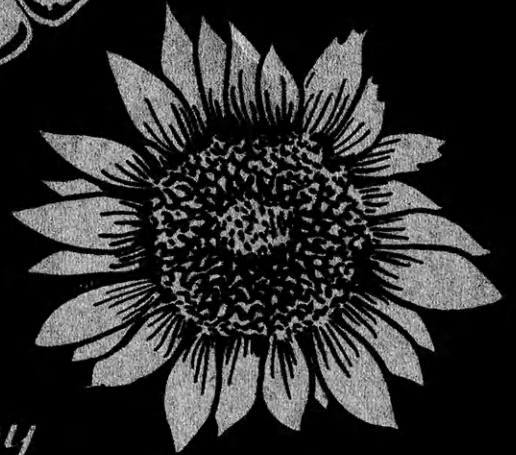
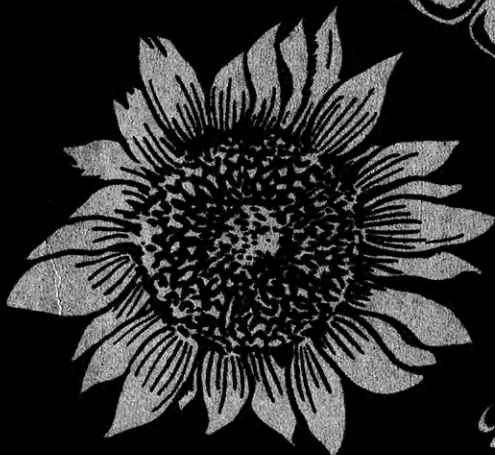
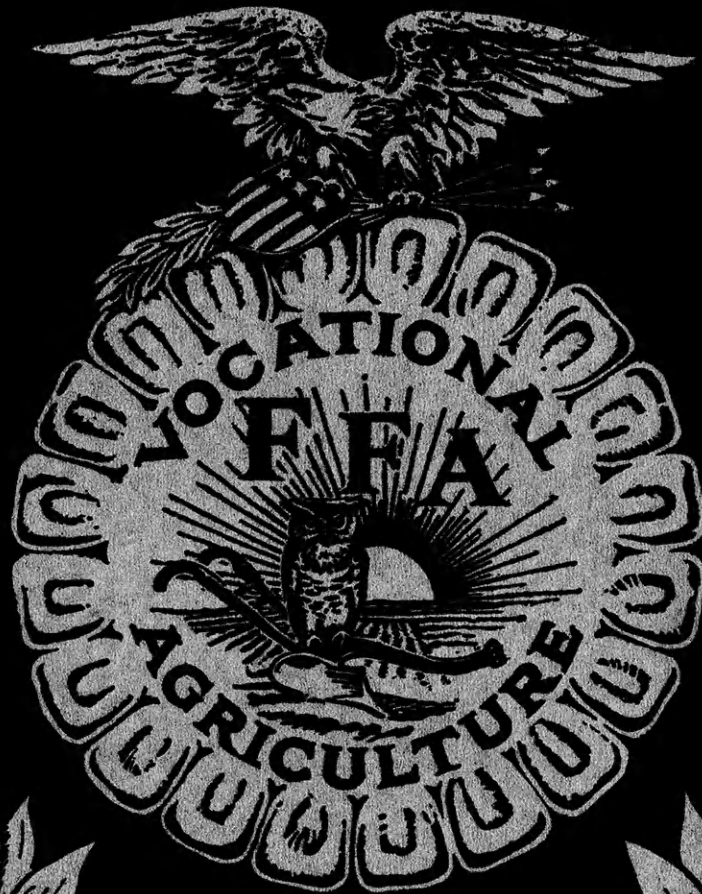


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NEW CHAPTERS

We are happy to announce the chartering of the Sabetha chapter under date of February 7, 1936, and the Olathe chapter under date of March 5, 1936. Sabetha is the 109th chartered chapter in the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, and the Olathe chapter represents the 110th chartered chapter. W. N. Page is the advisor for the Sabetha chapter, and G. E. Lyness will guide the destinies of the chapter at Olathe. Congratulations!

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EIGHTH ANNUAL PROGRAM

KANSAS ASSOCIATION FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
APRIL 27 AND 28, 1936

- Monday, April 27--Immediately following opening of Contests, Room Ag. 7. Registration of official delegates and submission of copy of annual report of local chapter. Local advisor, delegate, or authorized representative. State President, J. W. England III, presiding.
- Monday, April 27, 10:10 a. m.--Education Hall, G28, meeting of officers of Kansas Association Future Farmers of America.
- Monday, April 27, 2:00 p. m.--Education Hall G28, meeting of officers of Kansas Association Future Farmers of America.
- Monday, April 27, 7:30 p. m.--Ag. 331. Eighth Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates of the Kansas Association Future Farmers of America. Roll Call, Chapter Reports, Reports of State Officers, Committee Reports. Officially vote on Future Farmer candidates to be raised to the State Farmer Degree. Election of officers for the ensuing year.

Eighth Annual Program (Concluded)

Tuesday, April 28, 8:00 a. m.--Ag. 331. State F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest; A. P. Davidson in charge, President J. W. England III, presiding. Judges, a K.S.C. faculty representative from the Departments of Public Speaking, Education, and Agricultural Economics.

Tuesday, April 28, 5:00 p. m.--Illustrations Building, group picture of new State Farmer members and group picture of new officers of the State Association of F.F.A.

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p. m.--Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Community House. Contestants, Coaches, F.F.A. Delegates, and guests. Meeting in charge of Kansas Association Future Farmers of America. Program, State Farmer Degree Ritual. F.F.A. movies. Announcing contest results. Awards.

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APRIL 13 - NATIONAL F. F. A. DAY - APRIL 13

The fifth anniversary of the F.F.A. National Radio Programs on the NBC Farm and Home Hour will occur April 13. In line with National Objective 15, plans are under way to celebrate this occasion as National F.F.A. Day. The spring meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in Washington at this time, thereby making it possible for the national officers to participate in the broadcast program. The theme of the April 13 broadcast will be, "The Radio as a Rural Institution".

It is hoped that Kansas chapters will take part in this observance. The hour is 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., central standard time.

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The National Grange announces that prizes for the Outstanding State F.F.A. Associations will be doubled for 1936.

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Star American Farmer awards will be increased for 1936, according to announcements relative to the eighth annual offer of cash prizes to outstanding members of the Future Farmers of America, recently made by the Weekly Kansas City Star. In addition to the \$500 award to the "Star Farmer of America", four regional awards of \$100 each will be made to the most outstanding American Farmers in the North Atlantic, North Central, Southern and Western regions of the country.

State "Star Farmers" also will be chosen from Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, to whom \$100 awards will be made. Future Farmers who compete in these events will receive only one cash award, however. A Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, or Arkansas boy may receive the title of

Star Farmer Awards (Concluded)

Star Farmer from his state, but if he wins one of the regional awards, his cash prize will be limited to \$100. The winner of the "Star Farmer of America" title will also be recognized as his total cash award.

Eligibility in this event requires that the winners shall have the American Farmer Degree conferred upon them at the coming Ninth National Convention of F.F.A., and must not be over 21 years of age.

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Dues are due as of January 1, 1936. Is there any reason why Kansas should not be eligible for three American Farmers this year? With a total enrollment of 3,340 in vocational agriculture in 130 departments it would seem within reason to expect paid dues for at least 2,501 members. This number would entitle Kansas to three American Farmers. There are twenty vocational agriculture departments in Kansas without chartered chapters of F.F.A. If these departments will organize, and the 110 chartered chapters enrol approximately 100 per cent of the members of their departments, there will be no question about being eligible for three American Farmers.

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In a later issue of the Newsletter we plan to run a percentile ranking of the chapters based upon the number of vocational agriculture students reached through the F.F.A. This plan will give credit where credit is due, and should stimulate chapters to reach a higher percentage of students enrolled in vocational agriculture.

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FUTURE FARMERS OUTSIDE THE BORDER

South Dakota--Martin Muchow of the Harford chapter will furnish the spuds at the F.F.A. banquet at Kansas City next fall. Martin made the offer early last fall and the offer has been accepted.

Utah--Box Elder chapter reports a paid up membership of 160. This is one of the largest chapters in the National Organization of the F.F.A.

Louisiana--This year will find 83 of the 94 chapters in the state participating in the Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

Nevada--The Douglas County chapter lost \$50 when the high school safe was looted. This amount represented money earned at the local fair, as well as dues from 18 members. The dues were repaid.

California--The State Association is conducting a "brain twister" contest. Each month in their Newsletter three or four questions are listed dealing with project accounts and management. The answers are given the following month, together with the winners and those receiving honorable mention.

Future Farmers Outside the Border (Continued)

Oregon--The F.F.A. Alumni held their annual convention at Silverton, January 24 and 25. Fifty young farmers, formerly local, state and national leaders of the Future Farmers of America were present.

North Dakota--The Edwin Traynor chapter, Starkweather, was not daunted by the 29 below zero weather which prevailed on February 1, when they staged a splendid minstrel show. Twenty-five and ten cents admissions were charged, and a clear profit of \$19.60 was made. Perhaps the name of the town holds the secret for the attitude of the public toward subzero weather.

Iowa--The Sac City chapter passed a resolution at a special meeting instructing each member to see that the game birds on his farm would be fed during the prolonged cold weather. This work was participated in by 100 per cent of the membership without outside financial aid or help from anyone....A total of 102 F.F.A. members from 23 chapters have been nominated for positions in the first Iowa F.F.A. Band which will be used at the state meeting this spring.

Ohio--There were 348 F.F.A. members who took part in local public speaking contests. Fifty-six boys competed in the eleven district contests. There were 948 people in attendance at the local contests, and 632 in attendance at the district contest....The Ninth Leadership Conference was attended by 170 registered F.F.A. delegates. National president William Shaffer, of Virginia, participated in the program.

Colorado--Members of the Holly chapter are conducting an experiment in dust prevention. A tractor was used in building dykes across the football field. The ground was then flooded. They intend to plow the field and sow it to wheat.

Nebraska--The Genoa chapter presented to State Advisor Clements a large F.F.A. sign made from cross sections of ears of red and yellow corn. The sign is to be used by the State Association....Members of the Ravenna chapter killed 693 crows in an F.F.A. pest hunt....Orlando Todd, 17 year old American Farmer, member of the Clearwater chapter, is the author of the following poem entitled, "A Future Farmer":

"He's up in the cool of the early morn
While the dew is heavy and white;
There are cows to milk and chores to be done
Whether skies are stormy or bright.
Then with lunch, and a book beneath his arm,
Down the lane, past the swimming pool,
He leaves the peace of the quiet farm,
And trudges away to school.
'Though studies are hard and the day is long,
He works away with a purpose true,
Learning right practices from the wrong,
A Future Farmer, "Learning to do".

Future Farmers Outside the Border (Concluded)

Idaho--The Boise City chapter awarded a silver trophy at the Peach Packers banquet on January 9 for having high point team and high point individual in the horticultural judging contest. This is the fourth consecutive win for the Boise City chapter.

Virginia--The State Executive Committee in their semi-annual meeting held December 27, voted to reverse the usual plan of seating delegates to the 1933 Rally. Delegates whose names fall in the lower end of the alphabet will be seated toward the front in the assembly hall, and those whose names fall in the upper end of the alphabet will be seated at the rear of the delegation.

Texas--Ten active County Federations of local F.F.A. chapters are reported. The first two County F.F.A. Federations were formed by Comanche and Angelina counties two years ago.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Morrowville: A Watch party was held in the agricultural room New Years eve. Each member present was accompanied by a lady friend. The evening was spent in playing party games. Refreshments were served at midnight, and everyone was too sleepy to eat an early breakfast.

I. E. Peterson, local advisor, has been sponsoring a part-time school for the benefit of the young men of the community.

The regular monthly social and business meeting was held February 5. Plans concerning the Father and Son banquet were discussed. A basket ball game between the active members and the honorary and alumni members were played. The active members won with a score of 18 to 15.

The local chapter sponsored a fertilizer program Friday evening, February 28. Six reels of pictures were shown by Mr. Judd Walfram, of the Anaconda Sales Company, featuring the value of super phosphate as a fertilizer of the soil.

Sixteen hogs were bought November 28 from Randy LaFarge, and the same number has recently been bought from Gilbert Heck. They were sold to various members to be used as fattening projects.

Financial summarization of 44 livestock and crops projects reveal a profit of \$794.48 and losses amounting to \$48.92. Of the twenty boys participating in supervised farming, Earl Moore led with a profit of \$194.60.

Our chapter participated in the Concordia poultry judging contest which was held March 6.

--Earl Coder, Reporter.

Chapter News (Continued)

Coldwater: We held our annual Father and Son banquet February 18. There were 80 present and the banquet was served by Domestic Science girls. Our program was as follows: Invocation, Jack White; Opening Ceremony, F.F.A. Officers; Welcome, Rex Guseman; Response, Vic Gates; Group Singing, Paul Marts; Introduction of Guests, Members of F.F.A.; Trip to Wichita, Victor Darnell; Trip to American Royal, Ralph Deewall; Creed, Clifford Case; Report on Booth at Hutchinson, Dan Parcel; Report on Booth at Dodge City, Clair Parcel; Report on Class Project, Monroe Huck; Music, Clair Parcel; Program of Activities, Donald White; George Washington, the Farmer, Film Strip.

The first and second year vocational classes attended a livestock meeting at the Court House. Professor "Jerry" Moxely and Dr. Lumb talked to us about livestock. The second year class attended a poultry meeting conducted by Mr. Seaton. The first and second year classes attended a crops meeting conducted by Mr. Compton. All of these men are from the Extension Department at Manhattan.

The second year class purchased twelve hogs, weighing 80 pounds each, for a class project. We are feeding them ground kafir, and a mixture of tankage and alfalfa meal.

The chapter has purchased three hundred and fifty White Rock chicks to be grown out and used for a laying flock next year as a class project.

Eight members of the chapter attended an outlook meeting at Dodge City, and brought back much interesting information.

We plan to hold an annual livestock and crops judging contest on Thursday, April 9. The regulations and plans of prizes will be the same as last year.

--Billy Avery, Reporter.

Wamego: The F.F.A officers are as follows: Ralph Wilson, president; James Pedicord, vice president; Dean Urquhart, secretary; Dennis Farrell, treasurer; Harold Hooper, reporter; Bob Machin, watch dog.

All of the members of our chapter attended the American Royal last fall.

A delegation from our chapter went to Westmoreland October 22, and installed a new chapter.

At our regular meeting, November 13, we initiated ten new members into our chapter.

The chapter has decided to continue the hot bed project, which cleared the chapter \$5.00 last year.

--Harold Hooper, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Howard: The Howard chapter of Future Farmers of America held their annual banquet in the dining room of the Presbyterian church Wednesday night, January 29. The tables were tastefully decorated with the club colors, national blue and gold. Individual favors consisted of gold F.F.A. pennants placed in marshmallows.

The boys with their parents and guests gathered about the tables as Mr. Lowell Signer played the national F.F.A. march. After Mr. Glenn L. Wycoff spoke a few words of grace, the guests partook of a bounteous meal made possible by the combined efforts of the mothers, the home economics department, and the profits from vocational agriculture class projects.

Between courses Travis Nix, accompanied by Mr. Signer, led in group singing. Junior Perkins, president of the local chapter, acted as toastmaster and announced the program. The Future Farmer Creed was given by Billy Rex Anderson. Donald Baughman spoke on, "What Future Farmers and Vocational Agriculture Has Meant to Me". Mr. Wycoff discussed the value of vocational agriculture in the school and community and described a typical farmer boy by the use of adjectives beginning with the letters found in the words, "Future Farmer". Mr. Bergsma discussed plans for an evening class for adults and expressed his thanks to those who helped to make the banquet possible. Allen Mills, vice president, conferred the honorary degree of Future Farmer upon Mr. Ralph Perkins.

The following guests were introduced and each spoke a few words of encouragement: Mr. J. A. Watson, former vocational agriculture teacher; Mr. F. C. Flory, and Mr. Will Elliot. The program closed with the presentation of a one-act play, "The Racket at Payson's Farm", with the following boys taking part: Pa Payson, Willis Webster; Ma Payson, Kenneth Portenier; Marjorie Payson, Harold Kling; Mr. Slimliner, Elwin Perkins; Stanley Munson, Robert Webster; Jefferson (negro), Austin Jontra; Sheriff, Donald Winn; Mr. Manning, Carter Hinshaw; Jake, Ralph Davis.

The banquet was pronounced a success by those present. Much credit is due the mothers who brought covered dishes and the girls of the home economics department who served so efficiently.

--Tom Robertson, Reporter.

Fairview: Our chapter still has 21 hogs that we expect to market about the latter part of March or the first part of April.

We were favored with a debate on the program at our recent meeting. The question for debate was, "Horse Power vs Tractor Power". Another debate on the same question will be conducted at our next regular meeting, Friday, March 2.

--Hillary Cyphers, Reporter



Chapter News (Continued)

South Haven: Our chapter holds monthly night meetings on the third Monday night of each month.

For our December meeting, we had a watch party and our guests were the Home Economics Club girls. Games were played and three short films were shown. As the year tolled out and the new year was ushered in, the party was eating ice cream and cake.

The chapter has accepted an invitation to "sit in" on one of the Home Economics Club's meetings the afternoon of February 12.

Our chapter sponsored as a part of our program on January 20, a cream separator demonstration. Free skim milk tests were run for the farmers. Mr. George, the retired branch manager for McCormick Deering Company of Wichita, gave a short talk. The separator demonstration was given by Mr. Almann, a salesman of Wichita.

We held our annual Father and Son banquet February 8. We used the tractor as our theme. Ivan Mason was toastmaster. Howard Bacon, chairman of the decoration committee, received pictures from five tractor companies. Theodore Nelson, chairman of the program committee, arranged for the F.F.A. band to furnish several musical numbers. Glenn Barber had charge of apportioning the amount and kind of eats each boy should bring.

The chapter leadership race is half over. Points are given for making stage appearances, making A's and B's in agriculture and other subjects, etc. The three highest now are L. Deets, Manley McGregor, and Arnold Sawyer. The name of the winner will be placed on a trophy cup at the close of the school year.

--Reporter.

Wakefield: Fourteen boys received the Future Farmer initiation at Clay Center, January 20. The Clay Center chapter put on the initiation.

We held our first Father and Son banquet February 4, with nearly 70 fathers, sons, and guests present. Members donated part of the food and it was prepared and served by the advance Home Economics class. Professor A. P. Davidson from the Manhattan State College, was the main speaker of the evening.

The Clay Center chapter has challenged us to a basket ball game and we plan to accept the challenge in the near future.

The class project of brooding ewes is getting well under way. At present we have 21 lambs. Due to the extreme cold we have had a few losses but we still have an average of a lamb per ewe.

Our laying class project has held up well in spite of the cold weather. At present the hens are laying from 55 to 65 per cent. We are selling hatching eggs to the local hatchery. We are to receive 600 Leghorn chicks, March 1.

--Orval Thrush, Reporter.

Chapter News (Continued)

Bird City: On February 6 the Bird City chapter of the F.F.A. put on a "Womanless Wedding" to raise funds for stock judging trips. We cleared \$20.00. All of the men on the faculty were dressed in the "garb of yesterday", along with the F.F.A. members. We had plenty of belles and ten cent flappers present on the stage.

The F.F.A. chapter entered a number in the amateur night program. "Progress of the A.A.A." was our theme. Every member of the chapter took part. We even had one of the project pigs on the stage to display the corn-hog program in reality.

--Doanld Blair, Reporter.

Harper: Our chapter held a joint meeting with the Kingman chapter. The program was opened with an F.F.A. basket ball game at 6:30, which the Harper chapter won by a score of 31-25. Then the two chapters went to a Harper high school basketball game between Kingman high and Harper. Following this game, the second teams played a game of basket ball and the score was 14-10 in our favor. A mutton barbecue was given by our chapter and thoroughly enjoyed by all the guests. There were 23 F. F. A. boys from the Kingman chapter present. Harper Future Farmers also played Kiowa's first and second teams. The first teams score was 28-9 in our favor but the second team lost by a score of 25-8.

--Raymond Maninger, Reporter.

Garden City: At the January 7 meeting of the Garden City chapter, we decided to have a cooperative garden project. We are now trying to locate a suitable place for the project. We invited all first year boys who wanted to become members of our organization to visit our meeting.

Our chapter plans to go to Lamar, Colorado, for the livestock show.

The Holcomb Future Farmers will raise our Green Hands to the Future Farmer degree in the near future.

Our F.F.A. basket ball team took second place in a tournament hold in Garden City on Saturday, January 18, 1936.

--Hughie Williams, Reporter.

Atwood: Our chapter participated in the G. R. "Pop" which was hold on Monday, March 9. The program consisted of stunts furnished by different organizations of the community. The committee in charge of the chapter program were: Walter Roch, chairman; Merle Ginther, Wayne Fisher, and Joe Brown.

We have decided to adopt the F.F.A. Bookshelf, and plan to add one or two books per year.

The Future Farmer degree initiation will be hold March 19. The committee chosen are as follows, Garth Ginther, Program; Melvin Dirks, Eats.

--Sidney F. Lewis, Reporter.