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Each chapter in good standing will be entitled to two delegates. Good standing is interpreted as having State and National dues paid as of membership January 1, 1932.

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The F.F.A. organization has grown steadily since it was founded in 1928. There were

30,000 members in 1929  
40,000 members in 1930  
57,000 members in 1931.

From the rate of growth shown in the past three years of the existence of the organization, it is reasonable to expect that there should be a paid-up membership of 75,000 in 1932.

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THE 1932 NATIONAL F.F.A. CHAPTER CONTEST

Important provisions in the rules for the 1932 National Chapter Contest for Future Farmers of America follow:

1. Competing chapters are expected to submit copies of their programs of work which are in operation to State Supervisors of Agricultural Education early enough so that they may be forwarded to the National Executive Secretary of the F.F.A. not later than April 1, 1932. Programs of work when submitted by chapters in this way constitute a bona fide entry in this contest. A State may submit as many chapter programs of work as desired, and then send in final reports on accomplishments of the three best chapters only.
2. Chapters must plan to get reports on accomplishment to the State Supervisor's office early enough so that he can select the best three and mail his selections to the National Executive Secretary of the F.F.A. not later than midnight, Saturday, October 1, 1932. The records of the three best chapters which are forwarded to the National Executive Secretary, 1523 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., will be considered in the final scoring for prizes.
3. The national winners are to be selected on the basis of the program of work submitted and on the achievements as revealed in the report on accomplishments accompanying the supplementary material suggested in the contest rules.
4. The contest closes at midnight, Saturday, October 1, 1932. All final reports on accomplishments must be in the mail before that hour.

The Score Card to be used in this contest follows:

	Program of work submitted by April 1st	Report on Accomplishments submitted by October 1st
I. Supervised Practice .....	50	150
II. Cooperative Activities .....	40	120
III. Community Service .....	40	120
IV. Leadership Activities .....	30	90
V. Earnings and Savings .....	30	90
VI. Conduct of meetings .....	20	60
VII. Scholarship .....	20	60
VIII. Recreation .....	20	60

Prizes will be awarded to the winning chapters as follows:

1st prize ....	\$400
2nd prize ....	300
3rd prize ....	200
4th prize ....	100

Entry blanks are available through the offices of Supervisor L. B. Follom, or Professor A. F. Davidson.

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The February issue of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. carried information relative to the Annual F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest. This issue also carried an interesting article on the organization and conduct of a Father and Son Banquet. We recommend that this issue be filed and chapters interested in holding Father and Son Banquets give careful attention to this article.

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Two new chapters were added during the past month--Mulvane and Paxico. This brings the total to 78 active chapters in the State.

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#### CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

##### PAXICO

Our local chapter was organized last fall soon after school started. Officers were elected and a program of work was prepared. We have completed many of the undertakings listed in our program of work. We have a class project of laying hens. We have seeded five varieties of alfalfa, with, and without the use of lime and phosphate. Our class is now conducting a corn show with each member of the class showing one ten ear sample. We will hold an egg show next week. We plan to conduct a judging contest for the schools of our county this spring. The class has pruned several vineyards and orchards this winter, and culled several flocks of poultry for interested farmers of the community. We keep up the beauty of our school ground by pruning the trees and shrubs, and by white washing the trees. Our class is keeping an extensive system of graphs showing the markets of wheat, corn, oats, cotton, eggs, hogs, beef cattle and butterfat. Each member of our second year class is seeding one gallon of certified A.K. soybeans in addition to his regular project work this year.

--Lyle Arand, President

##### MULVANE

The following is the program of work for the Mulvane chapter of Future Farmers from January to September, 1932.

January:

Set incubator for club project.

February: Continue incubators.  
 Mix feeds for projects and for neighbors cooperatively.  
 Begin hotbed for club project.

March: Continue incubators.  
 Continue hotbed.  
 Hold Father and Son Banquet.  
 At Dist. No. 18 -- Judge corn, demonstration, ball game.  
 Program in chapel.

April: Continue hotbed.  
 Continue incubators.  
 Project tour.  
 Judging team to Manhattan.

May: Finish incubators.  
 Continue hotbed.  
 Visit F.F.A. Chapter.  
 Project tour.

June: Close hotbed work.  
 Party or fishing trip.

July: Hold one meeting.

August: Two-day picnic outing.  
 Have stand or demonstration at Old Settlers Day.

September: Plan work for new year.  
 Initiate Green Hands.

General: Try to interest community in horticulture show.  
 Start work towards poultry and egg show next spring.  
 Interest other boys in Vocational Agriculture.  
 Have 80% of the class carrying two or more projects.  
 Sponsor a F.F.A. base ball team.

--Carroll Curfman, President.

#### GOODLAND

Clyde Denton, Alvin McCall, Lowell Duell, and Buddy Hall bought 4 gilts from Dr. W. E. Stewart of Stratton, Nebraska. They also got a 90 pound boar.

Donald Amos purchased from Straights a spotted Poland China Gilt.

Charlie Baker purchased himself a gilt.

The Goodland F.F.A. boys' basketball team won over the grade school team, with a score of 14 to 11.

The Vocational Agriculture boys of Goodland are drawing up plans for a chicken house, which they expect to build this spring or next fall.

The Goodland F.F.A. had their Father and Son Banquet February 12th, 1932. The speakers were as follows: Mr. Peters, Professor of the Goodland High School, talked about the beginning of Vocational Agriculture in Goodland; Millard Choler gave the F.F.A. creed; Grodon Hartzler, talked about what good Vocational Agriculture was doing him; Lowell Cheitfield gave a talk on the four degrees in F.F.A.; Floyd Andrews discussed Vocational Agriculture; Lowell Duell talked on last year's project; Dale Morton told about his baby beef and the Denver Stock Show; Mr. Pirrel, the Advisor, talked about the third year of agriculture; Professor Hall of Manhattan first gave a talk about other schools, then showed movies of F.F.A. activities in Kansas.

The tables at the banquet were covered with white paper, then trimmed in blue. The nut cups contained candy corn. Around the cups we had small chickens, steers and hogs traced from farm magazines.

--Alvin McCall, Secretary.

#### BIRD CITY

Five representatives with their instructor took a trip to the Denver National Western Stock Show in January. They practiced judging work and while there went through the Purina Mills, observing in particular the chemical analysis of feeds. They also visited the State Museum, State Capitol, Swift and Company packing plant and took a trip up Lookout Mountain at night. This was the first trip out of town for three of the boys. A very interesting time was enjoyed by all.

Future Farmer activity for the month of February includes two night entertainments when the farm boys are displaying their athletic ability on the basketball court and the wrestling mat. The St. Francis chapter will furnish the competition. In a previous meeting of the two chapters Bird City won the basketball game while St. Francis won the wrestling matches. These competitive matches brought a large attendance of the Future Farmers out to shout for their favorites.

--Julius Lillich, Reporter.

#### WILLIAMSBURG

The Williamsburg chapter of Future Farmers held their first Father and Son Banquet February 25, 1932 at 6:30 P.M. The President opened the meeting by roll call and introductions and had the ceremonies for initiation of Green Hands. After this the first course was served. A demonstration and talk was given by Vocational Agriculture students.

Our Superintendent Mr. C. G. Michel gave us a very interesting talk on a brief history of public education.

Mr. Harold E. Stoadt of Ottawa gave an interesting talk on practices and problems in crop improvement. Mr. Fred G. Laptad of Lawrence gave a talk on Better Farming. Mr. Laptad is a Master Farmer. Professor A. P. Davidson gave a very interesting talk on the F.F.A. and the community. The meeting was then closed by the president, and we all adjourned to the shop.

The boys' mothers cooked and served the food.

--Howard Miller, Reporter.

### BURLINGTON

The Burlington Chapter of Future Farmers of America has initiated ten green hands including the instructor, Carl Heinrich. The aim of the chapter is to have a one-hundred per cent membership before the close of the year.

A committee appointed by our president, Warren Decher, has been making plans for our Parent and Son Banquet to be held March 11. No definite plans have been made regarding the financing, but it is probable that the F.F.A. members will furnish the materials and the Domestic Science classes will prepare them.

The third year class in Vocational Agriculture composed mostly of F.F.A. members undertook the slaughtering of two beeves and two hogs for a farmer living near Burlington. Most of the members seem to be hard-hearted as both beeves were stunned with an ax and then stuck, while the hogs were stuck without stunning. The farmer pronounced the job as neat and well done.

--Glen Thompson, Reporter.

### MANKATO

Mankato chapter of F.F.A. held a skating party recently on a large pond, two miles south of Mankato. Plans were to ride to the pond on sleds, but due to the change in road conditions, our plans had to be changed. Lunch consisted of buns, "weiniars", bananas, and marshmallows. After having our exercise and devouring our lunch, we returned to Mankato hoping that another good time would come soon.

--Lawrence Thompson, Reporter.

### HARPER

The annual F.F.A. banquet was held at the Vocational Agriculture building Friday, January 1st beginning at 7:30 P.M. Covers were laid for 65 and a committee of the boys of the F.F.A. department served a three-course meal. Irvin Smith presided over the meeting and also acted as toastmaster.



Lester B. Pollom, who is the State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture was the chief speaker of the evening. Among the aims in F.F.A. work, he stressed the importance of scholarship, cooperation and leadership in the organization. Others who made short talks were Andrew McIntire and Robert Stuchal gave the Welcome to Dads. Howard Westfall gave the response.

This very successful banquet was sponsored by the local chapter of Future Farmers of America, a national organization of students taking vocational agriculture.

--Elmer Gang, Reporter.

### FAIRVIEW

The Fairview chapter of F.F.A. has been holding semi-monthly meetings on the first and third Monday of each month for the past five months.

On the 21st day of November, 7 freshmen Vocational Agricultural boys were initiated as Green Hands.

October the 23rd ten members of the Fairview chapter went to Powhattan to initiate Green Hands and help start the F.F.A. chapter there.

The Fairview chapter boys acted as hosts to their fathers at a Father and Son Banquet December 2. Sixty-five people were present. The banquet was served by the domestic science class girls. The program was built up around the four things that the F.F.A. emphasizes. Waldo Halfich, the first chapter president, acted as toastmaster. Lester Pollom was the principal speaker.

Four Green Hands were raised to the Future Farmer Degree on January 25.

A meeting and program is planned for the near future in order to initiate Green Hands and stimulate the interest in this organization.

Eighteen major projects have been carried on the past year, ten minor, and eleven continuation.

--Charles Bredahl, Reporter.

### COLDWATER

The Coldwater Chapter of Future Farmers held a Father and Son Banquet in the Domestic Science room of the high school on January twenty-second. The program was interesting and considerable good advice was given. Raymond Cline gave two musical selections with his guitar. Bill Griffith gave a talk on "Future Farmers and Their Duties." Fred Lohrding talked on the Degrees of Future Farmers and how high a person can go in that organization. Mr. Melia, our instructor, gave a talk on individual projects. Billie Giles spoke on projects with swine and poultry. A.P. Davidson gave a talk on working up in the organization.

The menu was as follows: cocktail, stewed chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jelly, orange sherbet, angel food cake, and coffee.

In the first year "Vocational Class" consisting of twelve boys, sixteen individual projects are being carried. There are eleven sow and litter projects, nine of the sows being purebreds. There are two beef calves, both purebreds. One boy is keeping records on a dairy cow, while two others are keeping records of a laying flock. Two boys have two projects each and one boy has three projects.

In the second year class nine boys have eleven crops projects. There are seven sorghums, (two wheatland milo, one dwarf yellow milo, one dawn, one pink and altas) one popcorn, one wheat, and one sweet clover project. In addition seven of the nine boys are carrying continuation projects from last year.

The poultry class project of the Coldwater Chapter is now showing a good chance of making a fair profit to put into our treasury. The Future Farmer Chapter of Coldwater bought the chickens with the money earned at Hutchinson on the Comanche County booth. The first year class is handling the project. The chickens are divided between the boys each of whom picked their own birds, and at the end of each month the boy whose chickens are laying the most eggs receives a dozen eggs as a reward.

The sow and litter project, consisting of three sows, in which the first year class have invested their own money is beginning to grow a little larger as Comanche Rose and Comanche Crimson each farrowed eight pigs. Up to date each of the sows have seven pigs left.

--Russell McKinney, Reporter.

#### MULLINVILLE

Ford wanted to organize a Future Farmer chapter so they came over to Mullinville and we initiated 10 boys as Green Hands.

Three of our Green Hands were initiated into the Future Farmer degree at the district meeting in the fall.

We are planning to hold our Father and Son Banquet March 11. The program will include a short play in keeping with the Washington celebration. We hope to be able to get some outside speaker and some Future Farmer motion pictures. The boys will serve the banquet without outside help. We will invite all members of the Vocational Agriculture class as well as F.F.A. members and all of our Dads.

Projects this year are almost entirely swine projects. We do have some cattle projects and one poultry project.

We have just held our annual election. The new officers are planning the work for the coming year. We hope to get out a printed program of work in the near future.



The Vocational Agriculture class and F.F.A. members went on a project tour last December. We visited all of the projects. This gives the other boys and the farmers around a chance to see what the Vocational Agriculture class is doing.

The judging team entered the contests in Kingman and Wichita last fall. They are beginning work for the spring contests, in Pratt and Hays.

We publish the "Oatbin Astonisher", about three times a semester. It gives us an opportunity to get some of our work before the rest of the school in an interesting way.

--Arthur Barns, Reporter.

### ELLIS

After being initiated by the Wakeeney Chapter, the officers of the Ellis F.F.A. held an initiation of Green Hands Thursday, February 4, 1932. Only four boys were initiated as that was all the pins on hand. The other pins were ordered and when they arrive another initiation will be held. The boys agreed the farm was surely run down and expressed their appreciation that they never owned one similar to it.

Several boys attended Vern Albrecht's sale and felt the trip was well worth while. The main result of the trip was the purchase of one of his famous Durocs with which the chapter was well pleased.

The boys are now contemplating buying some coveralls with the F.F.A. insignia on the back.

--John W. Page, Reporter.

### WATERVILLE

The Waterville Chapter of Future Farmers held their initiation program Wednesday evening, January 20, 1932.

Paul Mann, Kenneth Lindquist, Wayne Preston, Francis Stryker, Neal Welch, Wm. Neilson, George Hanson were elected to become Green Hands. Our instructor, Mr. Wells, supervised and sponsored the initiation, while members of the Waterville chapter assisted him.

As to how we initiated them I shall proceed to explain. First they were driven through a series of blind alleys in the dark.

Second, after completing their journey, they were escorted to the hall just outside the Ag. Lab. One at a time they were allowed to enter the Ag. Lab. Here they were blindfolded and the initials F.F.A. were branded on their arms with snow and a hot soldering iron. Touching the hot soldering iron with the snow produced a hissing noise, which would create the sense of being branded. Next they must take a ride to the ceiling, standing on a board lifted by two boys on each side. A good many of the initiates had had this trick played on them, so it did not create much amusement.

Third and last, the initiates were fed pop corn in a midget hog trough. They ate the pop corn in hog style, which made it interesting for the initiators to watch.

We were then called to order by our president, Bob Steele, so that we might discuss matters of importance. After the regular closing exercises we adjourned to meet at our next regular meeting.

-- Otto Nelson, Reporter.

### SOLOMON

The Solomon Chapter of F.F.A. had initiation ceremony taking in 16 members. There are six candidates who were not able to be present.

The initiation ceremony was carried on in such a way that the initiates could observe the strict discipline of our chapter.

At the close of the opening ceremonies, the initiates were blindfolded and taken through a large, deserted barn which was in a run-down condition. After making them well acquainted with the run-down condition of the barn, they were taken across an old, rickety fence which would teach them to keep their farm in good order. Next they were taken through a field which was very rough, having rocks, holes, and sunflowers in it. After the trip through the run-down farm, they were taken back to the chapter room where the closing ceremonies were held, after which a very appetizing lunch was served by the D.A. girls.

--Guy Homman, Reporter

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### MYSELF

I have to live with myself, and so, I want to be fit for myself to know.

I want to be able, as the days go by, always to look myself straight in the eye;

I don't want to stand, with the setting sun and hate myself for the things I've done.

I don't want to keep on a closet shelf a lot of secrets about myself And fool myself, as I come and go, into thinking that nobody else will know

The kind of a man I really am; I don't want to dress myself up in a sham.

I want to go out with my head erect, I want to deserve all men's respect;

But here in the struggle for fame and pelf I want to be able to like myself.

I don't want to look at myself and know that I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.

(Over)

I never can hide myself from me; I see what others may never see;  
I know what others may never know; I never can fool myself, and so  
Whatever happens, I want to be self-respecting and conscience-  
free.

--Anon.

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