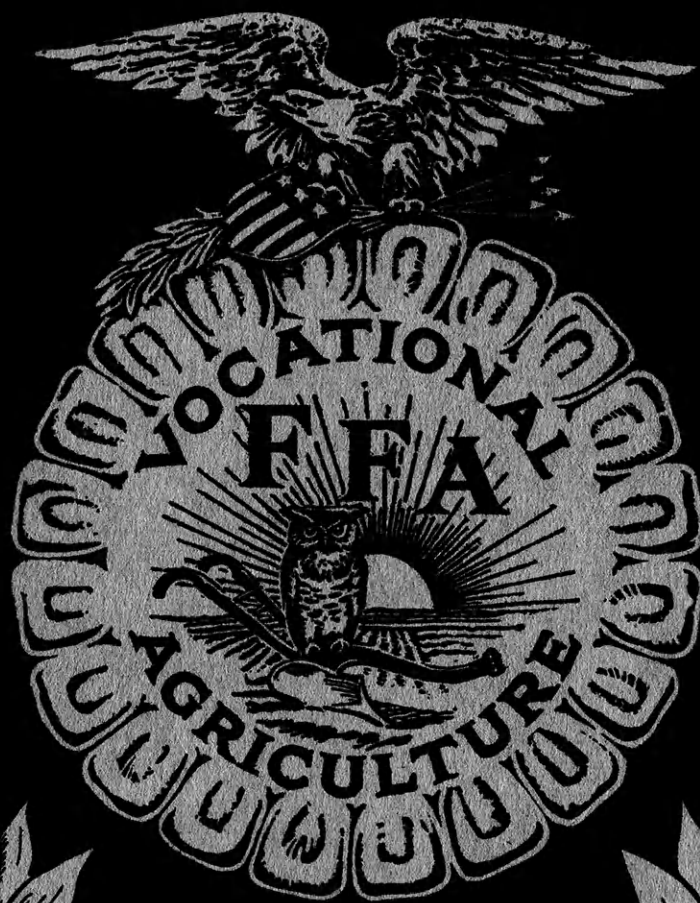


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PRESIDENT COATES SPEAKING

As president of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America I am glad to remind you of the coming Annual State F.F.A. Convention to be held May 2 and 3, 1938, at Kansas State College, Manhattan.

This is the tenth annual state convention and it is our duty to make it a success. To do this, every chapter and F.F.A. member in the state must cooperate. Every member should do all he can to see that his chapter has its activity program filled out, two delegates elected, and an active membership status.

It is very important that the local chapters complete their activity programs and submit them at the proper time during the state convention. This is one of the outstanding goals of the state program, so we must work together with determined efforts to meet this objective.

Too much emphasis can not be placed upon the election of the two delegates allowed each active chapter and their being present for the meetings of the House of Delegates. They will elect the new State Farmers and the state officers for 1938-39, and will give attention to other important issues. It is up to you and your chapter to see that two competent delegates are selected to voice your chapter's views on matters coming before the state convention.

COME ON, Future Farmers of Kansas, and let's make this, the Tenth Annual State Convention the largest and the best in the history of the Kansas Association of F.F.A.--Albert S. Coates, President Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.



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The State Association extends congratulations and best wishes to Kensington chapter, our newest addition to the association. A charter was issued the Kensington chapter under date of April 2, 1938. The chapter has 16 members. Theodore Levin is president, and Stanley Norton is the secretary. Professor Sam Smith is the local advisor.

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STATE F.F.A. MEETINGS

An analysis of the annual meetings of the state associations of F.F.A. of the North Central Region shows the following activities:

Selection of State Farmers.....	9 states
Election of Officers.....	8 states
Public Speaking.....	4 states
Chapter Contest.....	3 states
Parliamentary Procedure.....	2 states
F.F.A. Band or Music.....	2 states
Reporter's Contest.....	2 states
Chapter Exhibit.....	1 state
Ear of Corn.....	1 state
Chapter Conducting Demonstration.....	1 state
Extemporaneous Speaking Contest.....	1 state
Exemplification of Degree.....	1 state

Thirteen activities were listed. Selecting State Farmers and Election of Officers were found most frequently. Iowa, listing ten activities, led the states in number of activities included in the annual state F.F.A. meeting.

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APPOINTED

Albert Coates, our state president, has been honored by the World's Poultry Congress by being appointed as a member of the Kansas Committee to represent the Future Farmers of America. Albert's job will be to make F.F.A. members in Kansas poultry minded. The World's Poultry Congress will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1939.

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The Regional F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest will be held at Ames, Iowa, August 8. The candidates will appear in the order of the alphabetical ranking of the regions. The Kansas candidate this year will appear fourth. The order of appearance will rotate each year thereafter.

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DATES OF TENTH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION, MAY 2 AND 3, 1938

CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

We are glad to report the filing of 103 chapter activity programs. This represents the largest number of chapter programs to be filed in Kansas in a given year. The programs are well balanced, and show evidence of careful planning.

It is important to plan and file a chapter program, but it is equally as important to report on the satisfactory execution of the planned program. Chapter activity completion reports will be filed with the state officers at 9:00 a. m. on May 2, 1938. If you do not have a representative present to file your report, may we suggest that you mail a copy of the completed report to the State Executive Advisor. Reports mailed should be sent early enough to reach Manhattan in time for distribution on the morning mail delivery.

Last year 82 chapters filed activity programs. We are proud of the 28 per cent increase shown this year.

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PAID UP MEMBERS

In a statistical study of our membership this year, we find that on a basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture, the percentage of membership in chapters ranges all the way from 194 per cent to 30 per cent. Solomon has the honor of being the chapter with the highest percentage of paid up members, 194 per cent, on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture. Paxico, the chapter having the highest percentage of paid up members in 1936-37, is second with a percentage of 145 per cent. Congratulations.

We have checked and rechecked the following figures, but in case of error we trust you will notify us in order that the correction can be run in the May issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

Chapters having a membership range of from 101 per cent to 194 per cent:

Abilene	Eldorado	Mound City	Seaman
Argonia	Ellis	Moundridge	Smith Center
Atwood	Garden City	Neodesha	Solomon
Beverly	Holcomb	Oberlin	South Haven
Blue Rapids	Howard	Osborne	Tampa
Bonner Springs	Lawrence	Ottawa	Wakefield
Burlington	Lebanon	Parker	Winfield
Coats	Mayetta	Paxico	
Cottonwood Falls	Morrowville	Reading	

Chapters having a membership percentage of 100:

Concordia	Linn	Meriden	Waterville
Fairview	Melvern	Wamego	Williamsburg
Fredonia			

Chapters having a membership range of from 90 to 99 per cent:

Auburn	LaHarpe	Pleasanton	Washburn
Hill City	Norwich	Sabetha	

Paid Up Members (Concluded)

Chapters having a membership range of from 80 to 89 per cent:

Arkansas City	Havensville	McDonald	Shawnee Mission
Beloit	Inman	Manhattan	Vinland
Bird City	LeRoy	Miltonvale	WaKeeney
Colby	Longford	Oskaloosa	Westmoreland
Harper	McCune	Seneca	

Chapters having a membership range of from 70 to 79 per cent:

Bazine	Clay Center	Downs	Hope
Chanute	Council Grove	Frankfort	Valley Falls

Chapters having a membership range of from 60 to 69 per cent:

Altamont	Highland Park	Silver Lake	Tonganoxie
Columbus	Medicine Lodge	Simpson	Washington
Delphos	Pratt	St. Francis	Wellsville
Harveyville			

Chapters having a membership range of from 50 to 59 per cent:

Holton	Marysville	Newton	Ramona
Hoxie			

Other chapters either have a membership of less than 50 per cent, based upon enrollment in vocational agriculture, or have not paid this year's dues.

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Paid up membership in the state association totals 2982. This is approximately 600 more members than we had at this date last year. In order to be eligible for four American Farmer candidates it will be necessary to have 619 additional paid up members.

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The Winfield chapter has the honor of having the largest paid up membership to date. They have a membership of 75.

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The Texas Association of F.F.A. in 1936-37 had 449 chapters with a total of 16,824 active members. On February 18, 1938, Texas had 502 chapters with 19,494 active members. Their goal for 1937-38 is 527 chapters with an active membership of 20,000.

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Arden Burbidge, national vice president, representing the North Central Region, of Park River, North Dakota, will be the guest of the Kansas Association of F. F.A. during its annual meeting, May 2,3, 1938. Burbidge will address the House of Delegates on the evening of May 2.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING STATE FARMER DEGREE

1. Standards set up in the Manual will be maintained. Any modification of the financial requirement will be left to the discretion of the State Executive committee.
2. Advisors will be notified as soon as possible after the meeting of the State Executive committee as to the success of their candidate or candidates. This information will be in all cases, we hope, received by the advisor before he leaves for Manhattan.
3. The State Executive committee will meet April 23, at which time ~~we hope~~ firm decisions will be made in all cases. ~~All applications, as well as project record books for all projects claimed as part of the supervised farm program, have to be reviewed before it is possible to hold a meeting of the State Executive committee.~~
4. It is hoped that all successful State Farmer candidates will be present for the meeting of the House of Delegates and for the F.F.A. banquet meeting. It is not compulsory to be present in order to receive this award, but for the best interest of the boy and the State Association, it is highly desirable that all candidates be present.
5. The State Executive committee recommends the candidates, the House of Delegates elects, and will raise the candidates to the State Farmer degree.
6. The gold-plated State Farmer charm, price ~~1.75~~ \$1.75 each, will be presented to successful candidates, provided the ~~key~~ ^{charm} has been paid for by either the candidate, the advisor, or some representative of the chapter. ~~The key should be paid for by 5:00 o'clock p. m. of the evening of May 2.~~ ^{State Farmer Charm}
7. It is not compulsory ^{charm} to purchase the State Farmer ^{charm} key. However, only those who have purchased keys will receive them. The keys are awarded as a part of the ritual in raising the candidates to the State Farmer degree. We consider it a distinct honor to receive the State Farmer degree, and we hope that each chapter will see to it that their candidate or candidates will have the opportunity of receiving the State Farmer ^{charm} key which is the mark of this high honor.
8. The 10K solid gold State Farmer charm (²²⁵ \$3.25) will be ordered upon request of the advisor. Otherwise, the gold-plated ^{charm} key will be awarded.
9. American Farmer candidates are chosen from the active State Farmer group. State Association officers must be elected from the active group of State Farmer rank.
10. The State Association reserves the right to orally examine any candidate for the State Farmer Degree who has not held office in his local chapter. The basis of examination will be Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure.

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Has your chapter paid its membership dues?

SOLOMON F.F.A. ORCHESTRA

The Solomon F.F.A. Dinner Orchestra has accepted the invitation of the State Association to furnish an hour's program at the annual banquet furnished by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce on May 3. Those of us who had the pleasure of hearing this orchestra last year are looking forward with much pleasure to hearing them again.

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WILL SHOW MOVIES

Talking movies of the tenth national convention of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America will be shown as part of the program at the annual banquet to be held at the Community House, Manhattan, 6:30 p. m., May 3.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Howard: The Howard judging team has competed in three contests; poultry judging at Ottawa, poultry judging at Chanute and grain judging at Neodesha. The team placed third at Chanute and second at Neodesha. Robert Webster was high individual at the Neodesha contest with a score of 668 points.

On March 15, the FFA members entertained the Girl Reserves with a picnic at the city lake. About 50 G.R. and F.F.A. members attended. After playing several games the boys served refreshments consisting of sandwiches, ice cream and angel food cake.

The FFA farm business is cooperating with the county agent in raising variety tests of wheat. Eight varieties have been planted. A difference in varieties can be noticed. It is also very noticeable where fertilizer has been applied.

A battery brooder was built in shop to be used on the FFA farm. It is planned that about 350 chicks will be raised. A part of the cockerels will be caponized and the rest sold as fries. The pullets will be used for next year's laying flock.

The FFA sheep project is showing up well at this time. Six of the ewes have lambed three pairs of twins and three singles. Incidentally the Howard chapter will have some good Schropshire buck lambs for sale this fall.

--Kenneth Calvert, Reporter

Auburn: We were represented at the poultry judging school held in connection with the State Poultry Show. We also had a team at the Ottawa contest. The Dairy Judging School and the Livestock Judging School at Topeka are on our schedule as is the State Contests at Manhattan.

Two weeks ago we ran some terraco lines for one of the school patrons.

Our F.F.A. play, "The Phantom Bells", was presented in the High School auditorium April 1.

Members of the No. 9 class have planted a hotbed. They have several hundred tomato and cabbage plants about ready for market. The boys themselves will use a large number of the plants in their minor projects.

--Lawrence Koci, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Wakefield: The Wakefield FFA chapter and the Clay Center chapter had a joint night meeting. The Clay Center chapter came to Wakefield. We served refreshments of coney islands and cocoa. About a week later the Manhattan chapter came over for a meeting with our chapter. At this meeting we served chili.

Clarence Shandy, president of our chapter won the Union Pacific scholarship of \$100.

The first week in March, the Manhattan FFA chapter came to Wakefield and gave our Green Hands the Future Farmer degree. There were about 20 raised to this degree. About half of these were Manhattan members.

Our local chapter sponsored a crop judging contest in which all members of the advanced class participated. Prizes of fifty cents and twenty-five cents were given for first and second places. Merle Myers won first and Thomas Brown second.

Our judging team participated in two judging contests; the first at Miltonvale was a crops judging contest, the other at Abilene was a dairy judging contest.

The last week in March our chapter had a project tour. We gave prizes in both classes for high ranking projects. Ernest Sharp won first in the Freshman class with the following projects: beef calf, gilts, atlas, corn, wheat, and black hull kafir. In the advanced class, Thomas Brown won first, having sheep, chickens, wheat, and potatoes. As a whole the projects were educational as well as interesting.

Our chapter also gave a first and second prize for outstanding achievement in project work, Robert Randle winning first prize of \$5.00 and Clarence Shandy second prize of \$2.00. We plan to continue giving these prizes next year.

The chapter treated and distributed seed potatoes to members of the class and to outsiders at \$1.50 per hundred. We sold 2700 pounds.

We are also having a brooding project of 32 cross breed chickens. They are a cross of Rhode Island Red and Cornish. We plan to use these chickens at our Parent and Son banquet. At six weeks of age these chickens weigh $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

About the middle of April we plan to have a feeders day and farm sale. Some of the items we plan to sell at the sale are: chicken feeders, sheep feeders, punches and chisels, cement posts, hog feeders, and many rope articles. We have made all of these at the farm shop. At this feeder's day we shall have contests, judging and guessing weights. Suitable prizes will be given.

This past winter Mr. Brandenburg conducted an evening school dealing with management and production of sheep. Classes were held on Monday evenings for ten consecutive weeks. At these meetings a different phase of sheep management was taken up. At the last meeting a mutton supper was served to those who had been attending. The lambs had been butchered at the previous meeting. One of the lambs was raised by one of the ag boys, the other was from the school farm.

This past winter the Ag department has butchered five hogs for the farmers in surrounding communities. No charge was made for this service. The agriculture boys did this for experience.

We plan to have our Parent and Son banquet April 14. Special committees have been appointed and are working hard for this banquet.

--Merle Meyers, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Melvorn: The Melvern Vocational Ag boys organized an FFA chapter and elected temporary officers January 31. Glenn Failor was elected president; Marlin White, vice president; LaVerne Thompson, secretary; Otis Patterson, treasurer; Junior Fanning, reporter; and Jim Beesley, watchdog. On February 24 we were initiated by the Ottawa chapter and received our Green Hand pins a few days later. We received our charter February 18 and are going to frame it soon.

After we were initiated we decided to elect permanent officers and Otis Patterson became president; Marlin White, vice president; George Thompkins, treasurer; LaVerne Thompson, secretary; Glenn Failor, reporter; and Jim Beesley, watchdog. Other members of our chapter are Joe Sutton, Junior Fanning and Lawrence McNabb.

The FFA chapter built an oats treater out of a barrel and treated 68 bushels of oats for the boys having oats projects and for some local farmers.

We have completed our double forge and are proud of it because it is a good one and will last a long time.

The vocational agriculture crops class has entered two crops judging contests and hope to go to some more livestock and crops contests in the future.

The vocational agriculture class layed out, staked, and terraced seven acres of ground for a local farmer.

For a class room and shop we have two large buildings located on main-street. They are about a quarter of a mile from the school house.

There are four Seniors and two Juniors in the crops class and three Sophomores in the livestock class. Some of the crops projects are wheat, corn, and oats. Three of the boys have wheat for their project. The livestock class have sheep and two steer calves for their project. Beside the major projects some of the boys have several other minor projects. For the nine enrolled in vocational agriculture we have a total of 19 projects.

At this time the FFA boys are trying to raise money to organize a recreation room. We have a list of 17 activities for the year and we hope to carry them all out. We have completed one activity which was a sparrow contest. We chose up sides and the losing side had to feed the winners. Altogether we got 316 sparrows.

Under the instruction of our advisor Mr. Arnold we hope to have a successful year and strive to make each year a better one.

--Glenn Failor, Reporter

Argonia: I thought maybe it would be of interest to other chapters of the state to know something of agricultural conditions of this area. We are located in the western part of Sumner county. Wheat is our most important field crop here, with sorghum next in importance. As we have had plenty of moisture for the past winter and are having a very open winter, the wheat about here is very rank, in fact, too much so. A majority of the wheat is from ten to twelve inches in height.

Our chapter is going to plant a little over two acres to ornamental trees this week. The project is being carried on to improve the looks of the shop and grounds and to grow into a park to be used by our town in years to come. We have planted quite a bit of bermuda grass by the planting of the root method and intend to plant the grounds where the trees will be planted also.

--Emitt Whitsell

"The best angle from which to approach a problem is the tryangle."

Chapter News (Continued)

South Haven: The South Haven chapter of Future Farmers of America sponsored a tree selling and planting campaign starting February 15 and ending March 2. All F.F.A. members and vocational agricultural members took part in selling trees. Some 3,302 shade trees and 85 fruit trees were sold and delivered to the farmers of our community for planting. All of the trees were planted in good condition and are getting a splendid start due to the fine weather we are having.

The F.F.A. and vocational agriculture class boys who took part in this campaign collected for the trees in advance, using a receipt form, made up by our commercial department, for the purpose of keeping a record of trees sold. Each boy who sold trees delivered one copy of the receipt to the F.F.A. advisor when he turned in his money for the trees which he sold. When the campaign ended, a composite order was sent for the fruit trees. The two boys selling the highest number of trees were awarded a trip to Hays after the shade trees. Henry Wolf was first with a total of 1,116 trees sold and Stanley Hutchinson was second with 506 trees sold.

Oscar E. Reece, the F.F.A. advisor, Henry Wolf Jr., and Stanley Hutchinson left South Haven March 4 at noon and returned Sunday, March 6. They drove to Lyons, Kansas, where they spent the night. The next morning they visited the Gulf Oil Company Supply House at Chase and went on to Hays. Several hours were spent visiting the different parts of the Fort Hays Experiment Station, including the machine shop, feeding pens, barns, silos, fields which have been terraced and listed with damming lister, and the erosion experimental test plots. The boys spent Saturday night with Mr. Reece's father at Hopewell, Kansas. On the way home Sunday they visited the State Fish Hatchery at Pratt, Kansas. The trip covered a total of 535 miles and was certainly enjoyed by the boys and advisor. Expenses were taken care of by collecting a transportation fee when the trees were sold.

The Monday Study Club of South Haven bought 25 Tamarix roots for the city to plant as a screen for the base of the city water tower. The Junior Vocational Agricultural class planted the trees.

--Howard Bacon, Reporter

Wellsville: The activities of the chapter lately have been varied. Several regional judging schools have been attended. Preparation is now being made for the dairy judging school at Topeka.

The chapter presented the school assembly program recently. Demonstrations on meat cutting, soldering, sawing and boring were presented. The hog used in the meat cutting demonstration was butchered by the second year class. Talks on soil conservation, illustrated by charts, were given by Gene Barnett and Lloyd Russell of the third year class.

Shop work has been varied including auto mechanics and a recently completed brooder house project. The brooder house was built by Gene Barnett who intends to purchase 300 chicks for a chick project. The house was moved to his home-stand and wired for electricity by the third year class.

The F.F.A. swine project is making rapid gains. During the past 30 days, the 11 head have averaged 1.87 pounds gain per day.

All the F.F.A. ewes out on shares have not lambed. Those which have lambed have a 200 per cent crop.

--Lesley Seyler, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Parker: Our chapter sponsored an evening of basketball Friday, March 4. There were four games. Coach Jilka and four of his brothers vs Town Team; Junior Girls vs Girls Town Team; Parker F.F.A. Team vs LaCygne F.F.A. Team; and a novelty game. The net profit on the games was \$21.25.

The following boys attended the district Poultry Judging contest at Chanute, March 12: Marion Barnett, Junior Ingram, Charles Dedrick, Junior Cavinee, LaVerne Harold, Lloyd Burcham, Philip Singer, and Dale Woolsey. The team ranked sixth in the contest of 15 teams competing.

The second and third year agriculture boys attended the Linn County Crops Judging contest at Mound City, March 23. The team was composed of the five high scoring boys. The ranking of the schools were: Parker, Mound City, LaCygne, and Pleasanton. Junior Cavinee was second high individual in the contest.

A group of agriculture boys, consisting of seven juniors and five seniors, accompanied by Mr. Young, attended the Crops Judging School at Ottawa, Thursday, March 24.

The following boys went to Neodesha, March 26, and took part in the Crops Judging contest there: Philip Singer, Byron Boydston, Billy Calvin, and Gerald Zimmerman. The team won fourth place with nine schools competing. Philip Singer was among the ten high individuals in the contest.

A team consisting of Junior Cavinee, Junior Funk, Junior Ingram, Charles Dedrick, and Loring Harold attended the Crops Judging contest at Lawrence, also Saturday March 26. The team ranked second on the judging division and fourth in the entire contest with twenty three schools competing. The team score was figured on the three high scoring boys from each school. The three high boys on the Parker team were Junior Ingram, Junior Cavinee, and Chas. Dedrick.

The Parker team ranked fifteenth in the Poultry Judging contest at Ottawa March 5, with 31 schools competing.

The Parker chapter gave a thirty minute radio program April 10, over KGGF at Coffeyville, Kansas.

--Dale Woolsey, Reporter

Mayetta: The members chose up sides for a magazine sales contest which netted the chapter \$4.50. The losing side is to give the winning side a party.

We have treated over 1500 bushels of oats seed for smut this spring and used only 25 hours of school time in doing so. The charge was three cents per bushel to boys in FFA and their fathers and four cents per bushel to others. The profit was added to the FFA treasury fund and \$8.00 has been spent for lumber for a ping pong table which has just been completed. It has created added enjoyment for the FFA chapter room.

Virgil Salts, past president, was the Union Pacific scholarship winner in Jackson county.

The advanced class has laid out three plots of land for farmers to be farmed on the contour.

The shop has been somewhat reorganized, the forge completed, and a coal bin built, along with many other shop accomplishments which have been carried out under the supervision of our advisor, Mr. Cooley.

The following boys have been initiated as Green Hands: Neil Moirrissey, Amil Matchie, Jack Battese, Francis Jensen, Edwin Jensen, and John Cummings.

Officers for the coming year are: Peryl Farmer, president; Verne Smith, vice president; Jack Battese, secretary; James Johnson, treasurer; Francis Jensen, reporter; Lyman Evans, watch dog.

--Francis Jensen, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Manhattan: A cog wheel was the main theme of the FFA Father-Son banquet given at the High School March 18. The program booklet was decorated with a yellow wheel, each cog signifying one of the following: Scholarship, Leadership, Farm Skills, Farming Program, or Recreation. The hub of the cog wheel signified the FFA association. Behind the banquet table was a huge yellow cog wheel. The guests numbered 70.

George Wreath, president of the Manhattan chapter of FFA, acted as toastmaster. Following the invocation by Mr. R. W. Browning, the following program was given: "Cogs", a ritual opening ceremony, FFA officers; "Washer", the welcome, Ed Elling; "Pins", a violin duet, Mrs. Harold Kugler and Miss Snapp; "Shaft", the response, Mr. George Wreath; "Hub", the FFA organization, Roy Currie; "Grease", a reading, Adelbert Wilson; "Spokes", vocational agriculture, Don Jenkins; "Key", Mr. Bergman; "Gear Mesh", cornet solo, Grant Poole; "Power", the feature number of the program, Professor F. W. Bell. Talks given were as follows: "Green Hands", Junior Axtell; "Future Farmer", Burke Bayer; "Classroom", Gilbert Parker; "Farming Program", Amos Wilson; "Shop", Wayne Lewis; "Home Practice", Dale Knight.

--Amos Wilson, Reporter

Morrowville: Our chapter was host to our parents at the fourth annual Parent and Son banquet held at the high school gymnasium Friday evening, March 11. Covers were laid for 110 and the girls of the vocational Home Economics department served a two course meal. Jack Nutter presided and acted as toastmaster. Representative John Wood was the main speaker of the evening. Lute Richardson delivered the welcome and John Schwab gave the response. Blaine Wells led the group singing. Earl Moore, a state farmer in 1935, talked on opportunities while in high school. Earnest Howland gave a report on co-operative projects. Wayne McNish told of the value of judging and the record of Morrowville. Marvin Odgers gave a report on community service for the year. All enjoyed the cowboy music by Kenneth and Franklin Lull. The qualifications for the Green Hand degree and our FFA Creed were given by Oliver Paul Steele III. Our new vocational program including a feed crop for the first year was discussed by Max Wells. Following this Maurice Stanton gave the purposes of our farming programs and read a list of the kind and size of each of the members' programs. Guy Jennings talked on the Future Farmers and State Farmer degree, after which I. E. Peterson, local advisor, honored each of the six state farmers from Morrowville by awarding each a certificate of merit. Judging letters were awarded the livestock and farm mechanics teams. George Durst reported a scholarship of 1.75 for the FFA which is above the all-school average. Our FFA quartet sang two numbers. A financial report was given by Paul Prellwitz.

The Union Pacific scholarship for Washington county was awarded Guy Jennings of our chapter.

Our hog fattening project netted our chapter a profit of \$25.84. Our poultry project has had an average production of 60 per cent to date.

Six of our members attended the district poultry school at Concordia. Those who made the team were Chas. Schwab, Gerald Fencil, Earl Bichman. Charles won a gold medal in judging live and dressed market birds. Our team placed third in the entire contest with 16 schools competing.

Gerald Fencil, Jack Nutter, and Chas. Schwab as a team, tied for 2nd place with Blue Rapids at the Miltonvale district crops contest. The dairy judging team, Lawrence Dodd, Gerald Fencil, and Charles Schwab, placed 3rd at the District Dairy School at Abilene. Lawrence Dodd was third high individual.

--Gerald Fencil, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

Bird City: Election of officers for the chapter was held in January. The following officers were elected: Lowell Query, president; Rodney Partch, vice president; Donald Clark, secretary; Kenneth Hitchcock, treasurer; Wayne Deeds, reporter; Duane Harris, farm watch dog.

The Bird City chapter was invited to a joint meeting with the McDonald chapter on January 31. The program provided an opportunity for ideas after which a game of volley ball and a game of basket ball were played, followed by a lunch served by the McDonald boys.

Initiation of six Green Hands was held when McDonald invited the officers and Green Hand candidates of the chapter to be initiated with their Green Hands. There were six from the local group including: Wayne Blair, Keith Childers, Rex Hitchcock, Noble Dorch, Dale Rogers, and Chester Roberson.

Three State Farmer certificates were received by the chapter last January. The degrees had been awarded to Pardee and Marion Woods in 1936 and to Norvan Harris in 1937. These will be framed and hung in the agriculture room where the organization meetings are held.

The first and second year agriculture classes have culled the flocks at five different nearby farms.

The F.F.A. members helped put Paul Wilkin's cattle in show style for his purebred Hereford sale held February 28. There were 85 head sold.

The first and second year agriculture classes have made and sold 250 concrete garden irrigation tile and eight concrete stepping stones.

Grain and poultry judging schools were held at Quinter, March 9. Bird City entered and placed second in poultry and Wayne Deeds a member of the team, received the highest individual score. The grain judging team placed tenth.

There are seven members cooperating with the county Farm Bureau in planting Colby milo. These boys are: Lowell Query, Duane Harris, Jim Query, Wayne Deeds, Floyd Pettit, Noble Dorch. Each member will plant about 10 acres of milo which will be certified next fall.

The first year shop class is planning to hold a freshman parent night in April. This will be on shop work and will give the class a chance to show what they have been doing this year. Shop work will be given special consideration and work done by the boys will be displayed to further interest and to familiarize the visitors with various projects undertaken this year.

The FFA Father-Son banquet was held March 29 with 68 present--24 members and their Dads were present. The program consisted of nine talks by members and talks by the county agent and High School superintendent. FFA songs were sung between courses.

--Wayne Deeds, Reporter

Columbus: Columbus officers are as follows: Harold Hammer, president; Daniel Paradee, vice president; Neil Chub, secretary; Donald Gilemwater, treasurer; Charles Holler, reporter; Robert Paradee, watch dog. These officers will preside during the rest of the year and through the summer until the beginning of the second semester in '39.

We are organizing an armory ball team. Our first game will be with McCune on April 4.

We are going to send Harold Hammer to Manhattan to the speaking contest.

We are holding a meeting the 28th of March. At this meeting we will give the Green Hand degree and the FFA degree. We are going to initiate the Green Hands.

--Charles Holler Jr., Reporter

Chapter News(Continued)

Paxico: The annual Father-Son banquet was held March 15 in the High School gymnasium. Fifty-six plates were served by the Home Economics girls. The place cards were very unique, representing the FFA seal. Table decorations were yellow ear corn and apples. Candy corn was strung between the plates. The room was decorated with toy balloons. Mr. Lester Pollom, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, was the principal speaker. His talk impressed the Dads very favorably. Mr. Harold Walker, the advisor of the Wamego chapter, was an out of town guest. Paxico teachers, Mr. Wilson, Miss Kelly and Mr. Bacon were guests. The program was as follows: Group Singing, David Karnowski, leader; Opening Ceremony, officers; Welcome, Henry Hiegert, president and toastmaster; Response, Peter Karnowski; History of the FFA, Walter Michaelis; The FFA Creed, Clayton Iott; The purpose of the FFA, Members; Reports from the Projects, Second Year Vocational Ag Class; City Life Versus Country Life, Harold Iott; Kansas Star Farmer, Harold Michaelis; Talk, Lester B. Pollom; Closing Ceremony.

The Vocational Agriculture classes planted one third acre of potatoes using the commercial fertilizer, ammoniated phosphate. The proceeds are to go to the FFA treasury.

Mr. Loomis, our advisor, took four boys to the Poultry Judging Contest at Seneca, March 19. Francis Michaelis of Paxico, was third high individual.

The Judging team as a whole ranked seventh in the Seneca contest.

Saturday, March 26, Mr. Loomis and the boys attended the Crops Judging Contest at Lawrence. The Ag class made a tour of the projects. They saw some very interesting projects and took some pictures of different projects.

--Reporter

Burlington: According to Mr. E. R. Sheldon and Mr. T. E. Osborn, principal and superintendent, respectively, our Parents and Son banquet held March 25 was the most successful ever held here. Slightly over 100 plates were set. The county agent, Fred True, was the main speaker. His subject was, "Opportunities for Farm Youth Today". Many worth while things were presented. Wilbur Levering, vice president gave the welcome speech. Mr. John McMullen, father of the treasurer, responded with a stirring appeal to make more of the vocational agriculture department. Roy McReynolds, our State Farmer candidate talked on "Why I am Taking Vocational Agriculture". Mr. R. C. Keith responded with, "What We Think of Vocational Agriculture". Ralph Conrad, our president was toastmaster.

Our judging team entered their first contest at Neodesha, March 25. As a team they won sixth place. Richard Keith was eighth individual.

At our next regular meeting we have several candidates to raise to the Future Farmer degree.

The five boys who applied for admission into the Burlington Chick Club were accepted.

There is considerable talk of making a trip to the Cleveland Poultry Exhibition in 1939.

--Herbert Bowman, Reporter

The filling station man had finished wiping the windshield, when the woman driver asked: "Would you mind going over Johnny's face just once?"

Chapter News (Continued)

Simpson: The Simpson chapter of Future Farmers held their first parents and son banquet on March 18. Fifty-seven parents, sons and guests were present. The meeting was opened with the regular FFA ceremony with president, Harold Prochaska, acting as master of ceremonies. The program consisted of the address of welcome by Vernon Sams, and response by Earl Freeman. Talks were given by Mr. Blake, principal of the high school, and Mr. Bradley, F.F.A. advisor. Professor Davidson gave a very interesting talk on "Youth Movements". The banquet was financed from a pie and box supper, whereby the chapter made \$23.00. The Home Economics class prepared and served the banquet for the chapter.

Our chapter is the proud possessor of a new official F.F.A. banner.

The Freshman Green Hands are poisoning prairie dogs as a community service. Carbon disulfide was placed in 150 holes for Mr. Prewett last week.

The vocational agriculture class helped Mr. McBurney, the county agent, lay off the lines for a pasture contour demonstration.

--Reporter

Winfield: The Winfield chapter played two games of basketball with Arkansas City, winning one and losing one. Our chapter took one game from Oxford.

The Senior ags of the Winfield Future Farmers put on a play this year for what we called Home Coming night. The title of the play was "King Cabbot Retires". About 200 parents and friends attended. After the program in which twenty-two Freshman Green Hands were initiated, the party went to the gymnasium where the evening was spent in boxing, wrestling, and basketball.

The Winfield chapter initiated the officers of the ElDorado chapter at the regular meeting of the Winfield group on Wednesday night February 8. Considerable fun was had in initiating the out of town group and we hope we gave them a good start for their new chapter.

The annual Sheep Day will be held this year on May 17 in connection with a cooperative shipment of lambs. This year the Winfield, Arkansas City, Oxford, Future Farmers and the Cowley County Farm Bureau will cooperate in putting on the event. Each school will carry out some phase of the program of the day.

Our chapter treated two car loads of potatoes this spring for chapter members and farmers. We used the acid corrosive sublimate method using a long wooden tank and were able to treat a sack a minute.

--Raymond Berry, Reporter

St. George: The St. George F.F.A. chapter elected the following officers for the coming year: Willie Zarger, president; Bob Shaw, vice president; Russell Rowe, secretary; Everett Garland, treasurer; Junior Harrell, reporter; Irvine Duncan, watch dog; and Mr. Classen advisor. We have 22 members.

Our chapter held a Green Hand initiation February 25. We went through the formal initiation, then we discussed some problems. Those initiated were: Eldon Henton, Harold Techter, Dale Garland, Virgil Fleming, Scott Woodruff, Robert Wilson, and Kenneth Berg.

The chapter FFA basketball team finished its season by winning two games and losing two games.

March 29, the wheat in this community is in excellent condition. Spring work is well under way.

December 12, we held a box social. The boxes sold well and we had a good crowd.

--Junior Harrell, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

Chanute: Our chapter sponsored a poultry judging contest and school, Saturday, March 5. One hundred and eight boys from 15 schools took part. The contest consisted of 16 classes of poultry and eggs. Ottawa won first, Fredonia, second, and Howard, third.

We held our chapter public speaking contest March 15, with fifteen boys competing in the contest. There were two divisions in the contest, one for the ninth grade boys, and one for the Senior High boys. Six ninth grade boys competed, and nine Senior High boys. In the ninth grade division, Phillip Cooper won first, Junior Heilman second, Charles Tyler third, and Arthur Rule, fourth. Verne McKelvy won first in the Senior High division, George Madill second, Raymond Madill third, and Dean Smith fourth.

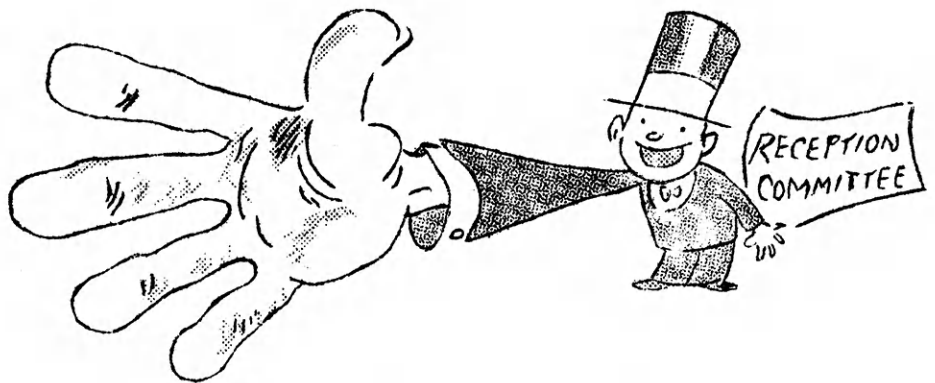
We sponsored a district public speaking festival Tuesday, March 22, and Columbus, Fredonia, and Chanute had entries. Future Farmers from LaHarpe, Neodesha, Parsons, and Altamont were also present to hear the talks. The program was opened and closed with the ritual, using officers from different chapters.

We just recently found that one of our new ninth grade members, Marion Johnson, can play the piano. It is a big help to our group singing at our chapter meetings.

--Junior West, Reporter

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* The following item from P. W. Hansen, instructor of vocational agriculture at Columbus, under date of April 6, will be of interest to our readers: "You no doubt have seen the accounts of the tornado that struck Columbus last week. My home and furniture were almost completely destroyed. The wife and baby were not hurt even though the roof and walls of the house were all taken away, a miracle to say the least."
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WE'LL BE SEEING YOU AT THE STATE CONVENTION, MAY 2 AND 3