

NEWSLETTER  
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of  
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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GREETINGS FROM FFA PRESIDENT

It is impossible for me to express how happy I am to represent you as president of our state organization. We have a splendid staff of officers for the year, and I only hope we will be able to equal the standard last year's officers set up for us. I see no reason why we cannot raise our standard of work as an organization.

July 29, we met in Advisor Pollom's office to adopt a group of objectives. They are included in this newsletter. May I suggest that every member read this group of objectives, and every one do his part to accomplish them.

One objective we would like to see accomplished to the fullest extent is that every chapter make out and adopt a Program of Work for the year. Last year there was far from one hundred per cent accomplishment on this particular objective. Let us make it one hundred per cent this year.

This is also a time when we should encourage thrift among our members and organizations. We can accomplish thrift through cooperation. Let us all cooperate and make this year the biggest yet. The most effective way for us to accomplish our aims is for every member to get behind his chapter and make it stronger than it has ever been before. I am willing. Are you? Let us carry on correspondence with other chapters and keep posted what is going on in our old state.

Let's put Kansas to the top.

- Waldo Cox  
President Kansas Association of FFA.

OBJECTIVES FOR 1932-33

On July 29, a meeting of the state officers of the Kansas Association of FFA met in Topeka. Among other things done, the objectives for 1932-33 were formulated and adopted. It is hoped that every chapter in the state will cooperate in carrying out the 1932-33 objectives.

1. One hundred per cent of Kansas Vocational Agriculture Departments establish chapters of FFA, and strive for one hundred per cent enrollment of eligible members.
2. Each chapter have a definite program of <sup>activities</sup> ~~work~~ for the year, and present an achievement report at the Annual Meeting of the State Association.
3. Nine issues of the FFA newsletter to be published beginning with September and monthly thereafter for nine months.
4. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, encourage careful selection, management, and financing of supervised farm practice program.
5. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the state association.
6. Support FFA contests of state and national scope.
7. Publicity - Encourage local chapters to keep public informed as to worthwhile activities, and the state association to give publicity to activities of state and national interest.
8. Continue to cooperate with the K.V.A.A. in a study of the following FFA problems of state-wide importance:
  - a. Use of FFA markers
  - b. Proper use of FFA insignia
  - c. Recreational program

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

The period ending 1931-32 shows an increase of local chapters over last year of twenty-two with an increase of chapter active membership over last year of 334. This represented a thirty-five per cent gain in number of chapters, and a thirty-three per cent gain in membership.

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PLANS FOR SECURING NEWS FOR THE FFA NEWSLETTER

The state will be divided into four regions. The chapters of each region will be divided into three groups. The state reporter will mail a request for information to one group from each region each month. This information must be in the hands of the state reporter by the first of each month. The material is edited, assembled, forwarded to the State Executive Advisor who reviews it and sends it to the state office to be mimeographed and distributed the fifteenth of each month. This plan offers an opportunity for each chapter to be represented in three out of nine issues. Please call the attention of this to your chapter reporter.

Special news other than that included in the replies to requests from the state reporter should be mailed to Professor A.P. Davidson who will give it space in the newsletter provided the news is of sufficient importance and space permits.

If your chapter is to be represented in chapter notes of the F.F.A. newsletter, it will be necessary for your reporter to act promptly upon the receipt of a request for news from the State Reporter.

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MAKE YOUR NEWS ARTICLES BRIEF

Answering the question as to the ideal number of words or length of news articles with farm news more especially in mind, Secretary Jewell Mayes of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, makes the following statement:

"From 150 to 300 words is the ideal length for a newspaper article and, if condensed into less space, it will be better printed and more widely read.

The narrative of the creation of the world is set down in the first eighteen verses of the Book of Genesis, containing only 411 words.

It only required 234 additional words to narrate the Bible account of the formation of the animal and vegetable kingdoms and making of man, in the succeeding nine paragraphs of that same chapter.

The account of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ required only thirteen verses, containing 253 words. (Luke, chapter 23, verses 34 to 46.)

Since no newspaper writer is ever assigned to cover an assignment comparable to those occurrences, it is safe to say that all normal articles for publication can be kept within the 300-word limit.

The 300 word range cannot always include interviews, quoted statements or speeches - but it is a good rule that news stories

be held within 300 words, or else submitted in two forms, one complete, the other condensed down to or below the dead-line.

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### WHY AN F.F.A. CHAPTER?

1. Meets a demand and opportunity that is offered in no better place in vocational program.
2. Affords opportunity for development and testing cooperative ability, leadership, initiative, and responsibility.
3. Gives place for a little fun in vocational program that may be entirely lacking or may dominate the entire program unless some such provision is made for it.

We may ask the question, What activities should each chapter engage in? This will depend on local situations, on teachers, and their teaching program.

In planning F.F.A. activities we must keep the boys' desires, needs and development in mind, and the program will vary with the type of boys in the organization as well as the type of teacher in its charge.

In the main the F.F.A. activities should provide for:

1. Clean, whole-hearted fun
2. Training in group conduct
3. Development of a feeling of obligation toward others and the observance of rights of others
4. Creation of respect and honor for work
5. Encouraging of thrift, moderate living and a deeper appreciation of real values and less of money values
6. Atmosphere and philosophy that will result in the boys' feeling a deeper appreciation of his home and his responsibilities at home along with a desire for gradual improvement.
7. Broader understanding of agriculture and its problems, life and its problems.

What are some things we advisors can do to bring these about?

1. Provide for regular meetings and meeting place, with least possible interference with the boys' other work and activities. At least once a month.
2. Put boys forward and in the harness of responsibilities and keep ourselves in the background as much as possible.
3. Insist that officers learn their ritual and use it at all meetings. It will aid in developing respect for the organization.
4. Follow qualifications set up in manual.
5. Try to have all second year boys qualify for second degree, as Future Farmers.

6. Hold Green Hand and Future Farmer initiation once a year.
7. Use correct parliamentary procedure at meetings.
8. Honor the F.F.A. pin by wearing it.
9. Plan some recreation and obtain facilities for it.
10. Assign boys topics for talks along lines of thought you desire to develop.
11. Above all, don't be an advisor in words but in deeds and examples.

- - E.I. Chilcott, Carbondale.

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### ANNUAL PROGRAM OF WORK

The state objectives for 1932-33 call for each chapter building a program of work, then working the program and making an achievement report at the annual meeting next spring. No chapter can expect to achieve anything worthwhile without a definite program and plan. The officers are charged with the responsibility of seeing that the club functions in an efficient manner, but the building and executing of a worthwhile plan is a responsibility of the entire chapter.

In setting up the program of work the activities should be centered around the following heads: (1) Supervised practice, (2) Cooperative activities, (3) Community service, (4) Leadership activities, (5) Earnings and savings, (6) Conduct of meetings, (7) Scholarship, (8) Recreation.

"Plan your work and work your plan."

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The following taken from "Paths to Leadership" by Hausrauth & Morgan should be of interest to chapter presidents. It concerns what the authors choose to term the Yearbook. This book differs from the secretary's book in that it contains the Plan and other information, while the secretary's book constitutes a means of keeping attendance, motions put and acted upon, and achievements of the chapter. Every president should have a carefully worked up Yearbook.

"The Yearbook furnishes a convenient form in which to record the year's schedule of meetings, the annual program of work and other information pertaining to the organization which may be of use to the members through the year. Most active clubs issue Yearbooks.

The contents of a Yearbook should include:

- a. Brief statements of history and purposes of the organization.
- b. Officers.

- c. Committees for the year and their special duties.
- d. Constitution and by-laws of the organization.
- e. Annual program of work.
- f. Schedule of regular meetings, specifying:
  - 1. Date and time.
  - 2. Place.
  - 3. Committee in charge (if not a standing committee).
  - 4. Nature or special feature of meeting.
  - 5. Program of each meeting, if available.
- g. Alphabetical list of members, their addresses and telephone numbers.

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### LIBRARY

Every FFA Chapter in Kansas should earn sufficient funds to make available in their library the following minimum list of books and booklets:

Future Farmers in Action, Getman. John Wiley & Sons.  
 Tom of Peace Valley, Case. J.B. Lippincott Company.  
 Moon Valley, Case. J.B. Lippincott Co.  
 The Green Hand, Chapman. J.B. Lippincott Co.  
 Helps in Mastering Parliamentary Procedure, Stewart.\*  
 Paths to Leadership, Hausrath & Morgan.\*  
 F.F.A. Manuals.\*

\* - Available through office of A.P. Davidson, @ 15¢ each.

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Worthwhile folks don't just happen. You aren't born worthwhile; you are born only with the possibilities of becoming worthwhile. Your job is to discover and develop the man or woman you ought to be. "Sooner or later we sit down to the banquet of consequences". - R.L. Stevenson, IHC Bulletin, "Young Folks - Do Something and Be Somebody".