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HIGH LIGHTS ON THE FIFTH NATIONAL
CONVENTION OF F.F.A.

New Officers for 1932-33.

- President - Vernon Howell, Guymon, Oklahoma.
- 1st Vice President - La Verne Newton, Iowa Falls, Iowa.
- 2nd " " - James McCutcheon, Fink, West Virginia.
- 3rd " " - Chas. Fitzgerald, Sequim, Washington.
- 4th " " - E. K. Waters, Lebanon, Tennessee.
- Student Secretary - Leo Paulsen, Concordia, Kansas.
- Advisor, C. H. Lane, Washington, D.C.
- Treasurer, Henry C. Groseclose, Glacksburg, Va.
- Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross, Washington, D.C.

Gavel presented to Pettibone. The Georgia delegation presented a cedar gavel made from a tree on the farm of Dudley M. Hughes, co-author of the Smith Hughes Act, to President Pettibone.

Texas Band present. A 35 piece F.F.A. band in uniform from the Texas Association of F.F.A. was present and furnished music for all events of the Convention.

Creed presented to the author. A framed F.F.A. creed was presented to Mr. E. M. Tiffany of Wisconsin, the author. The Creed was received by the Wisconsin delegation for Mr. Tiffany who was unable to be present.

Large Buffet supper, arena parade and banquet. There were 1300 vocational boys present for the supper and parade in the arena at the American Royal on the evening of Nov. 15th. There were 550 plates set at the closing banquet, Nov. 16th.

Collegiate Chapter plan accepted. A definite plan for chartering collegiate chapters submitted by the Board of Trustees was adopted by the delegates present.

Secretary and Treasurer books not adopted. The delegates did not favor a plan for printing and distributing to chapters, official Secretary and Treasurers books.

Merchandise Contracts renewed. Contracts for jewelry with the L.B. Balfour Co., Attleboro, Mass.; felt goods with the Beverly Manufacturing Co. of Staunton, Va.; and uniforms with the Pool Manufacturing Co. of Sherman, Texas were renewed for a 2-year period. Loving cups and rings were added to the official list of F.F.A. jewelry.

Printed Supply arrangement approved. The French-Bray Company of Washington, D.C. was approved by the delegates to provide printed supplies, emblem cuts and similar materials for state associations and chapters.

Button, badge and marker arrangement approved. The St. Louis Button Company of St. Louis, Mo., was designated by the delegates as the Company to supply ribbon awards, buttons, badges and metal markers for State Associations and chapters.

Song Contest revived. The delegates voted to revive the song writing contest in 1933 and collect good F.F.A. songs for a song book. "Hail the F.F.A." prize song of 1931 is printed and available from the French-Bray Co., 409 Homer Bldg., Washington, D.C.

National Contests continued. All national F.F.A. contests will be continued in 1933, but some adjustment will be made in the prizes offered.

Constitution to be revised. The National Board of Trustees was designated as a committee for revising the National F.F.A. constitution.

Room in Monticello to be dedicated. The offer from the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation to dedicate a room in Monticello, Jefferson's home, to the ideals of the Future Farmers of America was accepted. Provision may be made to hold a national F.F.A. meeting during 1933 in Washington, D.C. to include proper dedication ceremonies.

Proceedings to be printed. Proceedings of the Fifth National Convention will be printed and distributed, in the near future, to all F.F.A. State Associations and Chapters.

National Radio program to be continued. The Future Farmers of America will be on the N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour again in 1933. Programs provided by State Associations will be heard every second Monday of the month. The theme will be Famous Farmers.

1933 National Convention to be 1 day longer. By delegate action, the national convention will be lengthened to 3 days next year to allow more time for the transaction of official business.

LOCAL F.F.A. CHAPTERS ATTENTION!

Read the following article entitled "How To Choose Local Officers" by Adrian McLellan, State Secretary, North Dakota Association F.F.A., as published in their October 1932 Newsletter. The article is not offered on the assumption that many mistakes have been made in the selection of officers in Kansas, but rather with the hope of impressing every F.F.A. member with his responsibility in this important privilege. Also, we wish to give credit to Adrian McLellan, a state officer of our sister F.F.A. association of North Dakota, for offering the best treatment of this subject that has come to our attention. (Editor).

Did you ever hear of the unknown leader? We have thousands of them in the world. We have hundreds of them in our organization today. Men of ability, men of courage, men who work while the others look on.

These men should be the officers and leaders in our organization. Why are they not? The answer is simple. Too often these real leaders are overshadowed by those who are sometimes called "natural born leaders". These are many times fellows who are good talkers but poor workers, fellows who have well-to-do parents but couldn't support themselves if they had to. They lead in words but not in action. But without action our organization does not progress.

Don't make the blundering mistake of electing a poor worker to one of your offices. Elect the man who has paid the price, the man who dares to do something new, a man who is a proven worker regardless of his position in life at the present time.

There is another angle of leadership which we must consider as very important in our selection of officers. Is the man we select fit to lead? Does he live a clean life? Does he associate with a group of influential people?

We want leaders in our organization who live clean lives. I like to think of a leader as "one who precedes and is followed by others in conduct, opinion, and undertaking." Do we want a leader who drinks, smokes, or uses bad language? Well, here is one Future Farmer who does not want to follow such a leader in conduct, opinion, and undertaking.

I hope that all the national leaders of our organization are hard-working, clean-living individuals. I met some of them a year ago, and it was a pleasure to talk with them. They were my ideal of young manhood. I would follow such fellows at any time.

Now is the time that most of the Chapters elect their local officers. Let's raise our state standard. Let's elect fellows who do their best, fellows who will pay the price to have their chapters forge ahead. We have done well in the past, we can do better in the future. Now is the time to make the right start, fellows, so let's push on.

--Adrian McLellan, State Secretary
North Dakota

SOME ESSENTIALS FOR SUCCESS OF A LOCAL CHAPTER

Success depends upon a good start

1. An interested local adviser.
2. Well selected officers.
3. A good annual program of work planned by the boys.
4. Regular meetings with effective programs.
5. Strict adherence to parliamentary usage.
6. Each member familiar with constitution, by-laws and F.F.A. literature.
7. Officers and committeemen informed on their respective duties.
8. Classification of membership with due recognition for advancement.
9. Careful planning to reach all objectives in annual program.
10. Have yearly reports sent to state office on time.

--Kentucky F.F.A. News.

Waldo Cox at the American Vocational Agricultural Congress: "My feet burn like everything; do you think a mustard bath would help?"
Leo Paulsen: "Sure! There's nothing better than mustard for hot dogs."

Professor Hilpert before an evening school class in agriculture to Frank Sawyer, a member: "Frank, what is an adult?"
Frank: "One that has stopped growing except in the middle".

Everette Miller reports this one. At the vocational agricultural banquet in connection with the Vocational Agricultural Congress at Kansas City, the Kansas delegation sat next a lad from the Ozark region of Arkansas. Professor Davidson engaged the Arkansas boy in conversation:

Prof. Davidson: "You must find that impediment in your speech rather inconvenient at times, Mr. Burk?"

Burk: "Oh n-no. Everybody has his peculiarity".

Prof. Davidson: "Well, really, I'm inclined to agree with you. What would you say is my chief peculiarity?"

Burk: "D-do you s-stir your coffee with y-your right hand?"

Prof. Davidson: "Why, yes, yes of course."

Burk: "W-well, then th-that is y-your peculiarity; most p-people u-use a teaspoon."

CHAPTER NEWS

Parsons. The Parsons vocational agriculture class made its first Korean Lespedeza seed harvester; it was made in the high school farm shop. The election of officers was held October 11. Officers elected were as follows: president, Carl Skeeters; vice-president, Joe Roskob; secretary, Ralph Gibson; treasurer, Alfred White; reporter, Raymond Davis; watch dog, Eldon Fish; advisor, Mr. L. N. Jewett; basketball captain, Raymond Davis.

On October 25th there were 13 boys initiated into the Future Farmer Chapter. On Nov. 14th the agriculture class, consisting of 23 boys, went to Kansas City to attend the American Royal.

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Hoyt. The Hoyt Chapter of F.F.A. held a special meeting in October to decide on a date for initiation of new members. Seven new members were given the Green Hand degree November 2. The novices were all members of the sophomore class. All entered into the spirit of the organization with vigor, and we predict a year of extraordinary activity.

We are going to have a father and son banquet in the spring, and are going to have a play in assembly before long. Every other Friday afternoon is our regular meeting time. We have a short program for each regular meeting.

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Wakeeney. On May 16, 1932, the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, John Stradal; vice-president, Joe Rhoades; secretary, Worley Reeder; treasurer, Schuyler Kutina; reporter, Carl Seibel; watch dog, Carl Butcher.

On June 18, the chapter held an over night camping trip. All reported a good time even though we were run in by a big rain. Seventeen members attended the outing.

Chapter committees have been appointed for the year and the year's program for the chapter is getting nicely started. We expect to initiate our Green Hands the first week in December.

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Wamego. Our election was held September 22, and the following persons were elected: president, Robert Reddicord; vice-president, Rallo Walters; treasurer, Clifford Smith; secretary, Ronald Hooper; reporter, Robert Leonard; watch dog, John Fanner. Installation of officers and initiation of Green Hands was held September 29. After the meeting refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

An accident befell our F.F.A. president on November 14 while practicing football. He received injuries in the stomach. He was operated on and was in the hospital two weeks. We are glad to report that he has recovered and is back with us again.

Goodland. Floyd Andrews, a member of the local F.F.A. chapter, won the Rock Island trip to Kansas City. He has returned from the American Royal and reports a fine time.

On Monday, November 21, the freshman vocational agriculture class visited the John Hevner dairy farm; this is the best modern equipped dairy in northwest Kansas. The purpose of this trip was judging dairy cows.

As a cooperative activity the boys have built a modern laying house with a capacity of one hundred thirty-five hens. Trapnests have been installed and a definite egg record is being kept. Each boy has an interest in this project.

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Concordia. A district meeting was held at Concordia November 21, 1932. Members advanced to the Future Farmer degree were: Woodrow Delporge, Tom McDaniel, Carl Swenson, Dean Larson from Concordia; Earl Pullock, Alcid Richards, Max Rogers, Joe Smith from Glasco; Earnest Trickle, James Baker from Miltonvale; Junior Payne, Paul Haldeman, Delman Ralph, Max Ralph from Delphos.

After a short talk was given by Leo Paulsen, who has recently attained the American Farmer Degree and was elected student secretary of the National Organization of F.F.A., a district organization was formed. An election was held for those to serve as officers in the North Central Kansas Associated Chapters of F.F.A. Those elected were: president, Vincent Fuller; vice-president, Max Rogers, Glasco; secretary, Harold Jones, Miltonvale; treasurer, Max Ralph, Delphos; reporter, Billy Kennedy, Concordia; watch dog, Elvin Adee, Miltonvale.

The officers elected for the Concordia chapter of F.F.A. for 1932-33 were the following: president, Harold Jones; vice-president, Carl Swenson; secretary, Billy Kennedy; treasurer, Donald Ganstrom; reporter, Aimand Mailhiot; farm-watch-dog, John Jones.

Boys taken in as Green Hands were: Arnidale Erickson, Melnin Swenson, Isadore LeClare, Jayce Shunm, Carl Ahott, Duane Nelson, Kenneth Hutchinson, Bob Laison, Orville Henderson, and Frank Mellin.

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Oberlin. A Halloween party for the new vocational agriculture students was given by the chapter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Howard for the purpose of getting acquainted. James Powell and Max Vernon explained the purpose of the F.F.A. to the prospective members. Forty boys were present to enjoy the games and Halloween stunts. Apples, doughnuts, and cocoa were served as refreshments. A water-melon, furnished by Herbert Koipplinger was also enjoyed by the boys.

Howard Vernon, a former aggie boy, also a graduate from Kansas State College spoke to the F.F.A. November 21. He told of some experiences he has had in his dairy work in Smith County.

A curio shop, sponsored by the F.F.A. chapter, was an interesting feature of the Armistice Day celebration November 11, at Oberlin. Roy Cody won the prize for the most articles exhibited, and Erwin Smick won the prize for the most interesting exhibit. Besides antiques of all kinds, the bones of a mastodon was shown. There were also many freaks such as a three-legged calf, two-headed pig, eight-legged pig and a pig with four ears. The boys also exhibited and sold many articles made in the school shop. The receipts of the show amounted to \$17. This will be used to help pay expenses of a judging team to Manhattan.

The F.F.A. handled and fed two buffalo which were butchered and barbecued with six beeves and served to 8000 people Armistice Day. They were fed six weeks and made very good gains. The Commercial Club and the American Legion sponsored the project. The carpentry boys built the pens and feeding bunks for the buffaloes. The blacksmith class welded the roasting vats.

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Shawnee-Mission. The Shawnee-Mission chapter initiated 21 Green Hands, on October 6. The blind-folded candidates were taken by truck to the farm of Fred Vanschoelandt where they were led through different buildings, and hog lots. The ceremony was given in the woods around a camp fire. Eats were served after the initiation.

Officers of this chapter were invited to a luncheon given by the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, on November 10. After the opening ceremony, two of the first year boys, Dean Logan and J.W. England Jr. put on a poultry culling demonstration. The closing ceremony was used to close the Shawnee-Mission boys' part of the program. This same group of boys were asked to repeat the ceremony and ritual at the Agriculture Chautauqua at the American Royal the following week.

The fourth annual Parent's Banquet was held in the high school auditorium, on November 10. 128 boys and parents were present for the occasion. Most of the food served was obtained from the boys' farms, and was served by the girls of the Home Economics Department. Entertainment consisted of a one act play, "George Washington Comes to Shawnee-Mission", and music by two first year boys with their guitars. They were Robert DeVault and Charles Mangold. Mr. Ray L. Cuff, of the Kansas City Livestock Exchange was the speaker of the evening. He spoke on "Young America." Mr. Cuff's talk was very interesting and inspiring.

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Miltonvale. The following boys were elected officers in the Miltonvale Chapter of F.F.A: president, James Baker; vice-president, Harvey Loveland; secretary, Burtis Foote; treasurer, Elvin Adee; reporter, Andrew Briggs; watch dog, Adelbert Woodworth; cheer leader, Glen Woolpert. Elvin Adee and Vincent Fuller were elected captains of each side of the F.F.A. chapter. The side having the least number of points will have to give the other side a party. The boys are planning on selling Christmas cards to raise money. November 21 Miltonvale attended a district meeting at Concordia to raise the Greenhands to the Future Farmer degree.

CONTENTMENT

A few things give me pleasure,
 And they are small;
 A flash of color in a smile,
 A laughing waterfall.

The fall of rain upon the grass,
 A mountain trail,
 Sunlight on a baby's hair,
 A gleaming taut white sail.

A warm smell of a pine tree,
 A tumbling brook,
 A letter from the one I love,
 A log fire and a book.

These are the things I prize;
 Their cost is small --
 A heart with room to love,
 And that is all.

-- Barbara Buck.

 * MERRY CHRISTMAS *
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 * HAPPY NEW YEAR *
