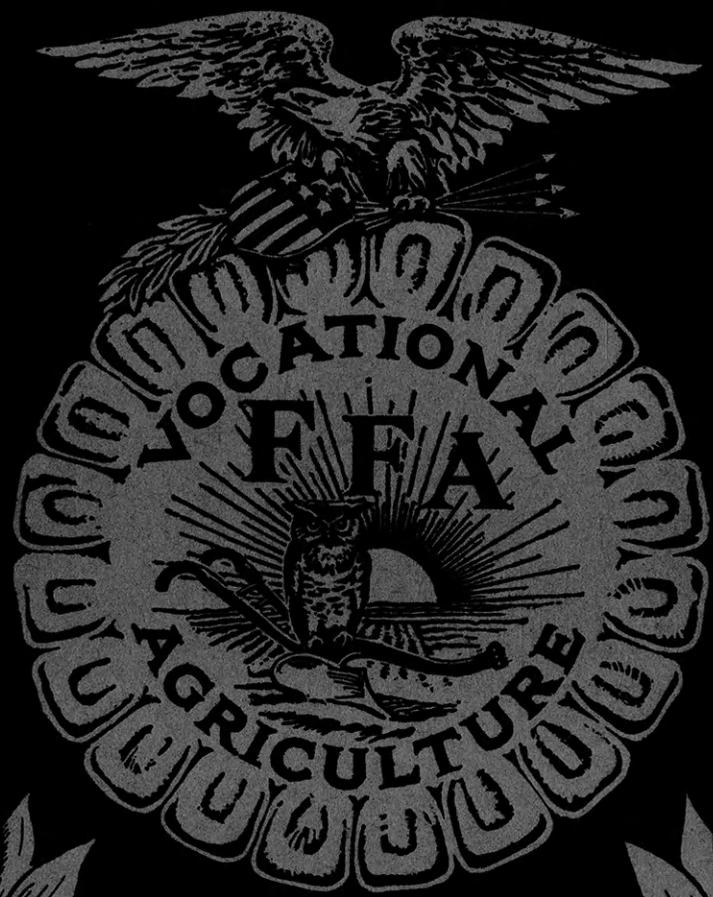


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National FFA Program of Work for 1934-1935/ 2

8. Encourage thrift programs.
Goal: 75 per cent of chapters having Thrift Banks.
9. Encourage State association radio broadcasts.
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10. Encourage pest eradication.
11. Encourage the organization of State FFA bands and similar groups.
12. Encourage State associations to send copies of their official State FFA publication to the President and Secretary of all State associations (including Hawaii and Puerto Rico) and suggest that these be kept on file by the State officers.
13. Cooperate with Federal Emergency Agencies.
14. Have National Father and Son Banquet night program with broadcast at noon previous to banquet -- date to be set at least three months in advance.
15. Publish and distribute to every chapter the Proceedings of the Seventh National Convention.
16. Strive for more and better publicity on FFA activities.

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CONGRATULATIONS, FREDONIA

Fredonia Chapter of Future Farmers of America was chartered December 14, 1934. This is the 97th chartered chapter in Kansas. We want to extend congratulations to this Chapter. We are confident they will be heard from frequently. Guy Tuis is president and Floyd Price is secretary-treasurer of the new chapter. J. A. Watson is the local advisor.

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The 1935 Chapter Contest rules will be about the same as last year, but programs of work will probably be called for by February 1.

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Paul Leck: "I never thought I'd pull through. First I got angina pectoria followed by arteriosclerosis. Just as I was recovering from these I got tuberculosis and aphasia."

Ellwood Baker: "Great guns, Paul, you don't look any the worse for it."

Paul Leck: "I wasn't ill; I was in a spelling contest."

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P O L L O M A I D S G O V E R N M E N T

State Advisor L. B. Pollom has always been known as a man possessing a practical turn of mind. For some months he has been dissatisfied with the slowness of the Government's program in slaying meat animals. He became convinced that there ought to be a method of attaining the goal of reduced numbers of live stock with more certainty and dispatch. Recently he had an opportunity to try out one of his pet methods. In balancing up his project, he found that the certainty and dispatch rated one hundred per cent plus, but the financial summary showed the new method a trifle uneconomical.

It seems that Advisor Pollom had attended a father and son banquet given by the Blue Rapids chapter. Next to the meal, he was supposed to be the chief attraction on this occasion -- in other words, he was the principal speaker. The meeting came to a close about 10 o'clock P. M., and Mr. Pollom headed his trusty Chevrolet toward Topeka.

While in the midst of delivering his Third Speech (not the one prepared, nor the one delivered, but the one he wished he had given), he was suddenly confronted with the outline of a yearling steer in the middle of the road about 150 feet in advance of his car. Quick thinker that he is, he decided to show the Government a thing or two about reducing surpluses. Almost instantly there was a THUD, and the details of what followed are not exactly clear. The steer was hurled high into the air, and the direction of flight would be interpreted by any good football referee as a forward pass. Considerable dexterity and skill were put into play by Mr. Pollom in keeping the car in the road and bringing it to a standstill. Before he could bring the car to a standstill, however, the steer again appeared in front of the car, but this time it was occupying a prone position in the middle of the road. A firm believer in thoroughness, and one who practices what he preaches, our Advisor proceeded to drive his trusty Chevy over the hapless form of the already dead steer. A few rods further down the road the car was brought under complete control and a perfect landing was executed. The instrument of death had to be towed into Manhattan. The driver of the death car, fortunately, was not injured.

The following project summary has been duly recorded in the office of the State Department of Vocational Education:

Name of Student:	L. B. Pollom
Kind of Project:	Beef Animal
Project Score Card and Grade:	
a. Planning project	0 %
b. Execution	100%
c. Financial outcome.....	\$68.90 loss, not counting the steer

P. S. The project story appearing above might be slightly overdrawn in spots. If so, it will not be the first time a teacher has been guilty of having too much lead in his pencil when he proceeds to tell of his project attainments. The State Executive Committee should keep this achievement story in mind when they begin to review records in search of the next American Farmer from Kansas.

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The National dues for 1934-35 remain at ten cents per member per year, but for 1935-36 the National dues will be fifteen cents per member per year.

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In the Proceedings of the Seventh National Convention of Future Farmers of America, there will be a new division entitled "Joint Activities with the Ninth Annual Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students" included in the report.

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The American Farmer score card is to be re-evaluated, and more weight will be given to investments in farming. Savings earned by the candidate must be specified.

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By unanimous action, the prize vocational agriculture lamb (under 90#) at the American Royal, produced by Harry Crandall, Jr., of Cass City, Michigan, was purchased for \$19.34, dressed by Wilson and Company, and sent to President Roosevelt with the compliments of the FFA organization.

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The House of Delegates at the National Convention went on record as favoring the publishing of an FFA Recreational and Social Hand Book in addition to the Manual.

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The 1935 FFA National Convention will be three days in length. The House of Delegates asked that consideration be given the matter of having the Convention on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the week, rather than Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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An exhibition contest of extemporaneous public speaking will be staged at the 1935 Convention. It will not affect the present public speaking contest in any way, however.

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Executive Advisor A. P. Davidson found time while attending the Seventh National Convention of FFA to visit the Nelson Art Gallery. While studying the exhibits he was overheard to remark: "And this, I suppose, is one of those horrible portraits you call modern art."

Guide: "Pardon me, sir, that is a mirror you're looking at."

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Chapter News

Lincoln: Lincoln Chapter held their election of officers September 18. They are as follows: President, Lloyd Walker; Vice President, Richard Dodrill; Secretary, Junior Montgomery; Treasurer, John R. Yan; Reporter, Howard Markley; Watch Dog, Orville Van Fangul.

We have held our initiation for the Green Hand and Future Farmer degrees. There were six Green Hands and six Future Farmers. We have committees appointed for each job in the program of work, and we have had very good results with our different jobs.

-- Howard Markley, Reporter

Shawnee Mission: The Shawnee Mission Chapter has 70 active members. The local officers are: President, Houston Carter; Vice President, Harry Weber; Secretary, Lawrence Miller; Treasurer, Douglas Christy; Reporter, J. W. England, Jr.; Advisor, H. D. Garver.

The Sixth Annual Parent banquet given for the FFA organization was held at the Shawnee Mission High school Thursday, November 22. 170 parents and members of this organization were present.

Charles Burner acted as toastmaster. The invocation was given by Frank Alden. The national opening ceremony was given by the local officers. Houston Carter gave the "Welcome" and Mrs. Karl Seested gave the "Response". Marvin Prinds gave a reading. Edward Moody and Donald Cover, past presidents, gave talks. The chapter history was read by Donald Cover. C. M. Miller, Director of Vocational Education in Kansas, delivered the main address, stressing the need of keeping a healthy body, developing habits of thrift, developing vocational proficiency, and developing some religious life.

The following were awarded the Future Farmer degree: Frank Alden, Doyle Bergland, Stanley Breyfagle, William Bunson, Warren Corbin, Victor Davis, Herman Jensen, Thomas Jung, Eugene Kercher, Leighton Kester, John Layman, Robert McAnany, Warren Miller, Eugene Needham, Marvin Prinds, Odell Peterson, Leroy Patten, Karl Seested, John Shaw, and David West.

-- J. W. England, Jr., Reporter

South Haven: Our wheat project is looking fine since the recent rain. The vocational animal husbandry class has purchased 5 ewes, which are being pastured on the wheat project.

The members of the FFA chapter held a sparrow catching contest. Their goal was set for 500 sparrow heads, but the record was broken with 850 sparrow heads. The group was divided into two squads with 20 members on each side. There were two thermometers to count the sparrow heads that were brought in each day. The captains were Junior Jarvis and Walter Hays. The members of Hays' side had good "cats' paws", because the thermometer on their side rose so fast that it broke with 480 sparrow heads. This contest ran for one week. Captain Jarvis' side had to furnish the eats for the night meeting of November 16.

We are planning a Christmas party with the Home Economics girls.

-- LaVerne Butterfield, Reporter

Mulvane: The Mulvane Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held their meeting on Thursday, November 13, with 23 boys present.

The organization elected its officers for the coming year. The following were elected: President, Myrel Howard; Vice President, Stanley Sence; Secretary, Robert Wilson; Treasurer, Kenneth Wilson; Reporter, Eugene Watson; Watch Dog, Homer Thompson.

-- Eugene Watson, Reporter

Havensville: The Havensville Chapter holds regular meetings the third Tuesday of each month. Officers were elected in September. The officers for the year are: President, Paul Beach; Vice President, Clyde Venneberg; Secretary, Lyle Loughmiller; Alumni Secretary, John Harris, Jr.; Treasurer, Milton Manuel; Reporter, Warren Mumert; Watch Dog, Raymond Miller.

The chapter initiated six Green Hands in a special meeting held October 2.

-- Warren Mumert, Reporter

Clay Center: The Green Hand initiation of the Clay Center FFA Chapter was held November 6. At this meeting nine boys were given the Green Hand degree. These boys were Franklin Bryan, Eugene Blackwood, Bill Smith, Donald Purling, Dale Stitt, Buford Hemphill, Roy Fowles, Albert Gerriets, and Loren Nelson.

November 17, ten chapters attended an officers' training school held at Clay County Community High School. Towns represented were Lebanon, Abilene, Delphos, Chapman, Miltonvale, Wakefield, Beloit, Haddam, Washington, and Clay Center. They met at the Clay County Community High School to exchange ideas, to get ideas, and to learn how other chapters were carrying on their work in their schools. In the forenoon there were four speakers. Mr. Frick, the Principal of the Clay County Community High School, welcomed the Future Farmer Chapters. The next speaker was Vincent Fuller, an American and Star Farmer, of Miltonvale. He gave a short talk on leadership. The last speaker was Prof. A. P. Davidson, of Manhattan, who is the executive advisor of the Kansas FFA. He talked about the rules and regulations of holding a public meeting.

At 12 o'clock the Home Economics Department of C.C.C.H.S. served lunch in the gymnasium. After lunch questions were asked and answered under the leadership of Mr. Brown, the teacher and advisor of the Washington FFA Chapter. Then the officers met separately for discussion of their duties toward the advancement of their organization.

-- Ralph Engel, Reporter

Atchison: The Atchison County Chapter of the FFA has initiated 14 new members during the last two meetings. At our next meeting we plan to raise 23 Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree.

Last August 11 of our members went down to the State lake at Tonganoxie and stayed for two days. We went swimming, played softball, and had a grand time.

Dale Hamon, Robert Cowley, and Ira White were appointed at the September meeting as a program committee for the year.

-- Willard Royer, Reporter

Concordia: One of the activities of our chapter is a scholarship contest, designed to stimulate each member of our organization to take interest in his school work, and thus gain recognition for the chapter. The contest started the first of November and will last until the end of the first semester. If it is successful, we will have a similar contest the second semester. The losing side is to furnish a feed for the winning side.

To be helpful to the farmers we have started an evening school for adults, so that it will be possible for farmers to learn the essentials of feeding and ration building. We planned to have the course every Tuesday night for 10 weeks. Each night the problems of feeding a certain kind of live stock will be discussed.

We have had two lessons. The first was on November 13, and the attendance was 21. The attendance had increased to 27 November 20. The total enrolment to date is 40.

The business meetings of our chapter are held every other Monday during activity period. At these meetings we take up any business that is presented, or any discussion related to business, such as parliamentary procedure.

To stimulate an interest in our meetings, we have voted to have a monthly night meeting in which business will not be taken up at all. Our first night meeting was held in October. At this meeting we initiated 17 Green Hands. The boys who were not initiated at that time will be initiated at the next night meeting.

At the first of our school year we started to work on our program for the year. A committee was appointed to outline a number of activities for the year and these were put before the house for approval and additions. After the outline had been arranged to the satisfaction of the majority of the members the committee put it in calendar form. Then with the help of the president, all necessary committees were appointed. The committees and the general outline were voted on again. It carried and we made two copies, one to post on our bulletin boards, and one to send to the State Advisor. In this way, the committees will know what they are expected to do and when it is to be done. We hope that this will avoid much of the big rush just before the time comes to do a particular thing.

In October, our judging team attended the Livestock Judging contest held at Glasco. The three highest individuals were from our chapter. They were: Duane Nelson, John Trude, and Leo Ross.

October 30, the boys of our chapter invited the Home Economics girls to a picnic. We held our picnic at a cabin on the river. We played games, then had roasted weiners and marshmallows with hot cocoa served around a big camp fire. Every one had a good time.

-- Reporter

Wamego: The Wamego Chapter of FFA held their election of officers in October. The following officers were elected: President, James Poddicord; Vice President, LeRoy Miller; Secretary, Elmer Walters; Treasurer, Wilbur Rawson; Reporter, Clifford Olson; Watch Dog, Dean Urquhart.

The program for the coming year has been prepared and sent in to the State Executive Advisor.

The chapter made a profit on their last fall cattle project, which consisted of very good quality Hereford and Angus steers.

-- Clifford Olson, Reporter

Mound City: The following officers were elected for our chapter late in May: President, Robert Green; Vice President, Howard Wakefield; Treasurer, Harold Vaughn; Secretary, Edgar Schasteen; Reporter, Damon Michael; Watch Dog, Marion Smith. Johnnie Neel has been elected secretary of the alumni members, and Marion Smith appointed as a member in student council, representing the FFA Chapter.

At the beginning of school the advisor and cabinet members met and set up forty objectives; some of these have been carried out to date.

The five officers and their advisor of the Mound City Chapter of FFA attended the FFA officers' training school at Shawnee Mission, September 22. Many worth while ideas were gained from the speakers and the class discussion during the day. The suggestions were brought home with the expectation of putting many of them into practice.

The joint meeting of the FFA and HHA was held on November 22 at Mound City high school. Each organization went through their regular rituals before they assembled as a group at the auditorium for a program given by both groups. They went to the gym and played volley ball, the girls winning one game and the boys one. Refreshments were served in the homemaking room.

We have a flock of 105 single comb white leghorn pullets. They are eight months old and have been laying over 50 percent for six weeks. They are cared for by the livestock class. We are feeding them the laying mash recommended by Kansas State College. They are making steady improvement.

The Mound City Chapter of the Future Farmers of America constructed an educational booth at the Linn County Fair held at Mound City. The booth consisted of charts, equipment of a vocational student, the FFA banner, pictures and exhibits from projects. The chapter also had a stand at the Fair. We sold candy bars, chewing gum, popcorn, cider and orange juice. We realized enough profit to pay for the rent of the stand and to put on the Father and Son Banquet. The FFA and vocational agriculture boys judged a class of each of the following: Guernsey cows, Shorthorn heifers, baby beeves, Poland China gilts, fat barrows, fat lambs, and Percheron stallions at the Fair. Kay Siron was the high point man with 550 points.

Our Fifth Annual Father and Son Banquet was held Saturday evening, Nov. 10 at 7:30. Attendance was almost perfect with one hundred twelve boys and fathers present. The speaker was Dr. C. V. Williams, who gave a fine talk on "Future Farmers." Nineteen members of the homemaking class served the banquet and several of the mothers helped with the banquet preparations. It was the most successful banquet ever held here.

Forty-seven FFA boys left here about 7:10 A. M. by truck for the American Royal and arrived in Kansas City about 9 o'clock. First we went through H. D. Lee's plant and then to the Royal Building. We saw the afternoon horse show and stayed for the FFA program that night.

Initiation of the Green Hands was held October 15. At the same time nine Green Hands were raised to Future Farmers. These were the boys who became Green Hands: Willis Clark, Junior Cox, Kenneth Rowley, Dalton Atkins, Ralph Augur, Kenneth Davis, Robert Dunavan, Carl Elliott, Charles Kerr, Gordon Paddock and Jack Pinkerton. These 11 boys were blindfolded in the shop and brought into the agriculture room where the opening services were read. They were then loaded into the FFA truck and taken to a nearby farm where they were initiated. After the president thought they were properly initiated, they were brought back to the agriculture room for refreshments.

-- Damon Michael, Reporter



Carbondale: The Carbondale Chapter elected the following officers at the September meeting: President, Dee Squire; Vice President, Louis Louthey; Treasurer, Herbert Cooper; Reporter, Scott Kinney; Watch Dog, Orlando Snell.

Carbondale Chapter had but one Green Hand to initiate since the freshmen were not allowed to take vocational agriculture this year. We have a senior from Overbrook taking vocational agriculture this year, so we initiated him at the November 14 meeting. The three boys on the refreshment committee served doughnuts and hot cocoa.

The chapter agreed to have a night meeting the third Wednesday of each month. On December 19 we are going to have a Future Farmer degree initiation. The chapter voted to set July as a vacation month. It was also voted to have an outing of some sort in August.

The class has 132 S. C. W. loghorns pullets which have had a 50 percent production during the last month. They have contracted to sell hatching eggs in the spring. The flock was brooded by the class last spring and cared for by Mr. Chilcott during the summer.

Sixteen members of the local chapter attended the feeders day at Manhattan, Saturday, November 17.

The class took four calves to the Midwest show and sale at Kansas City. Bill Young took ninth place with his Angus which sold for \$10.50 per cwt. and weighed 1030 pounds. Harold Rishel's calf brought \$10.25 and Orlando Snell's calves brought \$9.23 and \$8.50.

Ten boys attended the American Royal and visited the Longview and Chapman farms.

Mr. L. B. Pollom, State Advisor, spent one afternoon with us and made a fine talk. We hear that he has been hitting calves since. We hope he was not damaged and that the calf was not a vocational boy's calf.

-- Scott Kinney, Reporter

Ottawa: The officers of the Ottawa chapter, elected last spring, took office for the first time at the September meeting. The meeting was given over to the raising of Green Hands to Future Farmers. At the October meeting Green Hands were initiated. Our November meeting was the annual Father and Son Reception, attended by most of the members and their dads. Mr. E. L. Raines, advisor of the Mound City chapter, gave a short speech at this reception. The Ottawa chapter plans to have a Christmas Party in addition to the regular meeting.

We are now sponsoring and assisting in presenting an evening school for farmers on the subject of Farm Mechanics. Much interest is being shown. We are also sponsoring a poultry and grain show. There are 95 grain entries and 160 entries in the poultry division. The grain is to be judged by two of our alumni who were outstanding in grain work while in school and a local man will judge the poultry. Local merchants were solicited for merchandise premiums.

-- Francis Kemmerer, Reporter

Goodland: The election of officers is as follows: President, Lorren Elliot; Vice President, Peto Walker; Treasurer, Carroll Mogge; Secretary, James Shaver; Reporter, Floyd Hubbard; Watch Dog, Billie Hartzler.

We handled concessions at the football games in cooperation with the Girl Reserves. We also handed out programs at the gates. In these programs were the names, positions, weight, years of experience, and number of the players. In another part of the program were ads which we sold at \$1.00 a piece.

We held a joint meeting with the Colby Future Farmers on October 13, 1934. We had oyster stew and afterwards there was boxing, wrestling, and volley ball.

We intend to have at least one night meeting a month and a day meeting every other Friday the fourth period. The Fridays we don't have a Future Farmer meeting we have a cabinet meeting.

We held our initiation for 12 members at a nearby dairy.

The Future Farmers put on an assembly program in which we gave the opening and closing ceremony of the Future Farmers. We had a talk by Lorren Elliot and one by our local implement dealer. Carroll Mogge played a trumpet solo.

-- Floyd Hubbard, Reporter

Blue Rapids: The Blue Rapids Chapter gave a reception for their parents November 14. Over 60 guests were present. Mr. L. B. Pollom, State Advisor, was with us and gave a very interesting talk. Music was furnished by members of the chapter. Daniel Moses played a violin solo, Linus Fincham sang the FFA song, and the FFA Hill Billy orchestra composed of Daniel Moses, Linus Fincham, Elwyn Kapitan, Fredrick Foreman, Keith Wagoner, played a few numbers. Refreshments were served by the members of the chapter.

Our Green Hand initiation was held in October. The raising of Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree will be held in December.

Members of the chapter are assisting our vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. Lyness, on the Farm Mechanics evening school which is held for the farmers of the community every Tuesday.

-- Marvin M. Sedivy, Reporter

Ellis: The officers for the Ellis Chapter for the coming year are: President, Martin Hayes; Vice President, Frederick Rand; Secretary, Raymond Schoenthaler; Treasurer, Hugh Faulkner; Reporter, Howard Joseph; and Watch Dog, Harold Hanake.

We have 21 members in our chapter this year. We have outlined our program of work for the year and have 22 jobs. We have our regular weekly meetings on Wednesday at 3:30 to 4:06 o'clock. Our night meetings are the first Monday of the month. The programs consist of games, music, talks by members. Refreshments are served.

At the Junior Fair this year, the members of the Ellis Chapter took over 48 percent of the prize money given.

Our advisor and the officers attended the FFA officers' training school at Oakley, October 13.

At the football games the FFA boys have been selling popcorn to increase the treasury fund.

-- Howard Joseph, Reporter



Marysville: The Marysville Chapter of FFA elected the following officers during the first month of school: President, Arthur Andrews; Vice President, Edgar Cromo; Secretary, Howard Heglar; Treasurer, Orval Meinecke; Reporter, Walter Sanderson; Watch Dog, Alvin Bargman.

Twelve Green Hands were raised to the Future Farmer degree. The initiation was very pleasant for the upper classmen but not for the Green Hands. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Our chapter has a meeting of the officers every other Wednesday and of the complete chapter on the remaining Wednesdays during activity period. We have one night meeting a month.

We have a base ball team which has been practicing every Monday and Wednesday night when the weather permits. Our basketball team is starting to practice now. Our orchestra is planning to put on a play in chapel with the aid of the chapter.

The judging team is working for the spring contests. The officers of the FFA went to Clay Center November 17 to an officers' training school. We hope that we may have profited by the experience.

-- Walter Sanderson , Reporter

Pratt: The Pratt Chapter of the FFA which has been inactive was reorganized this year. The following officers were elected: President, Junior Norby; Vice President, John Banburg; Secretary, Walter Miller; Treasurer, Berniel Jolley; Reporter, Dean Toot; Watch Dog, Charles Zios.

A district meeting of South Central Kansas Chapters of the FFA was held at Pratt, November 20. Six chapters were represented. They were: Kiowa, Kingman, Medicine Lodge, Coats, Stafford, and Pratt.

The opening and closing ceremonies were conducted by Stafford. The Stafford chapter also conferred the Future Farmer degree upon 14 candidates from the various chapters. There were 51 members present. The following officers for the district were elected: President, Keith Johnson, Stafford; Vice President, Lloyd Ligenstoffer, Kiowa; Secretary, Deverde Elwood, Kingman; Treasurer, Junior Norby, Pratt; Reporter, Wallis Kirkbride, Medicine Lodge; Watch Dog, Robert Shore, Coats; Advisor, Mr. Johnson, Kiowa.

-- Dean Toot, Reporter

Silver Lake: Our officers for the coming year are: President, Clayton David; Vice President, Dean Fritz; Secretary, Francis Stagg; Treasurer, Junior Pence; Reporter, Dale Hupe; Watch Dog, Jeffas Bahner. We initiated eight new members into our chapter.

Nineteen of our chapter visited the American Royal on Kansas Day. We enjoyed this and it was very educational.

We have one night and one day meeting a month. At our first night meeting we talked over plans for the coming year. We decided upon the program for the summer. We also planned swims in the pool in our park.

-- Dale Hupe, Reporter