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A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

The local chapter of the F.F.A. is probably the most important unit in the organization, just as the home is the foundation unit in government. Through the local chapters the influence of the national and state organizations is felt, and it is through them that the major work is accomplished. Most activities originate in local chapters and the members are benefitted directly, but it would be impossible to take advantage of many of the opportunities that are offered if the organization was not nation-wide. Consequently, we urge every local organization of vocational agriculture boys to affiliate with the state association of the Future Farmers of America.

As we near the end of another year's work we look to the high-light of the year, the judging contest and its associated activities to be held in Manhattan. This is the big event of the year because it is the big get-together during the year. We plan to have a greater part in the activities at the time of the judging contests this year, and we wish to urge every chapter to elect two delegates to attend the state F.F.A. convention, April 27 and 28.

Lewis Evans

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The state reporter wishes to thank the chapters for their fine response with news for the March issue. If it is at all possible please type the news topics or take extra care in writing, as some of the news was scarcely legible. Now is the time to be assembling your notes for the next issue. Keep sending in the news.

Frank Sawyer

EXECUTIVE ADVISER'S PAGE

The new manual is off the press. It is available through the executive adviser's office at Manhattan at 15¢ each.

The new manual contains the correct creed as officially adopted by the house of delegates at Kansas City, 1930. The old manual, thru some mistake, carried the American Farm Boy Creed instead of the Future Farmer Creed.

The Future Farmer March by Capt. W. J. Stannard is included.

Amendments to the national constitution and by-laws on pages 12 and 13 concern the local chapters in the following manner:

- a. Membership is restricted to male students.
- b. Future Farmers cannot be advanced to the degree of State Farmer and then to the degree of American Farmer in the same school year.

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State officers. According to Article IV, Section G, of the Constitution, officers of the state organization shall have attained the rank of State Farmer. This takes effect one year after the state has received its charter; so in 1931 the Kansas state officers will have to be elected from the candidates who have been raised to the State Farmer degree.

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State F.F.A. meeting. Each chapter is entitled to two delegates to the state meeting, which will be held in connection with the high school judging contests in Manhattan. Plans are under way whereby Future Farmers will have a part in the annual banquet which is put on through the courtesy of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce. The delegates will meet for a short time before the banquet in order to officially elect the State Farmers who will be recommended by the executive committee.

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State Farmer keys. The State Farmer key used in the past has been a 10k solid gold key which cost \$5. The house of delegates at Kansas City, 1930, passed a resolution requesting Balfour Company to furnish a gold filled key for \$2.50. Balfour has consented to do so. The state organization will be unable to carry the burden of key costs, and it will be necessary for the local chapters to arrange to provide for the cost of keys for successful candidates in the chapter.

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F.F.A. insignia. It is important that all insignia be ordered thru the state office at Manhattan. Official manufacturers are instructed not to sell direct to local chapters. This provision is made to protect the F.F.A. organization against imposters.

An official uniform and an official F.F.A. marker were adopted at the Kansas City meetings. Samples of both will be on hand for the state convention.

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Washington and Jefferson Pictures. The Perry Picture Company, Malden, Massachusetts, has pictures of both Washington and Jefferson at \$1.50 each. These pictures are about 14"x13" in size. The national F.F.A. organization is conferring with certain business concerns in the hope that they will furnish good clear prints of Washington and Jefferson to the F.F.A. chapters with their compliments.

CHAPTER NOTES

Initiation Programs

The Alton chapter went to Lebanon, February 13, to be initiated in the degree of Future Farmer.

The chapters of Berryton and Auburn are planning a double initiation soon at Auburn. The chapter at Auburn will put on the Green Hand degree for both chapters. Berryton will put on the initiation of the Future Farmer degree for both chapters. Vocational agriculture students from Harveyville will attend.

The Beloit chapter held a meeting at the home of Paul Hodler.

The Bird City chapter put on an initiation ceremony, January 13, initiating seven Green Hands.

Carbondale chapter initiated six freshmen from Washburn high school in the Green Hand degree. A watermelon feed followed the initiation.

John Hemphill, Jr., invited the Chanute chapter to his home to initiate the boys who were ready for initiation at that time.

The Colby chapter initiated seven charter members from Goodland.

Ten Green Hands of Frankfort were taken into the F.F.A. chapter the latter part of November. The regular initiation program was given.

Harper chapter has made plans to initiate candidates from Kiowa.

On the afternoon of January 28 four chapters came to Mullinville where over 50 boys were initiated into the Green Hand degree.

Lebanon chapter is planning to initiate ten candidates from Alton.

Mound City initiated twelve vocational boys into the F.F.A. organization on December 16. The initiation was staged in the shop and the ceremony that followed took place in the agriculture room. Several visitors including friends and parents were present.

The Pratt chapter initiated several members November 25, 1930.

Mullinville initiated eight candidates in the Green Hand Degree.

Banquets and Parties

The Alton chapter is going to have a father and son banquet in April.

Arkansas City will hold a F.F.A. banquet the first week in March.

Carbondale chapter held a father and son banquet. There were fifty-four present. A cup for the best vocational agriculture project was awarded to Heaston Pierce. Mr. Davidson, executive state adviser, spoke and showed F.F.A. pictures. Mr. Geo. Montgomery, assistant editor, Capper's Farmer, gave a talk.

The Chanute chapter gave a farewell party for their vice-president, Dick Vycoff, who moved to Mission, Texas.

Cottonwood Falls chapter gave a father and son banquet, January 29 in the vocational building.

Colby chapter had a party on January 9.

Coldwater held a father and son banquet, October 12. Plates were laid for fifty people.

Frankfort will give a father and son banquet in the near future.

The Harper banquet, which was held January 1, was a success. A. P. Davidson showed F.F.A. films and made a talk. He presented Wayne Jacobs with a State Farmer key.

Winfield plans to hold their F.F.A. banquet early in March.

Garden City chapter held a parent student supper, February 26. A former Future Farmer student furnished a pig, which furnished a substantial part of the home products feed.

Solomon F.F.A. boys held a parent-student banquet Wednesday, February 11. The banquet hall was decorated to represent a river-bottom corn field -- corn shocks, plowed ground, live rabbits, and some good fences gave a realistic setting.

Mound City successfully carried out their first father and son banquet January 29. Fifty fathers, sons and guests were present. The vocational homemaking girls and their instructor helped plan the banquet. Future Farmer members spoke on the following subjects: Kansas and Its Early History, Agricultural Development in Kansas, and What the F.F.A. Emblem Means to Us. Speakers that followed were the county agent, president of Chamber of Commerce, superintendent of Mound City high school, a school board member, a banker, a farmer, and the vocational agriculture instructor. The banquet was a success from beginning to end, and the chapter is looking forward to it as an annual affair.

Washington held a father and son banquet February 5.

Joint Meetings

Arkansas City held a joint meeting with Ponca City and Winfield.

Carbondale, Berryton and Auburn plan a joint meeting.

Coldwater went to Mullinville, January 26, for an inter-chapter program.

Atwood joined with the Colby and McDonald chapters in organizing the Northwest Kansas F.F.A. Association. Two organization meetings have been held. The final one will be held in Atwood, April 13.

Pratt, Spearville, Protection, Mullinville, and Coldwater all met at Mullinville, January 26, for a joint meeting and initiated 44 Green Hands from these chapters.

Community Activities

Shawnee Mission put on a program at the Kansas City rotary Club. This chapter had a refreshment concession at the local in-door circus, and put on a program at Shawnee Mission P.T.A. meeting.

Arkansas City chapter conducted the Cowley County Poultry Show, Dec. 1.

Beloit chapter had a concession stand at the county fair.

Bird City sponsored a junior fair held in August.

Chase County chapter will undertake work in landscaping school grounds.

Colby held a poultry show in December.

Projects

Chanute chapter has a project of four and a half acres of alfalfa that is looking fine.

Chase County chapter appointed a committee to work on project standards.

The Green Hands of Coldwater have a project of three purebred Duroc Gilts which are due to farrow the first of March.

Winfield chapter ordered a carload of seed potatoes which will arrive soon. They expect to treat and store them until it is time to plant.

Shawnee Mission has the following projects: a landscaping project; erect historical stone in front of high school building; raise money for judging trip and summer camp.

Judging Team Activities

Alton will have a county judging team and one to go to Manhattan.

Beloit judged at Mitchell County Fair. The F.F.A. chapter will finance a judging team to the Manhattan contests.

Chanute chapter sent a judging team to Columbia for the Southeast Kansas poultry judging contest and brot back first honors.

Cottonwood Falls will send one or two teams to the contests at Emporia, Topeka, Frankfort and Manhattan.

The vocational agriculture judging team of Frankfort took second at county fair, first at Frankfort judging contest, and eleventh at Manhattan.

The Lebanon chapter placed second at the Downs poultry show and placed fourth and fifth at the poultry show at Edmond.

The Colby chapter took the cup at the Norton poultry show.

Chapter Programs

The Alton chapter will hold a regular meeting once a month in which the problems of the members will be discussed and other business affairs attended to.

Arkansas City meets once a month. Outside speakers and project reports are also featured.

Atwood holds meetings twice each month during the school year.

Starting with the second semester the Bird City chapter will invite in at each meeting a business man to discuss topics with the boys.

Members of the Chanute chapter have been inviting the chapter out to their homes for meetings. Games and refreshments after each meeting. At each meeting one aim of the F.F.A. is discussed. Boys all take part in discussion.

Coldwater has an ambitious program:

1. Each member striving for State Farmer degree.
2. Hold judging contest for adults.
3. Special meetings with parents.
4. Work with county agent in making exhibit for state fair at Hutchinson.
5. Will hold two father and son banquets each year.
6. Improve livestock in Commanche County.

Farm Tours and Field Trips

The Alton chapter will have farm tours and field trips in the spring and visit the projects of the members.

Arkansas City held an annual project tour with Winfield.

Beloit made a visit to all the projects of the members.

Five boys with the instructor at Bird City attended three days of the National Western Stock Show at Denver.

Several boys of Chanute expect to go on a dairy tour sponsored by the chamber of commerce, visiting some of the good dairies in the community.

Cottonwood Falls crops class has made pruning trips in the community.

Mound City plans a F.F.A. farm tour for next spring.

Shawnee Mission made a trip to the Soy Bean Special at Stanley.

Wellsville classes in agriculture visited the terracing demonstration.

Miscellaneous

Three Chanute F.F.A. members were the three highest on the senior high school honor roll last semester. They rank in the following order: Arthur Lewis, Harold Seilman, and Gerald Erickson.

Chase County members plan to send teams to the various rural schools to give demonstrations showing the nature of the work in vocational agriculture. Committees are working on the enrollment in members in 4-H club work.

During the Christmas holidays, Keith Tucker of Coldwater chapter was accidentally shot while hunting rabbits. He has sufficiently recovered to attend school again.

The Frankfort chapter has organized a Future Farmers basketball team which has been playing the high school second team and other F.F.A. teams from towns near by.

The Lebanon chapter presented the play "The Toastmaster" on January 19. Money received from the play will be used for expenses of the chapter.

Paul Volner, Wellsville Future Farmer, had a Barred Rock pullet at the Ottawa poultry show which won third place.