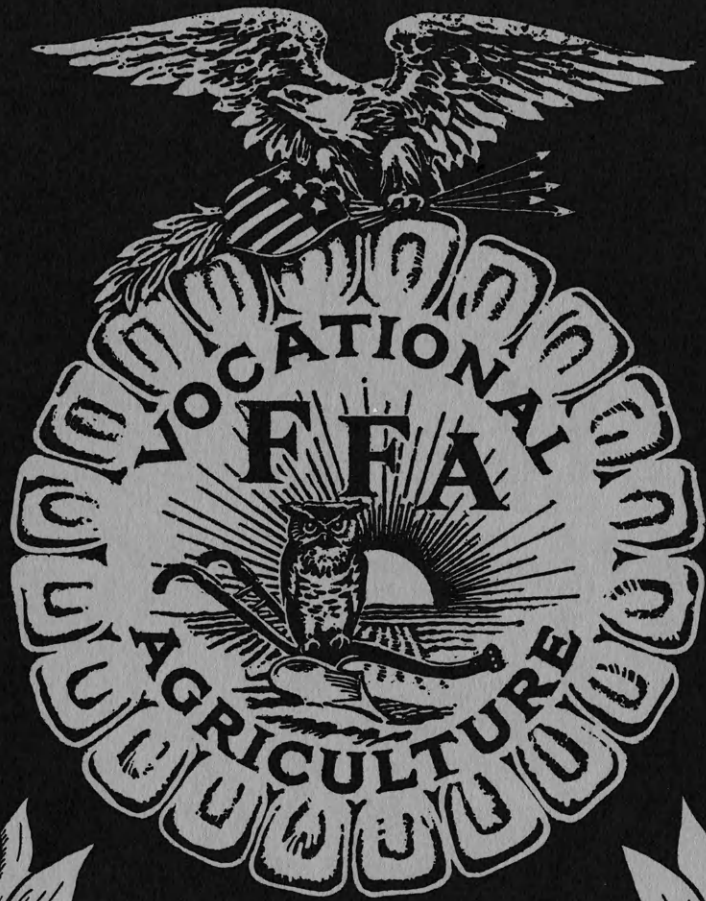


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A Way to a Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song,
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the things that bind you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worth while of the days grown
old,

To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's
new;

To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good
cheer,

Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

--Robert Brewster Beattie

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* National and State FFA dues of 10¢ *
 * each per member, total 20¢, are due *
 * as of January 1, 1937. Kansas should *
 * have three American Farmers next year. *
 * What is your chapter doing to fulfill *
 * the number one objective of the State *
 * Association of FFA? Send in the dues. *
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"The Purpose of the Future Farmers of America"

by Dale Raff, Green Hand, Belleville Chapter

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture in the public high schools throughout the United States.

This organization affords an excellent opportunity to teach vocational students some of the fundamental principles of group leadership. Boys are taught how to conduct their own meetings and how to do things in an organized way. Activities such as livestock judging contests, public speaking, chapter contests, conservation and community service projects among different schools in a state are being taken over by this student organization under the advice and careful supervision of the local teachers of vocational agriculture and the state supervisors for agricultural education.

A strong state association and a strong national organization of Future Farmers of America give additional incentive for achievement by local chapters.

The purposes of this organization are --

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural and agriculture leadership. Members are encouraged to assume responsibility in order that they may be able to carry the burden of leadership that falls upon the shoulders of local leaders in every rural community.

2. To strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work. Suitable awards are made to those individuals and groups proving especially capable and worthy of recognition in chapter, state association and national organization.

3. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupation.

4. To create and nurture a love of country life.

The Purpose of the FFA (Concluded)

5. To improve the rural home and its surroundings.

6. To encourage co-operative effort among students of vocational education in agriculture. Members avail themselves of the opportunity to cooperate in the purchase of pure seed, fertilizers, feed and the like, as well as to pool and sell co-operatively the farm products which are a result of their supervised farming work.

7. To promote thrift among students of vocational agriculture through the establishment of savings accounts and investments in agriculture enterprises.

8. To promote and improve scholarship. High standards of classroom and supervised farming achievement are demanded of members who advance from one degree to another.

9. To encourage organized recreational activities among students of vocational agriculture. Chapters hold parent-son banquets, go on vacation tours, hold summer camps and picnics, and provide a variety of group activities of an athletic character suitable to the season and facilities of the rural community. Local and state judging contests, public speaking contests, bands, orchestras and similar activities contribute to valuable outcome of a recreational character.

10. The F.F.A. organization has boy initiated and boy directed activities in their programs of work that provide a wealth of actual practical experience which otherwise might not be available to the student. Such experience further improves the member as a farmer and as a citizen.

We feel that these purposes give us a goal to work towards. Even though each one of us may not reach this goal we come closer by having been in this organization.

(The above talk was delivered from memory by Dale, a Green Hand, as part of the program of the Parent-Son Banquet, January 6, 1937. A.P.D.)

--FFA--

OFFICIAL TEST

Harold Garver, the inquisitive advisor of the Shawnee Mission FFA chapter, who led his chapter to a 1935 championship, is a successful boy leader, who does not believe all he sees in print, regardless of the supposedly authenticity of the source. For example, the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, of September 15, 1936, issue, carried an announcement of a twelve inch double disc vynal acetate record, recording the FFA March and Hail The FFA, giving source and price; and further stating that the record was semi-flexible in type with no needle scratch, and when properly cared for would outlast an ordinary phonograph record.

Official Test (Concluded)

In reading this "sales talk" article, Advisor Garver interpreted it to mean that the record was indestructible. The Olathe chapter invited Advisor Garver and the president of the Shawnee Mission chapter to be present at their parent-son banquet, and asked them to bring the double disc vynal acetate record with them in order that the chapter might be blessed with the proper music for such an occasion. This the Shawnee Mission folks were glad to do. Immediately following the successful banquet meeting, Mr. Garver decided to conduct the official test to determine the degree of indestructibility of the record. Mr. Raines and the State Executive Advisor were chosen as witnesses, and the place for conducting the test was on the cement steps leading to the east entrance of the high school building. The following scientific note handed in by Advisor Garver gives the results of the "test": "Official temperature 38 degrees, wind velocity 18 miles, moon phase, new, evening stars Jupiter, Mercury, Saturn, Uranus and Venus; and if one chooses to remain up, or get up early enough, he will find the morning stars to be Mars and Neptune; river stage 1.7 feet, and relative humidity, 87. With the above cited conditions prevailing it was found that the supposedly indestructible twelve inch double disc vynal acetate record will not stand a perpendicular drop of 2.5 feet, landing on its edge on glazed concrete."

There were no written comments pertaining to the test in the official report sent in, but the experimenter's verbal comments at the conclusion of the experiment, in part, were: "Aw, shucks! The bloomin' record was fuzzy anyhow."

The price of a new record is \$1.10, and the address is the same as listed in the September issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.--Editor.

--FFA--

ACROSS THE BORDER ITEMS

Oregon held its first state alumni FFA meeting one year ago this month. It was attended by more than 50 alumni FFA who had been local, state and national leaders in the FFA...In cooperation with the State Forestry Department, 23,739 trees were planted by Future Farmers on 328 farms as wind breaks, borders, shade trees and for other useful farm purposes...610 FFA members competed in local FFA Public Speaking contests.

Idaho--Each of the 32 departments of vocational agriculture had chartered FFA chapters in 1936...The Upper Snake River Valley District Association carried a weekly FFA radio program over KID at Idaho Falls.

Michigan--170 chapters with a total membership of 3,622...In counties having three or more chapters county associations of FFA have been organized...The state has no FFA alumni association...Many local chapters exemplified the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as the first and second degree rituals before Parent-Teachers Associations, local Granges, and service clubs.

Across the Border Items (Concluded)

Illinois--249 chartered FFA chapters with a total membership of 6273...All FFA activities in the state are administered by the president through fifteen vice presidents who are in charge of the activities in their particular sections of the state...The vocational fairs have created a great amount of interest in better supervised farm practice for the Future Farmers in Illinois. The state appropriated a cash premium fund of \$1,500 per year for each of the fifteen sectional agricultural fairs. Approximately 4,000 Future Farmers made entries in the various sectional vocational fairs.

Washington--62 of the 63 vocational agricultural departments have chartered FFA chapters...Every chapter paid dues in full for every member enrolled... The State Association issued a series of FFA newsletters for the first time in the history of the association.

Massachusetts--The thrift factor in the FFA program of work has a peculiar and impressive appeal. One chapter did a gross business as an organization in 1935 of nearly \$3,000, buying and selling cooperatively. Chapters hold group memberships in the Massachusetts Farm Bureau and share, as other farmer members share, in the cooperative buying benefits of that organization.

Ohio--230 chapters with a membership of 5861...Libraries have been established by 101 chapters...Cooperating with farm organizations is an outstanding feature of the FFA program.

Mississippi--114 chartered chapters with an active membership of 1271...Cooperating with the State Forestry Commission, 86 chapters conducted forestry demonstrations with 1414 FFA members participating...Cooperated with Tennessee, Arkansas, and Missouri in continuing and enlarging the FFA program at the Mid-South Fair and in securing and equipping an FFA building on the fair grounds at Memphis, Tennessee, 5000 boys attended this year.

Tennessee--Leadership and membership training in FFA was provided throughout the state during the past year. An outline was prepared and discussed at district chapter meetings with local chapter officials and advisors and used by them for training programs within local chapters. The plan proved most beneficial and will be continued.

California--"What Rural Young People Want", was the title of an address by Lex Murray, President, California Association, Future Farmers of America, before the eighteenth annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Pasadena, California, December 6-11, 1936. The three things which rural young people hope for above all else, according to President Murray are: a practical education, adequate rural legislation, and more desirable rural living conditions. He pointed out that vocational agricultural education and the Future Farmers of America organizations were agencies that would aid in transforming these hopes into realities.

CHAPTER NEWS

Winfield: The Winfield chapter of Future Farmers had the privilege of broadcasting over station KGGF Coffeyville on Sunday, December 13. The main part of the program was a typical meeting of the finance committee which has this last year loaned approximately \$500 to chapter members. The boys who made the program were Allen Snook, chapter president; Dalton Marten, chairman of the livestock loan committee; Gene Birdzell, chapter treasurer; Wayne Brothers, general chairman of the loan committee; Robert Berry, in charge of crop loans; Ira Magnuson, applicant for a loan; Glen Beery, dairy farmer and honorary member; Ira Plank and John Lowe, sponsors; and Homer Manny, another honorary member of the Winfield Farm Machinery company, who furnished the transportation.

The chapter has invested about \$100 in four pure bred Poland China gilts from a breeder near Winfield. These gilts have been put out with four of our members on a share plan. The chapter furnishes the gilts and the boys who take them agree to feed and care for them and pay for them by giving the chapter two 100 pound gilts from the first litter and one 100 pound gilt from the second litter. Our boys are enthusiastic about the project. If any other chapter is interested in further information on the plan we will be glad to give it.

The gross returns from the chapter $4\frac{1}{2}$ acre potato project this year was \$1,350. The project was on a fifty-fifty basis with the landlord and the chapter netted approximately \$450.

On December 15 our basketball team had a play night with the part time class and beat them to the big end of a 17 to 16 score.

On December 7, 50 members of our chapter were dinner guests to the Winfield Chamber of Commerce. Dr. E. H. Bradford, of the University of Nebraska, was the speaker of the occasion.

--Wilbur Thornton, Reporter

Holcomb: Holcomb chapter completed a neat booklet for each member. The booklet has a list of chapter activities and the committees responsible for that activity. Also in each booklet is a copy of each monthly meeting with committees for the program and recreation. This is a handy booklet because each member may see what each monthly program has in store.

A regular evening meeting of Holcomb chapter was held Monday evening at which members were initiated. A short program was given. Frank Barlon told about his trip to American Royal at Kansas City. Other numbers were a talk by the advisor, and a paper on "The Value of Belonging to the F.F.A."

Albert Hartman, Reporter.

Chapter News (Continued)

Smith Center: Five members of the Smith Center chapter and their advisor attended the American Royal in October. Raph Robb, Charles Goodale, Forrest Bloomer, Eldon Stein and Ivan Lambert made the trip. Forrest Bloomer had part of his expenses paid by the chapter for having won the chapter activity contest.

Our chapter is carrying three projects this year. We have a flock of 100 Rhode Island Red pullets. This project was started in November. We expect to have the flock inspected and tested so that we will be able to sell hatching eggs. To date the state inspector has not been in Smith county. We also have four calves that we are feeding a wintering ration similar to the Hays Experiment Station projects that were carried on last year which was a ration of cotton seed meal and silage. Our third project is a continuation pure bred sheep project.

Our annual sparrow hunt was held during the last two weeks of November. Forrest "Mike" Bloomer and Bob Mathes were captains of the two teams. Bob's team won by a large majority and are to be treated to an oyster or chili supper soon after the holidays.

On November 16 we initiated our first year agriculture boys to the Green Hand degree. Eleven boys were initiated and four more are to be initiated in the near future. The boys given the degree are Ivan Lambert, Laray Aellig, Marvin Hooper, George Kindred, Dale Libby, Randall Libby, Dale Logan, Merrill Moore, Marvin Nelssen, Alfred Shellito and Merrill Werts.

Boxing has become quite a pastime at our meetings after the business has been completed. We are ordering new boxing gloves for the chapter.

Mr. Willis, representing the Portland Cement Association put on a demonstration for us December 22.

--Dean Logan, Reporter

Ramona: For our December meeting we put on a Farm Bureau program. The county agent, Mr. Hagan, was invited in as our guest speaker and explained to us what the Farm Bureau is attempting to do in Marion county. The boys invited their Dads and we took occasion to explain to them what the FFA is all about. A theater party in cooperation with the Home Ec. club is on the schedule for our January meeting.

Our chapter is sponsoring a part-time school for boys between 16 and 25 who have never attended high school. The agreement with the advisor is that both the FFA and the individual member who secures the enrollment of a boy in the part-time class is to be financially benefitted. The part time class is taking farm shop work. Four meetings were held before the holidays and the attendance varied between 9 and 15.

--Arthur Hanschu, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Miltonvale: The Miltonvale chapter elected the following officers for the year 1936-37: Wayne Hauch, president; Warren Condray, vice president; Henry Haist, secretary; Edmond Hebert, treasurer; Carl Sister, reporter; Paul Bombardier, watch dog.

We held our annual fishing party last summer after school term ended as a farewell to the old members. We had a boating party at the beginning of school and invited all eighth graders of this vicinity to come.

We initiated ten Green Hands into our Chapter, October 27.

We attended the District Initiation for Future Farmer degree at Concordia. Four of our members were initiated. We also took part in our annual fair. We made \$5 profit on our booth and helped with the agriculture booth which won first place.

--Edmond Hebert, Reporter

Fairview: The following Green Hands were initiated into the Chapter: Robert Gilbert, Joe McGinty, Dale Lance, Robert Meyer, David Smith, Cedric Priest, Donald Irwin, Edward Noble, Francis Reynolds, Harold Schneider, Melvin Scoby, Nathan Wilson, Earl Weikle, Emil Spellmier, and Mr. Stalceys as an honorary member. This brings the total membership to fifty-five members.

On Friday night, November 20, the annual Father and Son Banquet was held with a large turnout. The main speaker of the evening was Congressman W. P. Lambertson.

--Reporter

Coldwater: The Chapter officers went to an officers meeting and judging contest at Kingman, Kansas. Dan Parcel, chapter president, ranked third high individual. The chapter thought the meeting was worth while and are looking forward to another meeting next year.

At the November meeting a committee was appointed to select twelve film strips and three books. The film strips have been purchased.

Coldwater chapter bought two lots costing thirty-five dollars. The lots will be used for class projects.

The Father and Son banquet will be held January 29, 1937.

--Clifford Case, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Jayhawk: Our father and son banquet was held the evening of November 24, in our school cafeteria. All the members of the chapter and their fathers were invited. One hundred and fifteen members and guests were present. The principal speaker was Mr. W. A. Cochel, editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star. Mr. F. H. Servatius, secretary of the American Royal Livestock Show presented the chapter with the trophy for the best exhibit of livestock at the show from any Kansas school. We were fortunate in having Elmo Alexander and Dillard Cox as guests. They provided a very interesting program of music which was appreciated by all present. Other guests were Elery Collins, advisor from the Parker chapter, Don Burnett of the Parker chapter, Mr. Al Green, president of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Calvin Hoover, president of the Douglas County Bankers Association, Mr. Warren Decker, secretary of Douglas County Bankers Association, Mr. Lester Pollom, state advisor, Mr. Neal Wherry, principal of the Lawrence High School, Mr. C. E. Birch, Superintendent of the Lawrence schools, Mr. Ray Cuff, sanitary commissioner of the Kansas City Stock Yards, Mr. Edward Abels of Lawrence, representative from Douglas county to the state legislature, and Mr. Deal Six, county agent.

On December 17, a Christmas party was held in the recreation room in the high school cafeteria. Those present were members of the chapter and their guests, and the girls who waited on the tables at the father and son banquet. A Christmas tree was cut on the farms of one of the members. Gifts were exchanged and a good time was had by all.

The Jayhawk chapter had their first basketball practice December 9. Two practices were held during Christmas vacation. There were 25 members out for the first practice. Ralph Houk, chapter treasurer was elected coach and Noel Reed was elected manager. We expect to play a full schedule of games.

--Lowell Penny, Reporter

Atwood: The Atwood chapter of F.F.A. held their annual election at which the following were elected: Grover Chessmore, president; Nick Simminger, vice president; Vincent Shromick, secretary; Lloyd Leochner, treasurer; William Whisler, reporter.

The Future Farmers held a membership drive this fall which proved very successful. Those who were Green Hands and Future Farmers were given a party by the Future Farmers at which every one present enjoyed the games and refreshments.

The judging squad has had a very successful season by having won two out of three contests.

The Future Farmers are sponsoring the annual Barnwarmer party which is to be held December 22.

The vocational Agriculture boys have turned in their projects which have shown remarkable improvements in both crop and livestock.

--William Whisler, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Washington: On Wednesday, November 25, the Clay Center Class and their adviser made a visit to the farm of Paul Leck to see his home shop, equipment, and projects. They also visited Wilbert Duitsman on their way home.

Our laying flock class project has been a loss so far. We went in the red \$1.10 during October and .30¢ during November.

We have had four night meetings this year and will hold one at 7:30 the first Monday of each month during the year. There is no time during the school day scheduled when all members can be present but special meetings have been called during the noon hour and after school.

Officers for this year are: Lloyd Stamm, president; Oliver Tremblay, vice president; Jim Donohue, secretary; Junior Graham, treasurer; Bob Cooper, reporter; Paul Froelich, watch dog.

Field trips have been taken so far to cull three flocks, judge swine, vaccinate calves for Blackleg, and castrate pigs. The third year agriculture class attended a Farm Bureau beef cutting demonstration conducted by Mr. Carl Elling for one hour. The class butchered two hogs and one steer.

--Bob Cooper, Reporter

LaCygne: On the evening of December 16, 1936, the Parker Chapter of FFA officers and their advisor, Mr. Ellery Collins and 19 others, members and Green Hands, held formal initiation ceremonies for 16 members of the FFA in the LaCygne chapter at LaCygne. Sixteen boys are charter members including the officers: Ray Williams, president; Harry Kyle, vice president; Roland Obermier, secretary; Marvin Russell, treasurer; Billy McClelland, reporter; Richard Lee, watch dog; Allen Tribby, Billy Calvin, Leonard Tribby, Kenneth Walker, Morrison Kimzey, Clarence Boxwell, Ralph Rhyneron, John McCammon, Ray Patterson, Junior Norton.

--Billy McClelland, Reporter

Simpson: Since vocational agriculture was just put in our school this fall, our FFA chapter has only been organized a few months. We have five active members and eight pledges, or eight boys from the pre-vocational agriculture class.

Some of the things we have accomplished this year are: Spent one Saturday cutting wood on shares and made over \$10 profit; have started an FFA library by each member contributing a book; subscribed for the following magazines -- Boy's Life, Outdoor Life, Open Road for Boys, Hunting and Fishing, American Farm Youth; obtained an old drum and had the FFA emblem painted on one side; at two of our evening meetings we have had outside speakers -- one health talk and one first aid demonstration; put on one assembly program.

--Ivan Huffman, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Burlington: The Burlington Chapter of FFA has had its regular meetings every second and fourth Monday night of the month. The Burlington chapter initiated the LeRoy Chapter. The LeRoy Chapter has just started.

The Vocational Agriculture boys of Burlington have purchased twenty-three head of sheep as a group project. The class borrowed the money from the Production Credit Association through the Chanute branch. Each boy borrowed either one or two shares fixed at \$7.50 a share. The chapter divided into three groups and went on a coon hunt; the results were two opossums. The proceeds went into the chapter funds.

The chapter has opened the season of basketball by playing four games, winning all by a large majority.

--Raymond Decker, Reporter

St. George: The officers of the FFA Chapter who were recently elected are as follows: Elmer Hammett, president; Bob O'Neill, vice president; Irvin Duncan, secretary; Dean Fechter, treasurer; Bill Taylor, reporter; Junior Harrell, watch dog.

There were thirteen Green Hands raised to the Future Farmer degree.

We are planning to have a class project, but we will not begin it until spring when we will have some money in our treasury.

In order to get funds for our treasury we are selling candy and gum at the basketball games.

We are going to have an FFA basketball team this year. We are going to play the neighboring chapters. A tournament is being planned to be held at Wamego in February.

We went to the Wamego Chapter meeting Tuesday, December 15. We enjoyed it and had some real fun. We are planning on having their chapter come to one of our meetings which are held every other Tuesday. Our program committee consists of Francis Williams and Clyde Riley.

Our officers of this year attended the initiation ceremony at Shawnee Mission School early in the fall.

The St. George FFA members and vocational agriculture boys attended the Kansas State Free Fair, September 21.

--Bill Taylor, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Ellis: The Ellis Chapter of FFA held an election of officers. The following officers were elected: Clarence Groff, president; Eugene Lonnon, vice president; Raymond Schoenthaler, treasurer; Harry Walz, secretary; Reinhard Keller, reporter; Gay Henderson, watch dog.

The members decided to have their regular weekly meetings on Friday.

The Future Farmers initiated the Green Hands. The ceremony was held in assembly. A piano duet, "The Future Farmer March", was played.

The Future Farmers had a Thanksgiving turkey raffle. The profit will be used for the judging teams. We sold popcorn at the football games.

--Reinhard Keller, Reporter

Shawnee Mission: The Shawnee-Mission chapter of FFA entertained the parents of members with a banquet in the high school auditorium, Thursday evening, November 19. One hundred eighty were present. Table decorations were in the national FFA colors of blue and yellow, and featured by center pieces made up of ornamental plates of vegetables furnished by several mothers of members. Food was prepared and served by members of the advanced Home Economics class under the direction of Miss Buschman.

The program of the evening was as follows: invocation, Elmer Van Winkle; opening ceremony, chapter officers; welcome, Eugene Kercher, president of Shawnee-Mission chapter; response, H. A. MacLean; "What Do You Mean - FFA?" by Albert Coates; Creed of the Future Farmers, Charles Lunn; FFA movie, furnished by the State Association of FFA. Operator, Frank Alden; Assistants, Russel Alcorn, Warren Miller.

The movie shown was made by the state department a year ago. A large portion of the film consisted of views taken of the Shawnee-Mission chapter, and includes scenes in the old classroom, shop, and various cooperative activities of the chapter. Albert Coates starred with views of his fine project program.

A skit called "Parade of Years" was also presented. The cast consisted of Floyd Smith, 1928; Eugene Trent, 1929; Robert Singleton, 1930; Charles Roy, 1931; Eugene Weber, 1932; Herman Jensen, 1933; Donald Nehl, 1934; Sam Trager, 1935; Elmer Van Winkle, 1936; Daryl Berglund, Father Time; Gerald Hites, sound effects; Charles Christian, stage manager.

Dr. C. V. Williams, speaker of the evening, was present at the first parent's banquet, eight years ago. He commented favorably on the progress made by the Shawnee-Mission chapter since his first visit. He pointed out that this chapter was the first in the state to make this affair for mothers as well as fathers of the members. At present a majority of chapters have changed their Father-Son banquets to Parent-Son banquets. The reception committee was composed of LeRoy Patten, James Cox, Jesse Cox, Donald Nehl, and Robert Bell. Marvin Prinds was toastmaster. Karl Seested was banquet committee chairman.

--Eugene Needham, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Bird City: A project tour was made December 2 and 3. Project work is very satisfactory. The calves belonging to the F.F.A. were each led out and displayed by the members in charge. Norman Harris reports a gain of 110 pounds since October first at a cost of $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound. Paul Busse reports a $5\frac{1}{2}$ per pound gain. The other calves have not been weighed. Donald Clark reports the fat barrow which he is going to show at the Denver Show in January is about ready to go. The F.F.A. Hereford calf which Norman Harris is feeding will very likely be shown at the Denver Show a year from January.

Three F.F.A. members have been wandering around in the halls during seventh hour study hall the past six weeks. Clarence Roberson, Paul Busse, and Norman Harris earned this privilege by being on the honor roll.

Martin Busse and Norman Harris are members of the boys quartette.

The Bird City chapter and Lion's Club just completed a very successful poultry show and judging contest December 3, 4, and 5. The merchants donated over \$100 in merchandise and cash and the Future Farmers conducted the show. Two hundred and fifty birds representing 15 varieties of poultry besides turkeys, capons, ducks, geese and pigeons were on exhibit. First and second prizes were awarded, and first, second, and third prize ribbons were given. Clarence Roberson, secretary of the show and his assistant Norman Harris ran the show very efficiently.

The poultry judging contest was held in the high school gymnasium December 4. Oberlin, Colby, Brewster, Goodland, McDonald, and Bird City high schools competed despite icy roads and bad weather. Atwood and St. Francis were unable to get here. The McDonald team consisting of Leonard Vyzourek, Wayne Chance, and Vinson Rummel received a silver trophy cup for being high team with 2715 out of a possible 3000 points. Brewster and Bird City tied for second place with 2645 points. Paul Mayer of Brewster received an order for 25 baby chicks from R. W. Pritchard, Kansas State Poultry Inspector, for being high individual. The contest consisted of 4 classes of exhibition birds, 4 classes of production birds and a class of white eggs and one of brown eggs. Clarence Roberson received first prize on his white eggs, and third on Rhode Island White pen. Norman Harris received second prize on brown eggs from his Buff Rock pullets, third on Buff Rock pullet, and first and second on Buff Rock hens. Paul Busse received first and second prizes on White Rock hens and second on Rhode Island Red hen and his White Rock was grand champion hen. Demi Shahan received first on turkey tom, and second on turkey hen. Glen Brown received first on Single Comb White Leghorn hen. Donald Clark is planning to exhibit his Duroc Jersey at the Denver show.

--Lynn Burr, Reporter.

Brewster: We attended the Bird City Poultry Judging contest December 4. The results were as follows: McDonald, first; Brewster and Bird City tied for second, Oberlin, third. Ray Mayer, Brewster, was high individual.

--Elmer O. Whey, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Mayetta: Ivan Salts, president of the Mayetta chapter of FFA is trying for a Union Pacific scholarship.

Nine boys were made Green Hands last October. They were: James Johnson, James Fitzgerald, Peryl Farmer, Verne Smith, Arthur Faunce, Gene Stanley, Everett Fairbanks, Lyman Evans, and Truman Hug.

The Mayetta chapter's yearly program includes: conducting a project tour, sponsor a chapter trip to FFA congress and American Royal, FFA news column, trip to state fair, sales stand at school activities, treat seed for farmers, entertainment for parents, wiener roast and watermelon feed, put on assembly program, green house project, invitation party, install new chapters.

There are several other tentative projects. Some of these projects have been finished. The chapel program has been given. Last year seed was treated for farmers. A project tour was conducted. News is sent to the local paper and newsletter.

--Richard James, Reporter.

Beloit: This year the Beloit chapter has a membership of 32 members. This is the largest membership that we have ever had.

During the month of November we initiated the Green Hands. There were ten in number. After initiation we played basketball and touch football. At the closing of the evening's entertainment we treated everyone with candy bars.

All through the year, we intend to have a recreation evening at least once a month in the gymnasium.

Our returns from the concession stand at the football games this year gave us a profit of \$13.29.

With the increase in membership I am sure that we are going to have a very successful year.

--Richard Tice, Reporter

Vinland: The Vinland F.F.A. chapter met at the high school at 7:30 Tuesday evening, November 24, for the purpose of initiating Freshmen boys into the chapter. After the initiation a basketball game between the Vinland boys and a team of boys consisting of Madls and Hadls was played. The Vinland boys were victorious by a score of 31 to 11. Following this a chili supper was served by the boys.

--Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Wamego: New officers elected for the year 1936-37 are: Dean Urquhart, president; Edward Edwards, vice president; Bob Machin, secretary; Howard Talley, treasurer; George Sackrider, reporter; Joe Boyle, watch dog.

Mr. Walker, our advisor, and several of our boys attended the American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City, October 18 and 19. A fifty cent prize was given to the boy who wrote the best theme entitled "My Trip to the Royal". Almont Osmer, a Green Hand, won the prize.

Abe Shortt and Wilbur Rawson exhibited three steers at the Midwest Vocational Show at Kansas City.

Mr. Walker took a team to the Kansas Potato Show at Lawrence. The team was composed of Murray Kinman, George Sackrider, and Joe Boyle, and ranked third in a field of twelve. This was our first time to take part in this work.

Most of the FFA boys attended the Free Fair at Topeka.

Four of our FFA members attended the officers training school at Clay center.

Our twenty four members are planning a party to which we are going to invite lady guests.

The next evening meeting is receiving much attention, as we are sending invitations to several chapters to be our guests that night.

--George Sackrider, Reporter

Washburn: The Washburn chapter officers, Lowell Sheets, president; Forrest Oberhelman, vice president; John Hanna, secretary; Eddie Mitchell, treasurer; and Warren Booher, watchdog; with their sponsor, H. A. Stewart, were guests of the Silver Lake chapter, the evening of December 7. The Washburn officers raised eight Silver Lake Green Hands to the rank of Future Farmer. After the ceremony, a debate was held to determine the relative merits of blondes and brunettes. Then came several boxing bouts, and a rooster corn eating contest, and refreshments. The Washburn boys had a fine time.

The Future Farmers of the chapter have been checking terraces and propose to lay out and build an inception ditch and terrace on the project plot of Forrest and Ferrol Oberhelman. Community service jobs performed to date include, poisoning gophers, drenching sheep, castrating, dehorning, and culling.

The evening of December 2, LeRoy Sidfrid, Frank Parkinson, Earl Deihl, Earl Atherton and Paul Huske visited a very much rundown farm two miles south of school. The formal initiation, closing ceremony and the refreshments were finished in the Troop 8 Boy Scout cabin on the Carris place. We went home early, happy and full of chili.

--Ferrol Oberhelman, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Morrowville: Six Green Hands were raised to the degree of Future Farmer. They were Charles Schwab, Jack Nutter, Paul Prellwitz, George Dhority, Lawrence Dodd, and Marvin Odgers. They made the trip to the American Royal as a reward for their achievement.

All but three members of the Morrowville basketball team are F.F.A. members.

The chapter has a class project of 10 fattening hogs. There are 58 head of hogs on feed in individual projects. These hogs were purchased for from 4 cents to 5½ cents per pound in November.

Four freshmen have made the Green Hand degree for this year to date. They are George Durst, Allen Mayberry, Blaine Wells, and Keith Bennett. The initiation was held December 7. Other members were carried over for not knowing the F.F.A. creed.

Guy Jennings, president, Wayne McNish, reporter, and I. E. Peterson, advisor, attended the officers training school at Clay Center in November.

The Morrowville chapter plans to send two of the following candidates to the county public speaking contest: Jack Nutter, Lute Richardson, Chas. Schwab, and Earl Steele.

A Christmas party was held Monday night, December 21. Ice cream and cake were served as refreshments. The Christmas party was held instead of the New Years party as New Years came during vacation.

The first and second year classes have vaccinated 32 head of cattle for blackleg and 47 head of hogs for cholera. Our department owns three syringes.

Three spike tooth harrows, one walking plow, and one cultivator have been repaired in shop by the second year class to date.

Lawrence Alwin, a graduate of Morrowville High and an F.F.A. member visited our department December 23. Lawrence will complete K.S.C. this spring and plans to teach vocational agriculture. He is the first graduate of this school to take up the task. Best wishes to him in 1937.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year.

--Wayne McNish, Reporter.

Berryton: The Berryton chapter of F.F.A. held a meeting on October 7, 1936, for the purpose of initiating the Green Hand candidates. The following were given the Green Hand degree: Eugene Kimmons, Irvin Leonard, Bill Matney, Glen Porter, Bill Sowers, Floyd Wadsworth, Elmer Wood. Twenty-five members were present at the meeting.

--George Stiles, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

Howard: The members of the local FFA chapter held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bergsma. Various card games and dominoes were played during the course of the evening. Gifts were exchanged and light refreshments were served.

There has been a general scarcity of farm shop jobs for some of the shop boys. Some have their own jobs and others are now doing outside work for the community farmers. The boys made a large filing cabinet for the Farm Bureau office and are completing a large storage box for a local citizen.

--Bill Anderson, Reporter

Solomon: The Solomon Chapter will broadcast its annual Parent-Son banquet from the banquet room of the Solomon High School by remote control over KFPI, in Abilene, from 6:45 to 7:30 P.M., February 4. The Solomon FFA orchestra of twenty boys who are all members of the chapter, will furnish entertainment for the broadcast and banquet. Twenty-two sophomore members will each have a part in the program. The initiation of twenty Green Hands will be broadcast. Special speakers for the evening will be Prof. A. P. Davidson and Supervisor Lester B. Pollom. Please tune in and write in.

--Ray Bottorff, Reporter

Waterville: The Waterville Chapter of FFA has elected the following officers to serve for the coming year: Lowell Blaser, president; Melvin Nelson, vice president; Junior Walker, treasurer; Jean Buell, secretary; Raymond Fincham, reporter.

There are 39 members belonging to the Chapter. There are 29 Future Farmers and 10 Green Hands.

We have outlined our program for the year.

The Vocational Agriculture classes have class projects as follows: Advanced Class, thirteen head of ewes and First Year Class, 42 pullets. These two class projects are doing very nicely at present.

The third year class took a trip to Kansas City for the American Royal for the first three days. This trip was educational and enjoyable.

--Raymond Fincham, Reporter

Cottonwood Falls: Our chapter officers for this year are as follows: Rollie Scott, president; Francis Wilson, vice president; Jack Osborn, treasurer; Robert Archer, secretary; Bill Cooper, reporter; James Scott, watchdog.

On September 22, the FFA chapter sponsored a watermelon feed in honor of the new vocational agriculture boys and their fathers. It was held on the high school lawn. Our chapter exhibited a booth at the county fair which won first place. Our chapter purchased an eight tube Crosley radio. It has seen a year's service but is in excellent condition.

--Bill Cooper, Reporter