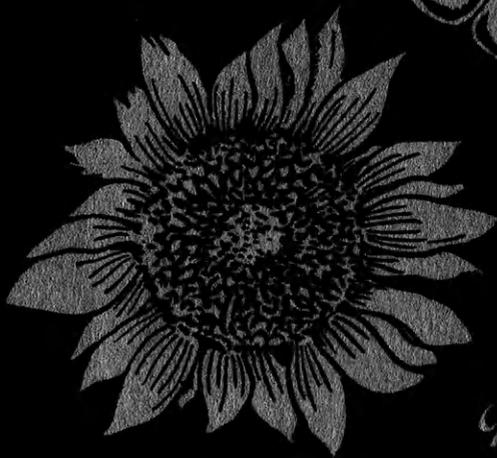
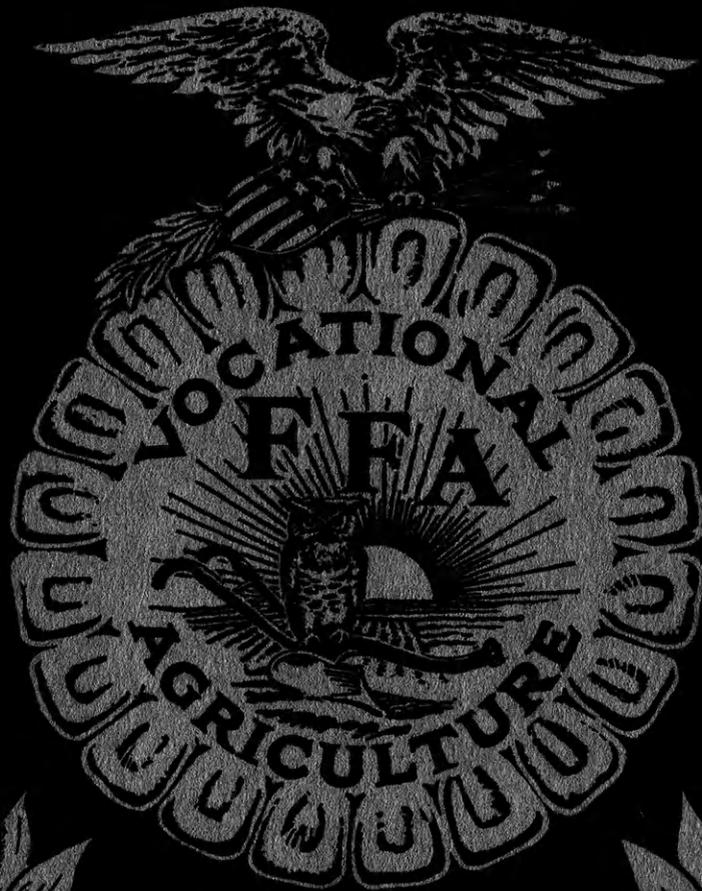


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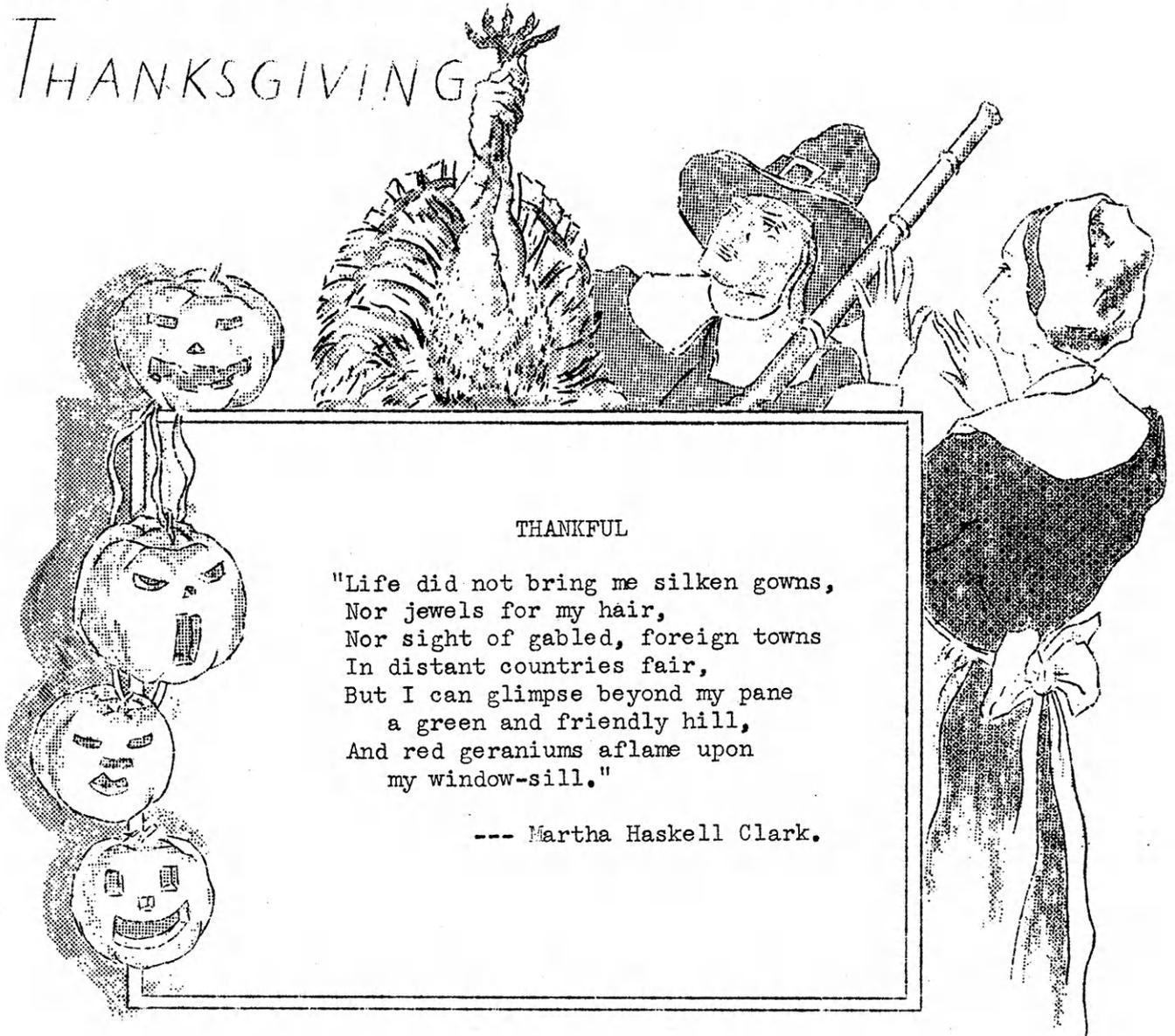
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THANKFUL

"Life did not bring me silken gowns,
Nor jewels for my hair,
Nor sight of gabled, foreign towns
In distant countries fair,
But I can glimpse beyond my pane
a green and friendly hill,
And red geraniums aflame upon
my window-sill."

--- Martha Haskell Clark.

NEW CHAPTERS

Congratulations are in order for two new chapters chartered during the past month, Eldorado, No. 128, and Hoxie, No. 129.

The Eldorado chapter, chartered November 1, 1937, has 27 members, with Jim Cunningham, president; Frank Stull Jr., vice president; Rex Green, secretary; Forest Chapman, treasurer; and E. A. Templeton, advisor.

The Hoxie chapter chartered November 2, 1937, has 31 members. Lyle Russell is president, Ken Newman, secretary; Wendell Thummel, treasurer; and C. C. Eustace, advisor.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORTS

Ninety-three chapters filed chapter activity reports with the state office on or before November 1. This represents eighty-seven per cent of the active chapters, the highest per cent of active chapters filing activity reports on time in the history of the state association. Building and filing an activity program on time is a commendable thing, but the most important value accruing from such a procedure is the good the individual members of the local chapters derive from participating in such an activity. Persons interested in vocational education in agriculture are agreed that the proper building and execution of a chapter activity program constitutes one of the soundest procedures known in our efforts to attain the objectives of agricultural education. It is not so much a question of building and filing on time an activity program, but rather a question of how well the local group under the guidance of their advisor has met the challenge of the school and community of which it is a part. A casual examination of the reports on file leads us to the conclusion that the local officers and advisors kept this point well in mind.

We were about to ask the question, "How does a local advisor without a chapter activity program acquaint his members with what constitutes a well balanced vocational agricultural program, and how does he obtain student cooperation in consummating such a program", but for justifiable reasons, have decided not to submit the question. The "justifiable reasons" are in the form of three personal letters from chapters delinquent as to date of filing. These chapters pointed out that for certain apparently insurmountable difficulties they were unable to complete their activity programs on time, and in every case the question was asked whether or not it would be permissible to file a copy later of the completed report. We assured the inquirers that the reports will be accepted and we will be glad to have them sent in. It will be evidence of the fact that the chapter is alive and functioning, even though the activity program did not arrive on the due date.

The following chapters filed chapter activity programs on or before November 1:

Chapter Activity Reports (Concluded)

Abilene	Gardner	Neodesha
Altamont	Glasco	Newton
Alton	Grinnell	N. Topeka (Seaman)
Argonia	Harper	Norwich
Arkansas City	Harveyville	Oberlin
Atwood	Havensville	Olathe
Auburn	Hill City	Osborne
Bazine	Holcomb	Oskaloosa
Belleville	Holton	Ottawa
Berryton	Hope	Parker
Beverly	Howard	Paxico
Bird City	Hoxie	Pratt
Blue Rapids	Kensington	Ramona
Burlington	LaCrosse	Reading
Byers	LaCygne	Sabetha
Carbondale	LaHarpe	Shawnee Mission
Chanute	Lawrence	Simpson
Clay Center	Lebanon	Smith Center
Coats	LeRoy	Solomon
Colby	Linn	South Haven
Coldwater	Longford	St. Francis
Columbus	Manhattan	Tampa
Concordia	McCune	Topeka (Washburn)
Cottonwood Falls	McDonald	Topeka (Highland Park)
Council Grove	Medicine Lodge	Valley Falls
Effingham	Meriden	Wakefield
Eldorado	Miltonvale	Washington
Ellis	Morrowville	Wellsville
Fairview	Mound City	Westmoreland
Fredonia	Moundridge	Williamsburg
Garden City	Mulvane	Winfield

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OBJECTIVE NO. 1

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America has set up as Objective No. 1, the following: "One hundred per cent of Kansas Vocational Agriculture departments establish chapters of F.F.A. and strive for one hundred per cent enrollment of eligible members". Is the objective sound? Can the goal set be attained? What are some of the problems that will have to be given consideration?

In considering that part of the objective having to do with establishing an F.F.A. chapter in every vocational agricultural department in the state, we believe the objective is sound and should be consummated. We are confident that teachers in departments without established chapters, who have given the matter careful study, are convinced of the place and value of an F.F.A.

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chapter. Some of the reasons advanced for not having established chapters are: "school is over-organized", "school does not go in for extra-curricular activities", "not permitted to have meetings", "religious scruples against", "boys not interested", and so on ad. lib. The state association is not interested in forcing organization, but we are interested in having teachers who are working in vocational agriculture departments that do not have F.F.A. chapters give careful study to the subject of the value and place of the F.F.A. The state association would welcome a letter giving reasons why a chapter has not been established. Perhaps we can help in overcoming some of the difficulties. Teachers in nine departments in the state must give consideration to this question before the state association can fulfil Objective No. 1. We welcome a comparison of your program of vocational agriculture with programs in schools of a similar type where F.F.A. chapters exist. If your program is equal to or superior to programs found in similar type schools having F.F.A. chapters, we still leave this challenge--you could have a better program and offer greater opportunity for individual development on the part of your students through the F.F.A. Have you presented the F.F.A. subject in a fair manner to your students?

The part of Objective No. 1 calling for "one hundred per cent of eligible members" needs to be given careful consideration. We think it is sound, for the state constitution leaves the matter of eligibility to the local chapters. The local chapter determines who shall and shall not be eligible to membership. With that interpretation in mind, we then have one important goal to accomplish, and that is to establish active chapters in all vocational agriculture departments in the state.

In addition to the nine instructors above mentioned who are working in departments where F.F.A. chapters have not been established, we have twenty-two teachers working in schools where chapters were permitted to become inactive. Of course it will be necessary to revive these chapters before we can attain our goal. In talking with some teachers of this group we find they are carrying on F.F.A. work but due to what they term "hard times", failed to pay state and national dues. Others admit that they were unable to keep up interest in the F.F.A. Teachers of the first group should ask themselves if they are being fair to the state and national organizations, and if they are being fair to the ideals for which the F.F.A. stands. Teachers of the second group might pause and consider the question of whether the fault lies with the organization or with the teacher.

The newly established vocational agriculture departments give us little concern. There are fifteen of them. Three have established chapters to date, three more are in the process of petitioning. We will venture a prediction that all fifteen of the new departments will have chartered chapters of F.F.A. before the close of the school year.

Kansas has approximately 4,000 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year. All of them are potential F.F.A. members. Last year the state association reported a membership of 2665. Is there any logical reason why

Objective No. 1 (Concluded)

we should not anticipate an increase of at least a thousand members this year. Last year we lacked only two of electing the maximum number of State Farmers. We anticipate this year the largest number of candidates for the State Farmer degree in the history of the state association. A thousand additional members would make it possible to award the State Farmer degree to twenty additional deserving Future Farmers. Such an increase would also make it possible to have another candidate for the American Farmer degree.

The state association is not interested in one hundred per cent organization for the sake of organizing. We are interested in fulfilling Objective No. 1 because we think it would be for the best interest of the vocational agriculture program in Kansas. We are convinced that an F.F.A. chapter properly conducted makes for a better balanced vocational agricultural program, enhances the opportunities of the boy, serves the community better, and reflects credit upon the vocational agriculture teacher. Objective No. 1 cannot be attained without one hundred per cent cooperation on the part of the vocational agriculture teachers. What is your responsibility?

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KANSAS PAST NATIONAL F.F.A. OFFICERS

In corresponding with our two past national F.F.A. officers relative to their participation in the Tenth Convention Celebration we came upon certain information which we think will be of interest to the members in Kansas.

Boyd Waite, Winfield chapter: Boyd was our first state president, first American Farmer, and first national officer from Kansas. To be first in so many things one must of necessity be prompt. After our letter to Boyd urging him to attend the Kansas City F.F.A. festivities had gone unanswered for several weeks and we had begun to wonder if his cyclone cellar had failed him, the following bit of interesting information came to hand under date of September 26, 1937: "I would have written sooner but as there was an increase in the family, which was a BOY, you can see I have been very busy and had a great responsibility. I have a little girl two years old, and the boy was born the 22nd of this month." May we extend congratulations and best wishes on behalf of the state association, and suggest that you let the boy cut his teeth on the new past national officer pin the boys presented you at Kansas City.

Leo Paulsen, Concordia chapter: Leo was national student secretary during 1932-33. The following comment taken from Leo's letter will be of interest: "At present I am at Harper, Kansas, doing poultry inspection work for a Kansas approved hatchery. I am still farming. Since I last saw you, I have acquired a wife, a son, a daughter, 240 acres of land and more debts." Well Leo, when they come around to collect interest--they dont expect payments on the principal anymore--and you find yourself somewhat short of cash (a chronic condition among college professors) try appeasing them by showing them your sapphire studded, spread eagle, past national officer pin. If it works, let us know; if not, save your postage.

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FIRST

The Council Grove chapter has the honor and distinction of being the first chapter to pay state and national dues for the current fiscal year, and the first chapter to submit its activity program. There are 27 active members in the Council Grove chapter, and Joyce Miller is the advisor.

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Ramona chapter was the first to report all students enrolled in vocational agriculture as active F.F.A. members.

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HONORED

As a youngster in Sunday School we were first appraised of the fact that "a prophet is without honor in his home town". This adage, along with many of the truths we learned while in college, has had so many exceptions to the rule that we have wondered for a long time what the narrator must have eaten before sitting down to narrate. At any rate an exception to the rule occurred at Solomon, Kansas, under date of November 2, 1937. It seems that the home town folks wanted to hear the program the Solomon F.F.A. orchestra put on at the National F.F.A. annual banquet. Your executive advisor was invited, and warned that since this program was being put on at the request of a few interested friends that he should not be disappointed if the crowd consisted of members of the immediate families concerned. Also, Superintendent Montague, the good actor that he is, expressed a hope that "the community would not let Paul down". We proceeded to the designated place at the appointed hour, and found it necessary to get a police escort to get us into the community hall and to the seats reserved for us. Everybody and his neighbor was there. Have you ever been in a community hall that was designed to seat 485 persons and find it doing its darndest to accommodate 850 people? So have we. We couldn't help but wonder what would happen if the Fire Marshal should happen along; or, worse still, if the fire siren should shriek. We were mighty glad to have the opportunity of hearing their finished program, because we lost out at Kansas City shortly after the merry-go-round broke down and never got back on until the "birdies" began to sing. The boys never performed better, and the audience was most appreciative. The local chamber of commerce presented Paul with a beautiful signet ring in appreciation of his fine work. One would think that with all the drum beating and horn tooting necessary to perfecting the program for the Tenth Convention Program that the community would have been fed up on that sort of thing. Paul says they are "gluttons for punishment". We know better. They were out to see and hear the local F.F.A. boys put on a program that had done more to favorably publicize their town than any single thing that had happened in its history. A fine tribute to a good teacher and splendid boy leader.

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AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES

Kansas has been very fortunate in the fact that during ten years of experience in F.F.A. work the state association has always received its full quota of American Farmer degrees. This, of course, reflects credit upon the vocational agriculture program in the state. When one considers the fact that thirty-five applications for the American Farmer degree were rejected, because of a constitutional limitation of 75, at the last annual meeting of the National Organization of F.F.A., and that all the candidates to which we were entitled from Kansas were recommended and granted the degree, one cannot help but be proud of the vocational agricultural program, its teachers, cooperative parents, and splendid farm boys reached.

Believing that you will be interested in knowing something of the fine F.F.A. programs submitted by the successful Kansas candidates, we present certain abstracted statements taken from the applications filed.

Arnold Sawyer, South Haven chapter. (Star Farmer for Kansas). Twenty years old, graduated from high school 1936, completed three years of vocational agriculture, four years of membership in the F.F.A., received State Farmer degree 1936, served as secretary to the state association of F.F.A., ranked third in a class of 32 students graduating in 1936.

Home projects conducted and farming program developed:

Kind of project or enterprise	In school				Out of school
	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	1st year
Swine	1 sow 12 pigs				
Wheat		18A Wheat Red Currel	10 A Tenmarq	35 A Tenmarq	55 A Tenmarq
Beef			1PB cow 1PB yr heifer 1PB bullcalf	1PB cow 1PB yr heifer 1PB Bull	1 PB cow 1 PE cow 1 PB cow 1 grade calf 1 Grade calf
Oats				29 acres Kanota	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres Kanota
Sheep				5 ewes 1 PB buck 9 lambs	7 ewes 1 PB buck 11 lambs
Sorghum					6 acres
Potatoes & Garden					$\frac{1}{2}$ acre
Cooperative					
Sheep Project		3 shares			

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Arnold Sawyer's labor income from projects conducted and farming program developed as shown page 7:

1st year in school.....	1.45
2nd year in school.....	147.36
3rd year in school.....	52.45
4th year in school.....	409.98
1st year out of school.....	1,247.40
Total labor income	<u>\$1,858.64</u>

John C. Dart, Newton chapter. Eighteen years old, graduated from high school 1936, ranked in upper third of graduating class, completed four years of vocational agriculture, and four years of F.F.A. membership, receiving his State Farmer degree in 1936.

Home projects conducted and farming program developed:

Kind of Project or Enterprise	In School				Out of School
	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	1st year
Swine	1 sow and litter	1 sow and litter	1 sow and litter	3 sows and litters	3 sows and litters
Beef				3 Angus Calves	16 head Hereford stock steers
Corn			9 Acres	15 Acres	5 Acres
Kaffir		8 1/2 acres	6 Acres	8 1/2 Acres	
Wheat					15 Acres
Alfalfa				5 Acres	

John Dart's labor income from projects conducted and farming program developed as shown above:

1st year in school.....	65.78
2nd year in school.....	75.69
3rd year in school.....	179.56
4th year in school.....	505.25
1st year out of school.....	1,019.74
Total labor income...	<u>\$1,846.02</u>

Thello Dodd, Linn chapter. **Twenty years old, graduated from high school 1936, and completed three years of vocational agriculture. He received his State Farmer degree in 1936 and has been a member of the F.F.A. since 1932. He owned 5 hogs, 95 turkeys, 4 head of cattle, 125 pullets, 9 ewes, 1 pure-bred Shropshire ram and 1 Shorthorn bull; has rented 41 acres of crop land on shares and holds one-half interest in 225 White Leghorn hens, 30 roosters, and 3 grade cows. In building up his farming program comprised of enterprises in turkeys, chickens, swine, cattle, sheep, garden, corn, atlas sorgo, and

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wheat, he derived a total labor income of \$1,247. Due to the absence of his father, Thello had full responsibility for the operation and management of the home farm. He ranked third in a class of 24 graduating in 1936.

**Due to the fact that Thello's application was not received in time to make a copy of his application we are unable to list his project and farming program by years.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to a change in pin design by the National Organization of F.F.A. the Kansas Association finds itself temporarily out of Green Hand and Future Farmer pins. An order has been placed for pins of the new design. We are not in a position to state when the new pins will be available, but will keep you informed through the Kansas Future Farmer.

Chapters desiring F.F.A. pins before the pins of new design are available through the state association headquarters, are advised to order direct from L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts. Green Hand pins are 19¢ each, and Future Farmer pins are 21¢ each, F.O.B. Any chapter having an active status in the Kansas Association of F.F.A. is eligible to order direct. A list of active chapters has been sent the Balfour people.

We regret this inconvenience and hope to be able to meet your requests for F.F.A. pins at an early date.

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SUPPLIES

The Kansas Association of F.F.A. has decided to stock and handle through the Manhattan office the official Chapter Secretary's book, and the official Chapter Treasurer's book. The price will be 30¢ each.

In talking with a representative of the French-Bray Printing Company at Kansas City, we learned that much delay was occasioned and considerable misunderstanding resulted from the fact that the advisors failed to note that the quoted price on these two numbers was on an F.O.B. basis. It is with the hope that we might facilitate the procuring of these official booklets that the state office has decided to include them in their list of supplies. The state association is not in a position to absorb the postal charges that will be incurred in distributing these books, and for that reason the price for each will be 30¢ delivered anywhere in Kansas. The state association will pay the carrier charges from the printers in Baltimore, Maryland, to the Manhattan office.

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FUTURE FARMERS OUTSIDE THE BORDER

Nebraska--The Nebraska Association of F.F.A. has an active membership of 1887, representing 71 chapters....The state is divided into eight districts, each with a vice-president, who is a member of the State Executive Committee, acting as chairman of the district group. One instructor in each district is selected to act as district advisor and serves also as a member of the State Advisory Council....An officers training school was conducted in each of the eight districts. These meetings were exceptionally well planned by the district vice-presidents in cooperation with the district advisors and were well attended by present and prospective officers of local chapters. This type of work has done a great deal for the advancement of the F.F.A. program in Nebraska....During the year a state F.F.A. band and several district F.F.A. bands were organized. It is the ambition of the members to some day have a band truly representative of the Nebraska F.F.A.

Hawaii--One hundred per cent of all schools offering vocational agriculture have active chapters, with 95 per cent of the vocational agriculture students enrolled as active F.F.A. members....The annual dues for the Territorial Association are \$1.00 per member. Out of this amount the national dues are cared for and the remainder is used for carrying out the program of the Territorial Association. Additional dues levied by local chapters range from 25¢ to \$2.50 per member.... A Star Chapter Contest is conducted. Thirty-seven of the 38 chapters participated in this contest....All regularly enrolled vocational agriculture students affiliated with the F.F.A. organization had copies of the manual.

North Carolina--The Young Tar Heel Association increased in membership 23 per cent over the previous year and had a paid up membership of 9,036 farm boys, representing 230 chapters....Ninety-eight chapters purchased and sold cooperatively, \$37,814.44 worth of farm products during the year 1936-37.... There were 160 Father and Son banquets held with 14,363 fathers, sons and visitors attending....Local chapters had in use 1,970 manuals....100 per cent enrollment in F.F.A. was reported by 154 chapters....News sheets were issued by 35 chapters, and 156 chapters prepared publicity material regularly.... Seventy-five chapters held one or more meetings for special instruction in parliamentary procedure, and 147 chapters owned radios....There were 1,914 boys, representing 132 chapters attending the Young Tar Heel Farmer Camp at White Lake during the summer, and 25 chapters took educational tours.

West Virginia--Each of the 71 vocational agriculture departments in the high schools of the state had an organized F.F.A. chapter, the first time in the history of the State Association that every vocational agricultural department had an active chapter....A collegiate chapter was organized at West Virginia University with a membership of 23....Each of the nine F.F.A. Federations in the state carried on active programs of work. Regular meetings were held at which each chapter in the Federation was represented by two or more delegates. Each Federation held a public speaking contest to select its representatives in the state contest. Forty chapters had entries in the public speaking contests....Forty-two chapters participated in one or more radio programs....Sixty-one of the seventy-one chapters engaged in organized cooperative buying and selling of farm supplies and commodities.

Future Farmers Outside the Border (Continued)

Louisiana--A membership of 4,705 in 125 local chapters....All chapters in the state association adopted the state program of work and added a few local objectives....One hundred nineteen chapters of the Louisiana Association entered the National Chapter Contest. One hundred per cent of the chapters in the Association entered the State Chapter Contest....Ninety-six chapters provided radio facilities for their members....Seven hundred fifty-one copies of the F.F.A. Manual are owned by the chapters, and nine hundred seventy-eight copies are owned individually....The chapters own 1,061 copies of Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, and 1,300 copies are owned by individuals....Sunday, April 11, was observed as a special F.F.A. Sunday School and Church day....Bands were organized in 58 chapters....School grounds were improved by 115 chapters....Welcome signs were prepared and placed on public highways by 102 chapters....Scholarship above the school average in all subjects was reported by 66 chapters....Home libraries are possessed by 1,523 members....Public speaking contests were held by 100 per cent of the chapters, with 3,147 members participating....News sheets were issued by 91 chapters. Note. The above representing a brief abstract of the annual report of the Louisiana Association might give an inkling as to how and why Louisiana won the State Association Award for 1936-37.

Michigan--One hundred eighty-five chapters, with an active membership of 4,200. All chapters paid their annual dues and submitted annual reports on time....The Shiawassee County Association of F.F.A. exemplified the second degree and the opening and closing ceremonies at the state convention. The Beaverton F.F.A. orchestra furnished music for the convention....Counties having three or more F.F.A. chapters have organized county F.F.A. associations. These associations conduct county fairs, judging contests, public speaking contests, parliamentary drills, and leadership conferences....The State F.F.A. Band gave concerts before the Annual Farmers Day at the State College of Agriculture, the Governor and state officers and employees at the state capitol, and in several cities in the state....A special train took 151 F.F.A. members to the National Convention.

Washington--Seventy of the seventy-six vocational agriculture departments in the state have organized F.F.A. chapters, with a total active membership of 2,284....100 per cent of the chapters were represented at the State Convention.

Utah--Forty-two active chartered chapters, with a membership of 2,575. This represents 87 per cent of the vocational agriculture enrollment....100 per cent of the chapters participated in the public speaking contest....Seventy-five per cent of the seven hundred animals shown at the Inter Mountain Junior Livestock Show at North Salt Lake in June were exhibited by Utah F.F.A. members who won five out of the six grand championships given for fat stock....The Utah F.F.A. Band of 110 pieces recruited from every chapter in the state constituted one of the interesting activities of the year. These boys came from seventy-five different communities in the state and in many cases made a supreme effort to get to the two all-state band practices. Some of the boys live in small communities in mountainous and desert regions and are located as far as 135 miles from the nearest railroad. Loyalty to Future Farmer ideals has hold these boys together and made the all-state band a possi-

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bility with one hundred per cent representation....The Utah delegation to the National Convention was approximately 150....Utah ice cream was furnished for the National Convention banquet, and the state association exhibited honey from the Beehive state.

New Mexico: Sixteen per cent increase in membership during the year 1936-37100 per cent of all day departments have F.F.A. chapters....Special emphasis is placed on cooperative activities and growth in farming in the state program although it results in a smaller number of State Farmers being elected than would be the case under the constitutional regulation of two per cent of the membership being elected to State Farmer degree annually. Eleven Future Farmers were raised to State Farmers this year instead of the 17 which would have been allowed under the regulation of two per cent of the membership.... Chapters attended the Tenth Convention Celebration from a distance of over 500 miles. Three hundred boys attended as well as several notables, among them being Hon. Clyde E. Tingley, Governor of the State of New Mexico....The State association stresses development of local and regional programs of work owing to the tremendous distances which make it difficult to hold more than one yearly meeting of state association or state officers. These local programs of work are concerned chiefly with growth in farming, cooperative activities and leadership training activities.

Delaware--Thirteen of fifteen chapters entered the State Public Speaking Contest....Ten of fifteen chapters have helped to beautify the local school grounds, improving lawns, placing concrete walks and adding shrubbery....All chapters in the state association took either a week's tour or a camping trip.

Oklahoma--100 per cent of all schools offering vocational agriculture has active F.F.A. chapters. This included six schools having approved departments which received no federal reimbursement....Total of 109 chapters with an increase of 608 members....Twenty-six Future Farmers were raised to the State Farmer degree....Sixty-three chapters, represented by 675 members, attended the permanent F.F.A. recreational and training camp near Watts, Oklahoma, which was operated from July 6, 1936 to August 22, 1936.

South Dakota--The state association is divided into seven districts, the activities in each district being directed by district officers. Each district held at least one leadership meeting, at which the boys were given instruction in the duties of the different offices of the association....A Future Farmer column is carried regularly each month in one of the leading South Dakota farm papers.

Pennsylvania--Increase of 1058 in membership, with 30 new chapters organized. ...Among the features carried out in the program of work by local chapters were: exhibiting of project products at the local and county fairs, greater participation in social activities of the school and community as an organization, eight stations within the state were frequently used for broadcasting, greater participation in the program of F.F.A. Week which was held at the Pennsylvania State College.

CHAPTER NEWS

Burlington: The officers for the year are Ralph Conrad, president; Wilbur Haverling, vice president; William McCullen, treasurer; Roy McReynolds, secretary; Herbert Bowman, reporter; Roscoe Rodgers, sergeant-at-arms.

The major activities included in our program of work are: sheep production project, F.F.A. camp, corn show, American Royal trip, loan fund, basket ball, and banquet. Virgil Hevering was chairman of the program of work committee.

We have 25 bushels for our share from six-tenths of an acre of pop corn. Most of this is for sale.

--Herbert Bowman, Reporter

Coldwater: The Coldwater chapter held its first meeting, September 14. The new officers were elected and are as follows: Ralph Sooter, president; Jack Heft, vice president; Clair Parcel, treasurer; Monroe Huck, secretary; Tom Carleton, reporter; Bob Gilchrist, watch dog, and Mr. Melia, advisor.

Our chapter entered a booth at the state fair at Hutchinson and placed first in the county collective booth. We received a first prize of \$150.00.

Our enrollment in vocational agriculture is 38, 15 first year boys, 8 second year boys, and 15 third year boys.

The chapter group project poultry house was struck by lightning Monday, September 13, and burned to the ground. There were 51 chickens in the house, at the time of the fire, but 14 were saved.

--Tom Carleton, Reporter

WaKeeney: Our livestock judging team won third in the judging contest at the Colby Fair this fall. They also won first at the Trego County Fair in the livestock judging contest.

The F.F.A. members and the vocational agriculture students who were not members of the F.F.A. won about \$25 altogether at the Trego County Fair. They won the booth contest and several livestock and poultry prizes.

September 29 the Trego F.F.A. chapter met and elected the following officers: Albert Kerth, president; Curtis Schoenthaler, vice president; John Summers, secretary; Carrol Marquand, treasurer; Harold Bellairs, reporter; Harold Zeman, watch dog. The officers held a meeting the following day and took care of the business of the chapter.

The evening of October 7 the Green Hands were taken to Quinter and initiated. They are now full fledged Future Farmers of America. Quinter is expected to come to WaKeeney and have their Green Hands initiated.

An officers training school was held at Colby October 9. All of our officers with the exception of the reporter and secretary attended.

--Harold Bellairs, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Moundridge: The boys making the trip to the National Convention from the Moundridge chapter are awarded the trips on the quality of their work and achievements. Outstanding accomplishments and worth while programs and activities of boys in the chapter are recognized in this manner and the boys feel that they have earned the trip.

Our plan of awarding trips for outstanding boys in the chapter originated two years ago and has proven very satisfactory. A committee of three selects the boys that rank the highest in four divisions. The top ranking boy in the following four divisions are awarded the trips: crops program, livestock program, farm shop program and Future Farmer member. The committee is made up of our Superintendent Curt Siemens, Wm. Tapkin of the local cooperative creamery, and Dale Galle, a farmer in the community.

A score card plan is used in judging the boys work in the selection of all except the farm shop division. The main points of the score card follow: project program, planning the project, management, size or scope, quality, inventory gain, continuation plans. The financing of the trip is of course, the hard part of getting the boys to the convention. We have solved the problem by using funds from the chapter treasury and through the cooperation of merchants in sponsoring the trips.

A program for football and basketball games with paid advertisements, published each game, has aided the chapter treasury to the extent of \$40.00. John Huxman, Eldon Flickner, Reuben Zerber and Marvin Westerman are in charge of the "Moundridge Athlete". Another profitable chapter enterprise has been our annual amateur hour and carnival. It netted \$75 last year. The date set for the event this year is December 16. Prizes are offered in three divisions, grades, high school, adult. Marvin Westerman is in charge of the event and will have Walter Krehbiel as chairman of the carnival and Reuben Zerger chairman of the amateur hour. The carnival held in connection with the amateur hour has the usual booths, ball games, penny throws, etc. To avoid any criticism of carnival games the committee in charge has the school superintendent check over and O.K. those to be used.

Besides the sponsoring of the trips to the American Royal, the chapter treasury pays for all expenses of the parent and son banquet held each year, and also helps to pay expenses of boys on judging trips.

Gerhard Zerger, our honorary member, has planned a turkey dinner and a moving picture show for the members of the chapter, superintendent and school board on November 24. The dinner will be served at the Hawley Hotel in McPherson, and the turkeys will be dressed by Mr. Zerger from his flock. The picture show will follow the dinner and a short program will be presented by the Eden Church male quartet.

--Clinton Krehbiel, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Norwich: The first Tuesday of every month is set aside for our regular afternoon F.F.A. chapter meetings from 3 to 4 p.m. The third Wednesday of each month is set aside for our formal night meetings held in our chapter room, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Last year six afternoon meetings and six evening meetings were held. At our last regular evening meeting officers for the year 1937-38 were elected. They are: Everett Fieser, president; Arthur Smith, vice president; Claude Smith, secretary; Sammie Wacker, treasurer; Dale Stogsdill, reporter; and Clair Messmer, watch dog.

Last May we planned and conducted a project tour to inspect and evaluate the project work done by our members during their first year in vocational agriculture. Every boy was present besides many of the local business men. Sixty-two miles were traveled in visiting thirty-three projects carried by 21 boys. Small cash awards were given for the three projects adjudged most outstanding.

Our chapter landscaped a Norwich home last spring. The work included transplanting of trees, setting out new trees and shrubs, dehorning parking trees, setting out bulbs and flowers, digging a lily pond and cementing it, planting grass, planting perennial and annual flowers, placing stepping stones to the pool, and making lawn seats. Three hundred and forty man hours were used on this group project for which we received \$45 for our chapter treasury.

--John E. Fieser, Jr., Reporter

Neodesha: The Neodesha chapter was host to a tri-chapter meeting with Parsons and Fredonia, May 21. The meeting was called by the Parsons and Neodesha chapters to honor the Fredonia chapter for their fine accomplishment in ranking second in the state contest this year. Loren McDonald of Fredonia who was high individual in the state contest was awarded a chenille emblem by the Parsons and Neodesha chapters. The boys went to the baseball park where Parsons won both games. A picnic lunch was enjoyed after the game. The boys attended a theater party given by the Neodesha chapter. There were 61 boys and their advisors, Mr. Watson of Fredonia, Mr. Jewett of Parsons, and Mr. Taylor of Neodesha. Along with the complete show was the show, "Horse Power in Action", from the Horse and Mule Association of America. The boys felt they received much good from the show and would suggest that every F.F.A. member see the show.

The Neodesha chapter has conducted ten phosphate fertilizer tests on old stands of alfalfa. Tests have been made by Joe Clegg, Orty Orr, Billy Cormican, Wayne Mustain, Kenneth Leedy, Carl Gray, Barney Gudde, and at the vocational agriculture farm. These tests have proven very successful with some yields showing one third higher on the fertilized plots over similar unfertilized plots.

--Clarence Kammerer, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

South Haven: The chapter conducted a project tour last spring and followed a plan of having the Green Hands score their projects and the Future Farmers score their projects. Leonard Deets was awarded a gold medal for having the best farm program, and Howard Bacon was awarded second place ribbon. George Strickland was awarded a gold medal for having the most outstanding farm program in the Green Hand group, and Stanley Hutchison won the second place ribbon.

A farm shop display was held in connection with our mother-son reception last May. Prizes were awarded to the best four projects displayed by the advanced students, and to the best four projects exhibited by the Green Hand group. Winners in the advanced class were: Herman Wolf, 1st; Junior Munyon, 2nd; Leonard Deets, 3rd; and Howard Bacon, 4th. Winners in the class for beginners were: Truman Miller, 1st; John Byers, 2nd; George Strickland, 3rd; and Wayne Snow, 4th. The displays were judged by Mr. T. C. Farris, vocational agricultural instructor, Arkansas City.

Officers elected for the 1937-38 year are: Melvin Walcher, president; Stanley Hutchison, vice president; Chester Gile, secretary; Truman Miller, treasurer; Howard Bacon, reporter; and George Strickland, watch dog.

--Howard Bacon, Reporter

Olathe: The Eagles View is the name of our annual publication. The purpose of the publication is to review the outstanding achievements of the past year, and to set forth important plans for the next.

Officers for the 1937-38 year are: Morris Buckman, president; Paul Busch, vice president; Junior Tippin, treasurer; Marvin Stemple, secretary; Kenneth Purcell, reporter; Robert Evans, watch dog.

Our chapter invited the farm boys enrolled in the Junior High school to a meeting held in May. This was for the purpose of acquainting them with our vocational agricultural work and our F.F.A. program.

Our chapter sponsored a colt show, a talking picture and a pulling contest in connection with the Old Settlers picnic, Friday, September 3.

Nine members of our chapter are using \$897 through the Production Credit to finance the purchase of seven Shorthorn cows and heifers, one dairy cow, one Shorthorn bull, feed to fatten out swine project, purchase of seed oats, purchase of 25 ewes and lambs, and to purchase potato seed sufficient for seeding one-half acre of potatoes.

Glen Ewing and Milton Powell were the first to be elected to the State Farmer degree from the Olathe chapter. We have had vocational agriculture at Olathe for two years.

--Kenneth Purcell, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

Wamego: The officers elected for the year are: Howard Talley, president; Bill Davis, vice president; Howard Johnstone, treasurer; Marvie Clark, secretary; Kenneth Worthing, reporter; Almont Osmer, watch dog.

Our chapter sponsored the picture "Horse Power in Action" at the Columbian Theater last spring.

One summer meeting and a picnic was held.

--Kenneth Worthing, Reporter

Solomon: In the regular meeting for the purpose of electing officers a plan was adopted whereby all candidates for office had to make a "campaign" speech. Each candidate had to outline the duties of the office and set forth what he planned to do if elected. All candidates did a nice piece of work in constructing and delivering their speeches. Elston Meek, candidate for vice president, deserves outstanding credit because his talk was humorous, delivered in good style, and contained good subject matter. The following officers were elected: Norman Neiderhiser, president; Elston Meek, vice president; Roy Raetz, secretary; John Edward O'Grady, treasurer; Lawrence Sims, reporter; Dale Brown, watch dog.

--Lawrence Sims, Reporter

Hill City: The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the following: Robert Rice, president; David Hemphill, vice president; Dale Critchfield, secretary; Raymond Ninemire, treasurer; Lloyd Ninemire, reporter; and Harold Klenk, watch dog.

Ralph Quint attended the annual convention as a delegate from our chapter.

--Ralph Quint, Reporter

Berryton: Our chapter held its annual election of officers last May. George Stiles was elected president; Clayton Myers, vice president; Chas. Goff, secretary; Dwight Deonard, treasurer; Delbert Leonard, reporter; and Lee Moeller, watch dog.

An over night camp was held in May on the Wakarusa with eighteen members present. A few fish were caught, among them being one that weighed fifteen pounds.

Members of our chapter assist in both the printing and editing of our F.F.A. and vocational agricultural news sheet which is included in our school paper, the Berryton Breeze.

--Delbert Leonard, Reporter