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* FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING *
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The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America will be held in connection with the High School Judging Contests at Manhattan, Kansas, May 1-2, 1933. The program for the Kansas Association of F.F.A. follows:

Monday, May 1 - Immediately following opening of Contests, Room Ag. 7. Registration of official delegates and submission of copy of annual report of local chapter. Local advisor, delegate, or authorized representative. State President, Waldo Cox, presiding.

Monday, May 1, 2:00 p.m. - Education Hall, G. 28, meeting of officers of Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

Monday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. - Ag. 331, Fifth Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. Roll Call, Chapter Reports, Reports of State Officers, Committee Reports, Officially vote on Future Farmer candidates to be raised to the State Farmer Degree. Election of officers for the ensuing year.

Tuesday, May 2, 8:00 a.m. - Ag. 331. State F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest; A.P. Davidson in charge, President Waldo Cox presiding. Judges, a K.S.C. faculty representative from the departments of Public Speaking, Education, and Agricultural Economics.

Tuesday, May 2, 12:45 p.m. - Illustrations Building, group picture of new State Farmer members.

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. - Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Community House. Contestants, Coaches, F.F.A. Delegates, and guests. Meeting in charge of Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. Program. State Farmers Degree Tirual. F.F.A. movies. Announcing contest results. Awards.

The following changes from previous annual programs should be noted: The annual meeting of the house of delegates will be held Monday evening, and the banquet will be held Tuesday evening. At the annual meeting, nominations and election of State Farmers will be held. The State Farmer candidates will be raised to that degree by ritual at the banquet Tuesday evening. However, the election of officers for the 1933-34 year will be held at the annual meeting and members officially elected to the State Farmer Degree by the house of delegates will of course be eligible.

Points to note concerning the program:

Each active chapter is eligible to two delegates.

Registration of delegates in Room Ag. 7 immediately following the opening of the contests. Registration may be made by delegates themselves, or by authorized representative.

An annual report of the chapter is filed at the time of registration. A blank for this purpose has been mailed the local advisor of each chapter.

A meeting of the officers of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. will be held Monday in Education Hall, Room 28, at 2:00 p.m.

The Public Speaking Contest will be held Tuesday morning, Room Ag. 331, beginning at 8:00 a.m., unless otherwise announced.

Pictures of the new State Farmers will be taken Tuesday at 12:45 p.m. in Illustrations Building.

The Chamber of Commerce Banquet Tuesday evening will be in charge of the state officers of the Kansas Association of F.F.A.

It is important that chapter representatives give careful attention to the scheduled program. This year, as has been our custom in the past, the program will move forward as scheduled.

Proceedings of the Fifth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America are on hand and will be distributed to chapter representatives at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Kansas Association.

According to the Proceedings of the Fifth National Convention of F.F.A. there are 48 state associations, 3099 chartered chapters, with a paid up active membership of 62,637. Texas has the honor of having the largest paid up membership, having 4272 members. Kansas during the past fiscal year showed a gain of 272 active members.

THE ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

Each chapter is expected to file a brief annual report at the Fifth Annual Meeting of Kansas Association of F.F.A. This is a responsibility that should be welcomed by both officers and chapter personnel. The building of such a report gives a splendid opportunity to measure accomplishment of the past year. Unless a chapter definitely sets up certain objectives to be accomplished, there is little likelihood that the chapter will fill an important place in the lives of the members composing it. Chapters having definite programs and chapters having carried these programs to fulfillment will welcome an opportunity to check accomplishment against proposed plans. No organization is expected to be perfect, and it is not likely that many chapters will have attained 100% in accomplishment. Every chapter worthy of its charter should have had a program of work and should have carried out the major portion of its aims. An honest evaluation of effort will be good for all of us. The setting up of objectives and attaining same should not be left entirely with the officers. No chapter is stronger than its total personnel. The annual report offers a splendid opportunity to build upon our shortcomings, as well as to broaden our experiences and usefulness through an enlarged program of activities. Make the annual report accurate, complete and brief.

STATE FARMER DEGREE

Blanks for nominating State Farmer candidates have been mailed to each active chapter in Kansas. The winning of the State Farmer Degree is the highest honor that can come to a vocational agricultural student in Kansas through the State Association of Future Farmers of America. The qualifications for the State Farmer Degree are set up under Article III, Section D, in the Future Farmer Manual. The item dealing with earnings and investments is subject to modification on the part of the State Executive Committee. Undoubtedly the committee will be liberal in considering dollar values. However, scholarship, project programs, and leadership will be rigidly evaluated. Project programs listed will be checked with those reported to the State Department of Vocational Education, and complete records must accompany the application. This measure is designed to prevent over-promotion on the part of chapters. The State Farmer awards are not based upon number of chapters, nor upon size of chapters, but is based upon total paid up membership in the State Association. Not more than two per cent of the total state membership may be elected. The State Farmer Degree is significant in that it includes in its qualifications that of superior scholarship. Since one of the principal objectives of the F.F.A. is to encourage scholarship, it is fitting that this factor should play an important part in the recognition given its members. The

total active membership in chartered chapters in Kansas entitles us to twenty-eight State Farmers. It is the hope of the State Executive Committee that Kansas vocational agricultural students will have scholarship, project activities, and leadership attainment sufficiently outstanding to justify designating twenty-eight Future Farmers as being worthy of the State Farmer Degree.

Kenneth Pettibone, past president of the National Organization of F.F.A., in his annual report made the following statement regarding quality as an essential factor in the selection of American Farmers:

"Unless the applications for American Farmer Degree are more carefully filled out in accurate detail, and unless the applicants show a much better type of project work and record keeping, fewer candidates will receive the degree next year, or in my opinion there should be a smaller group of American Farmers elected than there was at this Convention. This a matter, as is all granting of recognition whether it be a State Farmer, Future Farmer, or some other degree, where personal gain and the bitterness of disappointment should give way to serious thought and the maintaining of rigid standards."

Since candidates for the American Farmer Degree from Kansas are recommended from the State Farmer group, it becomes important that project programs not only be comprehensive, but that they be substantiated by complete records.

CHAPTER NEWS

Colby. The Colby chapter initiated Veron Jones, and Stanely Carr into the Green Hand Degree at their regular meeting January 9, 1933. We now have a membership of nineteen. Melton Bryan and David Cole are the two contestants for the Union Pacific Scholarship. The Future Farmers plan to put on a play sometime next month. We have done very little judging work so far this year, but plan to enter a contest to be held at Bird City, Kansas, February 3, 1933.

-- Melton Bryan, Reporter.

Goodland. The local F.F.A. chapter held the annual Father and Son banquet, Wednesday, February 15. About fifty members and guests were present. The banquet was held at the Methodist Church basement. Forty cents per plate was paid by the boys and the organization. The following program was given: Future Farmer Creed by James Renner; My Projects, by Lowell Duell; My Freshman Project, by James Shaver; Harmonica solo by Clyde Denton; A Life-Sized Task, by Carroll Mogge; Continuation Project, by Alvin McCall; Vocal solo by R.H. Perrill; an address and showing of F.F.A. movies by Mr. Davidson. A good time was enjoyed by all attending. The F.F.A. organization is grinding a ton of chick mash to sell in order to help out the treasury. Part of the freshman vocational agriculture students have been repairing harness. Mr. Perrill, our instructor,

has built a battery brooder. The heat is produced by a 100 watt electric light bulb. The local F.F.A. organization is planning to have a stand in the school carnival. The freshman vocational agricultural students have each selected their favorite breed of animal and are making posters of the same to illustrate their project work.

-- Carroll Moggee, Reporter.

Atwood. Aided the Farm Bureau in putting on a Crops Carnival January 13, and held our annual F.F.A. Corn Show in connection. There were sixty-five entries. We initiated thirteen Green Hand candidates and ten Future Farmers this year. Our annual Barn-Warmer Party with the F.H.A. girls invited was held February 25. We plan on having a joint meeting with Stratton, Nebraska chapter of F.F.A. in March.

-- Harold Bennie, Reporter.

Saffordville. The Saffordville chapter initiated ten Green Hands in January, which now brings the membership to twenty-seven. The chapter is preparing three short plays to be given March 8. It is hoped that we can raise enough money to buy some F.F.A. equipment and pay our State and National dues. Other activities which the chapter has planned are: Achievement day in May, putting on an assembly program in April, sending a Judging Team to Manhattan and a summer outing trip in August.

-- Melvin Lind, Reporter.

Garden City. The Garden City chapter of the Future Farmers met at 7:30 on February 22 in the offices of the Vocational Agriculture Building. New officers presided for the first time since their election on January 30. President, Harold Greathouse; Vice-president, Joe Helsel; Treasurer, Ralph Heist; Secretary, Kenneth Edwards; Reporter, Donald Henselman; Watch-dog, Franklin Oldweiler. Nineteen members were present.

A report was made by Tom Redding on the advisability of buying grain and tankage by the ton lot. Secretary Kenneth Edwards reported that \$4.05 was made at the Hi-Y Carnival. A motion was made and carried that the F.F.A. should have a regular meeting date. The first Thursday in every month was decided upon. An explanation on parliamentary order and drill was made by Advisor J. D. Adams.

Twenty-one Green Hands have been admitted this year into the local chapter, and plans for a final invitation are being made at present.

At an early hour the meeting adjourned after which games were played, which were enjoyed by all.

-- Donald Henselman, Reporter.

Bird City. The local chapter of the F.F.A., in cooperation with the local business men, put on a successful poultry show on February 2. As this was the first show of the kind in Cheyenne County, we were very pleasantly surprised by the high number of entries, totalling 352, and the high quality and breeding of the birds shown.

In line with the show we sponsored a Poultry Judging Contest in which sixty-two boys from the following teams took part: Oberlin, Goodland, Colby, McDonald, Atwood, St. Francis, and Bird City. Oberlin won the cup with a score of 493 out of a possible 600. Goodland followed with a score of 466 and Colby third with 440. The individual medal was given to R. Pavlicek of Oberlin with a score of 175 out of a possible 200. John Miller of Colby and Bernard Borgman of Goodland tied for second and third with a score of 170.

-- Ralph Shay, Reporter.

Concordia. Harold Jones, president of the local chapter has had the honor of being awarded the Union Pacific Scholarship for 1933. He carried successfully a sow and litter project, 1/2 acre of potatoes, and 10 acres of corn. He is now taking his third year of agriculture. He is a junior, and an honor student.

Several members of the Concordia chapter went to Miltonvale February 15 to aid in putting on a second degree initiation, and a meeting of the North Central Associated Chapters. After initiation the boys enjoyed a basketball game and refreshments.

The chapter has also organized a basketball team and enjoyed a game with a local church team.

-- Armond Madhist, Reporter.

St. Francis. At 3:30 February 7, a special meeting was called by Eric Lamps, the president. The purpose of this meeting was to elect new officers for the chapter. The officers elected were: President, Fred Carman; Vice-president, Edward Keller; Secretary, Thad Douthit; Treasurer, Carl Hendricks; Reporter, Jim Douthit; Watch-dog, Glenn Duncan; First Conductor, Ward Scoby; Second Conductor, Theodore Shultz.

On February 14 the F.F.A. chapter gave their annual Father and Son banquet. Professor A. P. Davidson of the Department of Education at Manhattan was the principal speaker, and showed two reels of F.F.A. work over the state. Carl Hindricks gave a talk on "My Project". Edward Keller talked on his trip to the state judging contest at Manhattan with last year's judging team.

The chapter has voted to have one regular meeting each month. The first Monday night of each month was the chosen time. All of our F.F.A. members are to attend, there being twenty-eight members in this chapter.

-- Jim W. Douthit, Reporter.

Ellis. The officers of the Ellis FFA for the year 1933-34 are as follows: President, Darwin Kingsley; Vice-president, Glenn Muhlheim; Secretary, Don Gatewood; Treasurer, Robert Johnson; Reporter, John Page; Advisor, Professor O. E. Campbell,

The initiation of Green Hands was held February 23. Seven boys were initiated. After the ceremony the crowd was treated to a light lunch. The initiation for Future Farmers is to be held soon.

The Future Farmers organized football, basketball, and indoor baseball teams, but have played no out of town games. An F.F.A. ping-pong tournament was held with nineteen boys participating. The boys were divided into two classes, the experienced and unexperienced players.

The Wakecney and Ellis vocational agriculture classes judged Purebred Spotted Poland Chinas at Blenders Hog Sale, February 27.

John W. Page won the Union Pacific Scholarship Contost this year for the county of Ellis.

-- John W. Page, Reporter.

Ottawa. At the September meeting, the Ottawa chapter decided to assist Mr. Banta, the advisor, in promoting an evening school for adult farmers. At this same September meeting, nine Green Hands were raised to the degree of Future Farmer. The boys agreed to again purchase feed cooperatively. Last year 60,000 pounds of feed were purchased in this manner at a saving of \$60, and two and one-half tons of laying mash were mixed at a saving of \$25.

At the October meeting, fourteen Green Hands were initiated.

The second annual Father and Son reception was held on the regular November meeting date. About seventy-five were in attendance. Mr. Pollom was our principal speaker.

A Christmas party was held by the chapter instead of the regular December meeting.

At the January meeting, Keith Harrison was elected reporter to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of the former reporter.

A poultry and grain show was held by the chapter in December. In this show were 109 chickens and more than forty entries of grain. Local merchants awarded merchandise prizes.

The local F.F.A. basketball team met the Lawrence chapter in two basketball games, each winning on the opponents court.

-- Keith Harrison, Reporter.

Miltonvale. The North Central Kansas Association of Future Farmers met at Miltonvale, February 15. There were eight boys from Clay Center, four boys from Delphos, and two boys from Miltonvale raised from the Green Hand to the Future Farmer Degree. Harvey Loveland from Miltonvale was eligible for the Future Farmer Degree

but was not present. The officers of the Concordia chapter attended the meeting, but did not have any one initiated. Refreshments were served the Miltonvale chapter which consisted of apples and popcorn.

February 28, the Miltonvale chapter held a night meeting. Paul Crane led a discussion on ten rules of success from which some very interesting points were brought out. Burtis Foote reported on the candy bar and popcorn sale at the Delphos game which amounted to \$1.20. After the discussion, the boys chose up sides and played basketball. The score was 24 to 24. The teams tried several times to play off the tie score, but was unsuccessful.

Glenn Woolpert won second place in the Union Pacific Scholarship Contest.

The Miltonvale chapter is planning on having a Father, Mother, and Son banquet the 24th of March.

-- Elvin Adece, Reporter.

Lawrence. The Jayhawk chapter of F.F.A. elected the following officers for the year 1933. Election was held February 1, 1933. Results were as follows: President, Arthur Leonhard; Vice-president, Kenneth Johnson; Secretary, Jerald Flory; Treasurer, James Penny; Reporter, Raymond Schaake.

Our chapter held their annual Father and Son banquet in November, and we had a one hundred per cent attendance of fathers and sons. Mr. Ray Cuff of Kansas City was the principal speaker. The boys put on part of the program. The sisters of the boys served the meal which consisted of baked chicken and all that goes with such a feed. The banquet was held in the school cafeteria. The room was decorated in Future Farmer colors.

The chapter had a Christmas party. We had a Christmas tree which the boys cut and brought into school. The boys brought their girls and exchanged gifts. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, popcorn balls, candy, and cake were served.

So far this year our basketball team has played thirteen games winning ten. We have played two games with the chapters at Ottawa, Tonganoxie, and Shawnee Mission. We played our faculty men, winning 23 to 15. We charged admission and raised \$29.00.

The date for the twelfth annual grain judging contest put on by our chapter has been set for April 8, 1933.

Our annual poultry show was a success, and the boys exhibited over 300 birds. We had some very fine entries from Ottawa Future Farmer boys.

We showed the new Future Farmer film to the high school assembly March 3. It was well received.

-- Raymond Schaake, Reporter.