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Plans may be arranged later for joint meetings or a state encampment. Judging contests and public speaking contests will be sponsored again this year and many other kinds of contests to keep up the interest of the students.

Lewis Evans

MESSAGE OF EXECUTIVE ADVISOR

Greetings to the Kansas members of Future Farmers of America. This young growing national organization of some 40,000 members was conceived to serve farm boys of the United States who have ideas, ambition and a willingness to work. No national organization can be stronger than it's individual chapters, and no chapter stronger than the composite of it's membership. The place the Future Farmer organization will take in America is dependent upon the contribution of the individuals who constitute the order.

One of the outstanding features of the Future Farmer organization is the plan of advancing members on a basis of achievement. Advancement in all degrees is based upon individual merit and not upon favoritism. A program of work is essential for both the individual member and each chapter. A sound program of work carried to successful completion will spell success in Future Farmer participation. Three factors are essential for advancement in Future Farmer ranks; namely, Scholarship, Project Program and Leadership. Ability to work with others is revealed in Leadership. In building individual and chapter programs of work it is necessary that these three factors be given full and careful consideration.

Two important objectives of Kansas Future Farmers for this year are: first, build and carry to completion carefully planned programs of work for each individual and chapter; second, plan and execute an expansion program to the end of having a Future Farmer chapter in every Smith-Hughes vocational agriculture department in the State. In order to realize these objectives it will be necessary for each individual member to plan his work and then work his plan, and in so doing knowledge will be attained and abilities developed. This is another way of starting that you will be educating yourself, and it is for that reason the Future Farmer organization has its being. Edwin Markham had this thought in mind when he wrote:

"We all are blind until we see  
That in the human plan  
Nothing is worth the making if  
It does not make the man.

"Why build these cities glorious  
If man unblded goes?  
In vain we build the world, unless  
The builder also grows."

True membership in any group can be attained only through true loyalty, ability to give sound criticism, and toleration of the views of others. Yours is the task of making yourself a valuable member of a very much worth while national organization of farm youth. Work hard, study hard, do your best, and your sincere cooperation will make 1930-1931 a banner Future Farmer year.

A. P. Davidson,  
Executive-Advisor  
Future Farmers of Kansas

### SUGGESTED STATE OBJECTIVES

At the meeting in Concordia of State F.F.A. officers on June 14, 1930 the following business was taken care of:

The objectives are as follows:

1. Publicity.
2. Sponsor contests (debate & public speaking)
3. Achievement Awards.
4. To sponsor a summer camp.
5. Organization of new chapters.

Local objectives:

1. Enrollment
2. Farm Surveys.
3. One meeting on outdoor life.
4. Father and Son banquet
5. Camping trip-project tours.
6. Thrift-Corporative project.
7. Supervised practice.
8. Executive committee to check plans of candidates.
9. Leadership (Debate, Public Speaking contests.)

Suggested State Objectives:

1. Quarterly News Letter
  - a. September
  - b. December
  - c. March
  - d. June

Each issue to center around special subject.

1. September--Supervised Practice. There is going to be a contest to find a more suitable name for the News Letter.  
Chapter programs.  
Membership.
2. December
3. March
4. June

Please send any news that you might have concerning initiation, parties, banquets, project tours, camping tours or of some outstanding project work that has been accomplished.

Frank Sawyer, State Reporter  
Indell, Kansas

## CHAPTER PROGRAMS

We would like to have each chapter send in a copy of their program of work. Here is ours for the First Semester.

Atwood Chapter:

1. Future Farmers exhibits at County Fair.
2. Future Farmer-Kitchen Queen Party.  
F.F.A.'s and Home Ec. Club joint party.
3. Green Hand initiation.
4. Future Farmer initiation.
5. Second Annual Corn Show Dec. 13, 1930.

Frank Sawyer  
State Reporter

## ANNUAL PROGRAM OF WORK AND OBJECTIVES

### TWIN FALLS CHAPTER FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA-IDAHO

- I. To promote thrift.
  - a. 100% of boys to have money invested.
  - b. 50% of boys to have bank account.
  - c. 25% of boys to have savings account.
  
- II. To promote vocational agriculture.
  - a. Hold annual Future Farmer Fair.
  - b. Cooperate with grange activities.
  - c. 10% of boys taking part in F.F. Fair.
  - d. 50% of boys to exhibit something at Filer Fair.
  - e. Hold annual summer demonstration tour.
  - f. Hold annual project tour.
  - g. Hold annual judging trip and picnic.
  - h. Sponsor evening classes for farmers.
  - i. Sponsor part-time classes for older boys.
  - j. Hold annual Father and Sons Banquet.
  - k. Enter judging teams at Fall Fairs.
  
- III. To develop rural leadership.
  - a. 100% of boys to take part in class work.
  - b. 100% of boys to take part in F. F. Fair.
  - c. 25% of boys to help with demonstration tour.
  - d. 75% of boys to participate in F. F. Programs.
  - e. Hold at least two meetings per year to practice parliamentary procedure.
  - f. Hold annual Kangaroo Court.
  
- IV. To make Farm Homes more attractive.
  - a. 25% of boys to name farm house and erect a sign.
  - b. 50% of boys to keep fences protecting lawn chicken proof.
  - c. 50% of boys to set out trees or shrubs and maintain flower beds on lawn.
  - d. 100% of boys make drawings of plans for beautifying the farm home.

- V. To promote scholarship.
- a. Keep class room library up-to-date and in good condition.
  - b. 20% of boys to try out for U.P. Scholarship.
  - c. Enter Farm Journal Contest.
  - d. 10% of boys to try out for annual Public Speaking Contest.
  - e. 20% of boys to make an average grade of 90% in all high school subjects.
- VI. To make F.F.A. meetings more interesting and beneficial.
- a. Have some important business or entertainment for each F.F. meeting.
  - b. Hold meetings at least once per month.
  - c. Have one joint meeting with home economics class.
  - d. Have refreshments at 25% of meetings.
  - e. Have program at 25% of meetings.
  - f. Have annual coasting party with Home Economics Department.
  - g. Get speakers or entertainers for 25% of F.F. meetings.
  - h. Make chapter room look more business like at all meetings by constructing F.F.A. insignia, and using the plow, owl's nest, and American flag.
  - i. Hold at least two initiations for Green Hands each year.

#### F.F.A. CAPS AND UNIFORMS

Federal Board for Vocational Education, C. L. No. 1312;

"Up to the present time there has been no official cap or uniform for F.F.A. boys adopted. This matter will come before the Third Annual Convention of Future Farmers of America to be held in Kansas City, November 17-21, 1930.

In order to have uniformity in the F.F.A. caps worn during the National Congress and F.F.A. Convention, and especially for the arena parade, provision has been made to have on hand an ample supply of blue muslin caps at 10 cents each. Every boy should secure a cap at the time of registration and wear it while in Kansas City.

After conference with the National President of the F.F.A., it seems advisable that until official uniforms are acted upon by the National F.F.A. organization at Kansas City in November, States should advise members against the purchase of such articles."

## NATIONAL GROWTH 1930

Henry Groseclose, executive secretary of the F.F.A., reports on March 12, that 36 states have been chartered, two applications are pending, and that he expects three additional applications will be received by the middle of April. Some day we hope the F.F.A. will have state chapters in all the states.

### KANSAS HOPES

Kansas Future Farmers elected five State Farmers at their annual meeting at Manhattan 1930. The fortunate candidates were: Lewis Evans and John Flannigan, Washington High School, Kenneth Waite, Winfield High School, Wayne Scott, Wellsville High School, and Wayne Jacobs of Harper High School. From this list the most outstanding record will be forwarded to the National Committee who will determine whether or not Kansas has a candidate worthy of the degree of American Farmer. The American Farmer degrees will be awarded in connection with the American Vocational Congress held in connection with the American Royal, November 17-21, 1930. Each state is entitled to one American Farmer for each 1000 members. Boyd Waite, Winfield, is our only representative, and is fourth vice-president of the Future Farmers of America.

### NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Regional Public Speaking Contest will be held at St. Louis, October 11, 1930. Kenneth Waite will represent Kansas on that occasion. The winner will compete in the national meet at Kansas City during the vocational congress sessions.

### CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Atwood chapter of the Future Farmers of Kansas held a regional initiation. The following schools were present: Colby, Oberlin, Bird City, McDonald, Atwood.

R. B. Fort of Colby brought four Green Hands to take the Green Hand and the Future Farmer degree.

Mr. S. H. Howard of Oberlin brought four candidates to become Green Hands.

Mr. R. B. Flanders of Bird City brought eight candidates to take the Green Hand degree.

There were twenty-six initiated at this meeting counting both Green Hands and Future Farmers.

Bird City initiated the first group of Green Hands. When Bird City was through McDonald chapter initiated a second group of Green Hands.

Atwood gave the Future Farmer degree to the Colby chapter.

The boys' fathers and other visitors from Atwood were present to see the initiation.

After the initiation the president presented the trophy cup to Mr. Stevenson for the best ear of corn in the Future Farmer corn show held December 14, 1929.

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The Concordia chapter of F. F. A. has not had many meetings during the summer but some good work has been done.

Early in the spring a campaign was carried on against bindweed. During the past few weeks some of our members have eradicated some of the posts.

At our last meeting we decided to give three points to each member who interviewed a prospective member of high school and had him promise to attend. These points will go toward winning a letter in vocational agriculture. We find that we can get more done if we have some way to keep the boys interested. By making it possible to earn a letter in vocational agriculture we keep up more interest. At our last meeting only one member was absent, and that on account of being in Norton killing bindweed.

We are hoping to have a small fair or exhibition in Concordia this fall. We are not sure of having a fair but are working for it. Probably more poultry, seeds and grain will be exhibited than anything else.

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About half a dozen members from each the Auburn and the Berryton chapters of F.F.A. had a "get-together" at Berryton, Tuesday evening, May 20, 1930. The occasion was the advancement of the Berryton members from the degree of Green Hand to that of Future Farmer. Those present represented the officers of both chapters, and the Auburn chapter had charge of affairs, putting on a ceremony which was quite formal and ritualistic. Seven Berryton boys exchanged their bronze pins for gold ones. Both schools had closed the Friday before, so the boys felt like relaxing. Mr. Jacobson, the Berryton adviser, had arranged for enough strawberry shortcake to go around and the boys spent a very enjoyable evening together.

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MESSAGE OF STATE ADVISOR

The future Farmers of Kansas in past years have been devoting their attention to organization and development of a program of work. There has been little time available to consider some of the most important by-products of such a movement. It is said that the world loves a lover and it can be said with equal truth that the world respects and admires one who exhibits good sportmanship and avoids any actions which smack of rowdyism.

Future Farmer chapters and individual members can do much to further a spirit of true sportmanship and eliminate any suggestion of rowdyism at meetings or elsewhere. It has unfortunately been true at times that groups of students have expressed their approval or their disapproval of numbers on various kinds of programs by whistling, catcalls or by the stomping of feet. Such practices are usually taken as an indication of poor sportmanship and lack of knowledge of proper conduct on such occasions.

This presents one constructive way in which Future Farmers can lend their influence to raise the level of sportmanship in their respective schools. This is a small matter of infrequent occurrence but it is the small matters which oftentimes make the biggest impression. Also, these small matters frequently are easily corrected as merely calling them to the attention of those who are thoughtless in such matters is sufficient.

We are beginning another year in the Future Farmer movement and it behooves each of us to lend his best efforts to furthering the program of the organization and to developing the attitudes and relationships to the work which count for so much because they engender loyalty, interest, and constructive progress.

W.E. Grimes  
State Advisor