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To State Officers of Future Farmers of America:

The national constitution of the Future Farmers of America provides that a meeting of the national organization shall be held annually at a time and place determined by the National Board of Trustees, and that the President shall call such a meeting in accordance with this provision.

As President of the Future Farmers of America, I am, therefore, issuing a call for the Fifth Annual National Convention from November 14-18 at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. The Convention will be held in conjunction with the Seventh Annual National Congress of Vocational Agriculture students which takes place at the time of the 1932 American Royal Livestock Show.

Each chartered State Association of F.F.A. in good standing with the national organization is entitled to two official delegates to the national convention. All members of the F.F.A. and friends of the organization are also cordially invited to attend.

It is my request that the officers of each State Association make plans immediately for delegate representation and urge as many friends and members of the organization as possible to attend.

Kenneth Pettibone, National President, Future Farmers of America.

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Waldo Cox, President of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. and Everett Miller, Vice-President, will be the official delegates for Kansas.

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Educational prize trips to the F.F.A. Congress and American Royal Livestock Show in November are being offered by several railroads to Kansas vocational agriculture students.

The Santa Fe railway will provide transportation and expenses for the Harveyville judging team which will represent Kansas in the National Judging Contest. The Rock Island offers five educational prize trips. The Missouri Pacific offers a trip to the highest ranking vocational agriculture boy in each of twelve counties. The Frisco offers two trips and the Kansas City Southern two. In all events the winner must come from a county or town located on or served by the railroad granting the prize.

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NEW CHAPTER

To Lincoln, Kansas, goes the honor of organizing and procuring a charter for the first F.F.A. chapter to be established during the 1932-33 school year. Congratulations and best wishes. Several other chapters are in the process of organizing. Who will be the next to cooperate in attaining the 1932-33 State Objective of 100% vocational agricultural departments with FFA chapters.

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Another State Objective had to do with each chapter building and achieving a worthwhile program. How is your chapter progressing in the business of building and executing a worthwhile program? The following is the program for the Lincoln chapter, the baby chapter of the state. Read it and compare the activities of this group with your list of activities.

Program for the Future Farmer Chapter of Lincoln, Kansas.

A. Supervised Practice.

At least one major project and one minor project for each member.

These projects being continued as long as possible.

B. Cooperative Activities.

- Buy some reference books.
- Exhibit our products at Sylvan Grove Fair.
- Treat the seed potatoes ordered through the county agent.
- Plant fruit and shade trees at home.
- Ear tag the cattle in the community.
- Arrange and conduct a project tour during summer.
- Conduct a farm survey.
- Keep a scrap book of newspaper and magazine clippings.
- Establish an experimental plot.
- Sponsor the State Judging Contest team to Manhattan.
- Promote an exhibit for 8th graders. FFA will exhibit and demonstrate.

C. Community Service.

- Test seed for farmers.
- Test milk and cream for farmers.
- Distribute source of material and bulletins to farmers.

D. Leadership Activities.

- Enter Sylvan Grove judging contest.
- Enter State judging contest at Manhattan.
- Enter Public Speaking Contest.

E. Conduct of Meetings.

- Arrange for study of Parliamentary Law at FFA meeting.
- Elect honorary and associate members each year.
- Hold Greenhand and Future Farmer initiations.
- Increase enrollment in the FFA by increasing the enrollment of vocational agriculture classes.

F. Scholarship.

- Each member plan to graduate from high school and try to maintain an average of 85%.
- Post on bulletin board the Agricultural Honor Roll every six weeks.
- Furnish prizes for best project work.

G. Recreation.

- Put on Father and Son Banquet.
- Have athletic teams.
- Have a camping and fishing trip.
- Put on a play.

It is needless to state that a chapter without a definite program of work will not progress. The State Reporter would appreciate having copies of chapter annual programs of work. We will endeavor to publish a limited list in the FFA News in the hopes of aiding chapters in objectifying their efforts.

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NATIONAL FFA RADIO PROGRAM

How many chapters are arranging to listen in on the National F.F.A. Radio Program? These programs are broadcast over the N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour every second Monday in the month. They are high class in every respect, serve as a means of keeping abreast of the activities of the FFA organization, and prove a splendid stimulus for every chapter.

The October 10th broadcast was a masterpiece. The Washington chapter of the Queen Anne's High School, Maryland, furnished the chapter broadcast contribution. A two act play, "Washington, the Farmer" was ably presented by members of the chapter. The skit was written by the instructor. The U.S. Marine Band contributed with the FFA March and other delightful selections. W.A. "Bill" Ross, National FFA Secretary, is always interesting. Don't fail to arrange to listen in on these FFA broadcasts. And, please remember, the NEXT FFA NATIONAL BROADCAST WILL BE NOVEMBER 15, at which time the National Public Speaking Contest will go on the air.

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FFA CONTESTS

In connection with the Annual Meeting of the National FFA each year, we find the culmination of several FFA contests. The following are of interest to every chapter in Kansas:

The Best Chapter Contest: Washington Chapter will represent Kansas in this contest. The Washington boys planned a splendid program last year and in spite of the toronado managed to complete practically all the work outlined. Their plans and their achievement record were in the mails before midnight of the deadline date. Did you hear Bill Ross tell about the chapter that sent in its report in a cedar chest, the cedar chest bearing the FFA emblem, and painted in FFA colors? That is showing a fine spirit, and we hope for them the best. However, we know the judges will place emphasis on the program of accomplishments. If this chapter had a real program and performance they will make someone sit up and take notice. The State Association of FFA is hoping for the success of the Washington Chapter in this contest.

Public Speaking: David Pettis of Kentucky won the North Central Public Speaking Contest. We were all hoping that Fred Muret of Winfield, representing Kansas, would have this honor. We are mighty sorry that it was not in the cards for the Winfield Chapter to carry Kansas into the National Contest. We have never met nor heard David Pettis, but if he was good enough to win over Fred Muret we are for him one hundred per cent. The Kansas Association of FFA will be backing David Pettis of Kentucky, who will represent the North Central Region in the National Contest at Kansas City.

The winners of the four regions who will represent their region at the national public speaking contest at Kansas City are:

North Central, David Pettis, Kentucky
 North Atlantic, A. Songlicker, West Virginia
 South, Wm. B. Searson, South Carolina
 Western, Wm. J. Snyder, Wyoming.

American Farmer: Kansas is entitled to two American Farmers, provided they can meet the keen competition. That is, our total paid up state and national membership entitles us to two American Farmers. However, we have some 90 applicants before the national organization, and they can elect only 75 in accordance with a constitutional ruling. Four candidates for this degree were selected by the State Executive Committee from their records as State Farmers and their later FFA achievement. Local advisors of these four candidates were instructed to file with the State Committee the necessary records by October 11th. On October 14th the State Executive Committee will meet to select the two outstanding boys and records to present Kansas' bid for two American Farmers this year. Names of candidates selected are never disclosed before the National Organization Meeting. Two outstanding Kansas State Farmers are in line for national recognition. Our hope and belief is that both candidates submitted by Kansas will rank sufficiently high to entitle them to the most coveted degree, the American Farmer Degree.

The most outstanding boy from among the 75 American Farmers selected will be designated as the Star Farmer of America. With this award goes a cash prize of \$1,000, given by the Kansas City Weekly Star.

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THIS BEFUDDLING ENGLISH

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
 But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes,
 Then one fowl is goose, but two are called geese,
 Yet the plural of mouse is not properly meese.
 You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice,
 But the plural of house is houses, not hiee.
 If the plural of man must always be men,
 Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
 The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,
 But the plural of vow is vows, not vine.
 If I speak of a foot and you show me your feet,
 And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
 If the singular's this and the plural is these,
 Should the plural of kiss be not kisses but keese?

Then one may be that and three may be those,
 Still hat in the plural would never be hose.
 And the plural of cat is cats and not cose.
 We speak of brother and also of brethern,
 But though we say mother, we never say methren.
 Then masculine pronouns are he, his or him;
 But imagine the feminine, she, shis, and shim!

So the English, I think you all will agree,
Is the most wonderful language you ever did see!
- Exchange.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Winfield - On the 2nd day of August the Winfield Chapter joined the Arkansas City Chapter in putting on a two-day camp at the Lew Wentz camp at Ponca City. A total of about fifty boys attended this camp. Among the equipment at this camp is a \$100,000 swimming pool. Our boys played "goofy golf", engaged in a baseball combat with the Arkansas City Chapter and spent hours and hours in this beautiful swimming pool.

Fred Muret, winner of the Kansas Public Speaking Contest last spring, will go to Waterloo, Iowa, next week to represent the Future Farmers of Kansas in the regional contest for the North Central States.

Projects for the coming year are the topic for discussion at this season. We have just placed an order for a double-decked load of Western ewes. We tried to get these ewes early but they could not be gotten this year. We are buying these ewes to be laid down here at about \$2.00 per head.

We also think we will buy a load of feeder calves if we can get them around 5 or 5½. What do the rest of the schools think about the calf feeding prospects this year? - Delos B. Shore, Reporter.

Paxico - The Paxico Future Farmer Chapter held a meeting September 23, and elected the following officers: Lyle Arand, President; Roy Gross, Vice President; Gilbert Hund, Treasurer; Eugene Osborn, Secretary; and Donald Foster, Reporter. Those taken into the organization as Green Hands were: Raphael Muckenthaler, Melvin Crader, Bernard Reding, Carl Michaelis, and Walter Guth. After the meeting refreshments were served. - Donald Foster, Reporter.

Auburn - The Auburn chapter was well represented at the Topeka Fair. Three judging teams were entered in livestock, poultry and grain. These teams were nearly all new boys and were entered for the judging training and not in the hopes of placing up.

In the 4-H swine department our chapter had nine purebred gilts entered by as many different boys. Jim Stapleton took first on his Spotted Poland gilt, LeRoy Mitchell third on a Duroc, Francis Conwell seventh on a Spotted Poland, Wayne Engler ninth on a Spotted Poland, and David Bruner tenth on a Duroc.

Our chapter was also in the money on poultry and baby beef, and had entries in corn and potatoes.

David Manley took first with his litter of Chester Whites in the vocational agriculture class. This was the third litter from David's original sow that he first carried as a project and she now has a fourth litter. David's only competitor in this class was a Poland China litter from Carbondale. The Carbondale boy beat David in the single fat shoat class. It is a shame that the vocational boys do not take more interest in this award and make more entries. We cannot hope to have these premiums offered in the future unless we wake up and have enough entries to show that we have interest enough to justify it.

We have just had what we termed a "rush week" in our chapter in which the present members canvassed among the eligible students to get pledges for membership this year. Fifteen new names were presented as prospective members. - David Manley, Reporter.

Williamsburg - The Chapter of Future Farmers held their monthly meeting, May 25th, at the high school auditorium. There were fourteen members present. The chapter initiated two candidates in the Green Hand degree. They were Ralph Nicholis and Bernon Poyes. They recently moved here from Missouri. We had as our guests the eighth grade boys of the community who will enter high school this fall. We also invited their dads. The chapter talked over plans for playing the Ottawa FFA a return game of baseball. We plan at that time to harvest a variety test of alfalfa at the Ransom Farms. - Reporter.

Morrowville - The vocational ag boys did well at the judging contest at the Washington County Fair. In group one boys having had one or more years of vocational agriculture, seven boys from Morrowville placed in the ten top individuals. In group 2, freshmen and 4-H club members, two boys placed in fourth and sixth place. There were 71 entered in the contest. - Reporter.

Norton - An FFA meeting was held September 19th at which officers were elected. Donald Moody, President; Raymond Ford, Vice-President; Max McCormack, Treasurer; Merle Sleffel, Secretary.

Donald Moody, our new president, has just been notified that he is to receive a prize trip to the American Royal. This was given by the Rock Island Railroad. This trip is in recognition of Donald's work at the state contests last spring. Austin Frazier, of Lebanon; Myrle Keller of Colby; and Floyd Andrews of Goodland, also received similar trips. Mr. Frye, our chapter advisor, also received a trip as honorary coach. These boys will not judge at Kansas City but are given the trip as a team. - Reporter.

Waterville - The Waterville Future Farmers received first on their booth exhibit at the Washington County Banner Fair. Alva Scheibe was high individual in the vocational agriculture and 4-H judging contest. John Scheibe, a Future Farmer, has won Grand Champion on corn for the last four years. This year he has Pride of Saline grown from certified seed. About fifty samples of corn compete in this exhibit each year. - Reporter.

Miltonvale - The chapter held a party for its members and their girl friends August 24. All had a fine time and enjoyed themselves very much. The chapter had a business meeting during the summer months. Our chapter is growing larger as more boys are becoming interested in FFA work. The vocational ag boys have attended the judging contests at Glasco and Abilene in connection with the fair. Two boys plan to take their beef calves to the American Royal this year. We have not had election of officers yet but plan to in the near future. Boys of the Future Farmer degree have FFA markers on their farms. - Ray Hauck, Reporter.

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* SEND IN THE NEWS *
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* - Vincent Fuller, *
* Reporter. *
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THE KANSAS SUNFLOWER

"The Sunflower, in emulation of those Kansas Pioneers, men and women, who, pitifully poor in worldly goods, but so enormously wealthy in spirit and stamina ... stands alone -- expecting nothing of man and asking very little of nature. He holds no brief for the quitter, enters no interpleader for the weakling. Drought, flood blizzard, or hot winds . . . he takes them as they come -- fights them all, and having won, turns his face to the sun . . . ever upward, with a flaunt of his golden crown at puny men-folk riding by in their vaunted wisdom and borrowed splendor.

"He has witnessed the Texas long-horn supersede the buffalo, and the purebred dairy cow in turn oust the long-horn; has seen the sword and rifle supplant the bow and tomahawk, to be supplanted by the pruning knife and plow-share; has looked on while the broad acres of wheat drove the short grass ever farther and farther back over his beloved prairies; has seen covered wagon and plodding oxen give place to thoroughbred horses and the rubber-tired buggy -- and saw them dispossessed by the tractor and automobile; has been cognizant of the mower and reaper taking the place of scythe and cycle . . . has watched the little men come and go on the chessboard of Time, pawns moved by the slow hand of inexorable Destiny, and has changed not . . . has gone about his chore, un-

hurried and sure, like those who chiseled from the heart of the Golden West the heritage handed down to us . . . to have and to hold.

"He has not the poise of society's fondled tea-rose, nor has he the flaunt of the huzzy poinsetta with her scarlet lips . . . rather is his homeliness and simplicity of the pioneer -- the trail-blazer who walks toward the setting sun into the pot of gold at the rainbow's end. We read of no tender care and grafting among his forebears . . . no gardener but Nature and no caretaker but the winds of the great plains as they cut didoes over his golden head . . . but blazoned on his coat of arms is the heraldry of "ad astra per aspera," and he wears his honors simply as those who stand on their own two feet have ever worn the badge of knighthood.

"The Kansas Sunflower is an immutable paeon of hope to our living and a saga in honor of our glorious dead."

-- Claude M. Older, Hays, Kansas
The Kansas Teacher, September, 1932

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