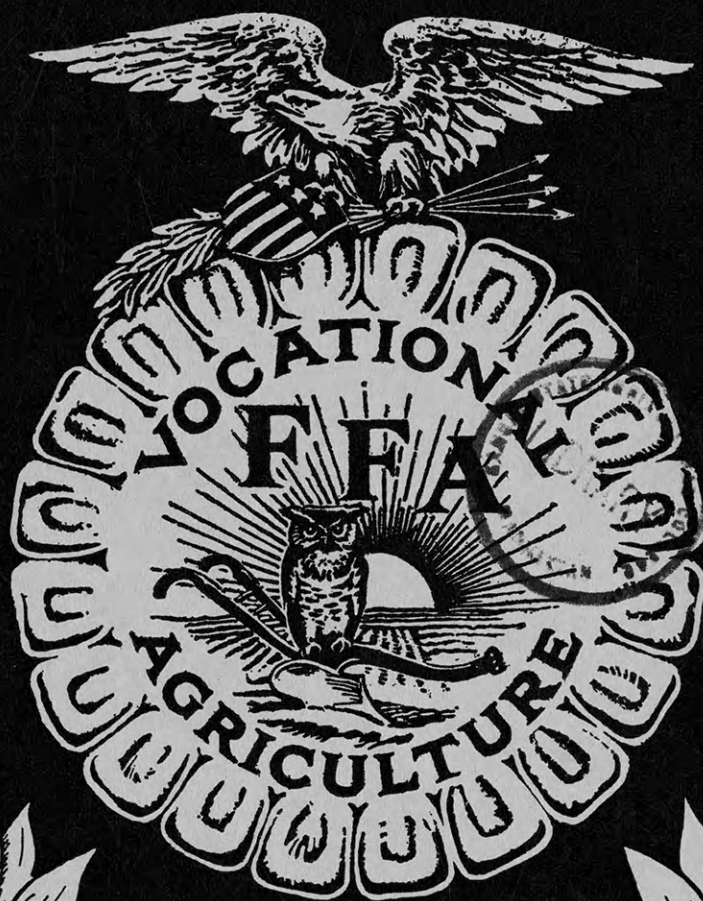


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PRESIDENT DEAN SPEAKING

Dear Future Farmers:

With the beginning of school we Future Farmers have new activities that demand our attention. Probably the most important at this season is building a program of work to direct our efforts during the coming year. Everyone wants his chapter to be strong, active, alive, and growing. These desirable qualities can only be obtained by building and carrying out a strong program of work. Everyone admires and respects an organization that does worth while things, that has accomplishments that are permanent and beneficial to its community. Without a strongly constructed, carefully planned, complete outlined program, the best intentions are likely to prove futile. The very life of the chapter depends on the program of work and its execution!

This has been a discouraging year for all of us, but it has opened opportunities for our chapters to be of real service to our families and to our communities. There are many cooperative activities such as buying and selling feed, seed, and other farm products; pest control; erosion control; and countless other services that will lighten our burdens. It gives us opportunities to more nearly fulfill the following quotation from our creed, "I believe in the ability of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our toil." We can lead the way by cooperating among ourselves and assisting others to cooperate. Let us work toward a common goal, to make this year the most successful year in the history of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

Sincerely,

John Dean

John Dean, President
Kansas Association of F.F.A.

BUILDING THE ANNUAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM
FOR FUTURE FARMER CHAPTERS

In connection with the all important recommendation of our State President, that of building and executing worth while local chapter programs, we are happy to present a summary of a study conducted by Advisor C. O. Banta, Ottawa chapter, during the 1936 summer session at K. S. C. Chapter officers and advisors will find these summations especially helpful in getting the FFA work started on a sound basis. The summary follows:

1. Build the annual activity program for Future Farmers in August or early September. Build it early, for much must be done and an early start should be made.
2. Since 90 per cent or more of the ideas for activities will be furnished by the officer-group this group should be used in building a tentative program. This can be done in summer meetings of the officers.
3. Plant ideas for activities in the minds of certain members and permit them to present them at activity-building meetings.
4. Always give opportunities for members to present ideas resulting from their own thinking. Something really good may be presented.
5. Make the building of the activity program appear as democratic as possible.
6. Avoid the appearance of "railroading" certain measures.
7. Secure ideas for chapter activities from the Kansas Future Farmer, other chapters, individual members, administrators, the advisor, school patrons, and any other source.
8. Build the program for next year upon the successful activities in last year's program.
9. Organize the program under the eight headings as found in the National Chapter Contest score card.
10. Build the tentative program in rough form with items under proper headings but not necessarily arranged chronologically.
11. Have some individual present the program for approval at some chapter meeting. The program can be read as a whole, then section by section, with any items being repeated by request.
12. The program may be accepted as a whole; it may be accepted by sections; or it may be accepted by items. It appears that to vote upon each item under proper procedure would consume too much time. Perhaps a better way would be to have a whole section read and any questioned items discussed. All items not so discussed could then be voted upon collectively and those forming the basis for discussion could be considered separately. This would prove to be a time saving method.

Building the Annual Activity Program (Concluded)

13. After the program has been approved in rough form, it can be refined. All items will be placed under proper headings. Some of the programs of the ten chapters studied were weak in this respect.
14. Items under one heading can be arranged either chronologically or arranged in related sequence. Some system should be followed.
15. Chairmen of committees should be Future Farmers or State Farmers. These boys make superior chairmen because of their past experience.
16. Every Green Hand and every other chapter member should be placed on at least one committee.
17. Committees should make progress reports. Some officer should hear these reports if not enough time is available at regular meeting.
18. Shortly after the activity program is set up and adopted a calendar should be made up to include all activities in the program. The calendar should contain all items, months in which the item is to be carried out, and members of the committee responsible for the activity together with the name of the officer to which the committee has been assigned.
19. The program should be accepted early in the school year. A copy should be sent to Mr. A. P. Davidson, Manhattan, Kansas, by November 1.
20. Each officer should be responsible for the work of certain committees. One officer is not capable of taking the responsibility of several committees. It must be remembered that officers are as busy as the Advisor and he certainly does not have time to supervise all committees.
21. Advisors should remember that a chapter will be no more efficient than the advisor himself. The chapter will have no more pep than he. He is the most important individual in the chapter. He is the organizer. He is the stimulator. He is the ADVISOR. If the chapter fails it is probably his fault. Few can succeed in spite of a poor advisor. If his material is poor his chapter success will be reduced, but he, himself, can have a successful year with mediocre material if he is willing to work hard, believes in chapter work, and has the ability to inspire his boys to greater efforts through his own example.
22. There should be no attempt to separate Future Farmer work from the work of the class room. Wm. Ross, our National FFA Executive Secretary, says, "One should not consider the Future Farmer work as extra curricular. It is a very important part of the vocational agriculture department. Every school having a department of vocational agriculture should also have a Future Farmer chapter".

CONGRATULATIONS COUNCIL GROVE

Council Grove Chapter, No. 116, is the first department to be granted a charter during the 1936-37 school year. They have a membership of 15. Joyce W. Miller is the chapter advisor.

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The Jayhawk Chapter, Lawrence, is the official Kansas entry in the National Better Chapter Contest. The Jayhawk chapter received honorable mention last year in the same contest.

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The state office is in receipt of complete mimeographed annual reports from the Winfield and Ottawa chapters. These reports are for a full year and are available to patrons.

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ELECTRICAL TRANSCRIPTIONS OF
"F.F.A. MARCH AND "HAIL THE F.F.A. SONG"

Due to the numerous requests received within the past few months for recordings of the "F.F.A. March" and our song, "Hail the F.F.A.", an electric transcription in the form of a twelve inch double disc vynal acetate record has just been completed. The March by the U. S. Army Band (playing 2½ minutes) appears on one side and the song, by a special chorus, (playing 1 3-4 minutes) appears on the reverse side.

This record can be played on any phonograph or radio transcription turntable operating at a speed of r.p.m. It is of the semi-flexible type with no needle scratch and when properly cared for outlasts an ordinary phonograph record. The use of fiber or polished point steel needles will probably give best results.

With this record it is now possible to use the "F.F.A. March" to open any F.F.A. radio program and "Hail the F.F.A." to close it. In addition the records may be used on a phonograph for various meetings and at summer camps. In other words F.F.A. chapter groups can always have this type of music for use as desired.

The double record sells for \$1.10 (postpaid) and is available from the U. S. Recording Company, Earle Theater Building, Washington, D. C. Send your order direct accompanied by a check covering the amount of \$1.10.

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No race can prosper 'til it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling the field as in writing poems.--B. T. Washington.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

The seventh annual F.F.A. North Central Region Public Speaking contest, was held at Ames, Iowa, June 22, 1936. Eleven states were represented. First place went to Lowell Huckstead, Neillsville, Wisconsin, whose subject was "Why Johnny Mason Didn't Want to Be a Farmer". Edward Yuille, of the Carrollton, Missouri chapter placed second, and Clarence Dean, of Iowa, placed third. Paul Smith of the Lebanon chapter, Kansas, placed ninth.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS DUE NOVEMBER 1

The House of Delegates of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. in their 1936 annual meeting approved the recommendation of the State Executive Committee relative to submission of an annual activity program and chapter participation in F.F.A. activities. Unless a chapter has its activity program in the mails by November 1, said chapter will not be eligible to F.F.A. competition on a state wide basis. That means chapters failing to submit activity programs on time will not be eligible for chapter ranking, participation in the public speaking contest, nor will they be eligible for State or American Farmers. Unless a chapter has some definite program outlined, it is likely to accomplish little. Sixty-five per cent of the active chapters filed activity reports on time last year. It is the hope of the State Association that one hundred per cent of the chapters will cooperate in this worthwhile movement this year.

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TOPEKA FAIR F.F.A. PROGRAM

The afternoon of September 17, Thursday, will be set apart as F.F.A. day by the Kansas State Board of Agriculture. Mr. I. D. Graham of the State Board of Agriculture has asked Supervisor L. B. Pollom to cooperate in building a program for this date. The meeting will be held in the Peoples Pavilion. Raymond Bryan, of the Ottawa chapter, will entertain with a group of songs. Paul Smith, of the Lebanon chapter, will deliver his winning oration, "The Farmer and the Farm Problem". Elmo Alexander and Dillard Cox, of the Parker chapter, will present a group of instrumental numbers. F.F.A. visitors at the fair on the 17th will not want to miss this program.

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F.F.A. NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM OCTOBER 20

The program of October 20 will feature the National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest, and each of the four regional winners will be heard on this occasion.

The following stations will carry this broadcast. The time will be 11:30 to 12:30 a.m.:

F.F.A. National Radio Program, October 20 (Concluded)

KWK - St. Louis	WREN - Kansas City	WLW - Cincinnati
WOW - Omaha	WHO - Des Moines	WDAF - Kansas City
KVOO - Tulsa	WKY - Oklahoma City	KTHS - Hot Springs
KOA - Denver	WFAA - Dallas	KDKA - Pittsburgh

We know of no better way of acquainting your patrons and school officials with the F.F.A. than to plan a radio party and listen in on this broadcast. You will hear four splendid talks on agricultural subjects, and the whole program will be a credit to the F.F.A. organization. If your school has a radio, begin planning now with your superintendent for an F.F.A. radio party. If you do not own a radio, arrange with your local dealer to borrow one. Do not overlook this fine opportunity of acquainting your school and community with the F.F.A. We assure you that this program will please the severest critic.

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ATTENTION REPORTERS!

The four most important duties of the local reporter are:

1. Furnish news to the school and local community press.
2. Furnish newsworthy items to the state press.
3. Report promptly and regularly to the Kansas Future Farmer.
4. Organize and bring to the attention of your chapter a complete review of each issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

The following is the plan of gathering news for the Kansas Future Farmer. If your chapter is not represented in the issues of the Future Farmer it will be deducted that the chapter is not functioning properly or that a p--- reporter has been chosen.

The State has been divided into four sections and the chapters of each section numbered 1, 2, and 3. The chapters were then grouped into three divisions--all the number ones in one group, the number twos in another group, and the number threes in a group. Each group will be mailed a request for news every third month. Requests for news will be mailed from the office of the State Reporter the eighteenth of each month. The news of your chapter must reach the State Reporter by the first of the month following. This means PROMPT ACTION on the part of local reporters.

Outstanding newsworthy F.F.A. activities should be reported at any time regardless of whether or not it is your chapter's turn to furnish news. The editors will determine whether or not the news items merit inclusion in the forthcoming issue.

The local reporter will be sent a blank requesting chapter news, and his reply will be due in the office of Robert Finch, State Reporter, in care of the High School, Lebanon, Kansas, on the date specified on the request sheet sent him.

Attention Reporters (Concluded)

News relating to the following will be appreciated: Election of officers, initiations, chapter activity programs, programs for meetings, athletics, achievement in judging, scholarship, showing, debate, public speaking, music, project tours, plans, achievement, home practice activities, community service, cooperative activities, and thrift. "NAMES MAKE NEWS".

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ORGANIZING NEW F.F.A. CHAPTERS

Acquaint your students with the F.F.A. through the Manual, Newsletter, and information furnished by the instructor. Elect a group of temporary officers from your upper class group. Write the executive secretary for a petition blank. Fill out the petition blank, build and include a temporary program of their activities. Return petition blank, program of work, together with 20 cents dues for each member. The Executive Committee will waive the constitutional requirement stating that all officers shall be chosen from ranks higher than the Green Hand degree. When this is done and your chapter meets the requirements stipulated it will be chartered and a charter will be mailed you. By prompt action your chapter will be eligible for ranking in the Best Chapter contest and will benefit from early organization and the completion of a full year of activities.

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F.F.A. SUPPLIES

Arm bands, felt (2)	Metal markers (6)
Badges and buttons (6)	Music:
Banners, felt (2)	"F.F.A. March" (8)
Belts and Buckles (1)	"Hail the F.F.A." (11)
Caps, convention style (2)	Napkins (4)
Caps, swagger style (3)	Newspaper mats (4)
Caps, military style (3)	Pennants, felt (2)
Charters for chapters (11)	Pictures, Washington and Jefferson (10)*
Collegiate chapter pins (1)	Pins and buttons, degree (11)
Cups, trophy (1)	Place cards (4)
Cuts, emblem (4)	Plaques (1)
Degree pins and keys (11)	Plows, miniature (9)
Electrical transcription of "FFA March and "Hail the FFA"(5)	Printed supplies (4)
Emblems, felt (2)	Project Markers (6)
Emblem stickers (4)	Ribbons, prize (6)
Envelopes (4)	Rings, finger (1)
Felt goods (2)	Song, "Hail the F.F.A." (11) 15¢
Flags (6)	Stationery (4)
Jackets, corduroy (3)	Stickers, baggage (4)
Jewelry (1)	Stickers, windshield (4)
Keys, degree (11)	Sweater emblems (2)
Letterheads (4)	Trophy cups (1)

F.F.A. Supplies (Concluded)

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| Manuals (11) | Uniforms (3) |
| March of F.F.A. (band) (8) | Watch fobs (1) |
| Medals (1) | Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure |
| Membership cards (11) | (11) 10¢ |
| Hansroth and Morgan, Paths to Leadership (11) | 10¢ |
| Handbook for Future Farmers (11) | 25¢ |
- (1) L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Mass. Jewelry
 - (2) Staunton Novelty Co., Staunton, Va., Felt Goods and Convention Caps
 - (3) Universal Uniform Co., VanWert, Ohio. Uniforms and Caps
 - (4) French - Bray Printing Co., Candler Building, Baltimore, Md., Printed Supplies, Stationery, Emblem Cuts, etc.
 - (5) U. S. Recording Co., Earle Theater Bldg., Washington, D. C.
 - (6) St. Louis Button Co., 415 Lucas Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Celluloid Buttons Ribbons, Badges, Markers, Flags.
 - (7) W. M. Welch Scientific Co., Chicago, Ill., Chapter Charters.
 - (8) Cundy-Betteney Co., Chestnut Ave., J. P., Boston, Mass. F.F.A. March (for bands).
 - (9) Deere and Co., Moline, Ill. Miniature Plows . *
 - (10) Swift & Co., Chicago, Ill., Agricultural Research Dept. Pictures of Washington and Jefferson.
 - (11) A. P. Davidson, Executive Advisor, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas
- *Request must be accompanied by letter from Executive Advisor

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NATIONAL CONVENTION OF F.F.A.

The ninth Annual Meeting of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America will be held in connection with the American Royal, at Kansas City, Missouri, October 17-24. Full details concerning the national convention of the F.F.A. and national contests for students of vocational agriculture will be found in Misc. Circular No. 13, of the office of Education, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. This circular is sent free upon request. The dates of the F.F.A. convention will be October 19-22. W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary, Washington, D. C., will be in charge. The Kansas official delegates will be President John Dean, and Vice President Arnold Lohmeyer. Headquarters will be at the Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

The principal features of the F.F.A. annual convention are:

- The National Public Speaking Contest
- The Best Chapter Contest
- The American Farmer Degree
- The Best State Association Contest
- Star Farmer Awards *

These are under the auspices of the Weekly Kansas City Star.

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OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOLS

The state officers recommended at their annual meeting that at least six regional officers training schools be held this year. The officers further recommended that these schools be held prior to October 18 if possible. Much guidance and inspiration will result from attendance at one of these schools. It is the hope of the State Officers group that every local officer have an opportunity of attending an officers training school early in the school year. The hope is that this opportunity will be available before the Kansas City meeting of the National Organization, and before the time of filing an annual chapter activity report. Will the chapters in the different sections of the state give this matter prompt attention. Communicate regarding state speakers will either the Topeka or Manhattan office.

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FUTURE FARMERS OUTSIDE THE BORDER

Missouri--Members of the Smithville Chapter have secured 4000 black locust seedlings from the United State Forest Service to be used in connection with soil conservation projects....The Keytesville Chapter purchased a carload of corn (1200 bushels) cooperatively for use in connection with the members' livestock projects.

West Virginia--The Wayne County Chapter recently purchased cooperatively over 60,000 White Leghorn baby chicks, a carload of Irish Cobbler seed potatoes, and part of a car of fertilizer.....The Tygarts Valley Chapter purchased 53 tons of mixed fertilizer and 1200 bushels of certified Cobbler seed potatoes from the Presque Isle, Maine Chapter.

Maryland--The members of the Chapter at Reisterstown in the "Old Line" State purchased their strawberry plants cooperatively and saved 38 cents on a 100 plants. That boys at Accident, Maryland, handled their potato spray materials cooperatively this season, both for themselves and for Dads who has sons in school.

Virginia--The Old Dominion State reports 5,600 members, an increase of 400 over last year, and 200 chapters representing a 100% membership roll. Twenty-three chapter federations comprise the State association.

Florida--The Florida Association shows an increase of 20% in membership this year. The State Convention is scheduled for June 16 to 18. 600 members will attend and National Advisor Linke will be a guest at this meeting.

Puerto Rico--The Puerto Rico members were enthusiastic over the recent visit of two national officers, President Shaffer and Advisor Linke. A meeting of 30 chapter presidents was held during the visit.

Colorado--F.F.A. memberships in Colorado increased 66% and the number of chapters increased 70% over last year.

Arkansas--Over 20,000 acres of land have been pledged for the FFA Game Refuge at the State Camp on Lake Catherine.

Future Farmers Outside the Border (Concluded)

Alabama--For the benefit of the crippled children in the "Cotton" state over \$7,300 was raised in five months by the Future Farmers of America and the Future Homemakers. "Quotas of \$80 were accepted by each of the combined organizations in high schools" where both vocational agriculture and vocational home economics were offered. Forty-one schools raised their exact quota and twenty-three schools exceeded the quota. This money will be used to equip convalescent homes at Mobile and Birmingham as well as a convalescent ward in the hospital at Selma.

Georgia--Hugh Inglis, Advisor of the Clarksville Chapter and who was recently designated as "Master Teacher of Vocational Agriculture for the South", has an interesting record. For instance, 258 of the 267 boys taught during his tenure are now farming in the Clarksville community. Last year in a modern community a canning plant was established as a result of the interest created. 100,000 cans were prepared for home consumption by adult farmers and FFA members.

Texas--The Pampa Chapter of the "Lone Star" state has 166 paid up active members. With this membership they have the largest chapter reported thus far this year. The total Texas membership is 11,768.

Louisiana--Over 1800 members in the "Pelican" state have participated in FFA public speaking contests. Forty-two radio broadcasts have been staged by the Louisiana Association this year.

Wisconsin--Through 21 district and five eliminations over half of the active chapters in the "Badger" state took part in the public speaking contest last spring.

Ohio--The members of the Piqua Chapter of the FFA gave a thirty-minute play before the joint meeting of the Washington and Springcreek Farm Bureaus. The title of the play was "The Racket on Payson's Farm". The boys of the FFA acted all the parts, even to the extent of dressing like girls. This is an annual program at the Springcreek school, and is given before the two Farm Bureaus to help repay them for their cooperation with their chapter...Thirty members of the Rome FFA chapter held their first annual chicken supper in conjunction with their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, April 23. The menu consisted of fried chicken, noodles, mashed potatoes, salad, bread and butter, and lemonade. The entire meal was prepared and served by the boys... The Sunbury chapter of the FFA has purchased parliamentary procedure books for each member and all have had practice in parliamentary work. Each member has acted as chairman, received and disposed of notions, etc.

Wyoming--The Star Valley chapter at Afton achieved the publishing of an item each week in the local newspaper on topics of agricultural interest and activities. By clipping these items each week they have made scrap books for future reference....The Robert D. Carey chapter of Douglas repainted toys for Christmas. The chapter has, for years past, repaired toys for the poor children. After gathering the toys they were repaired, painted and distributed.