments especially along agricultural lines. This does not mean, however, that Washington's accomplishments along other lines should be omitted from these programs.

The National organization of F.F.A. will start the activities by giving a Washington program over the N.B.C. radio network on February 8th, the regular monthly broadcasting date during the Farm and Home Hour. At this time there will be special music, an address on "George Washington, the Farmer,"

and an agricultural skit by the F.F.A. boys from Virginia, Washington's home State.

Advisors and members of local chapters are requested to formulate plans immediately for Washington programs to be held in connection with F.F.A. meetings from February 22nd to Thanksgiving. Since the celebration lasts nine months, it is suggested that chapters be urged to plan a series of several Washington programs to be staged at Chapter meetings, summer camps, banquets and the like during the period previously indicated. Chapters should also participate in school programs where possible. As stated before, it is suggested that the general theme of most F.F.A. programs be "Washington, the Farmer." Programs for different meetings might well include such items as the following:

1. Patriotic music.
2. Talk on George Washington, the Farmer.
3. A playlet dramatizing interesting events in the agricultural life of George Washington.
4. Talk on what George Washington means to an F.F.A. member.
5. Talk on what George Washington accomplished as a scientific farmer.
6. Talk on interesting events in the life of George Washington, the Surveyor, the Soldier, the General, the Business man, the Engineer, the President, and the Citizen.
7. Green Hand initiation ceremony with special paraphernalia set up at the Treasurer's station to emphasize the events in the life of Washington, the Farmer.

It is further suggested that some George Washington feature be included on the various State F.F.A. convention programs held between February 22nd and Thanksgiving Day.

#### Where to Get Program Helps

Good American histories, books on the life of Washington, and other historical books are splendid sources of information. In addition to this, the George Washington Bicentennial Commission of the United States, located at Washington, D.C., has literature which can be had on request by simply addressing a letter to this organization and asking for pamphlets and circulars prepared for the occasion.

An attempt is being made to get out a publication in connection with the Bicentennial Commission which will be especially adapted to the use of local F.F.A. Chapters in formulating George Washington programs during the year.

#### 100 PER CENT F.F.A. PARTICIPATION, THE GOAL

It seems reasonable, since the matter of F.F.A. partici-

pation in the George Washington Celebration this year has been set up as an item in the National Program of Work, that we can expect 100 per cent participation by chapters and State associations. States are urged to get under way as rapidly as possible and have all chapters putting on George Washington programs as close to February 22nd as possible, and to continue with a series of programs throughout the year if time permits. Let F.F.A. members celebrate in their own way but let us have wholehearted and united action by our organization in this great Bicentennial event.

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For further information relative to the Annual F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest you might write the Federal Board for Vocational Education at Washington, D.C., for a copy of Miscellaneous 1294. The following excerpts will be of interest.

"The contest will be open only to regularly enrolled vocational agriculture boys in all-day classes who are successfully carrying at least three units of regular school work and who are actually members of chartered chapters of F.F.A. in good standing with the State and national organization at the time they are selected to represent their State in the regional contest. Any boy who receives training in composition or delivery for this contest outside of his local school may be disqualified but facts and working data may be secured from any source."

The national office has not offered any subjects for this year's contest. They state that contestants may choose their own subjects. The following subjects were suggested last year and we offer them again for your consideration.

1. What the F.F.A. May Mean to American Agriculture.
2. The Relation of the Farmer to the Success of the Federal Farm Board.
3. Cooperative Marketing as a Solution of Farm Problems.
4. The Opportunities for and Limitations of Corporation Farming.
5. What My Home Project Work in Vocational Agriculture Has Taught Me about Farm Operation and Management.
6. Equalization of Taxes as a Farm Relief Measure.
7. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture.
8. The Value of the Federal Farm Loan System to the American Farmer.
9. Rural Electrification.
10. The Future of the American Farmer.
11. The Agricultural Depression - Its Challenge and Its Opportunities for Future Farmers of America.
12. The Master Farmer.

JUDGES SCORE SHEET

1932 NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST  
for  
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Part I. For Scoring Content and Composition.

Items to be scored	Points awarded contestants				
	Points allowed	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
1. Content of the manuscript	25	:	:	:	:
2. Composition of manuscript	15	:	:	:	:
Score on written production	40	:	:	:	:

Part II. For Scoring the Delivery of the Production.

Items to be scored	Points awarded contestants				
	Points allowed	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
1. Voice	10	:	:	:	:
2. Stage presence	10	:	:	:	:
3. Power of expression	15	:	:	:	:
4. Response to questions	15	:	:	:	:
5. General effect	10	:	:	:	:
Score on delivery	60	:	:	:	:

Part III. For Computing the Score of the Contest.

Items included	Points awarded contestants				
	Points allowed	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
1. Score on written production	40	:	:	:	:
2. Score on delivery	60	:	:	:	:
Totals	100	:	:	:	:
Less overtime deductions (Timekeeper's record)	2 points for each minute	:	:	:	:
Grand Totals		:	:	:	:

(Over for explanation of score sheet items)

EXPLANATION OF SCORE CARD POINTS

I. Content and Composition

1. Content of the speech, includes -  
Importance and appropriateness of subject.  
Suitability of the material used.  
Accuracy of the statements included.  
Evidence of purpose.
2. Composition of the speech, includes -  
Organization of the content.  
Unity of thought.  
Logical development.  
Language used.  
Sentence structure.  
Accomplishment of purpose - conclusions.

II. Delivery

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Voice, includes -<br/>Quality<br/>Pitch<br/>Force<br/>Articulation<br/>Pronunciation</li><li>2. Stage presence, includes -<br/>Personal appearance<br/>Poise and body structure<br/>Attitude<br/>Confidence<br/>Personality<br/>Ease before audience</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Power of expression, includes -<br/>Fluency<br/>Emphasis<br/>Sincerity<br/>Directness<br/>Communicative activity<br/>Conveyance of thought<br/>and meaning</li><li>4. Response to questions, includes -<br/>Ability to satisfactorily<br/>answer the questions on<br/>the speech which are<br/>asked by the judges.</li></ol> |
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5. General effect, includes -  
Extent to which the speech  
was interesting, under-  
standable, convincing,  
pleasing, and held the  
attention of the audience.



SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING F.F.A. FATHER & SON BANQUET

(We are including herewith a clipping from the Vocational Oregonian, Volume 13, No. 5, 1931, on Father and Son Banquets. A careful study of this splendid article by the local F.F.A. Advisor and chapter officers is recommended. - Ed.)

Suggested Practice

Information

I. Who will prepare banquet?

A. If possible, have home economics class at school.

A. Others who might prepare banquet.

1. Mothers of F.F.A. boys.
2. Local Grange.
3. Sisters of F.F.A. boys.

II. Arrange menu.

A. Have menu committee confer with Home Economics Department.

A. Boys furnish chicken, milk, butter, vegetables, fresh and canned fruits, pickles, relish, etc.

III. Table usage and courtesies

A. Have home economics instructor explain table service and courtesy as applied to the particular menu at the F.F.A. meeting immediately preceding banquet.

A. Uses of silver and dishes needed.

Plan of service to be used. When to begin eating, etc. Relation of meal service and program.

IV. Financing banquet.

A. Boys bring most of food from home, consequently very little food need be purchased.

A. Figure out cost of meal for boys. Raise money by chapter activities, shows, fairs, carnivals, selling subscriptions to farm magazines, etc.

V. Invitations

A. Each boy invite father. Secretary of F.F.A. write letters to school board members, principal, superintendent, county agent, county school superintendent, business men, neighboring F.F.A. presidents and instructors, state adviser, local editor, master of grange, county judge, president of Chamber of Commerce, members of legislature located in community, etc. Write up story for local paper.

A. Written invitation may be used for fathers. Ask typing teacher to cooperate by having class type letters.

VI. Decorating room.

A. Have committee of home economics girls take charge. Committee of boys work with them.

A. Use agricultural products to decorate. Use F.F.A. banners, ribbons, pennants and cups as part of decorations. Silhouettes

### VII. Welcoming guests.

A. Boys stay with dads during entire evening. Introduce to other boys and their dads. Entertain them for evening. Have special reception committee to take care of special guests as they arrive. Introduce to strangers. Introduce to superintendent and principal. Show dad and guests place at banquet table. Entertainment of dads and guests in formal way by boys is one of biggest jobs for a successful banquet.

### VIII. Serving.

A. Home Economics and agriculture instructors should know each others' program such as menu, time of banquet, when ready to serve, arrangement of place cards, serving with least confusion, etc.

### IX. Banquet and program.

A. Each boy enter room with dad and sits beside him.

B. Have music while group is entering.

C. F.F.A. boy should always act as toastmaster.

D. F.F.A. boy return thanks.

E. Opening ceremony.

F. Serve first course.

G. Member of chapter welcome dads.

H. Serve second course.

I. Have boys introduce their dads.

J. Music - a selection by member of chapter, if possible.

K. F.F.A. program of work by member.

of boys' projects cut from black paper may be used as place cards for boy and dad. Confer with home economics and art department.

A. Reception committee might be president, secretary, other officers or some other F.F.A. boys appointed by president. Boys should always take care of dads first.

B. Topics boys might talk about to guests in informal way: Management of banquet, program of F.F.A., number of boys taking agriculture, explain shop and classroom work, school athletics, farm projects. Always show and express appreciation to business men, school board and dads for interest (if any) they might have taken in promoting vocational agriculture.

A. Program of F.F.A. and home economics should work together. (More detailed information about serving a banquet may be found in the October, 1930, issue of the Vocational Oregonian written by Miss Frances M. Wright, Home Economics Supervisor.

A. Boy may also have special guest besides his dad.

B. Piano, radio, band, etc.

C. May be president or some other F.F.A. member appointed by executive committee. In this case, president introduces F.F.A. toastmaster.

D. Boy can have short prayer memorized.

E. Officers should have parts thoroughly memorized.

I. Boys who make talks should be thoroughly coached as to what they are going to say.

J. Harmonica, chapter quartet or orchestra.

L. Serve third course (if any).

M. Have few boys tell about their projects.

N. Toastmaster express thanks and appreciation to home economics girls.

O. Summary of last year's work in F.F.A. and Smith-Hughes agriculture.

P. Short talk by special speakers -- president of State F.F.A., president of some other local chapter, president of chamber of commerce, State Supervisor or Director. (Remember the boys are entertaining dads so do not have too many adult speakers).

Q. F.F.A. initiation after banquet is very appropriate. Stunts, contests, boxing or other amusement might be put on in gym after banquet.

X. Courtesies after banquet.

A. Make prompt payment of all bills.

B. Return all borrowed articles immediately.

C. Replace all furniture before next session of school.

D. Formally thank all who are not members of chapter who helped to make the banquet a success.

XI. Publicity.

A. Reporter, with aid of instructor, prepare article for local paper, the Future Farmer, school, or chapter paper.

XII. Check up.

A. Analyze the undertaking at next regular meeting. What were good points, what to do differently next time, etc.

N. Have girls march out along wall. Should plan to have some girl say a few words in reply. Should not ask girl for impromptu speech. Notify girl in advance.

A. All bills paid by treasurer should be properly receipted.

C. A special cleanup committee is advisable.

D. Ask English teacher to help compose cordial notes. Ask typing teacher to get students to do typing.

A. One girl from commercial department should be invited to banquet to take entire program down in shorthand, including speeches. This information can be copied next day and handed over to reporter to be used in writing his article.

A. See that secretary makes full reports on program on these suggestions.

### XIII. Miscellaneous.

A. Banquet should be from one and one-half to two hours in length.

B. Should start not later than seven o'clock.

C. Some fathers who are reluctant about coming, have chapter president or instructor call by phone or by personal call.

D. Toastmaster should be well coached on handling program. A few remarks about each speaker, or a story well told by the toastmaster is very good. Toastmaster should rehearse his speech. A good toastmaster certainly helps to make a successful banquet.

E. The instructor who can engineer a successful banquet and can stay in the background and still direct the activities is a man to be congratulated and respected in his community.

F. Time should be taken at a regular F.F.A. meeting to rehearse the banquet program.

G. Banquets as a whole are too long and in order to get around this difficulty, it is a good idea to start the program while the meal is being served.

H. Remember, this is a banquet given by boys for dads and other guests. The boys consider it an honor to talk and the invited guests appreciate this training. But remember, it is up to the instructor to see that each boy who is to talk has his speech well planned and has rehearsed it two or three times.

I. A few remarks from some of the invited guests at the last part of the program is a good business and extends the courtesy they should be given.

J. Place father and son banquet on school calendar.

K. Try and have some boy who has graduated from high school, who had formerly taken vocational agriculture, appear on the program.

L. A successful banquet depends on the cooperation of everyone concerned and the amount of cooperation received from outside sources.

(Taken from "The Vocational Oregonian" Vol. 13, No. 5, November, 1931).

### CHAPTER NEWS

Norcatur - The agricultural class entered the Norton county poultry contest at Lenora. They placed 6th out of eight teams. Because of bad roads the class has not been on field trips lately but are planning some for the near future. The chapter plans to maintain a bulletin board at the P.O. building in the future. Two F.F.A. members were on the honor roll for the first semester. They were Carol Leichliter and Dale Leichliter.

The farm shop is now completed and is in excellent condition. It includes a double enclosed cement forge, five tool cabinets, a chain hoist, coal bin mounted on wheels, a jack to move cars with, and an electric grinder, and some new automobile tools.

The chapter had an initiation party the last meeting instead

of the regular chapter program. Fourteen couples were present. The party was sponsored by Mr. Reece, advisor, and his wife. The F.F.A. boys elected a "Queen" and presented her with a "Remembrance". The evening was spent in playing games, followed by a lunch of doughnuts and apples. - Dale Leichter, Reporter.

Beloit - The F.F.A. chapter held a program at the high school auditorium recently. The subject of the speeches delivered were "Why I Plan to Stay on the Farm" and "F.F.A. Activities". Demonstrations in rope making and soldering were given. We had an interesting harmonica solo and a few songs by the F.F.A. band. Four hundred persons were in attendance. - Reporter.

Burlington - The Burlington chapter of the F.F.A. held an initiation meeting Monday night, December 7th, in the agriculture class room. Boys initiated included Irvin Gray, Albert Birkfeak, Albert Dodge, Francis Patton, and Wesley Rodgers. There were two new members initiated at a previous meeting. They were Lawrence Leuering, and Louie Leuering, making a total of 7 new members in the chapter. A committee composed of five members was appointed to meet with Mr. Heinrich and President Warren Decker to plan a program of work for next year. The meeting night was changed from the first to the second Monday night of the month. It was moved and passed that we should have a basket ball team with Mr. Heinrich as coach.

The program of work for the next year is as follows: A banquet, camping trip, skating parties, basket ball, and baseball teams, exhibit at fair, 100% membership, agricultural evening school, assembly program, and a project tour. The chapter will present a play to raise finances and plan to carry on a landscaping project. We also expect to enter the F.F.A. public speaking contest, send a delegate to the F.F.A. Convention, and to hold an eighth grade meeting for the boys that are coming to high school next year. - Reporter.

Bird City - Bird City's chapter of Future Farmers held their annual Christmas meeting on the night of December 21st. The vocational agriculture room had been decorated for the occasion with red and green colored paper leading to the center where stood a neatly arranged and lighted Christmas tree. After the meeting was opened in due form, a Christmas program was held by the chapter which consisted of everyone singing Christmas carols, followed by two inspirational readings and an address given on the subject of "Christmas Spirit as Exemplified by Future Farmers."

Arrangements were then made for the Future Farmers annual trip to the National Western Stock Show at Denver in January. The meeting was then closed and refreshments were served. - Reporter.

Miltonvale - The Miltonvale chapter of F.F.A. is glad to say that Vincent Fuller, a boy in the vocational agriculture department and also an F.F.A. member of this school, won a trip to the American Royal last November by being high individual at the Abilene Central Kansas Fair held at Abilene. He also won a trip to the American Royal awarded by the Missouri Pacific.

To increase the treasury the boys decided to sell Christmas cards. This idea turned out to be a real success as we sold 45 boxes and made a profit of \$6.75. Most of these cards were sold to rural folks, thus giving them a chance to buy some good Christmas cards at a reasonable price.

The Miltonvale chapter has had an initiation program, ten boys being initiated and five more being voted in to be initiated at the January meeting. The last five did not want to become members until we had already had our initiation. Refreshments were served at the close of the initiation, and all of the members and new initiates had a good time. - Roy Mauck, Reporter.

Mound City - The father and son banquet held January, the 29th, was a great success. There were seventy-four plates served. The program consisted of several good speeches. Professor A.P. Davidson, the executive advisor, was there with his movie machine, and films of the F.F.A. vocational work in Kansas.

The F.F.A. boys and H.H.A. girls of Mound City are working hard on their play "Wild Ginger." These two clubs have planned to hold joint meetings every other month. - Reporter.

Washburn - Washburn Chapter of F.F.A. initiated twenty-one boys into the Green Hand degree at Seaman High School, Thursday, January 14th. There were fourteen from Seaman, four from Meriden, and three from Washburn. The Washburn boys fixed up a good run down farm in the Seaman shop.

Three boys from the Washburn chapter attended the F.F.A. school at Shawnee Mission on December 5th. These were Marion Elkins, president; Earl Jacquot, vice president, and J. Francis Hughes, secretary.

The Washburn chapter entertained the rest of the school in a chapel program, February 2nd. - Leonard Wilson, Reporter.

Auburn - The Carbondale and Auburn chapters held a joint meeting at Carbondale, January 20th. Each member of both chapters told of his project. There was boxing and other athletic stunts.

Our chapter has been holding weekly meetings for parliamentary practice. Pictures of members and projects are to be taken and an album kept. A trophy case for our school was furnished by the chapter.

A project tour and weighing will be made. Ice scales, a crate, and a crane which is attached to the front of a car enable us to do the weighing. Our chapter attended the state poultry show at the Topeka Auditorium, January 15th. The lighting system in our agriculture room will be improved. The work will be done by the chapter. - Dave Manley, Reporter.

Ellis - (One of the new chapters but decidedly active. Many of the older chapters might well study the objectives and program of this group of F.F.A. boys. - Editor)

The Ellis chapter this year has had and will have a busy time. The following is our calendar:

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| September | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attended State Fair at Hutchinson</li><li>2. Culled poultry</li><li>3. Tested poultry for B.W.D.</li></ol>  |
| October   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attended 4-H club fair at Hays</li><li>2. Visited the Ft. Hays Experiment Station</li><li>3. Drew up plans and figured cost accounts for car load of pigs</li></ol>   |
| November  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attended pure bred dairy cow sale</li><li>2. Gave agricultural play at chapel</li><li>3. Planned year's program for F.F.A.</li><li>4. Made plans to install chapter</li><li>5. Plans for F.F.A. swine project</li></ol> |
| December  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attend poultry show at Ellis</li><li>2. Have a poultry judging team at poultry show</li><li>3. Exhibit at poultry show</li></ol>  |
| January   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attend grain show at Ellis</li><li>2. Exhibit at grain show</li></ol>   |
| February  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attend pure bred hog sales</li></ol>  |
| March     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Beautify school grounds</li><li>2. Hold demonstrations at country schools</li></ol>   |
| April     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Have project show</li><li>2. Father and son banquet</li><li>3. Attend judging contests at Hays and Hutchinson</li><li>4. Exhibit booth at annual school exhibit</li></ol>   |
| May       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Elect officers for coming year</li></ol>  |
| June      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Plan an all night fishing and swimming party</li></ol>  |
| July      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. No plans made to date.</li></ol>  |
| August    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hold reunion of F.F.A.</li></ol>  |

Regular meetings to be held first and third Mondays of each month.



Our objectives are:

1. Have each member interest a farm boy to take vocational agriculture.
2. Eighty per cent of membership carrying two or more projects.
3. Exhibit at Ellis poultry show.
4. Grind egg laying mash and sell to farmers at a small margin above cost.
5. Invest earned money in agricultural interest.
6. Have only high quality projects.
7. Exhibit our projects at F.F.A. project show at Ellis and all county fairs.
8. Keep a picture record of all farm shop projects.
9. To collect and leave at high school a complete set of bulletins.
10. Create interest in farming and living better.

Following are the officers of the Ellis Chapter:

President -----	Frank Schneller
Vice President -----	LeRoy Christopher
Secretary -----	Henry Landauer
Treasurer -----	Glenn Muhlheim
Reporter -----	John Page
Watch Dog -----	Clarence Schoenthaler
Advisor -----	O.E. Campbell

We have had some very interesting meetings and are planning many more when the officers have been initiated by the Wakeeney Chapter. - John Page, Reporter.

Lebanon - Two members of our chapter received free trips to the American Royal Livestock Show and Vocational Agriculture Congress at Kansas City. Hilbert Thaete was awarded a trip by the Rock Island Railway for his outstanding judging ability at the state contest at Manhattan last spring. Richard Fisher was awarded a trip by the Missouri Pacific Railway for his outstanding work as a student in vocational agriculture. These boys gave very interesting reports during school assembly and to the chapter.

A Christmas party was held in connection with our December meeting and five members were raised to the Future Farmer degree. Presents were exchanged and a delicious lunch was prepared and served by the eats committee at the close of the meeting.

A poultry judging team representing this chapter entered the Norton County Poultry Judging Contest at Lenora, December 4th. - Carl Woods, Reporter.



Earl Parsons' oration in the 1931 F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest, appears in the February issue of Agricultural Education, P.P. 141-144. Read it in your teacher's copy. The oration is a masterpiece and was a credit to the Region.

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THE JOB

Take this, my boy, and remember it long,  
    Though now it may strike you as funny,  
A job with a chance to improve and advance  
    Is better than one that pays money.  
Take a hint from an old man who's traveled the way,  
    Just heed to his counsel a minute,  
There's a job that may pay you five dollars a day,  
    But that's all there will ever be in it.  
Don't look at the cash as so many boys do.  
    Take a look at the long years before you;  
See how much you can learn, not how much you can earn,  
    And the place which the future has for you.  
Can you rise from the post where they'd have you begin?  
    How far will this humble job take you?  
These are questions to ask. They pay well for the task,  
    But what sort of a man will it make you?  
Oh, many a boy has begun with a rush  
    And has grabbed for a man's wages blindly;  
Now he sticks as a man at the spot he began  
    And thinks life has used him unkindly.  
So look for a job with a future ahead,  
    Seek a chance to grow greater and greater  
Seek a place where you know as you work you will grow,  
    And the money will come to you later.

-- Edgar A. Guest.