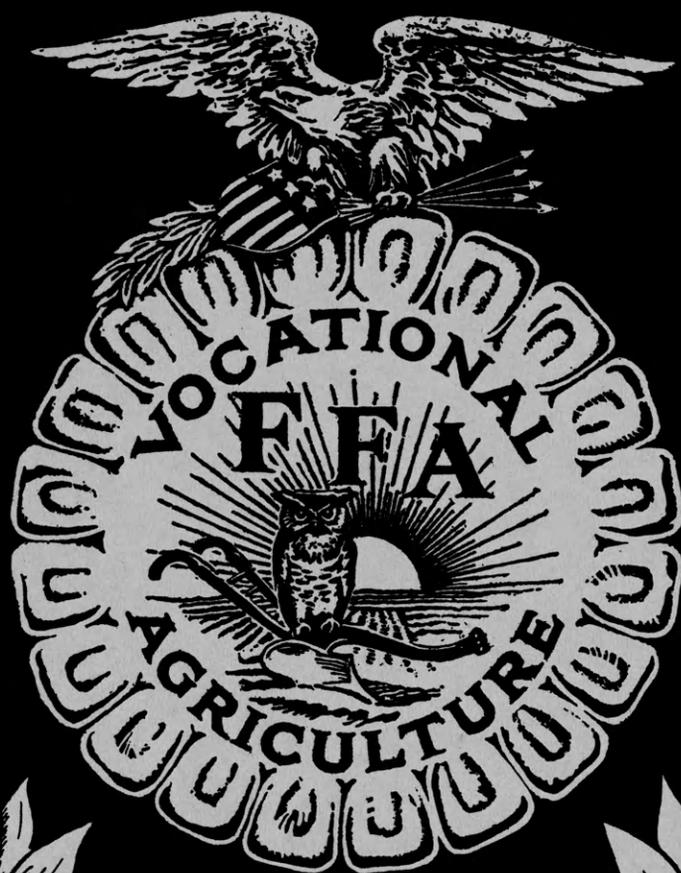


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REPORT ON CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

A representative of each chapter will be expected to file a statement of their accomplishments during the past year with President Trail immediately following the opening of the major contests, Monday April 30. This report should be brief, carefully written, accurate, and complete. It should not require more than two typewritten pages of 8½"x 11" size, preferably one page. An old legend states that a Queen writing one of her subjects apologized for the length of her letter, stating that if she had had more time she would have written a much shorter letter. It is the hope of the officers of the State Association that all chapter secretaries will have an abundance of time for the formulation of their reports.

Honorable mention will be given the ten chapters having planned and carried into execution the most outstanding activity programs. Only those chapters having recorded their proposed programs with the state office as of date of November 1, 1933, will be eligible for the rating.

Chapters not having complied with the ruling requiring the program to be filed by November 1, 1933, are urged to hand in a report on chapter accomplishments. Checking on chapter activities will prove helpful to both officers and chapter personnel. The filing of such a report will be evidence of the fact that the chapter is active and worthy of the charter it possesses.

All chapter reports should be typed if possible, and should be signed by the president, secretary, and local advisor.

Chapters unable to have judging teams or delegates present for the annual meeting of the State Association are urged to mail their chapter activity reports to the State Executive Advisor in time to be considered with other chapter reports.

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NEW CHAPTER

The vocational agricultural classes of the Labette County Community High School were granted a charter on April 10, 1934. This makes the fifth chapter chartered this school year. We now have a total of ninety-four chartered chapters in the state. The State Association extends congratulations to the baby chapter at Altamont. We have every reason to expect this group of farm boys enrolled in vocational agriculture to be one of the strong chapters in Kansas. Best wishes!

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Of the twelve states of the North Central Region, Illinois leads in number and per cent of FFA chapters, with 218 chapters and 95.7 per cent of their vocational agricultural departments having been chartered. Kansas ranks fifth with 77.9 per cent of her vocational agricultural departments having FFA charters.

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There are 4,005 Federal aided (white) departments of vocational agriculture in the United States, and there are enrolled in all-day, day-unit, and part-time classes 144,442 pupils. The total number of chartered FFA chapters is 3,225, with an active membership of 70,823.

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Two hundred and fifty-four chapters in the United States own radio sets, and 1,549 chapters have access to radio sets.

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A SUCCESSFUL FFA BANQUET

The following observations were made by a guest at an FFA banquet held in Kansas.

Parents were meeting each other informally as they gathered for the banquet in a way that was pleasing to observe. The parents and FFA members gathered for the banquet in a room with too few chairs to permit many to sit down and thus isolate themselves. FFA members mingled with the guests. The fact that the banquet started on time made the few minutes of social intercourse before the start of the banquet a feature of the evenings program. The banquet was so well planned that no last minute demands were made on the time of the FFA advisor or FFA officers so they were meeting guests along with other FFA members.

All FFA members apparently were familiar with the plan of seating at the banquet for all present were seated without confusion or loss of time. The guests were shown their places at the banquet table.

All fathers were present which was a fine achievement. This was the fourth annual banquet given by this chapter, and its size had increased by fifteen people each year. One hundred were present.

Immediately after the seating of guests the officers gave the official FFA opening ceremony in a perfect manner.

All joined in the Lord's Prayer led by the FFA president.

The chapter president introduced guests other than parents without reference to notes.

Each boy introduced his father.

A program of group singing followed until the banquet was served.

The home economics department served the banquet. The cooking and serving of the banquet was done so efficiently and so well that it received very favorable comment.

The food was brought from the homes of boys except for a few items. The total cash cost of the banquet for one hundred people was \$10.00.

The feature of the program was the announcement of the achievements of chapter members.

With the exception of the honorary degree which was announced by the FFA advisor, the awarding of each degree given by the local, state, and National FFA organizations, and of chapter membership was announced at this banquet by chapter members who had received the same distinction previously. The degrees and memberships announced were Green Hand, Future Farmer, State Farmer, American Farmer, alumni member, associate member, and honorary member. The various speakers in announcing the awards stressed the achievements actually attained by the chapter members thus honored rather than merely outlining the requirements for the awards as set up in the FFA manual.

The achievement of the judging team was given by an FFA nonteam member which was much better than having a team member tell of team achievement.

The Sixth National FFA Congress in Kansas City was described by a chapter member who acted as a state delegate. The National House of Delegates meeting, the National Livestock and Meat Judging Contest, the FFA Parade at the American Royal Livestock Show, and the FFA Banquet made material for a very interesting talk.

Special reports on projects, evening school, and home practice work were made by chapter members.

A vocal solo and a reading were given by chapter members.

The FFA advisor presented to the chapter enlarged framed pictures of teams and individuals who had represented the chapter in outstanding achievements for the four-year period since the organization of the chapter.

A father, a school board member, a representative of a civic club, and the secretary of the fair association made one and one-half minute talks.

A representative of the Kansas State College gave a twenty-minute talk.

While there were a number of speakers the program was not long, for each one had planned his part perfectly and used only the amount of time allotted by the program committee.

The outstanding part of the whole entertainment was the part the boys themselves played in giving the program. The address of the evening was very fine yet the success of the banquet did not hinge upon an outside speaker.

CHAPTER NEWS

Lawrence. The Jayhawk FFA chapter elected the same officers that they had last year. The officers are, Arthur Leonhard, President; Kenneth Johnson, Vice-President; James Penny, Treasurer; Walter Houk, Secretary; and Raymond Schaake, Reporter.

The chapter held their annual Grain Judging Contest on April 7. The Jayhawk chapter will conduct a grade school basketball tournament of Douglas County on March 31. The contest will be held in the high school gymnasium. There are twelve schools entered in the contest. Our chapter has a baseball team and we would like to hear from other chapters in order to schedule games before school is out.

-- Raymond Schaake, Reporter.

Kiowa. A joint meeting of the Kiowa and Harper chapters was held March 23. Sixteen members of the Harper chapter and thirteen members of the Kiowa chapter were present at the meeting. Maynard Whitelaw, the Kiowa athletic coach and Mr. Perry Pangrac, the Kiowa music instructor, were special guests. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Kiowa High School.

The following Kiowa Green Hands were initiated by the Harper chapter of FFA: Albert Eckert, John Lower, Kenneth Rathgeber, Harold Wells, Robert Scripsick, Garnett Thomas, and Cecil Hood. The Harper chapter presented the following program: Guitar duet, song, "Hail to the FFA"; The Future Farmer March by Cecil Hood; The Future Farmer Creed by Lloyd Ligenstoffer; quartette, Cecil Hood, Robert Scripsick, Albert Eckert, and Charles Spicer.

-- Lawrence Alexander, Reporter.

Beloit. Nine Future Farmers pruned and tied grapevines for the Community Hospital.

Eleven Green Hands made a tour of all livestock projects.

-- Charles Jordan, Reporter.

Wellsville. The following officers were elected for the calendar year 1934: Charles Lawrenz, President; Waverly Rhoades, Vice-President; Arthur Cramer, Secretary; Paul Warren, Treasurer; Wilbur Brockway, Reporter; and Dayton Gerlach, Watch Dog.

The Wellsville "Feeds and Feeding" Adult Evening School, held its last meeting February 26 with an enrollment of sixteen members. On February 28, the Wellsville chapter entertained their fathers and other evening school members at an oyster stew which was preceded by games.

The project which was decided on for the Future Farmer chapter this year was potatoes. One acre of ground was secured on a farm near town. After securing good certified Red River Ohio seed, it was planted March 21. This seed was treated with the acid corrosive sublimate solution. The boys plan to do the work on the project and harvest the crop in July.

-- Wilbur Brockway, Reporter.

Paxico. Our FFA chapter elected the following officers for the year: Homer Clark, President; Carl Michaelis, Vice-President; Barnard Roding, Secretary and Treasurer; and Charles Breitenstein, Watch Dog.

Our chapter gave a play on the 23rd day of March. A large crowd attended. We will give a father and son banquet in April.

We have been practicing livestock judging recently and will enter the state contest this year.

-- Walter Guth, Reporter.

South Haven. Our Tenmark wheat is looking good since the recent rains and the prospects are promising for a good wheat crop. Our hotbed project is progressing satisfactorily.

We are now planning to attend the judging contest at Manhattan and have entered several nearby judging contests. We went to the 4-H Club and FFA contest in Kay County at Newkirk, Oklahoma, and attended a purebred livestock sale and judging contest at Buffingtons. The FFA boys are now working on a pantomime program to be given in chapel April 13.

-- Elburn Martin, Reporter.

Norton. The Norton chapter of FFA held a meeting February 22 and elected the following officers: Gilbert Towslee, President; Leo Moody, Vice-President; Merle Sleffel, Representative to Advisory Council; Grayson Murphy, Secretary; Max MacCormack, Treasurer; Lester Ankenman, Reporter; Ned Alloy, Watch Dog.

On March 2, the FFA boys challenged all wrestlers in school to a wrestling contest. The score was twenty-seven to thirteen in favor of the FFA boys.

About twenty members accepted the invitation of the Oberlin chapter to spend an evening with them March 6. The early part of the evening was spent playing basketball, wrestling, and boxing. An oyster supper was served and enjoyed by all. The regular meeting was then held.

A small hotbed has been started for growing tomato, cabbage, and pepper plants.

The chapter has purchased a quantity of harness oil and is oiling harness by the dipping method.

-- Lester Ankenman, Reporter.

Fairview. The chapter deeply regrets the resignation of their instructor, Mr. P. E. Regnier. Mr. Regnier has been our teacher eight years and has coached many winning teams both in 4-H Club and FFA. We wish him much success in his new work as county agent of Russell County. We assure the Russell County people that they have gained an able leader in Mr. Regnier. Mr. Frank Brandenburg, our new instructor, has proven to be a very capable teacher.

Emerson Cypers won the Union Pacific Scholarship in Brown County. Emerson won second last year, and Neal Sawyer won second this year.

We initiated the following Green Hands Friday, February 23: Paul Moeckel, Herman Dale, Norman Shipman, and Gaylord Geiger. Mr. E. C. Quigley, sports referee and Hampshire hog raiser, made an interesting talk on the care of hogs. In conclusion Mr. Quigley told of a few of the changes in the athletic rules for next year. Refreshments were served afterwards.

We are discussing the possibilities of an all-school party to be given some time in April. The various committees have been appointed and plans are formulating rapidly.

-- Ernest Lukert, Reporter.

Morrowville. Chapter officers are as follows: Lawrence Newcomb, President; Charles Carter, Vice-President; Charles Terpening, Secretary; Earl Moore, Treasurer; Eldon Pascal, Reporter; and Lloyd Ottman, Watch Dog.

At the FFA initiation Vaughn Alivin, Max Bonne, Earl Coder, Glen Cummings, Loren Fry, and Gerald Mennes were awarded pins. A basketball game was played between the FFA members and the Green Hand members. The Green Hands lost by a close score and had to wash the dishes after the steak fry.

Thirteen hogs and two beeves have been butchered by the two vocational classes. Six of the hogs were cut into the standard cuts and one was put through the smoke curing process. More than two thousand birds representing eight farm flocks and several small town flocks have been culled. Two grape vineyards were pruned.

The boys having potato projects purchased cooperative fifteen hundred pounds of potatoes from a local grower.

Cecil Leidig and Lawrence Diller, both FFA members and graduates, have done terracing with the school terracing level this spring.

We plan to enter a team at the following contests: Washington County livestock judging contest, Linn crops contest, Frankfort livestock contest, and the annual judging contest at Manhattan.

Our chapter plans to hold our Green Hand initiation April 10, and an FFA father and son banquet May 4.

-- Eldon Pascal, Reporter.

Miltonvale. The Miltonvale chapter initiated three Green Hands at their regular meeting. Following the initiation, a basketball game was played.

The Miltonvale chapter plans to initiate Wakefield's officers. Wakefield is a newly established chapter.

The agriculture class is stuffing quite a curiosity, a two-headed calf. It had two hearts, two esophaguses that joined about two inches from the stomach. The rear part of the body is normal.

The chapter is carrying on a hotbed project. Plants will be sold and part of the money will go into the Future Farmer treasury.

The Future Farmers plan to put on an assembly program.

-- Tom Neill, Reporter.

Howard. At the regular meeting of the Howard chapter there were fifteen members and two visitors.

A motion was made and passed that the 1930 state judging team be awarded medals. Each of the individuals representing our agriculture department previous to the organization of our chapter have received medals for their work.

Both agriculture classes attended J. C. Robestson Percheon sale. This was claimed to be the largest percheon sale held in America this year.

-- Loraine Fear, Reporter.

Auburn. The chapter is planning a "Pony Carnival" to pay the expenses of those who are to go to the state judging contest at Manhattan.

We have two new students in our agriculture classes. Lewis Carriger comes from Carbondale and Joe Natved comes from Bonner Springs.

Our chapter has voted to award a letter for outstanding accomplishments or service to the chapter. The requirements for attaining the letter include, membership in the chapter for two years, a high type project program, and good grades. Also, the member must have held office in the chapter and must be approved for the letter by a majority vote of the chapter.

We have been holding judging workouts with other schools. Our crops team spent an afternoon at Carbondale identifying their grain and weed specimens, and their team worked over our grain and weed specimens on another afternoon. The classes from Silver Lake, Seaman, Carbondale, and Auburn met at the State Hospital at Topeka and placed three classes of Holsteins recently.

Dale Engler contracted a severe case of measles, and he and Wayne were compelled to miss school at a time they were both working hard to make the judging team.

-- David Bruner, Reporter.

Quinter. Our chapter initiated fifteen Green Hands at their mid winter meeting. The boys took all the cowboy ambitions out of the Green Hands by asking them to ride an iron broncho (barrel) which was suspended by a cable from the hay fork track in the loft of the sheep barn. The best rider stayed on three minutes. After the initiation popcorn in quantity was served at the agriculture building.

The chapter entertained the student body of the high school Friday afternoon, January 19, with a half hour program. The officers opened the meeting with the regular ceremony. During the business meeting, a motion was made and carried to give the student body a short program. The meeting was closed and the first number on the program was a negro skit entitled, "No Sense, No How", presented by Emil Deines and Harley Beaver. A short lecture on the purpose and work of the Future Farmers of America by Kenneth Crook concluded the program.

Our advisor, J. F. Shea, attended the First Annual Lamb Feeder's Day at the Garden City Branch Experiment Station on Thursday, February 15. He was accompanied by four sheep feeders of the community.

Saturday, March 24, nineteen members of the Quinter chapter participated in the practice judging contest sponsored by the Future Farmers of Wakeeney and their advisor, E. A. Templeton. Eight schools, Oberlin, Scott City, Hill City, Ellis, Bazine, Wakeeney, Quinter, and Alton took part in the contest and Quinter won with a score of 864. Scott City and Oberlin were next, each having scores of 819. Kenneth Crook, Elvin Ikenberry and Martin Ward tied for highest individual score. Ormond Breeden ranked seventh and Eugene Eisenbise, tenth.

The Quinter chapter is carrying a sheep project of twenty-five western ewes and a Hampshire buck. We are feeding the grain raised on our sorghum project last summer. The project is financed by a loan and each boy is responsible for his share. At present we have nineteen lambs which we are creep feeding to be sold when they reach market weight. The ewes will be shorn and the entire project sold.

-- Charles Wington, Reporter.

Bird City. The Bird City chapter of Future Farmers hold their annual father and son banquet March 19 in the vocational agriculture room. Due to the fact that Cheyenne County ranks high in the state in corn production the motif chosen by the decoration committee was King Corn. Part of an ear of corn with the Future Farmer emblem on it and the name of the individual on a card placed between the kernels proved to be a satisfactory place card. Future Farmer colors were carried out in the decorations, and the individuals marched in by the light of candles

placed on ears of corn arranged on the tables. There were forty-six people present.

Mr. Robert Cram the speaker of the evening gave an interesting talk entitled, "The Future of America and How We As Farmers Can Help Make It Better". The rest of the evening was spent in the gymnasium, the dads playing volleyball against the boys. Everyone had a good time.

The agriculture classes are studying for the stock and grain judging contest at Colby and than at Hays.

-- Martin Busse, Reporter.

Winfield. The Winfield chapter treated 57,000 pounds of seed potatoes for its members and for farmers in the community. The chapter took in \$50.80 for treating.

The chapter has in storage 5,000 pounds of seed potatoes to plant in August for junior seed. This is a chapter project and is intended to furnish our seed potatoes for the 1935 projects.

We held our annual student-parent banquet April 5. One hundred and forty persons were present. The program centered about the theme of Haymaking.

Wilbur Dicken placed second in the Inter-Society Music Contest.

Our judging team placed fifth in the regional livestock and poultry contest at Neodesha, March 10. Jay Brothers was high point man from Winfield.

Robert Barnett placed in the Hoards Dairyman Judging Contest.

Part of the chapter attended the annual Buffington Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Hog sale. A stock judging contest for vocational agriculture students in the locality was held. Winfield had the five high point men as follows: Robert Barnett, Wilbur Dicken, John Snook, Wyandal Hester, and Ronald Berry.

-- Robert Vineyard, Reporter.