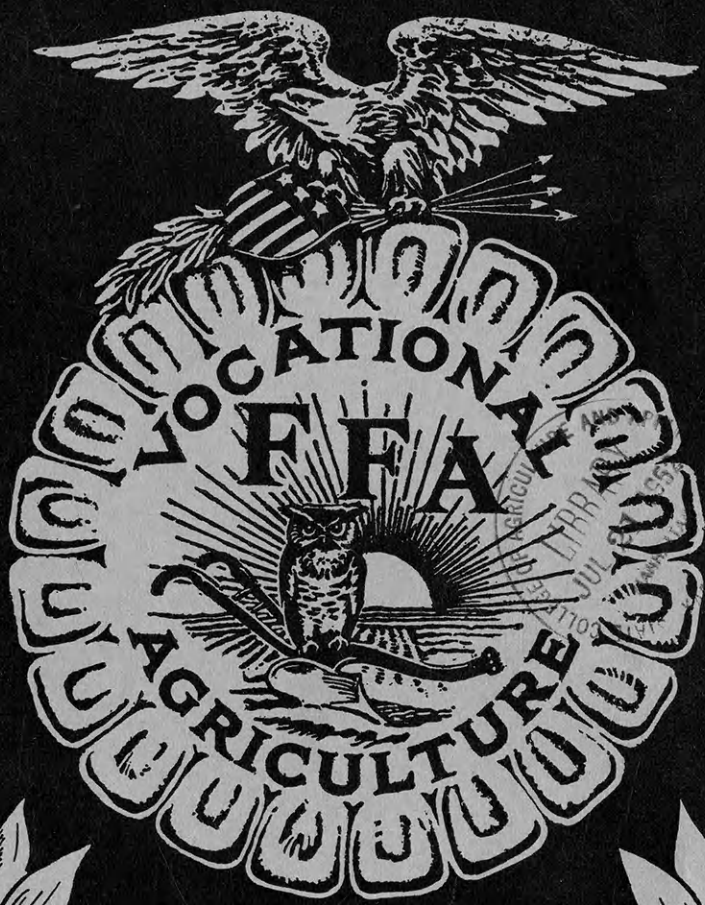


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GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear F. F. A. Members:

You are all aware of the crisis in agriculture caused first by the general depression and intensified by the widespread drought. The question is whether we should go boldly on feeling our way into the future, or back up and be overcome by the problems which are ahead of us. Surely we as Future Farmers have the material in us to fight for ourselves, developing our own leadership. Have we? Come on, members, let us demonstrate that we have the necessary courage.

Let us set up a goal that shines in the distant future and is difficult to reach rather than one which is easily attained, for what are we to gain by low standards? We can attain any goal by going ahead just as we have been doing, developing and adding to our individual programs.

In the past only those members and chapters which had carefully planned programs achieved notable success. Those members with sound programs, from chapters whose work was planned, have been our leaders in contests, have constituted our State and American Farmers, and have served as officers in our State Association and National Organization. A chapter or individual program need not be elaborate, but it must include definite goals and methods of attainment. A chapter with such a program will have the spirit and the fight necessary to win.

The State Officers value chapter programs so highly that they have ruled that only chapters with planned programs submitted to the State Office by November 1 may take part in the spring contest.

Let us continue to go forward in the face of difficulties. Wishing you the best of success, I am

Sincerely,

Paul Leck, President,  
Kansas Association of F. F. A.

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\* "CHAPTERS NOT HAVING ACTIVITY PROGRAMS SUBMITTED TO THE STATE  
\* EXECUTIVE ADVISOR BY NOVEMBER 1, 1934, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO  
\* HAVE STATE FARMER CANDIDATES DURING THE 1934-35 SCHOOL YEAR."  
\* Ruling passed by the officers of the Kansas Association of Fu-  
\* ture Farmers of America at their June, 1934, meeting. Approved  
\* by the State Executive Committee.  
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 \* Annual Chapter Activity Program \*  
 \* due November 1, 1934. Send to \*  
 \* A. P. Davidson, Executive Advisor,\*  
 \* Kansas Association of Future \*  
 \* Farmers of America, Department of \*  
 \* Education, Kansas State College. \*  
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In setting up a chapter program the chapter should endeavor to include activities of such scope and variety that all members will be given opportunity for training and experience. Definite attainable goals should be established. In building such a program, as well as in directing its effective accomplishment, the officers and advisor have many duties and responsibilities. Every effort should be made to have a program built and endorsed by the chapter, and not merely a program set up by the officers and advisor.

All chapters are requested to use the following form in setting up and submitting their chapter program to the State Executive Committee:

Annual Program of Work\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ School

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

<u>ACTIVITY</u> (Month, Approximate)	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>GOAL SET</u>	<u>WAYS AND MEANS</u>
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In so far as possible it is desirable for each chapter to fix a monthly calendar for program activities; however, this is optional.

\*This form is similar to the one used for the National Chapter Contest.

Suggestions for Building Annual Chapter Activity Program

The first step is to list items for consideration. This may be done by a general program committee, made up of advisor, officers, and appointees. Items may be found by looking over chapter programs of previous years, chapter programs of other schools, and by listing new items thought of by committee members. Do not attempt to eliminate too many items at this stage, as careful thought is usually necessary to bring out the full possibilities of an item.

The second step is to determine possibilities of each item listed. A satisfactory procedure is to appoint sub-committees (drawing in all members of the chapter on some committee, if possible) to give time and thought to setting up Goals and Ways and Means for each item assigned. After this careful study they will be able to report on the advisability of including the items in the chapter program. The date for committee reports should be established so that all items may be reported upon within a given time.

It is obvious that the reports of all sub-committees must be presented according to a standardized system. The following form should be used:

Names of Committee Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITY

GOAL SET

WAYS AND MEANS

The third step is the coordination of the sub-committee reports into an achievable chapter program. This probably will be done by the general program committee with the help of the chapter as a whole.

The fourth step is the presentation of the tentative annual program to the chapter. There probably will be more desirable items included in this program than it will be possible to carry out. Optional items may be presented to the chapter and voted upon. The greater share of the program will probably be accepted as presented.

The following score card is used in the National Chapter Contest and serves as a guide in evaluating chapter accomplishment in ranking Kansas chapters. This score card should be helpful in laying out a well balanced chapter program of work.

- I. SUPERVISED PRACTICE (50 points)
  - A. Kind and scope of project enterprises
  - B. Standards of production
  - C. Improved practices followed
  - D. Ownership or financial participation
  - E. Farm skill acquired
- II. COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES (40 points)
  - A. Buying and selling activities
  - B. Productive activities
  - C. Service organizations
- III. COMMUNITY SERVICE (40 points)
  - A. Improvement of farm practice in community
  - B. Beautification of grounds and buildings in community
  - C. Social activities
- IV. LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (30 points)
  - A. In school, chapter, farm, or community activities
  - B. In local, state, and national contests
- V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS (30 points)
  - A. Earnings
    1. Earnings derived from farming
      - a. Labor income from supervised practice
    2. Investments in farming
    3. Other investments
  - B. Savings
    1. Inventory
    2. Savings accounts
    3. Stocks and bonds
    4. Cash on hand
    5. Cash value of insurance policies
- VI. CONDUCT OF MEETING (20 points)
  - A. Program of meetings
  - B. Time of day
  - C. Frequency of meetings
  - D. Length of meetings
  - E. Average attendance
- VII. SCHOLARSHIP (20 points)
  - A. Average in academic subjects
  - B. Average in vocational subjects
- VIII. RECREATION (20 points)
  - A. Kind and number of organized recreational activities

BEST CHAPTERS, 1933-34

The following chapters were declared outstanding by the committee in the type of program submitted and the achievement accomplished: Winfield, Shawnee Mission, Washington, Mound City, and Lawrence. Shawnee Mission and Winfield were designated as the chapters to have their reports printed in the Newsletter. The Shawnee Mission program follows. Due to lack of space the Winfield report will be carried over for the October issue of the Newsletter.

Annual Report of  
Shawnee Mission Chapter of F. F. A.  
(As based on yearly program submitted November 1, 1933)

1. County Fair Exhibits:  
Goal: To have 85% exhibiting.  
Attainment: 35% exhibited livestock.  
No crop exhibits due to drouth and early date of fair.  
65% aided fair officials in some way.  
Ways and Means: Honor points allowed for each entry.  
Each entry labeled with F. F. A. emblem.  
Record books available on request but not displayed.
2. Pop Stand:  
Goal: To beat last year's profit of \$35.00.  
Attainment: Cleared \$32.50. Lower profit due to inability to bargain for lower prices on account of N. R. A. ruling. Also cool day.  
Ways and Means: Coca cola company offered to furnish stand free.  
Squads took turns selling pop.  
Stand decorated with F. F. A. colors and emblem.
3. Officers' School:  
Goal: To have a unified program.  
To have an accurate record of proceedings.  
Attainment: Eight chapters attended the school September 30.  
Theme of school: "Building the Yearly Program".  
Ways and Means: Past officers aided in planning school and selecting speakers.  
Chapters of N. E. Kansas notified by letter.
4. Initiation of Greenhands:  
Goal: To initiate 100% of members of new class.  
Attainment: 23 out of the 26 members of the new class initiated October 26.  
Ways and Means: Each candidate applied for membership by signing an application blank. Blanks kept for future reference.  
Ceremony held around bonfire at the Ely farm.
5. Parents' Banquet:  
Goal: 95% of parents and 100% members present.  
Attainment: 85% of members attended with parents; 10% without parents.  
Ways and Means: Contest between the two classes for attendance.  
Play, "Farmer Call the Doctor", as part of entertainment.  
Special outside speaker.  
All food from projects.

Shawnee Mission Report (Continued)



6. Christmas Party:

Goal: A present for each member.  
Program.  
Baskets for needy families.

Attainment: School calendar too crowded to allow party at time scheduled.  
Chapter cooperated with local V. F. W. in a special program.  
Also cooperated with V. F. W. in distribution of baskets.

Ways and Means: Chapter aided V. F. W. by providing a place for the disposal of gifts, and by receiving them from the donators.

7. Basketball Games:

Goal: At least 10 good players and 4 games with other chapters.  
All day tournament with other chapters.

Attainment: Two games with the Lawrence chapter besides games with school pep club and the second team. Several games between the two classes have been played in connection with regular monthly night meeting. Two other chapters were challenged but did not accept.

8. Alumni Program:

Goal: All alumni present.

Attainment: To be presented just at the end of the school year.

9. Owl's Nest:

Goal: Weekly issues of interest and on time. Special issue during the winter.

Attainment: The Owl's Nest has been prepared and read by a different member at each meeting during the activity hour. The special issue has gone to press and will be out the first week in May. This issue is larger and better than the last year's issue.

Ways and Means: Articles on events of special interest are written by different members and checked by English teachers before submitting. Includes chapter roll and a large group picture of members. Financed entirely by sale of advertising solicited by a special committee.

10. Camp:

Goal: At least one over night trip in fall and spring.

Attainment: Three carloads left for the camp at Tonganoxie on a Friday evening in September and returned Saturday evening. Time spent at boating, fishing, and a ball game.

Ways and Means: Each boy furnished his own equipment and food. Each chipped in to pay for cost of ride. A few slept that night.

11. Electric Incubator:

Goal: Remodel old shed for project.

Hatch all project eggs.

Attainment: Shed could not be obtained so class project plan was discarded.

Both incubators, with a combined capacity of 1,100 eggs, made three runs. Only project eggs were hatched. Operation of machines by those having eggs in them.

Ways and Means: Both machines were given the department several years ago. They are of latest type with forced circulation. Actual costs prorated among boys on basis of eggs hatched. Group had to come under the code this year.



12. Egg Laying Contest:

Goal: Continue through winter months.

Attainment: Contest had to be postponed on account of not being able to obtain a shed first planned on.

13. Cow Testing Contest:

Goal: Every project cow to be tested every month.

Attainment: A large chart with name of cow and test displayed on front bulletin board. Each Monday is set aside for testing so as to have the mess all at one time. Many outside cows are tested without charge.

Ways and Means: All equipment is kept under lock in one place and is checked out to the boy doing the testing, who is responsible for its return. No charge is made for acid. Records are kept in project books. No plan of a workable contest has been devised due to the difference in home conditions regarding feed costs.

14. Hotbed Project:

Goal: Raise plants for all projects. Sale of plants to go to chapter.

Attainment: Due to few truck projects this year and the fact that the beds are furnished free, it was decided to donate all plants to the Red Cross for distribution to needy families.

Ways and Means: Operation and care of hotbeds by squads selected from boys especially interested in gardening.

15. Demonstration Teams:

Goal: Not set last fall.

Attainment: A milk testing demonstration given to the Merriam grade school April 17.

Ways and Means: Three boys from the livestock class put on the demonstration. One explained while the others worked.

16. Monthly Night Meetings:

Goal: To hold a full night meeting the first Monday of each month. To have a special program and refreshments.

Attainment: Seven night meetings have been held this winter as scheduled. Three outside speakers have been on the programs.

Ways and Means: Programs have been planned so as to attract attendance. Any member not attending the program is barred from athletic participation. Meetings out at 9:30 o'clock.

17. Weekly Activity Hour Meetings:

Goal: To attend to business matters.

Attainment: Meetings have always been so full of interest that there has been no demand to follow other organizations out of doors on nice days. Owl's Nest is read each time as a part of a short program preceding business. Editor appointed each week by the program committee.

Ways and Means: An activity chart is kept to show the record of each member. Points are allowed for appearing on programs. Debates, stunts, reports, etc. make up the programs. All business must be conducted under correct parliamentary procedure.



Shawnee Mission Report (Concluded)

18. Judging Teams:

Goal: Attend at least one district contest and the state meet.

Attainment: Attended the Ottawa, Parsons, and Topeka contests.  
Team ready for the state contest.

Ways and Means: Drill sessions three nights a week during the winter and every night three weeks prior to the state contest. Some sort of chapter recognition will be given those representing the chapter at contests.

19. Finance:

Goal: Have at least \$50.00 in the treasury by spring and no debts.

Attainment: No debts and at present \$22.50 in treasury. Chapter helped finance a cooperative feed grinder.

Ways and Means: Conducted pop stand at county fair, sold candy at one football and one basketball game. Blood tested 450 hens.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Public installation of officers and raising to Future Farmer degree: About 85 persons attended the public ceremony at which 15 Greenhands were raised to the Future Farmer degree. Following this ceremony the newly elected officers were installed with a specially prepared ceremony.
2. Cooperative feed grinder: 15 members who were especially interested in grinding their own feed bought and assembled a grinder in the chassis of an old car. The chapter backed the project financially.
3. P. T. A. program: A 30 minute program was presented during the February meeting of the high school P. T. A.
4. 400 grapes, about 40 fruit trees, and a number of berries have been pruned. 350 hens were B. W. D. tested, and about 10 outside cows were tested for butterfat.
5. A concrete floor for a small dairy barn was laid and plans made for installing the stanchions.
6. We have three members of this year's National Honor Society; president of the senior class; two representatives on the student council; three home room officers; two representatives in the N. E. Kansas Fine Arts contest; two members on the school first football and basketball teams, and one on the second team; three on the track team; a member of the glee club; and the assistant superintendent of the livestock department of the county fair.
7. This chapter has an orator in the F. F. A. public speaking contest this year.

Houston Carter  
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President

H. D. Garver  
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Advisor

## STATE ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES - 1934

The annual meeting of the State officers was held at Manhattan July 21, 1934. All officers were present. President Leck presided.

After hearing the minutes of the previous meeting and approving same, the item of building the objectives for the 1934-35 school year received attention. The following objectives were set forth and approved:

1. One hundred per cent of Kansas Vocational Agriculture Departments establish chapters of F. F. A., and strive for one hundred per cent enrolment 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, 1934. Each chapter to present an achievement report at the annual meeting of the State Association. Only chapters submitting activity programs by November 1 will be eligible for achievement ranking at the time of the annual meeting. Furthermore, chapters failing to submit programs of work by November 1 will not be eligible for State Farmer candidates for that year.

3. Nine issues of the F. F. A. Newsletter to be published, beginning with September and monthly thereafter for nine months.

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. It is recommended that each chapter own at least one copy of Parliamentary Procedure, by Stewart.

6. Support F. F. A. contests of State and National scope.

7. Publicity: Encourage local chapters to keep the 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 F. F. A. problems of State-wide importance.

9. Encourage the organization of sectional F. F. A. officers' training schools, and recommend that such meetings be held early in the school year.

10. The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America pledges to the Kansas State Board of Agriculture one hundred per cent cooperation in its Safety First Program.

## Cooperation

The Toyack Chapter, Roosevelt, Utah, decided to build a F. F. A. cabin. They conceived the idea that it would be a fine thing to have a stone from each state in their fireplace. A request was sent to the various state associations asking for a stone to represent their state. The hope was expressed that the stone would be typical of the important strata of the state. The Kansas Association chose to send a stone of native limestone taken from the hills of the Kaw near Manhattan. The word "Kansas" was engraved in bold relief, the stone shaped and polished and sent to the Toyack Chapter. The following note from Cecil C. Cole, President of the Toyack F. F. A. Chapter, under date of July 7, 1934, will be of interest: "The Toyack Chapter of Future Farmers of America are grateful to Kansas for their splendid cooperation, and we take this opportunity to thank you sincerely".

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## Regional Public Speaking Contest

J. W. England, III, Shawnee Mission Chapter, will represent Kansas in the Regional Public Speaking Contest at Waterloo, Iowa, October 1. The contest will be held in the Women's Pavilion. "J. W." was at the Topeka Free Fair practicing his speech on the various guests congregated in the pavilion tent September 13. We wish for "J. W." the very best of success and hope he will represent this Region at Kansas City.

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On September 13, Raymond Bryan, Future Farmer yodeler extraordinary from the Ottawa Chapter, cooperating with the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, filled to overflow the large tent at the Free Fair used by the Board for their agricultural meetings. The customers seemed satisfied, and we verily believe that if they had permitted Raymond to continue it would have been necessary for the management to hustle additional chairs.

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There are 95 chartered F. F. A. chapters in Kansas. The active membership of last year totaled 1,693. Abilene had the largest paid membership, having 51 active members. Mound City and Ottawa tied for second place in number of active memberships paid, each having 47 memberships.

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The Ninth National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students and the Seventh Annual Meeting of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America will be held in Kansas City in connection with the American Royal October 20-26, 1934. The judging contests will occur on October 22 and 23. The livestock judging will be in the forenoon of the 22nd, and the meats identification contest will be in the afternoon of the 22nd. The dairy judging contest will be held the forenoon of the 23rd; the milk judging contest will begin at 1:00 P.M. the 23rd; and the poultry judging contest will begin at 3:00 P.M. the 23rd. Newton will represent Kansas in the livestock and meats contests, and Washington chapter will represent the State in the dairy contest.

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Judging team coaches, members of teams, F. F. A. delegates, local advisors, American Farmer Degree candidates, and other F. F. A. visitors should know the people responsible for the Vocational Congress and the National F. F. A. Convention:

J. A. Linke, formerly Regional Agent for the Federal Board for this region, now acting head of the Federal Vocational Agricultural Education department, will be the generalissimo in charge.

R. D. Maltby, Regional Agent for the South, will have charge of the judging contests.

W. A. Ross, National Ex-Secretary, will have charge of F. F. A. activities.

Ray Cuff, of Kansas City, will have charge of local arrangements, including recreational and educational activities.

L. B. Pollom will have charge of the meats contest.

L. F. Hall will handle the F. F. A. exhibit.

C. L. Angerer, Missouri, will be in charge of the Vocational livestock show.

W. T. Spanton, Regional Agent for the West Coast, will have charge of the dairy judging contest.

C. L. Babcock, U. S. D. A., will be in charge of the milk judging contest

J. H. Pearson, of the Education Office, Washington, D. C., will be in charge of the poultry judging contest.

The National Officers of F. F. A. will be in charge of the convention of delegates. The National Officers are:

Bobby Jones, Ohio, President

Alex Alampi, New Jersey, First Vice President

Robert Stewart, Montana, Second Vice President

Marion Winge, Georgia, Third Vice President

Morris Lowenstein, Nebraska, Fourth Vice President

Carl Shopbell, Michigan, Student Secretary

The National Committee in charge of the Congress includes: A. K. Getman, New York; H. C. Fetterolf, Pennsylvania; J. E. Border, Montana; L. M. Sheffer, Georgia; Guy E. James, Missouri; and J. A. Linke, Washington, D. C.

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The official F. F. A. delegates for Kansas will be President Paul Leck and Vice President Ellwood Baker.

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Ottawa Chapter will represent Kansas this year in the National Best Chapter Contest.

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A Regional F. F. A. Officers' Training School will be held at Shawnee Mission Saturday, September 22. The program will begin at 10:00 A.M.

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The Kiowa Chapter will be hosts to F. F. A. chapter officers of South Central and South West Kansas for an Officers' Training School on September 29. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M.

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