

NEWSLETTER

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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.

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EDITORIAL

Probably no better means could be found for the F.F.A.'s to keep in touch with each other than by our monthly newsletter. If each local reporter will send in the activities of his chapter regardless of whether it is outstanding or only routine news, the success of this newsletter seems assured.

Please forward news to the state reporter at once so we can start our next edition on time and make it bigger and more nearly as you want it.

Do you not realize that to send in articles which we publish is the cheapest and best advertising you can get for your local chapter? It also will help keep us posted on how each chapter is carrying out its program.

Send in news items as often as possible and be sure to send at least one in before the twentieth of each month so as to give us time to compose them for publication and get the newsletter out on the first of each month.

Through this newsletter we can keep each chapter posted on state and national affairs and keep enthusiasm strong.

Let everyone get behind this and make it go over big.

"Through achievements and goals are we judged". Where can we find a better place to make known our achievements and goals than through our own newsletter?

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Send in news items frequently.

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THE F.F.K. BOYS IN HUTCHINSON

Monday, September 16, 1929, the first day of the Kansas State Fair for 1929 was also the day when about 200 F.F.A. boys had their first fair day program in Kansas under the supervision of the Future Farmers of Kansas.

The program that day was as follows:

- 10 A.M. - Meet at the vocational education booth in the grandstand for tour of farm machinery display.
- 12 M. - Dinner.
- 1:30 P.M.- Meet at judging pavilion for judging demonstration.
- 2:30 P.M.- Attendance in mass at the afternoon performance before the grandstand.

- 6:00 P.M. - Meet at Liberty Jr. High School for initiation services of State Farmer degree.
- 7:30 P.M. - Return to grandstand for evening performances.

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THE FIRST STATE FARMERS OF
KANSAS

- 1. Philip Ljungdahl, Manhattan.
- 2. Robert Paige, Manhattan.
- 3. Boyd Waite, Winfield.
- 4. Donald Curfman, Winfield.
- 5. Lee Kaff, Carbondale
- 6. Irvin Hansen, Carbondale.
- 7. Gilbert Finlay, Carbondale.
- 8. Edward Cooper, Carbondale.
- 9. Elwyn Reufner, Abilene.
- 10. Calvin Dornberger, Abilene.
- 11. Everett Livingood, Abilene.

These eleven boys are the first and only boys in Kansas to receive that degree. Hoping to see many more qualify for this degree in the future as to be awarded this degree is not only honor but signifies that they are working hard and trying to succeed.

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In the early part of the spring of 1929 the Manhattan chapter of the F.F.K. held their first project tour. This tour was an all day affair with a picnic lunch at noon.

We were accompanied on our tour by a man from Australia who was here studying methods of teaching agriculture to farm boys in Kansas. What he found here was to serve as a basis for teaching agriculture in Australian High Schools.

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ACTIVE F.F.A. CHAPTERS IN KANSAS

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Abilene	Carl Buhler	Fred D. Allison
Alma	Roy Watkins	W.F. Hearst
Beloit	Morris C. Humes	R.W. McBurney
Carbondale	Lee Kaff	E.I. Chilcott
Garden City	Elvin Murphy	J.D. Adams
Greensburg	Arden Rinehart	W.O. Orr
Kingman	Lawrence Bloesser	Wm. H. Teas
Mankato	Belmont Dykes	L.R. Alt
Manhattan	Philip Ljungdahl	H.W. Schmitz
Mound City	Paul Schmidt	Fred Rees
Parsons	Glen Wright	L.N. Jewett
Washington	Jack Evans	H.H. Brown
Winfield	Garland Jackson Johnson	Ira L. Plank John Lowe

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Make this paper better. Send in news items.

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WHITHER BOUND?

W.E. Grimes, State Adviser.

Whither bound Future Farmers? The Future Farmers of Kansas is a new organization, the officers are new, the members are new and everything pertaining to the organization in Kansas is new. Policies are to be determined, work is to be planned and gotten under way, and above all examples are to be set for the future members and officers of the organization. The start that is made this year will have a tremendous influence on the kind of work done by the organization in future years. Members and officers will look back upon the record of this first year and measure activities and accomplishments by comparison. Much responsibility rests upon the officers of the state and local chapters but each and every member must do his part to make the year an outstandingly successful one.

Have you taken time out to check up on your chapter's work and your individual work in the Future Farmers of Kansas? Does your chapter have a definitely planned program of work? Is this work being done? Are your reports to the state office all up-to-date? Are the records of your chapter well kept and up-to-date? Is your attendance at meetings regular? Are you at work on that committee of which you are a member or on that task which has been assigned you? Does every member of your chapter have a definite part in the work of the chapter and is everyone working his job? Are you telling others of the Future Farmer Movement at every opportunity so that they may know of it and give it their encouragement and support? Can you answer yes to each of these questions and thus show that you and your chapter are hitting on all six? Whither bound, Future Farmers?

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Vocational Agriculture Instructors:

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that we desire your cooperation in making a success of this newsletter and also, the Future Farmers organization in Kansas. If you will send in reports each month to me for use in making the newsletter, I will be very much pleased and will do the best I can to please you.

This newsletter is the official F.F. of K. paper and is as much your chapter's concern as it is anyone else's. If your classes are not organized chapters, we'll do all possible to help you organize.

Read this paper to your boys and see how they react to it and please send us your suggestions for improvement.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours respectfully,

Bob Paige

State Reporter.