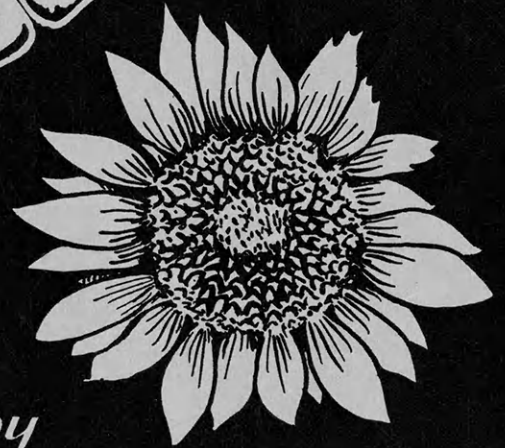
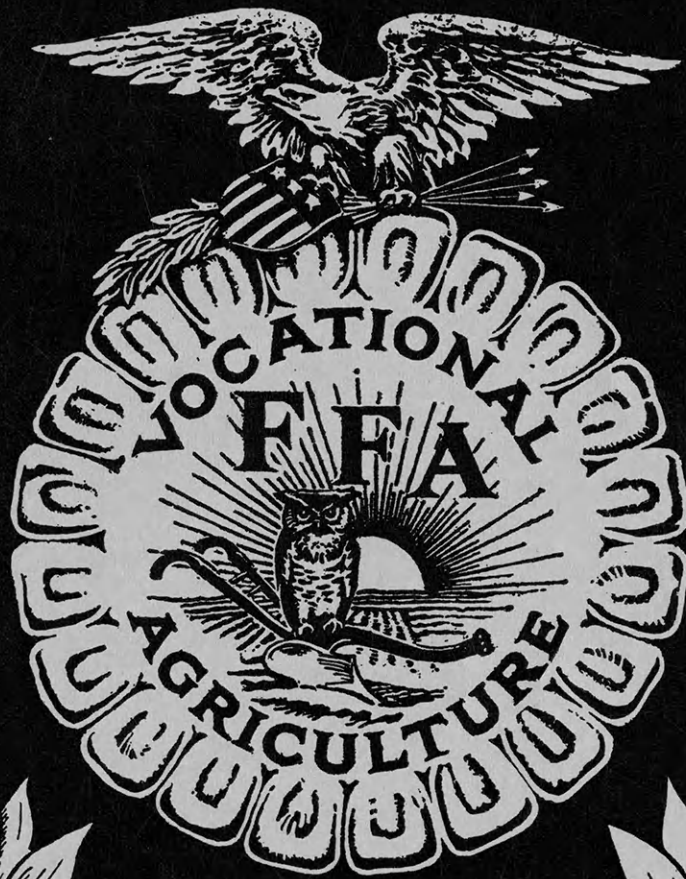


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OUR NEW COVER DESIGN

At the annual meeting of the state officers of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America it was decided to dress up the Newsletter with a cover page. The name, design, and colors were decided upon. You will note that the new name is "The Kansas Future Farmer". The colors of the National Organization of FFA, the national emblem, and the Kansas state flower were to be a part of the design. We hope you will like the new cover.

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THE STATE FLOWER

The Helianthus, or native wild sunflower, was adopted as the state flower and floral emblem of the state of Kansas by act of the legislature of 1903 (chapter 479). Senator George P. Morehouse, author of the law, in an address delivered in October following the passage of the act very eloquently set forth the appropriateness of this selection in the following words:

"This native wild flower is common throughout our borders, and is always hardy and conspicuous. It lifts its head in triumph along our most beautiful and classic valleys and mingles its cheerful light with the verdure of expanding prairies. The seasons have little effect on its coming, for it flourishes in time of flood and the drought of arid summer adds to the multitude of its blossoms. It is of definite, unvarying and striking shape, ever faithful, whether gracing the beautiful gardens of the rich or lingering near the humble habitation of the poor. Wherever reproduced, whether in color or canvas, worked in iron or chiseled in stone or marble, its identity is ever present. I am pleased to see it has been wrought in bronze, and, as a badge, decorates the new uniforms of the Kansas National Guard. It has marked the position of Kansas in many an imposing pageant. This flower has to every Kansan a historic symbolism. It speaks eloquently of frontier days, when buds and blossoms of civilization were not numerous and when we were deprived of many of the refinements we now enjoy. The sunflower recalls paths and winding trails, and we are reminded of its golden lines of beauty, at times making their graceful turns over hill and vale, and breaking the dull monotony of many a prairie scene. It is not a blossom lingering a few brief hours, but lasts for a season. It gracefully nods to the caresses of the earliest morning zephyrs. Its bright face greets the rising orb of day and faithfully follows him in his onward course through the blazing noontime, till the pink-tinted afterglow of sunset decorates the western sky and marks the quiet hour of eventide. Few can recall all the state favorites, but the entire nation knows that Kansas has the sunflower and is the 'Sunflower State.'"

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FUTURE FARMERS OF KANSAS

May I express a sincere wish to all the chapters for a very happy year in FFA work. I expect some of you are wondering how you can have a happy year in Future Farmer work without any money.

Did you ever stop to think there are several phases of the work that can be carried on with little or no outlay of cash. Officer training, demonstration work of different kinds, and many community activities may be worked out with very little expenditure of cash.

This is the time for us to dig in our toes and let folks know the FFA is a group of live wires who do things. I am sure with every chapter cooperating and every member doing his best we will be in line for a good year.

Wouldn't it be great if all the Future Farmers in the state could get together in one group and everybody shake hands with everybody else and visit all around. Since this is not possible, we can keep each other informed as to individual and chapter activities through the newsletter and get acquainted that way.

The Kansas Association of FFA is composed of the finest farm boys in Kansas. I have every confidence that the year 1933-34 will excell any in our history. Local officers, advisors, and the individuals that compose the ninety chapters in the state have in their hands the future of this splendid boys' organization. I have every confidence that the trust is well placed.

Come on Future Farmers let's go!

Wayne D. Trail, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE
STATE OFFICERS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

July 22, 1933

The first order of business was State Objectives of the State Association for 1933-34. The following objectives were proposed and approved:

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 to have a definite program of activities for the year and this program to be submitted to the state office not later than November 1, and each chapter present an achievement report at the Annual Meeting of the State Association. Only

chapters submitting activity programs by November 1 will be considered in ranking chapters in achievement at the time of the annual meeting.

3. Nine issues of the FFA newsletter to be published beginning with September and monthly thereafter for nine months. One copy of each issue of the newsletter will be mailed to the local advisor, the president of the local chapter, and the reporter of each local chapter.

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 FFA problems of state-wide importance.

9. Encourage the organization of sectional FFA officer training schools and for such meetings held early in the school year.

After listing the principal objectives of the Association for the year, the group then took up for discussion various problems confronting the Association.

(1) It was decided that dues, state and national, should remain at the present figure, 10¢ state, and 10¢ national.

(2) The newsletter cover page was discussed. It was decided to have a standard form cover page carrying the name of the State Association and the FFA emblem with a few sunflowers balancing the page to give recognition to the Kansas flower.

(3) The problem of what constitutes an active chapter was considered. It was agreed to accept the teachers' recommendation on this point. That is, an active chapter is one that has its dues paid for the current year. A chapter may re-establish itself on an active basis by paying one-half the delinquent membership dues for the years it has been delinquent except where there has been a change of teacher. In case a new teacher takes up the work in a department where the FFA chapter is inactive, said chapter may re-establish itself by paying current dues.

(4) The problem of stimulating the building of the chapter activity programs was discussed and considered of sufficient importance to be included as one of the objectives, and it was agreed that the state officers would go on record as fixing a definite date, November 1, as the time when each chapter should have its activity program submitted to the state department. Unless an activity program has been submitted by the date mentioned, said chapter cannot be considered in the ranking of the achievement of local chapters at the Annual Meeting of the State Association. The importance of having this objective brought before the teachers in their summer sectional conferences and the importance of having ways and means for stimulating this objective was discussed. It was finally agreed that a chapter without some definite activities is a dead chapter, and that it is logically the business of the local advisor and local officers to stimulate the building of a suitable activity program. The State Association will aid all it can through the newsletter and by means of contest incentives.

(5) The problem of extending FFA medals or awards was discussed and it was agreed to continue the furnishing of individual fobs for first, second, and third place in the state Public Speaking Contest. If funds will permit, the state officers recommend that the large size FFA plaque be awarded next spring to the high ranking team in the agricultural contest and that the shield shaped plaque be awarded the high ranking team in the farm mechanics contest. It will be understood that only winning teams representing active FFA chapters will be eligible to receive plaques.

No individual awards were recommended for either the agricultural or farm mechanics contests. It is considered to be the best policy to make awards that will remain the property of the school or chapter. While this is not true in the case of the public speaking contest, the officers were not acquainted with a desirable FFA reward that could be used.

(6) Sectional public speaking contests. The group realized the importance of sectional public speaking contests. In view of curtailment of traveling expenses, and the difficulty of finding means, it was agreed to make no recommendation on this point. The group felt that this problem would associate itself very closely with the local advisor's responsibilities and were convinced that if it were possible to have only one series of meetings over the state, it would be best to spend that money and time for officer training schools. The state association recognizes the need of having attention given to the selection of officers, the responsibilities and duties of members elected to office, and these officers should be aided in building activity programs and motivated generally. With good officers holding definite views as to sound chapter activities, going back to their chapters imbued with the worthwhileness of the FFA organization, we will likely have more beneficial results and a stronger State Association. The group did not underestimate the importance of regional public speaking contests. However, it felt that the first thing to be done would have to do with program building and officer training.

(7) The group gave little attention to the recommendation relative to the eligibility of members to regional public speaking contests. Until the regional public speaking contests become of sufficient importance as an activity of the state to warrant further consideration, the officers shall neither approve or disapprove the recommendation of the Teachers' Committee.

(8) The state officers were interested in a program for stimulating individual effort that will lead to the State Farmer Degree, and individual effort that will lead to the American Farmer Degree. No definite plans were evolved. However, it was recognized that local chapters must accept the responsibility of attempting to build such programs of individual activity that they naturally lead to State Farmer consideration and in worthy cases to State Farmer recognition. This is a three-fold responsibility as between the State Association, local advisor, and local chapter officers. The problem of means of stimulating this particular activity was not given much consideration for lack of time, but it is a problem that should be studied cooperatively by the K.V.A.A. and the Kansas Association of FFA.

(9) Insignia. It was agreed that chapters not active should be prevented from enjoying the privileges of using FFA insignia of all types. The group agreed with the action of the state office wherein they have set up a cooperative agreement with manufacturers of FFA material preventing the direct purchase of insignia by chapters not active. These companies have agreed to cooperate and if it is found that they do not live up to their agreement, the state officers recommend that a plan be set up whereby all insignia and all paraphernalia be purchased through the State Association. The reason for this common agreement on the part of the officers is easy to be seen. It is certainly not fair to the members who support the state and national organization to have members who do not contribute to its support have the same privileges with regard to insignia.

The State Department up until this year has not penalized chapters that are inactive. Beginning September 1, no chapter not having paid state and national dues will be eligible to purchase pins, buckles, plaques, fobs, or other FFA insignia and paraphernalia.

(10) The problem of proper use of FFA markers was discussed briefly and no recommendations made. It was decided to let the plan of using this material rest with the local chapter. It was the hope of the group, however, that local chapters would set up a plan whereby persons using FFA markers would have to earn them. In other words it is hoped that the FFA markers will not be given to boys just because they have joined the Association. An FFA marker on a farm where poor project work is being done would reflect discredit on the department as well as upon the chapter.

The state officers were cognizant of the fact that the only legislative body in the State Association is the House of Delegates, and that all recommendations made by this group are subject to the action of the House of Delegates. This group also recognized the

fact that the House of Delegates has empowered the State Executive Committee to rule and regulate all FFA contests insofar as the state responsibilities are concerned.

It was the hope of the committee that at the August sectional meetings the local advisors would find time to discuss ways and means of stimulating chapter activities for the coming year.

Mabry Wheeler, Reporter
A. P. Davidson, Executive Advisor

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ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

The October issue of the FFA newsletter will carry copies of the activity programs of the chapters receiving first and second place at the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA last spring. The state officers set up as one of their objectives for 1933-34 one-hundred per cent participation on the part of chapters in building annual activity programs. November 1 is the deadline set for receiving copies of chapter activity programs. Unless the state office receives a copy of the chapter's proposed activity program by November 1, said chapter will not be eligible to compete in the achievement ranking at the time of the annual meeting of the Kansas House of Delegates. It is the hope of the state officers that every local advisor will confer with his officers and begin preliminary plans for building a year's program of activities.

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PLAN OF GATHERING NEWS FOR THE FFA NEWSLETTER

The state has been divided into four sections, chapters of each section numbered 1, 2, and 3. The chapters were then grouped into three divisions, all the number ones in one group, the number twos in another group, and the number threes in a group. Each group will be mailed a request for news every third month. Requests for news will be mailed from the office of State Reporter the eighteenth of each month. The news of your chapter must reach the State Reporter by the first of the month following. This means PROMPT ACTION on the part of local reporters.

Outstanding newsworthy FFA activities should be reported at any time regardless of whether or not it is your chapter's turn to furnish news. The editors will determine whether or not the news items merit inclusion in the forthcoming issue.

The local reporter will be sent a blank requesting chapter news, and his reply will be due in the office of Mabry Wheeler, State Reporter, in care of the high school, Mound City, Kansas, on the date specified on the request sheet sent him.

News relating to the following will be appreciated:
Election of officers, Initiations, Chapter activity programs,
Programs for meetings, Athletics, Scholarship, Achievement in
judging, showing, debate, public speaking, music; Project tours,
plans, achievement; Home practice activities; Community service;
Cooperative activities, and thrift. "NAMES MAKE NEWS".

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THE FUTURE FARMER PILGRIMAGE

By
Leo Paulsen, Concordia, Kansas
National Student Secretary
Future Farmers of America

*June 12, 13, 14
1923*

A Future Farmer Pilgrimage of a national order was made to Washington last June. It's purpose was to pay tribute to Thomas Jefferson and to dedicate a room in his old home, Monticello, to be used as a shrine of the Future Farmers of America. As all Future Farmers know, Thomas Jefferson was one of the patron saints of our organization.

The pilgrimage also gave a lot of Future Farmer members a chance to see our national capitol. It also gave a fine opportunity to those who could attend the pilgrimage to see the country around Washington which is so full of things and objects of historical interest. Truly this little territory is the birthplace of our America.

About 1300 boys attended the pilgrimage and all had a fine time. While there, they went to the top of Washington monument and saw the city of Washington from that vantage point. They went through the capitol building and saw the Senate and the House of Representatives discussing bills that are now laws.

They visited the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery and paid tribute to his memory.

All of the boys drove through Alexandria, the third oldest town in the United States. There they saw the church and the pew where Washington used to attend. They saw cobble stone streets that were made by Hessian solders held prisoners during the Revolutionary War. They drove by the tavern where Washington so often stayed at nights, and saw the steps and porch on the side of this tavern where Washington stood and reviewed the Revolutionary army at the close of the war.

All of the Future Farmers who attended the pilgrimage visited the homes of Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, and Robert E. Lee. These were fine old homes that gave one the impression of peace, quiet, and pleasant friendliness.

We saw and heard the President of the United States. He stood and talked from the balcony of the White House while the Future Farmers stood a few feet away on the lawn below. Newsreels were made of this scene and many a Future Farmer attended a movie before he left Washington and saw himself march across the screen before his eyes.

Kansas was represented by J. W. England Jr. of the Shawnee Mission chapter and myself. "J. W." carried through the Kansas part of the program and did well. "J. W." was a very good delegate.

Altogether the pilgrimage was a big success. Future Farmer activities have a habit of being just that.

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THE F.F.A. PILGRIMAGE

By
J. W. England Jr.
Shawnee Mission Chapter
Kansas Delegate

We arrived in Washington, by motor car, Saturday, June 10, and arranged to stay at the Washington camp. This camp, consisting of 128 cabins, is surrounded by water and is an ideal place for the motorist to stay while visiting the capitol city. Saturday and Sunday were spent in sightseeing.

Monday morning at eight o'clock we went to the city auditorium for registration. Immediately afterward, Vernon Howell the National President called the meeting to order. National officers and the member from Hawaii were introduced from the platform. During the meeting each state delegate was called to the front and presented with his state flag. At intervals throughout the meeting we were entertained by selections from the U.S. Army band and by readings from the noted humorist Arthur Gillian. Following the meeting we adjourned to the White House lawn where President Roosevelt addressed us from the balcony. He said, "F.F.A. not only stands for Future Farmers of America, but for Future Foundation of America". We then had our picture taken with the President and were shown through the lower floor of the White House.

In the afternoon we visited Arlington Cemetery, the former home of General Robert E. Lee, and saw the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After placing a wreath on the tomb, we were taken to the little town of Alexandria, the scene of Washington's busy life. Here is located the first free school which was founded by Washington. Our last stop for Monday was at historic Mount Vernon where we placed a wreath at Washington's tomb.

Tuesday morning we were entertained by a show at eight o'clock. At this time Representative Lamberson sent an invitation for the Kansas delegation to have lunch in the House of Representatives dining room in the Capitol. Kansas congressmen at the luncheon were, Representative and Mrs. Lamberson, Representative and Mrs. McCarthy, Representative and Mrs. Guyer, and Mr. Hope of Washington. Afterward Mr. Lamberson took us to visit the House of Representatives in session and pointed out many prominent men. Our next visit was to Washington's Monument, 555 feet high, which Leo Paulsen, the Hawaiian boy and I climbed. We finished the day at the Smithsonian Institute where we saw Lindberg's plane, the Spirit of St. Louis, and many other things of interest.

Wednesday morning at six-thirty o'clock we all left for Monticello, the main objective of the pilgrimage, going directly to the Virginia University campus where we had lunch. Immediately afterward, we went to the amphitheatre to hear several prominent speakers. The pilgrimage ended at the home of Thomas Jefferson with an impressive program. A room was dedicated to the Future Farmers of America. A representative from each state presented his state flag and agricultural product. The president called the delegates in the order in which their states joined the Union. Each delegate read his commission from his governor and placed his flag on the terrace behind the steps and his product on the steps directly in front of his flag. At the same time the president placed a star in the huge flag suspended in the background. The Kansas contribution was a sample of winter wheat which I had the honor of presenting in behalf of my state. Monticello is an interesting place for any one to visit, but especially now for any member of FFA.

Before final adjournment we went to Ashlawn, the home of James Monroe where we placed a wreath on his tomb. This ended one of the most impressive and inspiring experiences I ever expect to have. I only wish every FFA member could have been there too.

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ANNOUNCEMENT AND RULES FOR 1933 SONG WRITING CONTEST

FOR FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The Future Farmers of America, the National organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools, announces at this time a song-writing contest with prizes totaling \$150.00. This contest is conducted in order to secure appropriate songs which are characteristic of the organization, its ideals, and its purposes. Competition is open to any one anywhere. Entries may be submitted in the manner outlined later in this announcement.

It is suggested that all persons who expect to compete in this contest secure a copy of "The Future Farmers of America Manual", (price, 15 cents) printed and for sale by the Farm Journal, Washington Square, Philadelphia, Penna. The material

contained in this publication will supply necessary information about the FFA and will be very helpful to those participating.

All songs submitted will be reviewed by a committee of competent persons and they shall select three or more of the songs which in their opinion are most suitable and appropriate. The songs selected by the committee will be rendered before the delegates at the Sixth National Convention of Future Farmers of America, to be held in November 1933. The delegates present will make the final selections.

RULES

The rules governing the FFA song-writing contest are as follows:

1. The composition, including words and piano accompaniment, must be original.
2. Words and music may be by the same author or by different authors. In case of joint authorship, the prize may be divided according to the wishes of the authors.
3. Two completed copies of the composition on manuscript paper ready for rendition and in form suitable for printing must be submitted.
4. Both copies of the song submitted must bear the following information at the end of each manuscript submitted:
 - a. Name of author or authors.
 - b. Share of authorship (if more than one author).
 - c. Complete address of author or authors.
5. Entries as indicated may be submitted at any time up to November 1, 1933. All entries to be considered must be mailed on or before that date to:

The Executive Secretary,
Future Farmers of America,
1800 H Street NW.,
Washington, D. C.

6. Authors will be duly credited with their composition but receipt and acceptance of prize money by individuals will constitute evidence of the fact that authors thereby relinquish all rights and claim to their compositions, and that the said composition henceforth become sole property of the Future Farmers of America.
7. Manuscripts will be returned to the authors on request after the contest closes.

PRIZES

1st prize song	\$75.00
2nd prize song	50.00
3rd prize song	25.00

This amount will be payable immediately upon selection of a song which is accepted by the Future Farmers of America.

The Washington FFA chapter will represent Kansas in the judging of livestock and meats at the American Royal Congress, Kansas City, Missouri, held in connection with the American Royal Livestock Show.

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The Garden City boys will show the FFA films in connection with a meeting on October 13.

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The southwest FFA encampment which is held annually at the State Lake in Scott County had to be postponed due to the fact that high waters washed out the state lake dam. It is hoped that the dam will be repaired and that the FFA members of that section will be in a position to get together sometime this year.

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The FFA chapters of northeast Kansas are planning an officer training school for the last Saturday in September. It is the hope of the state officers that the local advisors in other sections of Kansas will plan to hold an officer training school early in the school year. We deem it highly important to bring the various officers together early in the school year in an attempt to acquaint them with their duties and responsibilities. We believe the officer training school offers a fine opportunity for guiding and directing the officers and know that they return to their chapter with an inspiration and clean cut purpose that results in better chapter performance.

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