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**NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE  
PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

*12th  
National Convention*



*Future Farmers of America*

**HELD AT MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM  
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OCTOBER 16 TO 20, 1939**

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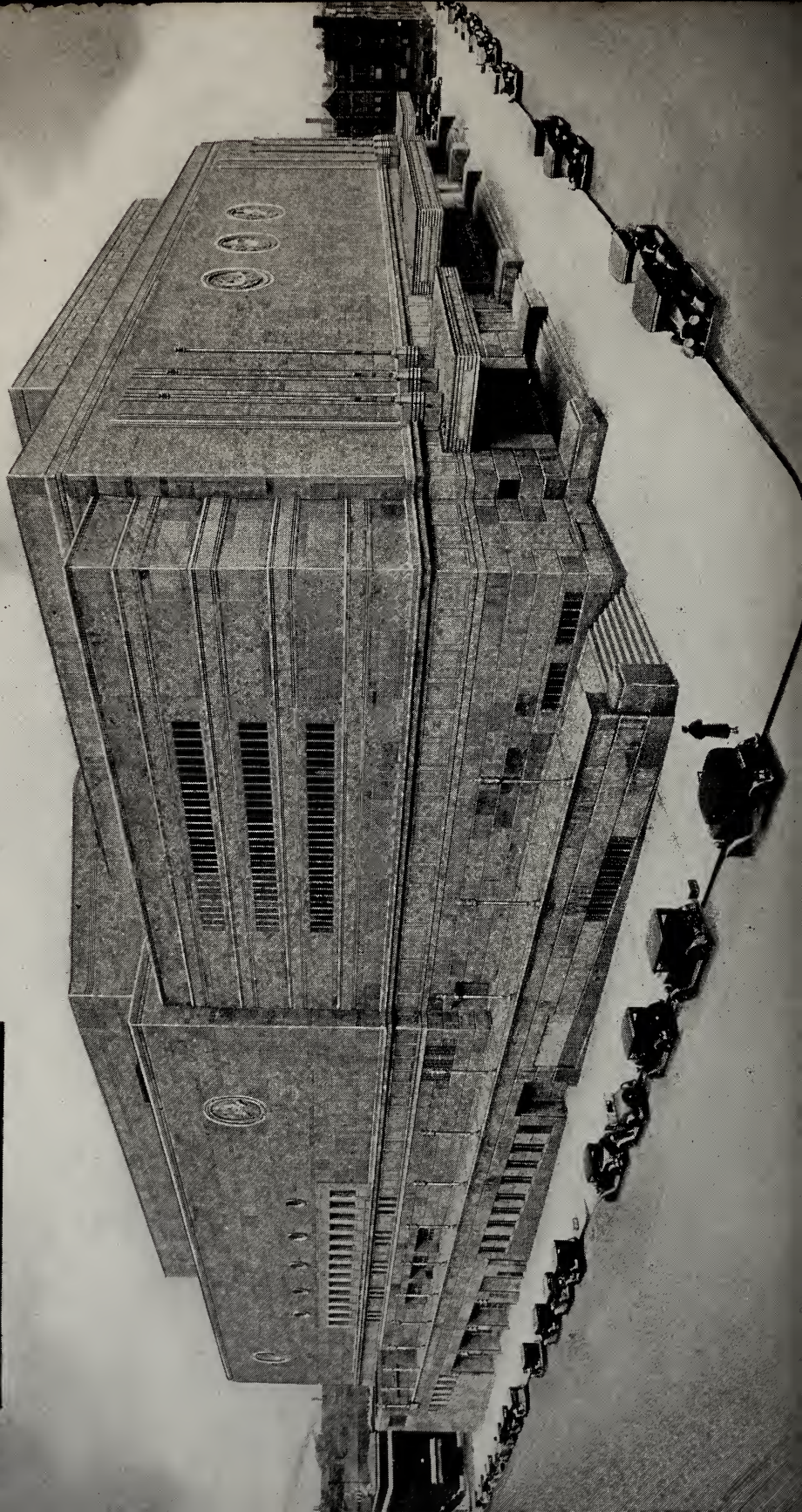


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CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS





## INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November of 1928, the organization has developed rapidly. On August 1st, 1939, the active membership totaled 205,346 in 6,301 chapters of 47 States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is the development of agricultural leadership and citizenship. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work; creating interest in a more intelligent choice of farming occupations; creating and nurturing a love of country life; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; encouraging thrift; improving scholarship; providing organized recreational activities for rural people; and supplementing, by means of boy-initiated and boy-directed activities, the systematic instruction offered to prospective farmers regularly enrolled in vocational agricultural courses.

The Future Farmers of America is a non-profit, non-political organization of voluntary membership designed to take its place along with other organized agencies for the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. Emphasis is placed on citizenship, patriotism, agricultural leadership, and efficient farming. National Headquarters of the Future Farmers of America are located in the U. S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C. National Conventions are held annually in Kansas City, Missouri, at the time of the American Royal Livestock Show.

The Twelfth National Convention was held October 16-20, 1939, in conjunction with the National Contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture. Delegates were present from all chartered Associations except Puerto Rico. Over 6,400 students of vocational agriculture were registered for these two events.

These Proceedings constitute a report on activities participated in by members of the Future Farmers of America. The complete minutes of the general convention sessions are included along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory of the Convention activities. Press releases prepared under the direction of George Couper as well as certain newspaper accounts were utilized in compiling parts of this publication. Acknowledgment is also made to Lenna Gauss, E. D. Tyler, Bob Elwell and Harvey Schweitzer for their assistance.

W. A. ROSS,  
*Executive Secretary.*

## OFFICIAL DELEGATES

(as originally submitted by State Associations)

Alabama.....	Joe Bill Knowles.....	Roy T. Fuller
Arkansas.....	William Motes.....	Robert Lee Cannon
Arizona.....	Kenneth Julian.....	Melvin Smith
California.....	Henry House.....	Tom Cuthbert
Colorado.....	Charles Painter.....	Elmer Sniff
Connecticut.....	Phillip Landeck.....	William Robinson
Delaware.....	Ray Passwaters.....	Wallace Caulk
Florida.....	Earl Haynesworth.....	Eli Reed, Jr.
Georgia.....	Alpha Fowler.....	Charlie Williams
Hawaii.....	Kongo Kimura.....	Seisuke Akamine
Idaho.....	Tad Neilson.....	Calvin H. Crandall
Illinois.....	Leland Glazebrook.....	Kenneth Pelz
Indiana.....	Robert Roeppe.....	Henry E. Amsler
Iowa.....	Kenneth Langer.....	Leland Riddle
Kansas.....	Paul Kelley.....	Robert Randle
Kentucky.....	Roy H. Hunt.....	Charles S. Hayden
Louisiana.....	James Bachemin.....	J. D. Teer, Jr.
Maine.....	Floyd Adams.....	Herschel Smith
Maryland.....	William E. Wachter.....	
Massachusetts.....	John G. Balzarini.....	Gilbert C. Freeman
Michigan.....	Dean Radtke.....	Frank Merriman
Minnesota.....	Edward Slettom.....	Keith McFarland
Missouri.....	LaRoy Duvall.....	Harry Leimkuehler
Mississippi.....	Harold Prichard.....	Nelson Lowe
Montana.....	Dan K. Mizner.....	Paul Holzer
Nebraska.....	Robert McClurkin.....	Willard Miers
Nevada.....	Verl Barnum.....	Wilfred Warren
New Hampshire.....	Robert C. Hadley.....	
New Jersey.....	John Pew, Jr.....	Joseph Alampi
New Mexico.....	Reasy Rea.....	Ralph Bell
North Carolina.....	R. D. Boyce.....	Taylor Dodson
North Dakota.....	Clifford Nygard.....	Dean Miller
New York.....	Clayton Young.....	Norman Drummond
Ohio.....	Donald Bernard.....	Larry Zehner
Oklahoma.....	Chas. Lee Thompson.....	Ray Sharp
Oregon.....	David Baum.....	Edgar Spiekerman
Pennsylvania.....	Darwin L. Neal.....	F. Lavern Seth
South Carolina.....	Thomas Lee Rhodes.....	Claude Powell
South Dakota.....	Ralph Palmer.....	Owen Nagel
Tennessee.....	Wayne Hunt.....	Rodney Purnell
Texas.....	Haskell Lindley.....	Fred Dollar
Utah.....	Clark Ballard.....	Hughes Williams
Vermont.....	Charles Purrier.....	Raymond Domey
Virginia.....	Jack McAboy.....	Marcus Oliver
Washington.....	Alvin Bauer.....	Jack Willits
West Virginia.....	Elmer Denis.....	Howard Miller
Wisconsin.....	Reid Goodell.....	Louis Goette
Wyoming.....	Kenneth Cook.....	Vern Harrison



# CONVENTION PROGRAM

## Monday, October 16

9:00 A. M.—Opening Session, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony
- Invocation
- Music or entertainment
- Report on delegate credentials
- Roll call of States and seating of delegates
- Address of welcome
- Minutes of Eleventh Convention
- Officers' reports—
  - President
  - Vice-Presidents (in the order of seniority)
  - Student Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Executive Secretary
  - Adviser
- Nominations for American Farmer Degree
- Distribution of state reports
- Appointment of constitutional committees
- Announcements.

1:30 P. M.—Second Session, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Call to order
- Music or entertainment
- Address
- Special reports
- Greetings from guests
- Unfinished business
- Discussion of American Farmer applications
- Election and raising of active members to the American Farmer Degree
- Announcements
- Closing ceremony.

## Tuesday, October 17

9:00 A. M.—Third Session, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony
- Music or entertainment
- Address
- Announcements
- Appointment of Special Committees
- Special Reports (continued)
- Unfinished business (continued).

## Wednesday, October 18

9:00 A. M.—Fourth Session, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony
- Music or entertainment
- Address
- New business.

1:30 P. M.—Fifth Session, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Call to order
- Music or entertainment
- New business (continued)
- Committee work
- Closing ceremony.

## **PROGRAM (Con'd.)**

**Thursday, October 19**

9:00 A. M.—Sixth Session, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

Opening ceremony  
Music or entertainment  
Committee reports.

1:30 P. M.—Closing Session, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

Call to order  
New business (continued)  
Address by retiring president  
Election of officers  
Signing of scroll by new officers  
Greetings by incoming officers  
Presentation of past officer pins and certificates  
Closing ceremony and convention adjournment.

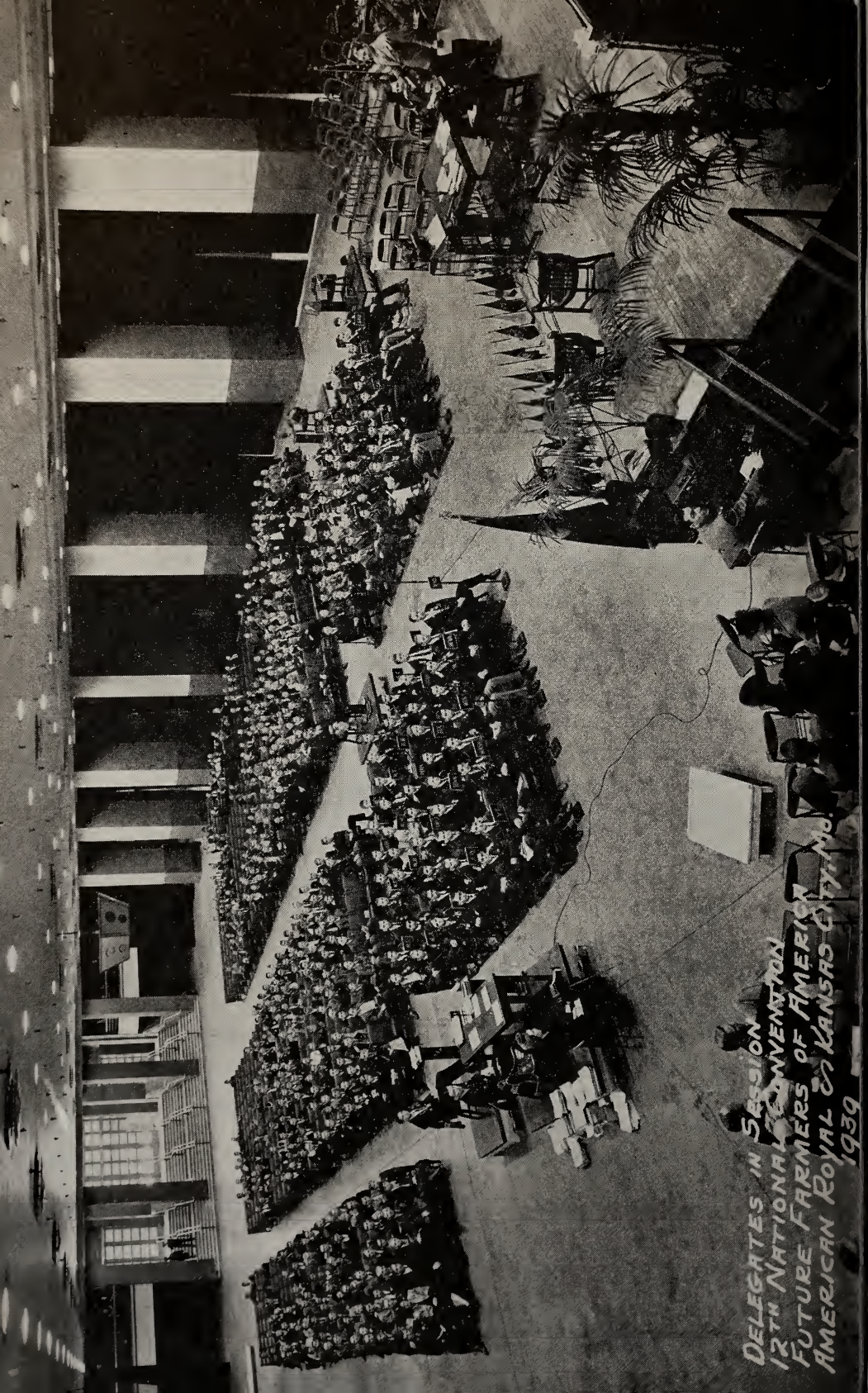
5:30 P. M.—Joint Executive Session of 1938-39 and 1939-40 National Boards of Trustees.





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12TH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA  
AMERICAN ROYAL & KANSAS CITY, MO.  
1939



# Minutes of Convention Sessions

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1939**

## **Morning Session**

The Twelfth National Convention of Future Farmers of America was called to order at 9:00 a. m. in Exhibition Hall of the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium with President Robert Elwell presiding. Preceding the opening ceremony, the Pennsylvania State F. F. A. Band, playing under the direction of Professor Henry S. Brunner, gave several splendid musical selections.

The hall was attractively decorated in blue and gold, the colors of the organization. The six officer stations carrying the proper symbols and mounted on special platforms, and the stage background carrying large "F. F. A." letters, made an ideal setting for the meeting. A complete set of state flags added a touch of color to the decorations. The public address system with microphones placed on the stage as well as on the convention floor made it possible for everyone in the hall to be fully informed at all times regarding the business at hand.

Following the opening ceremony President Elwell called upon Past President Lester Poucher to pronounce the invocation.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was then called for and Student Secretary Schweitzer reported 92 official delegates present from 48 chartered associations.

Delegate Williams of Georgia was granted the privilege of the floor and presented a gavel made of wood from the farm of Dudley M. Hughes, co-author of the Smith-Hughes Act, to President Elwell on behalf of the Georgia Association of F. F. A. President Elwell expressed his appreciation.

The next order of business was the roll call of States and the seating of delegates after which Mr. Ralph J. DeMotte, President of the Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce, gave a brief Address of Welcome. In part Mr. DeMotte said: "there is no group we so love to have in Kansas City as your group. We hope that your convention will be all that you set out to have it be this year."

Professor Brunner assisted by the Pennsylvania Band then led those assembled in group singing.

The minutes of the Eleventh National Convention were read by Student Secretary Schweitzer and were approved unanimously as read.

Guests introduced at this time included: Mr. W. E. Drips, Agricultural Director of the National Broadcasting Company, Chicago, Illinois; Everett Mitchell, Chief Announcer, National Broadcasting

Company, Chicago; Past Officers Andrew Sundstrom of South Dakota, Roy Martin of Tennessee, and William Stiers of Ohio; Herbert S. Hill, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Maine; Wallace H. Elliott, Assistant Supervisor, Maine; and Mr. Kenneth Sawtelle representing the Wirthmore Company, Gorham, Maine.

The next order of business was officer reports. The first reports were presented by the following boy officers in the order indicated: President Elwell, Vice Presidents Ching, Twitty, Coates, Johnson, and Student Secretary Schweitzer. The reports were accepted as given, with minor corrections. Copies of each report were supplied to the delegates. (See page 52).

Treasurer Henry Groseclose then made his report which was referred to the Auditing Committee; copies were also passed out to the delegates. (See pages 40 and 80).

The time had arrived for the N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour broadcast from the floor of the convention. The convention, therefore, recessed for this event. Immediately thereafter the regular session was resumed, and constitutional committees were appointed by the chair. (For the personnel of all committees, see page 40).

At 11:55 a. m. the convention was recessed until 1:30 p. m.

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1939**

### **Afternoon Session**

The convention was called to order by President Elwell. Several selections were played by the Texas String Band.

An inspiring address was made by Dr. Ralph H. Woods, President of the American Vocational Association, in which he brought greetings from the A. V. A., and complimented the F. F. A. organization on the splendid progress made since 1928. Dr. Woods stated among other things, "it is a real thrill for me to be here, and it is a greater thrill to have this opportunity to stand up here and look into the faces of the finest group of rural young Americans to be assembled anywhere in this year 1939."

The convention was then declared open again under the heading of officer reports. Executive Secretary Ross made his report to which several additions were made. (See page 67 for complete report of the Executive Secretary.) Upon motion, duly seconded, the report of the Executive Secretary was adopted as presented.

The second officer report of the afternoon was given by Adviser Linke. In speaking of the principles on which F. F. A. is founded, Mr. Linke said, "I would like to mention one item and that is Thrift. I made this remark the other day that we don't find our boys on relief. They are able to make their own way, although the way is hard in the world, which I think is one of the highest compliments that can be paid to one organization. It has convinced me more than ever that



education for agriculture is probably the way out, and that is what our organization stands for." Adviser Linke concluded by reading the list of nominations for the American Farmer Degree which was as follows:

### From the Active Membership

Johnny H. Davis, Crossville, Ala.	Sam Petitto, Jr., Amite, La.
Harvey Johnson, Mesa, Ariz.	Roland Roussel, Hester, La.
J. Braudus Ferguson, Booneville, Ark.	Melvin Thomas, Franklinton, La.
Neville Daniel, Camden, Ark.	Jimmie Winn, Robeline, La.
Roy T. Hayden, Green Forest, Ark.	Ray E. Corliss, Sherman Mills, Me.
Paul Dalrymple, Wideman, Ark.	Gilbert C. Freeman, Beverly, Mass.
Billy Bird Bryan, Forrest City, Ark.	Cleo W. Buxton, Haslett, Mich.
Stanley C. Bengtson, Santa Rosa, Calif.	Herbert Elder, Deckerville, Mich.
Severa Wiford, Jr., Cotati, Calif.	Robert McLachlan, Evart, Mich.
Yoshiya Tsujimoto, El Centro, Calif.	Harold D. Mitchell, Holly, Mich.
Charles Gage, Elk Grove, Calif.	Harlow Brown Sayles, Austin, Minn.
Harry Dooley, Hanford, Calif.	Cyrus Kirk, Doddsville, Miss.
Aldo Tognetti, King City, Calif.	Curtis Riley, Duck Hill, Miss.
Frank Miller, Ripon, Calif.	William Levi Baker, Jr., Kennett, Mo.
Eugene Burton McCoy, Bakersfield, Calif.	Gordon Oral Johnson, Stahl, Mo.
Harold D. Miller, Lamar, Colo.	Albert Scholle, Jr., Higginsville, Mo.
G. Wallace Caulk, Woodside, Del.	L. Uel Stanton, Toronto, Mo.
Eli Montgomery Read, Jr., Trenton, Fla.	Paul J. Tinsley, El Dorado Springs, Mo.
Warren Clifford Wood, Alachua, Fla.	Alvin L. Meyer, Fairfield, Mont.
William Edward Johnson, Gonzalez, Fla.	Dan K. Mizner, Deer Lodge, Mont.
Robert Campbell, Jr., Wauchula, Fla.	Floyd Hainsmire, Reynolds, Neb.
Roy A. Bailey, Dawsonville, Ga.	Warren Hutchinson, Albion, Neb.
Orville Pope, Lafayette, Ga.	Norman W. Kruse, Loretto, Neb.
Herbert L. Smith, Adrian, Ga.	Marvin F. Settelmeyer, Minden, Nev.
Curtis Williams, Moultrie, Ga.	Robert Hadley, North Weare, N. H.
Calvin H. Crandall, Jerome, Idaho.	Joseph Lewis Alampi, Williamstown, N. J.
James Ellsworth, Lewisville, Idaho.	Reasy Tilford Rea, Portales, New Mex.
Robert Alford, Girard, Ill.	John Wilcox, Auburn, N. Y.
Bill Baumgartner, Sullivan, Ill.	Ward Myrl Burdick, Central Square, N. Y.
Omer L. Baumgartner, Walnut, Ill.	George Beckwith, Ludlowville, N. Y.
Richard Carlisle, Carthage, Ill.	Erton W. Sipher, Gouverneur, N. Y.
Burnell Henert, Ashton, Ill.	Robert C. Watson, Edwards, N. Y.
John W. Lehmann, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	Robert Boyce, Woodland, N. C.
Earl L. Schwarm, Loogootee, Ill.	Curtis Fitts, Reidsville, N. C.
Virgil Glenn Searle, Medora, Ill.	Joseph Hall, Woodsdale, N. C.
Edward E. Skidmore, Villa Grove, Ill.	William McCracken, Waynesville, N. C.
Wayne Albert Voigts, Streator, Ill.	Wilburn Merritt, Rosehill, N. C.
Henry E. Amsler, Rensselaer, Ind.	Furney Todd, Wendell, N. C.
Robert Roupp, Edinburg, Ind.	Dean Miller, Park River, N. D.
Fred Sievers, II, Audubon, Iowa.	Donald Bernard, New Vienna, O.
Gaylord Stadlman, Sac City, Iowa.	Starling Griffin, Jr., Bremen, O.
Wayne Strong, Creston, Iowa.	Donald Harris, Fremont, O.
Paul Trumbauer, Jesup, Iowa.	Hubert Hoch, Prospect, O.
Laddie Kacirek, McDonald, Kans.	Robert Kahler, Dunkirk, O.
Robert Fielding Randle, Jr., Riley, Kans.	Paul Pence, Hilliards, O.
Edwin C. Tangeman, Newton, Kans.	Delmar Rearick, Liberty Center, O.
Oid Lee Wineland, Alton, Kans.	William Rehfus, Sidney, O.
J. W. Croft, Marion, Ky.	Donald Rings, Amlin, O.
Charles Stephen Hayden, Owensboro, Ky.	J. C. Hamilton, Fort Cobb, Okla.
E. R. Kelly, Jr., Mayslick, Ky.	Sidney Hussey, Sayre, Okla.
William Leslie Renaker, Cynthia, Ky.	Wayne Ivins, Hydro, Okla.
Emmett Wilson, Jr., Stanley, Ky.	Ray Sharp, Konawa, Okla.
Garland C. Dean, Jr., Colfax, La.	Kenneth Swigart, Moreland, Okla.
Frank Lopinto, Amite, La.	Robert C. Lundy, Myrtle Point, Ore.
Lester Malone, Plain Dealing, La.	Edgar Spiekerman, The Dalles, Ore.

James Burch, North East, Pa.	Eddie C. Meil, Meadow, Tex.
Darwin L. Neal, Mansfield, Pa.	James Newman, Mt. Pleasant, Tex.
F. Lavern Seth, Grove City, Pa.	L. D. Newsom, Marquez, Tex.
Robert Gerald Shaylor, Troy, Pa.	Tommie Rambin, Garrison, Tex.
Glen W. Stevens, Angels, Pa.	Oliver Reinhart, Jr., D'Hanis, Tex.
Edwin Collins, Conway, S. C.	George Roberts, Cotulla, Tex.
Jack Snipes, Taylors, S. C.	Randolph Robertson, Afton, Tex.
Worth Vassey, Chesnee, S. C.	I. D. Smith, Garrison, Tex.
Owen V. Nagel, White, S. D.	Melvin N. Carlile, Heber, Utah.
Donald Woodford, Mansfield, S. D.	Paul Turner, Morgan, Utah.
Kenneth Brogden, Sparta, Tenn.	Charles Lambert Purrier, Montgomery
Hardin Franks, Gillis Mills, Tenn.	Center, Vt.
Wallace Franks, Savannah, Tenn.	W. Homer George, Catlett, Va.
Robert Howard, Sparta, Tenn.	Ralph O. Hamilton, West Augusta, Va.
Reynold Perkins, Jacksboro, Tenn.	Fred Jackson, Cleveland, Va.
Rodney Purnell, Lebanon, Tenn.	Angus Myers, Warrenton, Va.
S. E. Reed, Dyer, Tenn.	Ronald William Paulette, Appomattox, Va.
Henry Dean Waters, Greenwood, Tenn.	Lyle H. Pond, Wakefield, Va.
Jack Barton, Whitney, Tex.	Harvey Smith, Whaleyville, Va.
Gus Boesch, Jr., Whitney, Tex.	Samuel Spangler, Harrisonburg, Va.
Ryon Byers, Dublin, Tex.	Elmer C. Denis, Moundsville, W. Va.
Roy L. Carter, Eola, Tex.	Arlington Linton, Martinsburg, W. Va.
Edward Cumbe, Bronte, Tex.	Howard B. Miller, Looneyville, W. Va.
Gus Hoff, Cotulla, Tex.	John Warren Deppe, Lake Mills, Wis.
Jim Frank Hornback, Decatur, Tex.	Lloyd Johnson, New Richmond, Wis.
Leavell Johnson, Bishop, Tex.	Louis Mueller, Clintonville, Wis.
Paul Krause, Beeville, Tex.	Charles D. Owens, Montello, Wis.
Albert Lacy, Hondo, Tex.	Vern Harrison, Powell, Wyo.
Arthur Lacy, Hondo, Tex.	

#### HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER CANDIDATES

Everett Mitchell, Chief Announcer, National Broadcasting Company, Chicago.

A. M. Paterson, Secretary, American Royal Livestock Show, Kansas City, Mo.

R. H. Woods, President, American Vocational Association, Frankfort, Ky.

H. B. Allen, Formerly with Near East Relief, Bucks County, Pa.

J. B. Rutland, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Austin, Texas.

J. C. Penny, Penny Stores, Inc., New York City.

All nominations as listed above were accepted by the delegates.

Sympathy was expressed by President Elwell to the members of the Tennessee and Illinois Associations on the loss, by death, of two candidates for the American Farmer Degree, and arrangements were made to send both the key and certificate to the parents of the deceased members.

Letters were read by the Student Secretary from Lewis O. Barrows, Governor of the State of Maine, and Louis J. Taber, Master of the National Grange.

D. M. Clements made an announcement concerning plans for the parade to be held on Thursday in the arena of the American Royal Building.

The convention was declared open under the heading of Special Reports. Vice President Twitty reported on the National Officer Leadership Training School. Student Secretary Schweitzer made a report on F. F. A. participation in the World's Poultry Congress. Both reports were adopted as presented.

Two progress reports were then made by the Executive Secretary. The first dealt with attempting to secure a trade mark on the F. F. A. emblem. It was pointed out that an application made for trade mark on the complete emblem had been refused on the grounds that the eagle, shield, and olive branch were too much like the emblem of the Nation and would therefore have to be removed if such trade mark were granted; that there were no previous similar applications for trade mark on file in Washington; that legal advice had been sought, and that apparently the best procedure seemed to be to make a second application for trade mark on that part of the emblem which might be trade marked.

The second progress report made by the Executive Secretary for the Board of Trustees dealt with the National F. F. A. Camp. He stated in substance that in accordance with the action of the delegates at the Eleventh National Convention and subsequent action taken by the Board of Trustees, a 22 acre tract of land had been secured for \$8,500.00, as a camp site; that a \$5,000.00 payment on it had been made; that it was located about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Mt. Vernon in Virginia, and about 14 miles from Washington, D. C. on Number 1 Highway between Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Virginia; that the tract included level land, high land, woods, a stream, a good house, and several other buildings; and that adjoining the camp site was George Washington's old grist mill upon which \$60,000 had been spent by the Virginia Conservation Commission for restoration.

Continuing with his report on the National F. F. A. Camp, Mr. Ross displayed a blue print of the land under discussion and pointed out that a 6-acre square lying directly in front of the 22 acres already purchased, and facing directly on the Number One Highway, was also available for purchase at \$3,500.00; that it appeared to be wise to purchase this tract, and add it to the original 22 acres; and that through a special action of Virginia legislature anticipated in January, 1940, it might be possible to secure a lease also on Washington's old mill, thus making the F. F. A. Camp Site still more valuable by including an appropriate and interesting shrine. It was pointed out further that the camp had two deeded entrances, a 50 foot roadway from No. 1 Highway, and a 63 foot roadway from the cross highway leading to Mt. Vernon from No. 1 Highway. In closing, Mr. Ross stated that four questions required delegate action: (1) Shall we buy the additional land for the camp? (2) How shall we proceed to pay for the



camp site? (3) Shall we attempt to lease the old mill? and (4) how shall the total area be developed?

The Treasurer was then called upon by the chair to supplement the progress report of the Executive Secretary. Mr. Groseclose called attention to the fact that all of the land referred to once belonged to George Washington, and that there would be no difficulty in securing a lease on the old mill.

Greetings from guests were in order at this time. Those extending greetings included: Past Officers, Lester Poucher of Florida, and Roy Martin of Texas; Mr. Fred Armstrong, Agricultural Teacher Trainer from the University of Hawaii; Bob Romack, Editor of American Farm Youth Magazine; and Hunter Greenlaw, 1939 Star Farmer of America.

The convention was declared open under the heading of Unfinished Business. The following business was disposed of as recorded:

Moved by Read of Florida, seconded and carried, that a trade mark be secured on that part of the F. F. A. emblem that can be trade marked.

Moved by Holzer of Montana that the recommendations of the Board of Trustees concerning warning unauthorized companies selling F. F. A. merchandise be accepted; that the Executive Secretary be instructed to write such companies requesting them to desist from soliciting business and handling unofficial F. F. A. merchandise; and that the officers of every State Association make it their business to see that local chapters are properly informed on the matter of official merchandise. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Duvall of Missouri that the report of Board of Trustees concerning the official Chapter Scrap Book be accepted, and that chapters get and use the official scrap book for the chapter contest. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Prichard of Mississippi that the recommendation of the Board of Trustees concerning radio guides be accepted, that copies of books from outstanding radio concerns be secured, if possible, for distribution to the various States, and that successful radio scripts be exchanged between State associations of F. F. A.

Upon recommendation by the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Mizner of Montana that delegate expense next year (1940) be paid at the final session of the convention the same as in 1939. Motion seconded and carried.

Upon motion of Hunt of Kentucky, seconded and carried, the recommendations of the Board of Trustees concerning F. F. A. dishes were accepted and a special circular authorized to be sent to local chapters through State Advisers, to better acquaint the membership with what was available in the line of F. F. A. dishes.

The next order of business was the election and raising of candidates to the Degree of American Farmer. To appropriate music, played by the Texas State F. F. A. band, the active member candidates who had been nominated at the morning session, took their places in a semi-circle facing the platform. Officers took their places on the platform. The regular Fourth Degree ceremony was used. Delegate Dodson of North Carolina made the motion for election which was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

H. G. Rylander, leader of the Texas band was introduced.

The convention closed at 4:20 p. m. to convene again at 9 a. m. the following morning.

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1939**

### **Morning Session**

The meeting was opened at 9:15 a. m. using the regular opening ceremony. President Elwell was in the chair. Musical selections rendered by the Pennsylvania Band were followed by group singing.

Mr. Herbert L. Patrick, State Director of Vocational Education in Maine was introduced by President Elwell. The group was then favored with an address by Dr. W. E. Packard, Commissioner of Education, also from the State of Maine. Among other things Dr. Packard said, "It is a pleasure to have a young man from Maine, from one of our rural schools at our State University, as President of this great organization. We are very, very proud of that fact in Maine." He also called attention to the fact that 44% of the population of the U. S. reside in rural areas; that of the youth between the ages of five and nineteen years, 50% reside in rural areas; in other words, half of the youth of the U. S. between five and nineteen years, reside in rural areas. Of this 18,000,000 about 11,000,000 live in the farm area and about 8,000,000 live in what is known as the village area.

Guests introduced at this time included: E. P. Taylor, Editor of the Agricultural Leaders Digest, Chicago; Alexander Nunn, Progressive Farmer, Birmingham; Tom Chase, Swift & Company, Chicago; and Dr. E. W. Garris of the University of Florida.

Telegrams of greetings were read by the Student Secretary from Arthur A. Hauck, President of the University of Maine, and William Shaffer of Virginia, Past President of the F. F. A. Kenneth Faulk, American Farmer from Iowa (1934) was announced as the high point man of the College Judging Contest in progress at the American Royal.

The chair announced that appointment of special committees would be deferred until the following day.

Accepted delegate substitutions were then made and the convention proceeded again under the heading of unfinished business.

It was announced by the Executive Secretary that in accordance

with the recommendations of the 1938 delegates, Regional Star Farmer awards had been increased for 1939 by the Weekly Kansas City Star from \$100 to \$150 each.

Progress was reported by the Student Secretary and Executive Secretary on the matter of compiling a list of suggested plays for use by F. F. A. chapters, supplying a reproduction of the rising sun for chapters, and an artificial owl for advisers' stations. It was also reported that copies of the Creed, the Purposes, and Washington's Order on Profanity suitable for framing were being supplied free to chapters and a question was raised as to whether it was the plan of the organization to continue to follow this practice.

Upon motion by Spiekerman of Oregon, duly seconded, it was voted that the national organization continue to supply Creeds, Purposes, and Washington's Order on Profanity to local chapters. Motion carried. Upon motion by Fuller of Alabama, seconded and carried, these items were to be supplied only through the State advisers.

An informational pamphlet entitled "The F. F. A. What It is—What It Does," prepared by Executive Secretary Ross, was exhibited at this time and attention was called to the fact that it had been supplied in accordance with the request of last year's delegates. A question was raised as to whether this pamphlet should be placed on sale at a low price as recommended by the Board of Trustees.

Upon motion by Dollar of Texas, duly seconded and carried, the French-Bray Printing Company of Baltimore (official printers) was designated to handle this pamphlet at a nominal price, the amount to be agreed upon later.

It was reported by the Student Secretary that a plaque for unusual loyalty had been sent to the Hawaiian Association as directed by the 1938 delegates.

Progress was reported by the Executive Secretary in searching for pictures of the ideal F. F. A. boy. Upon motion by Dodson of North Carolina, duly seconded and carried the search was extended. Considerable discussion took place on this matter.

Mr. W. M. Tolan representing the Universal Uniform Company (official) was called to the floor to answer questions about F. F. A. uniforms and to display certain materials. After some discussion, the following actions relative to uniforms were taken:

1. That gabartex material was suitable for the new shirt adopted as official.
2. That shirts would carry a front emblem only.
3. That both twillardine and corduroy pants were optional as a part of the uniform.

Mr. E. J. Bray, representing the French-Bray Printing Company of Baltimore (official) was called upon to supply information and display materials provided by this company. The following action rela-



tive to printed supplies was taken upon motion of Denis of West Virginia, duly seconded: That additional pages be added to the official Secretary's Book providing the demand justified it and the price of the book was not increased. Attention was called to the new chapter Scrap Book available at \$3.00 postpaid; and the fact that, as far as possible, orders sent to the French-Bray Company were filled the same day as received.

Mr. W. B. Anderson, representing the L. G. Balfour Company (official) was called upon for information regarding jewelry. He displayed samples of the proposed new lightweight finger ring, tie clasp, state award medal, regional award medal and also some athletic designs. Action was deferred until the delegates had examined each article. It was suggested that the lightweight ring be not over 8½ or 9 in size.

M. T. Warner, representing the Staunton Novelty Company (official) displayed two new felt banners 3 ft. by 6 ft., which were designed in line with the motto of the Future Farmers of America, and the aims and purposes of the organization. They were priced at \$7.50 each. Moved by Dodson of North Carolina to authorize the Staunton Novelty Company to manufacture these banners for sale to the state associations or chapters. Motion seconded and carried.

At this time the order of the day was interrupted for a brief address by Andrew Sundstrom, past National President of the F. F. A. and now Associate Editor of the Farm Journal, Philadelphia. Among other things Sundstrom said, "... it is stimulating to me to see the way that you fellows are going ahead. ... We are living in a very, very interesting time. ... Agriculture, you might say, is in a pioneering state ... the F. F. A. organization is a pioneering movement in citizenship building ... this is my fifth convention. I wish I could come back year after year."

Moved by Mizner of Montana that the delegate body go into committee of the whole for 15 minutes on the problem of the F. F. A. camp. The motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Ching was called to the chair.

House of California asked that the Executive Secretary review the purchase, site and other particulars pertaining to the camp land in Virginia. A resume of the property was given and questions answered by the Executive Secretary.

Fifteen minutes having elapsed, the committee of the whole went back into delegate session and recessed for the Farm and Home Hour radio broadcast.

President Elwell took the chair again, announcements were made, and the meeting closed at 12:15 p. m. to convene at 9 a. m. the following morning.

(Note: Tuesday afternoon was spent at the American Royal in special observance of F. F. A. Day.)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1939****Morning Session**

Music by the Texas Band.

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a. m. with Vice President Twitty presiding to continue under the heading of unfinished business. The opening ceremony was omitted.

Mr. W. B. Anderson representing the Balfour Company again explained the matter of the new design for the proposed state medal to be used only for state F. F. A. events. Moved by Haynsworth of Florida, and seconded, that this design be accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by Neilson of Idaho, and seconded, that the new design for the regional award in public speaking medal be accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by Fowler of Georgia that finger ring No. 806, price \$1.75 be accepted as official. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Goodell of Wisconsin to accept the tie clasp with the fox tail chain. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Ross suggested that an invitation be extended to members of the Shawnee Mission Chapter from Merriam, Kansas, to come up front. The Shawnee Mission delegation came forward and received words of praise and thanks for their cooperation and assistance in making the convention a success.

Moved by Purnell of Tennessee, seconded and carried that the convention go into committee of the whole for fifteen minutes, for further discussion of the F. F. A. camp. During the specified time the camp problem was discussed and the convention then rose from the committee of the whole.

Moved by Fowler of Georgia, and seconded, that the organization pay the first debt of \$3,500 still due on the camp, purchase the six acres for \$3,500 and pay for that, and leave the development in the hands of the Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

A recommendation by the Board of Trustees that \$12,000 be set aside in the budget for 1939-40 for the development of the national camp was read. Moved by Fuller of Alabama, seconded and carried, that the \$12,000 be taken to pay for the land purchased, and to use what is left in starting to develop this camp.

The chair then declared the meeting open under the heading of new business.

A motion by Julian of Arizona to have the annual officer-delegate dinner opened with an invocation by the Past National President and

amended by Fowler of Georgia to also include opening the convention was tabled upon motion of Haynsworth which was duly seconded. Haynsworth then moved to have the Past National President open the convention with an invocation. Motion seconded and carried.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Neilson of Idaho that \$60 be paid to Hawaii to defray part of the expense of sending a public speaker to the national convention. Motion seconded and carried.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Palmer of South Dakota, to send a delegate to as many leading farm organization conventions as possible. Motion seconded and carried. Julian of Arizona urged closer contact with adult farm organizations.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Durock of Minnesota, seconded and carried, that membership be continued in the American Country Life Association.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Sletton of Minnesota, seconded and carried, that the F. F. A. continue its observance of American Education Week this year.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Dodson of North Carolina, seconded and carried, that the length of the next convention remain at four days.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees it was moved by Harris of Ohio, seconded and carried, that the Blaufuss March be published and placed on sale, and that the F. F. A. defray the necessary expenses.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, Dollar of Texas moved that the radio theme for the next year be "Old Farms and Ranches." Motion seconded and carried.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Seth of Pennsylvania, that chapters be encouraged to gather historical data on old farms and ranches in their respective localities, with a view of possibly sponsoring a movement in the future by which certain old farms and ranches could be appropriately marked. Motion seconded and carried.

President Elwell took the chair.

A letter from Lowell Bland, former Student Secretary was read. The following guests present were introduced: Mr. Evan Hall of the Milwaukee Railroad; Mr. Earle Reed of the Union Pacific Railroad; Mr. Stewart, vice president of Swift and Co.; Jethro Hill, president of the New Farmers of America; the advisers from Kansas; and Mr. Hamilton representing the American Farm Bureau Federation who gave a few words of greeting. Cuthbert of California was recognized and introduced Mr. C. O. McCorkle of San Luis Obispo, California, a member of the Kiwanis Club agricultural committee who told briefly of Kiwanis interest in F. F. A. activities.



Moved by Hunt of Kentucky that the convention go into committee of the whole until eleven o'clock. Seconded and carried. Student Secretary Schweitzer assumed the chair and the full time was spent in discussion of levels of achievement and plaques to be used instead of cash awards in the chapter contest and for recognizing the work of outstanding state associations.

Vice president Twitty was called to the chair.

Moved by Dodson of North Carolina, seconded and carried that the matter of chapter contest awards be referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the chair.

Moved by Fowler of Georgia that the same committee deal with the State award problem. Motion seconded and carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Lindley of Texas, seconded and carried, that the Executive Secretary be authorized to pay expenses of the judges of the Star Farmer awards from the national treasury if he deemed it necessary and when there was no other alternative.

Moved by Read of Florida, upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, that no changes be made in the public speaking contest rules for the 1939-40 year. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Neilson of Idaho, seconded and carried, upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, that the national organization continue to supply the creed, purposes, and Washington's Order on Profanity through the State advisers only, but that no additional similar material be distributed this year.

Moved by Slettom of Minnesota, seconded and carried, that the convention go into a committee of the whole for ten minutes for discussion of the national F. F. A. exhibit. At the end of the time designated the delegate session was resumed.

Moved by Nygard of North Dakota, upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, that \$200 be set aside for shipping the national F. F. A. exhibit to special and national meetings to be decided by the Board of Trustees; that in case of states desiring the F. F. A. exhibit, application should be made to the Board of Trustees with the understanding that the States defray all expenses to and from point of showing; that regions desiring the F. F. A. exhibit be placed on the same basis as a state association, that is, also pay the expenses to and from the point of showing; and that \$90 be set aside to change pictures in the exhibit. Moved by Dodson of North Carolina to amend the recommendation by giving the Executive Secretary full authority to use more money than the stated \$200, if needed. Motion seconded and carried. The main motion was then voted upon and carried.

Moved by Palmer of South Dakota upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees that the national officer reports be included in this year's proceedings. Motion seconded and carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Miller of North Dakota that the national dues remain at ten cents per member. Motion seconded and carried.

Tentative banquet contributions for the 1940 convention were offered by delegates as follows:

Florida .....	Grapefruit
Idaho .....	Potatoes
California .....	Nuts
Minnesota .....	Butter
Wyoming .....	Napkins
Washington .....	Apples
Montana .....	Beefsteaks
Arizona .....	Dates
Oregon .....	Candied cherries and candied apricots
Indiana .....	Pumpkins
Texas .....	Pecans, grapefruit and black-eyed peas
Virginia .....	Salted peanuts
New Jersey .....	Cranberry sauce
Arkansas .....	Rice

Moved by Mizner of Montana that the Board of Trustees be empowered to act as they see fit on donations for the banquet. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Fowler of Georgia, seconded and carried, that the convention go into committee of the whole for five minutes to discuss F. F. A. caps.

Back in convention session again, it was moved by Boyce of North Carolina that we do away with the cheap 10 cent F. F. A. cap entirely; motion seconded. Moved by Hunt of Tennessee, seconded and carried, that the motion be tabled. Moved by Seth of Pennsylvania, seconded and carried, that the national organization discontinue the use of the cheap cap at the national convention but that such caps be available to states.

Moved by Slettom of Minnesota that the recommendation concerning a standard way of identification on uniforms by having the State's name above the emblem on the jackets and the chapter name below the emblem, be referred to the Uniform Committee. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Dodson of North Carolina that the convention recess until 1:30. Seconded and carried.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1939

### Afternoon Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 1:30 p. m. with President Elwell presiding after musical numbers played by the Texas String Band.

Moved by Bachemin of Louisiana that a committee write up an installation ceremony for new officers to be put in the National F. F. A. Manual. Motion seconded. Amended by Dollar of Texas, that Mr. Groseclose and other members of the committee write up and approve the ceremony. Amendment seconded and carried. Original motion as amended seconded and carried.

Moved by Oliver of Virginia, seconded and carried, that a preview of important topics that have already been discussed through the Board of Trustees meetings be sent to each state association by the national organization prior to the national convention.

Moved by Read of Florida, seconded and carried, that the Board of Trustees be authorized to have the song "Hail the F. F. A." written in four parts so it can be used by quartets.

At this time there were discussions on rising and standing during the opening and closing ceremonies and providing membership degrees for part-time members but no action was taken.

Delegate substitutions were made and accepted.

Moved by Mizner of Montana, and seconded that the convention go into committee of the whole for a ten minute discussion of entertainment expense on Tuesday night program of the convention. Motion carried and Vice President Coates took the Chair.

Resuming activities as a delegate body, it was moved by Oliver of Virginia, that the Tuesday night program be continued and that the talent used be sponsored entirely by the state associations. Motion seconded and carried.

President Elwell returned to the chair and announced special committees as follows:

- Proceedings of the Convention.
- National Radio Program.
- Chapter Library.
- State Awards.
- Resolutions.
- Dishes.
- Chapter Contest.
- Installation Ceremony.
- Program of Work.
- Reporter's Book.
- Uniform.

The delegates from Louisiana distributed packages of rice to the delegates.

Guests J. H. Stewart and J. C. Thomas of the Rock Island Railroad were introduced.

The convention then recessed in order to give opportunity for the committees to complete their work. It was also announced by the



Chair that delegates would designate their own chairman and be ready to report the next morning.

The delegates were later assembled from the various committees and at 4:25 p. m. the meeting closed to reconvene at 9 a. m. the following morning.

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1939**

### **Morning Session**

The meeting opened at 9:05 a. m., President Elwell presiding, under the heading of committee reports.

Nygard of North Dakota presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; seconded and carried.

Bauer of Washington presented the report of the Chapter Library Committee and moved its adoption; seconded and carried.

Fuller of Alabama presented the report of the Committee on Dishes and moved its adoption which was seconded. Suggestion made by Mr. Groseclose that sets of dishes be given to the mothers of the boy officers at Christmas time, as usual. This was accepted and the report with amendment was adopted.

Langer of Iowa presented the committee report on National Radio Program and moved its adoption; seconded and carried with minor changes.

Dodson of North Carolina presented the committee report on the Reporter's Book and moved its adoption, leaving full leeway to the Board of Trustees to develop it in any way they see fit. Motion seconded and carried.

Oliver of Virginia presented the report of the Committee on Chapter Contest and moved its adoption. Amendment offered by Thompson of Oklahoma that one outstanding chapter be picked, but still have the achievement level in rating the other chapters. Amendment seconded. Motion by Fowler of Georgia to table the amendment, seconded and carried. Chapter contest report adopted as first presented.

Dollar of Texas presented the committee report on Proceedings and moved its adoption; seconded and carried.

Tangeman of Kansas presented the committee report on Uniforms and moved its adoption; seconded and carried.

Palmer of South Dakota presented the committee report on Installation Ceremonies and moved its adoption; seconded and carried.

Hunt of Tennessee presented the committee report on Resolutions and moved its adoption; seconded and carried.

Vice President Ching took the chair at the request of Elwell.

At this time Mr. Oscar W. Meier of the Rural Electrification Administration and Mr. M. P. Drigs of the Surplus Commodities Cor-

poration gave addresses both of which stressed opportunities for co-operation on the part of F. F. A. members.

President Elwell returned to the chair.

Moved by Neilson of Idaho, and seconded, that the matter of deciding which State shall send the official band next year be left up to the Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

Moved by Mizner of Montana, seconded and carried, that the convention go into committee of the whole for ten minutes. Vice President Ching assumed the chair again and during this time the F. F. A. directory was discussed.

Moved by Dollar of Texas that the printing of directories be abolished by the national organization and the matter left up to the states. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Hartman of Nebraska, seconded and carried, that the Board of Trustees be given power to act as they see fit in regard to compiling a list of state presidents, state secretaries and state reporters with their addresses to be printed or mimeographed and sent to each state association.

Vice President Johnson took the Chair.

A motion by Read of Florida that the convention reconsider the changes authorized in the Chapter Contest was lost.

Spiekerman of Oregon read the report of the Program of Work Committee with a few interpolations moved that it be adopted; the motion was seconded. Moved by Kelley of Kansas to amend by adding that the report be adopted with the approval of the Board of Trustees; motion seconded and carried as amended. Moved by Mizner of Montana, seconded and carried, that the Board of Trustees be instructed to include in the program of work an item to cooperate with the Wild Life Federation.

Moved by Mizner of Montana that the Executive Secretary be instructed to notify the Unitog Manufacturing Company that we have our official uniform company and request they not manufacture any uniform and put our emblem on it; motion seconded. Moved by Oliver of Virginia to amend the motion to read that the Board of Trustees be empowered to handle any other unofficial companies of this problem in the way that they see fit. Amendment seconded and carried. Motion carried as amended.

The convention recessed for the radio broadcast, N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour and then was called to order again.

Moved by McClurkin of Nebraska that it be left up to the National Board of Trustees to take care of the athletic medals. Motion seconded and carried.

At this time a question was raised as to whether states should send in just their superior class entries for the National Chapter

Contest or should they send entries for all chapters. Answered that chapters send in the number of entries they wished to send and from these any one outstanding chapter would be designated as a certain classification in the finals.

Moved by Roepp of Indiana that the suggested improved American Farmer application be referred to the Board of Trustees with power to act. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Durock of Minnesota that the term "button" be used only for St. Louis Button Company merchandise. Motion seconded and carried.

The Lacy family of Texas was introduced to the group and the convention adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1939

### Afternoon Session

The meeting opened at 1:35 p. m. with President Elwell presiding.

Delegate substitutions were made.

At this time Mr. Ray L. Cuff of the Livestock Loss Prevention Board addressed the convention. Mr. Cuff complimented the organization on its progress, explained the purpose of livestock loss prevention work and told of splendid F. F. A. cooperation in several states.

Moved by Neilson of Idaho, seconded and carried, that all business not finished at the 12th convention be referred to the Board of Trustees with full power to act; seconded and carried.

Moved by Fowler of Georgia, seconded and carried, that the convention go into a committee of the whole for thirty minutes. Vice President Twitty took the chair. During this time discussion was held on the changes in the constitution.

President Elwell resumed the chair and leis were presented from the Hawaiian Association.

Moved by Young of New York that the qualifications for the American Farmer Degree be left as they are scholastically. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Seth of Pennsylvania, seconded and carried that the following change in the constitution be accepted:

#### Article II. Organization.

**Section B.** Active Chapters of the Future Farmers of America for students enrolled in school shall be chartered only in schools where systematic instruction in vocational agriculture of the all-day or day-unit type is offered under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

Moved by Hunt of Kentucky, seconded and carried, that the following change in the constitution be accepted:



**Article III. Membership.**

**Section B. Active Membership.** Any male student not over 25 years of age who is regularly enrolled in an all-day, day-unit or part-time class in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any regular F. F. A. chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership throughout his high school career and for three years after the first national convention following completion of high school vocational agriculture class room instruction or leaving school.

Moved by Mizner of Montana, seconded and carried, that the following change in the constitution be accepted:

**Article III. Membership.**

**Section E. Honorary membership.** Instructors, school superintendents, principals, teachers, business men, farmers, and others, who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and the F. F. A., and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Honorary membership shall be limited to the Future Farmer Degree in the chapter, State Farmer Degree in the state association, and the American Farmer Degree in the national organization.

Moved by McClurkin of Nebraska, seconded and carried that the following change in the constitution be accepted:

**Article IV. Emblem.**

**Section B.** Emblems shall be uniform in all associations and in recognized units thereof. All active, associate, and honorary members shall be entitled to wear the emblem. Collegiate members and advisers may wear an owl pin of special design.

Moved by Goette of Wisconsin, seconded and carried that the following change in the By-Laws be accepted:

**Article I.**

**Section D. The Adviser.** The adviser is an ex-officio member of all committees and chairman of the National Advisory Council. It is also his duty to advise the Board of Trustees, delegates, and committees on matters of policy and assist the national officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs. The Adviser reviews all applications and briefs for the American Farmer Degree as submitted by states to be submitted to the National Board of Trustees with his recommendations.

Moved by Mizner of Montana, seconded and carried that the following change in the By-Laws be accepted:

**Article III, third paragraph.**

The Auditing Committee shall examine the books of the Treasurer.

Moved by Holzer of Montana, seconded and carried that the following change in the By-Laws be accepted:

**Article VIII, Section D.**

Applications for the Degree shall be forwarded by the State Adviser so as to reach the national F. F. A. office not later than May 1, prior to the national convention at which the application will be considered. No additions or corrections will be accepted after that date, and the application as received will be considered as the final basis for selection.

Moved by Roepp of Indiana, seconded and carried that the following change in the By-Laws be accepted:

**Articl VIII, Section E.**

Neatly compiled applications conforming to regulation guide forms prepared and distributed by the National Executive Secretary must be submitted.

Moved by Fuller of Alabama, seconded and carried that the following change in the By-Laws be accepted:

**Article IX. Collegiate Chapters.**

Collegiate chapters of the Future Farmers of America may be organized in institutions recognized for training teachers of vocational agriculture under provisions of state plans for vocational education approved by the U. S. Office of Education.

Moved by Young of New York seconded and carried that the following change in the By-Laws be accepted:

**Article IX, fourth paragraph.**

All activities of collegiate chapters of Future Farmers of America shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles, and ideals of the Future Farmers of America organization.

Moved by Neilson of Idaho, seconded and carried, that the following change in the By-Laws be accepted:

**Article IX.**

All collegiate members are entitled to wear an owl pin of special design.

All F. F. A. advisers are also entitled to wear this same pin.

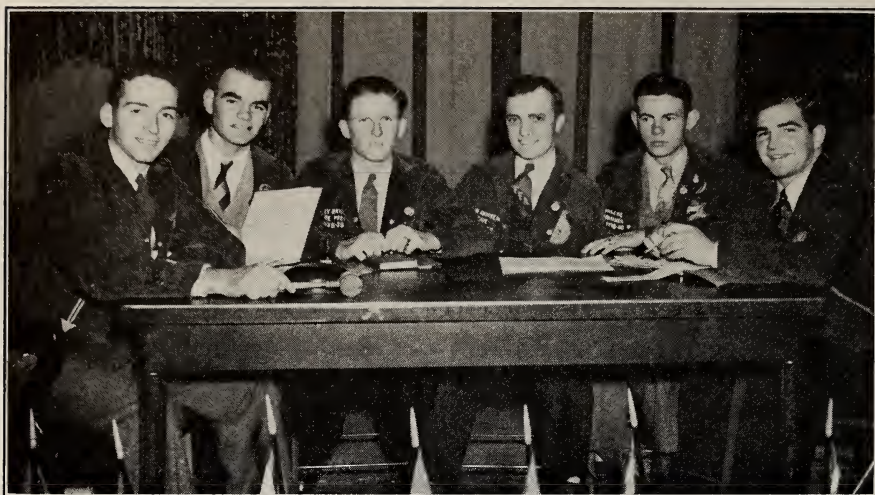
Moved by Dodson of North Carolina that all of the changes just made in the National Constitution and By-Laws be accepted. Motion seconded and carried. (See page 31 for complete constitution.)

Moved by Fowler of Georgia that the Executive Secretary write to the parents of the two deceased American Farmers, expressing the deep sympathy of the convention and the organization. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Glasebrook of Illinois, and seconded, that a picture be made of Henry C. Groseclose and be made available to every chapter in the United States, with the words written under Mr. Groseclose's name, "The Father of the Future Farmers of America." Motion seconded. Moved by Poucher of Florida, and seconded, that the motion be amended to the effect that Mr. Groseclose's picture be put as a flyleaf in the printed Manual of the F. F. A. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

Moved by Stewart of Florida, seconded and carried, that the National Board of Trustees be empowered to investigate the advisability of a national roadside marker to be placed outside of communities in which there is a chapter of Future Farmers of America, and that, if they believe such a marker to be advisable, they tentatively suggest and report one that they approve of at the next convention.

Moved by Dollar of Texas that the Board of Trustees be requested to set up some degree of recognition for boys taking part-time voca-



NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS, 1939, Seated, from the left: *President* IVAN H. KINDCHI, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin; *Student Secretary* KENNETH JULIAN, Mesa, Ariz.; *First Vice-President* BILLY BRYAN, Forrest City, Ark., Southern region; *Second Vice-President* ERVIN DENISEN, Austin, Minn., North Central region; *Third Vice-President* ELMER DENIS, Moundsville, W. Va., North Atlantic region; *Fourth Vice-President* EDGAR SPIEKERMAN, The Dalles, Oregon, Pacific region.

tional agriculture work meeting certain qualifications. Motion lost for want of a second.

The budget for 1930-40 was called for and was presented by the Executive Secretary. Moved by Duvall of Missouri, seconded and carried, that the budget for the year 1939-40 as proposed by the Executive Secretary be adopted. The budget is as follows:

### NATIONAL BUDGET — 1939-40

(From the close of the Twelfth National Convention and after all items chargeable to the 1938-39 year have been paid, to the close of the Thirteenth National Convention, including all expenses incurred during this period)

1. Travel of National Officers, Designated Officials and Specified Representatives. (To include national convention, meetings of the Board of Trustees, one meeting of the Advisory Council, special meetings, regional public speaking contests, regional conferences, visits to States and other authorized travel)..... \$4,500.00
2. Thirteenth National Convention. (For delegate expense, supplies, programs, new equipment, special entertainment, exhibits, decorations, official bands, publicity, special stenographic help, building service and other general expenses ..... 4,800.00



3. American Farmer Keys .....	950.00
*4. National Prizes, Awards and Exhibits. (To include past officer pins; Star Farmer medal; public speaking contest prizes, chapter contest prizes; State Association Awards; prizes for national vocational judging contests; special awards; participation certificates and making changes in national exhibit and transporting it to designated national meetings .....	2,790.00
5. Printing. (To include stationery; report forms; notifications to States; contest rules; American Farmer Applications; Proceedings of the convention; special publications, printed supplies given to chapters and similar items) .....	2,200.00
6. National Radio Program. (To assist in defraying expenses of representatives of State Associations to National Broadcasting Company key stations; to provide special talent; to maintain quality of programs and encourage State and local programs) .....	600.00
7. National Office. (To include purchase of necessary supplies and small equipment; pay necessary postage and shipping charges; pay telephone and telegraph; provide publicity materials, and other similar miscellaneous items incurred by the office .....	700.00
8. Clerical Assistance and clerical equipment. (Regular and special—for the National Executive Secretary and National Treasurer as required to carry on the work of the organization .....	3,900.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$20,440.00</b>

\*Includes \$290.00 for national exhibit expense.

NOTE: In addition to the regular budget as shown above \$12,000 was authorized to be used on the National F. F. A. Camp.

Moved by Mizner of Montana, seconded and carried that the Board of Trustees be directed to investigate the possibilities of having branches of official F. F. A. companies established in the west.

Nygard of North Dakota presented the delayed committee report on the State Association Awards and moved its adoption. Motion seconded and carried.

Zehner of Ohio presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption. Seconded and carried. Officers elected on the unanimous ballot cast by the Secretary were:

PRESIDENT—Ivan H. Kindschi, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT—Billy Bryan, Forrest City, Arkansas.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT—Ervin Denisen, Austin, Minnesota.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT—Elmer Denis, Moundsville, West Va.

FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT—Edgar Spiekerman, The Dalles, Ore.

STUDENT SECRETARY—Kenneth Julian, Mesa, Arizona.

NATIONAL ADVISER—J. A. Linke, Washington, D. C.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY—W. A. Ross, Washington, D. C.

NATIONAL TREASURER—Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg, Va.

The incoming national officers signed the scroll.

Brief addresses were given by the incoming officers and farewells were said by the retiring officers.

As his first official act, President Kindschi presented each of the retiring officers with past national officer pins.

Talks were made by Mr. Linke, Mr. Groseclose, and Mr. Ross.

The convention adjourned at 4:20 p. m.

# NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

(As revised and amended at the Twelfth  
National Convention, October, 1939)

## Constitution

### ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSES.

SECTION A. The name of this organization shall be "The Future Farmers of America." Members are hereinafter referred to as "Future Farmers of America." The letters "F. F. A." may be officially used to designate the organization, its units, or members thereof.

SECTION B. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership.

2. To create and nurture a love of country life.

3. To strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work.

4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.

5. To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs and establishment in farming.

6. To encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings.

7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.

8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.

9. To participate in cooperative effort.

10. To encourage and practice thrift.

11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.

12. To provide and encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.

### ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

SECTION A. The Future Farmers of America is the national organization for students of vocational agriculture. It shall consist of chartered State, Territorial, and Insular Associations\* which in turn are composed of local chapters. Collegiate chapters may also be organized under the direct jurisdiction of the respective chartered State Associations.

SECTION B. Active Chapters of the Future Farmers of America for students enrolled in school shall be chartered only in schools where systematic instruction in vocational agriculture of the *all-day or day-unit type* is offered under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

SECTION C. Collegiate Chapters designed primarily for training prospective teachers of vocational agriculture in their duties as local advisers of F. F. A. may be established in institutions recognized for the training of teachers of vocational agriculture.

SECTION D. Delegates from active chapters shall meet in State Convention, organize, adopt a constitution not in conflict with the national constitution, elect officers, set up a program of work, and then apply to the National Executive Secretary for membership in the national organization. Upon receipt of a charter from the national organization, an Association and the members thereof will be recognized as Future Farmers of America.

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\* The designation "State Association" as hereinafter used in this constitution is understood to include also Territorial and Insular Associations.



SECTION E. The general plans and provisions under which Collegiate Chapters operate shall be included in the by-laws attached to this constitution.

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Membership in this organization shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Associate; (3) Collegiate; and (4) Honorary.

SECTION B. *Active membership.* Any male student *not over 25 years of age* who is regularly enrolled in an all-day, day-unit, or part-time class in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of *any regular F. F. A. chapter* upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership throughout his high school career and for three years *after the first national convention following completion of high school vocational agriculture class room instruction or leaving school.*

SECTION C. *Associate membership.* Following the termination of active membership status a member automatically becomes an associate member.

SECTION D. *Collegiate membership.* This may include all trainees preparing to teach vocational agriculture and former active F. F. A. members who are enrolled in the institution concerned.

SECTION E. *Honorary membership.* Instructors, school superintendents, principals, teachers, business men, farmers, and others, who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and the F. F. A., and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

*Honorary membership shall be limited to the Future Farmer Degree in the chapter, State Farmer Degree in the State Association, and the American Farmer Degree in the national organization.*

### ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM

SECTION A. The emblem of the Future Farmers of America shall be made up of five symbols, namely: (1) the plow, representing the tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the rising sun, representing progress; (4) a cross section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and is grown in every State; and (5) an American eagle surmounting the cross-section of the ear of corn indicating the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also carry the three letters "F. F. A." and the words "Vocational Agriculture".

SECTION B. Emblems shall be uniform in all associations and in recognized units thereof. All *active, associate and honorary* members shall be entitled to wear the emblem. *Collegiate members and advisers may wear an owl pin of special design.*

### ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP GRADES AND PRIVILEGES

SECTION A. There shall be four grades or degrees of active membership based upon achievement. These grades are : (1) Green Hand; (2) Future Farmer; (3) State Farmer; and (4) American Farmer.

All "Green Hands" are entitled to wear the bronze emblem pin. All "Future Farmers" are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin. All "State Farmers" are entitled to wear the gold emblem charm. All "American Farmers" are entitled to wear the gold emblem key.

SECTION B. Green Hand Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming.

2. Be familiar with the purposes of the F. F. A. and the program of work of the local chapter.

3. Recite from memory the Creed of the Future Farmers of America.

4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of a local chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

**SECTION C. Future Farmer Degree.**  
Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Must have held the Degree of Green Hand for at least one year immediately preceding election to the Degree of Future Farmer and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an improved supervised farming program, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.

3. Be familiar with the purposes and programs of work of the State Association and national organization.

4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the local chapter.

5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.

6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes.

7. Must have earned by his own efforts from his supervised farming program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$25.

8. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting.

**SECTION D. State Farmer Degree.**  
Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Must have held the Degree of Future Farmer for at least one year immediately preceding election to the Degree of State Farmer, have been an active member of the F. F. A. for at least two years, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an outstanding program

of supervised farming, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class (or have completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school attended).

3. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the State Association and national organization.

4. Demonstrate proficiency in parliamentary procedure.

5. Be able to lead a group discussion for forty minutes and pass some occupational or F. F. A. test provided by the State Executive Committee.

6. Must have earned by his own efforts from farming or other agricultural work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$250 (at least two-thirds of the amount must be derived from his supervised farming program).

7. Show leadership ability by having held responsible positions in connection with student, chapter, or community activities and as a member of the school judging team, debating team, or some other team representing the school.

8. Be in the upper 40% of the class in scholarship in all school subjects during the entire period of secondary school instruction completed at the time of application for the State Farmer Degree.

9. Must have participated in an outstanding way in activities for community improvement and the development of agriculture.

10. Each State shall be entitled to elect ten qualified individuals annually, but where State membership exceeds 500, not more than 2% of the total State membership shall be elected (fractions counted to the nearest whole number). Written records of achievement verified by the local Adviser shall be submitted to the State Adviser by the local executive committee at least one month prior to the State convention. The State Adviser will then review the

records, prepare briefs, and submit his recommendations to the State Executive Committee. This committee will nominate at the regular State convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. Briefs of the records shall be made available to the delegates when the candidates are nominated. The delegates shall then proceed to elect to the Third Degree the candidates found most worthy.

**SECTION E. American Farmer Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:**

1. Must have held the Degree of State Farmer for at least one year preceding election to the Degree of American Farmer, have been an active member of the F. F. A. continuously for at least three years, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State Association.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture (or have completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school attended) and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming which shows comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope as substantiated by complete, accurate, and neat records.

3. Must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$500 (at least two-thirds of the amount must be derived from his supervised farming program). In cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.

4. Show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation.

5. Be in the upper 40% of his class in all school subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction.

6. Be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of Future Farmers of America.

**ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

**SECTION A.** The officers of the national organization shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents (one from each administrative region of the United States), a Student Secretary, an Executive Secretary, a Treasurer, a National Adviser, and four Regional Advisers (one from each of the four administrative regions). These officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices. The student officers, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and National Adviser, together with the outgoing National President, shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the national organization. The Board of Trustees shall have full authority and control over the organization subject only to such regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the national organization of F. F. A. The officers of the national organization shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in annual national convention, except that the National Adviser shall be the Chief of the Agricultural Education Service of the U. S. Office of Education and the four Regional Advisers and the Executive Secretary shall be members of that Service.

**SECTION B.** The officers of the State Associations shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Adviser, and Reporter. The State Supervisors of Agricultural Education shall assume the responsibilities of State Advisers. An Executive Secretary or Executive Adviser from the State professional staff may also be named where necessary by the State Adviser subject to the approval of the State Executive Committee. All other State officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the dele-



gates present at a regular State Convention of Future Farmers of America.

SECTION C. Chapter officers shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Adviser. Other officers may be designated if desirable. The local teacher of vocational agriculture shall assume the responsibilities of local adviser. Officers of the local chapter shall be elected annually or semi-annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

SECTION D. Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office except that of Adviser in the local chapter, that of Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Adviser in the State Association, and that of Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Adviser in the national organization. Exceptions to the provision are permitted during the first year of a State Association's or chapter's existence.

SECTION E. Only members who have been elected to the degree of American Farmer are eligible to hold national office. Two years after the State Association has been chartered all State Officers shall have attained the State Farmer Degree. Officers in the local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of Future Farmer after the chapter has been established in any given school for one year or longer.

#### ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

SECTION A. A national convention of Future Farmers of America shall be held annually. The time and place shall be determined by the National Board of Trustees.

SECTION B. The several State conventions shall be held annually and should be at least 45 days prior to the national convention at a time and place to be determined upon by the State Executive Committee.

SECTION C. Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or more often throughout the calendar year

and at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee of the local chapter.

SECTION D. Each State Association is entitled to send two delegates from the active membership to the national convention.

SECTION E. Each local chapter shall be entitled to send two delegates from the active membership to the State convention.

#### ARTICLE VIII. DUES

SECTION A. Annual membership dues in the national organization shall be fixed by the National Board of Trustees on the basis of a budget submitted by said Trustees and approved by a majority vote of the delegates present at the national convention of Future Farmers of America.

SECTION B. Annual membership dues in State Associations shall be fixed by the State Executive Committee, subject to approval by a majority vote of the delegates present at the State convention of Future Farmers of America.

SECTION C. The dues of any chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the membership of that chapter.

#### ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

SECTION A. Proposed amendments to the national constitution may be submitted in writing by authorized representatives of State Associations at any annual national convention of Future Farmers of America. These proposed amendments must be reviewed by the National Board of Trustees which shall, in turn, submit them to the delegates in national convention with recommendations. Amendments may be adopted or revisions made in the national constitution at any national convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

SECTION B. By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the national organization or any unit thereof, providing they are not in conflict with the State or national constitution.

## *By-Laws*

### ARTICLE I. DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

**SECTION A. *The President.*** It shall be the duty of the President to preside over national conventions of Future Farmers of America and over all meetings of the national Board of Trustees. The President shall call one national convention each year on such date and at such place as shall be fixed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. The President shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees.

**SECTION B. *Vice-Presidents.*** It shall be the duty of the four Vice-Presidents, acting under the direction of the President, to look after the welfare of the F. F. A. organization in the four administrative regions of the country. In case the office of President becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise, the first Vice-President shall assume his duties, followed in turn, if occasion demands, by the Second, Third, and Fourth Vice-Presidents in the order named.

**SECTION C. *The Student Secretary.*** The Student Secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, such as keeping an accurate record of the sessions of the national convention and of the meetings of the Board of Trustees, one copy of which shall be given to the Executive Secretary for the permanent files and one copy kept for his own files. He shall perform such other duties as he is directed to perform by the Board of Trustees or by the Executive Secretary.

**SECTION D. *The Adviser.*** The Adviser is an ex-officio member of all committees and Chairman of the National Advisory Council. It is also his duty to advise the Board of Trustees, delegates, and committees on matters of policy and assist the

national officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs. The Adviser reviews all applications and briefs for the American Farmer Degree as submitted by states to be submitted to the National Board of Trustees with his recommendations.

**SECTION E. *The Executive Secretary.*** The Executive Secretary shall act as agent of the National Board of Trustees. He shall issue charters to Associations when ordered to do so by the Board and shall act as agent for the organization which shall include the keeping of records of membership and progress. He shall receive all reports from Associations, review them, and inform the National Board of Trustees of any proceedings which appear to be in conflict with the provisions of the national constitution. He shall submit a budget of proposed expenditures to the Board of Trustees annually. He shall be in charge of arrangements for the annual national convention and may perform such other duties as directed by the National Board of Trustees.

**SECTION F. *The Treasurer.*** The Treasurer shall act as custodian of the funds of the organization; collect national dues; keep an accurate record of all receipts, bank deposits, and disbursements; and make an annual report on such matters at the national convention and such other supplementary reports as may be directed by the Board of Trustees. He shall pay out of the treasury such funds as are ordered paid by the Board of Trustees on checks countersigned by the President. He shall furnish a complete audit to be reviewed by the Auditing Committee along with an annual bank statement signed by an officer of the bank in which the funds are kept. He shall furnish a suitable bond, the amount to be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

## ARTICLE II. NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

There shall be a National Advisory Council of the Future Farmers of America composed of: four State Supervisors of Agricultural Education, one from each of the four administrative regions, elected annually at the time of the Regional Conferences; the four Regional Agents for Agricultural Education of the Office of Education; and the National Adviser who shall act as Chairman of the Council.

The National Advisory Council shall cooperate with and serve in an advisory capacity to the National Adviser of the F. F. A., assist with the administrative direction of the organization, and interpret the national constitution of the F. F. A.

The National Advisory Council shall possess the power to approve actions of the National Board of Trustees and the delegates to the national convention in order to assure conformity with the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts and policies of the U. S. Office of Education.

## ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES

The President of the Future Farmers of America shall appoint three committees annually: the Nominating Committee; the Auditing Committee; and the Committee on Program of Work. Other committees may be appointed as necessary.

The Nominating Committee shall, after careful consideration of the Future Farmers of America personnel, place in nomination the candidates for the various national offices.

*The Auditing Committee shall examine the books of the Treasurer.*

The Committee on Program of Work shall set up the annual objectives and goals of the national organization and suggest ways and means of attaining them.

## ARTICLE IV. REPORTS TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Each State Association shall submit the following information to the National Executive Secretary:

1. A list of the newly elected Association officers immediately following each State convention.

2. A report on any changes in, or amendments to, the Association constitution and by-laws immediately following each Association convention.

3. A list of official delegates to the national convention at least two weeks prior to the convention.

4. An annual association report on forms furnished by the National Executive Secretary, giving such data on status, activities, and progress as may be deemed advisable and called for by the National Board of Trustees.

The F. F. A. year shall be July 1 to June 30.

## ARTICLE V. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING NATIONAL OFFICERS

A Nominating Committee, consisting of two members from each of the four administrative regions and one at large, shall study and review the qualifications of all members who are eligible for consideration for national office. This committee shall report during the national convention. Election of officers which shall be by ballot shall require a majority vote of all the delegates present.

The President and the Student Secretary shall be elected from the membership at large, but shall not be elected from the same administrative region for two successive years.

The election of Vice-Presidents shall follow a seniority cycle. The region from which the Second Vice-President comes during the current year shall be entitled to a First Vice-President the succeeding year and so on for the other regions.

## ARTICLE VI. PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING CHARTERS TO ASSOCIATIONS

States shall apply through the National Executive Secretary for affiliation with the Future Farmers of America organization, using the form provided. Such applications shall be signed by the President, Secretary,



and Adviser. The following materials shall accompany the application for an Association charter:

1. A copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws.
2. A copy of the annual program of work.
3. A complete list of local chapters, with statement of active membership of each.
4. A list of the Association officers, with name, grade of membership, and address of each.
5. A remittance of \$5 to cover cost of charter and engraving.

A charter shall be granted by the National Board of Trustees upon such application, provided the proposed Association constitution is not in conflict with the national constitution of the Future Farmers of America, such charter to be signed by the National President and by the National Executive Secretary.

The delegates at any annual national convention shall have the power to suspend association charters upon receipt of evidence of infringement on provisions of the national constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII. PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING STANDING OF STATE ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERS

An Association of F. F. A. shall be considered in good standing with the national organization of Future Farmers of America when the following conditions are met:

1. All current annual national dues paid into the national treasury on a date specified by the National Board of Trustees.
2. All reports submitted to the National Executive Secretary as requested.
3. Association constitution not in conflict with the national constitution in any of its provisions.

An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.

2. He shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter.

3. He pays his dues regularly.

In case any Association is not in good standing for a period of 12 months prior to the national convention, the delegates in national convention shall have the power, upon recommendation of the National Board of Trustees, to withdraw or suspend the charter and refuse such Association official representation at the annual national convention. When, and if, such action is taken, the Association in question and chapters thereof shall be denied the regular privileges enjoyed by associations and chapters. By meeting the requirements for good standing a State association may be reinstated at any time by action of the National Board of Trustees.

Whenever this constitution is found to be in conflict with State law and constitutional provisions of any of the States, the Board of Trustees is empowered to make adjustments found necessary, to the end that no State association or local member be barred by reason thereof from the enjoyment of his rights and privileges.

#### ARTICLE VIII. PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

SECTION A. Associations may submit, annually, one candidate for the American Farmer Degree for each 1,000 members in the Association or major fraction thereof. Each State in good standing shall be entitled to at least one candidate.

SECTION B. Election to the degree of American Farmer shall be from the candidates at large.

SECTION C. The National Board of Trustees shall formulate a score card for selecting candidates for the degree. Copies of the score card shall be sent to each State adviser at least three months prior to the national convention.

SECTION D. Applications for the Degree shall be forwarded by the State Adviser so as to reach the national F. F. A. office not later than *May 1*, prior to the national convention at which the application will be considered. *No additions or corrections will be accepted after that date, and the application as received will be considered as the final basis for selection.*

SECTION E. *Neatly compiled applications conforming to regulation guide forms prepared and distributed by the National Executive Secretary must be submitted.*

#### ARTICLE IX. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Collegiate chapters of the Future Farmers of America may be organized in institutions recognized for training teachers of vocational agriculture *under provisions of state plans for vocational education approved by the U. S. Office of Education.*

Membership may include trainees preparing to teach vocational agriculture and former active F. F. A. members who are enrolled in the institution.

The general plans for collegiate chapter work shall be developed by the

National Board of Trustees but may be approved, altered, and revised by the delegates assembled in national convention.

*All activities of collegiate chapters of Future Farmers of America shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles, and ideals of the Future Farmers of America organization.*

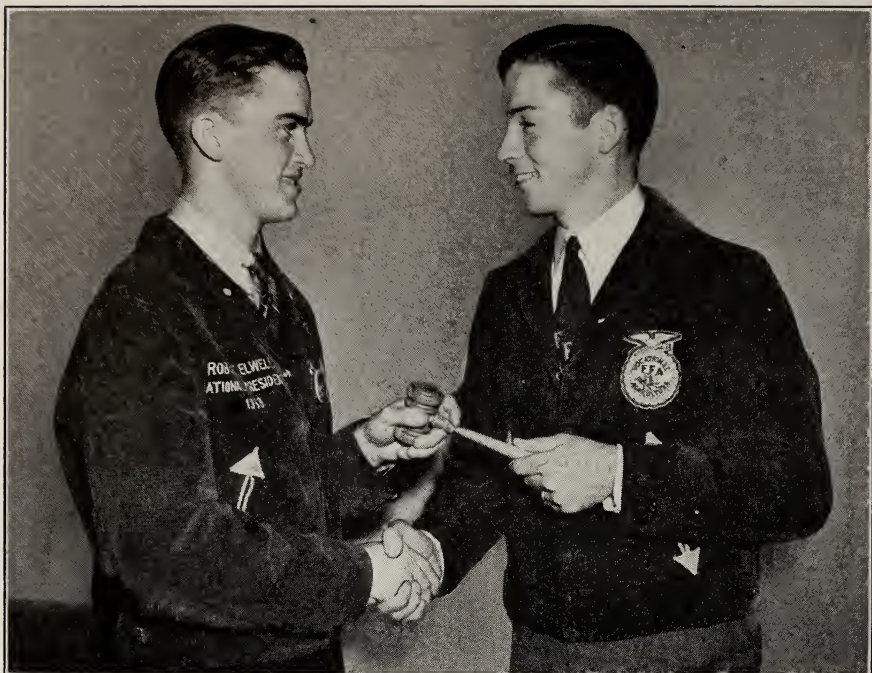
Each collegiate chapter shall submit to the State adviser an annual report covering program of work and achievements for the current year ending May 31.

Collegiate chapters shall be chartered by, and be under the authority of state associations of Future Farmers of America in the States concerned.

The work of collegiate chapters shall be carried on with the regular equipment and paraphernalia of the Future Farmers of America, except that members of collegiate chapters who were not F. F. A. members in high school shall not be entitled to wear the regular insignia of the Future Farmers of America.

All collegiate members are entitled to wear an owl pin of special design.

*All F. F. A. advisers are also entitled to wear this same pin.*



OUTGOING AND INCOMING NATIONAL PRESIDENTS.  
ROBERT ELWELL, 1938-39; IVAN KINDSCHI, 1939-40.

## Committee Reports

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### REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have carefully reviewed the Treasurer's records for the year 1938-39 and do find same to contain a true and correct record of the receipts and disbursements of the national organization of Future Farmers of America for the above period. The records, as kept by Treasurer Groseclose, are accurate and neat and are in excellent condition.

CLIFFORD NYGARD, N. Dak., Chairman  
JOHN PEW, Jr., N. J.  
ROBERT McCLURKIN, Nebr.  
J. LESTER POUCHER, Fla.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPTER CONTEST

After careful consideration, the Chapter Contest Committee, appointed by the President, recommends that the National Chapter Con-



test rules for 1939-40 remain the same as outlined for the year 1938-39 except that in scoring cooperative activities, major consideration be given to the degree of the group participation by the chapter members in business activities.

The Committee likewise recommends that the present plan of rating chapters be discontinued and instead competing chapters in National Contest be grouped and recognized as "Highly Superior," "Superior," and "Excellent." These titles subject to the approval of Board of Trustees.

We further recommend that awards in each of the three classes consist of certificates and plaques; these also are subject to the approval of the National Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCUS OLIVER, Va., Acting Chairman

PAUL KELLY, Kansas

HERSCHEL SMITH, Maine

RAY SHARP, Oklahoma

CLARK BALLARD, Utah

ALPHA FOWLER, Georgia

DEAN MILLER, North Dakota

GEORGE HENRICKS, Nevada

FLOYD HANSMIRE, Nebraska

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPTER LIBRARIES

We the Committee on Chapter Libraries do recommend:

1. That all chapters have a library consisting of at least two books for every five members.
2. That these books be selected from the list recommended by the Executive Committee.
3. That all chapters purchase at least one new book per year, for each ten members.
4. That inspirational books on F. F. A. be included in the property of every chapter.
5. That the books be available to chapter members at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN BAUER, Washington, Chairman

DEAN RADTKE, Michigan

REID GOODELL, Wisconsin

LA VERN SETH, Pennsylvania

DAN K. MIZNER, Montana

RODNEY PURNELL, Tennessee

ROY HUNT, Kentucky

FRANK MERRIMAN, Michigan

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION

The Committee on the Proceedings of the Twelfth National Convention of the F. F. A. presents the following report and recommendations based on the reactions obtained regarding previous proceedings and on the information at hand:

1. That the publication of the proceedings be continued and that the following additions be made:
  - a. Include a picture of all the National Public Speakers of the year.
  - b. Include a picture of the Twelfth National Convention in session.
2. That copies be sent out as in previous years.
3. That ~~in place of the records of all the American Farmers~~ only the Star American Farmer and the Regional Star Farmers be included in the proceedings.
4. That the reports of all the National Officers be included in the proceedings.
5. That the pictures of all Honorary American Farmers of the year be included if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED DOLLAR, Texas, Chairman  
HENRY AMSLER, Indiana  
CLAYTON YOUNG, New York  
ARLINGTON LINTON, West Virginia  
CHARLES PURRIER, Vermont  
VERL BARNUM, Nevada  
KENNETH COOK, Wyoming  
OWEN NAGEL, South Dakota

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM OF WORK

Your Committee on Program of Work submits the following items and goals for delegate consideration:

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

Strive to increase membership.

*Goal*—240,000 active members by the Thirteenth National Convention.

### 2. MANUALS

Stimulate more interest in the use of the official manual.

*Goal*—100% of officers owning manuals  
50% of members owning manuals  
100% of members having access to manuals.

### 3. SECRETARY AND TREASURER BOOKS

Continue to make available official Chapter Secretary and Chapter Treasurer books and encourage their use.

*Goal*—100% of the chapters using both of these books.

### 4. UNIFORMS

Encourage more extensive use of official uniforms by members.

*Goal*—100% of State officers and 100% of chapter delegates to State Association convention attired in official uniforms.

### 5. PARAPHERNALIA

Encourage use of appropriate standard F. F. A. paraphernalia in connection with all F. F. A. gatherings.

*Goal*—100% participation by chapters and State Associations.

### 6. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

The national organization and each State Association to encourage and assist in a campaign to further familiarize members with F. F. A. merchandise available.

### 7. LIBRARIES

Encourage and assist chapters to build up libraries.

*Goal*—85% of chapters having libraries. Each chapter library to have at least one inspirational book on F. F. A.

### 8. THRIFT

Encourage chapters to cooperate in earning chapter money and to buy and sell supplies and products cooperatively.

*Goal*—75% charter participation.

### 9. CEREMONIES

Create greater interest in the use of the official Opening and Closing Ceremonies by using these ceremonies at regular meetings.

*Goal*—100% chapter participation.

### 10. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Encourage improvement in the conduct of chapter meetings through the use of accepted *parliamentary* procedure.

*Goal*—100% chapter participation.



## 11. PUBLIC SPEAKING

Encourage greater member participation in the Public Speaking contest.

*Goal*—100% of membership taking part in the first elimination event in the class room.

## 12. HOME IMPROVEMENT

Encourage home improvement projects among members.

*Goal*—95% of membership reporting home improvements under way or completed.

## 13. FIRE PREVENTION

Encourage and improve fire prevention and control through education and demonstration.

*Goal*—100% chapter participation.

## 14. CONSERVATION

Encourage continuous conservation programs including work with soils, water, trees, prevention of forest fires, and co-operation with various conservation organizations.

*Goal*—100% chapter and 80% member participation.

## 15. LIVESTOCK LOSS PREVENTION

Continue to cooperate with the Livestock Prevention Board in making surveys and in other ways to work to reduce livestock losses.

## 16. STATE CAMPS AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Encourage establishing and maintaining permanent State camps with leadership training schools held in connection with these camps, and encourage States to hold district leadership training conferences.

*Goal*—100% of States participating.

## 17. STATE MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Encourage the organization and continuance of State bands, and other musical organizations working toward a national F. F. A. band.

*Goal*—60% of States participating.

## 18. STATE PUBLICATIONS

Encourage establishing and maintaining official State F. F. A. publications and their exchange with other State associations.

*Goal*—100% State participation and each State president to receive copies.

## 19. STATE RADIO BROADCASTS

Encourage State Radio broadcasts operating on a systematic basis.

*Goal*—75% State participation.

## 20. STATE PRODUCTS EXHIBIT

States to prepare displays for the Thirteenth National Convention. Score card to be developed by the National Board of Trustees and States rating 90% or better be given some sort of recognition.

*Goal*—100% State participation.

## 21. NATIONAL OFFICER VISITS

Arrange as far as possible to have some national officer visit each association during the year.

*Goal*—100% of the States visited.

## 22. NATIONAL F. F. A. DAY

Date set for Tuesday of National Convention Week, November, 1940. Provision to be made for special national broadcasts. Request local chapters to listen in and also schedule special public programs for that day.

## 23. DEGREE ADVANCEMENT

Encourage early and systematic preparation on the part of all members wishing to advance in degree membership.

## 24. PROCEEDINGS

Publish and distribute to every State Association, chapter and official delegate to the national convention the Proceedings of the 12th convention.

## 25. NATIONAL F. F. A. CAMP

Finish paying for the camp site and prepare a comprehensive plan for developing and maintaining this camp.

## 26. RELATIONSHIP WITH KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS

Continue to maintain contact with and assist other organizations patterned after the F. F. A. both in U. S. A. and in foreign lands.

EDGAR SPIEKERMAN, Oregon, Chairman  
KENNETH JULIAN, Arizona  
DONALD BERNARD, Ohio  
FRANK MERRIMAN, Michigan  
FLOYD ADAMS, Maine  
HASKELL LINDLEY, Texas  
VERN HARRISON, Wyoming.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON F. F. A. DISHES

We, the Committee on F. F. A. dishes, have the following report:

1. That pamphlets giving the prices of the dishes be sent to all State Advisers. The Advisers of their respective States should distribute these pamphlets to all the chapters of their State.

2. That Advisers and delegates strive to encourage the buying of these dishes by the local chapters. In this encouragement the fact that only parts of sets need be purchased should be stressed.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY T. FULLER, Alabama, Chairman  
 HUGHES WILLIAMS, Utah  
 LOUIS GOETTE, Wisconsin  
 PHILIP LANDECK, Connecticut  
 ELMER SNIFF, Colorado  
 JACK E. McABOY, Virginia  
 ROBERT ROUPP, Indiana  
 KONGE KIMURA, Hawaii

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations, after reviewing and studying the qualifications of various members and interviewing various candidates submits the following slate for your consideration:

President.....Ivan H. Kindschi, Prairie du Sac, Wis.

First Vice-President.....Billy Bryan, Forrest City, Ark.  
 (Southern Region)

Second Vice-President.....Ervin Denison, Austin, Minn.  
 (North Central Region)

Third Vice-President.....Elmer Denis, Moundsville, W. Va.  
 (North Atlantic Region)

Fourth Vice-President...Edgar Spiekerman, The Dalles, Ore.  
 (Pacific Region)

Student Secretary.....Kenneth Julian, Mesa, Ariz.

National Adviser .....J. A. Linke  
 Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Wash., D. C.

National Executive Secretary .....W. A. Ross  
 Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Wash., D. C.

National Treasurer .....Henry C. Groseclose  
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia



Respectfully submitted,

LARRY ZEHNER, Ohio, Chairman  
ROBERT ELWELL, Maine  
JOE BILL KNOWLES, Alabama  
LELAND GLAZEBROOK, Illinois  
HENRY HOUSE, California  
HAROLD PRITCHARD, Mississippi  
LAROE DUVALL, Missouri  
PAUL HOLZER, Montana  
ROBERT RANDLE, Kansas  
NORMAN DRUMMOND, New York

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM

We, the Committee on the National Radio Program, recommend:

1. That the monthly programs in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company be continued.
2. That the theme for the year be: Old Farms and Ranches, as adopted by the delegates of the 12th National Convention and that the development of this theme be in harmony with F. F. A. principles.
3. That the traveling expenses be paid by the national organization to the States participating in the broadcasts. The expense money is not to exceed \$50 for each State per broadcast.
4. That the date remain the same as last year—the second Monday of the month.
5. That State Associations and local chapters send comments on the programs to the N. B. C. following each broadcast.
6. That the main features be: music by the U. S. Army Band, the Bulletin Board by the National Executive Secretary, presentations by various States, and the Happy Family skits, if possible.
7. That announcements be sent to local chapter advisers by the State adviser telling of dates, programs, features, and the like.
8. That \$600.00 be set aside in the new national budget to bring participants to N. B. C. key stations and to secure special talent for programs.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH LANGER, Iowa, Chairman  
JAMES BACKEMIN, Louisiana  
CHARLES THOMPSON, Oklahoma  
WM. E. WACHTER, JR., Maryland  
EDWARD SLETTOM, Minnesota  
JACK WILLITS, Washington

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

We, the Installation Ceremony Committee, suggest the following outline of procedure for installing National F. F. A. officers, to be used this year. We further recommend that Treasurer Groseclose, and Adviser Linke be designated to compose a permanent installation ceremony for use by National, State, and local F. F. A. units.

### Order of Procedure for Installation of New Officers:

- I. Call new boy officers to platform.
- II. Signing of the scroll.
- III. Retiring addresses in reverse order of seniority by boy officers.
- IV. Induction of the new boy officers.  
(with right hand raised)  

\*I do solemnly swear that I will uphold the ideals and principles of the Future Farmers of America to the best of my ability in performing my duties as an officer in the organization. So help me God.
- V. Addresses from incoming boy officers in reverse order of seniority.
- VI. Presentation of Pins, Certificates, etc., to retiring officers.
- VII. Greetings from National Treasurer, and National Executive Secretary.
- VIII. Charge from National Adviser.

RALPH PALMER, South Dakota  
 RALPH FULTON, Illinois  
 JERRY SKOOG, Nebraska  
 RALPH BELL, New Mexico  
 GARLAND DEAN, JR., Louisiana  
 THOMAS RHODES, North Carolina

\*The retiring president administers the oath of office to the incoming officers.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPTER REPORTER'S BOOK

The Committee on the Chapter Reporter's Book met and decided to recommend the use of an official Reporter's Book similar to the Secretary's and Treasurer's books now in use.

On the back and also on the flyleaf would appear the name of the school, the chapter, and the period of time covered. The words "Offi-

cial Chapter Reporter's Book" would be on the front cover. The book should include the duties of a reporter along with information and instructions as to the use of the book.

Space should be provided for records of articles used in newspapers and magazines, as well as additional space for filing clippings. Authority is given to the members of the National Board of Trustees empowering them to make any changes they see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY LEIMKUEHLER, Missouri, Chairman  
DUNWOOD CARMAN, New York  
ERVIN L. DENISEN, Minnesota  
WM. ROBINSON, Connecticut  
JOHN BALZARINI, Massachusetts  
JOHN CONLEY, West Virginia  
HAROLD GUM, West Virginia  
ROBERT D. BOYCE, North Carolina  
TAYLOR DODSON, North Carolina

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee of Resolutions for 1939, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following organizations, groups, and individuals contributing to the success of the organization and especially the Twelfth National Convention:

1. To the 1939 officers of the F. F. A. and the Twelfth Convention Committee for their unselfish and untiring efforts in making this year and this convention a success.
2. To the members of the National Advisory Council and the Kansas City Advisory Committee for their efforts in making this year the most outstanding since the beginning of the organization.
3. To the business men, city officials, the management of the American Royal Livestock show, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City for their efforts in making this most enjoyable trip to Kansas City possible, and for the various prizes and awards given.
4. To all past national officers giving of their time and services in connection with the Twelfth National Convention.
5. To the Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce for the courtesies provided and especially the vocational banquet.
6. To the National Broadcasting Company for making possible the continuance of the regular National F. F. A. broadcasts as a part of the National Farm and Home Hour, and to W. E. Drips and Everett Mitchell for the special time and assistance



given on F. F. A. broadcasts during the Twelfth National Convention.

7. To the Agricultural Education Magazine, The Agricultural Leaders' Digest, American Farm Youth, and other magazines maintaining sections devoted to F. F. A. activities.
8. To Swift & Company for the continued donation of pictures of Washington and Jefferson and for their special educational exhibit.
9. To the John Deere Company for the continued donation of miniature plows.
10. To the railroads encouraging F. F. A. efforts and offering valuable educational awards.
11. To the States visited by our National Officers for their assistance in making possible these trips.
12. To Mr. W. A. Cochel and the Weekly Kansas Star for the increased liberal support in providing appropriate prizes to "Star Farmers."
13. To the Pennsylvania and Texas State F. F. A. Bands; The Texas String Band; the Solomon, Kansas, Orchestra as well as all other groups and individuals who contributed to our entertainment during the convention.
14. To the various F. F. A. State Associations for their interesting and attractive exhibits placed in the Little Theatre.
15. To various F. F. A. Associations for supplying individual talent of various kinds and for donating articles of food contributing to the success of the banquet.
16. To the judges of the National Public Speaking Contest.
17. To the judges of the National Chapter Contest.
18. To the judges on Star Farmer Awards.
19. To the judges on State Association Awards.
20. To other donors of prizes not previously mentioned.
21. To other publications not previously mentioned.
22. To all other individuals serving the F. F. A. and assisting with the Twelfth National Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE HUNT, Tennessee, Chairman  
ELI REED, JR., Florida  
CHARLES PAINTER, Colorado  
CHARLIE WILLIAMS, Georgia  
CALVIN H. CRANDELL, Idaho  
REASY REA, New Mexico  
LAROY DUVALL, Missouri  
KENNETH PELZ, Illinois

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE ASSOCIATION AWARDS**

Your Committee on State Association Awards has carefully examined the annual report form and the score sheet used for 1938-39 and has found them to be satisfactory for 1939-40.

The 1939-40 awards are to be based upon the same principles as the new Chapter Contest Awards which are to be designated by the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD NYGARD, North Dakota,  
(Acting Chairman)

ELMER DENIS, West Virginia

RAYMOND DOMEY, Vermont

TOM CUTHBERT, California

WILLIAM MOTES, Arkansas

EARL HAYNESWORTH, Florida

NELSON LOWE, Mississippi

SISUKE AKAMINE, Hawaii

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR OFFICIAL UNIFORMS**

Your Committee on Uniforms recommends having a standard identification on the official Future Farmer jacket by placing the name of the State above the emblem and name of the chapter below the emblem.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN TANGEMAN, Kansas, Chairman

TAD NEILSON, Idaho

WARREN LAZENBY, Alabama

ROBERT LUNDY, Oregon

ROBERT LEE CANNON, Arkansas

CLAUDE POWELL, South Carolina



#### 1938-39 BOY OFFICERS OF THE F. F. A.

Top row (left to right) : ALBERT COATES, ELMER JOHNSON, HARVEY SCHWEITZER.  
 Bottom row (left to right) : STEVENSON CHING, ROBERT ELWELL, BRADLEY TWITTY.

## Boy Officer Reports

### Report of the National President

This brief annual report will enable you to see at a glance the summarized major activities of your national president during the past year. However, this report cannot reveal in detail the many interesting and educational experiences I have enjoyed while serving as national president of the organization. It has been a year of unusual opportunity. The contacts and friendships that I have made will constantly remind me of this great year's experience to be forever cherished.

I.—Summary of Inter-state travel (28,570 miles).

1938—October 14-23—Orono, Maine to Kansas City, Mo., and return.

1939—January 6-13—Orono, Maine to Washington, D. C., and return.

February 17-27—Orono, Maine to Washington, D. C., and return.

April 8-May 7—Orono, Maine to El Paso, Texas ; to Las Cruces,

New Mexico; to Tucson, Arizona; to Reno, Nevada; to San Francisco, Calif.; to Salem, Oregon; to Pullman, Washington; to Bozeman, Montana; to Logan, Utah; to Chicago, Ill.; to Brattleboro, Vermont, and back to Orono, Maine.

May 12-24—Orono, Maine to Washington, D. C. and return.

July 24-August 9—Gorham, Maine via Washington, D. C., to Cleveland, Ohio; to Washington, D. C.; to New York World's Fair, and back to Gorham, Maine.

August 10-September 1—Gorham, Maine to Shelby, Michigan; to Smithville, Ohio; to Syracuse, New York and to Gorham, Maine.

September 4-October 24—Gorham, Maine to Washington, D. C. via Chicago, Ill.; to Kansas City, Missouri returning to Orono, Maine.

## II.—States Visited:

State conventions were attended in the following states: New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, New York, Montana, Utah, Vermont, and Maine.

States in which visits were made other than at conventions: Texas, California, New Hampshire, Oregon, Ohio, and Michigan.

III.—States passed through during year..... 35  
(also Canada and Mexico)

## IV.—Special events attended:

Golden Gate International Exposition.

World's Poultry Congress.

New York World's Fair.

V.—Days spent traveling and in interest of F. F. A. .... 204

VI.—Days spent in College ..... 99

VII.—Talks delivered before F. F. A. State conventions, banquets, Kiwanis Clubs, Grange, Rotary and other similar groups ..... 87

VIII.—Total radio broadcasts made ..... 18  
(7 NBC network; 11 local and State)

IX.—Estimated total amount disbursed from national F.F.A. treasury for president's travel ..... \$790.92  
(This figure does not include expense defrayed by the several State Associations.)

X.—Total time spent in national F. F. A. office at Washington, D. C. .... 9 weeks



## XI.—Correspondence:

Letters sent .....	469
Telegrams sent .....	9
Telegrams received .....	11

XII.—Articles prepared for magazines and newspapers pertaining to the F. F. A., an estimated total of 11,500 words.

XIII.—Estimated number of "Future Farmers" before whom I have appeared ..... 10,000

XIV.—State Colleges and Universities visited ..... 12  
State Capital cities passed through enroute ..... 15

XV.—Travel within the State in the interests of  
F. F. A. .... 3,295 miles

1938—October 28-30—Orono, Maine to Gorham, Me., return.

November 24-27—Orono to Windham to Gorham, return.

December 6—Orono to Augusta and return.

December 11—Orono to Bangor and return.

December 16-28—Orono to Gorham.

December 30—Gorham to Portland and return.

1939—January 2—Gorham to Windham to New Gloucester to Orono.

January 19—Orono to Bangor and return.

January 28—Orono to Bangor and return.

February 2-6—Orono to Gorham to Gray to Limington and return.

February 7—Orono to Buckfield and return.

March 11—Orono to White Rock and return.

March 17—Orono to East Corinth and return.

March 30—Gorham to Orono and return.

May 13—Orono to Wilton.

June 1—Orono to Gorham.

June 10—Gorham to Scarboro and return.

June 26-30—Gorham to Orono and return.

July 14—Gorham to Westbrook and return.

July 19—Gorham to Bridgton and return.

July 21—Gorham to New Gloucester and return.

XVI.—Total miles traveled during the year ..... 31,865

Any suggestions or recommendations you may have to offer as to how the national president and his fellow officers may better serve the organization will be appreciated and received with interest at any time by the members of the National Board of Trustees.

May I now express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all

members of the Future Farmers of America for this great privilege of serving as your national president during the 1938-39 year.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. ELWELL,  
National President.

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## REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Hello, Future Farmers from Washington to Puerto Rico, and from Maine to Hawaii! Allow me to thank those who have bestowed their confidence in me by making it possible for me to serve as your first vice-president.

Being elected vice-president was indeed a pleasant surprise to me. I never dreamed of being a national officer, nor of ever making another trip to the mainland after my return from that splendid first trip to Kansas City as a delegate from Hawaii during the Tenth Annual Convention. It was one of the most enjoyable weeks of my life, mixing with the "cream of America's farm youth," visiting the livestock shows, and attending meetings here.

This is my third trip to the mainland and I must admit that I am getting to be quite a traveler. The countless things I have seen and admired, the people I have met, including you boys, have, without doubt, made me a better farmer . . . modest I hope, but ambitious. There is nothing which tends so much to broaden one's views as travel. Travel has given me experiences which are denied many people. These people read only a page out of this great world of ours which indeed is a very huge book.

At this time I shall take you delegates on a vivid and interesting trip, I hope—a picture of my service as an officer. Of course, it is impossible for me to relate all of the experiences of my trip in this report so I shall just touch the high spots.

On the 28th of April, I left Honolulu on a bright noon day to attend a meeting of the national officers in Washington, D. C.—5,000 miles from my home. As the ship sailed away, the strains of "Aloha Oe" seemed to hold me speechless as I gazed at the fast fading, beautiful island of Oahu. Finally, the "Paradise of the Pacific" had disappeared over the horizon. Sailing was pleasant. The sea was kind and generous to me, a reputedly poor sailor. During my five days on board ship I was very much occupied with deck games. Movies also helped to make each day pass away quickly.

The morning of May 3 found me in Los Angeles. Whom do you suppose was there to meet me? None other than Mr. Ross and with him Mr. Denbigh, regional supervisor in California. I being a "malahini" (newcomer) was happy to see them. As I have said, I was bound for Washington, D. C., and judging from my train ticket it was to be a long trip for me, for the ticket must have been nearly a yard long.

Before leaving for the East it was possible for me to attend the California State F. F. A. convention held in San Luis Obispo. These boys under the leadership of President McCoy carried on a very fine meeting. Being given the privilege of speaking to them, I spoke of "Hawaii and the F. F. A." I also visited the Polytechnical School.

Before we knew it three days had gone by, and so we moved on to Berkeley, California. This was to attend the Pacific Regional Conference held at the Claramont Hotel. It was both interesting and instructive throughout its duration. As one of the speakers, I gave a brief account of F. F. A. activities in Hawaii. I also presided over the annual Regional F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest. Ten contestants participated. Thus ended a very enjoyable week in Berkeley. Leaving behind the World's Fair and all the fine gentlemen I had met wasn't an easy matter.

Once again, we were on our way, a three thousand mile ride through Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska and Iowa that had to be done rather hastily. Each dawn found me enjoying "breakfast on wheels." I admired the different States, the plains, snow-capped mountains, barren flats and oh, so many things that were interesting and educational to me in varying degrees! As the train rolled on, the scenery changed until we were riding the green, rolling prairies of Illinois. Then came Chicago, the second largest city in this country. There I observed the network of tracks, symbolic of an industrial city, leading to every part of the country and people hurrying about.

Through Mr. Ross, a visit to Swift & Company was arranged. Mr. Chase of that Company was very courteous. In going through this huge packing plant in which some 40,000 people are employed, I acquired a very fair idea of what a packing plant is like. From the stock yards to the finished products, all was interesting and educational to me.

An overnight ride and there we were being greeted by Mrs. Ross and her daughter. A nice warm breakfast and I was ready for anything now that I was in Washington, D. C. That was May 14 and all officers were there on time. Having not the slightest idea what the officers were like, I was very happy to meet such a congenial group of boys. It didn't take us long to get acquainted with each other.

Well, we had plenty to do and wasted no time. Plunging into it earnestly we reviewed some 190 American Farmers' applications. This was tedious work, but we enjoyed it especially with vice-president Bradley there. Plans for this 12th Convention were also perfected at that time. We spent some time scouting for a national F. F. A. camp site. A meeting with the Regional Advisers was very instructive to keep the wheels of progress turning in this great organization of ours. This burden did not break us down, "for it's not the load that breaks us down it's the way we carry it." We kept in mind, "The leading

rule for men is diligence, leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today," and we pass this on to all "Future Farmers."

I have as one of my memory gems a very nice evening we spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross. We were also guests of "Dad" Linke. I am proud to say that "Dad" Linke visited my farm while he was in Hawaii.

In spite of all the activities I also managed to get around and see the things that I had wanted to. A few of the historical spots of interest to me were Washington's Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, Mount Vernon, the Capitol and all of the departments of state as well as the White House. The home of Washington fascinated me very much. Everything there proved that Washington was a real farmer himself besides being able to serve his countrymen and posterity.

Before leaving for home I visited the New York World's Fair. With the thousands of people that gather there every day it was quite impossible for me to really enjoy the Fair in a day's time and so I'll move on. With that old feeling of "homesickness" creeping up on me slowly but steadily, I was happy to leave for home.

My journey home from New York was an adventurous one, for I traveled all alone, but liked it very much. I was very careful at train stations asking such questions as, "which car, what track?" and "when do I leave?" fearing that I might be left behind as I was due in San Francisco on the 2nd of June. This I'm sure is the sting of travel.

Rolling into Kansas City I stopped to spend a three-day visit at the home of Vice-President Coates and family. Here I was at home—away from all the nervous people, congested traffic and pedestrians of the cities. Here once more in the open air on "Clearview Farm," just 10 miles from this city, I'll always remember these three pleasant days. I also met Mr. Garver, Adviser of Shawnee Mission Chapter. Through the courtesy of Mr. Garver, Albert and I managed to broadcast while there. My talk was again devoted to Hawaii and F. F. A. activities and of my trip to the East. This made four broadcasts for me—San Luis Obispo, San Francisco, Washington and Kansas City.

It wasn't long before these three days of visiting and the lovely time spent on Albert's farm had ended. It was tough for me to bid farewell to Albert and his parents—dear people to me.

My journey by rail terminated at San Francisco and so my talk of that trip ends here. I included in my inventory of service, contact with State presidents of the Pacific Region informing them of F. F. A. activities whenever the need arose.

In this great week of adventure and endeavor here, let us resolve to better our organization, just as the great patriots, pilgrims and pioneers have built America. We have plenty to do, so let us not



shirk. It is well to remember "The world is moved not only by the shoves of the mighty heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each little honest worker."

So fellow "Future Farmers" let us have faith in ourselves, faith in our organization and make this week the happiest week in our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVENSON CHING,  
First Vice-President.

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### REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

As National Vice-President I have been able to attend many "Future Farmer" meetings throughout the South. These have been chapter, district, and State meetings in various parts of the region.

I have attended 57 chapter meetings including regular chapter sessions, chapter socials, and joint "Future Farmer" and "Future Homemaker" socials.

I have also attended 23 district meetings. These each included several chapters; they were in the form of socials with a business session, and some were joint socials with separate business sessions for the "Future Farmers" and the "Future Homemakers."

I have attended State F. F. A. conventions in the following States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Virginia, Texas, South Carolina and Mississippi. I was unable to attend the conventions in Oklahoma and North Carolina because of conflicting dates, but was able to visit in Oklahoma. The conventions I attended were most interesting and I shall never forget the kindness extended to me by all.

I have directed many chapter and district radio programs in my Region. I have also started several F. F. A. radio programs and have appeared on thirty-three radio broadcasts, five of which were state-wide and one a nation-wide hookup.

I have kept in close contact with the presidents in the State associations of my region through correspondence and personal contacts. I have written articles for publication in many of the State F. F. A. publications; also for local, state and regional agricultural publications.

I have visited many American Farmer Degree applicants and found their farming programs to be challenging. The visits were interesting and enjoyable and I appreciated the kindness extended to me by the boys and their parents.

In December, I represented the National Organization at the National Convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in New

Orleans. I appeared on the main program, and participated in several discussion groups.

I attended the National F. F. A. Officer Training Conference held in Washington, D. C., in February. This was a very interesting and inspirational conference which meant a great deal to me in my year's work.

I represented the national organization at the National Conference on Problems of Farm Youth. This conference was attended by youth and adult delegates from all of the national farm organizations and certain governmental agencies. Mrs. Roosevelt attended the conference and lead a panel discussion.

I attended the National Board of Trustees meeting in Washington. This meeting was held in May and was attended by all national officers. The national officers examined the American Farmer Degree applications at this meeting and made plans for the 12th National Convention.

I have written over 300 letters and sent twelve telegrams during my year's work and have spoken to many high school, college, and professional groups about the Future Farmers of America organization. At all times I have attempted to uphold the high standards and precedents which have been set and maintained by former national officers through the preceding years.

My year's work has been the most interesting year of my life. I have worked hard in behalf of the organization, and my efforts have been rewarded abundantly. In spite of the fact that my year's work as a national officer is over, I shall ever remain a "Future Farmer."

Respectfully submitted,

BRADLEY TWITTY,  
Second Vice-President.

## REPORT OF THE THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

With the brief report of my activities as your National Vice-President for the North Central Region, a most cherished and eventful year of my life is swiftly drawing to a close. I deem it a privilege and an honor to have been in a position to be of service to the greatest farm boy's organization in America, and my sincere hope is that my service may in a meager way help to compensate for the untold benefits I, personally, have received.

### I.—Correspondence:

A. Letters sent .....	176
B. Telegrams sent .....	6
C. Telegrams received .....	4

II.—Talks delivered before conventions, chapter meetings, service clubs, etc.....	22
III.—Radio talks .....	5
IV.—States visited .....	5
(Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota)	
V.—States passed through .....	13
VI.—Articles for F. F. A. publications (words).....	5500
VII.—Days spent traveling in interest of F. F. A.....	53
VIII.—Miles traveled .....	8119
IX.—Travel:	

February 18-27, 1939—Kansas City, Kansas to Washington,  
D. C. and return.

April 11-29, 1939—Kansas City, Kansas to West LaFayette,  
Indiana to Des Moines, Iowa to Brookings, South Dakota  
to Lincoln, Nebraska and return.

May 1-3, 1939—Kansas City, Kansas to Manhattan, Kansas  
and return.

May 13-24, 1939—Kansas City, Kansas to Washington, D. C.  
and return.

August 13-14, 1939—Kansas City, Kansas to Ames, Iowa and  
return.

October 14-20, 1939—Manhattan, Kansas to Kansas City,  
Missouri and return.

#### X.—Expenses:

A. Actual amount disbursed from national treasury  
to October 1, 1939 .....\$272.79

B. Estimated amount for Oct. 14-20, 1939..... 35.00

Total.....\$307.79

Yes, this is the close of my year of office in the Future Farmers of America, but it certainly is not the close of my interest in the organization to which I am so deeply indebted.

Fellow Future Farmers, I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation for having had this chance to serve as your National Vice-President for the North Central Region and to thank each and every one of you for the cooperation from the states that we, as national officers, have received.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COATES, JR.,  
Third Vice-President.

## REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

In looking back over my activities as a national officer of the F. F. A., innumerable, unforgettable instances crowd my mind. I face the utter impossibility of adequately expressing my deepest appreciation for the opportunity of serving as a national officer of the finest farm youth organization of its kind in the world.

Attached hereto is a brief summary of my activities as your North Atlantic Vice-President. In considering this report there are three points which it might be well not to emphasize too greatly: first, I am from the smallest F. F. A. State association, New Hampshire; second, I am officially designated as "Fourth Vice-President"; and third, the North Atlantic Region is smaller in size and has fewer F. F. A. members than any of the other three Regions, but I trust it is not inferior in other respects. Undoubtedly these points are of a minor nature.

The time has come all too swiftly when we must lay down our duties as national officers. Inevitably it seems regrettable that one must pass into the category of "former national officer"; however, that is the true spirit of the F. F. A.

When I review the many fine and memorable activities in which I have had the opportunity to participate, I can only hope that my year as a national officer and member of the National Board of Trustees may have been in some measure as beneficial to the Future Farmers of America as it has been to me, personally.

It would indeed take a keen imagination to realize my astonishment when on October 20th, at the Eleventh National Convention, I was selected as a national officer. This report will give you only a brief summary of my official activities.

Naturally one of my first and most frequent duties was that of speaking before a number of local, county and State gatherings, both F. F. A. and otherwise, about the purposes, programs, and accomplishments of our organization.

On November 19th I attended the Vermont fall F. F. A. rally. It was a real inspiration to see their program.

On December 10 I went to a district rally held in Alstead, N. H. Representatives of two chapters in southeastern Vermont and three chapters in southwestern New Hampshire were present and a number of Green Hands from each chapter were raised to the Degree of Future Farmer.

January passed rather uneventfully but with the usual voluminous correspondence.

February 20 to 26 the national officers met in Washington, D. C. for the Leadership Training Conference.



March passed all too swiftly and with plenty of minor activities.

On April 4 to 6 I attended the North Atlantic Regional Conference held in Boston, Mass.

April 24 to 26 former National President, Bill Shaffer; Southern Vice-President, Bradley Twitty; and I, represented the F. F. A. at the first National Conference on the Problems of Farm Youth, held in Washington, D. C., and sponsored by the following six major national farm organizations: The National Grange, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the American Vocational Association, the National Farmers' Union, and the American Association of Land Grant Colleges. Leaders in each of these organizations were present; outstanding men from various government agencies spoke; and Mrs. Roosevelt gave an inspiring address. I sincerely hope that the F. F. A. will participate in this type of movement in the future for I hope that this may mark the beginning of an era when the several farm organizations will work together in closer cooperation.

On May 5, I went to the Vermont convention and public speaking contest.

May 15 to 22, the national officers met again in Washington, D. C., this time for the annual business meeting. There were naturally many items of business to be taken up dealing with the welfare of the organization. One of the most difficult tasks was the reviewing of nearly two hundred American Farmer applications. With respect to this duty, I can only say that I believe that to the best of our knowledge and ability we reviewed these fairly and rendered our decision, keeping ever in mind the high standards and qualifications that have gone with this Fourth Degree award in the past.

June 12 to 14, I attended the Pennsylvania public speaking and judging contests at State College. My observations led to a more than favorable impression of the Association in Pennsylvania and especially of their F. F. A. Band.

June 26 to 28, I was at the Maine convention in Orono and there I was fascinated by the truly dynamic association which they have.

One July 17 and 18, I attended the Massachusetts agriculture teachers' summer conference, and, accompanied by the State F. F. A. president, I visited three of the county vocational agriculture schools. It was an education in itself to see the opportunities these schools offer the vocational agricultural students.

July 25 and 26, I went to Storrs, Connecticut to the annual convention in that State. They have a comparatively small Association there with real opportunities for development. They tendered me a very cordial welcome.

On August 7, I participated in the F. F. A. Day program at the New York World's Fair. In addition to the F. F. A. activities, I was

called upon to speak in the Goodrich Arena concerning our organization and its purposes.

On August 8, I left the World's Fair and went to Bordentown, New Jersey where the national convention of the New Farmers of America was being held. It was an inspiration to see what the N. F. A. has done and is doing for these colored boys.

August 15, 16 and 17, I was called upon to represent the F. F. A. at the World Congress on Education for Democracy at Columbia University. This was the greatest congress of its kind ever held and it included many noted representatives of Great Britain, France, Poland, and the Scandinavian countries, as well as many of the outstanding men in this country. I spoke in the youth section about the fundamentals of the F. F. A. and this was broadcast by short wave to all parts of the world.

August 18 to 20, from New York I went to the West Virginia leadership conference. I was impressed with their order of business and especially by their sunset devotional services. I was entertained royally during my stay there.

On August 29, I visited the New York State Fair at Syracuse and examined their splendid F. F. A. exhibits but had to leave for State College, Pennsylvania before the convention began.

August 30 to September 2, at State College I attended the national conference of the American Country Life Association and led a discussion group on vocational education.

September 20 and 21, I was at the Regional judging and public speaking contests at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts. I wish to commend all participants and those in charge for the excellent arrangements provided.

October 9, I left for Kansas City, Missouri and the Twelfth National Convention. It will have to be left up to your judgment as to what extent I have participated in this convention or to what extent I have influenced its success.

Here in Kansas City again after the elapse of just twelve months since being elected to a national office, my official activities can be summarized as follows:

1. My interstate travel has totaled approximately 16,000 miles.
2. The time spent on F. F. A. travel has amounted to approximately 80 days.
3. I have visited eight states including Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, besides the N. F. A. convention in New Jersey and not including three visits to Washington, D. C. I might say that your Student Secretary, Harvey Schweitzer, was the official representative at the Ohio State

convention; and it is with deepest regrets that I was unable to visit the other three states in this region.

4. I have passed through 18 States en route during the year.
5. I have sent approximately 130 letters and 20 telegrams and have received 10 telegrams.
6. I have delivered 35 speeches and have broadcast five times, not including those given in Kansas City.
7. The total amount disbursed from the national treasury for my travel is approximately \$400.00 including an estimated \$80.00 for expenses to Kansas City and return.

In conclusion, need I emphasize further that this has been the greatest year of my life; one which I never anticipated and can never forget? For all the fine opportunities and memorable experiences which it has been my privilege to enjoy this year, I can only thank, in grateful appreciation, the Future Farmers of America.

I bid you all a most affectionate farewell.

ELMER L. JOHNSON,  
Fourth Vice-President.

## REPORT OF THE STUDENT SECRETARY

The past year, the close of which is marked by this national convention, has been one of great experience and pleasure for me. Since being elected as Student Secretary here last fall, I have tried to carry out the duties of my office to the best of my ability. My work has been largely that of representing the national organization at various State F. F. A. conventions and special meetings besides carrying out the regular work of Student Secretary at our national Board of Trustees' meetings. I have appeared on the programs of F. F. A. conventions in five states. Together with the other national officers I attended the training school in February and the Board of Trustees' meeting in May both of which were held in Washington, D. C. During the World's Poultry Congress held in Cleveland, Ohio, this summer, I was privileged to help represent the national organization with President Elwell at the F. F. A. booth. Other activities have been in the form of appearing before various F. F. A. chapters, farm conventions, Farm Bureau meetings, and rural youth groups.

Below is a more detailed report of my year's activities:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Miles Involved</i>	<i>Days Away</i>
1-30	I. A. A. Convention, Chicago, Ill. ....	140	2
2-18	Training School, Washington, D. C. ....	1685	8
4-15	I. V. A. Convention, Moline, Ill. ....	212	1
4-27	Mo. F. F. A. Convention, Columbia .....	870	3

5-4	Mich. F. F. A. Convention, Lansing .....	566	2
5-13	F. F. A. Board Meeting, Wash., D. C. ....	1685	10
6-3	Ohio F. F. A. Convention, Columbus .....	768	2
6-8	Ill. F. F. A. Convention, Urbana .....	320	2
7-25	Poultry Congress, Cleveland, Ohio .....	800	15
8-12	Ill. State Fair, Springfield .....	360	1
9-22	Ill. Leadership Training School, Springfield .....	360	1.5
10-6	Wis. F. F. A. Convention, Madison .....	200	1.5
10-11	Nat'l. F. F. A. Board Meeting and Con- vention, Kansas City, Mo. ....	1,000	10
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Various Local Meetings (F. F. A. Chapters, Farm Bureau, Y. M. C. A., High School Assemblies, etc.) 200 miles traveled and 5 days away from home.

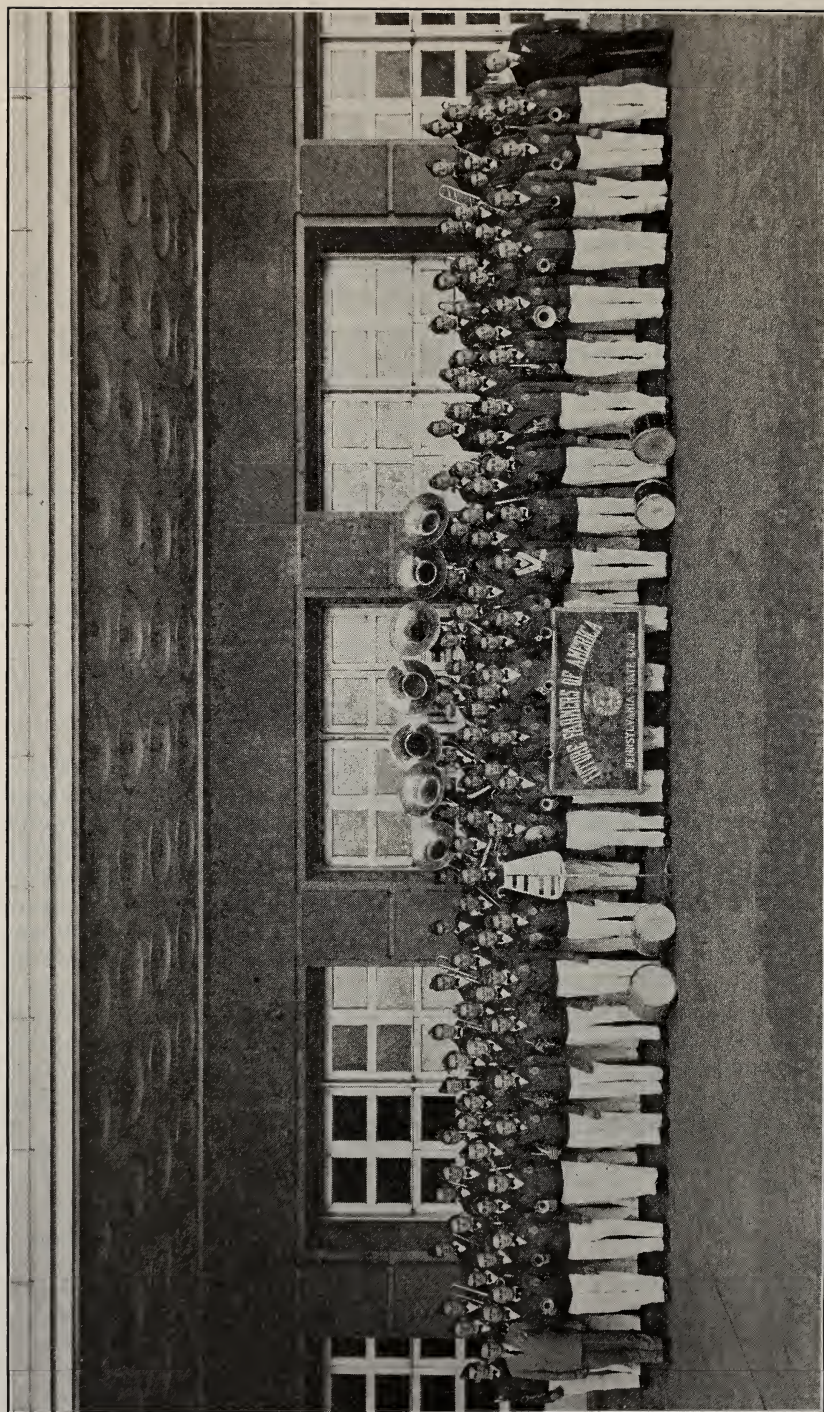
Number of talks given .....	18
Number of radio broadcasts .....	3
Number of telegrams received .....	6
Number of telegrams sent .....	8
Number of letters received .....	106
Number of letters sent .....	86
Number of States traveled through .....	15

I wish to thank you delegates for the cooperation and friendliness you have shown wherever and whenever I have met you at your conventions and meetings. It has been a real pleasure working with you State officers as well as with your State advisers at your conventions. This year has been the climax in my F. F. A. work as far as making new friendships and gaining new experiences are concerned. I know that no finer group of men and boys can be found than the leaders and members of the F. F. A. with whom I have associated this past year. It will be with a feeling of regret that I leave my duties of Student Secretary behind. I realize, however, that this year's work has been a great step ahead for me, and I wish to acknowledge all the assistance I have been given to make this year mean to me what it has. You may be sure that I shall always be interested in F. F. A. development and shall eagerly watch its progress in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY SCHWEITZER,  
Student Secretary.





THE PENNSYLVANIA BAND—OFFICIAL F. F. A. BAND OF THE 1939  
NATIONAL CONVENTION. HENRY S. BRUNER, DIRECTOR.

# Annual Report of the Executive Secretary

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I take pleasure in submitting the following annual report:

The organization has experienced another year of steady growth both in active membership and the number of local chartered chapters. With a goal set at 200,000 members we can report to you today that the membership figure stands at 207,000 in 6300 local chapters as compared to 171,000 in 5600 chapters at this same time last year.

## FUTURE FARMERS IN FOREIGN LANDS

Little contact has been maintained with these kindred organizations this year, due largely to the uncertainty in the European situation. To the best of our knowledge, however, "Future Farmers" organizations, patterned very closely after the F. F. A., are still in operation in Greece, Bulgaria, Albania and the Isle of Cyprus. No new organizations of the F. F. A. type have been reported.

## EXHIBIT AT WORLD'S POULTRY CONGRESS

F. F. A. participation in the World's Poultry Congress was rather extensive and of high quality. You members have every reason to be proud. Thousands of people attended; the judging contests were splendid and the F. F. A. exhibit drew its share of attention. Every dollar put into these plans and the participation, which extended over a two-year period, was money well spent.

Don't fail to see the F. F. A. World Poultry Congress exhibit which is now on display here in the Little Theatre. It was built by the Office of Exhibits of the U. S. Department of the Interior to our specifications and plans. The cost was approximately \$1,400.00 and all but \$600 was paid from the National F. F. A. treasury.

You will recall that the National Board of Trustees was given authority to proceed with this exhibit acting on their own judgment, because last year at this time no one could give us the details on the Youth Exhibit of the Poultry Congress. We hope that the members are pleased with the way the matter was handled.

## NATIONAL CAMP

One of the most important accomplishments this year is the acquiring of the F. F. A. national camp site. Your organization now owns 22 acres of land within  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles of Mt. Vernon, land once owned by George Washington. Full details are forthcoming at the time special reports are presented. We now have a "stake" in real estate.



## CHAPTER CONTEST

We are still not getting the participation in this event we should have. Although 700 chapters entered out of the 6300, only 29 states sent in the necessary final reports and are in actual final competition.

Your Executive Secretary feels that a revision is necessary in the system of making awards in the chapter contest. For example, instead of trying to select the 1st, 2d and 3d place chapters in the United States, why not set a certain standard on the score card and say that all chapters that met that standard would be recognized as "Superior" chapters and receive suitable recognition? Instead of large money prizes, why not more plaques and certificates as evidence of reaching or maintaining a standard of excellence?

Perhaps there should be several classifications or levels of achievement in this contest so that if a chapter could not reach the highest classification, it might reach one a little lower. This would also give greater opportunity for advancement and growth.

## STATE ASSOCIATION AWARD

What has been said of the chapter contest may well apply also to the State Association Awards. Instead of attempting to make so much distinction between "top" associations, why not levels of achievement with classifications and standards for recognition? The score card this year was changed to the basis of 1000 points instead of 100 points.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

This contest runs along about as even, year after year, as any event we have. This score card was also changed to 1000 points this year which makes the scoring much easier and more satisfactory from the standpoint of both judges and contestants.

For the most part, the rules seem to be satisfactory. We have a few instances where people who do not believe in a prepared-speech contest and object to a contestant learning his speech. It must always be remembered, however, that the National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest is not an extemporaneous event.

## AMERICAN FARMER APPLICATIONS

One of the best changes made this year was in connection with the American Farmer Degree—having the applications submitted by May 1st. This move has made it possible to get the American Farmer work out of the way before coming here to convention. In my opinion this provision should be made permanent. I must strike a note of caution here, however—that of maintaining American Farmer standards at all times and in face of any criticism from anywhere. This award is too important to be subject to downward revisions in qualifications. To have this Degree continue to mean what it should, the trend must always be **up**.

## INCREASED STAR FARMER AWARDS

The Weekly Kansas City Star, through Mr. W. A. Cochel, increased this year the Regional Star Farmer Awards from \$100 each to \$150 each.

## OFFICIAL MERCHANDISING COMPANIES

No new companies were added to this list although several asked to be named. This matter will be brought to your attention later in the week.

All new items of merchandise requested by last year's delegates have been made available.

The U. S. Recording Company, starting October 1st of this year, will allow the national organization 5% royalty on the sales of our electric transcriptions.

## PRINTED ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FORMS

I hope you all appreciate the fact that communications, announcements and information of all kinds from the national office have been printed rather than mimeographed this year.

The effect has been quite noticeable. More attention has been paid to announcements and instructions of all kinds. Certainly we should continue this policy and increase the number of copies available in many instances so that every chapter member may know more about his organization.

## PROTECTING THE EMBLEM

While this matter has been talked at every convention and a consistent attempt has been made to see that the emblem is properly used, there is at this time considerable abuse of the F. F. A. emblem. Such abuse ranges all the way from over-enthusiastic members and advisers removing parts therefrom, such as the owl or the plow or the letters "F. F. A.", and substituting something else, on up to commercial concerns actually manufacturing and selling merchandise of various kinds with the F. F. A. emblem thereon *without having the consent of the national organization.*

Regardless of the progress made in protecting the emblem by trade mark and the name by design patent, I am again repeating this fundamental principle—*The most efficient protection for the emblem is in the individual member who wears it and the chapter and the State Association to which he belongs.* No company is going to manufacture that which they cannot sell. If F. F. A. members buy only from official concerns this thing can be stopped without legal protection or legal action. If, however, members continue to have manufactured everything they desire at any time without consulting us nationally, there will be trouble and confusion confounded.



The organization thus loses both control of their own emblem and the financial assistance in the form of royalties to which they are entitled.

Further information on trademarking the emblem will be presented in a special report.

## REVISION OF MANUAL

Work has proceeded on this undertaking but due to the fact that it was almost a certainty that changes would be made in the constitution at this convention, no attempt was made to rush the job. A new manual is forthcoming following this convention. It will include any changes in the constitution this body sees fit to make.

## PROCEEDINGS OF 11TH CONVENTION

Every year our Proceedings get larger and become more costly. With 166 American Farmers it appears that it will be impossible to include the briefs in the printed Proceedings as we have in the past. 7,000 copies were printed and distributed this year. No doubt 8,000 will be needed next year. There is keen interest in the Proceedings and copies should be available to prospective teachers of vocational agriculture in training as well as to members and advisers on the job.

## PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES

In accordance with the action taken by the delegates last year, a supply of participation certificates was ordered printed. We have here ready for presentation, certificates for chapters participating in the 1939 Chapter Contest; winners of recognition in the State Association Awards; American Farmers; Star Farmers; and the national officers.

Considerable progress has also been made in going back to the beginning of national competition in various events and awarding these certificates to those entitled to them. Such work will continue from the national office for perhaps two years to come or until all back national winners have suitable certificates in hand.

## SCRAP BOOKS

In accordance with the action taken by the convention last year, and through the cooperation of the French-Bray Printing Company, our official printers, an official chapter scrap book was provided and placed on the market several months ago. From the apparent use being made of these books it seems that they are fulfilling a long-felt need. Both the price and the quality of the merchandise seem to be satisfactory.

## SPECIAL PUBLICATION ABOUT THE F. F. A.

In accordance with the suggestion made at the 11th National Convention, a special publication was prepared at the time of the

World's Poultry Congress. It was 12 pages in length and 20,000 copies were printed and distributed. Since that time the demand has been heavy and this convention should decide whether from here on this little pamphlet is to be distributed free or made available at a small charge.

## PURPOSES

7,000 Purposes in a size and design to match the Creed were printed and made available to chapters this year. This group of delegates should also indicate whether these are to be kept in stock and distributed free as are the Creeds. Our present supply of both Creeds, and Purposes is exhausted.

## CHAPTER LIBRARIES

Every organization must build its own literature. Slowly publications of various kinds are emerging and finding a place on chapter library shelves. This year a list of suggested suitable books was completed in the national office and will be available for distribution soon.

## RADIO GUIDE

In view of the very excellent radio material available at no charge or at small charge, your Executive Secretary feels that the national organization of F. F. A. is not justified in putting a great deal of money in radio guide at the present time.

## RADIO PROGRAM

"Living to Serve" has proved to be a good theme for us on the National F. F. A. Radio Broadcast this year. State participation has been good. Splendid cooperation has been received from the National Broadcasting Company and the U. S. Army Band.

The Happy Family Skit has been temporarily withdrawn but plans are being made to re-establish it, if possible, some time in the future.

## SUMMARY

There are also many other things some of which I will call briefly to your attention. We expect 6,500 people here at this convention and the judging contests before the week has passed. The F. F. A. exhibit in the Little Theatre is the best in three years. There is more entertainment talent available among members this year than in former years. The idea of having a "talent show" on Tuesday evening of Convention Week is meeting with unusual favor. The demand for the services of national officers increased considerably over the preceding year. And so it goes.

Before presenting the summarized results of accomplishments and the report on the national program of work, I wish to express

appreciation to my good friends and co-workers, J. A. Linke and Henry Groseclose; to the national boy officers; and the Regional and State advisers for their cooperation, encouragement and assistance. I also wish to express appreciation to Vivian Jaffee and Lenna Gauss who have served so ably as my secretaries.

The following results are submitted on the 1938-39 national program of work:

1. Strive for increased membership.  
*Goal*—200,000 active members by the Twelfth National Convention.  
*Accomplishment*—207,000 members in 6,300 chapters.
2. Stimulate interest in the use of the official Manual.  
*Goal*—100% of officers owning manuals.  
*Accomplishment*—64% of the officers.  
*Goal*—50% of members owning manuals.  
*Accomplishment*—24% of the members.  
*Goal*—100% of members having access to manuals.  
*Accomplishment*—81% of the members have access to manuals.
3. Continue to make available official Chapter Secretary's and Chapter Treasurer's books and encourage their use.  
*Goal*—100% of chapters using these books.  
*Accomplishment*—61% of the chapters used these books.
4. Encourage use of official uniform by members.  
*Goal*—100% of State officers and 100% of chapter delegates to State Association convention be attired in official uniforms.  
*Accomplishment*—51% were attired in official uniforms and the uniform was in use in 20% of the chapters.
5. Encourage and assist chapters to build up chapter libraries.  
*Goal*—85% of chapters having libraries.  
*Accomplishment*—72% of chapters have libraries.
6. Encourage chapters to cooperatively earn money for the benefit of the chapter; encourage the chapters to buy and sell cooperatively for the benefit of the members.  
*Goal*—75% of the chapters participating.  
*Accomplishment*—25% of chapters having thrift banks.
7. Encourage members to build individual farming programs through continuous project work which will lead to permanent establishment in farming.  
*Goal*—80% of members participating.  
*Accomplishment*—58% of members have long-time farming program.

8. Create interest in the use of the official opening and closing ceremonies of all F. F. A. meetings.  
*Goal*—100% of chapters and Associations participating.  
*Accomplishment*—91% of chapters participated.
9. Encourage improvement in the conduct of chapter meetings by use of accepted parliamentary procedure.  
*Goal*—100% chapter participation.  
*Accomplishment*—82% of chapters participated.
10. Encourage greater member participation in public speaking.  
*Goal*—100% of chapters holding a public speaking contest.  
*Accomplishment*—57% of chapters held a public speaking contest.
11. Encourage home improvement by members to include landscaping, repair, electrification and the like.  
*Goal*—80% of members participating.  
*Accomplishment*—48% of chapters encouraged their members on landscaping, repair, electrification.
12. Encourage and improve rural fire prevention program through education and demonstration.  
*Goal*—100% chapter participation.  
*Accomplishment*—28% of chapters participated.
13. Encourage continuous conservation programs to include work with soils, water, trees, prevention of forest fires, protection of wild life and the like.  
*Goal*—100% chapter participation with 80% of chapter members carrying on such improvement on their home farms.  
*Accomplishment*—55% of the chapters participated.
14. Continue to cooperate with the Livestock Loss Prevention Board in their survey work and helping to reduce livestock loss.  
Six states carried out extensive surveys on livestock loss prevention.
15. Encourage establishing and maintaining State Camps with Leadership Training Schools held in connection with these camps.  
*Goal*—100% of States with Leadership Training Conferences and camps.  
*Accomplishment*—71% of States held Leadership Training Conferences; 51% of States had camps.
16. Encourage the organization of State bands and other musical units working toward a National F. F. A. Band.  
*Goal*—50% State participation.  
*Accomplishment*—38% of States had a band, orchestra or other musical organization.



17. Encourage establishing and maintaining official State F. F. A. publications and their exchange with other Associations.  
*Goal*—100% State participation.  
*Accomplishment*—86% State participation.
18. Encourage organized State radio broadcasts operating on a systematic basis.  
*Goal*—75% State participation.  
*Accomplishment*—55% State participation.
19. States to prepare a display for the Twelfth National Convention; plan to be developed by the National Board of Trustees.  
*Goal*—100% State participation.  
*Accomplishment*—21 States prepared displays.
20. Encourage the use of appropriate F. F. A. paraphernalia in connection with all F. F. A. gatherings.  
*Goal*—100% participation.  
*Accomplishment*—Incomplete reports were available on this item.
21. Set National F. F. A. Day for Tuesday of Convention Week, October, 1939. Provide for special National radio broadcast. Request chapters to listen in and schedule special public programs on that day.  
*Accomplishment*—All carried out 100% as planned.
22. Encourage early and systematic preparation on the part of all members wishing to advance in degree membership.  
*Accomplishment*—This was encouraged by letter from the National Office and through visits to States by the national officers.
23. Arrange as far as possible to have some national officer visit each State during the year.  
*Accomplishment*—National officers visited 35 States during the year.
24. Continue to have representatives assist in making plans for the Seventh World's Poultry Congress and Exposition and encourage State Associations to have representation at the Congress.  
Provide creditable F. F. A. exhibit at the Congress.  
*Accomplishment*—Carried out 100% as planned.
25. Publish and distribute to every State Association, chapter, and official delegate to the national convention, the Proceedings of the Eleventh National Convention.  
*Accomplishment*—Carried out as planned through State Advisers.
26. Continue to circulate films of the Tenth National Convention among the respective State Associations and local chapters in accordance with the demand.  
*Accomplishment*—Requests were taken care of as received.

27. National Board of Trustees to formulate preliminary plans and develop as far as possible the proposed National F. F. A. Camp and Leadership Training School.

*Accomplishment*—Leadership Training Conference held and National camp site purchased.

28. Continue to maintain contact with and assist other organizations patterned after the F. F. A. both in the United States and in foreign lands.

*Accomplishment*—Only limited contact maintained due to uncertainty in European situation.

A summary of the work done by the various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1939, based on their annual reports is as follows:

1. Total number active chartered chapters of F. F. A.	6,313
2. Total reported active membership in chartered chapters of F. F. A. _____	207,510
3. Total number new chapters chartered _____	662
4. Total increase in chapters over last year _____	656
5. Total increase in number of members over previous year _____	35,060
6. Number of chapters inactive or dropped during year	217
7. Total number boys initiated as Green Hands _____	94,582
8. Total number of Green Hands advanced to Future Farmers _____	56,174
9. Total number of Future Farmers advanced to State Farmers _____	2,094
10. Total number of State Farmers receiving American Farmer Degree _____	102
11. Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree _____	112,323
12. Total number of active members now holding Future Farmer Degree _____	90,356
13. Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree _____	3,964
14. Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree _____	248
15. Total number of associate members (local) _____	17,765
16. Total number of honorary members (local) _____	13,057

17. Total number of honorary members (State) .....	1,273
18. Grand total of members reported .....	238,241
19. Total number of members possessing a copy of the Manual .....	50,186
20. Total number of chapter officers owning official Manual .....	23,171
21. Total number of members having access to official Manual .....	166,878
22. Number of members with individual long-time farm- ing programs .....	120,178
23. Number of chapters using official chapter secre- tary's book .....	3,858
24. Number of chapters using official treasurer's book...	2,679
25. Number of chapters possessing full meeting equip- ment .....	4,571
26. Number of chapters using the opening and closing ceremonies for meetings .....	5,733
27. Number of chapters holding one or more meetings for special instruction in parliamentary procedure	5,175
28. Number of chapters using the official metal markers	1,446
29. Number of chapters using official uniform .....	1,255
30. Number of chapters having libraries .....	4,519
31. Number of chapters having thrift banks .....	1,548
32. Number of chapters holding parent and son banquets	4,534
33. Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest .....	3,610
34. Number of chapters entering the national chapter contest .....	824
35. Number of chapters engaging in organized home improvement work .....	4,344
36. Number of members participating in organized home improvement work (estimate) .....	98,554
37. Number of chapters engaging in organized conserva- tion work .....	3,502
38. Number of members participating in organized con- servation work (estimate) .....	84,189

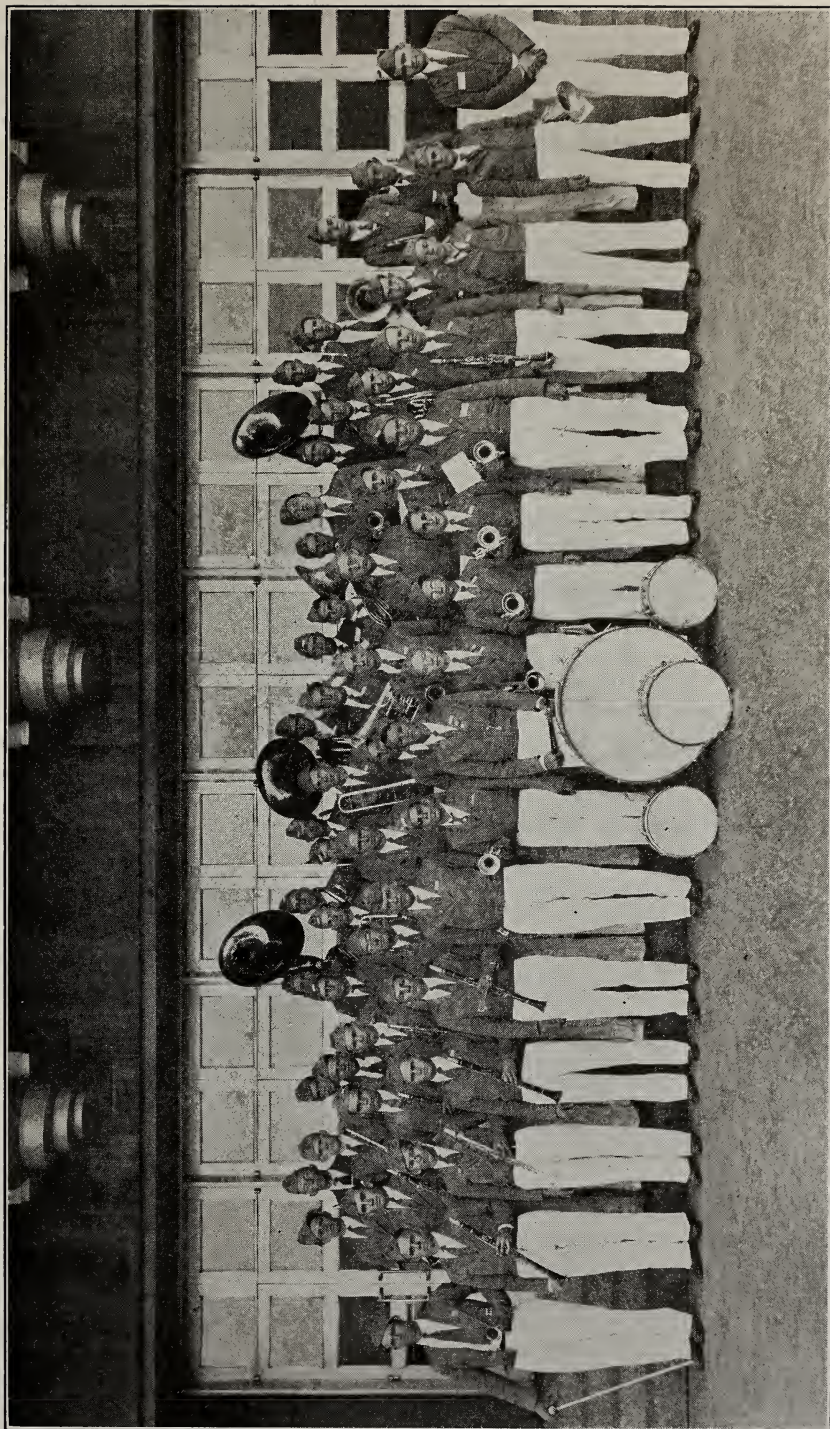
39. Number of chapters engaging in organized cooperative effort for financing chapter activities and to derive financial benefit for individual members.....	3,748
40. Number of chapters engaging in organized pest eradication .....	2,579
41. Number of chapters engaging in organized rural fire prevention work .....	1,760
42. Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters .....	1,860
43. Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly .....	3,959
44. Number of chapters that have prepared or given radio programs .....	1,491
45. Number of chapters owning or having access to radios .....	3,974
46. Number of chapters that have listened to national F. F. A. radio programs .....	3,743
47. Number of F. F. A. homes where members of family have listened to one or more national F. F. A. radio programs .....	75,987
48. Number of chapters holding 10% or more of their members as active during the three-year period following completion of or leaving high school ....	1,685
49. Number of State Associations providing state-wide recreational activity for members .....	25
50. Number of chapters participating in State-wide recreational activities .....	2,701
51. Number of members attending State-wide recreational activities .....	38,341
52. Number of State associations providing State leadership training school or conference for local chapter officers and members .....	35
53. Number of chapters participating in State leadership training school .....	3,332
54. Number of members participating in State leadership training school .....	37,442
55. State associations sponsoring a radio broadcast series .....	27
56. State associations having a band, orchestra or other musical organization .....	19



57. Total number of members participating in State musical organizations .....	1,480
58. State associations having a regular State paper, periodical, or news sheet .....	42
59. Total number of printed State F. F. A. publications .....	20
60. Total number of mimeographed State F. F. A. news sheets .....	23
61. Total number of delegates attending State conventions .....	9,834
62. Total membership attendance at State conventions .....	38,073
63. Average percentage of chapters represented at State conventions .....	86.5%
64. Average length in days of State conventions .....	2.86
65. State associations using opening and closing ceremonies at State conventions .....	45
66. Total number of State officers attired in official uniform at State conventions .....	170
67. Total number of chapters visited by State officers .....	1,563
68. State associations having exhibits at National Convention .....	24
69. Total amount on deposit by active members in thrift banks on January 1, 1939 .....	\$555,991.62
70. Total amount actually invested in farming by active members as of January 1, 1939 .....	\$9,025,083.90
71. Total number of collegiate chapters of F. F. A. in operation .....	38
72. Total membership in collegiate chapters .....	2,025
73. Total number of State associations having definite planned budgets .....	41

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. ROSS, National Executive Secretary.



THE TEXAS F. F. A. BAND AT KANSAS CITY, MO., FOR THE 1939  
NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER CONVENTION

# Annual Report of the Treasurer

## Statements of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

October 1, 1938 to October 1, 1939

### RECEIPTS

National Dues Collected 1938-1939.....	\$20,699.55
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#### ROYALTIES:

L. G. Balfour Co.....	\$ 1,733.67
French-Bray Printing Co.....	366.75
Staunton Novelty Co.....	507.69
St. Louis Button Co.....	211.57
Universal Uniform Co.....	417.63

Total Royalties.....	3,237.31
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#### OTHER INCOME:

National Grange .....	200.00
Interest on Savings.....	88.12
Interest on U. S. Bond.....	400.00

Total of Other Income.....	688.12
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Total Receipts for year 1938-39.....	\$24,624.98
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### DISBURSEMENTS

#### ON BUDGET:

1938-39.....	11,308.28
1937-38 during 1938-39 Fiscal year.....	5,740.24

Total paid on budgets.....	17,048.52
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Increase in receipts over disbursements	7,576.46
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Savings Account October 1, 1938.....	5,000.00
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Checking Account October 1, 1938.....	5,637.71
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U. S. Bond .....	10,000.00
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Total Assets October 1, 1938	20,637.71
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Total Assets October 1, 1939	<u>\$28,214.17</u>
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## REPRESENTED BY:

Bank balance October 1, 1939.....	11,392.97	
Checks outstanding October 1, 1939..	1,341.20	
Check book balance October 1, 1939..		10,051.77
Savings balance October 1, 1938.....	5,000.00	
Interest on savings for year.....	88.12	
	5,088.12	
Less transfer to checking account.....	2,000.00	
		3,088.12
U. S. Bond .....		10,000.00
Real Estate—Camp Site.....		5,074.28
Total Assets October 1, 1939		<u>\$28,214.17</u>

**NATIONAL DUES COLLECTED**

October 1, 1938 to October 1, 1939

Alabama .....	\$ 529.70	Nevada .....	27.70
Arizona .....	73.70	New Hampshire .....	26.30
Arkansas .....	700.00	New Jersey .....	77.50
California .....	842.70	New Mexico .....	125.90
Colorado .....	137.30	New York .....	703.20
Connecticut .....	30.80	North Carolina .....	1,028.90
Delaware .....	25.00	North Dakota .....	103.90
Florida .....	354.20	Ohio .....	877.30
Georgia .....	833.70	Oklahoma .....	744.40
Hawaii .....	160.50	Oregon .....	198.60
Idaho .....	162.20	Pennsylvania .....	517.20
Illinois .....	975.30	Puerto Rico .....	307.50
Indiana .....	158.60	South Carolina .....	544.60
Iowa .....	380.30	South Dakota .....	195.40
Kansas .....	432.20	Tennessee .....	849.30
Kentucky .....	601.70	Texas .....	2,313.10
Louisiana .....	708.70	Utah .....	271.30
Maine .....	123.60	Vermont .....	68.30
Maryland .....	160.50	Virginia .....	759.20
Massachusetts .....	61.80	Washington .....	281.55
Michigan .....	452.60	West Virginia .....	287.90
Minnesota .....	320.00	Wisconsin .....	585.70
Mississippi .....	461.50	Wyoming .....	98.10
Missouri .....	593.90		
Montana .....	164.90		
Nebraska .....	261.30		
			<u>\$20,699.55</u>



I have examined the records maintained by Miss Margaret Foster in the office of Mr. Henry C. Groseclose, the National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, for the period from October 1, 1938 to October 1, 1939, and have prepared therefrom the following statements hereto attached.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements.

National dues collected from State Chapters.

Budget Report.

The books of record as now kept form a permanent record and give a clear picture of all receipts and disbursements, also all asset accounts. The balances as of October 1, 1939 were verified by the bank statement, savings deposit book and further certified to by a letter from Mr. J. M. Kessler, Cashier of The National Bank of Blacksburg, letter attached. The Ten-thousand dollar (\$10,000.00) U. S. Bond is kept in the National Bank of Blacksburg. All business of the Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America is transacted through this bank.

(Signed) GEO. B. GOSE

STATE OF VIRGINIA

County of Montgomery: to wit,

I, Charlotte Sowers, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, do certify that Geo. B. Gose, whose name is signed to the above writing, has this day acknowledged the same before me in my State and County.

This the 10th day of October, 1939.

My Commission Expires May 27, 1942.

CHARLOTTE SOWERS  
*Notary Public*

### REPORT ON BUDGET FOR 1938-39

(From the close of the Eleventh National Convention, and after all items chargeable to the 1937-38 year have been paid, to the close of the Twelfth National Convention, including all expenses incurred during this period)

	<i>Amount Budgeted</i>	<i>Amount Expended</i>
1. Travel of National Officers, Designated Officials and Specified Representatives (to include national convention, meetings of the Board of Trustees, special meetings regional public speaking contests, regional conferences, visits to States and other authorized travel) .....	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 4,254.52

2. Twelfth National Convention (For delegate expense, supplies, programs, new equipment, special entertainment, exhibits, decorations, official bands, publicity, clerical assistance, building service and other general expenses)	4,700.00	4,681.53
3. American Farmer Keys (60 to be added to the 45 already purchased for 1939—total 105) -----	708.75	1,174.50
4. National prizes and awards (to include past officer pins; Star Farmer medal; public speaking contest; chapter contest; State Association Awards prizes for national judging contest; special awards and participation certificates -----	2,500.00	2,530.54
5. Printing (to include stationery, report forms, notifications to States, contest rules, American Farmer Applications, Proceedings of the convention, special publications, printed supplies given to chapters and similar items) -----	2,200.00	1,842.10
6. National Radio Program (to assist in defraying expenses of representatives of the State Associations to National Broadcasting Company key stations, to provide special talent, to maintain quality of programs and encourage State and local programs) -----	600.00	202.46
7. National Office (to include purchase of necessary supplies and small equipment, pay necessary postage and shipping charges, pay telephone and telegraph, provide publicity materials, and other similar miscellaneous items incurred by the office) -----	650.00	655.15
8. Clerical Assistance, regular and special for the National Executive Secretary and National Treasurer as required to carry on the work of the organization) -----	3,800.00	2,879.28
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	\$18,958.75	\$18,220.08

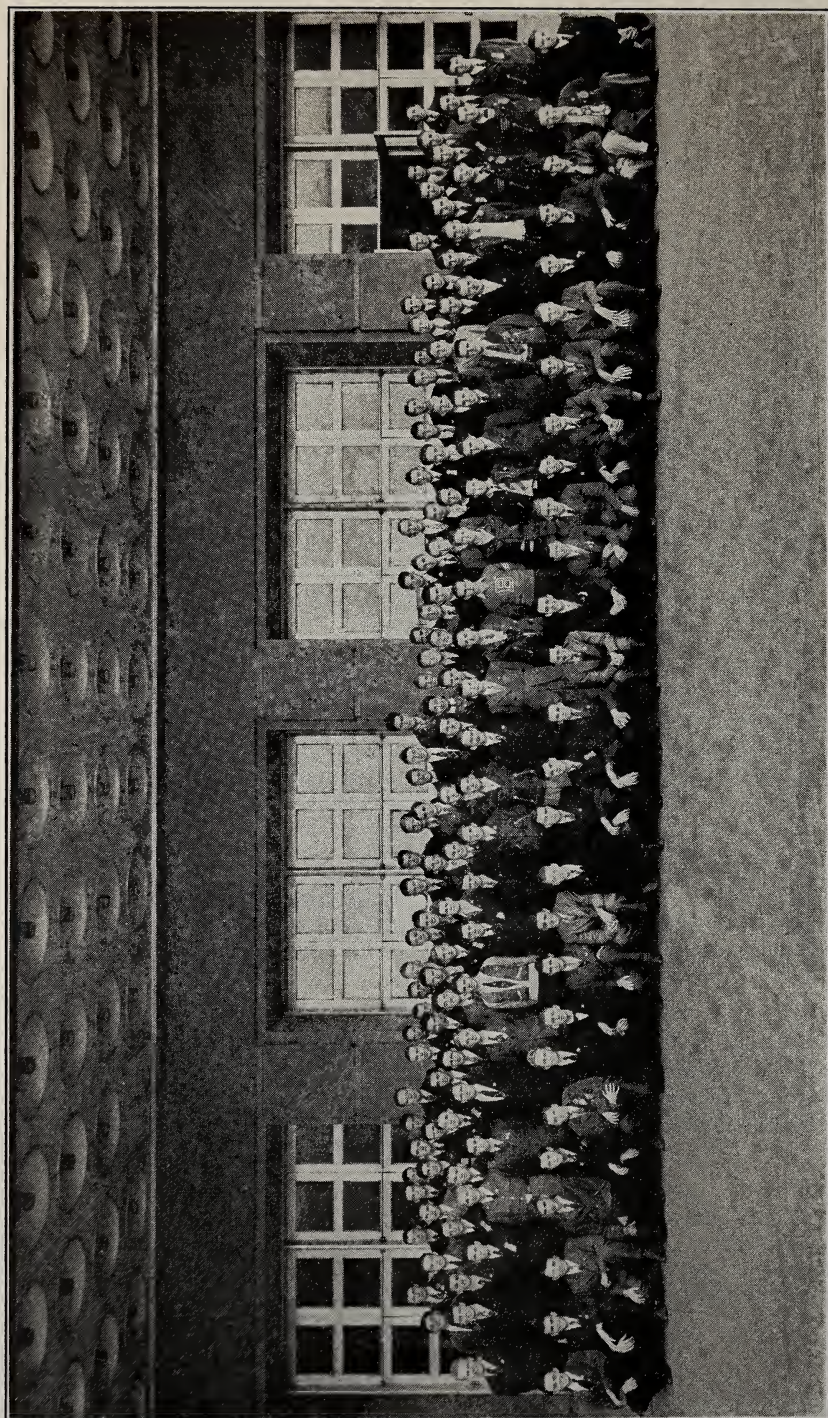
In addition to the above expenditures for the year indicated, \$1,287.66 was paid out for an exhibit and participation in the World's Poultry Congress, and \$5,074.28 was paid out as a down payment on a site for the national F. F. A. camp.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. GROSECLOSE

W. A. ROSS





1939 AMERICAN FARMERS



#### STAR FARMERS OF 1939

Front row, left to right: NORMAN W. KRUSE, Star American Farmer, Loretto, Nebraska; ALBERT and ARTHUR LACY, (twins), Star Southern Farmers, Hondo, Texas; DAN K. MIZNER, Star Pacific Farmer, Deer Lodge, Montana. Back row: J. C. HAMILTON, Star Oklahoma Farmer, Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma; WILLIAM L. BAKER, JR., Star Missouri Farmer, Hornersville, Mo.; ROBERT F. RANDLE, Star Kansas Farmer, Riley, Kans.; J. BRAUDUS FERGUSON, Star Arkansas Farmer, Booneville, Ark. Absent from picture, G. WALLACE CAULK, Woodside, Del., Star Farmer of North Atlantic Region. KRUSE was also Star Farmer of North Central Region.

## Star Farmer Awards

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It was a gala day for the Future Farmers of America at the American Royal, Tuesday afternoon, October 17th, when 18-year-old Norman W. Kruse of Loretto, Nebraska, was designated F. F. A. Star Farmer of America for 1939. Amid the cheers of several thousand "Future Farmers" coming from nearly every section of the United States, including Hawaii, awards were made to Kruse and to other "Star Farmers" as follows:

✓ Dan K. Mizner, Deer Lodge, Montana, Star Farmer of the Pacific Region.

G. Wallace Caulk, Woodside, Delaware, Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region.



Albert and Arthur Lacy, Hondo, Texas, Star Farmers of the Southern Region.

J. Braudus Ferguson, Booneville, Arkansas, Star Farmer of Arkansas.

J. C. Hamilton, Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, Star Farmer of Oklahoma.

Robert F. Randle, Jr., Riley, Kansas, Star Farmer of Kansas.

W. L. Baker, Jr., Kennett, Missouri, Star Farmer of Missouri.

These awards were announced by W. A. Cochel, Editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star, sponsor of the event. Young Kruse received a check for \$500.00 as Star of America, as well as of the North Central Region. The other awards were \$150.00 to each of the Regional winners, and \$100.00 each to the four State winners. Presentation of the checks was made by Dr. H. E. Hendrix, President, Chief State School Officers of the United States, and State Director of Vocational Education in Arizona.

The Star Farmer selections were made from 166 applications for the degree by a board of judges named by the Weekly Kansas City Star. The judges who reviewed the records and made the selections were: L. H. Dennis, Executive Secretary of the American Vocational Association; J. J. Pelley, President of the Association of American Railroads; and Alexander Nunn, Managing Editor of the Progressive Farmer.

Complete records of all American Farmers are on file in the national office. Briefs of the Star Farmer records follow:

### **NORMAN W. KRUSE**

From a neat 160 acre farm in north-central Nebraska came Norman W. Kruse, our 1939 Star American Farmer. Only a short time before arriving in Kansas City for the convention, this lad had told some of his friends that it would be the "thrill of his life" to receive the American Farmer Degree. But to receive the Degree and then be named "Star" of the F. F. A. organization was certainly beyond his fondest hopes.

The foundation of his success lies in careful planning, sensible building, intelligent work and a real love of the farm. Bucking drought and short crops, he built his farming program around corn-fed hogs and sound diversification.

The Kruse family has lived on the same farm for 26 years. In his parents, Norman had a fine example of achievement. Four years ago they were selected as Master Farmers by the Nebraska Farmer Magazine. In addition to the home place, the Kruses also operate adjoining farm lands totaling more than a section.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kruse have given both Norman and his older brother Marvin every encouragement and the two

boys have been working together since childhood. Both took vocational agriculture courses in high school, joined the F. F. A., and later enrolled in the college of agriculture at the University of Nebraska. Before that they drove 14½ miles to the high school located in Albion, regardless of roads and weather. Loretta is the post office address of the family.

Norman's start in farming dates back to the time when as a small boy his father gave him a cow. This cow produced 2 sets of twin calves. From this animal he built a herd of his own through careful breeding and the purchase of pure-bred livestock. No further gifts however, were accepted from his parents. At the time of making application for the Degree, Norman had eight head of cattle, 40 hogs and 17 sheep. Hampshire sheep, Hampshire hogs, and Milking Shorthorn cattle are his specialties. Of the latter he says:

"Shorthorns are good milkers and their calves can be marketed as beef animals, something that's not true of most dairy animals."

He is firmly convinced that success in raising livestock depends on good foundation stock, home grown feeds in balanced rations, and clean barns and feed lots.

Norman's own farming program includes, in addition to the livestock, corn, wheat, barley, and sorghums.

A review of the 4 year vocational agriculture farming record as taken from young Kruse's application for the American Farmer Degree reveals the following:

First year: 3 litters of pigs and 2 heifers. Planted 50 trees, seeded the lawn, and reboarded the windmill at home.

Second year: 2 litters of pigs, 2 dairy cows, 2 heifers, 15 acres of corn. Built 3 feed lots, planted 50 trees, laid concrete floor in the home shop, landscaped the yard.

Third year: 4 litters of pigs, 3 dairy cows, 6 sheep, 2 heifers, 2 calves, 35 acres of corn, 20 acres of wheat. Built a bull pen, planted 100 trees, repaired all farm buildings, culled 150 hens, and cleaned up the farmstead.

Fourth year: 4 litters of pigs, 12 sheep, 3 dairy cows, 5 heifers, 4 baby beef, 50 acres of corn, 45 acres of barley, 10 acres of sorghum. Planted 100 trees, kept records on 10 cows, rebuilt the farm shop, built a weighing lot and culled 125 hens.

The livestock, work stock and equipment owned by the number one Star Farmer are the result of his own good management. He borrowed the necessary funds from a bank to increase and build in a sensible manner. So far, his policy has been to rent land from his father on a crop-rent basis and to pay a set rate for the use of all power and equipment.

Young Kruse has fully demonstrated his ability to cooperate. He sold his wool and livestock with other F. F. A. members, helped organize a pure-bred boar sale, allowed other members the use of his pure-bred sires, raised game birds for the Nebraska Game Commission to be placed on a game reserve, and served in the community club as well as in the church.

In addition to working on the home farm and developing his own farming program, this Star Farmer found time to work some for other farmers at odd times, work in a local store on Saturdays, and show cattle on a circuit for his father.

Thrift is evidenced throughout his farm activities but especially in his total labor income for 4 years which amounted to over \$2,000.00, in total assets amounting to about \$2,300.00, and in the fact he carries a life insurance policy.

Norman graduated from Albion high school in May, 1939. He had 4 years of vocational agriculture, and F. F. A. membership. He served as president and treasurer of his local chapter, won the Union Pacific scholarship in his county in 1938, was a delegate to the State F. F. A. convention in 1939, and to the national convention in 1939.

His neatly illustrated scrap book and records show that he took part in dramatics, sang in the glee club, played in the orchestra, and that he won over 125 prizes at the State and County fairs on livestock judging, dairy judging, dairy products, cattle showmanship, and seed corn exhibits. With all these activities this young fellow maintained a high scholarship record throughout his high school years.

Truly an outstanding member and leader, Norman Kruse gained the coveted honor of Star Farmer of America largely because he was willing to work, think ahead, give attention to detail, take responsibility and keep smiling regardless of the way things turned out. His record along with the other Star Farmer records that follow is an inspiration, and a challenge to every member of the F. F. A. organization.

### DAN K. MIZNER

Dan K. Mizner of Deer Lodge, Montana, Star Farmer of the Pacific Region was 21 years old at the time of making application for the American Farmer Degree. His record is unique in many ways and shows the development of a true "son of the West." His record covered a 6 year period including 4 years of vocational agriculture.

Dan graduated from high school 2 years ago and with his father shares the responsibility for a 20,000 acre ranch at Avon, Montana. He was also enrolled for a time at Montana State College. As laborer and foreman on this large ranch he has managed haying crews, saw-mill crews, and directed the work on cattle roundups. His wide ranch experience includes: breaking horses, shoeing horses, blacksmithing,

tending sheep, shearing sheep, irrigating, building fences, digging wells, and blasting rocks, and stumps.

His record showed that in addition to his participation in the general ranch work, he owned 160 acres of land secured from his father and rented 160 acres from an uncle, for pasture. His own farming enterprises included sheep, beef, poultry, horses, and hay. The labor income therefrom was over \$3,800.00, during the 6 year period.

Dan bred his own horses but also purchased and traded for others. His steers and beef cows came as pay for working on the ranch and he was still in debt some on them but will continue working this obligation out. His sheep were obtained through the revolving sheep project of the Deer Lodge Chapter. To obtain his poultry he pooled orders with other chapter members, brooded the chicks in town and then took them out to his ranch home.

Interest in his home and the success of the ranch are apparent in improvement projects carried by this enterprising young man. He kept accounts on the entire ranch, beautified the home grounds, shingled and painted the house, built stock yards, repaired sheep sheds, and put new roofs on the machine sheds, and garage. Securing an old automobile for \$20.00, he overhauled it and converted it into a truck.

While attending school in town during the winter months, he helped defray his expenses by driving a truck, working at a service station before and after school, and delivering papers. At other odd times he worked for a land company, graded potatoes, and worked for the agronomy department of the State College.

Dan's leadership and cooperation are outstanding. Insecticides, laying mash, baby chicks and bulletins were purchased cooperatively with other chapter members. He served as chapter president, reporter and treasurer, attended five State F. F. A. Conventions, and was a delegate to both his State and the national convention. He also served as president and vice-president of the State Association.

Interest in high school activities was apparent from his membership in the National Honor Society, Thespians, the school band, basket ball, and track teams. Other activities included participation in the State grain, livestock, and poultry judging contests; the County saddle horse, and poultry shows; and the National poultry judging contest. Dan also held many school and class offices, and took part in Farmers Union meetings.

Perhaps the most outstanding achievement in Dan Mizner's record was the visiting of 100% of the F. F. A. chapters in Montana during his term of office as State president. To do this he traveled over 5,000 miles by various means of conveyance with the financial assistance of the State Association, and his own local chapter. Reports were rendered to the State Adviser on each visit made. The



spirit shown by Dan and others like him is bound to result in a larger and better F. F. A. organization.

### **G. WALLACE CAULK**

G. Wallace Caulk named Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region was 18 years of age at the time he received this recognition. He had 4 years of vocational agriculture and F. F. A. membership to his credit. He graduated from high school in 1938, lives on a farm at Woodside, Delaware, and with his father and brother operates 812 acres of land.

Young Caulk started farming at the age of 6 with a pure-bred heifer calf. Through breeding and purchase and by reinvesting his earnings he was able to finance and obtain his present holdings. At the time of making application for the American Farmer Degree, he owned a farm of 143 acres, 20 registered Ayrshire cows, had a 1/3 interest in 17 horses and mules, and a 1/3 interest in all machinery on the farm. By combining his holdings with those of his father and brother into one unit, the total farm business—farm, stock and equipment—is operated together under one management and the profits shared equally. The candidate's farming program including dairy cows, sheep, and broilers showed a total labor income of \$7,400.00 during a 5 year period. Earnings from the sale of stock not included in the above income ran over \$2,300.00.

Wallace is the herdsman in charge of all cows and heifers, takes care of the building work, and is also in charge of the Percheron horse breeding. In addition, he acts as assistant manager for the land operated. The animals are housed in two modern barns with modern equipment. The nature of the farm work has enabled him to gain a broad experience on records, feeding, fitting and showing, breeding, and managing farm animals. According to the application his assets totaled nearly \$14,000.00.

Wallace has an unusual record in cooperation. He is a member of the Grange, the Kent County Herd Improvement Association, Southern States Cooperative, the Interstate and Allied Milk Producers Associations, two Ayrshire Breeders Associations, the Delaware Dairymans Association, the Percheron Horse Association and the Kent-Sussex Fair Association in which he serves as assistant superintendent of the cattle department.

At the Caesar Rodney high school he made a splendid scholastic record, held several class offices, was assistant editor of the school publication and a member of various clubs. He also won first honors in the State dairy judging contest, public speaking contest and showmanship contest. His athletic record included participation on the school football, basket ball, and track teams. A total of \$280.00 had been won by this young man on cattle exhibits at fairs.

Wallace has been treasurer of his local chapter, secretary of the chapter Harvest show, and chairman of the tomato and poultry raising

committees. He was a delegate to the State convention, and both president, and secretary of his State Association of F. F. A. He has also been a delegate to the national F. F. A. convention.

### ALBERT AND ARTHUR LACY

For the first time in the history of the F. F. A. organization one Star Farmer award was made to two persons. The Lacy brothers, Albert and Arthur, of Texas gained this unusual distinction in being selected as Star Farmers of the Southern Region. Seventeen years old, they are the identical twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lacy of Hondo, Texas. Little wonder that the records in this unusual instance ran almost parallel and identical. Their record which is practically inseparable, is outstanding in many respects.

The Lacy twins live on a 1,488 acre ranch of which 1,220 acres is in pasture. The ranch has been increased from 700 acres 3 years ago. At the time of applying for the Degree, the brothers had to their credit; 186 head of cattle, 95 goats, 103 sheep, 8 horses, 18 hogs, and 36 head of beef calves. Their start in cattle came from a gift of 2 head each several years back. The same is true of the start in the other enterprises mentioned. However, by reinvestment, purchase, trade, and by borrowing some money their own herds and flocks have been built up to the present size and the boys are already established in ranching on an extensive scale with their father.

Each boy's record book showed assets totaling over \$6,000.00, and a total income of \$2,400.00 from 3 years of supervised farm practice work which included range cattle, sheep, goats, beef calves, horses, hogs, corn, hay, and other feed crops. In addition to this, their record showed a wide experience, and knowledge of the entire ranch. Tanning hides, budding and grafting fruit trees, dipping cattle, pouring concrete, making rope, operating a tractor, butchering, branding, showing calves and selecting seed corn all appeared in a long list of supplementary farm practices. The brothers' cattle brand is, appropriately, the open A-L.

Cooperation should be the middle name of each of the Lacy twins. Beginning with their joint ownership of projects, it continues throughout their record as evidenced in the cooperative purchases of cottonseed meal, cake salt and shelled corn as well as the selling of their wool and mohair through county associations. These lads also helped raise money and furnished transportation for their F. F. A. chapter, participated in a broiler project, played host to visiting vocational agriculture workers, and beautified the home grounds. They are members of the Medina County Wildlife Association, and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

The leadership record is equally challenging. Albert was reporter and secretary of his local chapter; vice president of his district; president and vice president of the school science club; and on the staff

of the school paper. Arthur was president and secretary of the local chapter; acting treasurer and parliamentarian of the district organization; president and vice president of the science club; secretary of his class; and editor of the Freshman edition of the school paper. Both boys served on numerous committees and accepted a variety of responsibilities in their local chapter and district organization.

The Lacy twins also represented their school as members of numerous local, district, and area livestock judging teams and exhibited beef at the Hondo Fat Stock Show. In scholarship both Albert and Arthur ranked as A students.

Hard working, eager, and courteous these two lads have had the sympathy, and backing of an interested father, mother, and sister. "Judy," by the way is the Hondo chapter "Sweetheart." The whole family attends the national F. F. A. conventions. In the opening pages of each boys application appears this statement paying tribute to the parents: "Our parents have taught us that our word is our bond and that to render service is one of our greatest missions in life." What a fine guide for any F. F. A. member to follow.

### **J. BRAUDUS FERGUSON**

The title of Star Farmer of Arkansas went to a 19-year-old youth from Booneville, Arkansas. Inheriting a 260 acre farm from his parents, Braudus Ferguson carried on his farming operations while attending high school where he had 4 years of vocational agriculture, and membership in the F. F. A. He also has 80 acres of additional land of which he is sole owner. He was "top" State Farmer in 1938.

Included in his farming program were: poultry, dairy stock, hogs, beef, horses, cotton, hay, corn, cowpeas, and lespedeza. From these enterprises the labor income amounted to \$1,500.00 at the end of the 4 year period. All work stock was obtained through purchase and most of the other livestock was raised on the farm from the foundation inherited. Braudus also rented some of his land to tenants on both a cash, and crop rent basis.

Farm improvement enterprises included terracing, repairing and repainting buildings, landscaping the home grounds, building new fences, sodding pasture, soil improvement, contour ridging, and planting trees. His record books showed assets totaling over \$10,000.00.

Cooperative activities included the sale of garden seed, road improvement, wild life protection, forest fire prevention, rural electrification, soil conservation work, and securing better community telephone service.

Braudus was F. F. A. chapter president for 2 years, a delegate to the State convention, and was awarded a trip to the national convention. He was president of his class in school for 3 years, on the school paper and the annual staff, a member of the debating team, and dra-

matic club. He also participated in various crop, horticulture, history, and public speaking contests, winning high honors. In scholarship, he ranked first in his class. He also received recognition as the outstanding F. F. A. boy of the State.

### **J. C. HAMILTON**

To another 19 year old youth went the honor of being designated State Star Farmer for 1939. J. C. Hamilton, hails from Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma, where he had 4 years of high school vocational agriculture and 7 months as a part-time student to his credit.

As a first year student in vocational agriculture he had the good fortune to feed a \$30.00 Angus steer into grand champion of the State Junior Livestock Show. His prize winnings totaled \$750.00, and half of this amount was invested in a foundation herd of breeding cattle—6 registered Hereford steers and a registered bull. As a result, J. C. had one of the best herds of registered stock in his home community at the time he applied for the American Farmer Degree.

His record shows that he lived on a 320 acre farm, renting 220 acres upon which he raised his feeds, and that he managed the home farm during his first year out of high school. He also secured a one-quarter interest in the farm implements and equipment. His 5 year supervised practice program included beef, hogs, lespedeza, barley, and oats. His total labor income was over \$3,200.00. Numerous improvement enterprises were also undertaken. Total assets were listed at \$2,900.00.

To supplement his income while going to school, young Hamilton worked in a grocery store on Saturdays and did some custom plowing. Standing second in his class in scholarship, he was also rated as a good public speaker.

Evidence of cooperation and leadership ability was found in his helping to organize a pure seed and ginning association; serving as vice president and treasurer of his local F. F. A. chapter; vice-president of the State Association; and in the class offices held while in high school. Ability as a judge of livestock and showman was also evident in his numerous winnings and awards at various livestock shows on stock of his own breeding.

### **ROBERT F. RANDLE, JR.**

The Star Farmer of Kansas comes from a 500 acre stock farm at Riley. Robert Randle, Jr., seventeen years old, had 4 years of vocational agriculture and F. F. A. work at Wakefield high school. At the time he applied for the highest degree in the organization, his record showed he was renting 16 acres of land, and was the owner of 22 cattle, several hogs, draft and saddle horses, and had one-half ownership of a pure-bred bull.

Robert's start in farming came from a Shorthorn cow secured at the age of 9. Upon entering high school he had \$365.00, invested in



beef cattle, and a saddle mare. From then on his only source of operating capital has been from his farming program supplemented by small loans from the bank. Beef cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, poultry and wheat all appeared in his supervised farm practice work. The total labor income therefrom was about \$700.00. On wheat, one-third of the harvested crop was paid as rent to his father and he got one-half of the calf crop. Sixteen acres of wheat gave Robert \$200.00 in one year. His net worth March 1, 1939, was given as \$1,696.00. Planting shrubs about the home, sodding the lawn, eliminating fire hazards, terracing land and planting the woodlot all appeared as improvement projects.

Young Randle is a good speaker and served as F. F. A. chapter secretary as well as vice president for 2 years. He was also honored as the best all-around member. He was class president for 2 years; county winner of a Union Pacific scholarship; State F. F. A. reporter; member of several stock, crop, poultry, and dairy judging teams; and an exhibitor at various shows and fairs. Robert's scholarship was high and his cooperation strong. He was chairman of the chapter's co-operative committee, manager of the potato cooperative, raised potatoes 2 years with a chapter group and helped with the production and sale of products from the 6 acre school farm operated by the chapter.

Future plans include attending Kansas State College and then going in partnership with his father on the home farm.

### **W. L. BAKER, JR.**

The Star Farmer of Missouri for 1939 was W. L. Baker, Jr., of Kennett. Seventeen years of age, he had taken four years of vocational agriculture at the Hornersville high school.

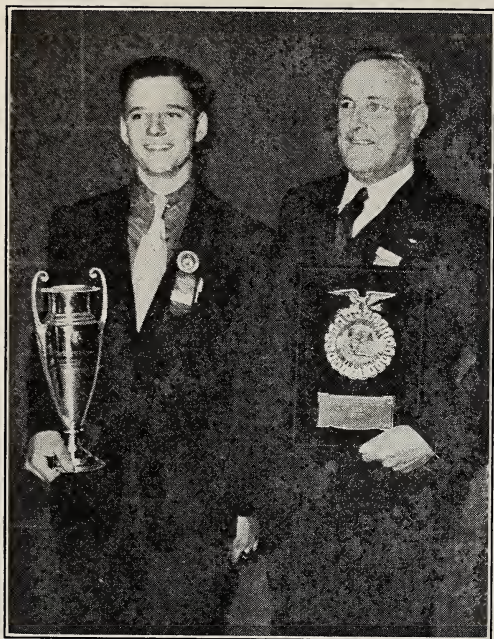
The story from his records indicates that while attending grade school he was in partnership with his brother on a chicken project, and that he also acquired 2 grade cows and 3 sows before entering high school. His vocational agriculture farming program included hogs, cattle, mules, cotton, corn, soybeans, hay, and pasture, and the total labor income including estimates for 1939 amounted to \$6,600.00. His total assets amounted to about \$3,700.00.

W. L. was active in high school and was an interested member of the F. F. A. He served as chapter president, treasurer, and reporter; was vice president and treasurer of the Southeast Missouri district organization, and a delegate to the State convention for 2 years. School honors attained included class president and vice president, and captain of the track and basket ball teams. He was also a member of the baseball team, livestock and crops judging teams, took part in dramatics, sang in the chorus, and placed second in the Southeast Missouri Master Farmer Contest. Cooperative activities engaged in included showing hogs with other members at the Mid-South Fair and at St. Louis, building hog houses, and home beautification work. In scholarship he stood second in his class.

Young Baker's record showed that he was renting 79 acres of land on a cash and crop rent basis. He borrowed \$108.00 at the bank to buy 11 shoats and hog equipment which really took him into his specialty, registered Poland Chinas. He has had an unusual experience in hog production, and with his profits increased his hog business. Ownership of livestock included 19 hogs, 126 pigs, 8 steers, 2 mules, and 2 heifers, 10 calves were purchased for \$315.00. In general his registered hogs have financed his entire farming program. Some wages were received for work on the home farm W. L. Baker enrolled for further work at the University of Missouri.

## State Association Awards

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HASKELL LINDLEY

PRESIDENT, TEXAS  
ASSOCIATION OF F. F. A.

J. B. RUTLAND

STATE ADVISER,  
TEXAS F. F. A.

WINNER  
STATE ASSOCIATION  
AWARD FOR 1939

Each of the 49 chartered associations of F. F. A., including Hawaii and Puerto Rico, submits annually to the national office a report on accomplishments, growth, advancement, and various activities for the year ending June 30.

The Board of Trustees, working with a committee of former national officers reviews and scores each Association report, thereby determining the winners of awards. Fancy and unique reports received no more attention than neat, plain reports giving the necessary complete and accurate information, since this is an award for actual accomplishment, scored by percentages, and is not regarded as a contest.

The winners for 1938-39 were Texas, Wyoming, Montana, Virginia, West Virginia, and Florida. Through the courtesy of Mr. L. J. Taber, Master of the National Grange, prizes of \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30, and \$20 prizes were provided. Florida and West Virginia sharing honors for 5th place were given the same prize money. In addition to the cash prize, the Texas Association received the regulation plaque offered by the national organization, and the Groseclose Challenge Trophy which remain in the custody of the Texas officers for the cur-

rent year. Honorable mention was accorded Oregon, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina, California, and Oklahoma Associations.

All State Associations of F. F. A. showed improvement in their planning, activities and accomplishments and both members and advisers deserve considerable credit. The interest, spirit and loyalty shown gives assurance that this improvement will continue year after year.

Since it is impossible to reproduce the complete reports, summaries on the work of the highest ranking associations follow.

## TEXAS

The Texas Association of F. F. A. placing second among the associations in 1938, came back to win in 1939. In a leather-bound, illustrated and indexed volume four inches thick their story was told in a condensed report supplemented with pictures, charts, maps, graphs and clippings. O. A. Lowe, Jr., served as State president and J. B. Rutland, Adviser. The report was a marvel of completeness.

This Association is composed of 10 Areas, each one as large as a state and has chapters scattered from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande. For 1939, there were 553 chapters, one in each department of vocational agriculture and 23,131 members out of 25,274 students of vocational agriculture. This was an increase of 29 chapters and 2,551 members over the previous year.

The program of work of the Texas Association revealed an extensive list of activities well carried out. Leadership training schools of two days each were held at Huntsville, Ft. Worth, and Temple, reaching 13,685 members. Two teams were sent to the World's Poultry Congress, and a special train carrying 425 boys, including a 50 piece band, was chartered for the National F. F. A. convention. 12,000 boys attended F. F. A. Day at the time of the Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth. Similar well-attended days were staged at the Houston Fat Stock Show and the Beaumont Fair. Eighteen State radio programs were given over 5 stations. The "Lone Star Farmer" appeared as a printed bi-monthly publication. The State Association budget was \$10,215.00. Each Area held leadership schools, 3-day recreational encampments reaching 549 chapters and 14,383 members, and had brass and string bands from which selections were made for the 100 piece State F. F. A. band. A "Gold Key" organization was also maintained.

At the State convention, 571 delegates attended; also 743 other members with a total attendance of 1,828. 61% of the chapters were represented, and all State officers were dressed in official jackets. Each State officer visited the chapters in his Area. The State president and the 2nd Vice-President visited 44 chapters outside of their respective Areas.



Strong participation in the national program is indicated in the following summary. In the 553 chapters:

- 553 had full meeting equipment.
- 553 held special parliamentary meetings
- 553 did special home improvement work
- 552 listened in on the national radio program
- 551 used the official ceremonies regularly
- 545 held public speaking contests
- 532 held parent and son banquets reaching 42,000 parents
- 528 did conservation work
- 524 helped in rural fire prevention
- 481 held 10% or more of members after leaving school
- 480 did pest eradication
- 448 owned or had access to radios
- 398 used official secretary's book
- 371 used official treasurer's book
- 373 put out publicity material regularly
- 361 put on radio programs
- 332 organized cooperatives
- 214 celebrated National F. F. A. Day and Week.

It is interesting, also, to note that 99 chapters in the Texas Association published local papers or news letters; that 15,000 members own or have access to official manuals; that 47 chapters were entered in the 1939 national chapter contest; and that convention proceedings as well as the State constitution is in printed form. Over 10,000 members participated in a live-at-home program and 28,236 in product shows and exhibits. Members reported \$50,947.32 on deposit in thrift banks and \$958,207.06 invested in farming. 180 members belong to the Collegiate chapters maintained at all teacher-training institutions.

## WYOMING

For the second year in succession, the Wyoming Association of F. F. A. placed high being "topped" only by the State of Texas. Under the guidance of Sylvester West as President and Sam Hitchcock, Adviser, this Association turned in a splendid record. 981 of 1,224 students of vocational agriculture were active F. F. A. members in 38 chapters, which represented 100% of the vocational agriculture departments in that State. Two new chapters and 138 members were reported for the year.

The Association's annual program of work showed a high percentage of completion. A mimeographed monthly publication was issued. A summer camp was provided as well as a State-wide leadership training school. The Association also sponsored a radio program series using the 2 broadcasting stations available. The State F. F. A.

band was increased to 80 pieces this year and made an excellent showing at the State convention, which was attended by 95% of the chapters and where all delegates and officers were attired in official jackets. Five large loose-leaf notebooks, neatly assembled and illustrated told the story of the Association's development and substantiated the achievements. Three reels of colored motion picture also accompanied the report.

High participation in the national program of work was indicated in the work of the 38 chapters. For example, 100% of the chapters possessed full meeting equipment and used the opening and closing ceremonies regularly; 100% used official jackets, had libraries, prepared publicity articles regularly, held parent and son banquets, and conducted public speaking contests. 100% of the chapter officers and members also had access to official manuals. Other accomplishments of note were shown in the fact that 95% of the chapters used the official secretary and treasurer books; 90% used official markers; did organized home improvement and conservation work; had their own radios; and listened in on the national broadcasts. One-third of the chapters entered the national chapter contest.

The Wyoming Association operated on a budget of \$340.00. Members reported \$1,866.75 in thrift banks and \$21,636.55 in savings accounts. Member investments in farming were given as \$109,370.44. Services to farmers and services to the community were outstanding.

The Collegiate Chapter at the University of Wyoming had a membership of 15 students.

## MONTANA

The Montana Association of F. F. A. had a membership of 1,649 out of 2,030 students enrolled in all-day classes in vocational agriculture. Fifty-four schools had chapters in operation which was 100% organization. 349 new active members were added to the roll in 1939.

The report was supplemented by an excellent scrapbook filled with pictures, newspaper clippings, and a complete record of the year's activities. Outstanding among the State Association activities was the fact that the president had traveled 5,000 miles in visiting every chapter in Montana; a State-sponsored series of weekly radio broadcasts over 7 stations participated in by 37 chapters; a band of 91 pieces; a monthly printed State Association publication; 98% chapter representation at the State Convention; and the plans for a State F. F. A. camp; and securing a permanent building at the North Montana State Fair.

Operating on dues of 50c per member, the State budget was \$1,372.20. Individual members had \$649.62 on deposit in thrift banks and member investments in farming totaled \$112,164 on January 1, 1939.

Of the 54 chapters, all observed National F. F. A. Day, had programs on file at the State office, used the opening and closing cere-

monies, gave special instruction on parliamentary procedure, and had access to radios. 46 chapters used the official secretary and treasurer books; 35 had libraries with 1,675 books therein; 38 held parent and son banquets; 42 did home improvement work; 49 carried on co-operative activities for financial benefit to the chapter and members; 44 prepared publicity regularly; 29 held public speaking contests with 100% member participation; 31 carried out safety programs; 24 kept scrapbooks; 39 improved the school grounds; 14 presented George Washington programs on February 22; 26 had musical organizations; and 37 held summer camps or tours.

A further study of the Montana report showed that 25 chapters carried out conservation programs, 49 had complete paraphernalia, 13 had chapter houses, 12 cooperated on livestock loss prevention, and that 100% of the delegates at the State Convention wore the official jackets.

The Montana Association had exhibits at the North Montana Fair as well as at Billings, Missoula, and Miles City. Judging contests were staged at the Midland Empire and Western Montana Fairs. A training school for advisers was held and the Collegiate Chapter at Montana State College had a membership of 28.

Dan K. Mizner was the State President and A. W. Johnson, Adviser.

## VIRGINIA

Holding charter number one, the Virginia Association has been numbered twice among the high scoring States in former years. The report which won them fourth place this year was contained in a special binding of neat and appropriate design and signed by Marcus Oliver as President and Henry Groseclose as Adviser.

The Virginia Association is composed of Federations in which there were, for 1938-39, a total of 236 chapters and 7,592 members. The State has 245 departments of vocational agriculture with an enrollment of 9,217 students. The report showed an increase of 17 F. F. A. chapters and 1,089 members this year.

Operating on a budget of \$9,475.00, this Association provided a State camp and a leadership training school. A State band of 50 pieces and a choral group of 50 voices were also organized. The State publication was printed bi-monthly and a series of 27 broadcasts over 2 stations was given. Outstanding items in the State program of work were: supplying Manuals to all members, financing judging teams on out-of-state trips, establishing a motion picture library, member participation in shows and fairs, and sponsoring a State-wide egg laying contest.

At the State convention, 98% of the Chapters were represented by 451 delegates. All officers and 90% of the delegates were attired in official jackets. Total convention attendance was 1,304. Thirty mem-

bers and 8 local advisers attended the National Convention and 105 chapters entered the National Chapter Contest.

The report showed participation in the national program of work by the 236 chapters to be as follows: 236 held a public speaking contest; 227 used the opening and closing ceremonies regularly and the officers knew their parts within 2 months after school opened; 224 had thrift banks in operation; 210 held special parliamentary procedure meetings; 202 did organized home improvement work; 194 did cooperative buying and selling; 193 had libraries; and 192 had full meeting equipment.

It is also interesting to note that 100% of the dues were paid by January 1st and that member thrift accounts totaled \$84,824.00. Investments in farming by members was reported as \$342,743.00.

The Collegiate Chapter at V. P. I. had a membership of 97 students.

### WEST VIRGINIA

Fifth place in the State Association awards developed into a tie between West Virginia and Florida.

The West Virginia Association has developed steadily. Howard Miller was the President for the 1938-39 year and John M. Lowe, the Adviser. In this State there were 80 departments of vocational agriculture and 80 chapters of F. F. A. Of the 3,615 students of vocational agriculture, 2,879 held membership in the organization. During the year, 6 new chapters and 490 new members were added to the list.

The West Virginia Association is composed of 9 Federations and each one held an annual Field Day. Programs included farm skills contests, chapter conducting and parliamentary procedure contests, musical events and sports. A State-wide leadership training school, 3 days in length, was held with 69 chapters participating. Fifteen minute weekly radio programs were staged using the facilities of 3 radio stations. A brass band was organized and the Association printed two issues of a State paper. Total attendance at the State convention was 304 of which 169 were delegates. 24 members and 6 local advisers attended the National Convention. The budget for the Association was \$1,296.98. Twenty-four members and 6 advisers went to the Kansas City convention.

An extensive program of work was carried out and a high percentage of completion was shown on many items included. For example, 73% of the chapters held four meetings per month during the school year and one per month in the summer; 70% had chapter libraries; 66% of the chapters participated in Federation public speaking contests; 78% of the members paid all dues by November 1st. Noteworthy participation in the national program of work was evidenced in items showing that of the 80 chapters, 72 used the official



secretary's book; 66 had full meeting equipment; 69 used the official metal markers; 69 did home improvement work; 63 engaged in organized cooperative effort; and 66 chapters owned or had access to radios. A very complete file of illustrative material was submitted the State Association report.

Members reported \$1,641.96 in thrift banks and \$102,418.51 invested in farming.

The Collegiate Chapter located at West Virginia University reported a membership of 30 students.

## FLORIDA

Sharing honors with West Virginia for fifth place award was the Florida Association. Made up of 111 local chapters and 3,542 active members enrolled in all-day, day-unit, and part-time classes in vocational agriculture, this Association operated on a budget of \$1,952.00, and showed a growth of 14 new chapters, and 517 new members. Billy Johnson served as President and J. F. Williams, Jr., Adviser.

Outstanding in the accomplishments of the Florida Association is the development of a splendid F. F. A. camp in cooperation with the State Forestry Department. It was operated again during the summer when 100% of the chapters sent representatives to take advantage of recreation, and leadership training opportunities. A State radio broadcast, consisting of 15 minutes of transcribed programs once a month, was operated over 6 radio stations. This Association also had a band of 60 pieces and printed a quarterly publication. Seventeen members attended the national convention.

Participation in the national program of work was demonstrated in the following items taken from the Florida annual report for 1938-39. Of the 111 chapters, 100% used official chapter secretary and treasurer books; possessed full meeting equipment; used the opening and closing ceremonies regularly; held parent and son banquets; prepared publicity regularly; and listened in on the national radio program. The report indicated further that 103 chapters held meetings for special instruction on parliamentary procedure; 96 entered the national chapter contest; 93 did home improvement work; 91 formed cooperatives; 83 engaged in conservation activities; and 66 had their own libraries. 100% of the chapter officers owned official manuals, and 100% of the members had access to manuals.

There were 222 delegates in attendance at the State convention and the total attendance was 1,022 people. The members had \$1,590.00 on deposit in thrift banks and \$187,095.00 invested in farming as of January 1, 1939. The Collegiate Chapter at the University of Florida had 35 members.



REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STAMPING GROUND, KENTUCKY, CHAPTER—WINNER FOR 1939: IVAN JETT, *Adviser* (left) and ROBERT HUTTON, *President*.

## The Chapter Contest

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The National F. F. A. Chapter Contest conducted annually by the organization is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort. 699 chapters were entered in the 1939 event and 38 States were represented in the final competition.

The selection of the winners was based on the scope and quality of the chapter's program of work and on the actual accomplishments of the chapter, as revealed in the final report submitted. Emphasis was given to activities **organized and carried through by the chapter as a group**. Participation was limited to active members.

Competing chapters were urged to exercise initiative and originality in activity programs adapted to their situations and locality conditions. Attention was focused on evidence submitted which indicated chapter consciousness and group action. The Chapter Contest has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worth-while undertakings.

In scoring a chapter's program, consideration was given to: (1) the importance and appropriateness of the items included; (2) the goals of accomplishment set; and (3) the ways and means used to attain the goals and objectives. This applied to each item on the score card.

In scoring accomplishments, consideration was given to (1) the total accomplishment of the chapter on each item of its program; (2) percentage of membership participation; (3) average accomplishment per member where such statement was feasible; and (4) the general accomplishment and progress of the chapter group in terms of the goals set.

The following score card was used in making the selection of outstanding chapters:

	Program of Work	Accomplishments
I. Supervised practice .....	50	150
II. Cooperative activities .....	40	120
III. Community service .....	40	120
IV. Leadership activities .....	30	90
V. Earnings and savings .....	30	90
VI. Conduct of meetings .....	20	60
VII. Scholarship .....	20	60
VIII. Recreation .....	20	60
Totals .....	250	750

The placing of the winning chapters for 1939 was as follows:

National Winner (also of the North Central Region) .....	Stamping Ground, Ky.
Winner, North Atlantic Region .....	Albion, New York
Winner, Southern Region .....	Moultrie, Georgia
Winner, Pacific Region .....	Deer Lodge, Montana

The following other chapters won first place in their respective States:

Modesto, California.	Marshall, Missouri.
Brighton, Colorado.	Fairbury, Nebraska.
Tri-Ag, (Willimantic), Connecticut.	Carson Valley, (Gardnerville), Nevada.
Tate, (Gonzales), Florida.	Smoky Mountains National Park, (Waynesville), North Carolina.
Columbus, Indiana.	Xenia, Ohio.
Shawnee Mission, (Merriam), Kansas.	Corvallis, Oregon.
Rocky Mount, Louisiana.	Brookings, South Dakota.
Presque Isle, Maine.	

Sherwood, (Sandy Spring),  
Maryland.  
Essex County, Massachusetts.  
Adrian, Michigan.  
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Ollie B. Webb, (Abilene), Texas.  
Thetford, Vermont.  
Powhatan, Virginia.  
Buffalo Valley, West Virginia  
Shoshone, Wyoming.

The first prize was \$150.00 in cash and a bronze plaque. Regional prizes were \$75.00 each in cash; and state prizes were \$15.00 each in cash. All prizes were given by the National Organization of F. F. A.

Judges for the Chapter Contest were: W. P. Beard, Specialist in Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education; Tom G. Stitts, Chief, Cooperative Research and Service Division, Farm Credit Administration; and W. B. Phillips, Chief, Publications Section, Rural Electrification Administration.

Every chapter entered is to be congratulated on their splendid work and the fine spirit in which they competed. Summaries of the work of the highest scoring chapters appear in this publication. Complete records are on file in the national F. F. A. office.

### **STAMPING GROUND, KENTUCKY**

Rising above the discouragement that might naturally follow the loss of a school building, equipment and records by fire, as well as serious damage inflicted by a heavy windstorm, the Stamping Ground Chapter came above it all and repeated its achievement in 1936-37 by winning again this year. Under the guidance of Ivan Jett, Adviser and President Tom Nunley, this group submitted a beautifully bound report that constitutes a challenge to any F. F. A. chapter, regardless of location or opportunity.

The Stamping Ground Chapter was organized in 1928 and operates in a community having a population of about 400 farm people. The town itself is 22 miles from Lexington. The principal crop is burley tobacco although corn, hay and wheat are also grown. Sheep are found on nearly every farm. Other animal enterprises are beef, dairy cattle, hogs and poultry.

The Chapter was composed of 32 members. Developing their farming programs in line with locality conditions, they introduced about 140 improved practices on the farms in the area served by the school and these practices were in 8 different enterprises. The members averaged 32 skills, 3 productive projects and 750 man-work hours each. 85% of the projects were continuation, 81% showed full member ownership and 82% of the hog projects had pure bred animals.

Cooperation was exceptionally strong. A chapter project of one acre of tobacco gave the group a net earning of \$243.60 and sold for \$31.61 per hundred pounds. A subsidiary in the form of feed cooperative mixed and sold 186,000 pounds of poultry, dairy, sheep and hog feeds which meant a gross business amounting to \$3,443.32. Some



47,000 pounds of tobacco fertilizer was handled in a similar manner. In addition, 2,100 chicks were purchased and an extensive survey of tobacco practices was made. Most of the members sold their products through one of the Chapter cooperatives.

In serving the community, the Chapter sponsored a community fair, took over the job of beautifying the school grounds, conducted a home beautification contest, and sponsored movements to secure curbs and gutters, as well as more adequate fire fighting equipment, for the town.

The Chapter did a gross business of \$1,511.39 and on July 1 had \$322.58 in their account. This was exclusive of the fair and the cooperatives. The Chapter house built in 1937 was added to and the interior improved with \$1,100.00 secured by the members. Average savings and investments per member amounted to \$278.08. A thrift bank started during the year had total deposits of \$103.70.

Eighteen meetings of the Chapter, held outside of school time, showed 78% attendance and the programs were posted in advance. All officers knew their parts in ceremonies which were used regularly. Refreshments were served at each meeting and special meetings were held for the home economics girls and eighth grade pupils as guests.

Recreation had its place in the life of the Stamping Ground members. One banquet, 7 parties and 2 picnics were held. Fifteen members made a tour of the New York World's Fair and into Canada. Tours were made to other chapters and 12 members attended the State F. F. A. Camp. Musical talent was also developed in the Chapter.

Still other splendid activities could be listed if space permitted. Among them were: training members in parliamentary procedure; conducting a chapel program and radio program; testing the water supply of homes; landscaping the city filter plant; publishing a news letter; holding pure bred hog sales; cooperating with the State Game and Fish Commission in protecting wild life; building and adding equipment to the new agricultural room; and enlarging the farm shop. Each boy paid \$2.00 into the Chapter treasury to replace books lost in the school fire and pledged another dollar for the same purpose next year. About 1,800 inches of publicity material was prepared for newspapers. In scholarship the members maintained a C+ average.

In reviewing and studying the Stamping Ground report, one is impressed with the spirit of the members; their will to do something worth-while for their school and community; the extent of the Chapter activities; the splendid planning; and the care given to the detailed preparation of the report. Goals were reached or exceeded in most instances. It was an outstanding example of practical and effective training in citizenship for farm youth with all that could be expected in encouragement from the Board of Education and people of the community.

## ALBION, NEW YORK

The Albion, New York, chapter submitted a very complete and comprehensive program of work and a fine report as winner in the North Atlantic Region. A well illustrated scrap book included many excellent pictures, snapshots, and free hand illustrations. It was organized by sections conforming to the written report. This group has been operating since 1926.

Under the guidance of Harold Parker as President and William Sherman, Adviser the 55 members accomplished many worthy objectives. Evidence of the success of these young men, working both as individuals and as a group, was shown throughout their record. The chapter operated on a real business basis at all times. Numerous invoices, bills of sale, contracts, and canceled checks submitted showed this to be true.

The enterprises included in the farming program of the members were tomatoes, cabbage, corn, muck crops, potatoes, fruit, and swine. According to a summary these 55 members had in the bank or on hand \$2,740.00. They also had \$7,780.00 invested in farming and their total net worth was \$10,520.00. The report showed an average of 3.3 projects and 395 hours of work per boy on his farming program. It also indicated an average of \$141.00 per boy invested in farming.

Chapter cooperative activities revealed the purchase of 3,300 pounds of certified seed potatoes, 13,750 chicks, 7,250 strawberry plants and 851 fruit trees. Other cooperative purchases made included vegetable and flower seeds, grain seed, shrubs, and poultry equipment. Over \$2,200.00 worth of high grade chicks, seed and trees were secured. The boys joined the Farm Bureau as a group and 34 of them were members of the Grange.

Numerous prizes were won on exhibits at agricultural shows and fairs—state, county and local. Outstanding were the chapter displays at the Rochester Horticultural Shows.

In serving their community, these young men planted 3,000 fruit trees, tested 1,730 samples of milk, sharpened tools for 60 farmers, eliminated pests and fed several hundred pheasants during the winter months. Chapter members also made a very complete survey of 136 farms in the locality.

Leadership was shown in having two members as class presidents, participation in judging contests, public speaking, the staging of 3 radio broadcasts and in the preparation of 1,055 column inches of publicity material for local and city newspapers. Various other contests were entered and winnings made by a high percentage of members. The boys also edited a county news letter that was published once a month.

This chapter group was strong in athletics having teams organized and competing in football, baseball, basket ball, track, and bowl-

ing. The basket ball team won 13 of 18 games that were played. Recreation items included a parent-and-son banquet, several picnics, dances and an amateur show. The chapter also organized and maintained a "hill-billy" band and were hosts to the Niagara-Orleans spring rally.

During the year \$191.28, net profit was made for the chapter on activities engaged in to create working capital. \$72.00 was loaned to one member. The average member savings was \$50.00. One night and one day meeting per month were held throughout the year. At the night meetings recreation and refreshments were included. The chapter maintained 86% member attendance at meetings and the members averaged 78.8% in scholarship.

Excellent summaries at the close of each section of this report enabled the reader to get a quick and accurate picture of the activities, the ways and means used and measurable accomplishments.

### **MOULTRIE, GEORGIA**

Standing highest in the Southern Region was the Moultrie, Georgia, Chapter, composed of 100 active members carrying forward their work under the guidance of President Wallace Murphy with J. G. Thomas and O. M. Cates as Advisers. The Moultrie Chapter was chartered in October, 1930.

Each member carried major, minor, contributory and improvement projects. Productive enterprises included cotton, corn, peanuts, truck crops, tobacco, peas, velvet beans, oats, hogs, beef and chickens. The record on supervised practice showed that 43% of the members had investments in livestock, much of which was pure bred; 62% used pure seed; 47% improved home orchards and that 26% had home forest projects.

In the accompanying well illustrated scrap books and detailed accomplishment record, it was found that cooperative activities held a prominent place. For example, the following commodities and products were purchased cooperatively: tankage, 6,550 pounds; cottonseed meal, 7,300 pounds; shorts, 2,300 pounds; minerals, 630 pounds; and chicken feed, 5,350 pounds. Other purchases made cooperatively by the Moultrie Chapter members included fruit trees, Austrian peas, pine seedlings and feeder steers. Products sold cooperatively included \$3,725.38 worth of hogs, a carload of watermelons that brought \$275.00, and beef calves selling at the beef show for \$679.92.

The Chapter paid in \$285 on the State F. F. A. Camp. Members operated a school forestry project and pine seedling bed from which materials were secured to improve the school grounds, worked with school authorities on beautifying the town and county, and helped to set out 11,214 trees.

A Chapter cabin built and owned by the Moultrie group was improved during the year and new equipment was added. The cabin is used for meetings and various social gatherings. A community-wide canning plant was kept open at all times. During the year 44,560 pints of fruits, meats and vegetables were canned by farm families assisted by the F. F. A. boys.

Other community service worthy of special mention was as follows: conducting fertilizer demonstrations on cotton and oats; raising hogs under sanitary conditions; and planting pines along the highways. 90% of the members contributed products to the Community Christmas program sponsored by the high school and 5 F. F. A. exhibits were set up at agricultural shows.

Leadership was evident in such activities as encouraging home orchards, the use of native plantings in home beautification, and assisting in terracing 3,260 acres of land with terracing equipment owned by the chapter. This group also had 85% of their members in public speaking competition and 91% took part in at least one chapter program which included a chapel appearance and two before service clubs. 1,545 inches of publicity material was prepared during the year.

This chapter held two carefully planned meetings a month, taught parliamentary procedure to its members and staged joint programs with home economics department. The Advisers met with other teachers to improve the scholarship of members. Thirty-three members attended the State Camp. Three socials and a dance were held and 221 persons attended the annual parent banquet.

The average amount invested per member in farming was \$84.75. The Chapter thrift bank showed deposits of \$157.96. Chapter money raising activities included contests, a "hill billy" show, soft drink stands, a costume ball and tree planting. From these activities the chapter obtained a working capital of over \$130.00.

### **DEER LODGE, MONTANA**

Placing first in the Pacific Region was the Deer Lodge, Montana, group. It was not their first time, however, to receive national recognition in this event. The chapter was chartered in April, 1930 and this year had 42 members which represented 100% of the students enrolled in vocational agriculture at Powell County High School.

Accompanying the typewritten report was a large tooled leather scrap book full of pictures, prize ribbons and other interesting supplementary material. One of the unusual features was that each member listed what the F. F. A. organization had done for him. The chapter has a fine house and farm of its own. Bill Geary was the President and W. E. Anderson served as Adviser.

Outstanding farming programs are being developed by a good many of the members. Important enterprises include poultry, hogs,



sheep and cattle. As a result of competitive calf feeding, several members sent their animals to stock shows in Salt Lake, Spokane and Billings. Lambs also were exhibited at various agricultural shows.

Securing materials from the county commissioners, the boys built a chapter cooperative brooder house. About 2,000 baby chicks were brooded. At the time their report was submitted over 600 fryers had been sold at better than current prices. The Chapter also purchased over 5 tons of laying mash and chick starter. A revolving swine project of chapter-owned animals made it possible for several members to carry swine projects.

Service to the local community was headed by a very successful Junior Fair and Horse Show which the Chapter sponsored and for which sizable premiums were donated. The group also assisted in the distribution of 10 tons of grasshopper poison and 10,000 pounds of gopher poison. About 20 pounds of magpie poison was made and distributed in pheasant areas. The boys also built potato graders, culled chickens, cleaned the high school building, improved the school grounds and donated 800 pounds of potatoes at Christmas time.

Leadership activities included encouraging the grain feeding of steers, the planting of shelterbelts and the improvement of potatoes. A school assembly program and a radio broadcast were given, as well as special leadership training for chapter members. Twelve per cent of the members were on a Chapter honor roll and a scholarship committee checked on member grades three times during the year. The members scholarship average was C.

One meeting per month was held throughout the year with 90% attendance reported. Posted bulletins informed members as to the business to be disposed of and the meetings were conducted in approved form. Dues in this Chapter were \$1.50 per member.

The group showed their thrift by the purchase of a U. S. Postal Savings bond with money contributed by members. This move encouraged two members to do the same thing for themselves. A net profit of \$267.62 was made by the chapter from a carnival, turkey shoots, magazine subscriptions and other activities. Members earned from farming an average of \$118.20 and had invested in farming an average of \$134.00, each.

Recreational activities included a father and son banquet for 260 persons, a summer camping trip, a rifle team and several picnics. The Chapter also maintained an orchestra and won 30 games of basket ball.

## The Public Speaking Contest

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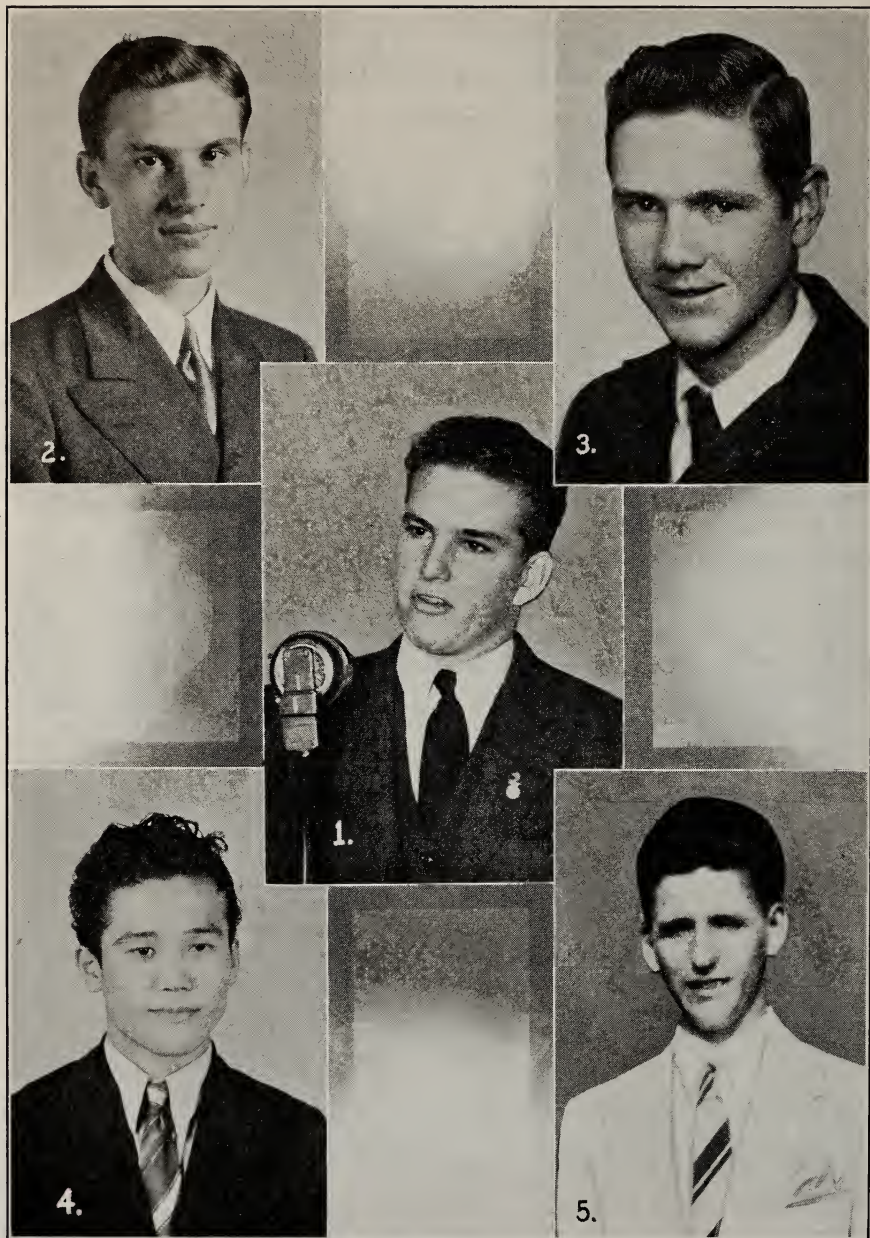
The tenth annual National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest was held in the arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Monday evening, October sixteenth. The five finalists representing four administrative regions on the mainland and the Hawaiian Islands were: Wayne Poucher of Florida; Harold Hoffman of Illinois; Francis Landis of California; Seisuke Akamine of Hawaii and Francis Mansue of New Jersey. When the results were tabulated, it was found that young Poucher, a brother of Lester Poucher, past national president of the F. F. A., was the 1939 champion speaker. The other contestants placed in the order named above.

Two groups of judges had a part in the scoring process which brought forth the final decision as to the contestants placings. The first group of three judges scored the manuscripts on which 400 points were allowed. The second group of judges scored delivery for which 600 points were allowed. The judges on manuscript were: E. A. Norton, Chief Physical Surveys Division, Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; E. B. Reid, Director of Information and Extension, Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.; Wayne Darrow, Director Division of Information, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The judges on delivery were: R. H. Woods, President American Vocational Association, Frankfort, Ky.; H. H. Kildee, Dean College of Agriculture, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa; Leonard Jensen, Teacher of Speech, Randolph High School, Kansas City, Kansas.

The controlling purpose of the F. F. A. is the development of rural and agricultural leadership and definite provision for training in public speaking is considered essential. The five youths who appeared in this national contest had come up through local, sectional, State, and regional elimination events similar, in all respects, to the national event sponsored by their organization. During the year, thousands of F. F. A. members in the 47 States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico benefited by participation in the preliminary competition and while substantial prizes were offered to the national winners, the training to every member participating stands out as the lasting value of the competition.

Each contestant was the author of his own speech, having studied his subject, prepared the draft and practiced its delivery. Each speech represented original thought and original work on the part of the contestant with coaching on composition and delivery limited, by the rules of the contest, to the facilities of the school from which the con-



(1) WAYNE POUCHER

(2) HAROLD D. HOFFMAN  
(4) SEISUKE AKAMINE

(3) FRANCIS E. LANDIS  
(5) FRANCIS MANSUE



testant came. Each boy was at liberty to choose his own subject. Questions were asked by the judges on delivery to test each contestant on ability to think on his feet and general knowledge of his subject.

The National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest was first made possible in 1930 by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas who, for two years, sponsored the event and offered prizes. Since that time, the national organization of Future Farmers of America has been the sponsor. Previous winners by years are:

1930—Edward Drace, Keytesville Chapter, Keytesville, Missouri.

*Subject:* "Equalization of Taxes as a Source of Farm Relief."

1931—R. Hugh Conn, Worcester Chapter, Worcester, Massachusetts.

*Subject:* "The Tariff and the Debenture Clause."

1932—William Bagot Searson, St. Paul Chapter, Yonges Island, South Carolina.

*Subject:* "Give Them a Chance."

1933—Albert W. Richardson, Reading Chapter, Reading, Massachusetts.

*Subject:* "Why Be a Farmer?"

1934—J. Phelon Malouf, Richfield Chapter, Richfield, Utah.

*Subject:* "The Farmer's Part in a Planned Agriculture."

1935—Mont Kenney, Fillmore Chapter, Fillmore, Utah.

*Subject:* "Land Use."

1936—Kenneth Jack, Pennsboro Chapter, Pennsboro, West Virginia.

*Subject:* "What Next?"

1937—Jack Gunning, Oshkosh Chapter, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

*Subject:* "First in Agriculture."

1938—Leslie H. Standlee, Chaffee Chapter, Upland, California.

*Subject:* "Chemurgy as an Aid to the American Farmer."



## SCORE CARD

## PART I. FOR SCORING CONTENT AND COMPOSITION:

<i>Items to be Scored</i>	<i>Points Allowed</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
1. Content of the manuscript	250					
2. Composition of manuscript	150					
Score on written production	400					

## PART II. FOR SCORING DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCTION:

<i>Items to be Scored</i>	<i>Points Allowed</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
1. Voice	100					
2. Stage presence	100					
3. Power of expression	150					
4. Response to questions	150					
5. General effect	100					
Score on delivery	600					

## PART III. FOR COMPUTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST:

<i>Items to be Scored</i>	<i>Points Allowed</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
1. Score on written production	400					
2. Score on delivery	600					
TOTALS	1000					
*Less overtime deductions, for each minute	20 points					
GRAND TOTALS						

\*From the timekeeper's record.

## SOIL CONSERVATION — MAN'S AND NATURE'S

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By WAYNE POUCHER

Largo, Florida

(Winning Speech)

During a recent sand storm, in the middle western states, a farmer was sitting on his front porch gazing intently into the whirling sands, when his wife remarked, "Why do you sit there and stare into space?" He replied, "I'm counting my neighbors' farms as they go by." Perhaps this is an exaggerated statement, but it brings to our minds something of the magnitude of the problem of soil erosion with which the farmers of America are faced today.

In order that we might gain a clear picture of this devastating situation, let us go back to the time when civilized man first touched this continent, and study the conditions that were prevalent then in comparison with those of the present time.

When our founding fathers landed on the shores of eastern America they found stretched before them a land of golden agricultural opportunities. They found a thick layer of rich top soil, high in organic matter and rich in plant food. Little did they realize that for every inch of that soil Mother Nature had spent nearly five hundred years of careful work.

Mother Nature, in the instance of the soil, has all of the instincts of a mother for her child. She carefully fostered the growth of that soil then covered it over with a thick layer of vegetation, to protect it from the many elements of destruction which are included in her intricate character.

To break the force of the raindrops, she placed the forest with its canopy of leaves spreading over the land. In addition to this, it sent millions of long roots deep into the soil and held it in its place. Also, she found, that in the seasons when the leaves left the trees and fell to the earth, they formed a filter pad and assisted the raindrops to seep slowly into the absorptive soil beneath.

We can see that Mother Nature in her plan of protection took into consideration many things. The years have borne out the fact that the purpose of this protection was that civilized man might use that soil as a means of survival down through the ages. The years also have borne out the fact that nature in her plan of protection forgot to take into consideration the destructiveness of civilized humanity.

Going in complete opposition to the plan of Nature, man used that soil with a range of consideration, only for the generation in

which he lived. All too often, the pioneer farmer planted soil depleting crops year after year on the same acreage. This, at that time, seemed the logical thing to do. There was an abundance of fertile land all over America, and when one acreage would no longer produce the food necessary for the survival of man, he would take up his household and move it to another and there produce the food that he needed. He did not realize the damage he was doing in leaving the soil open to the ravages of heat, wind, and gravity, those natural elements which cause erosion. To illustrate the importance of soil, I quote you Will Durant. He says, "I see America basically as soil. Its wealth and power are rooted in the earth, in the actual resources of the land. When these are used up America will cease to be."

We now find that out of approximately two billion acres representing the entire acreage of the country, exclusive of urban and water territories, less than one fourth has escaped damage by soil erosion of some type. Over fifty million acres of that once fertile soil has been totally retired from production and an additional tract of one hundred million acres has been seriously damaged. It has been estimated that soil erosion is costing the farmers of the United States approximately \$400,000,000 annually in soil depreciation and reduced yields.

The Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture, after a careful survey, realized that unless something was done soon to rebuild the soil of America, we could not be a self-sustaining nation very long. As a result they have been endeavoring in every way possible to remedy these problems. They have established experiment stations throughout America to determine the best methods of land use and conservation in general, and have published numerous pamphlets, bulletins, and other publications to acquaint the farmer with the outcome of these experiments. As a part of their program to conserve the soil resources of this nation and, at the same time, keep production in line with demand, they have resorted to paying the farmer to plant portions of his land to recommended types of protective, soil building crops.

In studying the subject of soil erosion in its entirety we come, quite surprisingly, to the conclusion that erosion itself is not the problem with which we are concerned, but, that the differential between the rate of soil erosion and soil formation is the problem that we have to solve and which we have to balance.

Under natural conditions, nature is capable of building the soil at a rate fast enough to compensate for the loss by erosion. But, it has become evident that civilized humanity with all of its modern methods of farming has placed that soil under conditions so unnatural that nature can no longer maintain that balance alone. Therefore, we must do everything that we can to conserve the greatest natural resource of our nation, our soil. You ask, "How may I as an individual help to solve a problem so tremendous in scope?" You as a farmer,

can do this by cooperating with the governmental conservation agencies in all of their efforts, and by following on your own farms approved methods of crop rotation and conservation. You, as a member of society, can do this by supporting all legislation to the end of Conservation. Today, wholehearted cooperation and extensive education are of necessity the means of attaining this goal.

There is another angle to this subject which I would like to bring out. The relationship of the farmer to society concerning soil erosion. This is no longer a question that is facing the farmer alone. From the standpoint of maintaining a national social and economic balance, it is facing farmer and society alike. It has suddenly become a matter of public concern, for, as J. H. Bradley said in his "Autobiography of Earth", "The fabric of human life has been woven on earthly looms, it everywhere smells of the soil, for however high the spirit of man may soar, it is on the stomach that humanity like an army must ever advance."

In conclusion, may I leave with you the thought so ably expressed by Stuart Chase in his recent book, "Rich Land, Poor Land."

"The earth is situs and so much more than mere bread factory. People do not make a continent, a continent makes a people. The age long strength of Russia is due to her latitude, climate, resources, and sweep. The strength of England is due to her position in the sea. The strength of this nation is due to the continent of North America. It has molded us, nourished us, and fed its vitality into our veins. We are its children and we are lost and homeless without its protecting arms about us."

I believe that you will all agree that it is better to protect that soil and in so doing insure ourselves and our posterity, rather than to continue to destroy it and cease to be.



## SAVE OUR SOIL!

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By HAROLD D. HOFFMAN

Walnut, Illinois

(Second Place Speech)

The world recognizes that the American farmer has a rich heritage in the soil. Yet, instead of preserving this wonderful heritage, which has produced our clothing, food, shelter, and vital necessities of life, our forefathers exploited this soil without regard for the future generations, and allowed accelerated soil erosion to take its toll in ruined farm land.

Already one-twelfth of our agricultural land has been ruined permanently for farming purposes.<sup>1</sup> As a nation, we have cut and burned trees until only 60 per cent of the forest acreage remains.<sup>2</sup> We have plowed under the rich prairie sod and left it to the scouring, devastating effect of the water and wind. And finally, we have set our crops up and down these naked slopes, parallel with fences, making gutters of destruction out of our cultivated furrows. All of these evil practices that allow erosion, have disturbed nature's harmony of forces, robbed us of our soil, and given to us in its place the dust bowl and floods of today.

Accelerated soil erosion on a national scale is clearly described in the 1938 Yearbook of Agriculture. Here, the results of a state and federal survey taken in the preceding year show that 61 per cent of our cropland is either subject to continued erosion, or is of such poor quality, as not to return a satisfactory income at an average of the price levels between 1921 and 1936. It has been estimated that 500,000,000 tons of soil are taken from this land and carried to the sea by floodwaters every year.<sup>3</sup> H. H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, states that soil erosion costs us annually \$400,000,000.<sup>4</sup> Such a loss affects the majority of farmers, since three-fourths of all farm crops are grown upon land that induces erosion.<sup>5</sup>

A typical example of what erosion is doing on the majority of American farm land, is shown on our own farm. One pasture of virgin soil has been carefully grazed, and the soil is still intact, while a similar slope that had been under cultivation, is nearly bare of top-soil in many spots due to the years of sheet erosion. Now the fields are being broken up by ditches and gullies. Such an example of destruction and loss, multiplied many times in America, illustrates that one of the paramount needs of farming today is the conservation of our land resources.

If we intend to save our soil, and thereby restore our nation's agriculture to a more permanent basis, we must have a working knowledge of the best farming practices. They are not necessarily all big, expensive projects that can be practiced only by a few, but are

simply sensible ways of cooperating with nature's laws of the balance and harmony between water, soil, and vegetation. The most ideal means of preventing soil erosion is a complete covering of grass and trees, but since our system of row cropping does not always allow us to do that, we must follow the principle involved, which is just this,—if we hold the water, the fertile topsoil will be saved!

There are numerous ways of holding the water and soil, depending upon the conditions involved, and how the principle is applied. First, since the roots of grass and trees knit the soil particles together in a sponge-like fashion, we must return the steeper and more unproductive slopes to permanent pasture and timber, and graze such land with great care. Second, cropland should be rotated with grasses and legumes, and protected, whenever possible, by cover crops. Third, in the arid regions of the country permanent dams, artificial reservoirs, and basin listing are used to conserve the water supply, while tree "belts" and reseeded prevent blowing. Fourth, in the humid sections check dams and grass drainage outlets are effective where ditches and gullies threaten to ruin fields.

Farmers of today are generally accepting these conservation practices, but now we know that in order to complete our conservation program we must go one important step farther. This step, which I wish to emphasize, is the reorganization of fields and crops to include contour farming with terraces and strip-cropping.

Terraces, of which the broad base terrace is probably the most popular, are just earth ridges on the level, and contour strip-cropping is simply the use of alternate strips of tilled and untilled crops planted upon the level around a slope. There are modified types of terraces and contour strip-cropping, but the purpose is the same. Every furrow and harrow scratch on a contour serves as a tiny dam and reservoir to slow down the speed of the water, keep it free of dirt, and ready for soil absorption.

Experiments over a period of years under numerous conditions prove that contour farming is successful. For instance, the first terraces tried in the Middle West were at Vienna, Illinois where, in a test over a period of ten years, terraced land yielded twice as much corn as land under conventional practices.<sup>6</sup> At Temple, Texas a field of strip-cropped cotton lost only 5.4 per cent of a rainfall as run-off, while a similar plot of rowed cotton lost nearly 12 times as much water.<sup>7</sup> And at Clarinda, Iowa during a three year period, a cornfield up and down the hills lost 40 tons of soil, compared with none for the similar cornfield on a contour.<sup>8</sup> Contoured fields have the advantage of being larger, and therefore need less fencing, and since the work is done on a level, a substantial saving is made in fuel and upkeep for machinery.

How then, will a complete program of conservation, which is fitted to the existing conditions, affect the farm income? Records

kept for three years on 30 cooperating and 30 non-cooperating farms at LeRoy, Illinois reveal that in 1935, the first year the conservation program was under way, the cooperating farms had an advantage in net income of \$372 a farm, and that advantage increased to \$681 per farm for the year 1937.<sup>9</sup> Such an increase in farm income can be used to bring the advantages of rural electrification, better home and family comforts, and improved building and machinery facilities.

In the final analysis, we have everything to gain by an extensive and complete program of soil conservation. The present situation of soil erosion, with its social and economic implications, is both a local and a national problem, and its solution will be felt as a benefit to every American.

To maintain our national welfare, federal and state legislatures have provided through the Soil Conservation Act and associated laws, the necessary machinery to stimulate cooperative effort to put this program into action. Demonstration districts have been formed in areas where there has been soil wastage for generations. Extension leaders, vocational agriculture teachers, local press, and radio stations are helping spread the use of sound conservation practices. As a result, groups of farmers are already forming local soil conservation associations to make the job of controlling erosion easier and more effective for the individual farmers.

Henry Wallace says, "We know what can be done and we are beginning to do it . . . The public is waking up, and just in time. In another 30 years it might have been too late."<sup>10</sup>

Farmers and future farmers, the challenge is before us. We must redouble our initiative, put our minds to this problem, and our united strength to the great task of helping save our rich heritage — the good earth!

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<sup>1</sup> Conclusions made by committee upon H. H. Bennett's surveys (clipping).

<sup>2</sup> Little Waters by H. S. Person, page 24, Nov. 1936, Revised 1936.

<sup>3</sup> USDA Circular No. 33, page 4, 1928.

<sup>4</sup> Address by H. H. Bennett at 39th Annual Ill. Farmers' Institute.

<sup>5</sup> USDA Farmers' Bulletin No. 1758, page 2, 1936.

<sup>6</sup> University of Illinois Circular 459, page 8, 1936.

<sup>7</sup> 1938 Yearbook of Agriculture, page 638.

<sup>8</sup> Ten Billion Little Dams, USDA.

<sup>9</sup> Illinois Farm Economics No. 44, pages 218-219, January 1939.

<sup>10</sup> Foreword, 1938 Yearbook of Agriculture.

## A CONTENTED PEOPLE MAKE A GREAT STATE

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By FRANCIS E. LANDIS

Laton, California

(Third Place Speech)

We, the people living in the year 1939, are reminded only too often of the trials and tribulations confronting our state and Federal governments, trials and tribulations which become most burdensome whenever a state of discontent exists among our people. We have only to look at our newspaper headlines or listen to the ominous rumors of war or be in the midst of any one of our numerous strikes and labor disputes to be convinced. All these chaotic conditions have been caused by nothing less than discontentment among the people of the world. Do not misunderstand. That dissatisfaction which leads to inventiveness and a vision of improved conditions is wholesome; certainly it has inspired man to a world of new and greater achievements. But that discontentment which leads to strife, war, and crime is the menace we should and must exert tremendous effort to banish.

Thus it would seem that the logical answer to our problem lies in the creating of some medium which will moderate the demands and actions of the war lords, labor leaders, and strikers and eliminate such social cancers as gangsters but at the same time not destroy that one great and precious urge of man, the desire and inspiration to better himself and the conditions under which he lives.

This problem, of course, is a tremendous one, a problem which seems almost beyond the wisdom and power of civilized man to solve in its entirety. Fortunately, however, as a result of the desperate struggle of society, we have existing today several organizations and groups which have been making considerable progress in solving some of these very problems of discontentment. One of the organizations noted for progress in this field and especially for its work among the many rural young men of our state and nation is the Future Farmers of America.

**Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve**, the motto of the F. F. A. itself tends to create contentment and, because it includes the four indispensable activities of youth — learning, earning, living, and serving — inspires each of its members to push on to greater achievements.

The organization helps young men to get started on agricultural projects. Having their own projects helps them to obtain spending money and, much more important, provides an outlet for the energies of youth, energies which, started in the wrong direction, lead to



disaster; started in the right direction, lead to success. Work as a Future Farmer provides occupations for our spare time, spare time which may be the deciding factor in the lives of our 200,000 members. We, the youth of America, need contentment and the many other qualities the F. F. A. helps to develop. We need the cooperation, the working together which is essential in this organization. In the early stages of the average project students usually work with their fathers. This relationship in many instances creates a better understanding between father and son and thus fosters a more contented home life, the greatest unit in building a great state and nation. The F. F. A. is far more effective than any rigid school could possibly be. Its activities continue through every vacation and through the many months after students have been graduated from school. Never need there be a chance for discontentment to be born, much less nurtured.

Agriculture is a growing industry, an industry which has grown in America from the small rocky farms of the Pilgrim fathers and the southern plantations with their negro slaves to a fifty-five billion dollar industry. I am proud of my share in that great industry, a share which is known to Future Farmers as a project. My project has enabled me to earn my own money. I am no longer dependent upon my family for my livelihood, and in time I hope to be able to repay almost completely the many things which my mother and father have done for me. I am proud that I am a Future Farmer of America. The Future Farmer organization has taught me to make the best and most of my project. My project in turn has given me a goal toward which to strive continually. It supplies me with joy when I reach that goal and inspires more ambition to set new and greater ones toward which to strive. My work has given me a steady occupation. It has taught me to make better use of my time. I am not just a cog in some huge industrial machine, simply cutting one thread or tightening one nut with never the right to say, "I have been responsible for the completion of a certain product." I, as a stockholder in the great agricultural industry, have the satisfactory feeling of turning out a finished product, a product that has been completed entirely through my own efforts. I have the joy of human creativeness.

Many people are doing work which holds a great interest for them yet fail to find contentment because they miss the success that comes from satisfactory planning. The leaders of the F. F. A. have recognized this fact and are therefore training each Future Farmer to plan his work carefully and sufficiently that he may achieve success and thereby gain the contentment in which lies the solution of many of our problems. Fortunate are we to have such unusually fine leadership. Our instructors and their supervisors provide us with accurate material with which to build a substantial foundation. They spend much time in guiding and supervising the building and maintenance of each complete project, a project which, if properly handled, combines the effort and receives the cooperation of home, the school, the F. F. A. leaders, and the Future Farmers of America.

We realize that farmers have many problems. But what industry does not have problems? The Future Farmers are not contending that all the farmers' problems can be solved over night through some miraculous gesture of this generation. But we do believe that 200,000 young men, all of whom believe in the future of farming and whose heads are turned toward the rising sun which represents a new era in agriculture, can justly rejoice in the promises of better days through better ways. Future Farmers believe that the F. F. A. organization can and will continue to make great progress in the field of Agriculture.

Remember, the F. F. A. has not destroyed but encouraged the desire to invent and create better conditions. It builds constructive ambition enabling us to put to the best possible use the youthful energies which we possess.

Even the name, Future Farmers, proves the stability of its foundation. We intend to be farmers for years to come. Our foundations must be able to support the huge structure which we intend to build in the future.

Yes, "A Contented People Make A Great State." The Future Farmers of America are contributing to that contentment, the kind of contentment that does not destroy but encourages ambition and gives it guidance. The Future Farmers of America will ever continue to create better Future Farmers, a better state, and a better United States of America.

## AGRICULTURE AND HAWAII'S YOUTH

By SEISUKE AKAMINE

Lanai, Hawaii

(Fourth Place Speech)

In the middle of the Pacific Ocean, 2,200 miles from the nearest continent, lie the Hawaiian Islands, poetically described as the loveliest fleet of islands in any sea. The prevalence of a twelve-month growing season, deep, fertile soil, and abundant rainfall and water resources have promoted the establishment of a thriving agricultural industry. Vast acres of waving sugar cane and large fields of golden pineapples grow on the hillsides and in the valleys. Adjacent to these are many diversified farms, ranging from one to fifty acres in size, producing a large but inadequate supply of food for the growing population which now exceeds 400,000.

From the dawn of the twentieth century until recent years, the development of large sugar and pineapple plantations in Hawaii promoted an influx of laborers from all parts of the world. Today, we find cosmopolitan races living and working together under American standards, cooperating with capital, to develop a greater Hawaii.

Each year thousands of students, many of them sons and daughters of immigrant laborers but loyal, patriotic Americans, nevertheless, graduate from Hawaii's educational institutions. They are immediately confronted with this problem: "What opportunities exist for a productive career in Hawaii?"

Until recent years the work on plantations was largely done by alien laborers imported for that purpose, but since this importation has ceased, more and more of the youths of Hawaii are turning each year to the great agricultural industries for their life work. They find there steady all-year-round employment, fair wages, and agreeable working conditions, for the "captains of plantation industries" recognize that in agriculture there is hope of employment for the thousands of young citizens who are each year seeking employment. They are trying in every way possible to make working conditions on the plantation as agreeable as can be done. As evidence of this, in 1937 and 1938, the sugar industry spent over five million dollars for plantation welfare, housing and recreational services. Both sugar and pineapple plantation workers live in sanitary and convenient homes supplied with modern facilities such as running water, fuel, bath and laundry fixtures, sanitary toilets, and electric lights. For recreation, they participate in activities carried on in club houses, gymnasiums, tennis courts, large playgrounds, and in libraries. Free medical attention is given to all employees earning less than a certain amount per month. Young people entering plantation employment or therefore given every opportunity to lead a happy and abundant life.

While sugar cane growing and pineapple production constitute the major agricultural industries of the Territory, diversified farming also offers unlimited possibilities for the youth of Hawaii.

Every year Hawaii imports more than seven and one-half million dollars worth of food which includes meat and dairy products, fruits, vegetables, eggs, and poultry. Should the importation of these commodities be halted by any calamity such as a strike or war, the Territory would face a terrible predicament, and an unnecessary one, for Hawaii can and should replace many of these imports with products of her own. Because of practical, economic, and self-defense reasons Hawaii needs to be more nearly self-sustaining. Hawaii's youth is therefore offered the opportunity to pursue the creative career of farming to help the islands in attaining self-sufficiency.

Through the coordination of science, commerce and agriculture, new uses for many crops produced in Hawaii are developing. With these developments, young industries, spelling potential employment for the youth of Hawaii, are sprouting. Following the successful path pioneered by pineapple juice, other Hawaiian fruit juices such as banana, guava, papaya, and passion fruit nectars are gaining wide recognition and favor throughout the world.

From taro we now obtain, besides poi, the staple food of the Hawaiian natives, many nutritious products such as taro flour, taro chips, and taroco for the making of beverages. These are but a few examples of the many new uses for agricultural products that have been developed and that have created unlimited opportunities for Hawaii's youth to participate in their production.

Not long ago, shipment of certain fruits and vegetables from Hawaii to the mainland was banned because of the fear of transmitting the Mediterranean fruit fly. Today, this shipping ban has been lifted. After being subjected to either one of two treatments approved by the Federal quarantine office, fruits that were formerly prohibited from entering markets of the Continental United States may now be shipped here. Shipments of papayas that received these treatments arrived on the mainland in good condition. Definite opportunities for an increase in tropical crop production exist in Hawaii as a huge potential market is available. Also, the presence of a twelve-month growing season in Hawaii makes possible the production of off-season crops such as asparagus and Irish potatoes, which promise great returns on the mainland, where the demand is much greater than the supply during the winter months.

Opportunities for successful careers in agriculture beckon the youths of Hawaii and they can obtain the instruction necessary to fit themselves for farming in Vocational Agriculture classes, which are found in public schools throughout the Territory and through training offered by the agricultural extension service. They can thus acquire worthwhile and necessary knowledge and develop those practical skills which are necessary to pursue a profitable career in agriculture.



The farm calls Hawaii's youths, trained youths, who possess intelligence, initiative, and courage. In view of the opportunities and possibilities offered by agriculture in Hawaii, I choose to make farming my life career; I choose to take hold of the plow and I shall stick it down into the soil till sweat runs down my brow. I will make this resolution firm: "I am going to do my best, and push this good old plow of mine down deeper than the rest."

## COOPERATIVES AND COOPERATION

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The word cooperation has been used with a great number of meanings. Of Latin derivation, it means, literally, working together. However, there are many instances of united action, that is, working together, which are not truly cooperative in spirit. Cooperation may be defined as: "the voluntary union of persons for the purpose of securing savings in production or marketing, or the rendering of other service without assistance from government and upon equitable principles."

Enemies of cooperation have at one time or another referred to it as Communism or Socialism. Cooperation is not Communism. The Communist believes that all goods should be held in common and that all should share according to their needs while the cooperator believes that if all work together toward certain ends or in the accomplishment of certain purposes all will be benefited individually and therefore the entire group will profit. Neither is cooperation Socialism. The Socialist advocates governmental ownership of all public utilities and the destruction of private ownership in varying degrees. Cooperators believe that a utility which benefits only a part of the people can usually be operated more successfully by the persons directly interested than by public officials.

Saving is the primary purpose of all cooperative undertakings. This saving is realized through increased efficiency in the method of handling, grading, and shipping a particular commodity and by dealing in large quantities. Besides the employment of these practices, strict observance of cooperative principles is necessary for success. One of the most important of these is the "one-man, one-vote" principle, through which voting power is limited to one vote per member regardless of the amount of stock he owns. Another important principle is that of restricting the number of shares per member, thereby eliminating the possibility of an individual's securing control of the organization. Of equal importance are the principles of limiting dividends on capital stock to current interest rates; dividing earnings in proportion to patronage; conducting business at regular prices; and conducting business on a cash basis. It is through the observance of these principles and through the need for cooperatives that co-operation will continue to survive.

If we turn to the history of cooperatives we find a succession of struggles against great odds and many failures. The first successful cooperative enterprise called the "Rochdale Society of Equitable

Pioneers" was established by a group of factory workers in the town of Rochdale, England.

In the United States there are evidences of cooperative effort as early as 1810. However, the first boom in cooperatives came with the depression of 1872-1877. In an attempt to lessen the disturbing consequences of economic maladjustments, many farmers turned to the Grange which had been formed in 1867. Through the Grange, Cooperative buying, cooperative stores, grain marketing, and cotton marketing were undertaken. But with the passing of economic stress interest in cooperatives waned. From that time on interest in cooperation has fluctuated according to the prosperity of the country. During periods of depression farmers have flocked to the cooperatives for aid but with the coming of prosperity they have tended to return to their comparatively independent existences.

Despite this fluctuating interest cooperatives have survived. In fact cooperation today is big business. During the 1934-35 marketing season purchases and sales by farmers through the medium of cooperatives amounted to \$1,530,000,000. Actual membership of cooperative associations is increasing although the number of organizations has decreased since 1931. This decrease is due to consolidation of numerous local units into large-scale state, regional, and national federations. There are approximately 10,500 cooperative organizations with an estimated membership of 3,660,000, in the United States. These cooperatives handle practically every type of buying and selling done by the American farmer. Although the cooperative movement is more concentrated in California numerous associations are located in every state of the union.

Let us briefly survey some of the benefits and accomplishments made possible by cooperatives. If we look at the cotton situation we find that not only cotton marketing associations have been formed but also cotton ginning establishments and cotton-seed oil mills are being conducted cooperatively.

Turning to dairying we find that in some sections cooperative fluid milk marketing associations have greatly benefited members through the manufacturing of surplus milk into products which may be stored and sold as the need arises, thus preventing great economic loss.

Citrus growers, through cooperatives, have not only been able to market a better grade, more uniform product that commands a higher price, but they have also been able to save by such projects as the cooperative purchasing of lumber for box material.

Through cooperative effort egg producers have found it possible to install valuable machinery for the promotion of greater efficiency and care in the preparation of their product for market.

Enormous elevators for the handling and storing of grains have been built and are operated cooperatively.

Through cooperative purchasing the farmer has been able to buy machinery, feed, seed, fertilizer, and other supplies of better quality at the greatest possible saving.

Denmark is showing the world just what can be done through cooperatives. When the first cooperative society was initiated by the peasants in 1866, Danish agriculture was in a sorry plight, the soil was depleted, crops and livestock were poor, illiteracy was prevalent. Today the soil is rich, crops and livestock are of the best and there is practically no illiteracy. It is not uncommon for the Danish farmer to belong to as many as 8 or 10 cooperative societies. I believe that the American farmer could profit by Denmark's example.

In spite of the fact that cooperatives have become successfully established and have proved their worth, the American farmer continues to be indifferent or even opposed to the movement. This attitude is explained by the fact that the American farmer is an individualist. He seeks to have the last word in the marketing of his product and desires complete freedom in the purchasing of his needs. But sooner or later the American farmer must realize that farming is a business and that it must be conducted on a business basis. He must realize that under existing conditions he is expected to buy his supplies at retail prices and sell his products at wholesale prices and that such a condition does not exist in other industries. The American farmer must also realize that industries other than agriculture have formed trade federations to promote their own interests and that he must meet this united action in one way or another. Much can be done towards this end by the farmer through cooperatives.

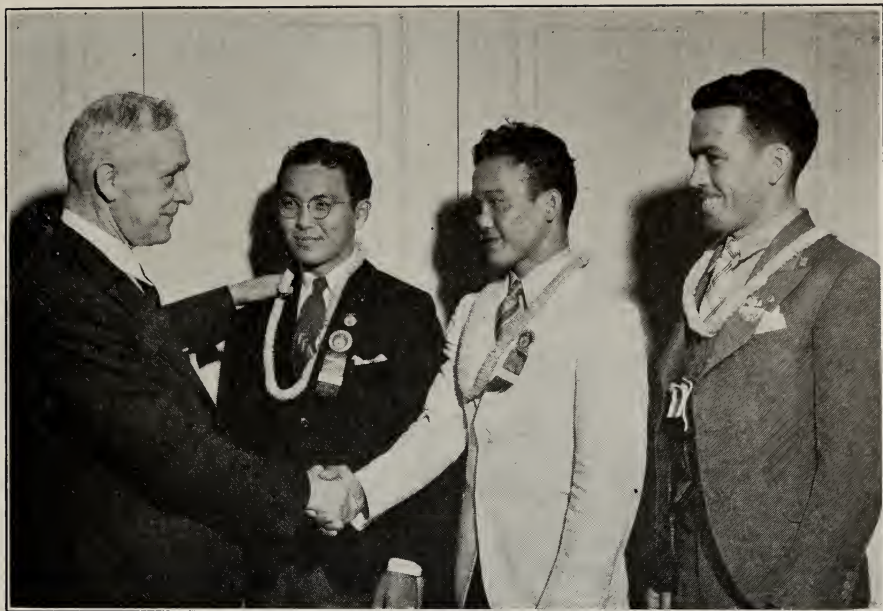
I do not believe that cooperation is a panacea for all the ills of American agriculture. Cooperatives have limitations but cooperation in America is far from having reached the point where these limitations begin to constitute a problem. When the American farmer concerns himself with limitations he is fulfilling the desires of the enemies of cooperation. Instead he should endeavor to develop cooperation to the utmost of its possibilities. I believe that the American farmer can do much to help himself through cooperative organizations. And furthermore, it must be impressed upon the American farmer that cooperation is not new; it is as old as civilization itself. Great undertakings have always been accomplished through cooperation. In a civilization such as ours no one can lead an independent existence.

In the creed of the Future Farmers of America are these words: "I believe in the future of farming." Yes, I believe in the future of farming, and I believe that cooperatives and cooperation can brighten that future tremendously.





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NATIONAL ADVISER GREETES HAWAIIAN DELEGATION AT 1939 F. F. A. CONVENTION. Left to right: J. A. LINKE, Washington, D. C.; HOWARD K. KIMURA, Kona, T. H.; SEISUKE AKAMINE, Lanai, T. H.; L. J. CAPELLAS, Kauai, T. H., Teacher and Adviser.

## General and Special Activities

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The National Convention of Future Farmers of America is held annually in conjunction with the National Contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture and the American Royal Livestock Show. Certain general and special features were of interest to the F. F. A. members in attendance. Among them were the following:

### **Saturday, October 14th**

- 8:00 a. m.—Judging calves exhibited by vocational agricultural students, Main Arena, American Royal Building.
- 11:00 a. m.—Judging Swine and Sheep exhibited by vocational agricultural students, Swine and Sheep Pavilion, American Royal Building.
- 2:00 p. m.—Matinee Horse Show, Main Arena, American Royal Building. Parade of vocational agricultural students' livestock.



- 5:30 p. m.—Banquet for vocational agricultural livestock exhibitors and members of judging teams; the Kansas City, Kansas, Chamber of Commerce, host.
- 8:00 p. m.—Horse Show, Arena, American Royal Building. Vocational agricultural livestock exhibitors and members of vocational agricultural judging teams were guests of the American Royal.

### **Sunday, October 15th**

- 5:30 p. m.—Get-together dinner for national F. F. A. officers and delegates, Phillips Hotel.
- 7:30 p. m.—Concert by the Pennsylvania F. F. A. Band, Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

### **Monday, October 16th**

- 7:45 a. m. to 10:30 a. m.—Vocational Agriculture Livestock Judging Contest, Arena, American Royal Building.
- 7:45 a. m. to 12:00 noon—Vocational Agriculture Dairy Cattle Judging Contest.
- 11:30 a. m.—Radio broadcast from convention floor, N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour.
- 1:00 p. m.—Vocational Agriculture Poultry Judging Contest, Poultry Department, American Royal Building.
- 1:15 p. m.—Viewing carlot fat and feeder cattle, and tour of stock yards.
- 2:30 p. m.—Matinee Horse Show, Arena, American Royal Building.
- 3:00 p. m.—Vocational Agriculture Meat Judging Contest (quality) Cudahy Packing Company, Kansas City, Kansas.
- 7:15 p. m.—National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest, preceded by Concert by the Pennsylvania F. F. A. Band, Arena of the Municipal Auditorium.

### **Tuesday, October 17th**

#### **Vocational Agriculture—F. F. A. Day**

- 9:30 a. m.—Vocational Agriculture Milk Judging Contest, Chapman Dairy.
- 10:30 a. m.—Vocational Agriculture Meat Judging Contest (identification) American Royal Building.
- 11:30 a. m.—F. F. A. Radio Broadcast, N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour.
- 1:45 p. m.—Vocational Agriculture Parade, Arena, American Royal, led by Pennsylvania and Texas F. F. A. Bands.  
Presentation of Star Farmer Awards (broadcast).

2:30 p. m.—Matinee Horse Show, students of vocational agriculture were guests of American Royal.

7:15 p. m.—Special F. F. A. Day Program—Music, speakers, member entertainment, Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

### **Wednesday, October 18th**

11:30 a. m.—F. F. A. Radio Broadcast, N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour.

2:30 p. m.—Matinee Horse Show, Arena, American Royal Building.

6:00 p. m.—Annual Vocational Agriculture Banquet, Arena, Municipal Auditorium. Guests of Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce.  
Solomon, Kansas F. F. A. Chapter orchestra entertainers.

### **Friday, October 20th**

8:30 a. m.—Auction sale of lambs exhibited by vocational agricultural students, American Royal Annex No. 1.

10:00 a. m.—Auction sale of fat calves exhibited by vocational agricultural students, American Royal Sales Pavilion.

Over 6,600 students of vocational agriculture, teachers and supervisors were registered during the week.

Sunday night found the national officers, delegates, and guests gathered at the Phillips Hotel for the annual Officer-Delegate Get-Together Dinner. About 100 were in attendance and Past National President Lester Poucher acted as toastmaster assisted by President Bob Elwell. An informal program was enjoyed by all. Following the dinner, the delegates and convention visitors were entertained at the Municipal Auditorium with a concert by the Pennsylvania State Band.

The F. F. A. exhibit in the Little Theatre of the Municipal Auditorium this year was most attractive. Special interest was shown in the new national organization display which was 60 feet long extending across one whole side of the room. It had been built at a cost of about \$1,400.00 for the World's Poultry Congress with the idea in mind that it would later become a permanent feature at the national convention with appropriate changes made in the glass transparencies each year.

The agricultural product exhibits by the various State associations were greatly improved over other years. Excellent planning and an artistic touch in each of the 22 booths raised the quality of the entire exhibit to a high level. Participating were: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Considerable interest was shown by the spectators (and the Little Thea-



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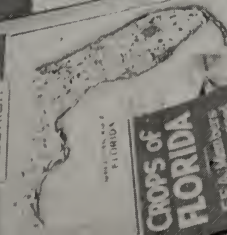
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tre was crowded with them most of the week) in American Farmer applications, chapter scrapbooks and the various reports of the State associations of F. F. A. This exhibit has now become an important convention feature. D. M. Clements rendered splendid service in charge of these exhibits.

The finals in the F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest were held in the Arena of the Auditorium Monday night before a large and appreciative audience. Preceding the contest, the Pennsylvania Band gave a splendid performance.

Tuesday afternoon found the officers, delegates, American Farmers, Public Speaking Contestants, judging teams, prize winners, and bands on parade in the Arena of the American Royal Building. Following the parade, which is an annual affair, the announcement of the Star Farmers was made by W. A. Cochel, Editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star, and sponsor of this feature. As the announcements were made, the awards were presented by Dr. H. E. Hendrix of Arizona amid thunderous applause of the thousands of farm youth and their friends. The parade participants were then seated in a block of reserved seats where they witnessed the afternoon Horse Show as guests of the American Royal management.

Tuesday having been designated as National F. F. A. Day, a special observance of the occasion was planned for Tuesday night. A concert by the Pennsylvania and Texas State F. F. A. Bands, playing alternately, was well received. In opening the meeting, President Elwell stated the purposes of the gathering and closed with the presentation of the State Association Awards and the Chapter Contest prizes. At this time a gold Star Farmer medal was also presented to Norman Kruse and Honorary American Farmer Degrees were conferred. Everett Mitchell, Chief Announcer of the N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour, Chicago, was Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Special entertainment by F. F. A. talent from various parts of the United States consisted of solos, stunts, string music, hog calling and various other features. It was a first attempt at "Talent Night" and all agreed it was something to be continued. The Auditorium display of colored lights provided a pleasing conclusion.

The annual Vocational Agriculture Banquet provided by the Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce was attended by approximately 1200 students, teachers, supervisors and guests. Articles contributed by State F. F. A. associations for the banquet were: California, oranges; Hawaii, pineapples and coffee; Indiana, pumpkin; Louisiana, sweet potatoes; Maine, Irish potatoes and corn; Minnesota, butter; Texas, pink grapefruit; Washington, apples; Wisconsin, cheese; Wyoming, napkins; and the Smoky Mountain National Park Chapter of North Carolina, red raspberry jelly. During the meal, entertainment was furnished for the third year by the Solomon, Kansas, F. F. A. dinner orchestra. The national organization cannot adequately express appreciation to Paul Chilen, agricultural instructor and director of the orchestra, to Solomon high school, and the members



of this fine group. "Dusty" Miller as the speaker of the evening worked humor and philosophy together in a pleasing and effective manner. The closing event of the evening was the announcement and awarding of prizes for the various judging contests.

Radio broadcasts were made directly from the floor of the convention Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday over the N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour. Valuable assistance was rendered in connection with these broadcasts by W. E. Drips, Agricultural Director, and Everett Mitchell, Chief Announcer, N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour, Chicago. Several other broadcasts were also made over local stations and in connection with the Agricultural Chautauqua program at the American Royal.

Speaking appearances were made at seven city high school assemblies by the following F. F. A. members: Ivan Kindschi and Norman Kruse; J. Wayne Poucher and Elmer Johnson; Stephenson Ching and Andrew Sundstrom; Lester Poucher, Albert Lacy and Milton Hamm; Robert Elwell and Roy Martin; Albert Coates and William Hartnell; Harold Prichard and Arthur Lacy.

Newspapers in all parts of the United States carried articles, feature stories and pictures of the week's activities through the efforts of George Couper and his staff of assistants in charge of public information.

Much interest was shown in the excellent educational exhibit prepared by Swift and Company at their plant. It consisted of meat animals, typical of the various standard grades and the corresponding carcasses "on the hooks." Losses by improper handling, carelessness and poor management were pointed out. Along the exhibit route were shown the methods used in getting meat ready for the consumer and the wholesale processes in the distribution of livestock products and by-products. Many students of vocational agriculture and their instructors visited the Swift plant.

To the various F. F. A. musical organizations in attendance goes the credit for much of the fine spirit and enthusiasm that was prevalent at the Convention. The Pennsylvania State F. F. A. Band of 75 pieces was under the able supervision of Prof. Henry S. Brunner of State College and H. C. Fetterolf, State F. F. A. Adviser in Pennsylvania. In addition to training and leading the Band, Mr. Brunner also led group singing on several occasions during the week. The Texas State F. F. A. Band was back again with H. G. Rylander and Adviser J. B. Rutland in charge. On one or two occasions, the bands were combined and played under the direction of both Mr. Brunner and Mr. Rylander.





