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This is the last issue of Volume V and the last issue of the F.F.A. newsletter under the direction of the 1933-34 State officers. We trust our efforts have met with your approval. Our fifth objective set up for the year declared our intention of publishing nine issues of the newsletter, said newsletter to be dressed up in a suitable cover. With this issue both phases of the fifth objective have been realized. Our hope is that the newsletter has not only kept you informed as to F.F.A. activities, but that it has to a degree stimulated both interest and effort on the part of individual members and chapters.

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The House of Delegates of the sixth annual convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America elected the following officers to guide the destinies of the association for the year 1934-35:

Paul Leck, Washington chapter, President.
Ellwood Baker, Abilene chapter, Vice-President.
Arthur Leonhard, Lawrence chapter, Reporter.
Donald Baughman, Howard chapter, Secretary.
Leonard Brown, Smith Center chapter, Treasurer.

These F.F.A. members all had outstanding project programs. Their supplementary farm practice programs were timely and well organized. They were all strong in scholarship, and demonstrated their leadership through work in their local chapters and various high school organizations. Strong officer personnel is a big step in the direction of a successful year. With the kind of cooperation we know the new officers will receive from the State association membership, we bespeak a successful year for the Kansas Association of F.F.A. during 1935-36. The outgoing officers extend hearty congratulations and best wishes.

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The State Executive Advisor wishes to express appreciation for the splendid manner in which the State Reporter, Mabry Wheeler, Mound City chapter, has handled his office during the past year. Nine times was it necessary to send out requests for news on a certain specified date, and nine times were the news reports classified, typed, and "in the mails by the 7th". This task was accomplished without a single "tardy". When one considers the many activities a high school leader finds himself engaged upon, it is no small achievement to go through the year without violating the mailing date agreement. It is a pleasure and an opportunity to work with officers of the type represented by our immediate past State Reporter.

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Congratulations are in order for the outgoing list of State officers for the splendid fashion in which they handled the two day sessions of the sixth annual meeting of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. The whole program was consummated without a bobble. The officers knew where they were going and how to get there. The fact that they knew their parts and understood the duties of their office added much to the fine spirit and all around success of the meetings. Two mighty busy days and nights were spent by this group of boys. The excellent manner in which the business of the meetings was handled did much to the good will of the State Association. It is hoped that the experience gained together with the knowledge that they were actually conducting the affairs of a worthwhile State organization of farm boys will repay the members for their unselfish service and personal sacrifice.

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1933-34

At the opening of the year there were some misgivings as to what the year would hold for the Kansas Association of F.F.A. Poor crops, economic instability, and widespread unrest caused the State officers to outline a very conservative program for the year. They never doubted the courage and resourcefulness of the Kansas membership in the organization. At the close of the year President Wayne Trail was glad to report six new chapters chartered, bringing the total chartered chapters to 95; the largest group of paid up members in the history of the association, 1584; the largest number of active chapters at the date of the annual meeting, 71; and the largest and finest group of State Farmers ever to be granted the much coveted key in Kansas, 25. Leo Paulson, Concordia chapter, had served as Student Secretary in the National Organization of F.F.A. and had brought honor to his State by the splendid manner in which he executed the duties of his trust; J. W. England III, Shawnee Mission chapter had represented Kansas at the F.F.A. Pilgrimage in the dedication of a room in the Thomas Jefferson home at Monticello, Virginia, carrying a commission from the Governor of his State. J. W. presented the officers in charge with a sample of hard red winter wheat, typifying one of the outstanding industries of the State he represented. The Washington chapter won second place in the Livestock Judging Contest of the Vocational Agricultural Congress at Kansas City, being the high team with all three members from the same vocational school. This team had third high individual and fourteenth high individual in the entire contest. The Washington team won third place in the Meats Identification Contest held in connection with the Congress. The Kansas F.F.A. public speaker winner placed

seventh in the regional contest. Fifty chapters entered the State Best Chapter Contest. Winfield chapter entered the National Best Chapter Contest and placed second to Park River, N. D., in the North Central Region, and Park River won the National Chapter Contest. We concur with President Trail's assertion that 1933-34 marked the most outstanding year in the history of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

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BEST CHAPTERS

Fifty chapters responded last fall by submitting well worked out activity programs for the year. The proposed program was submitted in October and the achievement records were submitted at the time of the annual meeting of the State Association. The State officers together with Professor L. F. Hall evaluated the reports and the achievement records qualifying under the rules laid down in the September newsletter. The following chapters were declared outstanding in the type of program submitted and the achievement accomplished: Winfield, Shawnee Mission, Washington, Mound City, and Lawrence. Winfield and Shawnee Mission were designated as the chapters to have their reports printed in the Future Farmer Newsletter. Due to lack of space these programs will not appear in the May issue of the Newsletter but will be carried in the September issue.

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The Public Speaking Contest was held Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. The judges were Dr. C. V. Williams, Dr. H. B. Summers, and Prof. Harold Howo. The auditorium was comfortably filled by an interested and appreciative audience. The contest was considered one of the best in the history of F.F.A. Public Speaking Contests in Kansas. J. W. England III, Shawnee Mission chapter won first place. The subject of his address was "The Challenge of Rural Leadership". Clarence Mason, Winfield chapter, won second, and his subject was "A Planned Agriculture". Third place was won by Irwin Miller, Oberlin chapter, discussing the subject "Cooperation in Agriculture".

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Twenty-five Future Farmers were raised to the State Farmer Degree. This is the largest class in the history of the State Association. We wish to congratulate this fine group of F.F.A. members and trust they will continue with their all-around program. State Farmers and local advisors should keep in mind the new ruling made at the sixth annual convention of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America relative to selection of American Farmer candidates. Formerly it was possible to elect a State Farmer in the spring and have him raised to the American Farmer degree the following fall. This practice will no longer be permitted. The new ruling states that a year must elapse between the time of receiving the State Farmer degree and the date of raising the candidate to the American Farmer degree. The National F.F.A. of course expects the State Farmer to continue with and strengthen his program. He will have to remain active, continue his high standard of scholarship if still in school, expand and improve his supervised farm practice program, and broaden his leadership activities. No longer will it be possible for the American Farmer candidate to furnish essentially the same program for American

Farmer consideration that was submitted for the State Farmer degree. This new ruling should prove challenging to both advisors and strong State Farmer members.

There were some very promising candidates for the State Farmer degree who although not meriting the degree this year, should, by strengthening their programs have a fine chance of winning another year.

The following is the list of Future Farmers raised to the State Farmer degree. Congratulations!

Ellwood Baker, Abilene
 Hampton Barton, Arkansas City
 Kenneth Basford, Lebanon
 Donald Baughman, Howard
 Ronald Berry, Winfield
 Louis Brooks, Scott City
 Leonard Brown, Smith Center
 Lorimer Cox, Mound City
 Paul Crane, Miltonvale
 Emerson Cyphors, Fairview
 Max Dawdy, Washington
 Harvey Dix, Manhattan
 Wilbert Duitsman, Linn
 Keith Harrison, Ottawa
 Vernon Huck, Coldwater
 Paul Lock, Washington
 Arthur Leonhard, Lawrence
 Walter Love, Lawrence
 Clayton Osborne, Mound City
 Alfred Pancake, Atwood
 Winzer Petr, Waterville
 Doyle Reed, Lawrence
 Neal Sawyer, Fairview
 John Snook, Winfield
 John Stradal, Wakeoney

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BANQUET

Six hundred and fifty F.F.A. members representing judging teams, alternates, coaches, State Farmers, visitors and guests crowded the Community House and had three hours of enjoyment. The banquet is furnished each year by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce. The fine barbaqued beef was done to a turn by Prof. "Davy" Mackintosh of the Animal Husbandry Department. Unfortunately, advance registration led the committee to estimate a crowd of five hundred, and six hundred fifty caused some of the F.F.A. members to miss out on the delicious barbaqued beef. Harry Bouck, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was generalissimo in charge of activities. The State Association of F.F.A. had complete charge of the program. Tom McClung, who has been leading the singing for the Voc-Ag group for the past fifteen years was on hand for another fine piece of song leading. Don Engle handled the accompanying part of the program. We were all glad to have Glen Woolpert, Miltonvale chapter, back with us again. Glen sang "Hail the F.F.A." and won his audience. Wilber Dicken of Winfield chapter sang "We're the Future Farmers", and was well received.

Chet Brewer, President of the C. of C. welcomed the group on behalf of the city of Manhattan, Dr. W. E. Grimes represented K.S.C. in greeting the boys, and Mr. C. C. Cogswell, Master of the State Grange, gave the principal address of the evening. The Manhattan chapter furnished the F.F.A. paraphanelia. J. W. England III delivered the winning oration, the Future Farmers were raised to the State Farmer degree, and then the meeting was turned over to Dr. C. W. McCampbell for the announcing of judging and farm mechanics winners. The occasion marked the climax of two mighty busy days for six hundred vocational agricultural students. Raymond Bryan, Ottawa chapter, was on hand with his banjo. We would be in favor of inviting him over for a whole evening's entertainment, and we know he would be equal to the occasion. Raymond closed his program with an original composition dedicated to the State Farmers of '34. He states that his style of art permits considerable latitude in poetic license, but we will all agree that his original contribution was well received. We are glad to print Raymond's original number dedicated to the State Farmers of '34.

We're Future Farmers here tonight
 To join in banquet fare,
 To see State Farmers raised in night,
 Boys who work and strive and dare.
 They started in as raw Green Hands
 Just as you and just as I.
 They waded mud, they dodged the rams,
 Their colors ne'er did lie.

So new State Farmers here tonight
 We greet you one and all.
 We like your goals, we like your fight,
 Your banners will never fall.

As good Green Hands they won some fame;
 Future Farmers they were made;
 They served their Chapters with might and main;
 Their interest ne'er did fade.
 For Chapter office each was sought;
 That goal was reached at length.
 Each one served well and each one fought
 To add to Chapter strength.

So new State Farmers here tonight
 We greet you one and all.
 We like your goals, we like your fight,
 Your banners will never fall.

They served their schools and chapters well;
 Their scholarship it was high;
 From project standards no one fell;
 Farm implements all did try.
 So here we meet in a group tonight
 To witness a new degree;
 For work well done--for a well planned fight,
 For service generous and free.

So new State Farmers here tonight
 We greet you one and all.
 We like your goals, we like your fight,
 Your banners will never fall.

May others gathered in this room
 Strive to do as these have done;
 Help your Chapter thrive and grow and boom,
 It's worth while as well as fun.
 To new State Farmers let me say
 May you ever onward go
 To higher goals, to bigger pay,
 For we harvest what we sow.

-- Raymond Bryan

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HONOR TO KANSAS-F.F.A. BOYS

Robert Barnett, Winfield chapter, and Gerhard Holste, Atwood chapter, not only brought honor to Kansas in winning second and fourth places respectively in the junior division of the Hoard's Dairyman judging contest, but won \$25.00 and \$15.00. There were 33,004 in the entire contest. Congratulations boys. The experience was worthwhile and the cash should come in handy.

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The Ottawa chapter has entered the National Best Chapter Contest this year.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Chanute. The Chanute judging team composed of Ervin Heilman, Lowell Childers, Dale Mosier, Wayne Dennis, and James Stipp, placed second in the S. E. Ks. livestock judging contest.

The vocational agricultural classes treated their home cattle for ox-warble.

The chapter held its first Parent-Son Banquet recently. Approximately 90 parents, pupils, and friends attended. The mothers furnished and prepared most of the dinner.

-- John Gaughan, Reporter.

Reading. The Reading chapter recently completed their F.F.A. trailer. Their next project will be the building of a boat.

On April 23, the F.F.A. boys entertained their girl friends to a picnic and weinner roast. Kittenball was the main sport of the evening.

This spring Reading has been represented by a judging team at the following contests: Ottawa, Lawrence, Topeka, Emporia, and Manhattan.

-- Wayne Whittington, Reporter.

Manhattan. Harvey Dix, chapter president, was elected State Farmer recently. Harvey is a popular president of the chapter.

The F.F.A. chapter played the Lawrence Jayhawk chapter in a baseball game at Manhattan, May 1. The Jayhawks won. A return game will be played in Lawrence at a later date.

Chapter members won first in the judging contest, Topeka, April 21.

During the past ten years projects valued at \$43,303.40 have been carried to completion by members of the Vocational Agriculture Department in Manhattan High.

-- Loyal Payne, Reporter.

Argonia. On March 30, 1934, the F.F.A. chapter of Argonia, Kansas, presented a party in honor of the Girls Home Economics Club. The evening was spent by playing party games on the lawn of the Argonia High School. After we were tired of playing games we had refreshments.

The F.F.A. chapter plans to have an all night fishing trip some time in June.

We have been having our regular meeting every two weeks on Tuesdays.

-- Lester Roe, Reporter.

Smith Center. Our annual "Father-Son" banquet was held on April 6 with Mr. C. E. Miller as speaker. Eighty guests were present. The mothers prepared the food.

Mr. Otto and twenty boys made the trip to Manhattan at the time of the judging contest.

The School Board has purchased land back of the school building. Baby beef, sheep, and poultry projects are being planned for next year.

Two hotbeds have been constructed and the boys will soon have tomato and sweet potato plants for sale.

The F.F.A. gave a program for the Chamber of Commerce April 19. It consisted of talks on projects, shops, class room, and F.F.A. Musical numbers were furnished by members of the chapter.

Irwin Godney, Eugene Kibbler, Dean Libby and Eldon Post have constructed work shops at home. Bernard Morrison is learning to be an expert harness-maker and has dyed an old set of harness that had lost its color.

Jack Jones' White Rock laying flock is doing real well now.

Leonard Brown's Purebred Poland China sow farrowed ten good thrifty pigs and nine of them were saved.

-- Leonard Brown, Reporter.

Coats. The Coats F.F.A. chapter entered the Coldwater judging contest, April 13th. Coats won third honors in livestock judging. Dean Omo won third individual honors and Charles Basye won fourth.

The Coats chapter presented a play, "Robbing the Soil," to finance their livestock and shop judging teams to Hays and Manhattan. The shop team members are Loren Vaught and Truman Nash; the livestock judging team consists of Robert Shore, Charles Basye, Dean Omo.

The Coats F.F.A. chapter finished a project of sodding the lawns of their school hours with buffalo grass.

-- David Branson, Reporter.

Lebanon. The Lebanon F.F.A. chapter held their annual Father and Son banquet April 5. C. M. Miller delivered a splendid address to the boys and their fathers. Every boy and his father were present.

The chapter is sponsoring their judging teams on money raised by sales at ball games and from a hog project financed by the chapter. The team attended the Colby contest on April 6 and 7. They placed second in a crops judging contest at Concordia, April 21. They entered the Hays contest, April 27, and the State contest, April 30 and May 1. The boys on the teams are Kenneth Basford, Millard Waine, John Steinen, Kieth Fricker, Paul Smith, and Harold Thaete.

Kenneth Basford, our president, was elected State Farmer at the recent State Farmer convention in Manhattan.

We are planning on having our annual picnic before school closes.

-- Kieth Fricker, Reporter.

Seaman. We held an election of officers last week. The following were elected: President, Guy Dillon; Vice-president, Dee Kirkwood; Secretary, Burton Mitchel; Treasurer, Benny Tice; Reporter, Don Kirkwood; Watch Dog, George Baley.

The Seaman and Washburn chapters sponsored the Topeka Judging Contest. Over thirty schools were present.

We are going to Tonganoxie State Lake for an all night camping trip May 11, 1934.

A group of the Seaman F.F.A. chapter served the banquet for the Future Home Makers of Seaman. 130 persons attended.

-- Don Kirkwood, Reporter.

Medicine Lodge. The second year agriculture class has performed many educational practices in the way of farming. Some of the things we have done are as follows: culled a farm laying flock of 225 birds; harvested sorghum variety tested seed; butchered 28 head of hogs; butchered 2 head of calves; dehorned, vaccinated and castrated more than 40 head of calves; operated a hotbed to raise cabbage, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, egg pepper, and cauliflower plants; repaired 2 cultivators, and one mowing machine; overhauled 2 stationary engines;

built a brooder house; repaired several sets of harness; and are doing all sorts of carpentry work. We are starting a wrestling team and expect to have matches with other chapters next fall. We have 40 members in the Future Farmer chapter. We initiated eleven freshmen as Green Hands this year. We are planning to have a baseball team and hope to schedule games with other chapters during the summer.

-- Reporter.

St. Francis. The St. Francis chapter elected the following officers at the regular meeting in January: President, Carl Hendricks; Vice-president, Glen Duncan; Secretary, Edward Keller; Treasurer, Ward Scoby; Reporter, Ward Harvey; and Watch Dog, Francis Harrison.

We had our annual father and son banquet April 3, 1934. We held a practice judging contest April 21, in which four other schools participated. The others were Bird City, Goodland, Oberlin, and Colby. It served as an elimination contest for the Hays trip.

We are going to try a new method of getting members this year. We are sponsoring a judging contest for all eighth grade graduates in our county May 8. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. In this way we can encourage country boys to come to high school and take vocational agriculture as one of their subjects.

The freshman class is going to have its annual project tour the last week of school. The boys will visit all the projects and score them. The boy receiving the highest score will receive a prize.

-- Ward Scoby, Reporter.

Powhattan. The Powhattan chapter of Future Farmers held its third annual Father-Son banquet. The speakers were Congressman W. F. Lambertson and Superintendent Corrigan. A program of music was provided by the Powhattan High School Music Department.

The chapter was also entertained by the Horton Chamber of Commerce. Speeches were made by Wm. McGinis. As the oldest member of Powhattan, he was able to relate many interesting historical events that happened in this locality. Other speakers were: Supt. Corrigan, George Schuetz, and Robert Edwardson, who explained what the Future Farmers of America really is.

The chapter put on a chapel program entitled "Face to Face with the Like". Some of the boys dressed as girls and took girls parts. The performers were Edwin Schuetz, Lloyd Volz, Richard Hall, Victor Schuetz, Earl Volz, Eugene Cashman, Burl Hinz, and Robert Edwardson.

The chapter has made plans for initiation of Future Farmers and a reception for the mothers.

Mr. Albert Brown, our former instructor, accepted a County Agent appointment and Mr. C. H. Anderson has taken his place.

-- Reporter.