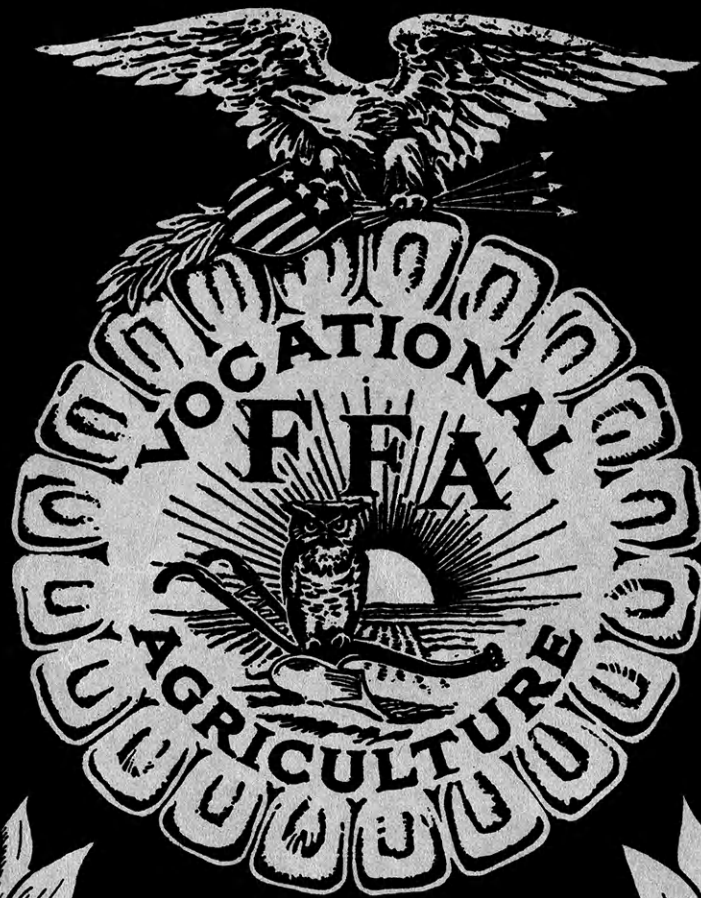


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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

Dear F.F.A. Members:

I wonder how many times we stop to think of the meaning of the name of this organization -- Future Farmers of America. Does the word "future" sometimes overshadow the rest of the name? Do we sometimes forget that while "future" farmers we are also "present" farmers, and that the things we are doing today will be carried to the things we do in the future. I wonder too, how many times we stop to consider the meaning set forth in our creed. Particularly that part stating, "We believe in bargaining rather than in begging". It is very easy to forget this in the face of so much relief work about us. Again, the response, "To honor rural opportunities and responsibilities and develop those qualities of leadership a Future Farmer should possess." What better opportunities have we than in our own local F.F.A. chapters to put those words to work. Yet that cannot be done blindly.

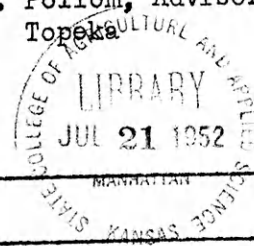
Only by carefully planned programs, well carried out, can the fullest possibilities be realized; programs planned to develop leadership, encourage scholarship, provide community service, teach cooperation, and furnish clean recreation. The most successful programs are those which are well balanced with everybody taking part. The whole success of our organization lies in these local programs, for "The strength of the pack lies in the wolf -- the strength of the wolf in the pack."

It is true that we F.F.A. members have a big job to do, but we have another organization to help us -- the Kansas Vocational Agriculture Association. This organization, composed of our own teachers, knows our problems and stands ready to help us. We can do no less than give our own best efforts.

In the year just ahead, let us resolve to do our part toward achieving the goals set up -- both in our local chapters and in our State and National Associations. Last of all, let us remember that we are Future Farmers of America. Let us keep in mind the words of Mr. J. C. Swift, president of the American Royal, who spoke at a luncheon during the 1935 Mid-West Fat Stock Show, "The world owes us a living, but we are the ones who will have to collect it."

Sincerely,

J. W. England III, President
Kansas Association of F.F.A.



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* Annual Chapter Activity Program *

* due November 1, 1935. Send to *

* A. P. Davidson, Executive Advisor, *

* Kansas Association of Future *

* Farmers of America, Department of *

* Education, Kansas State College. *

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JUNE ISSUE OF THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

One of the objectives of the State Association for 1934 stated that nine issues of the Newsletter would be published. Nine issues were published, and in addition a special June issue was sent to every department in the state. The June number should remain in the chapter library and should prove helpful in formulating chapter activity programs. This special issue presents a classified cross-sectional view of the chapter programs submitted for the year 1935. The activities are listed in order of frequency of occurrence. This might be indicative of importance, but many other factors would have to be considered in comparing importance of chapter activities. PLEASE GIVE ATTENTION TO THE FORM SET UP FOR BUILDING YOUR CHAPTER PROGRAM FOR SUBMISSION, AND THE FORM TO BE USED WHEN REPORTING ON ACCOMPLISHMENT.

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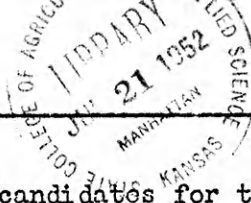
Meeting of State Officers

The annual meeting of the officers of the State Association of Future Farmers of America was held at Kansas State college, Saturday, September 7, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. All officers were present. In order that the regular secretary might have opportunity to participate in the informal consideration of the problems before the State Association, Prof. Willet Taylor, advisor of the Reading chapter, was asked to act as secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the state officers, the minutes of the 1935 annual meeting of the house of delegates, and the minutes of the two meetings of the State Executive committee were read. Formulation of objectives for the ensuing year and a statement of policies were the two major purposes of the meeting.

The following objectives were formulated for 1935-36.

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, 1935. 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. Chapters failing to submit programs of work



by November 1 will not be eligible for State Farmer candidates for that year, nor will they be permitted to participate in the State F.F.A. public speaking contest.

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 sufficient copies of both the Manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure to furnish a copy of both for each member.

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 before November 1, 1935, and recommend that at least one state officer be present at each sectional meeting, when possible.

The following policies were subscribed to:

- a. That the State Association commend the action of the faculty committee on contests for holding the annual meeting to a two day session. While the association realizes the values to be realized by having more time for F.F.A. activities, it was deemed best in face of economic and drought conditions prevailing in Kansas to handle the program of the annual meeting in 1936 similar to the plan of the 1935 meeting.
- b. It was recommended that the committee appointed by the K.V.A.A. with a committee from the F.F.A. be given power to act in the matter of districting the State.
- c. In like manner the committee appointed by the K.V.A.A. to work with a committee from the F.F.A. to devise and make available a suitable secretary's book was given power to act.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Signed -- Donald Chandler, Secretary

10 - give study to Kansas place in the 10th annual anniversary of NFFA organization.

11 - Recommend careful study of the relation use of the name FFA by any group.

F.F.A. Program at Topeka Fair

Each year a half day is set aside as Future Farmer Day at the Free Fair at Topeka. This year the afternoon of the 12th was designated as F.F.A. day. The meeting is under the auspices of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Mr. I. D. Graham in charge. Supervisor L. B. Pollom is responsible for building the program. The meeting was held in the people's pavilion, a magnificent new structure of native limestone. The program consisted of three numbers. Raymond Bryan, the inimitable cowboy yoedler from the Ottawa chapter furnished the entertainment. Frederick Renick, Newton chapter, delivered his winning oration. The Shawnee Mission chapter represented by Marvin Prinds, Albert Coates, J. W. England, Daryl Berglund, Douglas Christy, James Nutt, and Eugene Needham, put on an interesting and instructive skit portraying the activities of the Future Farmer organization. The entire program was high class, worthy of the splendid organization represented, and was well received by the more than a thousand persons in attendance.

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National F.F.A. Radio Programs

The 1935 series of national F.F.A. radio programs centered around the theme "The New Era in American Agriculture" is drawing to a close. Three programs remain yet to be given before a new series for 1936 is launched. The remaining programs for the year will occur on:

October 22*

November 11

December 9

*This program featuring the national public speaking contest and originating in Kansas City replaces the regular October 14 broadcast of the F.F.A.

Plan now to hear the October 22 broadcast. Invite your superintendent, principal, and school board members. Where radios are available in the school plan an all school meeting in charge of the F.F.A. chapter. The program will be interesting and worthwhile. You will hear the four contestants in the national public speaking contest sponsored by the Future Farmers of America. These talks will be instructive and interesting, a credit to high school youth and worthy of the National Organization of F.F.A. Remember your patrons and school administrators are not all familiar with this splendid farm youth organization. We assure you the program will please the severest critic.

Schools not owning a radio should arrange to borrow one for this occasion. We can think of no better plan of acquainting your friends with the F.F.A.

These programs are brought to you through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting system on its Farm and Home Hour, the second Monday of the month -- except the October 22 meeting which features the national public

speaking contest. Stations carrying these programs which should be available to chapters in all parts of Kansas are:

KWK - St. Louis	WREN - Kansas City	WLW - Cincinnati
WOW - Omaha	WHO - Des Moines	WDAF - Kansas City
KVOO - Tulsa	WKY - Oklahoma City	KTHS - Hot Springs
KOA - Denver	WFAA - Dallas	KDKA - Pittsburg

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! ATTENTION REPORTERS !

The four most important duties of the local reporter are:

1. Furnish news to the school and local community press.
2. Furnish newsworthy items to the state press.
3. Report promptly and regularly to the Kansas Future Farmer.
4. Organize and bring to the attention of your chapter a complete review of each issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

The following is the plan of gathering news for the Kansas Future Farmer. If your chapter is not represented in the issues of the Future Farmer it will be deducted that the chapter is not functioning properly or that a p--- reporter has been chosen.

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

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

The local reporter will be sent a blank requesting chapter news, and his reply will be due in the office of Arthur Jones, State Reporter, in care of the High School, Reading, Kansas, on the date specified on the request sheet sent him.

News relating to the following will be appreciated: Election of officers, initiations, chapter activity programs, programs for meetings, athletics, scholarship, achievement in judging, showing, debate, public speaking, music, project tours, plans, achievement, home practice activities; community service, cooperative activities, and thrift. "NAMES MAKE NEWS".

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Annual Report of Kansas Association of F.F.A.

The following items taken from the annual report of the State Association for the year ending June 30, 1935, submitted to the National Organization of F.F.A. will be of interest.

1. Number of federally aided departments of vocational agriculture in the state.....	117
2. Total vocational agriculture enrolment in federally aided departments of vocational agriculture	2943
3. Number of chartered chapters of F.F.A.....	102
4. Total active membership in chartered chapters of F.F.A.....	2191
5. Total amount of national dues paid by August 1, 1935.....	\$219.10
6. Total amount of national dues remaining unpaid at present time.	None
7. Increase in number of local chapters over previous year.....	7
8. Increase in chapter active membership over previous year.....	498
9. Total number boys initiated Green Hands.....	1314
10. Total number green Hands raised to Future Farmers.....	851
11. Total number Future Farmers raised to State Farmers.....	24
12. Total number State Farmers raised to American Farmers.....	2
13. Total number of boys now holding Green Hand degree.....	1314
14. Total number of boys now holding Future Farmer degree.....	851
15. Total number of boys now holding State Farmer degree.....	115
16. Total number of boys now holding American Farmer degree.....	10
	Total active membership
	<u>2290*</u>

*This includes State and American Farmers over past five years.

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8th National Convention of Future Farmers of America

October 21, 22, 23, and 24, 1935

Headquarters -- Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary, Washington, D. C. will be in charge.

President J. W. England III, Shawnee Mission Chapter, and Vice President Richard Fisher, Lebanon Chapter, will be the official delegates from Kansas

The principal features of this annual convention are:

The National Public Speaking Contest
 The Best Chapter Contest
 The American Farmer Degree
 The Best State Association Contest
 Star Farmer Awards*

*These are under the auspices of the Weekly Kansas City Star.

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Announcements

Announcement of the 10th Annual National Congress of Vocational Agriculture Students, to be held in connection with the American Royal Livestock Show, American Royal Building, Kansas City (Missouri) Stockyards October 19-26, 1935, has been issued by the vocational division of the United States Office of Education, Department of the Interior, Washington D. C. as Miscellaneous Circular Number 12. Teachers having students who plan to attend the congress or the F.F.A. convention should obtain a copy of circular number 12. The following chapters will represent Kansas in the various contests which will be held in connection with the National Congress of Vocational Agriculture Students:

Live Stock Judging Contest, Fredonia Chapter
 Annual Meat Judging Contest, Pratt Chapter
 Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, Quinter Chapter
 Milk Judging Contest, Linn Chapter
 Poultry Judging Contest, Newton Chapter

The announcement circular lists the superintendents, rules, place, awards, entry blanks, and full instructions.

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Officer Training Schools

There should be at least six regional officer training schools held in Kansas this year. If they are to be of most service to the local and state organizations they should be held early in the school year. Supervisor Pollom and members of the teacher training department at Kansas State College will be glad to cooperate.

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Education is the process by which each individual recreates his universe and determines its dimensions.

--- Calvin Coolidge



NOTICE -- STATE AND NATIONAL DUES

25¢

Of interest to both old and new chapters is the announcement that beginning this year the National dues will be raised from 10¢ to 15¢ per member. State dues will remain the same, 10¢ per person. State and National dues are due as of January 1, 1936.

The increase in National dues was occasioned by the rapid increase in membership and the expansion of National F.F.A. activities. Keeping a secretarial report on one hundred thousand members is no small task in itself, but when one considers the numerous activities sponsored by the National Organization he can readily see the need of secretarial help. The additional 5¢ per member was levied for the purpose of furnishing office assistance to National Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross. (P.S. The Kansas Executive Secretary who does his own typing can't understand why all this bother about office assistance but if it will give Art a little time to run out and visit some of our chapters, we'll make the motion for him.)

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AMERICAN FARMER CANDIDATES

The Kansas candidates for the American Farmer degree have their application blanks together with other documentary evidence on file at the state office. This material is being studied by the Executive Committee members and final selection of two candidates will be made Saturday, September 21. These programs should prove an inspiration to all Future Farmer members in Kansas. Abstracts of the winning programs will appear in a later issue of the Newsletter. The following State Farmer members have made application for the American Farmer degree: Paul Leck, Washington Chapter, Ellwood Baker, Abilene Chapter, Arthur Leonhard, Lawrence Chapter, Donald Baughman, Howard Chapter, and Wilbert Duitsman, Linn Chapter.

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Delinquent Chapters

Of the 102 chartered chapters in Kansas, ten failed to pay state and national dues the past year. This was highly gratifying when one takes into consideration the economic and drought conditions prevailing. The 92 chapters paying dues and carrying on an active program came from all parts of the state, so it is difficult to hide behind either of the above indicated reasons for delinquency. Might it not be that certain of our teachers have failed to recognize the potential possibilities of a functioning outstanding Future Farmer Chapter. A visit to any of the ten chapters listed as having outstanding programs in the Best Chapter

contest last year will prove helpful to unconvinced vocational agricultural teachers and students. Now is the time to rebuild your chapter and take advantage of the impetus resulting from a live and wide awake Future Farmer organization. Kansas needs more than 2191 active F.F.A. members out of an enrolment of approximately 3,000 vocational agricultural students. We should be eligible to three American Farmers. Delinquent chapters by assuming an active status could make it possible for us to be entitled to three American Farmer candidates next year.

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New Vocational Agriculture Departments

There are fourteen new departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas this year and one reestablished department. Two new departments remain on the inactive list because of the shortage of qualified teachers at the time of opening of school. The Kansas Future Farmer hopes to be able to welcome a new chapter in each of these new schools before the November 1 issue.

Steps in organizing new chapters are: Acquaint your students with the F.F.A. through the Manual, Newsletter, and information furnished by the instructor. Elect a group of temporary officers from your upper class group. Write the executive secretary for a petition blank. Fill out the petition blank, build and include a temporary program of activities. Return petition blank, program of work, together with 25¢ dues for each member. The Executive Committee will waive the constitutional requirement stating that all officers shall be chosen from ranks higher than the Green Hand degree. When this is done and your chapter meets the requirements stipulated it will be chartered and a charter will be mailed you. By prompt action your chapter will be eligible for ranking in the Best Chapter contest and will benefit from early organization and the completion of a full year of activities. We have had one inquiry already and are wondering which school will receive charter number 103.

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WHERE TO GET F.F.A. SUPPLIES

Arm bands, felt (2)	Metal markers (6)
Badges and buttons (6)	Music:
Banners, felt (2)	"F.F.A. March" (8)
Bolts and Buckles (1)	"Hail the F.F.A." (11)
Caps, convention style (2)	Napkins (4)
Caps, swagger style (3)	Newspaper mats (4)
Caps, military style (3)	Pennants, felt (2)
Charters for chapters (11)	Pictures, Washington and Jefferson
Collegiate chapter pins (1)	(10)*
Cups, trophy (1)	Pins and buttons, degree (11)
Cuts, emblem (4)	Place cards (4)
Degree pins and keys (11)	Plaques (1)

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| Emblems, felt (2) | Flows, miniature (9) |
| Emblem stickers (4) | Printed supplies (4) |
| Envelopes (4) | Project Markers (6) |
| Felt goods (2) | Ribbons, prize (6) |
| Flags (6) | Rings, finger (1) |
| Jackets, corduroy (3) | Song, "Hail the F.F.A." (11) 15¢ |
| Jewelry (1) | Stationery (4) |
| Keys, degree (11) | Stickers, baggage (4) |
| Letterheads (4) | Stickers, windshield (4) |
| Manuals (11) | Sweater emblems (2) |
| March of F.F.A. (for bands (8) | Trophy cups (1) |
| Medals (1) | Uniforms (3) |
| Membership cards (11) | Watch fobs (1) |
| Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure (11) 8¢ | |
| Hansroth and Morgan, Paths to Leadership (11) 10¢ | |
| Handbook for Future Farmers (11) 15¢ | |



- (1) L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Mass. Jewelry.
- (2) Staunton Novelty Co., Staunton, Va. Felt Goods and Convention Caps.
- (3) Universal Uniform Co., Van Wert, Ohio. Uniforms and Caps.
- (4) French-Bray Printing Co., Candler Building, Baltimore, Md. Printed Supplies, Stationery, Emblem Cuts, etc.
- (5) Farm Journal, Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pa. Manuals
- (6) St. Louis Button Co., 415 Lucas Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Celluloid Buttons, Ribbons, Badges, Markers, Flags.
- (7) W. M. Welch Scientific Co., Chicago, Illinois, Chapter Charters.
- (8) Cundy-Bettoney Co., Chestnut Ave., J. P., Boston, Mass. F.F.A. March (for bands)
- (9) Deere and Co., Moline, Ill. Miniature Plows
- (10) Swift and Co., Chicago, Ill. Agricultural Research Dept. Pictures, Washington and Jefferson.
- (11) A. P. Davidson, Executive Advisor, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas

* Request must be accompanied by letter from Executive Advisor

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BOOKS AND PLAYS

Consult the new Manual pp. 69-74 for short plays and suitable books for the F.F.A. library. Every chapter should have the complete list under the caption of "Books of Interest to Future Farmers of America". Some-one has said that reading is a habit and good reading is a good habit.

Fun and Work, Scranton, Published by the Interstate Printing Company Danville, Illinois, price \$2.00, will prove of interest and value to chapters young and old. Games and Recreation Leadership in Chapter and Community, Higgins, available through Supervisor R. B. Smith, Little Rock, Arkansas, price 30¢ offers many valuable suggestions. Good Time Party Games, Stunts and Tricks, Becker, Minneapolis Novelty Company, 706 Baker Building, Minneapolis, price 50¢ should prove helpful in enlivening programs and parties.

 * DON'T FORGET THE F.F.A. RADIO PROGRAM *
 * OCTOBER 22 -- FARM AND HOME HOUR *
