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Let's Push on Over the Goal

Chapters previously organized - 87	Schools not organized - 26
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Total prospective chapters - 113

How About Your Department?

"The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed."

FORWARD IN FFA

The Future Farmers of America organization is unequalled or unsurpassed by any organization for the training of farm boys. It develops leadership, ability to cooperate with others, and numerous other qualities which I do not have space to discuss.

Last summer when the staff of state officers and advisors met in Supervisor Pollom's office to set up the objectives for the new year, we adopted the objective to place an FFA organization in every high school offering vocational agriculture. This objective has not been fully accomplished. However, we should put forth a special effort to keep the chapters we already have organized strong and active every year. It is a drag on any organization to have weak inactive chapters.

The best preventive I know for this situation is positive action. Make careful selection of your local officers. Advisors must be watchful for new ideas to add interest and enthusiasm. Attract the interest and cooperation of local business men. Everyone must cooperate to put the thing over.

We must have a solid foundation upon which to build. Each local chapter contributes its stone to the foundation for a strong state organization. Let's build it strong as we go along. A stone cannot be removed one year and replaced the next without effecting the building. The thing we must do to accomplish the most is to keep every chapter properly functioning every year.

Every chapter should respond promptly to its business of payment of dues and furnishing news for the newsletter. Prompt attention to little things makes the machine work smoother. With the support of every Future Farmer behind her nothing will keep Kansas from the top.

"A farm is more than rock or soil,
or bending trees or waving grain;
It's work and playtime, ease and toil;
It's happiness and love and pain;
It's quiet eves and sultry noons;
It's rain and shine and sweet content;
It's radiance of harvest moons --
It's all of these the farm has meant."

-- Waldo Cox
State President.

"Farming is an occupation of which we may well feel proud. It has endured through all the history of the world and year by year has continued to make progress. Under present conditions of keen competition it requires more intelligence for a man to successfully manage a farm than is required in almost any other occupation. We are experiencing serious difficulties, yet these difficulties can be overcome through education and organization. Both in education and in organization, the vocational schools have a great part."

-- M.S. Winder, Executive Secretary
American Farm Bureau Federation
From Agricultural Education.

Information Relative to the Fourth Annual FFA

Public Speaking Contest

Specific information as to date, place, time, rules and regulations will be mailed with information booklet and instruction sheets dealing with the entire series of high school vocational agricultural contests.

Realizing the importance of an early start in the selection, preparation, and practice of a public address, we are listing herewith certain information which might prove helpful.

Eligibility. Chapter must be active; that is, dues paid.

Contestant must be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture in all day class. Must be successfully carrying at least three units of high school work, and must be an active member of FFA.

One entry allowed each chapter.

Production by contestant will be limited to ten minutes, with five additional minutes allowed for questioning by the judges.

Tentative date is Tuesday, May 2, 1933.

A 1931 bibliography covering subjects relating to phases of agriculture likely to be treated is available through the office of A. P. Davidson to chapters requesting same.

The following list of subjects have been compiled from the records of regional and state contests of the past two years. * This is not a required list. A boy may choose his own subject.

*List furnished by W.A. Ross, Ex. Sec., National Organization of FFA.

The only limitation being that the subject must be agricultural and of current interest.

1. "Give Them a Chance"
2. "Equalization of Taxes as a Farm Relief Measure"
3. "Why Cooperate"
4. "Cooperation for the American Farmer"
5. "The Challenge of Adversity and the American Farmer"
6. "Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture"
7. "The First American Farmer and the F.F.A."
8. "Large Scale Farming in the U.S."
9. "The Farm Credit Situation"
10. "Taxation, Its Value to the Rural Community"
11. "The Future Farmers of America"
12. "The Advantage of Being a Farmer"
13. "Cooperative Marketing for the American Farmer"
14. "Diversified Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture"
15. "The Present and the Future of American Farming"
16. "Ways and Means of Reducing Farm Taxes"
17. "The Future of the American Farmer"
18. "A Live-at-Home Program as a Farm Relief Measure"
19. "What the Future Farmers of America May Mean to American Agriculture"
20. "What Vocational Agriculture and the F.F.A. Mean to Me"
21. "The Reduction of Taxes as a Farm Relief Measure"
22. "A New Frontier"
23. "The Agricultural Depression, Its Challenge and Its Opportunities for Future Farmers of America"
24. "Does Land Utilization Hold the Key to Present Farm Problems"
25. "The Restoration of Agricultural Stability"
26. "Marketing Western Wool and Lambs to Best Advantage"
27. "The Mechanization of Agriculture"
28. "Why I Choose to Become a Farmer"
29. "The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture"
30. "Equalizing the Farmers' Tax Burden"
31. "Cooperative Farming and Marketing - a Solution to Farm Problems"
32. "How the F.F.A. Can Solve Farm Problems"
33. "The F.F.A. Organization"
34. "Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution"
35. "Farm Management and Cooperative Marketing as a Solution to Farm Problems"
36. "The Agricultural Situation"
37. "What is the Future of American Farming"
38. "Why Educate for Life on the Farm"
39. "What Should the American Farmer Do Toward Reducing and Controlling Agricultural Surplus"
40. "The Master Farmer"
41. "The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World"
42. "The Farmer's Own Farm Relief"
43. "The Opportunities for and the Limitations of Corporation Farming"

44. "The Tariff and the Debenture Clause"
45. "The Value of the Farm Loan System to the American Farmer"
46. "Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture"

CHAPTER NEWS 12

Many chapters have not sent in any news this year. I am sure that all organizations are having activities which would be of interest to all other chapters, and it would be greatly appreciated if you will send in news of them to the state reporter so he can have more material for our state paper.

We would be glad to get notice of the district judging contests as soon as the dates have been decided.

-- Vincent Fuller, State Reporter

Norcatour. The Norcatour Chapter of FFA elected the following officers:

Elden Vanover, president.
Lowell Sebaugh, vice-president.
Cloyd Vanover, secretary and treasurer.
Herbert King, reporter.
Dale Kelley, watch dog.

Our chapter voted to have meetings once a month with demonstrations and speeches for the benefit of our chapter.

The following freshman boys were initiated as Green Hands: Wilbur Hix, Arthur Hix, Jogn Brunk, Allen Sebaugh. Edward Railsback a junior boy, who has had one year of vocational agriculture, was given a Green Hand pin.

The following Green Hands were raised to Future Farmers: Cloyd Vanover, Elden Vanover, Lowell Sebaugh and Manley Shirley.

Our chapter had a very enjoyable Christmas program and party. We had about thirty present. The entertainment consisted of games and a small Christmas tree and Santa Claus. Refreshments were popcorn, peanuts, and apples.

Our chapter is well represented on the basketball squad. We have five boys on the second team and three on the first team. We have seven members in the band.

Our chapter put on a chapel program for the school and received many compliments. Some even rated the program as being the best they have seen at N.R.H.S.

We are planning to tan some leather and try to sell it to raise money for our chapter.

We are also discussing a summer camp for this year.

Glasco. At a meeting of the North Central Kansas Associated FFA Chapters held at Concordia November 21, the following members from Glasco were raised to the Future Farmer degree: Earl Bullock, Alcid Richard, Max Rogers, and Joe Smith.

The following seven boys were initiated as Green Hands on January 4, 1933: Robert Beck, Lawrence Beck, Louis Bonneau, Richard Bullock, Boyd Chapman, Virgil Gates, and Lee Wright.

At the Glasco Parent-Teacher's Association January 10, the local FFA chapter furnished the following program:

History and Purpose of the FFA by Earl Bullock.
Degrees of FFA and Qualifications for Degrees by Alcid Richard.
The FFA Creed by Max Rogers.
The Closing Ceremony of the FFA.
The meeting was closed with a motion picture entitled Future Farmers in Action.

Earl Bullock and Joe Smith have entered the scholarship contest sponsored by the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Scott City. The Scott City department of vocational agriculture held their annual Green Hand initiation. There were sixteen initiated.

The assembly committee is now preparing a chapel program to be given at our local school in February.

Williamsburg. The Williamsburg Chapter recently cleaned fifteen bushel of clover seed in the chapter's fanning mill and continually offers such service to the community.

We are tanning seventy pounds of hides making chrome leather. We are making all necessary equipment as the time arises. We have accepted invitation of Ottawa Chapter to play FFA basketball games. We are selecting a short play to use for rural school meetings in the spring.

Lebanon. The Lebanon FFA chapter purchased eleven Poland China gilts which they have put out to the boys who could not finance their own projects. The chapter is to receive two pigs from each litter and the sow becomes the property of the boy when the two pigs are delivered to the organization.

The members from our chapter visited the Smith Center Chapter November 30, at which time their charter members were initiated as Green Hands. After this ceremony refreshments were served and a basketball game was played. Lebanon won by a score of nineteen to seventeen. A return game will be played at a later date.

The chapter is raising money by selling popcorn and candy during the home basketball games. This money is to be used to send the judging team to the state judging contest.

Arkansas City. The Arkansas City Chapter of FFA has six entries in the Swift Essay Contest on packing and processing meats. Fourteen Green Hands did their "stuff" by writing themes in the Purina contest. Green Hand, Hampton Barton, was elected President of the Sophomore class. "Hamp" will be Arkansas City's representative in the FFA Public Speaking Contest next spring.

There is open season on ping pong following the chapter meetings this winter. Our race horse Warren Van Pool is leading the pack.
