

MEETINGS

NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Hotel - Kansas City, Missouri

October 10 - 13, 1957

A. General things to do or check:

1. Check on hotel reservations, plane or railroad tickets and travel expense.
2. Exhibit of Dan Dunham.
3. Picture of FFA Building.
4. Determine pictures to be made (Farrar - Monty).
5. Radio, Press and TV Arrangements.
6. Plans for Service Club appearances.
7. Plans for Magazine Staff Booth.
8. Planning and staging for donor's night.
9. Planning for Air Force Tour.
10. Pick up supplies from office for convention.

B. Student Officers

1. Practice opening and closing ceremony.
2. Practice American Farmer Degree Ceremony.
3. Review Honorary American Farmer Degree -- Installing Officers.
4. Review Star Farmer Ceremony.
5. General announcements and instructions.
6. Miscellaneous duties and responsibilities.
7. Planning for Officer-Delegate Luncheon (and program) (Tickets \$2.25).
8. Delegate instruction and responsibilities.
9. Introductions by John Haid.
10. Explanation of Parliamentary Procedure by Mr. Bass.
11. Check American Farmer Keys.
12. Check and sign American Farmer Certificates and all other certificates.
13. Plans for committee appointments.
14. Presentation of awards (plaques, medals, past officer pins).
15. Planning for foreign session (Timmons - Farrar).
16. Work with new officers.
17. Policies on officer travel.
18. Revision of Official Manual.
19. Scheme for future exhibits.

BUSINESS TO BE PRESENTED TO BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS  
AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Old business.
  - A. Review of appeals for American Farmer Candidates.
  - B. Review and adoption of budget - Gray.
3. Reports from each of the four regional representatives.
  - A. Proposed Constitutional Change - Tennessee.

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4. Review the 1957 National Convention.
  - A. Review program - Gray.
  - B. Registration - Johnson.
  - C. Courtesy Corps - Weiler.
  - D. Ushers - Howard.
  - E. Duties and responsibilities of officers - Haid.
  - F. Duties and Responsibilities of staff - Gray.
  - G. Plans for officer tryouts - Naugher.
  - H. Foreign students and visitors - Tenney.
  - I. Public Speaking Contest - Ringo.
  - J. American Farmer Ceremony...Naugher
  - K. Star American Farmer Ceremony - Farrar.
  - L. Honorary American Farmers - Spanton.
  - M. Chapter awards.
  - N. Committees...Haid
  - O. Donor night.
5. Officer-Delegate Luncheon.
6. Breakfasts, luncheons, banquets - Spanton.
7. Tours.
8. Exhibits...Hollenberg
9. Review National Program of Work.
10. Review Guide for Local Chapters to Use in Developing Program of Work.
11. Review forms.
  - A. American Farmer Application.
  - B. National Public Speaking.
  - C. National Chapter Award.
  - D. Guide for Compiling-Annual FFA Report.
11. New Building - Spanton.
  - A. Present status.
  - B. Suggestions for landscaping, use of old buildings, etc.
  - C. Suggestions for dedication.
12. Discussion of possible recommendations for American Farmer Degree requirements. ...Spanton

PROGRAM -- OFFICER-DELEGATE LUNCHEON  
Monday, October 14, 12:00 Noon

Toastmaster -- John Haid  
Invocation -- Jerry Ringo  
Greetings and Welcome --  
Introduction of Guests --  
Music --  
Instructions to Delegates -- John Haid and R. E. Bass  
Committee Appointments - John Haid

CONVENTION BUSINESS

1. National FFA Week.
2. Suggestions for improving convention.
  - A. Tours.
  - B. Special Programs.
  - C. A feature at each session.



- D. Leadership films and training.
- E. Participation by members and chapters.
- F. Length.
- 3. Future Farmers Supply Service.
  - A. Progress Report.
  - B. Changes in merchandise.
    - 1. Jackets.
    - 2. New Items.
- 4. International Exchange.
- 5. Budget for next year.
- 6. FFA calendar report.
- 7. Band and chorus.
- 8. Magazine report.
- 9. Farm-City Week.
- 10. Program of Work.
- 11. Dedication of National FFA Building.
- 12. Criteria for Selection of Honorary American Farmers.
- 13. FFA Building.
- 14. Constitutional change -- Tennessee.

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#### MEETING OF STATE ADVISORS

- 1. Housing.
- 2. FFA Foundation.
- 3. Problems raised by supervisors.
- 4. Conduct at convention.
- 5. Magazine...FFA Calendar
- 6. Next convention.
- 7. Chapter award program changes.
- 8. Criteria for Honorary American Farmers.
- 9. Information pertaining to convention.
- 10. FFA Building -- plans for dedication.
- 11. Discussion of proposed changes in Policy Bulletin No. 1

#### PROGRAM

THIRTIETH CONVENTION, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA  
October 14-17, 1957      Municipal Auditorium  
Kansas City, Missouri

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11  
Meeting of National Board of Student Officers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13  
Joint Meeting of Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors

Friday, October 11 -- 9:00 p.m. -- Meeting with Directors and Assistants  
of Band and Chorus

Sunday, October 13 -- 6:00 p.m. -- Spencer Chemical Company Dinner, Hotel  
President (honoring Band, Chorus and staff)



MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:30 a.m. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium  
9:30 a.m. Meeting with Public Speaking Judges  
12:00 noon Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room, Hotel President  
School for Delegates - Committee Appointments  
1:00 p.m. Tours to Points of Interest  
2:30 p.m. Meeting of State Advisors, Hotel President  
6:00 p.m. Massey-Harris-Ferguson Dinner - Hotel President

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Monday, October 14, 7:45 p.m.

Chairman -- John M. Haid, Jr., National FFA President

Opening Ceremony

Music -- National FFA Band, Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State University,  
conducting

Explanation of Contest

Introduction of judges and timekeepers

Drawing for speaking order

SPEAKERS

George F. Guess, Jr., Stevenson, Alabama - "The Purposes of the Future Farmers  
of America"

Carl Kozuma, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii -- "Our Soil Must be Saved"

James Turley, Scottsburg, Indiana -- "Developing a Concrete Farm Organization"

Adin Hester, Canby, Oregon -- "Atoms for Agriculture"

Dale Childs, Kingwood, West Virginia -- "Alert Today - Alive Tomorrow"

JUDGES

Doyle E. Conner, House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Florida

H. W. Sanders, Head, Department of Vocational Education, Virginia Polytechnic  
Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia

Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and  
Welfare, Washington, D. C.

TIMEKEEPERS

Ray L. Cuff, Regional Manager, Livestock Conservation, Inc., Kansas City, Mo.  
W. T. Schnathorst, Supervisor, Educational Services, Consumer Relations Depart-  
ment, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois

Music -- National FFA Chorus, James W. Hatch, Kinderhook, New York, conducting  
Presentation of Awards -- Jerry Ringo

Closing Ceremony

Rehearsal Star Farmer Ceremony immediately after adjournment

Meeting of American Farmer Candidates



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 7:00 a.m. Burlington Railway Breakfast, President Hotel  
Swift Breakfast, Muehlebach Hotel
- 8:00 a.m. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
Opening Ceremony  
Music - National FFA Band  
Invocation - Fred Reed, Jr., National FFA Vice President, 1952-53  
Report on Delegate Credentials  
Roll Call of States and seating of delegates  
Address of Welcome - Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri  
Minutes of 29th National Convention - Jerry Litton, National Student Secretary  
Appointment of Constitutional Committees -- Auditing, Nominating, and Program of Work  
Nomination of Honorary American Farmers - W. T. Spanton  
Treasurer's Report - R. E. Bass  
Addresses of Retiring Officers  
Executive Secretary's Report - W. P. Gray  
Music - National FFA Band and Chorus  
Introduce Honorable Harry S. Truman, former President of the United States, Independence, Missouri  
Confer Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Mr. Truman  
Address - Mr. Truman  
Recognize Address  
Recess
- 12:15 p.m. Sears Luncheon, Hotel President
- 2:00 p.m. Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
Call to Order  
Music - National FFA Chorus  
Introduce Honorable Edward J. Thye, United State Senator from Minnesota  
Confer Honorary American Farmer Degree on Senator Thye  
Address - Senator Thye  
Recognize Address  
Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees  
Call candidates to platform - Candidates to be escorted by delegates - Band will play as they go to platform - Make introductory statement - Several degrees will be conferred later - Read citation and then present certificate and key  
Addresses of Retiring Officers  
Music - National FFA Band  
American Farmer Degree Nomination and Ceremony  
American Farmers to be in alphabetical order  
Candidates sit together in back of Auditorium  
Band to play as candidates march to front of Auditorium  
Candidates to march on platform to receive key, certificate and check from Foundation and then go to seat  
Closing Ceremony



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 (continued)

- 5:30 p.m. Santa Fe Dinner for award winners - Hotel Muehlebach  
Past National FFA Officer Dinner - Kansas City Club (IHC)  
Teachers of Vocational Agriculture Dinner - Hotel Muehlebach (Ford)
- 7:25 p.m. Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
Opening Ceremony  
Music - National FFA Band and Chorus  
Massing of State Flags - Star State Farmers  
U.S. Flag lead from door on right side of Auditorium  
FFA Flag lead from left door  
Criss Cross in front of stage  
Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards -- National FFA Vice Presidents  
Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees on Fathers of Star Farmers and certificates to mothers -- John Haid  
Introduce teachers of Star Farmers -- John Haid  
Recessional  
Closing Ceremony  
Special Entertainment -- Courtesy, Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 7:00 a.m. Butler Breakfast - Hotel Muehlebach  
General Motors Breakfast - Hotel Muehlebach
- 9:00 a.m. Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
Opening Ceremony  
Music - Rogersville, Alabama, String Band  
Interview with Participants in International Youth Exchange by Jack Timmons, Radio Farm Director, Station KWKH, Shreveport, La.  
FFA - Allen Colebank, Howard Poulson, Jerry Tluczek, Lemmy Wilson  
National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs of Great Britain - David Gemmill, Michael Needham, Colin Wappat, Thomas Warlow (Hon. Mem.)  
Greetings from Future Farmers of Japan  
Introduce Masaru Takahashi, National President, FFJ, Tokyo, Japan  
Confer Honorary Membership on Masaru Takahashi  
Greetings Masaru Takahashi  
Recognize Greetings  
Introduce Toraichi Kurisaki, Secretary General, FFJ, Tokyo, Japan  
Confer Honorary American Farmer Degree on Toraichi Kurisaki  
Greetings Toraichi Kurisaki  
Recognize Greetings  
Introduce His Excellency Erik Boheman, Ambassador of Sweden  
Confer Honorary American Farmer Degree on Ambassador Boheman  
Address Ambassador Boheman  
Recognize Address  
Addresses of Retiring Officers  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Music - National FFA Band and Chorus  
Introduce Honorable Cecil Underwood, Governor of West Virginia  
Confer Honorary American Farmer Degree on Governor Underwood  
Address Governor Underwood -- Recognize Address  
Closing Ceremony



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 (continued)

- 12:15 p.m. Consumers Coop Luncheon - Hotel President  
12:00 noon Leave for Tour and Luncheon - Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base  
1:00 p.m. Tours to points of interest
- 2:00 p.m. Fifth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
Call to Order  
Appointment of Committees  
Recess for Committee Work
- 3:30 p.m. FFA Reception - Hotel Muehlebach  
6:00 p.m. International Harvester Co. dinner - Hotel Muehlebach
- 8:00 p.m. Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
Opening Ceremony  
Music - National FFA Band and Chorus  
Call representatives of donors to platform (Seat Mr. McCaffrey,  
Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee on front row)  
Introduction of donors  
Present special plaque to Mr. McCaffrey - John Haid  
Greetings John L. McCaffrey, Chairman of the Board, International  
Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois (Chairman of Sponsoring Comm.)  
Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation Awards  
Dairy Farming-Vic Cappucci (announcement only)  
Farm Electrification-Jerry Litton  
Farm Mechanics-James Quincey  
Soil and Water Management-Jerry Ringo  
Farm Safety-Pete Knutson  
Music - National FFA Band (donors leave platform)  
Introduce Honorable Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Depart-  
ment of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.  
Confer Honorary American Farmer Degree on Mr. Wilson  
Greetings Mr. Wilson  
Recognize greetings  
Closing Ceremony  
Special Entertainment -- United States Air Force WAF Band,  
Captain MaryBeile Nissly, conducting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:00 a.m. Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
Opening Ceremony  
Music - Deming, New Mexico, Band  
Addresses of Retiring Officers  
New Business  
Committee Reports  
Report on Future Farmers Supply Service  
Report on The National FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE  
Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Program - Pete Knutson  
and Vic Cappucci  
Recess



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 (continued)

- 1:30 p.m. Eighth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
Call to Order  
New Business (continued)  
1. Authority of Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors  
to edit all committee reports.  
2. Authority of Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors  
to take action on unfinished business and to have full power  
to act in interim between conventions  
Report of Resolutions Committee  
Presentation of Budget for 1957-58  
Annual Dues for 1957-58  
Report of Nominating Committee  
Election of Officers  
Greetings from Incoming Officers  
Installation of New Officers  
Presentation of Past Officers' pins and certificates by new  
president  
Presentation of gavel to past president  
Closing Ceremony by new officers
- 2:30 p.m. Special Entertainment, Courtesy, Saddle and Sirloin  
to Club
- 7:00 p.m. (By invitation only)
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting of old and new National FFA Officers

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 7:30 a.m. Chamber of Commerce Breakfast - Hotel President
- 9:00 a.m.  
to Meeting of new National FFA Officers
- 12:00 noon
- 8:00 p.m. American Royal Ball

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 9:00 a.m. American Royal Parade - National FFA Officers and National  
FFA Band participating



ASSIGNMENT OF CONVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES

W. T. Spanton

Chairman, Board of Directors  
Public Relations  
Chairman, State Advisors' meeting

John Farrar

Press Room  
Radio  
Photography  
Transcriptions  
Television

E. J. Johnson

Registration  
Chairman, Natl. Judging Contests  
Sale of tour tickets  
Mail Room  
Chairman, Special Study Committee  
National Judging Contests  
Judging plaques and medals  
First Aid Room

A. H. Hollenberg

Chairman, Contest Tabulation  
Exhibits

R. E. Naugher

Line up American Farmers  
Nominating Committee

H. N. Hunsicker

Assemble Award Plaques  
Distribute plaques and medals,  
Friday, a.m.  
Massing of State Flags

Wm. Paul Gray

Direct Convention Program  
Assist National FFA Officers  
Officer-Delegate Luncheon  
Decorations - Gus Bowman  
American Farmer Ceremony  
Star Farmer Ceremony - Massing of State  
Flags  
National Chapter Awards

Emory Howard

Assist with -  
American Farmer Ceremony  
Service Clubs  
Radio  
Ushers - Chairman

George Sullards

Assist with -  
American Farmer Ceremony  
Service Clubs  
Stage Arrangements  
Ushers

H. F. Duis

Assist with -  
Star Farmer Ceremony  
Service Clubs  
Courtesy Corp

O. E. Kiser

Assist with -  
American Farmer Ceremony  
Service Clubs  
Radio  
Registration  
Contests and Awards

Warren Weiler

Courtesy Corps - Chairman

A. W. Tenney

Air Base Tour and Luncheon  
Foreign visitors  
Student Teachers Conference

805  
5  
400



Miscellaneous Duties and Responsibilities  
National Officers

John Haid

Introductions  
Sign certificates  
Get certificates and keys in order  
American Farmer Degree - give out keys  
Introduce Public Speaking Contest  
Star Farmer Ceremony

Jerry Litton

Sign certificates  
Get certificates and keys in order  
Certificates --  
American Farmer Degree

Jerry Ringo

Present Public Speaking awards  
Invocation - Officer-Delegate Luncheon

Jim Quincey

Officer-Delegate tickets  
Explain Nominating Committee Role  
American Farmer Degree - assist Haid with keys  
Guests at Convention

Vic Cappucci

Awards in National Chapter Program (with Knutson)  
Officer-Delegate Luncheon - Misc. seating  
Circulate and Greet  
American Farmer Degree - assist Litton with certificates

Pete Knutson

Charge of Officer-Delegate Luncheon tickets  
Dan Dunham exhibit  
Awards in National Chapter Program