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OF THE

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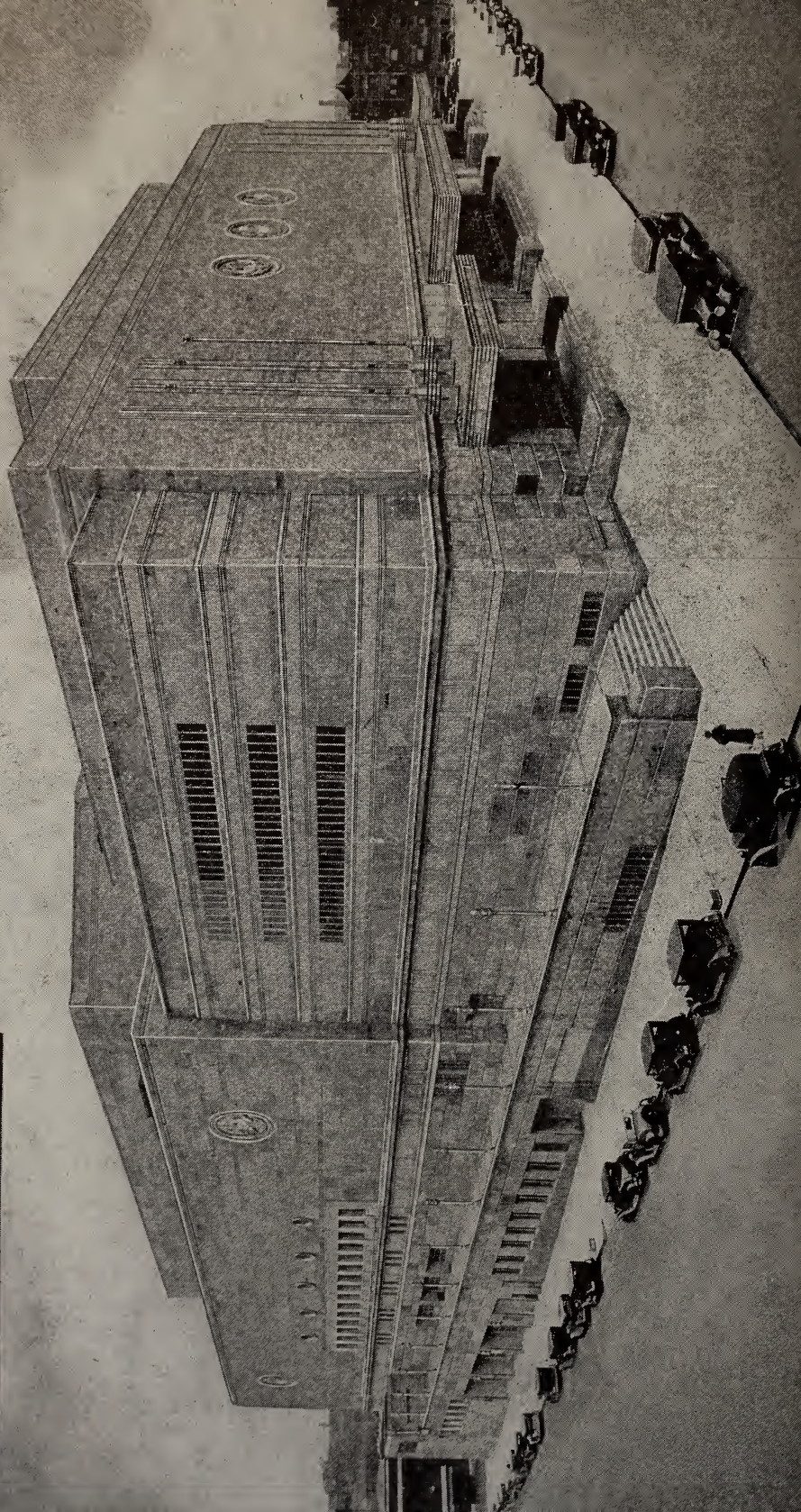
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CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS



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, 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1947, the active membership totaled 238,269 in 6,555 chapters of 47 States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, citizenship, and patriotism. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work, 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 young farmers regularly enrolled in day-school vocational agriculture courses.

The Future Farmers of America organization of voluntary membership has taken its place with other agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National Headquarters of the Future Farmers of America is located in the U. S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C. National conventions are held annually at Kansas City, Missouri.

The Twentieth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 19-22, 1947. Delegates were present from 49 chartered associations. The total registration was 7,000.

These Proceedings constitute a yearbook on organization activities. The complete minutes of the Convention sessions are included along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory of the Convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due Mr. John J. Farrar, Director of Public Relations and Information for the F.F.A., Miss Irene R. Worth and Miss Aurilla S. Love for their assistance in the preparation of material for this publication.

A. W. TENNEY,
National Executive Secretary.

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Wyoming.....	Gene Boggett	Bill Brown Riverton, Wyo.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 THROUGH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Meetings National Board of Trustees

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 THROUGH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Joint Meetings of National Board of
Trustees and National Advisory Council

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 8:00 A. M.—Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
12:30 P. M.—Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room, Hotel President
2:30 P. M.—Meeting of State Advisers, Hotel President
6:30 P. M.—Meeting of Instructors and Supervisors of Judging Teams, Hotel President
8:00 P. M.—National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Chairman Gus R. Douglass, Jr., National President of F.F.A.
Music—National F.F.A. Band, Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State College, conducting.

Opening Ceremony

Explanation of Contest

Drawing for Speaking Order

Speakers

Gene Blake Boggett, Riverton, Wyoming
"A Plea for Organization"

Ralph Sanner, Kutztown, Pennsylvania
"New Markets for Farm Products through Chemurgy"

Max Cobble, Mosheim, Tennessee
"We Stand at the Crossroads"

Donald Bakehouse, Owatonna, Minnesota
"Farm Family Partnerships"

Take Yamashiro, Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii
"Importance of Soil Conservation"

Music—National F.F.A. Band

Judges Confer

Announcement of Results and Presentation of Awards

Closing Ceremony

Judges

Paul A. Young, Producer Relations, National Dairy Products Company, Inc.

Charles V. Stansell, Associate Editor, The Kansas City Star

L. H. Dennis, Executive Secretary, American Vocational Ass'n., Inc.

Timekeepers

H. E. Nickloy, Sales Manager, Mid-States Steel & Wire Co.

E. H. Bakken, National Director Rural Scouting, Boy Scouts of America.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:45 A. M.—Meat Grading and Identification Contests

8:00 A. M.—Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium

9:00 A. M.—Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Band Concert—National F.F.A. Band, Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State College, conducting

Opening Ceremony

Group Singing

Invocation—J. Glyndon Stuff, Past National F.F.A. President

Report on Delegate Credentials

Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates

Address of Welcome—William E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri

Minutes of Victory Convention—Philip Shoher, National Student Secretary

Appointment of Constitutional Committees

Treasurer's Report—Dowell J. Howard, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Richmond, Virginia

Executive Secretary's Report—A. W. Tenney, Agricultural Education Service, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Building the F.F.A. Emblem—New York Association

Address—Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Closing Ceremony

2:00 P. M.—Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Opening Ceremony

Music—Missouri F.F.A. Glee Club, Lester Maddox, Instructor of Vocational Agriculture, Mountain Grove, Missouri, conducting.

Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated

Introduction of Platform Guests

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated—
W. T. Spanton, Chief, Agricultural Education Service,
U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Address—Dr. Robert E. Wilson, Chairman of the Board,
Standard Oil Company of Indiana, representing donors to
F.F.A. Foundation

Response—Bob E. Taylor, National First Vice President

Nomination of American Farmers—W. T. Spanton

Appointment of Committees

Recess for Committee Work

Closing Ceremony

8:00 P. M.—Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Opening Ceremony

Music—Mississippi Hill Billy Band

American Farmer Degree Ceremony

Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees

Closing Ceremony

Special Entertainment

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 A. M.—Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Opening Ceremony

Tennessee Barn Warmin'—Dickson F.H.A. and F.F.A. Chapter

Address—Albert Goss, Master, National Grange

Unfinished Business

New Business

Special Program

Music—National F.F.A. Band

Processional

Special Music—National F.F.A. Band

United We Stand—Boys from Canada, England, Northern
Ireland, Scotland, Wales and United States

Music—National F.F.A. Band

A Tribute To Our Guests

"Loch Lomond"—Missouri F.F.A. Glee Club

Address—The Right Honorable The Lord Inverchapel,
Ambassador from Great Britain

Closing Ceremony

Recessional

1:30 P. M.—Parade, American Royal Arena

2:00 P. M.—Presentation of Star Farmer Awards—W. A. Cochel, former
Editor, The Weekly Kansas City Star

2:15 P. M.—Horse Show

8:00 P. M.—Award and Talent Night, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Music

Farm Mechanics Awards

Farm and Home Electrification Awards

Music

National Chapter Contest Awards

J. A. Linke Award

Livestock Judging Awards

Special Entertainment

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 A. M.—Fifth Session, Music Hall, Municipal Auditorium

Opening Ceremony

Music—West Virginia Mountaineers

New Business (continued)

Committee Reports

Accordion Solo—Louis Muraro, Florida

Premiere Showing—New F.F.A. Motion Picture

Address—John H. Davis, Executive Secretary, National
Council of Farmer Cooperatives

Recess

2:00 P. M.—Sixth Session, Music Hall, Municipal Auditorium

Call to Order

Music—Mississippi Hill Billy Band

"My Trip To Europe," Edward O'nan, Kentucky
 Committee Reports
 Presentation of Budget for 1948-49
 Annual Dues for 1948-49
 New Business (continued)
 Addresses of Retiring Officers
 Music—Missouri F.F.A. Glee Club
 Report of Nominating Committee
 Election of Officers
 Greetings from Incoming Officers
 Installation of New Officers
 Presentation of Past Officers' Pins and Certificates by New
 President
 Closing Ceremony By New Officers
 Joint Meeting of Boards of Trustees
 6:30 P. M.—Annual Banquet, Guests of Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of
 Commerce, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium



RAY GENE CINNAMON OF GARBER, OKLAHOMA, RECEIVES THE
 COVETED STAR FARMER OF AMERICA AWARD FROM MR. JOHN
 COLLINS, EDITOR OF THE WEEKLY KANSAS CITY STAR.

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20TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
F.F.B.
HOTEL PRESIDENT
KANSAS CITY, MO.
OCT. 19-1947

Minutes of the Convention

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1947

Evening Session

The Future Farmers of America twentieth national convention convened in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at eight o'clock, National President Gus R. Douglass, Jr. of Grimms Landing, West Virginia, presiding. First Vice President Bob E. Taylor; Second Vice President William H. Morgan, Jr.; Third Vice President Paul H. Smart; Student Secretary Philip Shober; Adviser W. T. Spanton; Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney; and Treasurer D. J. Howard were present. Fourth Vice President J. Carl Barbic was not present.

The National F.F.A. Band presented a concert.

Following the regular opening ceremony, an explanation of the National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was given by President Douglass. The speakers then drew for speaking order. Following the speeches, the National Band presented several selections while the judges conferred. Results of the contest were announced and awards presented.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1947

Morning Session

The first session of the convention was called to order at nine o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Douglass presiding.

Following a concert by the National F.F.A. Band, President Douglass called upon Past President J. Glyndon Stuff to pronounce the invocation.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was called for and Student Secretary Shober reported 98 official delegates present from 49 chartered associations. The roll call and seating of the delegates followed. President Douglass gave instructions to the delegates.

The address of welcome was given by the Honorable William E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

The minutes of the Victory Convention, as read by Student Secretary Shober, were approved unanimously in their entirety.

President Douglass announced the appointment of the Auditing, Program of Work, and Nominating Committees.

Adviser Spanton presented the following list of persons to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

Robert J. Bishopp, Adviser, Shoshone Chapter, Powell, Wyoming.

Ernest F. Bond, Adviser, Lost Creek Chapter, Lost Creek, West Virginia.

Keith S. Boyer, Adviser, Lincoln Chapter, Orem, Utah.

Robert E. Cammack, State Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Montgomery 4, Alabama.

L. D. Clements, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Capitol Building, Lincoln 9, Nebraska.

H. O. Coffey, Assistant Managing Editor, "Progressive Farmer," Birmingham 2, Alabama.

J. R. Davidson, Adviser, Belle Glade Chapter, Belle Glade, Florida.

John H. Davis, Executive Secretary, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, 744 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

Donald Erickson, Adviser, Rugby Chapter, Rugby, North Dakota.

T. A. Erickson, Consultant, Rural Services, General Mills, Inc., 400 Second Avenue, South, Minneapolis 1, Minnesota.

H. C. Fetterolf, Chief, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Henry E. Giacomini, Box 232, R.F.D., Ferndale, California.

O. A. Hanke, Editorial Director, "Poultry Tribune," Mt. Morris, Illinois.

J. A. Hardy, Adviser, Draper's Valley Chapter, Draper, Virginia.

J. E. Hill, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, 216 E. Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Robert N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Air Lines Railroad, Norfolk, Virginia.

James A. Huggins, Adviser, Victoria Chapter, Victoria, Texas.

The Right Honorable The Lord Inverchapel, Ambassador from Great Britain, British Embassy, 3100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 8, D. C.

William Judge, Adviser, Owingsville Chapter, Owingsville, Kentucky.

William C. LaRue, Associate Editor, "Progressive Farmer," Raleigh, North Carolina.

Fred G. Lechner, Adviser, Holyoke Chapter, Holyoke, Colorado.

Julian A. McPhee, State Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Sacramento, California.

B. Clark Meadows, Adviser, Smith County Chapter, Carthage, Tennessee.

A. W. Nolan, formerly Teacher Trainer at University of Illinois, 1603 S. Main Street, Paris, Illinois.

Verd Peterson, State Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Columbia 10, South Carolina.

Lester B. Pollom, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Topeka, Kansas.

George A. Rietz, Manager, Farm Industry Division, General Electric Company, 1 River Road, Schenectady 5, New York.

Louis M. Sasman, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, 315 State Office Building, Madison 2, Wisconsin.

Lawrence W. Schaad, Adviser, Molalla Chapter, Molalla, Oregon.

R. M. Stewart, Teacher Trainer, State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, New York.

Prescott E. Thornton, Adviser, Limestone Chapter, Limestone, Maine.

B. M. Trapp, Adviser, Binford Chapter, Duck Hill, Mississippi.

W. J. Weaver, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Albany 1, New York.

John T. Wheeler, Teacher Trainer, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

Robert E. Wilson, Chairman of the Board, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, 910 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 80, Illinois.

It was moved by Hamlet of Louisiana that the candidates be unanimously accepted as Honorary American Farmers; motion seconded by Cheatham of Illinois and carried.

Mr. Dowell J. Howard, National F.F.A. Treasurer, presented his report.



GUS DOUGLASS, JR., NATIONAL F. F. A. PRESIDENT, EXTENDS GREETINGS TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CLINTON P. ANDERSON, AN HONORED GUEST AT THE CONVENTION.

Mr. A. W. Tenney, National F.F.A. Executive Secretary, presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Wainwright of Louisiana and carried.

Members of the Burma Youth Mission were introduced and the leader, Mr. Kyaw Myint, extended greetings to the delegates.

The New York Association of Future Farmers of America presented an interesting pageant of the building of the F.F.A. emblem.

President Douglass conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree on the Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, after which Mr. Anderson presented an address.

It was moved by Arlien of North Dakota that the convention go on record as giving their full support to the conservation program advocated by President Truman and send a telegram to Chairman Charles Luckman of the Citizens Food Committee to that effect; motion seconded by Von Moos of Washington and carried.

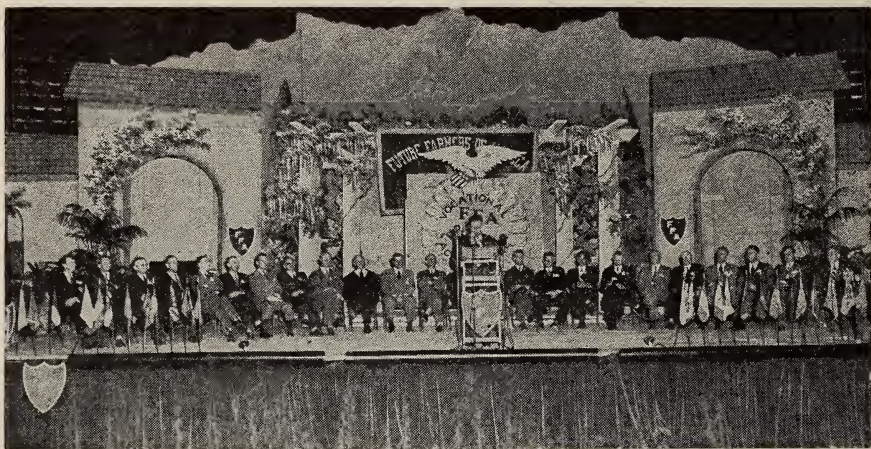
The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1947

Afternoon Session

The second session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock, President Douglass presiding.

Following the opening ceremony, the Missouri F.F.A. Glee Club rendered several selections.



THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA HONORS DONORS TO THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION AT A SPECIAL CONVENTION PROGRAM.

Representatives from each of the donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated were called to the platform and introduced by President Douglass. Those present were:

C. L. Mast, Jr., Editor and Publisher, Agricultural Leaders' Digest, Chicago, Illinois.

W. A. Roberts, Vice President, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

O. A. Hanke, Vice President and Editorial Director, Watt Publishing Company, Mt. Morris, Illinois.

Howard A. Cowden, President, Consumers Cooperative Association, Kansas City, Missouri.

Robert A. Reed, Editor, Country Gentleman Magazine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

E. M. Burke, Sales Manager, Kansas City, Missouri, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois.

Russell Firestone, Assistant Treasurer, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

George Reitz, Manager, Farm Industry Division, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York.

T. A. Erickson, Consultant, Rural Services, or R. E. Swenson, Vice President of Central Division and Resident Manager, Dwight Building, Kansas City, General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

G. P. O'Connell, Educational Service, Department of Public Relations, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.

P. V. Moulder, Executive Vice President, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois.

F. A. Wirt, Agricultural Engineer, J. I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin.

Jack Gunning, Dairy Farms Service, Kraft Foods Company, Chicago, Illinois.

H. E. Nickloy, Sales Manager, Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

William C. LaRue, Associate Editor, The Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, North Carolina.

E. W. Poore, Manager, Kansas City, Missouri, Sears, Roebuck Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Robert E. Wilson, Chairman of the Board, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Chicago, Illinois.

Hugh Curtis, Managing Editor, Successful Farming Magazine, Des Moines, Iowa.

Harold E. Pinches, Director of Research, The Ferguson Foundation, Detroit, Michigan.

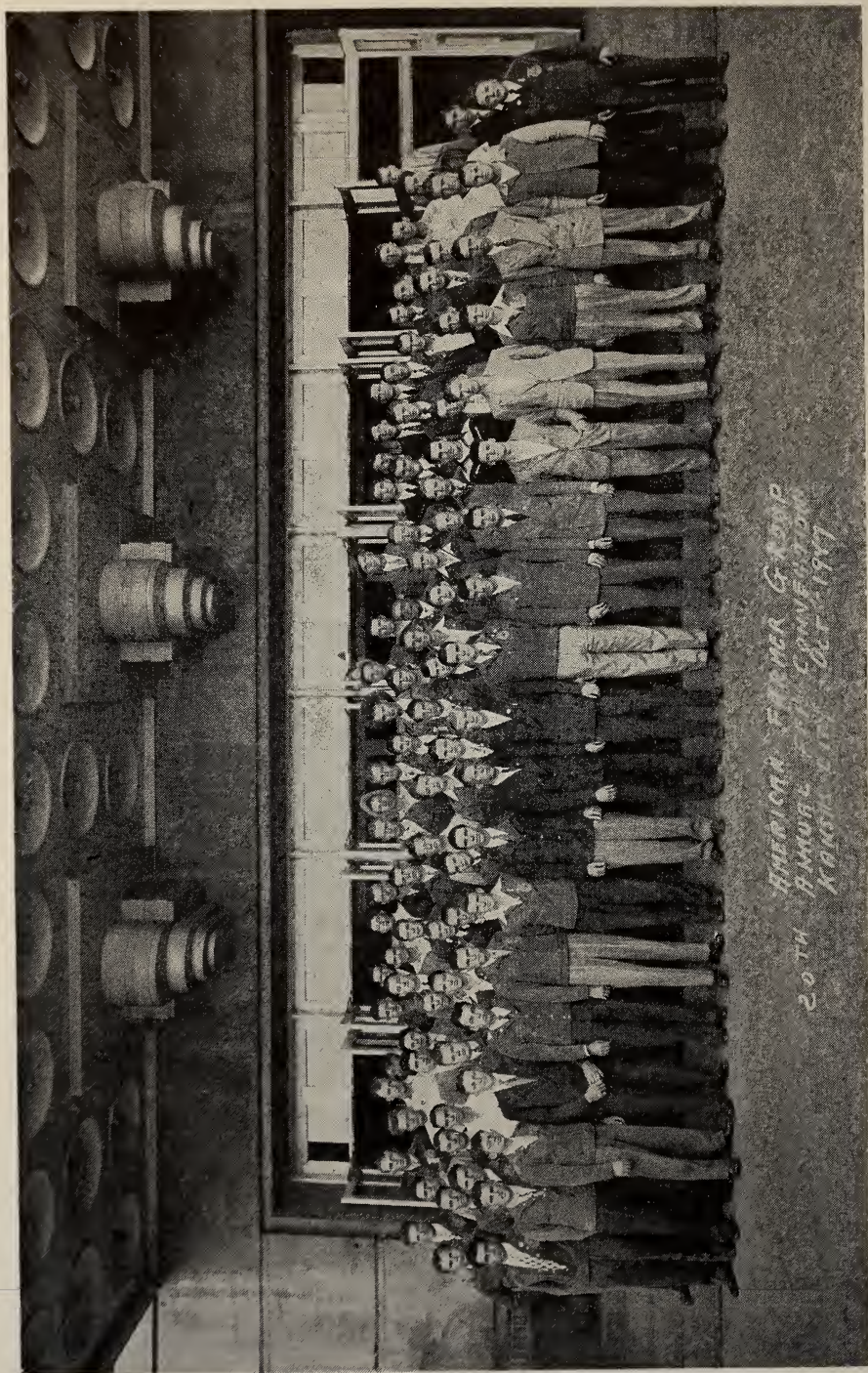
C. G. Roush, Manager, Kansas City, Missouri, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ray Cuff, Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Adviser of the Future Farmers of America and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, presented an address on the Foundation.

President Douglass conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree on Dr. Robert E. Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Standard Oil Company of Indiana, who presented an address on behalf of all donors to the Foundation. A response from Bob E. Taylor, representing the 238,000 members of the Future Farmers of America, followed.

The meeting recessed for committee work.



AMERICAN FRENCH GROUP
20TH ARMORED DIVISION
KANSAS CITY, OCT. 1947

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1947**Evening Session**

The third session of the convention was called to order at eight o'clock, President Douglass presiding.

Following the opening ceremony, the American Farmer Degree was conferred by the National Officers upon the following candidates:

Alabama

Robert Carden, Rt. No. 2, Jemison
 Martin Cranford, Rt. No. 3, Arab
 Neil Koone, Rt. No. 2, Salem
 Acie L. Mims, Rt. No. 2, Clanton
 Marlin Robinson, Rt. No. 2, Altoona

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Arkansas

Joe B. Dearing, Valley Springs
 Matthew A. Meacham, Monroe
 John Oxner, Jr., Lexa
 O. B. Pyle, Jr., Bruno
 Charles L. Whedbee, Rt. No. 1,
 Mansfield

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 R.F.D., Ferndale
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 Robert Murray, Santa Rosa
 Earl A. Reed, Shandon Route, Paso
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 Burton Raley, Vernon
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 Ronald E. Aska, Malta
 Walter Bevers, Jr., Carlinville
 Myron Edward Erdman, Chenoa
 Albert Hinrichs, Jr., Benson
 Donald Frank Hinshaw, Hudson
 Estel Glen Neff, R.R. No. 4, Carthage
 Wayne Niewold, New Holland
 Robert Edgar Osterbur, St. Joseph
 C. Robert Plapp, Malta
 Len Eldon Shaw, Maroa
 Arnold Taft, Rochester
 Virden Trotter, Adair

Indiana

Melvin Kenneth Maxwell, R.R. No. 3,
 Martinsville
 Wayne Wendell Sommer, 302 Wal-
 dren St., West Lafayette

Iowa

James A. Gatchel, R.R. No. 2, Garner
 Ted Green, Castalia
 Dean Poyzer, Estherville
 Donald Poyzer, Estherville
 Leonard Wayne Thomas, Rt. No. 4,
 Asheboro
 Walter L. Williamson, Rt. No. 2,
 Box 117, Lucama

North Dakota

Osborne Jay Arlien, Pleasant Lake

Ohio

Herbert Barrett, Rt. No. 1, Kenton
 Paul L. Dasher, R.F.D. No. 4, Marion
 Ray Focht, R.R. No. 1, Waynesfield
 Paul Edward Hinderlong, Rt. No. 2,
 Box 50, Lewisville
 David Roy Miller, Groveport
 Jerald L. Muntzinger, Van Wert
 Harold Leonard Schacht, Canal Win-
 chester
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 Walter Dean White, Woodward

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Wallace Loren Johnson, Rt. No. 1,
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 Orville L. Ohling, Rt. No. 3, Albany

Pennsylvania

George W. Bailey, Jersey Shore
 Robert W. Happel, R.R. No. 6,
 Chambersburg
 Harry S. Hillegass, R.D. No. 3,
 Berlin
 Philip McClure, Troy
 Glen Simonton, Juniata
 John E. Strawbridge, Fawn Grove
 Horace H. Waybright, R.D. No. 2,
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 Hoopes T. Yarnall, Cochranville

Puerto Rico

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South Carolina

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South Dakota

Francis L. Van Sambeek, Corona

Tennessee

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 Jess H. Hackett, Jr., Carthage
 William Monroe Harris, Rt. No. 6,
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 wood
 Reid Hunt Major, Rt. No. 6, Lebanon
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 James Sharp, R.F.D. No. 5, Jackson

Texas

Charles L. Cade, Rt. No. 1, Slaton
 Arno Dittrich, Valley Mills
 Wilbur Ray Dunk, Segovia
 Marshall Grady Ellis, Neches
 Leo Green, Rt. No. 1, Coleman
 Lyle Albert Teaquist, Arthur

Kansas

Keith Loyd, St. Francis
 Herman Albert Popp, R.F.D. No. 2,
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Kentucky

Charles Kenton Hester, Rt. No. 1,
 Mt. Olivet
 Samuel Eugene Hudson, R.R. No. 1,
 Calhoun
 Richard E. Justis, Jr., Caneyville
 Royce C. McCormick, Rt. No. 2, Utica
 Thomas Bruce Shields, Rt. No. 1,
 Sharpsburg
 William L. Sipes, Rt. No. 1, Brand-
 enburg
 George Henry Stephens, Rt. No. 2,
 Owingsville
 Joe D. Whittington, Bloomfield

Maryland

Donald Quarles Hall, Huntingtown,
 Calvert County

Michigan

Gordon Arthur Briggs, R.F.D. No. 1,
 Leonard
 Lester Arthur Heisler, Rt. No. 4,
 Albion
 Jack V. Miller, Rt. No. 2, Shepards-
 ville Road, Ovid
 Robert E. Oesterle, R.F.D. No. 1,
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 Allen Bruce Rohlf, Fairgrove
 William Frederick Vanderbeek, Rt.
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 Warren B. Saufferer, R.R. No. 3,
 Faribault
 Frederick Sieling, Perham

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William (Billy) Abel, Duck Hill
 Joe Couch, Rt. No. 3, Vardaman
 Raymond Llewellyn Horne, Laurel

Missouri

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 Hannibal
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 Wendell Walker, Clarence
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 Donald B. Martin, R.F.D. No. 2,
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 Alfred E. Wade, Whitney Point
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 John A. Young, Sodus

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 Troy Clyde Smith, Rt. No. 2, Burle-
 son

Bruce Sugarek, Box 491, Beeville
 Oliver Lee Thompson, Rt. No. 4,
 Lubbock

Utah

Warren Eugene Hansen, East Gar-
 land

Fred N. Peterson, Kamas

Vermont

Leo A. Brosseau, Highgate Falls

Virginia

John Albert Cleaton, Star Route,
 LaCrosse

John L. DeBusk, R.D. No. 1, Salt-
 ville

James E. Duerson, Bumpass
 Morgan Beard Ott, Jr., Remington
 Carson E. Stroop, Weyers Cave

Washington

Gladwin Ray Bellamy, R.F.D. No. 2,
 Goldendale

Earl M. Smith, Rt. No. 1, Box 226,
 Walla Walla

Ben Spada, Rt. No. 2, Snohomish
 Wayne Francis Stull, Rt. No. 5,
 Yakima

West Virginia

William D. McDonald, R.F.D. No. 1,
 Martinsburg

Darwin R. Welch, Kingwood

Albert Lincoln Wilfong, Rt. No. 1,
 Box 53, Dunmore

Wisconsin

Howard R. Bell, Galesville

Stanley E. Davies, Stitzer

Cletus Urban Koetterhagen, Burl-
 ington

Marvin Krull, Lake Mills

Donald J. Moore, Lone Rock

Donald A. Rehbein, Rt. No. 1, Mishi-
 cot

Russell D. Robinson, Rt. No. 1,
 Mauston

William J. Schmidt, Seymour

Melvin Steiner, Rt. No. 2, Chilton

Wyoming

Eugene B. Williams, R.R. No. 1,
 Sheridan

President Douglass then conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Giacomini were escorted to the platform and introduced. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred on Mr. Giacomini and a lovely bouquet of red roses presented to Mrs. Giacomini as an expression of the good will and esteem of the Future Farmers of America.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1947

Morning Session

The fourth session of the Twentieth National Convention of Future Farmers of America was called to order at nine o'clock by President Douglass. Following the opening ceremony, a very entertaining Tennessee Barn Warmin' festival was presented by the Dickson, Tennessee, Future Homemakers of America and Future Farmers of America chapters.

The first order of business was amendments to the national constitution and by-laws. It had been recommended by the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council that Article I, Section G, of the by-laws be amended by striking out the words "On checks countersigned by the president." Bogrett of Wyoming moved to accept the Advisory Council's advice on this matter. Motion was seconded by Upton of Alabama and carried unanimously.

President Douglass asked all Past National F.F.A. Officers in the audience to come to the platform, introduce themselves, and tell the delegates and audience something about their present programs. Those present were: Kenneth Julian, Mesa, Arizona, National Student Secretary in 1940; and Earl Walter, David City, Nebraska, National Student Secretary in 1941.

The feature program of the convention was then presented.

UNITED WE STAND PAGEANT

As the National F.F.A. Band played a stirring march and the audience of Future Farmers of America and guests stood, a procession of F.F.A. representatives bearing the Flag of the United States, the Flag of Great Britain, and the flags of the remaining United Nations entered the Arena and massed on the platform. Following them were three boys from England, one from Northern Ireland, one from Scotland, one from Wales, two from Canada, and eight from the United States. These boys presented the pageant, "United We Stand." President Douglass then conferred honorary membership in the Future Farmers of America on the eight visiting boys.

The Missouri F.F.A. Glee Club sang "Loch Lomond" as a tribute to these guests.

After receiving the Honorary American Farmer Degree from President Douglass, The Right Honorable The Lord Inverchapel,

Ambassador from Great Britain, presented a most interesting address.

Following the closing ceremony and recessional of flags and platform guests, the session adjourned.

(Note: Tuesday afternoon was spent at the American Royal Livestock Show.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1947

Morning Session

The fifth session was called to order at nine o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Douglass presiding.

Musical selections were rendered by the Mississippi Hill Billy Band.

The first order of business for the day was committee reports. Gatchel of Iowa presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Weathersby of Arizona and carried.

Cook of West Virginia presented the report of the Committee on the 1947-48 National Chapter Contest and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Coe of Connecticut and carried.

Reiter of Montana presented the report of the Committee on F.F.A. Foundation and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Meggitt of Ohio and carried.

Connor of Florida presented the report of the Committee on Official F.F.A. Manual and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Masters of Missouri and carried.

Meggitt of Ohio presented the report of the Committee on Official Merchandise and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Kafka of Colorado. After a short discussion concerning the National F.F.A. Supply Service which is to be established, Lindholm of Minnesota moved to amend the report to include authority for the supply service to borrow funds from the National F.F.A. Treasury; motion seconded by Weathersby of Arizona and carried. After more discussion Every of Oklahoma moved the previous question; motion seconded by Reiter of Montana and carried. Motion for adoption of the report was then carried.

Patrick of New Jersey presented the report of the Committee on Proceedings and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Brown of Wyoming and carried.

Brown of Wyoming presented the report of the Committee on 1948-49 National Program of Work and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Heim of Michigan. Wainwright of Louisiana moved to amend proposed Section VI, Article 2, of the report by striking out the words "using official school books" and inserting the words "using official secretary and treasurer books;" motion seconded by Bradley of Wisconsin. After considerable discussion the motion was

carried. Mannon of Virginia moved to amend Section V, Article 2, Part e, of the proposed report by striking out the words "Encourage local members to become acquainted with their local bank and banking principles" and inserting the words "Urge every chapter to operate a thrift bank;" motion seconded by Wiseman of Texas. A lengthy discussion followed until Fry of Maryland moved the previous question; motion seconded by Bogrett of Wyoming but was not carried. Reiter of Montana moved that the amendment be tabled; motion seconded by Turnow of Ohio but did not carry. Cheatham of Illinois moved to amend the amendment by adding the words "Encourage members to also use the facilities of the local bank;" motion seconded by Kafka of Colorado and carried. Lindholm of Minnesota moved that Section III, Article 7, be stricken from the report and the words "Encourage every member's full support of the agriculture emergency food program" be added; motion seconded by Masters of Missouri and carried. Motion for the adoption of the 1947-48 National Program of Work was then carried.

President Douglass read to the delegates a letter from Kyaw Myint, Leader of the Burma Youth Mission, which presented a miniature copy of the Union of Burma flag to the Future Farmers of America.

Louis Muraro of Florida presented a program of accordion music.

President Douglass conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree on Mr. John H. Davis, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. Mr. Davis presented a very interesting address, including a report on his recent trips to Europe.

After a few introductory remarks by Mr. Pettigrew of the Sears, Roebuck Foundation, the new F.F.A. film, "That Inspiring Task," was shown.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1947

Afternoon Session

The final session of the Twentieth National Convention was called to order at two o'clock, President Douglass presiding. Following the opening ceremony, music was presented by the Mississippi Hill Billy Band.

The first order of business was reports by representatives from official F.F.A. merchandisers. The following were presented: Mr. Walter Anderson of L. G. Balfour Company; Mr. W. M. Tolan of Universal Uniform Company; and Mr. M. T. Warner of Staunton Novelty Company.

Michael of Montana presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Fuller of Arizona and carried.

Reiter of Montana presented the report of the Committee on the 1947-48 National Public Speaking Contest and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Bradley of Wisconsin. After considerable discussion Cheatham of Illinois moved the previous question; motion seconded by Von Moos of Washington and carried. Motion for adoption of the report was then carried.

President Douglass presented a gold fountain pen to each of the British and Canadian boys as a remembrance from the Future Farmers of America. Each boy expressed his appreciation to the delegates.

Edward O'nan of Kentucky presented a very interesting report on his recent trip as a delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth in Oslo, Norway.

Cobble of Tennessee presented a special resolution that the Twentieth National Convention of Future Farmers of America go on record as endorsing a movement to develop an international organization of farm boys and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Doherty of Washington and carried.

Doherty of Washington presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Haney of Arizona. Harwell of South Carolina moved to amend the report by adding that a letter be composed and sent to the departments of the respective governments responsible for the presence of our foreign guests, expressing our appreciation to them for making it possible for these delegates to attend; motion seconded by Brown of Wyoming and carried. Bradley of Wisconsin moved to amend the report by adding the names of Mr. John H. Davis, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and Mr. Edward O'nan of Kentucky for their splendid talks; motion seconded by Fry of Maryland and carried. Motion for adoption of the report was then carried.

Meggitt of Ohio moved that the policy of the F.F.A. giving one thousand dollars to the foundation and each chapter giving one dollar be continued; motion seconded by Wainwright of Louisiana and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented Miss Nan Glemerie, sweetheart of the Southwestern Louisiana Collegiate F.F.A. Chapter, to the delegates.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the report on the National F.F.A. Camp and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Johnson of Virginia. After a short discussion the motion was carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the budget for 1947-48 and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Waybright of Pennsylvania and carried.

National F.F.A. Budget

NOVEMBER 1, 1947 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1948

Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues	\$25,000.00
Royalties	10,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,827.28

Total anticipated revenue..... \$36,827.28

Estimated Disbursements:

I. Travel	\$ 6,000.00
II. Convention	7,575.00
III. American Farmer Keys.....	1,700.00
IV. Printing	3,700.00
V. National Office Expense.....	13,592.28
VI. National Camp and Old Mill.....	4,260.00

Total estimated disbursements..... \$36,827.28



1947-48 NATIONAL F. F. A. OFFICERS.

(Left to right)—Seated: WILBUR RAY DUNK, *First Vice President*; ERVIN MARTIN, *President*; OSBORNE J. ARLIEN, *Second Vice President*. Standing: JOHN W. WEBB, JR., *Third Vice President*; W. T. SPANTON, *Adviser*; EUGENE HANSEN, *Student Secretary*; KORT H. MEIER, JR., *Fourth Vice President*; A. W. TENNEY, *Executive Secretary*; and D. J. HOWARD, *Treasurer*.

First Vice President Taylor assumed the chair while President Douglass introduced his mother and fiancée to the delegates. The President resumed the chair.

Doherty of Washington moved that the Board of Trustees be given the power to intervene in any situation they see fit and to edit any report of any committee that they see fit; motion seconded by Beck of South Dakota and carried.

The next order of business was National Officers' reports and farewell addresses. First Vice President Taylor assumed the chair while President Douglass presented his report. Fry of Maryland moved that the report be accepted; motion seconded by Gilnack of Connecticut and carried. The President resumed the chair.

First Vice President Taylor's report was read by President Douglass. Haney of Arizona moved that the report be accepted; motion seconded by Yarnall of Pennsylvania and carried.

Second Vice President Morgan presented his report. Meggitt of Ohio moved that the report be accepted; motion seconded by Von Moos of Washington and carried.

Third Vice President Smart presented his report. Ashley of Mississippi moved that the report be accepted; motion seconded by Collins of South Dakota and carried.

Student Secretary Shober presented his report. Greve of Kansas moved that the report be accepted; motion seconded by Reiter of Montana and carried.

Haviland of New York presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Higbee of Illinois moved that nominations cease; motion seconded by Gatchel of Iowa and carried. Every of Oklahoma moved that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted unanimously; motion seconded by Mannon of Virginia and carried.

The following Student Officers were declared elected as the National Officers for 1947-48:

President—Erwin Martin, Salem, Indiana

First Vice President—Wilbur Ray Dunk, Segovia, Texas

Second Vice President—Osborne J. Arlien, Rugby, North Dakota

Third Vice President—John W. Webb, Jr., Goldsboro, Maryland

Fourth Vice President—Kort H. Meier, Jr., Yuma, Arizona

Student Secretary—Eugene Hansen, East Garland, Utah

Past President Douglass turned the gavel over to the new President, Ervin Martin, who introduced his officers. Following their acceptance speeches, President Martin presented each of the past officers with official national officer pins and certificates.

The new officers took their stations.

The convention was adjourned sine die at 5:30 o'clock with the regular closing ceremony.

Pageant: "UNITED WE STAND"

By RUBY CORDER

Presented by

Farm Boys of Great Britain and the United States
at the

Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri

Tuesday, October 21, 1947, at 10:00 A. M.

UNITED WE STAND

United States:

The F.F.A. to you extends
Its kindest welcome, British friends!
And may you have a happy stay
While visiting in the U. S. A.
The welcome mat is out for you,
The key to all our cities, too,
Our homes hold open house to share
Their hospitality and care.

Great Britain:

Your gracious welcome radiates
The friendship of United States.
We bring you greetings and good
will.
Through work and play we shall
fulfill
Our hopes that truth shall bind our
lands:
A friend is one who understands.
In sympathies the hearts entwine,
The while we talk, and sup, and dine.

United States:

Our games may have a rustic fling,
Our dance, a light fantastic swing,
Our manners brusque, our graces
clang,
Our King's English, a Yankee
twang,—
But in all this 'tis understood:
A true friend only sees the good,
And what is good, he magnifies,
Till all is perfect in his eyes.

Great Britain:

We come with full intent to please
And hope that you will be at ease.
National difference cannot bar:
We want to know you as you are.
Our manners may seem cold or
strange,
Our English accent quite a change.
But like our host, we humbly try:
To do as we'd like t' be done by.

United States:

Future Farmers of this new day
Of Canada and U. S. A.

And Britain's own Young Farmer
band

Face high new tasks on every hand.
We take God's hand and forward go
To plant and plow and reap and
grow.

As citizens ready for the hour
We face large needs, grave trusts,
great power.

Canada:

We, United Nations Youth,
Strive to attain to higher truth,
To cultivate the flocks and fields,
To make the land produce her yields,
Preserve the earth's pastoral charms,
Protect the world from war's alarms,
We are, bespeak these flags un-
furled:

The future citizens of the world!

United States:

Thou, Isles of Britain, old and
strong,
Champion of right and foe of wrong:
Thou cradle of a noble race
Nurtured in wise and gentle grace:
In ages dark the pagan night
Beheld the Christian Briton's light!
And there was born of English mind
The Magna Carta for mankind!

Great Britain:

Grand Pioneers of Democracy,
Your frail barks braved the open sea
And sailed by faith to unknown
strands
With visions bright of promised
lands:
Pilgrims nurtured on English sod
Sought broader fields to worship
God,
In wider, freer latitudes
To practice the Beatitudes!

United States:

O, Commonwealth of Nations great
United in a national state:
In strength of union you have stood:

Your union's forged in brotherhood:
Your progress springs from harmony:
Your greatness rests in liberty:
Ideal union, of which God spake:
"Come, ye nations, and council
take!"

Canada:

Honor to you, Mighty State,
Heir to history's bold mandate:
That life to brave men holds no awe:
That progress is eternal law:
In science and art, invention, too,
Your hands have brought forth what
was new.
Your commerce sails to every shore,
God's gifts to you abundant pour.

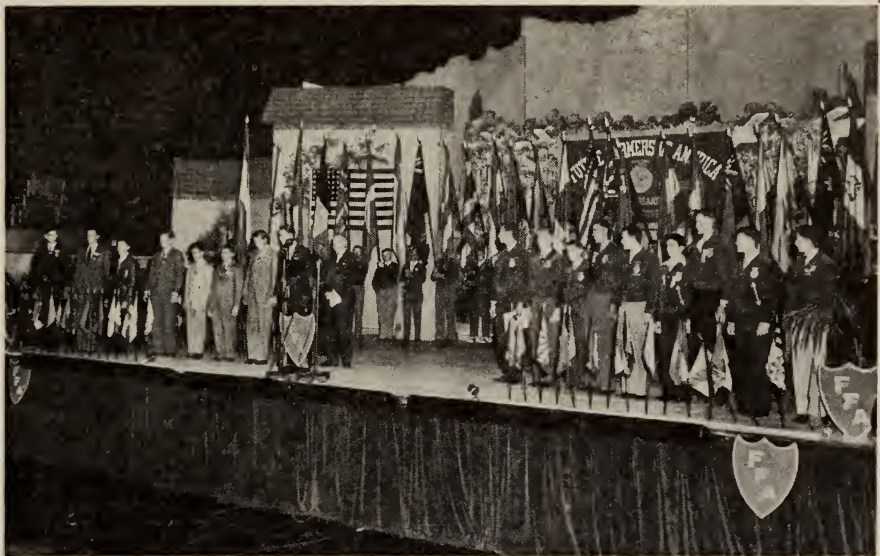
For mankind's hopes for freedom's
reign.

Great Britain:

You,—Great Wide Continent so free,
Bulwark for peace on land and sea,—
Fought not for triumph but for rest
For all war's victims and oppressed
And used your might for peace
alone:
Through your high task God's mercy
shone!
Your standard's raised for all to see:
Mankind's bright hope: world of the
free!

United States:

Between old friends and allies
proved



A FEATURE PROGRAM AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION HONORS LORD INVERCHAPPEL, AMBASSADOR FROM GREAT BRITAIN, AND FARM BOYS FROM ENGLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND, WALES, AND CANADA.

United States:

We thank thee, Island Fortress
Brave:
You stood alone the world to save
From Fascists' dark and evil blight,
By royal good enthroned the right!
Amid the blitz of battle stood
A sentinel of impervious good!
Blood, sweat, and tears fell not in
vain

In sacred trusts as centuries moved,
A pledge in solemn faith avails:
To you, Old England, Scotland,
Wales,
Worthy companion at the North,
And other nations of high worth:
In peace and war as allied mates:
Great Britain and United States!

Great Britain:

Our nations join in common pledge:

The Aussies at earth's southern
edge,
And Canada, your neighbor true,
New Zealand, Africa, England, too,
Wherever British flag is flung,
As olden friends of brother tongue,
This solemn vow to you is made:
We pledge you peace and mutual
aid!

United States:

But more than national good's at
stake,
The whole sad earth petitions make
To freedom's God to give relief
From new oppressions and old grief:
With you we pledge in common mind
To be good neighbors to mankind,
To foster peace, promote the good,
To work in love and brotherhood.

Great Britain:

Each new day makes enlarged de-
mands
To hear and heed divine commands.
Our peoples at no dangers quail,
For in His wisdom we prevail.
We join in war, and work, and plan
To speed the brotherhood of man.
And greater than atomic might
Is God's own gift, the power of right!

*United States and Great Britain in
unison:*

We pledge our hearts, our hopes, our
lives,

The best ideals for which man
strives:

Peace, freedom, home, our blessings
great,
Patriotism and pride of state,
Joy of exploring sea and sky,
And all on earth we prize most high:
To build a world fit to be known
As mankind's free and happy home!

Voice for United Nations Flagbearers:

Salute! — Ye Nations of One
World! —
United Nations flags unfurled!

United States:

America their orders waits!

Great Britain:

Britannia bows to their mandates!

United States:

For them allegiance and our might!

Great Britain:

For them we pledge ourselves to
fight!

*United States and Great Britain in
unison:*

Closer than national ties are won:
In common union we are *one*!

Committee Reports

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions for 1947, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following persons and organizations and especially to the twentieth national convention thereof:

1. To the 1946-47 National Officers and the twentieth National Convention Committees for their excellent efforts in making this year and this convention the most successful.
2. To the members of the Kansas City Advisory Committee for their splendid work in making this year another historic milestone in the progress of the F.F.A.
3. To the National F.F.A. Advisory Council for their able supervision and help in advancing the F.F.A.
4. To Mr. W. A. Cochel, and the "Weekly Kansas City Star" for their liberal support in providing appropriate prizes to Star Farmers.
5. To Mr. J. A. Linke for his special award to the chapter from which the Star Farmer of America was chosen.
6. To all the railroads and their official representatives who are encouraging F.F.A. efforts and offering valuable education awards.
7. To Mr. W. E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City, for his most hearty and warming welcome.
8. To The Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, for his stimulating address.
9. To all donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, and those persons who contributed to the success of the Convention.
10. To the businessmen and officials, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City for their efforts in making this a most enjoyable trip to Kansas City and for the various services rendered.
11. To the States visited by our National Officers for their assistance in making these trips possible.
12. To all States supplying members to the National F.F.A. Band and to Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State College, for his able conducting, Missouri F.F.A. Glee Club, New York Association for their pageant, Mississippi Hill Billy Band, Dickson F.H.A. and F.F.A. Chapters, and to the West Virginia Mountaineers, and to all people who participated in talent shows.

13. To all companies who assisted in supplying general merchandise, banners, rings, emblems, stationery, etc.
14. To all companies and organizations who participated in furnishing entertainment to members of the F.F.A.
15. To all judges and members of the F.F.A. who participated in the Public Speaking Contest and the National Chapter Contest.
16. To all organizations and companies from which this 1946-47 National Convention has benefited.
17. To all honor guests of this twentieth National Convention.
18. To all countries of other lands who sent delegations to the convention and to The Right Honorable The Lord Inverchapel, Ambassador from Great Britain, for his timely address.
19. To all magazines who have devoted space to the F.F.A.
20. To all hotels and other housing facilities who have accommodated our F.F.A. representatives.
21. To all donors of prizes not previously mentioned and to all other individuals serving the F.F.A. and assisting with the twentieth National Convention.
22. To the departments of the respective governments responsible for the presence of our foreign guests for making it possible for these delegates to attend.
23. To Mr. John H. Davis, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, for his splendid talk.
24. To Mr. Edward O'nán of Kentucky for his interesting report on his trip to the World Conference on Christian Youth in Oslo, Norway.

The committee gives the Board of Trustees the right to add any resolutions they see fitting.

Respectfully submitted,

OSBORNE J. ARLIEN, North Dakota,

Chairman

CARLOS PAGE, New York

JOHN HANEY, Arizona

LAWRENCE BRADLEY, Wisconsin

JOHN COLLINS, South Dakota

WAYNE SOMMER, Indiana

JOHN DOHERTY, Washington

CHARLES THOMAS, Delaware

LACY HARWELL, South Carolina

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

We, the members of the Committee on Public Speaking Contest, recommend the following changes in the rules of the Public Speaking Contest:

1. Amend Article V, Section 5, sentence 2 to read: "The chairman shall introduce each contestant by name and announce his subject."
2. Amend Article V, Section 5, by striking out sentence 3 which reads: "The identity of the speakers shall not be made known to the judges."
3. Amend Article V, Section 7, sentence 2 by striking out the words "in conference."

Respectfully submitted,
MAXTON FARRELL, North Carolina, *Chairman*
ORVAL HANSEN, Idaho
HARLAND PRIDDLE, Kansas
DALE HESS, Maryland
TOM MCCOWN, Oregon
CLOIS DEAN WISEMAN, Texas
WARREN PRATT, Vermont
GENE BOGGETT, Wyoming

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

We, the Committee on Public Relations, go on record as recommending the following:

1. That an appropriation of \$10,000 by the National F.F.A. Organization be budgeted the same as last year.
2. That the National F.F.A. Organization continue to employ a Director of Public Relations and Information.
3. Every local chapter and State association be encouraged to work in every way possible in making contacts with local papers, magazines and radios in their areas in furnishing them with information for publicizing their respective programs, accomplishments and activities.
4. Encourage State organizations, and especially local papers, to aid in putting on radio programs.
5. The national office prepare a public relations guide for use by State associations and local chapters.
6. That each district and local chapter be encouraged to publish an F.F.A. newsletter.
7. That each State officer be encouraged to write a column in his respective State newspaper or similar publication.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIE VENTURACCI, Nevada, *Chairman*
BILL MICHAEL, Montana
KENNETH L. W. CHEATHAM, Illinois
ROBERTO H. CHEVRES, Puerto Rico
ROLLAND TURNOW, Ohio
HORACE WAYBRIGHT, Pennsylvania
CARL WAINWRIGHT, Louisiana
PAUL LINDHOLM, Minnesota
JESS LAM, JR., Oklahoma

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

The Official Merchandise Committee wishes to submit the following report for the consideration of the delegates.

We recommend that the Board of Trustees:

1. Establish a supply service.
2. Refer to the price list of the L. G. Balfour Company and grant price increases if and when necessary.
3. Investigate possibility of obtaining a guard device for officer designation to be attached to the official pin.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL MEGGITT, Ohio, *Chairman*
LEON A. BROWN, New Jersey
CHARLES WELCH, New Hampshire
ROBERT WEED, North Dakota
WALTER CAMPBELL, Massachusetts
WILLIAM L. FINDLEN, Maine
JOE TURNER, Georgia
KENNETH HUGGINS, New Mexico

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON F.F.A. FOUNDATION

We, the Future Farmers of America Foundation Committee, met Monday, October 20, 1947, and carefully and accurately studied and discussed the By-Laws, Program, and Policies of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

We continue the following recommendations as submitted before:

1. More complete and descriptive literature on the operation and development of the Foundation continue to be presented to F.F.A. chapters, State associations, and other organizations that might be interested.
2. Members receiving Foundation awards should extend their appreciation for the awards to the Foundation donors.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE WM. REITER, Montana, *Chairman*
KEITH LITTLE, Michigan
RICHARD MATSUNAGA, Hawaii
ANDY HUNTER, Tennessee
GERALD PENICK, Kentucky
RICHARD EVERY, Oklahoma
FRED PUTNAM, New Hampshire
ROBERT GREVE, Kansas
STANLEY GILNACK, Connecticut

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

The National Chapter Contest Committee recommends that the 1947-48 rules and regulations for the National Chapter Contest be the same as for 1946-47.

Respectfully submitted,
 ROBERT E. COOK, West Virginia, *Chairman*
 GEORGE CASTLEBERRY, Arkansas
 ROBERT HENRY, California
 JACK NEWTON, Georgia
 WALLACE MORRIS, Kentucky
 JOHN HEIM, Michigan
 RICHARD GOODE, JR., North Carolina
 GORDON BECK, South Dakota

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have thoroughly reviewed and examined the National F.F.A. Treasurer's books, as kept by the Treasurer, D. J. Howard.

The committee, in checking over Mr. Howard's records, found that they are complete and in neat order from November 1, 1946 through June 30, 1947. A review was also made of accounts covering the period July 1, 1947 through October 15, 1947, and these records were found to be in the proper order.

Respectfully submitted,
 JAMES GACHEL, Iowa, *Chairman*
 JOE PAT STANLEY, Arkansas
 CHARLES COE, Connecticut
 HAL DAVIS, Florida
 TAKE YAMASHIRO, Hawaii
 JIM WOOD, Nevada
 MERRIL CARTWRIGHT, Mississippi
 HOOPES YARNALL, Pennsylvania
 WAYNE UPTON, Alabama

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 1948-49 PROGRAM OF WORK

We, the Committee on 1948-49 Program of Work, recommend the following activities, goals and ways and means for 1948-49:

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for post-war demands	100% member participation	a. Assist in increasing production of food commodities as recommended by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		b. Use improved farming methods. c. Arrange for adequate credits in order to achieve these goals. d. Produce more agricultural products for home consumption.
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	a. Every chapter member increase the size and scope of his investment. b. Urge every individual to develop a farming program to the limit of his opportunities and ambitions.
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	a. Use improved breeding and feeding practices. b. Urge members to use improved sires. c. Urge higher quality foundation animals. d. Urge members to use improved strains of seeds. e. Urge members to market crops more efficiently to prevent losses. f. Urge treatment of seeds to prevent disease. g. Encourage improvement of soil fertility.
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Urge humane and practical stock devices made as farm mechanics projects. c. When necessary urge vaccination of livestock to prevent diseases.

II. COOPERATION

1. Cooperating with other groups on readjustment	100% chapter participation	a. Assist where possible with all governmental agencies in readjustment effort. b. Cooperate with other organizations in the community.
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities.

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- b. Urge members to buy and sell cooperatively.
- c. Urge chapters to promote cooperative enterprises.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

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| 1. Assisting returning servicemen | 100% member and chapter participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Help organize part-time classes and evening schools. b. Secure information concerning Government aid for returning veterans. c. Encourage veterans to attend F.F.A. meetings. d. Encourage eligible veterans to resume active membership. e. Every chapter post an honor scroll of members that have been, or are, in the armed forces. |
| 2. Assisting with farm labor shortage | 100% chapter participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chapters assist in the training of inexperienced laborers to do farm work. b. Encourage members to make the best possible use of machinery and labor. |
| 3. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery | 100% member and chapter participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chapters assist in repair of machinery in community. b. Encourage members to offer their services to farmers. c. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from wear, weather, etc. d. Assist agriculture instructors in farm machinery repair courses for farmers. |
| 4. Guarding and protecting life and property | 100% of State associations with safety programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperate with agencies promoting safety. b. Encourage books on first aid and safety in chapter libraries. c. Encourage chapter discussions and demonstrations on fire prevention. d. Encourage members to enroll in first aid courses. |

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
5. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Secure and distribute material on farm fire prevention. f. Encourage safety campaigns at home, on highways, in the shop, and in fields against fire and other destructive forces. g. Urge every chapter to have available first aid measures. h. Publicize safety programs. i. Urge that safety devices be kept in place on farm machines.
6. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge cooperation with various conservation agencies. b. Emphasize the need for conservation on both chapters and individuals. c. Discourage unnecessary use of metals and other vital materials. d. Soil conservation by crop rotation and cover crops. e. Encourage every member's full support of the agriculture emergency food program. a. Encourage all members and chapters to discover needed repairs and undertake same. b. Encourage chapters to provide cooperatively available materials needed for home maintenance.

IV. LEADERSHIP

1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge careful and early explanation of progressive features of degree work to Green Hands and members and plan long time farming programs. b. Encourage members to keep scrap book records of their achievements. c. Urge each State to provide uniform State Farmer application blank.
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Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books	d. Emphasize early submission of American Farmer Degree applications. a. Prepare and distribute suggested list of books for F.F.A. chapters. b. Send out suggestions on establishing and maintaining libraries. c. Suggest discussion of chapter libraries at leadership training schools and conferences.
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	a. Encourage every chapter to hold a contest with a high percentage of members participating. b. Stress the value of participation to the individuals regardless of prizes or honors. c. Encourage district to participate in State contests. d. Encourage all States to participate in regional contest.
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	a. Urge individual members to study parliamentary procedure. b. Encourage chapter discussion of parliamentary procedure. c. Encourage local parliamentary procedure demonstrations and contests. d. Urge chapters to include at least one book on parliamentary procedure in chapter library. e. Recommend parliamentary procedure contest to be set up on national basis. f. Encourage parliamentary training in leadership schools.
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	a. Encourage more carefully built programs and closer attention to them. b. Urge special emphasis on program building in leadership schools.

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6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Print and distribute the national program of work immediately following the National Convention. d. Have every chapter member participate in building some section of local program of work. d. Encourage more chapters to compete in National Chapter Contest. e. Adapt programs of work to reconversion. a. Encourage the maintenance of State F.F.A. publications. b. Encourage exchange of State publications with other associations. c. Offer constructive suggestions on improving present publications. d. Include in publications copies of winning State and national F.F.A. speeches of the year. e. Serve as media of information of national organization activities. f. Include helpful agricultural hints.
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage State and district leadership training schools and conferences. b. Encourage States to provide leadership training in connection with State meetings. c. Encourage all chapters to provide at least one leadership school or conference during the year. d. Urge special leadership training school for State officers. e. Provide special leadership training school for national officers.
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage more extensive and regular use of local, county, and State newspapers by chapters and State associations.

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- b. Secure more articles in national magazines.
- c. Urge taking of more and better pictures of F.F.A. work for use as illustrations.
- d. Encourage States and chapters to provide radio broadcasts where possible.
- e. Encourage wider use of windshield stickers.
- f. Continue to maintain contact with such organizations as the New Farmers of America and other organizations patterned after the F.F.A.
- g. Each chapter sponsor at least one decorated window display per year in a downtown section.
- h. Keep in touch with former F.F.A. members.
- i. Encourage the use of official F.F.A. uniforms by members.
- j. National organization put on F.F.A. exhibits.
- k. Encourage use of outdoor F.F.A. identification plaques.

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Practicing thrift

100% of chapters and members participating

- a. Stimulate interest in regular systematic savings for all.
- b. Encourage chapter members to earn money cooperatively to help finance chapter activities.
- c. Urge every State association and chapter to have a budget and safeguard its funds.
- d. Encourage members to invest earnings in productive enterprises.
- e. Urge every chapter to operate a thrift bank.
- f. Encourage local members to also use the facilities of their local bank.

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- g. Encourage individuals to earn and save money.

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

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| 1. Using Official Manual | 100% of members have access to official Manual | <p>a. Urge State associations to secure Manuals in quantities for distribution and sale to chapters.</p> <p>b. Emphasize the need for having up-to-date Manuals with which to work.</p> <p>c. Urge that new Manuals be included in every chapter library</p> <p>d. Urge discussion of revised 1946 constitution at chapter meetings and conventions.</p> <p>e. Urge each Green Hand to own a Manual.</p> <p>f. Urge study of Manual as phase of leadership training schools and conferences.</p> <p>g. Urge individual members to study and be familiar with Official Manual.</p> |
| 2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer books | 100% of chapters using both books | <p>a. Call further attention to the value of these books.</p> <p>b. Urge filing copies of completed books as permanent chapter records.</p> <p>c. Urge discussion of both books at chapter meetings and at leadership training schools and conferences.</p> <p>d. Urge well kept books.</p> <p>e. Encourage each chapter to keep a scrap book.</p> |
| 3. Providing Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies | 100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work | <p>a. Send out lists with information on how and where to obtain.</p> <p>b. Stress loyalty to the national organization and urge the use of official materials.</p> <p>c. Urge discussion of standard materials at leadership training schools.</p> |

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
4. Using Official ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	d. Point out advantages in patronizing official companies. a. Urge that all officers learn their parts and that ceremonies be rehearsed. b. Suggest special training on ceremonies for new officers. c. Recommend discussing the meaning and significance of ceremonies at chapter meetings and leadership schools. d. Urge practice on unison parts, especially Flag salute.
5. Planning State Conventions	100% of State associations hold Conventions	a. Plan in ample time. b. All chapters be well represented. c. Urge all State Farmer candidates to attend. d. Secure outstanding speakers and entertainers.
6. Meetings	Every member attends 100% of chapter meetings	a. Have at least two regular meeting dates per month scheduled in school calendar. b. Special meetings for emergencies. c. Prepare well-planned program beforehand. d. Have one good entertainment feature for 100% participation at each regular meeting. e. Urge 100% chapter attendance at federation or district meetings.

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	a. Devote one chapter meeting annually to scholarship. b. Encourage members to strive for scholastic honors. c. Post an F.F.A. honor roll each month.
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Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		d. Have advanced boys assist new students. e. Offer chapter awards to outstanding scholars.
VIII. RECREATION		
1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	a. Organize athletic teams and encourage chapter and district competition. b. Sponsor parent and son banquets. c. Cooperate with home economics department and all related school organizations. d. Organize supervised camping trips and encourage establishment of State camps. e. Cooperate with the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency. f. Sponsor recreation programs in local community.
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Day	100% of State associations participating	a. Set aside first day of Convention as National F.F.A. Day. b. Send out suggested materials for F.F.A. Day programs.
3. Maintaining National Camp	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition	a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp. b. Urge eligible members to attend National Camp.
IX. GENERAL		
1. Maintaining membership	250,000 active members	a. Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture. b. 100% membership in F.F.A. of boys enrolled in all-day classes. c. Retain 75% of graduated members for three years after graduation.

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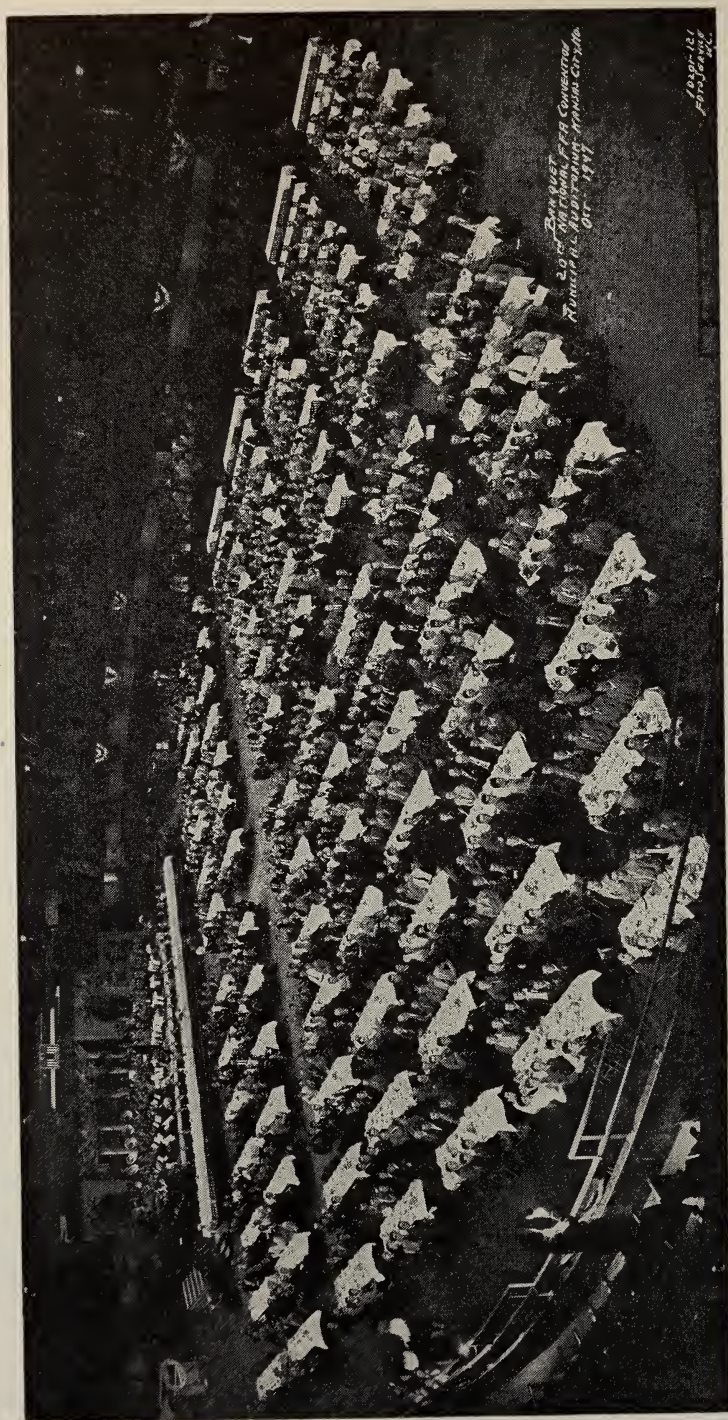
- d. Urge full payment of national dues on the part of all associations on or before June 30.
- e. Encourage establishment of collegiate chapter in every recognized teacher training department.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE HANSEN, Utah, *Chairman*
 ERVIN MARTIN, Indiana
 ROBERT FULLER, Arizona
 MARION MASTERS, Missouri
 WILBUR DUNK, Texas
 DALLAS H. JOHNSON, Virginia
 DEAN GARDNER, Iowa
 BILL BROWN, Wyoming
 VERNON R. ASHLEY, Mississippi



GUS DOUGLAS, JR., NATIONAL F. F. A. PRESIDENT, CONFERS THE DEGREE OF HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER UPON MR. HENRY E. GIACOMINI OF FERNDALE, CALIFORNIA, AND PRESENTS MRS. GIACOMINI WITH A BOUQUET OF ROSES. THE GIACOMINIS HAVE SEVEN SONS, SIX OF WHOM HAVE RECEIVED THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE.



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Special Convention Report

Report on National F.F.A. Camp

The delegates at the Eleventh National Convention, held in 1939, authorized the purchase of land for a National F.F.A. Camp. Since that date approximately 30 acres of land have been purchased near Mount Vernon. Facilities available at the camp include a seven-room dwelling house, a barracks building containing 76 bunks, and another building, 24 feet wide and 100 feet long, which serves as a kitchen, dining room, and recreation room. This organization has approximately \$30,000 invested in the land, buildings, and equipment. The camp was first opened during the summer of 1941. It was closed during the war years.

The national program of work for 1946-47 carried as item 3, under Recreation, the following:

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
Maintaining National Camp	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition	a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp. b. Urge eligible members to attend the camp.

The report of the Executive Secretary concerning the camp which was approved at the Victory Convention contained the following recommendations:

1. Open the camp on May 15th, 1947 and keep it open until September 10th.
2. Keep the old Grist Mill open this fall as long as public demand justifies. Open the mill again in the spring.
3. Continue to employ two men, one to serve as caretaker and guide for the mill and the other to manage the camp.
4. Make the following improvements at the camp and mill:
 - a. Repair old water wheel at mill.
 - b. Construct an incinerator at camp.
 - c. Building storage cabinets in kitchen for use of visiting chapters.
 - d. Build an antiseptic foot bath at entrance to shower room.
 - e. Lay stepping stones between barracks and dining room.
 - f. Complete new entrance to camp.
 - g. Have a large sign built for camp entrance.

The camp was opened on May 15 and was kept open until September 10. During the year ending June 30, 1947, 459 F.F.A. members from 24 chapters stayed at the camp. The total of \$647.50 was received from chapters staying at the camp. A charge of 50¢ per member per night is made at the camp.

The National Camp is managed by Mr. E. D. Tyler. He lives on the camp property, and devotes his full time to maintaining and improving the camp.

The National Organization of F.F.A. leased the George Washington Grist Mill which is located on property adjoining the F.F.A. Camp. The mill was kept open during the past year, and an admission charge of 10¢ per person was made. Mr. George Scott is serving as caretaker and guide. During the past year 9,974 people paid admission to see the mill. An income of \$2,115.41 was received from admissions and sales of jewelry, souvenirs, and refreshments.

A total income of \$2,762.91 has been received at the camp and old mill. The income at the mill is just about enough to pay Mr. Scott's salary and other expenses incurred in connection with the mill.

A number of improvements have been made during the past year at this camp. Two storage cabinets were constructed in the kitchen for the use of visiting chapters, and an antiseptic foot bath was built and placed at the entrance of the shower room. The most important improvement was the completion of a new entrance way to the camp. The new entrance is from the Mt. Vernon Highway, and is much safer than the old entrance way from Highway No. 1. A new sign has been constructed and placed at the highway entrance.

In cooperation with the Lead Industries Association, a painting school was held at the National Camp last May. The camp has been given two coats of white paint. The school served two purposes. It gave teachers of vocational agriculture in Maryland and Virginia an opportunity to study and apply latest methods in painting. It also gave us an opportunity to repaint our buildings at a minimum cost.

Based upon present conditions, I recommend the following plan for maintaining and developing the National F.F.A. Camp and the George Washington Grist Mill for the year 1947-48.

1. Open the camp on May 15, 1948, and keep it open until September 10.
2. If a National F.F.A. Supply Service is opened at the camp and it becomes necessary to use a part of the barracks building for storage, I recommend that a few surplus tents be purchased and placed on wood platforms for use of the visiting F.F.A. chapters. This will make it possible for us to accommodate F.F.A. chapters and still go ahead with the development of the supply service.
3. Continue to employ two men, one to serve as caretaker and guide for the mill and the other to manage the camp.
4. Make the following improvements at the camp and mill:
 - a. Put a new roof on the office and part of the residence.

- b. Repair the old water wheel at the mill so the wheel can be operated on special days.
- c. Improve the appearance of the camp ground.
- d. Construct a few picnic tables and plan a picnic area near the old Grist Mill as a public service.
- e. Plant a number of trees on the mill property and at the camp.

No recommendations are made for major improvements at the camp. Let us strive to maintain it in good condition so that we can provide satisfactory facilities for F.F.A. chapters that visit the camp. This will give us an opportunity to arrive at a sound decision concerning the future development that should be made at the camp.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. TENNEY,
National Executive Secretary.



F.F.A. MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE MEAT IDENTIFICATION CONTEST AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

National Student Officer Reports

Report of National President

On September 2, 1940, when I enrolled in Vocational Agriculture at Point Pleasant High School, I set out on an adventure never knowing where it was taking me. I was just another one of those farm boys not knowing definitely yet what I wanted to do. I went along with the other members of my Vo-Ag class getting training in F.F.A., never realizing that some day as I was working up along the line I would become President of the West Virginia Association and eventually President of the National Organization.

It seems such a short time ago that all this happened. It seems only yesterday that I was standing here in front of you at our National Victory Convention accepting the responsibilities of my office, yet it was 365 days ago when this happened. A lot has happened to me though in those 365 days. From the day I received the gavel from our National President last year, J. Glyndon Stuff, to this day, I have been on the road continuously in the interest of the F.F.A.

I shall try and give you a concise and brief report of my travels and activities this past year, although it is going to be difficult to be brief. My activities started the day after I was elected, when William Carlin, Star Farmer of America last year, Marshall Schirer, National Public Speaking winner, and I made a radio broadcast here in Kansas City in the interest of the F.F.A.

On October 25, 1946, I started for home, arriving there the next day. At that time I began making preparations for the longest trip I had ever taken. November 12 I boarded a train for Chicago. Upon arriving there the next day I went out to the Kraft Foods Company where I was the guest of Mr. John Kraft and his associates at a luncheon. It was there I received, on behalf of the F.F.A. Foundation, a donation from Mr. Kraft. The remainder of the day was spent touring the plant and seeing the various products being made.

That evening, November 13, I boarded a plane for Portland, Oregon, to attend the National Grange Convention. Our Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson, was also on the same plane flying to the West Coast to attend the Grange Convention. It was there that I first became acquainted with Mr. Anderson. It was my pleasure to address the Grange Convention on November 15. On the 16th I visited the Oregon Association and met Bob Taylor, your National 1st Vice President. I traveled with him visiting chapters and speaking at a parent-and-son banquet. On November 17 I flew down to San Francisco, California, to visit with the California Association, being met there by Mr. Leith, Assistant State Supervisor. We spent the next three days visiting eight chapters in the state, as

well as former F.F.A. members on their farms. I also made two radio broadcasts, and got to see my first rodeo at the Grand National Livestock Show being held there at that time.

Leaving San Francisco on November 20, by plane I started for Salt Lake City, Utah, but upon arriving there found that they were having a blizzard and was unable to land. I was carried over to Rock Springs, Wyoming. I regret very much that I was unable to visit with the Utah Association. Leaving Rock Springs by train I began making my way to Bozeman, Montana, to visit with the state officers who were holding an executive committee meeting at that time. I spent four days in Montana with the State officers, visiting chapters, making two radio broadcasts, and it was my pleasure to speak at the Deer Lodge Parent-and-Son Banquet. On November 25, after a very pleasant visit with the Montana Association, I left by plane for home, arriving the next day.

December also came with much to do, it was then I began to travel in my own state. On December 4 I started visiting chapters. That evening it was my pleasure to attend the West Milford Chapter's Parent-and-Son Banquet and present them with the Gold Emblem they received in the National Chapter Contest. December 5 I spent visiting five chapters in West Virginia.

December 8 to 18 found me speaking before Rotary and Kiwanis groups near home as well as local F.F.A. chapters.

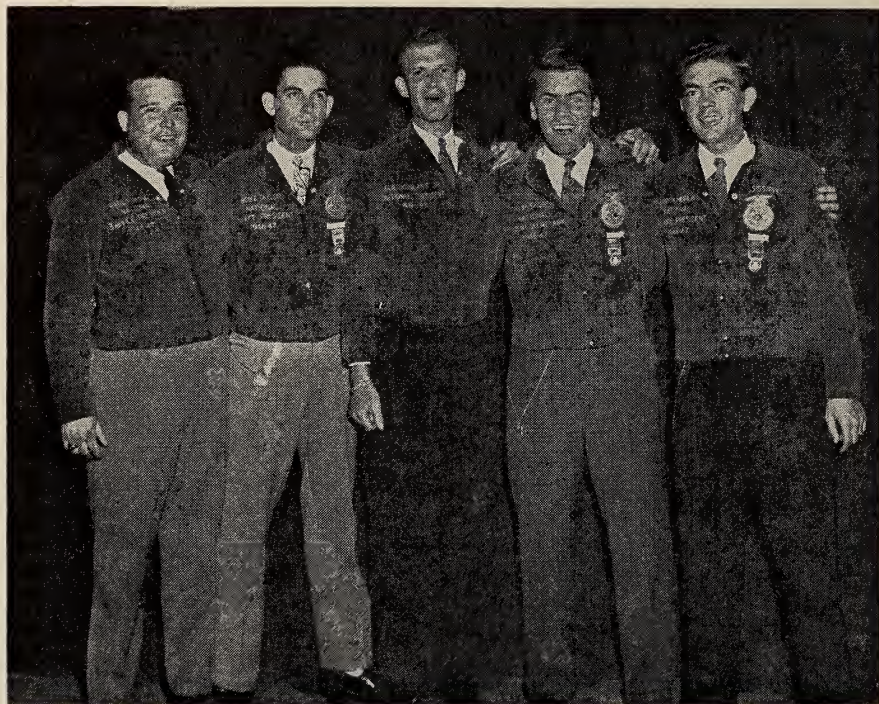
Serving in dual capacities this past year as both President of the West Virginia Association and the National Organization, I attended our first State Executive Committee Meeting in Morgantown, West Virginia, together with the other state officers on December 19-22.

On December 26 I left home again, this time for Lexington, Kentucky, to attend the Southern Region Conference of the Classroom Teachers Association. I worked with them in helping make plans for the youth of today. I was also given the opportunity on the 28th to address the conference on behalf of the F.F.A.

I returned home on the 29th for a few days before starting in on a new year. I started traveling on January 4 when I went to Chicago to attend the Convention of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. I met Quentin Reynolds, President, and had a nice visit with him. I also again had the honor and pleasure of meeting and visiting with the Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson, and Mr. Albert Goss, Master of the National Grange. On January 8 the other National Officers, Mr. Tenney, Dr. Spanton, Mr. Huff and I met to start our visit with some of the donors to the F.F.A. Foundation and later return to Washington, D. C., for our first Board of Trustees meeting. On this day we had a luncheon at the Museum of Science and Industry and met and talked with officials of companies. We also met Major Lohr who is in charge of the Museum. We spent the afternoon as

guests of The International Harvester Company and were taken on a tour of the Melrose Park Tractor Plant. We also had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with Mr. McCaffery, President, and Mr. McCormick, Chairman of the Board, of the International Harvester Company. That evening we attended the banquet of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, where I had the privilege of addressing their convention.

January 9 found me and the other national officers in Detroit, Michigan, where we were that morning the guests of the General



RETIRING NATIONAL F. F. A. OFFICERS WHO CONDUCTED THE TWENTIETH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

(Left to right)—PAUL H. SMART, Third Vice President; BOB E. TAYLOR, First Vice President; GUS R. DOUGLASS, JR., President; PHILIP SHOBER, Student Secretary; and WILLIAM H. MORGAN, JR., Second Vice President.

Motors Corporation. We were taken on a tour of the Cadillac Division and saw the assembly of the Cadillac cars. At a luncheon we also had the opportunity to meet and talk with Boss Kettering, the inventor, and other officials of General Motors. The afternoon was spent as guests of Harry Ferguson, Inc., and while there we were taken on a tour of their tractor assembly plant.

That evening we boarded a train for Akron, Ohio, and spent the day of January 10 as guests of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. We were taken on a tour of their factories and we were their guests at a luncheon which was attended by Mr. Thomas, Chairman of the Board, Russell Firestone, Leonard Firestone and other officials.

On January 11 we arrived in Washington, D. C., and that afternoon Carl Barbic, National 4th Vice President, and I made a radio broadcast on the Country Journal program.

On January 13 we held our first Leadership Training Class.

January 14 was really the red letter day for all of us and one of the highlights in my past year's duties. That morning we visited the Department of Agriculture and visited with the Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson. It was then I invited him to attend our National Convention here in Kansas City. We went to the British Embassy and had the honor and privilege of meeting and talking with Lord Inverchapel, Ambassador from Great Britain, and had lunch at the Embassy. It was at this time I invited Lord Inverchapel to attend our convention and be a guest speaker and bring some boys from England with him. That same evening we were the guests of Mr. Wheeler McMillen, of Farm Journal.

January 15 we had our first meeting of the Board of Trustees. That evening we were the guests of the American Institute of Cooperation at a dinner given in our honor.

January 16 we continued our leadership training and were the dinner guests of Mr. Albert Goss, Master of the National Grange. It was at this dinner we had the opportunity to learn a lot about post-war days and things ahead of us.

On the 17th we gave a luncheon in honor of Senator George of Georgia, where we conferred upon him the Honorary American Farmer Degree, which he was unable to receive at the convention last year. Representative Barden from North Carolina was also a guest at this luncheon.

January 18 Mr. Tenney took us out to our National F.F.A. Camp and to Mt. Vernon. We also visited George Washington's Old Grist Mill, which our organization has under lease.

January 20 found us in New York City where we were the guests of the Boy Scouts of America, through the arrangements of Mr. E. H. Bakken, National Director of Rural Scouting. We were their guests at a dinner and it was there that farm boys and city boys really met and got each other's ideas and views. We were shown over greater New York by the Boy Scouts in between radio broadcasts and dinners given by the American Petroleum Institute. We went to the top of the Empire State Building, visited the Stock Exchange on Wall Street, went through Rockefeller Center and many other interesting points. On the 22nd we left for Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania, to be the guests of Mr. Reed, of Country Gentleman Magazine, for the morning. It was there we got our first glimpse of the publishing industry, as well as Independence Hall and other things of interest. It was there we ended our tour together and started back to our homes. I caught a fast train out of Washington, D. C., that evening and was back home on the farm the next morning, a tired but happy fellow after the past three weeks of travel.

January 31 to February 2 found me traveling again in West Virginia visiting chapters and attending Federation meetings.

February 10 I was again back in Washington, D. C., where I was the guest of the American Plant Food Council at a dinner where the F.F.A. was presented with their new publication, "Our Land and Its Care," for use by Vo-Ag classes. I also spoke on behalf of the F.F.A. at this dinner.

February 11 to 15 William Carlin and I were the guests of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company at their Champion Farmers Convention in the Statler Hotel at Washington, D. C.

February 19 to 21 found me back home again visiting chapters and speaking at parent-and-son banquets in West Virginia.

April 10 to 12 found me again in Chicago, Illinois, where I was to receive donations to our F.F.A. Foundation. On this trip I received checks from Sears Roebuck and Company, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. I also spoke at a regional supervisors meeting that was being held at that time and it was my pleasure to attend a meeting of the Chicago Agriculture Chamber of Commerce which was very interesting.

April 16 to 27 I visited State conventions in Wausau, Wisconsin, and Columbia, Missouri. I also spent three days in Illinois visiting chapters and speaking at banquets. I visited the University of Illinois and spent a night with Glyndon Stuff, Past National President. While at the University I addressed a group made up of agriculture students, F.F.A. members, the dean of the College of Agriculture and his associates.

May 1 to 4 I was attending the Rural Life and Education Conference at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, representing the F.F.A. and also serving on a Youth Panel. It was there that the problems of the youth of today were brought out and discussed.

May 14 I represented the F.F.A. at the West Virginia Congress of Agriculture meeting and took an active part in it.

May 15 to 17 I attended our second State Executive meeting in West Virginia, together with the other State officers, going over the applications for the State Farmer Degree.

June 12 to 15 found me on my way to Hot Springs, Virginia, to attend the convention of the American Plant Food Council. It was there I had the pleasure to meet and talk with Mr. Woodrum, Presi-

dent of the American Plant Food Council. William Carlin and I shared the program on the 14th when we addressed the convention.

July 13 to 20 I found myself, together with the other national officers, back in Washington, D. C., attending our second National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council meetings. We were the dinner guests of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives one evening and had the pleasure of again meeting Mr. John Davis, Executive Secretary of the Council, and heard his report on the conditions he found in Europe during his recent trip.

We spent the major part of the week in the National F.F.A. Office reviewing American Farmer Applications and making plans for this National Convention. We also spent one evening at the National F.F.A. camp on a picnic. The annual volley ball game between the national officers and the Advisory Council was staged at that time.

The next week after my return home I took it easy and had only one speaking engagement which was on July 24. I spoke at a local Kiwanis Club dinner in Point Pleasant that was given in honor of me and my local chapter.

July 29 to August 5 was spent at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, making the final plans for our State Convention, August 1 to 5. I presided at this convention and Philip Shoher, National Student Secretary, was present and represented the national organization.

August 6 to 9 I attended the West Virginia Association of the Future Homemakers Conference at Jackson's Mill, where I assisted with Leadership Training classes for two days.

August 10 to 12 I was the guest of the West Virginia Farm Bureau and Rural Youth Organizations Conference at Jackson's Mill. It was my pleasure to address both of these groups on Monday, August 11, on behalf of the F.F.A.

August 13 I left West Virginia, driving to Clemson, South Carolina, to attend the South Carolina State Convention being held at that time.

September 9 I drove to Gallipolis, Ohio, to meet with the Rotary Club there. It was my pleasure to speak to this group that evening.

September 16 I left home on my last official trip as a national officer before this National Convention. I traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts, to attend the Eastern States Exposition and to preside over the North Atlantic Region's Public Speaking Contest. I returned home on September 20, to get some of my farm work caught up and start making preparations to again leave for the National Convention.

I left home on October 21, driving through to Kansas City to start making final plans, together with the other national officers, for this convention.

The following is a summary of my activities for the past year:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A. (approx.)	178
Miles traveled (approx.)	50,000
Letters received	1,200
Letters sent	460
Telephone calls received	11
Telephone calls made	13
Conventions attended	4
Radio programs	25
Speeches made	84
Total addressed	50,000
Articles written	7
National Board of Trustees meetings attended.	3
Expense to F.F.A.	\$1,275.00
Amount received from other sources	\$ 200.00

The time is drawing near now when I soon must be handing my gavel over to the new national president, as others preceding me have done. It is with much regret that I do this. It has really been a pleasure serving and traveling over the country and visiting with you as your national president. I now have after this past year my first great outlook on our organization of Future Farmers of America. I have seen the far reaching boundaries and influence of the F.F.A. and have visited with Future Farmers in about all parts of the United States. I know a fellow cannot feel much more pride than I do in being a little part and serving in this organization. It has been an inspiration for me which I will never forget as long as I live, and as I go back home to the farm in West Virginia and again start farming, it makes me proud of the fact that I am a farmer.

I leave you with the thought that I will always be a Future Farmer booster.

I send my deepest regrets to those of you whose invitations I could not accept. I wish it could have been possible to have spent the entire year away from the farm traveling.

My most sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Howard and the other national officers; to Clifford Dunn, my agriculture instructor; to the members of the West Virginia Association, my State Supervisor and others, for their encouragement and support; also to my mother and father for their support and carrying on my share of the farming at home this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GUS R. DOUGLASS, JR.,
National President.

Report of National First Vice President

One Fall day while working in the quiet of country fields, my folks brought me a letter. A letter that was to change the course of

my life, opening a vast field of unlimited opportunities and experiences for me. It was a letter from the late Earl R. Cooley, Oregon State F.F.A. Advisor, containing my first assignment as Oregon's state president. I was to represent Oregon at the streamlined 18th National Convention here in Kansas City. Little did I dream of the importance it was to have in my future life. As I met and mingled with Future Farmers from all over the nation, I again fully realized how great was our organization. As I look back I can remember the warm friendliness of the national officers. Then and there I resolved to better qualify myself in the ensuing year, only hoping and praying that I might some day be elected to serve in that manner. A letter from Maurice Buchanan, Assistant Supervisor, told me I had been recommended for the coveted American Farmer Degree. Then on Thursday, October 24, at the titanic Victory Convention, I was elected to the office of National First Vice President. It was truly a dream come true. My fervent hope is I have justified that sacred trust.

Following is a report of my year's activities as your National First Vice President: Upon my return from Kansas City I attended the Oregon F.F.A. State Executive Committee and Officers Training School in Salem. Returning home I worked night and day catching up for I was to attend the National Grange convention in Portland, November 13 to 21. It was at this meeting I received my seventh degree, the highest in Grange work. It was my privilege at this meeting to meet Albert S. Goss, National Grange Master, and Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson.

I also enjoyed acting as host to Gus Douglass, who was in attendance, and to hear his inspiring message to the convention delegates. While in Oregon, Gus and I appeared at the Silverton Parent-and-Son Banquet. After seeing him off for California I started the fall swing of parent-and-son banquets, civic organizations and farm meetings in Oregon. After appearing on the Molalla banquet program which was broadcast over KALE, Portland by direct wire, I returned home, arriving Christmas Eve.

January 4 found me in Portland enroute to Chicago, starting one of my most invigorating, inspiring and educational trips I have ever made as a national officer. Meeting my fellow officers, we started a tour that will live on in our memories. We were introduced to Mr. McCaffery, President of International Harvester, Fowler McCormick, Chairman of Board of Directors, and many other top officials. Following this we were taken on a tour of the tractor plant and to lunch at the Museum of Science and Industry which was attended by many of Chicago's top executives. That afternoon as guests of Major Lohr, Director of the Museum, we were shown the modern glories of science and industry.

That evening we were guests of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives at their annual banquet.

That night we left for Detroit where we were met at the train

by representatives of General Motors Corporation. An interesting tour of the Cadillac plant was on the agenda, followed by lunch with officials of GMC. After the luncheon officials of the Harry Ferguson Corporation conducted us through their plant. This was followed by dinner that evening. Friday, January 10, we visited the nation's rubber capital, Akron, Ohio, as guests of Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. After being shown through the research laboratory we were honored to have a conference with John Thomas, Honorary Chairman of the Board. Lunch was followed by a tour of the plant and dinner that evening.

Arriving in Washington, Saturday, January 11, I shall never forget my mingled emotions as we drove from the station to our hotel, past the Capitol, State Department and other buildings. The thrill of being in our Nation's Capital, I an obscure farm boy from Western Oregon—truly this is a democracy. Appearing on national broadcast WTOP with some of my fellow officers concluded my first day in Washington. The following week was the most eventful, thrilling and enlightening I have ever known. It was highlighted by meetings, dinners and conferences with Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, British Ambassador The Lord Inverchapel, Wheeler McMillen of Farm Journal, Albert S. Goss and other Grange officials and John Davies of National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and the American Institute of Cooperation.

At a luncheon in the Hotel Statler our president presented Senator George with the Honorary American Farmer key.

I believe our visit with Lord Inverchapel and his appearance here at our convention along with the farm boys from Britain will go far in cementing better international relations. May we as tomorrow's citizens step across the borders of nationalism, imperialism, personal hates, fancies and prejudices in tearing down misunderstandings. May we work toward brotherhood and cooperation among all the people throughout the world. Their appearance here is a step forward. It will result in a better understanding between two great nations.

During the same week under Mr. Tenney's masterful hand and guidance we absorbed a semester course in leadership and F.F.A. principles.

Saturday, Mr. Tenney drove us over into Virginia to visit our national camp and George Washington's Old Grist Mill which is leased by the Future Farmers. We also visited George Washington's old farmstead, Mt. Vernon, overlooking the majestic broad Potomac. To me, from the west, it was thrilling to be surrounded by country so rich with history of the early days and the development of our nation.

We left Washington Sunday morning for New York City. As guests of American Petroleum Institute we were graciously received and shown as much of New York as possible. Officers appeared on a radio broadcast over WJZ New York City with Phil Alampi.

Tuesday, January 21, was spent as guests of the Greater New York Council, Boy Scouts of America. Arriving at Boy Scout headquarters we enjoyed a conference with Dr. Fretwell, Chief Scout Executive. This was followed by a luncheon with ranking scout officials.

We were then conducted on a tour of New York City by members of Greater New York Council.

As we steamed past the Statue of Liberty, I realized the peace, hope, security and opportunity it symbolized. Where else but in America could a farm boy do the things I've done the past year? Where else could I participate in such an organization? I silently and fervently thanked God that I was an American living in peace and in freedom.

Entraining the next morning for Philadelphia as guests of Curtis Publishing Co. we were shown through the printing plant and were guests of the officials at a noon luncheon. It was our opportunity to visit Independence Hall and many other landmarks so important to the early growth of our country.

The officer family then departed for their respective homes. I returned to Washington, leaving the next day for Chicago and home. On my way home I visited the Neligh, Nebraska, Gold Emblem Chapter. I arrived in Grants Pass, February 2.

My next trip was to attend the state Farmers Union Convention in Albany, the 17th to 20th of February. While there it was my pleasure to meet Jim Patton, their National President.

The rest of February and early March was taken up with District meetings and banquets in Oregon.

After attending the Oregon Executive Committee meeting I left Salem, March 24 enroute to Ft. Collins, Colorado, for the Colorado convention at Colorado A. and M. Flying from Denver to Boise I was scheduled to appear on the same week-end at the Idaho convention being held at the state capitol building. Following the convention Stan Richardson and I visited the Emmet, Wilder, Nampa and Meridian chapters. Following our chapter visits we drove south through Sun Valley and its scenic beauty to Twin Falls for a district meeting. I left for Reno to attend the Nevada convention April 3, 4 and 5, being held at the University of Nevada. It was my privilege to enjoy the companionship of Virgil Getto, 1945-46 National Student Secretary, and to visit him on his farm. I left Reno for Pendleton and the Oregon convention April 8 to 11. My next stop was Pullman, Washington, and the Washington State convention at Washington State College.

Farming kept me occupied until July 10 when I left for Portland, flying overnight to Washington, D. C., to attend the July meeting of the National Board of Trustees. We passed on American Farmer Applications, set up plans for a national supply service, formulated plans for this convention and other plans of great importance to our organization's future. While in Washington we were guests of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives at a



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dinner in the Sheridan Hotel. After a grueling week's work in Washington we adjourned to our National Camp in Virginia. A picnic and games were the order of the day and a grand time was enjoyed by all.

Sunday evening, July 20, Phil Shober and I left together for home. The illuminated capitol dome thrilled me and renewed my faith in democracy and the American way of life. Phil was getting off at Toledo and I was bound for Chicago enroute to Oregon. He was met at the airport by his folks. It was my privilege to meet them. As my plane left Toledo winging its way into the clear Ohio skies I again fully realized the important part that parents play in the F.F.A. Without their help and support our F.F.A. histories would be somewhat modified. Arriving home July 22 I plunged into farm work in preparation for my next trip which was to attend the Arizona and Utah conventions.

Leaving Southern Oregon at noon, August 12, I arrived at Phoenix that evening by plane. As my plane soared along the western shores of continental United States I looked out the window and to the west saw the sun setting over the broad, calm Pacific. I could not help thinking how different and exactly opposite of our rising sun depicting a new era in agriculture. Arriving in Phoenix I rode to Prescott with Mr. Cullison for the Arizona State Leadership Training Conference. Following the conference I rode with the Yuma chapter to Kingman, Arizona, then by bus to Las Vegas where I caught a 3:30 a. m. flight for Salt Lake and the Utah convention. Following the convention sessions the 18th and 19th of August, Eugene Sanford of Delta drove me to his home. After meeting his folks we journeyed on to Bryce, Zion, Cedar Breaks, and Grand Canyon. Returning to Salt Lake I was thrilled to serve as judge for the State Future Farmers Sweetheart contest and to make the presentation of awards.

My schedule took me next to Red Bluff, California, and a district meeting. Mr. Rinn, Regional Supervisor, drove me to Fresno Union High School, where I spoke to the student body. I attended the California Convention at the California Polytechnic School in San Luis Obispo. I enjoyed renewing acquaintance with Bob Bowman, Past National President.

In summarizing the conventions I visited may I say they were well attended, interesting to all and much was accomplished. I am sure many seeds of enthusiasm and inspiration were sown—the harvest will be reaped in a renewed interest and participation in Future Farmer activities.

My regrets to Montana, Wyoming and New Mexico that I could not attend their conventions because of conflicting dates. I know they were a success with the excellent leadership in their states.

Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the states, the advisers, members and their parents for their hospitality, support and warm

friendship. In all my contacts I have found you willing, cooperative and friendly.

The following is a summarization of my activities as your National First Vice President:

Miles traveled	51,250
Days in F.F.A. work	217
Letters received	315
Speeches made	117
Letters written	407
People addressed	33,000
Telegrams sent	23
Telegrams received	5
Radio broadcasts	16
State conventions attended	8
Expenses to national organization	\$1,246.87
National Board of Trustees meetings attended ..	3

Many times while tilling my fields, watching the good earth turn off the moleboard, glorying in the life of a farmer, I have thought of this moment. It is as I knew it would be the hardest thing I have ever had to do. Hard because it means my active participation in this, the greatest farm boy organization in the world, is rapidly drawing to a close. Although I am leaving as an officer I will be a Future Farmer booster till the day I die.

I remember quite clearly my first activities in the F.F.A. I have a vast treasure of associates and experiences for which I shall never be able to repay. The more I tried the more my indebtedness became.

I consider my F.F.A. experiences an education in themselves. Their influences upon my character and personality will be carried to the grave. Truly, I have become a part of my experiences, just as they are now a part of me. The Future Farmers of America is the greatest motivating force in the development of character in the farm boy of today.

Two decades ago in this very city far sighted men laid the ground work for the greatest farm boy organization in the world, the Future Farmers of America. While no sculptored marble shall rise to their memory or carved stones bear record of their deeds, yet their memory shall be as great as the organization they founded. I am sure God will reward them well for their vision and the help and happiness it has brought so many farm boys.

I would like to pay tribute to my parents for their steady encouragement in hours of failure and dejection. Also, to my good friend W. S. Carpenter, my one and only Ag teacher, for without his council, guiding hand and advice my career as a Future Farmer would have been altered.

My thanks also go to Ralph Morgan, my State Advisor, and his assistants and my fellow members in Oregon for the support and assistance they have given me during my term of office.

Gratitude seems so inadequate a word in expressing my thanks to all members for making it possible to serve you, and the life long acquaintances, contacts and privileges that have been mine.

To Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Naugher, Mr. Swanson, Dr. Lathrop, Mr. Hollenberg, Mr. Howard, Mr. Clements, Mr. Huff, Mr. Farrar and all the others my veneration, respect and admiration for their living examples of the type of Christian manhood the F.F.A. is trying to develop. It has been a constant source of inspiration to all the officers and those who come in contact with them. America needs more men such as these.

Miss Love, Miss Worth, Mrs. Easterly and Miss Dick's friendship and willingness have endeared them to the hearts of all.

My brothers in the officer family will always have a spot in my heart. The strong bond of friendship, cooperation and spirit of brotherhood has helped make this year the most enjoyable of my life.

Let us look not to the past but to the bright and glowing future, with optimism and faith, faith in your future as farmers and as American citizens.

As we step forth from this convention, you will be expected to play a definite part in molding the future of America and the world. I know you will not fail. Through your deeds you are writing the lines on the pages that will constitute your contributions to the history of our great nation. I am sure you will agree the impressions made by the Future Farmers of America in the shifting sands of time will remain as a constant reminder to posterity of the worthy deeds and achievement of this great farm youth organization.

This, fellow Future Farmers is my report to you.

Let your watch word be perseverance and your goal success in all undertakings. God bless each and every one of you. May the indomitable spirit of the Future Farmers of America carry you to greater heights and more worthy contributions to mankind.

Respectfully submitted,

BOB E. TAYLOR,
National 1st Vice President.

Report of National Second Vice President

Mr. President, fellow Future Farmers, and friends, . . . it has been a year since we were last assembled here at Kansas City to conduct the business of the organization and to elect new officers. I was one of the six lucky boys whom you elected to serve you this past year. Upon my election to National Second Vice President, a vast new field of opportunity was opened up to me. Opportunities, I dare say, that no other youth organization offers its members.

The duties and responsibilities of my office have been great. I hope that I have discharged them in a manner deserving of the trust you invested in me.

Upon returning home from the Convention last year, I was invited to appear before several civic clubs and other groups to tell them more about the F.F.A.

On January 7th I flew to Chicago, met the other officers and we began a week of Public Relations work. In Chicago we toured the International Harvester tractor plant in the morning, were guests at a special luncheon in our honor at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry; and that evening we attended the convention dinner of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

The next day at Detroit we dined with top officials of General Motors, and saw the assembly line at GM's Cadillac plant. A tour of the Harry Ferguson plant and a dinner with officials of the company completed the day.

The latest developments in rubber research and tire manufacturing were demonstrated to us the following day on a visit to the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Akron. That night we enjoyed a banquet given in our honor by the top officials of that company.

At a luncheon in the British Embassy, Washington, D. C. we were guests of the Ambassador, Lord Inverchapel. At this time arrangements were made for a group of British farm boys to be our guests at this Convention. We had lunch with Senator Walter F. George of Georgia and Congressman Graham A. Barden of North Carolina. These men were co-authors of the George-Barden Vocational Education Act passed by Congress last year.

We enjoyed and profited much from a week of leadership training in the Nation's Capital under the able direction of Mr. A. W. Tenney. On January 14 we were honored by a conference with Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson.

While in Washington, we were guests of Wheeler McMillen, Editor of *The Farm Journal* and *Farmer's Wife*; Mr. Albert Goss, Master of the National Grange; and the American Institute of Cooperation. These people gave banquets honoring the national officers. From discussions with these outstanding men, we learned much of agriculture's national problems.

One day was spent visiting the National F.F.A. Camp, Mount Vernon, and other places of interest in Washington. On January 18th we journeyed to New York City where we broadcast from Rockefeller Center and witnessed several outstanding broadcasts. A day was spent with national officials of the Boy Scouts of America. They showed us many places of interest in New York City and gave a banquet in our honor.

It was two weeks full of wonderful experiences and activities—the most educational and enjoyable two weeks I have ever spent in my life.

Between January and June, I was busy making talks to chapters in my State. I addressed the annual meeting of the State Vocational Board and a district meeting of bankers sponsored by the Federal Reserve Banks of St. Louis.

I looked forward with much anticipation to my first State Convention which was the Texas State Convention at Sweetwater, June 4 to 6. Never shall I forget the friendly hospitality shown me at that convention. It was both an opportunity and a pleasure to associate with Marion Baumgardner, former National Vice President, while in Sweetwater. He contributed greatly to the delegates and the convention.

On June 9 I drove to Lafayette, Louisiana, to attend an impressive and well attended convention. June 11th found me in Birmingham, Alabama, attending a well planned and highly successful convention of the Future Farmers of that State. My next convention came June 18th with the Florida State Association at the resort city of Daytona Beach. The Florida members were enthusiastic and business-like, which insured a most successful convention. From Florida I returned home. The next day I drove to Little Rock, Arkansas, the home of the Arkansas State Convention. It was well conducted and enlightening to all who attended.

On July 14th I went again to Washington, D. C., to attend the meetings of the National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council. During this meeting it was the pleasure of the national officers to review the American Farmer applications and pass on considerable business. At the conclusion of this week of meetings, we were fortunate enough to be the guests of Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, and the rest of the staff and their wives, at a picnic at the National F.F.A. Camp.

My other activities and duties of the year in condensed form are as follows:

Days spent in the interest of the F.F.A.	67
Letters received	180
Letters written	145
Telegrams sent	3
Telegrams received	4
State conventions attended	5
Miles traveled	15,000
Speeches made	30
Radio broadcasts	7
Meetings attended of National Board of Trustees .	3
Total expenses	\$668.80

This year of serving you as a national officer has meant more to me than I can express. The opportunities and experiences gained have been so great that if I had not lived them myself, I would not believe it true.

In closing, I wish to thank you as individuals for your splendid

cooperation and tireless efforts in making this a great year for our organization. I wish to thank especially Mr. Tenney, Dr. Spanton, members of their staff, and many others, for their ever willing aid and assistance during the past year.

Let us continue to work faithfully and true for this great organization which means so much to the farm boys of today.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. MORGAN, JR.,
National 2nd Vice President.

Report of National Third Vice President

In September of 1940 I enrolled in Versailles High School in Versailles, Kentucky. Being a normal freshman I began shopping around looking for an easy subject. As I scanned my list I immediately selected Vocational Agriculture because being a farm boy I figured I could make passing grades in an Ag class.

After enrolling I found that in connection with Vo-Ag there was an organization known as the Future Farmers of America. It all didn't seem to soak in until our fat stock judging team returned from the State Fair with the trophy they were awarded for winning first place. I realized that I was part of an organization that was not only teaching better farming methods but was also teaching how to judge livestock and give the boys an opportunity to meet with boys from over the State. I began to take an interest and when the next State Convention rolled around I was there. I was amazed at the ability of our State Officers to be perfectly at ease on the floor and at the smoothness with which the Convention was run. Then and there I set my aim for the American Farmer Degree. I came home invigorated to put my all in the F.F.A. In June of 1943 I was elected President of my local chapter. On August 6, 1943, I was elected to the presidency of the Kentucky Association of F.F.A. It seemed too good to be true. When I came to the National Convention in October of 1943 I could hardly believe that it was possible that as many of the Future Farmers from the country as a whole who had never met each other could become such close friends in a period of two or three days. I realized that we had common interests that bound us together in such a way that one thing was inevitable—the development of Future Farmers of America.

In June 1944 I was again elected President of my local chapter. In 1944-45-46 I attended my State Convention but was not able to get back to the National Convention until 1946. On October 21, 1946 my ambition was realized—I received my American Farmer Key. On October 22 I was awarded the Star Farmer of the Central Region. I could hardly believe it. It was too much. Surely I was dreaming. Another pleasant surprise was in store when the Versailles Chapter was given the "Gold Emblem." For what more

could I ask? The greatest thrill of my lifetime came at approximately 4:00 p. m. Thursday, October 24, when I was elected as your Third Vice President.

After arriving home I spoke at various meetings of service clubs, Farm Bureau meetings and student bodies.

On January 7 I started on my first official visit for the National Organization leaving for Chicago where I met the other national officers. From there we went on to Detroit, Akron, Washington, New York, Philadelphia and back to Washington. It was most interesting to note how interested the donors to the Foundation were in our organization.

On June 2 and 3 I attended the well executed Illinois Convention at Urbana on the campus of the University of Illinois.

July 14 to 20 I was in Washington for a meeting of the National Board of Trustees. While in Washington we reviewed the American Farmer applications and made plans for the Convention.

August 6, 7 and 8 I attended my own State Convention at Louisville.

My regrets to the South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Georgia Associations for being unable to attend but difficulties beyond my control arose.

A summary of my activities follows:

Days spent in the interest of F.F.A.	59
Miles travelled	5,500
Letters written	59
Letters received	337
Long distance telephone calls received	3
Long distance telephone calls made	2
Number of speeches made	30
Number of radio programs	12
Telegrams received	4
Telegrams sent	3

Today I not only end my term as a national officer but also as an active member. Seven years ago when I enrolled in my Vo-Ag class little did I realize that I would ever be a national officer. I envy those boys who are to become officers for the ensuing year. I'm sure that they will have an opportunity to see a great deal of expansion. The Future Farmers of America will always have a soft spot in my heart. Whenever possible I will do all in my power to promote the development of the F.F.A.

Words cannot express my appreciation for those with whom I have worked during the past year: to Mr. Tenney, Dr. Spanton, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Huff, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Easterly, Miss Love, Miss Worth, Miss Dick and the other national officers. May God bless

each and every one as they strive for the betterment of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. SMART,
National 3rd Vice President.

Report of National Student Secretary

One warm August day six years ago a car turned into our farm lane. An individual alighted from the car and came over to where my father and I were working. He then introduced himself as the new vocational agriculture teacher in the local high school. This was an entirely new subject for this school and little did I realize at that time what vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America held in store for me.

As I was awarded the bronze emblem of the Green Hand Degree I distinctly recall today those closing words from my adviser—"Let me remind you that there are heights still yet to be attained." It was then I decided my ultimate goal was to someday receive the American Farmer Degree if it was at all possible. On Monday, October 21st, 1946, my dream became a reality since I was fortunate to be one of 178 boys to receive this coveted award at the Victory Convention. Three days later a still greater honor and trust was bestowed upon me when you fellows elected me as your national student secretary for the year 1946-47. I, as my fellow national officers, pledged to do my utmost in continued building of a national organization that is both strong and sound.

I shall endeavor to give you briefly a report of my activities as one of your national officers during the last year.

Upon arriving home from the Victory Convention last fall, I was kept reasonably busy speaking to various farm groups on and about the activities of our national organization.

In the early morn of January 8 I bid my farming program farewell and boarded a train for Chicago where I was to meet my fellow "brother" national officers, Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney and Mr. Huff. It was here that we were the guests of International Harvester Company for a day of educational tours, luncheon, and introductions to their top company officials. In the evening we journeyed over to Edgewater Beach Hotel to attend the annual banquet of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives as their guests.

Late that night six very tired national officers boarded a train whose destination was Detroit. Here in the "Motor City" we were greeted by officials of General Motors Corporation for another most interesting half day, opened with a delicious breakfast and concluded with a luncheon as guests of Dr. C. F. Kettering, noted inventor and scientist. That afternoon we were the guests of Harry Ferguson, Inc. where we made a tour of tractor plants, and had dinner in the evening with the head company officials.

After a refreshing night spent on the train we were greeted in the morning by officials of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. The entire day was spent in touring the new research laboratory; lunch at noon with several of the Firestone Brothers and other company officials; more factory tours in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening which was a grand conclusion for another perfect day.

That evening we boarded a train for the last hitch in our journey which would eventually take us to our great nation's capital. As the train pulled into Union Station my eyes were dimmed with tears for this truly seemed like a dream. Nothing my heart desired more than to visit the center of this great democracy's government.

The next week I attended the Leadership Training School and Board of Trustees meetings under the able direction of Mr. Tenney and Dr. Spanton. I can truthfully say that these were no doubt the most educational and enjoyable days of my career as a national officer.

Another great day of my life was when we farm boys traveled over to the British Embassy to lunch and chat with The Right Honorable The Lord Inverchapel. This truly was a delightful occasion and one that will linger in my memory for many years.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson invited us over to the Department of Agriculture to have a short talk with him during our stay in the nation's capital.

We also received many kind courtesies from some of our great agricultural leaders, such as Wheeler McMillen, editor of *Farm Journal*, Mr. Albert Goss, Master of the National Grange, and Ray Miller of the American Institute of Cooperation.

I am sure it is an inspiration to all Future Farmers that such great men are interested enough in the welfare of farm boys to give us a small portion of their time.

Bright and early on Sunday morning, January 20, your "national officer family" boarded a train for New York to be the guests of Boy Scouts of the Greater New York Council for the next three days. A fine time was had by all in touring the many interesting places and sights of this metropolis. I sincerely thank the Scouts for such a wonderful time.

After stopping in Philadelphia for a day as guests of *Country Gentleman* we were at last homeward bound. I stopped in Pennsylvania and attended a district leadership training school and visited several chapters before arriving home.

January 28 I arrived home waiting anxiously for my first appearance at a State convention as a representative of our national organization. This was the Michigan Convention held in Lansing on March 20 and 21. This was a truly impressive and well attended convention.

Once again I was busy with local F.F.A. banquets, Rotary and Kiwanis Club meetings.

April 3 to 5 found me attending a well planned and excellently carried out Indiana State Convention held at Purdue University.

The next week was spent interviewing members in the various Ohio chapters preparing for my testimony in behalf of the Future Farmers of America before the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training. On Friday, April 11, five other young people and myself testified before this Commission in the White House.

Upon returning home I was kept busy trying to catch up with my farm work which my father had been trying to do all alone. Soon thereafter it was farewell again to the farm for this time my destination was Fort Dodge, Iowa, to attend the Iowa State Convention on April 18 and 19. Another convention that was well attended and one where accomplishments were great. On my way Sunday, April 20, to Des Moines, I stopped at Ames where I was taken on a tour of Iowa State College. That evening I boarded a plane for the first time of my life and flew to Minneapolis where I spent the night. Early the following morning I flew to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and there boarded a bus for Brookings where I was the guest of the South Dakota Association at their annual convention on April 21 and 22. Once again I witnessed a convention of high caliber.

In the morning of April 23 I boarded a bus for Omaha and then flew to North Platte, Nebraska, to attend the Nebraska convention on April 25 and 26. This convention was well attended and one that featured a great deal of boy participation. Following the convention Mr. Deems and Mr. Clements drove me by automobile to Lincoln where I caught a bus for Manhattan, Kansas, to attend the Kansas convention on April 28 and 29. On the morning of April 30th I was at last homeward bound once again. After flying into Toledo from Kansas City I arrived home in time to help with the evening chores.

On June 5 and 6 I drove to Columbus to attend the Ohio Convention. It was at this convention that I was honored by appearing on the convention program of my own State as a national officer.

Monday, June 15, I bid the plowing farewell and flew to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where I attended the Minnesota convention on June 16 and 17 at the University of Minnesota. I am sorry I was unable to stay for the complete convention but due to previous arrangements I had to fly to North Fargo to attend the North Dakota convention on June 18 to 20. At this convention I was highly honored by having the Honorary North Dakota State Farmer Degree bestowed upon me.

It was on Sunday, July 13, I left for Washington where our "officer family" once again were together for the meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council. During this meeting it was the pleasure of the national officers to review the American Farmer applications and pass on some important business. While in Washington we were guests of the National Council of Farmer

Cooperatives at a dinner. On Saturday we were fortunate enough to be the guests of Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney and the rest of the staff and their wives at a very enjoyable picnic held at the national F.F.A. camp. The following Sunday evening as the plane on which Bob Taylor and I were heading westward circled the beautifully lighted dome of this great nation's capitol, I am sure the thought of thankfulness to God for being born an American farm boy entered both of our minds.

Friday, August 3, found me traveling to Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, to be the guest of Gus Douglass and the West Virginia Association at their State convention. A very enjoyable and worthwhile time was had by all in attendance.

Monday, August 11, I left for Shelby, Michigan, to attend the Leadership Training Camp of the American Youth Foundation held at Camp Miniwanca. It was at this camp that I enjoyed the fellowship from August 11 to 24 of some five hundred boys from all sections of the United States and Canada. I wish to express to Mr. Danforth and the Danforth Foundation my sincere appreciation for this wonderful experience.

I journeyed to Waterloo, Iowa, on September 30 to represent the national organization at the Central Region Public Speaking Contest and the National Dairy Judging Contest which was held in connection with the Dairy Cattle Congress, September 30 to October 2.

In the evening of October 13 I boarded a plane for my last official trip as a national officer of the Future Farmers of America. As I was driving past the large Municipal Auditorium where approximately a year ago I was chosen by you as a national officer, I realized that my journeys as a national officer were soon to be over and that this convention will climax my career as a Future Farmer of America.

Following is a brief summary of my activities:

Days spent in the interest of the F.F.A.	96
Miles traveled	24,250
Letters received	393
Letters sent	322
Telegrams received	3
Telegrams sent	7
Phone calls received	6
Phone calls made	12
Conventions attended	10
Radio broadcasts	20
Speeches made	69
Total addressed (approximately)	25,715
National Board of Trustees meetings attended ...	3

Fellows, I realize that at the close of these parting words my term as your National Student Secretary will come to an end. Dur-

ing the past year I have enjoyed working with you and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for opportunities you have made possible for me and for the privileges and many acquaintances that have been mine.

I am at a loss for words to express my deepest gratitude to my parents in whom during my hours of discouragement I could constantly find strength; and to my one and only local adviser, Mr. Harold Moorhead, for his guidance and encouragement at all times. I also wish to express thanks to my State association, State supervisor and assistant supervisors who have constantly found time to advise and guide me. Lastly, to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Howard, Mr. Huff, Mr. Farrar, and the Advisory Staff, I am at a complete loss for words to express to them my appreciation for their most timely assistance during my term as a national officer. I can only say it has been an experience I will cherish as the years go by.

As I pass from among your ranks as one of your national leaders, of course it is with deepest regret, but down deep in my heart I sincerely believe that this is not the end, but only the beginning. The training that has been my experience to receive during the past six years I sincerely hope to make good use of in future service to you, the grandest gathering of farm boys in the world. I shall always be indebted to your fine organization and if at any time in the future I can be of service or assistance to any of you, please consider me as a willing and a faithful servant.

Future Farmers, as we journey back to our homes, as we leave this convention to scatter to the four corners of this nation as well as the world, let us all reaffirm within ourselves those closing words of that creed which is the basis of life and living as future farmers:

"I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I, as a Future Farmer, can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task."

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP SHOBER,
National Student Secretary.

Report of National Executive Secretary

A. W. TENNEY

This is the nineteenth anniversary of the founding of the Future Farmers of America. Since 1928 your organization has served farm youth and our nation in a constructive manner in peace and in war. More than one million boys have enjoyed the privilege of membership in the F.F.A. The accomplishments of these members is significant proof of the dynamic leadership being assumed by the farm boys of our nation.

The past year has been a busy one for the F.F.A. Reports show that members have worked hard to help feed the people of our nation and of other lands. Last year you prepared a Program of Work which included important items that have helped the members to carry out a constructive program in our rural communities. The following Report on Accomplishments for the year ended June 30, 1947, is indicative of the type and scope of work accomplished by our chapters and members.

REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for post-war demands	100% member participation	81.6%
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	52.7%
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	51.0% improved livestock 50.3% improved crops
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	67.9%
II. COOPERATION		
1. Cooperating with other groups on re-adjustment	100% chapter participation	85.4%
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	63.6%
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Assisting returning servicemen	100% member and chapter participation	75.9% chapters
2. Assisting with farm labor shortage	100% chapter participation	
3. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery	100% member and chapter participation	46.7% members 70.6% chapters

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
4. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State associations with safety programs	67.3% associations
5. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	45.0% members 60.5% chapters
6. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	44.8%
7. Salvaging needed materials	100% member and chapter participation	

IV. LEADERSHIP

1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	71.4%
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books	81.0%
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	100% States 46.2% chapters
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	91.2%
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	100% States 77.9% chapters
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	87.8%
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	89.8%
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does	31.5% chapters issued news sheets or newsletters 57.0% chapters prepared publicity material regularly 63.3% States sponsored radio series 17.6% chapters prepared and gave broadcasts

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Buying Victory bonds and stamps	100% of chapters participating in Victory Bond Drive	17.6% members 12.6% chapters
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Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
2. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	40.0% members 57.7% chapters

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. Using Official Manual	100% of members having access to official Manual	84.3%
2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	100% of chapters using both books	80.9% secretary's 78.0% treasurer's
3. Providing Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	76.0% chapters 89.8% States
4. Using Official ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	88.4%
5. Planning State Conventions	100% of State associations hold conventions	100%
6. Meetings	Every member attend 80% of chapter meetings	48.8% members attended 88.5% chapters held regular meetings

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	74.4% chapters helped members improve their scholarship
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VIII. Recreation

1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	65.1%
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Day	100% of State associations participating	51.0%
3. Maintaining National Camp	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition	(See Special Report)

IX. GENERAL

1. Maintaining membership	250,000 active members	238,269 members
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FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

Members of the F.F.A. are to be commended for the outstanding farming programs they have conducted and for the many other helpful activities they have sponsored. Recently a summary was made of the farming programs conducted by the 189 candidates who will receive the American Farmer Degree tonight. The summary revealed that these young men, whose average age is 19 years, have earned an average of \$5,725 from their supervised farming

programs. Their financial statements show an average net worth of \$9,500. It is interesting to know that on the average they own 11 head of beef cattle, 9 dairy cows, 18 hogs, 11 sheep, 77 poultry, and 9 other livestock, 31 acres of land and had 80 acres of growing crops.

Members of the F.F.A. have continued to cooperate with community canneries sponsored by the department of vocational agriculture. Enormous quantities of food have been conserved by members and their families in these canneries.

VICTORY CONVENTION

Last October we held a Victory Convention to honor our members who served so valiantly in the armed forces and on the farms of our nation. Many of our members are still serving in our armed forces. We still receive interesting reports on the activities of F.F.A. members. Second Lieutenant Harry Konishi, American officer who withstood the Yugoslav ultimatum near Trieste, September 17, was an F.F.A. member and Colorado State Farmer.

Georgia's new Adjutant General, Alpha Fowler, Jr., who at 26 is the youngest brigadier-general in the nation, has not forgotten the days when he was the State's outstanding Future Farmer. Adjutant General Fowler served as president of the Georgia Association of F.F.A. in 1938 and took the leading role in "The Green Hand," a film depicting F.F.A. activities.

OFFICER TRAVEL

We are proud of the unusually fine service rendered by your national F.F.A. officers. All of these young men are conducting large farming programs. At times it has been extremely difficult for them to leave their farms to serve the F.F.A. The manner in which they have served you is proof of their interest and loyalty. You will look forward to listening to the reports of these officers during the convention. You will be surprised to learn of the number of appearances made by these young men and of the amount of time they have devoted to your organization.

STATE CONVENTIONS

I am pleased to announce that each State association held a State convention during the past year. Many State associations are still forced to limit attendance at these conventions because of housing difficulties. National F.F.A. officers attended 30 of the State conventions.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

During the past 12 months 44 State associations held special leadership training schools for local chapter officers and members. Officers and members from more than 5,000 chapters participated in these schools. This training is essential to the welfare and ad-

vancement of your organization. We must strive to make these special leadership training schools available to all F.F.A. members.

CAMPS

The national F.F.A. camp was open from June 1 to September 10. A complete report will be made on the national camp during this convention. Fourteen State associations operated camps for members during the summer. A number of other State associations are in the process of developing camps at the present time.

NATIONAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS

We received 67 reports in the National Chapter Contest in the year ended June 30, 1947. The judges of the National Chapter Contest stated that the chapter reports were unusually good. The quality of work being done by our F.F.A. chapters in the United States and the Territories of Hawaii and Puerto Rico is continually improving. The accomplishment reports of Gold Emblem chapters will be exhibited in the Little Theater all day Wednesday, October 22. This will give you an opportunity to review the accomplishments of your outstanding chapter.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated is again sponsoring a number of awards for the F.F.A. Farm Mechanics and Farm and Home Electrification awards are continued. Awards to American Farmers and prizes for winners in the National Public Speaking Contest will again be given by the Foundation. This year for the first time the Foundation is giving \$10,000 in awards to winners in national judging contests. Appropriate State awards are also provided by the Foundation.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA IN ACTION

The national organization of F.F.A. in cooperation with State associations and commercial concerns has completed a second edition of the pictorial brochure, "Future Farmers of America In Action." Approximately 70,000 copies are being printed for general distribution. This brochure is 36 pages in length and tells in a pictorial manner of your varied and interesting activities.

SUMMARY

The summary of work done by the various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1947, based on information obtained from their annual reports, is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters	6,555
Total number white departments of vocational agriculture without F.F.A. chapters	269
Total active membership in chartered chapters	238,269

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree	113,313
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree	117,219
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree	5,926
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree	308
Total active membership	237,169
Total number of Associate members (local)	165,110
Total number of Honorary members (local)	21,210
Total number of Honorary members (State)	2,941
Grand total membership	435,130

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who participated in production of food	194,180
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs	125,476
Number of members who used improved livestock practices	121,488
Number of members who used improved crop production practices	119,825
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work	4,454

II. COOPERATION

Number of chapters cooperating with other groups .	5,598
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort	151,465

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number of chapters that assisted returning servicemen to become readjusted to farm life	4,977
Number of servicemen assisted by chapters to become readjusted to farm life	47,301
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery	111,241
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery	4,629
Number of State associations having a safety program in operation	33
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work	107,159

Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work	3,964
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment	106,583

IV. LEADERSHIP

Number of State associations that nominated their full quota of American Farmers	35
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more F.F.A. books	5,308
Number of State associations that held a public speaking contest	49
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest	3,028
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings	5,975
Number of State associations having a written continuing program of work	49
Number of chapters having definite continuing written program of work	5,105
Number of State associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheets regularly	43
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters	2,066
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly	3,735
Number of State associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members	44
Number of leadership training schools or conferences provided	484
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences	5,088
Number of members participating in leadership training schools or conferences	41,814
Number of State associations sponsoring radio broadcast series	31
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs	1,154
Number of chapters within the State visited by State boy officers during the past year	1,423
Number of association members attending last National F.F.A. Convention	7,143

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of members who purchased Victory bonds and stamps	41,866
Number of chapters that purchased Victory bonds and stamps	825
Number of State associations purchasing Victory bonds and stamps	5
Number of members carrying out definite thrift practices	95,201
Number of chapters participating in thrift practices	3,782

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of members who have access to the Official Manual	200,611
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book	5,305
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book	5,115
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual	4,979
Number of State associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual	44
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings	5,794
Number of chapters holding regular meetings	5,800
Number of State associations holding a convention	49
Number of members who have attended at least 80% of chapter meetings	116,094

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship	4,874
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VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation	5,080
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities	154,916
Number of State associations having a State camp in operation during the year	14
Number of members attending State camp	14,581
Number of chapters represented	1,106
Number of State associations participating in National F.F.A. Day program	25

C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by
active members, as of January 1 of this year. . \$40,306,261.35

D. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Number of recognized teacher-training departments
operating Collegiate F.F.A. Chapters. 26
Reported membership in collegiate chapters. 1,628

WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

We are all pleased to learn that membership in the F.F.A. has increased during the past year from 204,547 to 238,269. This is an increase of 33,722. Last year we had 6,000 active local F.F.A. chapters. That number has increased to 6,555. Based upon the reports I have received from State associations we can look forward to a continued rapid growth in our membership. Many new departments are being established. We are in an era of great advancement in vocational agriculture and the F.F.A. Let us strive to attain the goal of an F.F.A. chapter in each department of vocational agriculture and all eligible boys members of the F.F.A.

In closing I wish to compliment the student officers for their efforts and achievements. It has been a pleasure to work with them. I wish to express my appreciation to the National Board of Trustees, the National Advisory Council, the State Advisers, Executive Secretaries, and to our office force for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. TENNEY,
National Executive Secretary.

Report of the National Treasurer

September 5, 1947

Officers and Directors,
Future Farmers of America,
Richmond, Virginia.

Gentlemen:

We have made an examination of the books of account and record of

D. J. HOWARD, TREASURER, FUTURE FARMERS OF
AMERICA,

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

for the period from November 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, inclusive, and submit herewith our report, consisting of the statements listed in the foregoing Index together with our comments thereon. In connection with our examination, we have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the organization and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the organization and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion, the statements herewith submitted, subject to the related comments, present fairly the position of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1947, and the results of its operations for the period, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT,

By: J. A. LEACH, JR., C.P.A.

Member of Firm.

BALANCE SHEET**June 30, 1947****EXHIBIT "A"****A S S E T S****CASH IN BANK (Exhibit "C") :**Shenandoah Valley National
Bank

\$15,243.47

INVESTMENTS:**U. S. Savings Bonds, Series F:**

Dated January 1, 1942....	\$ 5,000.00
Dated February 1, 1942....	5,000.00
Dated February 1, 1943....	10,000.00
Dated September 1, 1943..	15,000.00
Dated June 1, 1944.....	5,000.00
Dated May 1, 1945.....	10,000.00

Total Maturity Value ...	\$50,000.00
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Less: Reserve for Unearned
Interest

11,475.00	38,525.00
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TRADEMARK

500.00

FIXED ASSETS:**National Camp:**

Land \$12,343.23

Buildings 15,317.16

Equipment 2,283.43 \$29,943.82

Office Furniture and

Fixtures	435.96	30,379.78
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\$84,648.25

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS**INCOME TAX WITHHELD****FROM EMPLOYEES:****On Salaries for the Second**

Quarter of 1947

\$ 351.95

SURPLUS:

Balance—November 1, 1946.. \$79,134.62

Add: Excess of Revenue over
Expenditures (Exhibit "B")

5,161.68

Balance—June 30, 1947.....

84,296.30

\$84,648.25

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

The fiscal year of the Future Farmers of America was changed to end on June 30th instead of October 31st, effective June 30, 1947. A budget covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, has been adopted and its entry on the books was inspected by us.

Operations of the organization for the period from November 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, inclusive, resulted in a net increase in Surplus of \$5,161.68. A statement of revenue and expenditures for the period is presented in detail in Exhibit "B," a summary of which follows.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

For the Period from November 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, Inclusive

EXHIBIT "B"

	Detail	Total
REVENUE:		
Membership Dues (Schedule 1).....		\$23,826.90
Royalties:		
L. G. Balfour Company.....	\$ 69.46	
Chapter Supply Company.....	118.76	
The Fair Publishing House.....	148.78	
St. Louis Button Company.....	179.03	
Universal Uniform Company.....	1,040.97	1,557.00
Miscellaneous:		
Interest on U. S. Savings Bonds.....		375.00
Total Revenue		\$25,758.90
EXPENDITURES:		
Traveling:		
National Officers.....		\$ 3,643.72
Conventions:		
Entertainment	\$ 229.14	
Buttons, Badges, and Programs.....	145.86	
Stenotypist	145.10	
Photographs and Publicity.....	14.00	
Communications81	
Travel and Expense of Secretaries.....	(30.12)	
Certificates of Award.....	3.00	
Plaques, Emblems, Pins, and Medals.....	568.92	
Miscellaneous	111.05	1,187.76
Printing:		
Literature and Proceedings.....	\$2,229.40	
Stationery, Forms, etc.....	407.25	2,636.65

EXPENDITURES (Continued):

	Detail	Total
National Office:		
Salary—Secretary to Executive Secretary.....	\$1,851.03	
Salary—Secretary to National Treasurer.....	873.12	
Salary—Director of Public Relations.....	2,635.83	
Salary—Secretary to Director of Public Relations	1,545.76	
Travel—Director of Public Relations.....	461.02	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	153.28	
Postage and Express.....	70.00	
Bond Premiums and Taxes.....	145.90	
Supplies	214.84	
Auditing	110.00	
Miscellaneous	359.74	\$ 8,420.52
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National Camp and Old Mill:		
Salary—Camp Supervisor	\$1,200.00	
Salary—Camp Attendant	840.00	
Insurance, Taxes, etc.....	138.71	
Light and Power.....	64.64	
Fuel and Oil.....	52.22	
Telephone	47.81	
Maintenance	1,312.94	3,656.32
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Contingent:		
Contribution to Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.	\$1,000.00	
Entertainment	52.25	1,052.25
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Total Expenditures		\$20,597.22
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EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES (Exhibit "A").....		\$ 5,161.68
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**For the Period from November 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, Inclusive****EXHIBIT "C"**BALANCE—November 1, 1946. \$10,453.30**RECEIPTS:**

Membership Dues (Sched. 1)		\$23,826.90	
Royalties (Exhibit "B")		1,557.00	
Refunds:			
Convention	\$ 214.94		
Travel	114.91		
National Camp	8.12	337.97	
Total Receipts			25,721.87
			<u>\$36,175.17</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Traveling	\$ 3,643.72	
Conventions	1,299.18	
Printing	2,636.65	
National Office Expense	8,420.52	
National Camp and Old Mill. .	3,656.32	
Contribution to Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.	1,000.00	
Entertainment	52.25	
Purchase of Adding Machine.	223.06	
Total Disbursements		20,931.70

BALANCE—June 30, 1947 (Exhibit "A") \$15,243.47

MEMBERSHIP DUES COLLECTED**For the Period from November 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, Inclusive****SCHEDULE 1**

Association	Amount	Association	Amount
Alabama	\$ 934.30	New Hampshire	\$ 21.80
Arizona	57.30	New Jersey	102.40
Arkansas	841.80	New Mexico	120.50
California	850.50	New York	552.10
Colorado	136.50	North Carolina	1,050.20
Connecticut	35.60	North Dakota	100.10
Delaware	36.90	Ohio	780.00
Florida	605.20	Oklahoma	802.70
Georgia	1,106.80	Oregon	213.00
Hawaii	97.10	Pennsylvania	811.00
Idaho	167.00	Puerto Rico	458.40
Illinois	1,353.90	South Carolina	468.30
Indiana	260.00	South Dakota	104.80
Iowa	505.20	Tennessee	950.70
Kansas	479.00	Texas	2,202.60
Kentucky	773.60	Utah	253.70
Louisiana	593.60	Vermont	46.30
Maine	101.60	Virginia	707.40
Maryland	121.30	Washington	428.10
Massachusetts	78.30	West Virginia	301.50
Michigan	695.30	Wisconsin	969.30
Minnesota	396.90	Wyoming	77.90
Mississippi	786.80		
Missouri	821.30		
Montana	154.00		
Nebraska	300.80		
Nevada	13.50		
		TOTAL DUES	
		COLLECTED	
		(Exhibits "B"	
		and "C")	<u>\$23,826.90</u>

Awards and Contests

On Tuesday afternoon, October 21, the Star Farmer Awards were presented by Mr. John Collins, Editor of the *Weekly Kansas City Star*, in the Arena of the American Royal Livestock Show. The winners were as follows:

Star Farmer of America—Ray Gene Cinnamon, Garber, Oklahoma.

Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region—Hoopes T. Yarnall, Cochranville, Pennsylvania.



DOWELL J. HOWARD, NATIONAL TREASURER OF THE F. F. A., PRESENTS CHECKS TO THE WINNERS IN THE FARM MECHANICS CONTEST. THE WINNERS WERE: (Left to right)—WILLIAM ANDERSON, Velva, North Dakota; BROWN MCLEMORE, JR., Gilbert, Louisiana; DARRELL STAFFORD, Grants Pass, Oregon; and ALBERT R. LENGEL, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

Star Farmer, Central Region—Marvin Krull, Lake Mills, Wisconsin.

Star Farmer, Pacific Region—Wayne Francis Stull, Yakima, Washington.

A check for \$1,000.00 went to Cinnamon and checks for \$250.00 were given the other three Star Farmers named.

Other National Awards were presented on Award Night, which was held Tuesday evening, October 21, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Farm Mechanics Award winners were introduced by Mr. D. J. Howard, National Treasurer. Winners in

The Chapter Contest

The National F.F.A. Chapter Contest, conducted annually by the organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work. Both the interest shown and the actual accomplishments over a period of years give ample evidence of the effectiveness of this event. The Chapter Contest has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and co-operative effort and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile undertakings.

Four levels of achievement were recognized as follows: Gold Emblem Chapters; Silver Emblem Chapters; Bronze Emblem Chapters; and Honorable Mention Chapters. All competing chapters were classified by a committee on this basis in terms of the program of work and final report submitted. The 1947 high-ranking chapters were:

Gold Emblem Classification

Holyoke, Colorado	Neligh, Nebraska
Belle Glade, Florida	Rugby, North Dakota
DeLand, Florida	Molalla, Oregon
Talbotton-Woodland, Georgia	Smith County, Tennessee
Chenoa, Illinois	Victoria, Texas
Owingsville, Kentucky	Lincoln, Utah
Versailles, Kentucky	Draper's Valley, Virginia
Limestone, Maine	Lost Creek, West Virginia
Duck Hill, Mississippi	Unidis-West Milford, W. Va.
Flathead, Montana	Shoshone, Wyoming

Silver Emblem Classification

Yuma, Arizona	Glasgow, Montana
Lakeside, Arkansas	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Falls Village, Connecticut	Velva, North Dakota
Malad City, Idaho	Canal-Winchester, Ohio
Delphi, Indiana	Lawton, Oklahoma
Hessmer, Louisiana	Silverton, Oregon
Sunset, Louisiana	Kutztown, Pennsylvania
Alma, Michigan	Quakertown, Pennsylvania
Midland, Michigan	Jasper, Texas
Inverness, Mississippi	

Bronze Emblem Classification

Conway, Arkansas	Canton, South Dakota
Willimantic, Connecticut	Henderson, Tennessee
Mount Ayr, Iowa	Amelia, Virginia

Beloit, Kansas
Tucumcari, New Mexico
McCutchenville, Ohio

Prescott, Washington
Lovell, Wyoming

Honorable Mention

Sidney Lanier, Alabama
Peoria, Arizona
Waimea-Kauai, Hawaii
Mount Sterling, Illinois
Le Mars, Iowa
Gorham, Maine
Clarksville, Maryland
Brainerd, Minnesota
Hibbing, Minnesota

Hay Springs, Nebraska
Fallon, Nevada
Cazenovia, New York
South Kortright, New York
Baron DeKalb, S. Carolina
Woodruff, S. Carolina
Madison, South Dakota
Middlebury, Vermont

A total of 868 chapters filed entries and 67 accepted State winners reached the finals. The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Emblem Classification winners received an appropriately inscribed certificate as well as national plaques of miniature gold, silver, or bronze emblems, for plaques previously won. All awards were provided by the national organization of Future Farmers of America.

Judges for the 1947 Chapter Contest were: W. N. Elam, Specialist, Agricultural Education, Program Planning, U. S. Office of Education; J. H. Pearson, Field Representative, U. S. Office of Education; A. H. Hollenberg, Specialist, Agricultural Education, Farm Mechanics, U. S. Office of Education.

Some of the benefits that have accrued to the F.F.A. Chapters that entered the National Chapter Contest are as follows:

1. Early in the year the local chapters plan a well rounded program of work.
2. Setting up specific goals stimulates chapter activity.
3. Definite responsibility is placed upon the chapter officers, committees, and members.
4. Cooperative activities in the local chapter and community are strengthened.
5. The individual activity of each F.F.A. member is emphasized.
6. Individual accomplishment of members is recognized.
7. Community service is enhanced through organized effort.
8. Individual initiative in the members is greatly stimulated.
9. Through careful selection of students larger farming programs are made possible.

10. The work of the Department of Vocational Agriculture is more easily brought to the attention of the public.
11. The Chapter Contest when properly organized and carried out develops an increased appreciation for the work of the local F.F.A. chapter.
12. It provides a means for recognizing on a national level excellent work done by a local F.F.A. chapter.



A YOUTH MISSION FROM BURMA WAS WELCOMED TO KANSAS CITY BY BOB E. TAYLOR, NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE F. F. A., AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE Y. M. C. A. AND KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Star Farmer Awards

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer candidates receiving the Degree at the time of the national F.F.A. convention. The records of outstanding candidates were reviewed by the following individuals for the *Weekly*



(1)—RAY GENE CINNAMON
Garber, Oklahoma
1947 Star Farmer of America

(2)—MARVIN KRULL
Lake Mills, Wisconsin
1947 Star Farmer of Central
Region

(3)—HOOPES T. YARNALL
Cochranville, Pennsylvania
1947 Star Farmer of North
Atlantic Region

(4)—WAYNE FRANCIS STULL
Yakima, Washington
1947 Star Farmer of Pacific
Region

Kansas City Star: Edward N. Wentworth, Director of the Livestock Bureau of Armour and Company; L. R. Hawley, Advertising Manager for Quaker Oats Company; and W. Lee Marshall, Chairman of the Board, Continental Baking Company. The records of the four winners follow.

RAY GENE CINNAMON
Star Farmer of America

Future Farmers of America over the nation took off their hats to the best—19 year old Ray Gene Cinnamon of Garber, Oklahoma, who was named at the F.F.A.'s 20th annual convention to receive the coveted Star Farmer of America award for 1947.

It was not the first time Young Cinnamon had made the headlines at Kansas City. In 1944 he led a chunky Shorthorn steer to Grand Championship honors at the American Royal and sold him for a then-record price of \$6.25 per pound.

Cinnamon's farm account books show that he netted \$2,454 from 120 acres of wheat last year, giving him an income from the single enterprise which surpasses the average farmer's yearly income.

But this young farmer hasn't invested all his chips in one basket. Beef cattle fit into the pattern of wheat farming in his section and Cinnamon takes advantage of the lush pasture to run about 100 cattle, mostly good grade Aberdeen Angus cows and heifers. They boosted his income last year by \$1,400. Other farming interests, hogs, sheep and oats, combined with the cattle and wheat, gave him a net income of more than \$5,000 last year, his first season out of high school.

The books aren't completed for 1947, but with a good wheat crop behind him and an expanding cattle herd he'll likely be going past the seven or eight thousand dollar mark this year.

But even that income won't be his biggest year. Cinnamon has been one of the most active fat livestock feeders and showmen in the Future Farmers organization. He has exhibited at least one champion steer in a major show each of the past five years, and champion steers usually bring nice profits to their owners.

Back in the school year 1944-45 Cinnamon lists his net income at \$10,218. That was the year he took three fat steers to the American Royal Livestock Show. One of them was the previously mentioned grand champion that sold for \$6.25 per pound, the other two placed high enough that they brought far more than market price, and the boy went home with more than \$10,000 grossed from the three steers.

Starting in F.F.A. as a freshman vocational agriculture student in 1942, Ray Gene netted \$417 profit from his supervised farming program. He invested the profits in more livestock and the next

year netted \$877. His junior year saw the profits skyrocket up to \$10,218 principally because of the American Royal sales. Continuing to invest savings in farming, he was able in his senior year of high school to net \$6,627 without the benefits of a grand champion steer.

His story of increasing investment in farming, largely made possible because of livestock show winnings, has been used often to show the results accomplished by business leaders who support the shows.

Altogether, in five years of membership in the F.F.A., young Cinnamon has earned more than \$25,000 (net) from the enterprises he carried on at home as a part of his vocational agriculture supervised farming program. His net worth now is figured at about \$23,000.

Ray Gene's uncle, Hugh Cinnamon, had an unusual part in helping the youngster become established in farming. The boy worked for his uncle during summers and was paid for his work. But payment was made in beef cattle instead of money. The boy's father died in 1935, and Mrs. Cinnamon later married Hugh Cinnamon who is now both "Uncle Hugh" and "Dad" to Ray Gene.

Despite his extensive farming activities, the Oklahoma Future Farmer has found time to work for the general advancement of the F.F.A. organization. He served the Garber chapter three years as president, a fourth as vice-president; he was vice-president of the Oklahoma state F.F.A. association in 1945-46 and was elected to the state presidency last year.

He's a slightly-built young fellow whose action belies his appearance. He lettered three years in football, including one year that his school had the state champion Class B team and Cinnamon was the star halfback. In his senior year, as captain of the football team, he was pushed for All State team honors. He was on the school's basketball team, too.

But F.F.A. comes first around Garber, and the fall fairs and livestock shows often conflict with football games. Ray Gene, the star player, and some of the other leading football players have missed several games because their work in the F.F.A. called them elsewhere.

WAYNE FRANCIS STULL

Star Farmer—Pacific Region

There may not be any connection between the facts that Wayne Francis Stull, 19, of Route 5, Yakima, Washington, is the Star Farmer of the Pacific Region and that the Kieton irrigation project that serves him was the first federally built irrigation project to repay in full its construction costs to the U. S. Government.

But after a look at his farming record it's apparent that if there were more like him getting maximum production through irrigation it wouldn't be hard to finance more irrigation projects.

Wayne was only nine years old when he started establishing himself in farming. He made apple boxes for 40 cents per hundred, and saved enough to buy a calf. More apple boxes added another heifer and a sow. By the time he entered high school Wayne owned three head of cattle, a sow with seven pigs, and had \$2,000 in the bank.

In 1939 when Wayne was 12 years old his father became disabled and it was left to the boy to do most of the home farm chores on a 20-acre fruit farm. By 1943 he had progressed far enough that he was able to pay \$2,000 in cash and borrow another \$3,000 for his partnership share in another 30 acres of land, 19 acres of which was in fruit.

At that time F. M. Stull, the father, and Wayne put the entire farming operation together as a partnership, Wayne receiving half interest in all the land as payment for his non-paid services in previous years.

The fruit business was good and Wayne paid off his \$3,000 debt from the first crop on the new farm. He bought another 10 acres, this one devoted to hay and pasture where he could keep his cattle and hogs.

Scientific farming methods have kept fruit production high on the Stull farms. They were the first in their community to hand-pollinate Delicious apples and to graft pollination limbs on most of their Delicious trees. (Delicious apples produce better if cross-pollinated with another variety of apple.) They rent hives of bees each year to help with the pollination, and have produced as high as 1300 boxes of apples per acre, 500 boxes above the average for the district.

Wayne uses hormone sprays to keep the apples from falling, and has applied the sprays by airplane. He has an order in for a new powerful crawler-type tractor and hopes to equip it with a new-type sprayer that will allow one man to spray 40 to 50 acres of fruit in a day. He's testing sprinkler irrigation, and believes it has good possibilities for fitting into his fruit farming program. Two years ago arrangements were made for purchase of an extra 10 acres of water each year to further aid in obtaining maximum yields from the fruit trees.

Young Stull's share in the farm income from the fall of 1941 to last January 1 amounted to \$38,957. Last year he netted more than \$18,000. He figures his current net worth at \$41,500.

His leadership activities include serving the Yakima F.F.A. chapter in various years as treasurer, secretary, vice-president and president. He is a member of the Grange and from 1943 to 1946 was a trustee on his church board.

MARVIN KRULL

Star Farmer—Central Region

Marvin Krull, 19, a young dairy farmer from Lake Mills, Wisconsin, is the Future Farmers of America choice for Star Farmer of

the Central Region. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Krull, he is a former state president of the Wisconsin F.F.A. Association and now is farming in partnership with his parents on their 300-acre general crops and livestock farm near Lake Mills.

It has been a long uphill climb for the Krull family, from near bankruptcy in early depression years to their present farming status that promises a net income in the neighborhood of \$10,000 this year.

Marvin and his 15-year-old twin brothers have had an important part in that climb. Mr. and Mrs. Krull had purchased an 80-acres dairy farm in 1927, saw the bottom drop out of prices and the land worth only a fraction of its cost, with debts piled up to a seemingly unsurmountable figure of \$14,000. When the twins came in 1932 Mrs. Krull became very ill and nearly \$1,000 in medical bills during the heights of the depression brought on a more bleak outlook than ever before.

But the family stuck it out. Soon Marvin was old enough to help with the chores. Then the twins began pitching in with their share. Prices became better, and with good farming practices, determination, and a lot of hard work, the Krull family were able to see themselves out of debt in 1944.

With three boys growing up, though, it was time to think about an enlarged farming program. They promptly rented a neighboring 220-acre farm, going back into debt to finance the undertaking.

Success continued for the Krulls and now they're debt free again. Forty-nine dairy cattle, 106 hogs and 350 poultry, plus income from crops is expected to spread out the black figures on their farm account books this year.

Marvin's real part in the Krulls' come-back began to assume importance when the boy entered vocational agricultural training as a freshman in high school.

As a Future Farmer, he began a small farming program at home in 1940 and kept records on everything. From grain, potato, poultry, dairy and hog enterprises he netted about \$1,500 during his four years of high school, and promptly turned it all back into investment in farming, paying particular attention to building up a purebred Duroc-Jersey swine herd and a purebred Holstein dairy herd. His income from personally-owned farming enterprises in the two years he has been out of high school has been about \$4,200.

"All these years I have worked at home without any definite income, with my parents providing me with the things I needed and giving me financial aid in getting started in different enterprises," Young Krull stated in his application for the American Farmer degree.

"I asked that it be this way because I wanted to see my parents become debt-free before paying me any high wages that would hinder their progress. I felt that they had brought me up well and given me many fine opportunities and I felt obligated to see the day

come when they could be entirely debt-free and look to the future with the possibility of putting away some money to be used when the time comes that they should end their hard labors."

But now, with the future bright, the Krulls have drawn up a legal agreement that puts all the farm enterprises together with the exception of the five purebred Holsteins that the junior partner will keep in his name. Marvin will receive one-fourth of the total net income from the farms. When he becomes 21 years old he will receive a one-sixth share in the total enterprise, including real estate and personal property.

"My program has not been to build up a big enterprise and draw away from home," young Krull says. "Instead, it has been working together with my parents and brothers in building an enterprise and home that will insure us all a successful future—my contribution being the maximum use of the things I have gained through vocational agricultural training and Future Farmers of America work."

Krull's fellow Future Farmers in Wisconsin have recognized his hard working qualities and natural leadership abilities. He served one year each as secretary and president of the Lake Mills chapter, was elected state F.F.A. president for 1946-47, and served on the nominating committee at the national F.F.A. convention in Kansas City last year.

His accomplishments in F.F.A. include exhibiting the grand champion barrow at the Wisconsin Junior Livestock Exposition in 1945; winning first place in F.F.A. public speaking in his chapter and district, and rating as "superior" judge of dairy cattle and crops in state judging contests.

In high school he was a band member, played football and basketball, had the leading role in a class play and was a member of the debate team. For the past three years he has been a member of the Lake Mills City band.

HOOPES T. YARNALL

Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region

There must be something about Chester county, Pennsylvania, that breeds champions. Two years ago Walter D. Carlin, Jr., Route 4, Coatesville, Pennsylvania, was named Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region; last year his brother, Bill Carlin, won the Star Farmer of America title, and now the Star Farmer of the Region again comes from Chester county, the honor going to Hoopes T. Yarnall of the Cochranville F.F.A. Chapter, located about ten miles southwest of Coatesville.

Yarnall, 20 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson Yarnall, has been a Future Farmer since he entered vocational agriculture study at the West Fallowfield Vocational School in 1940.

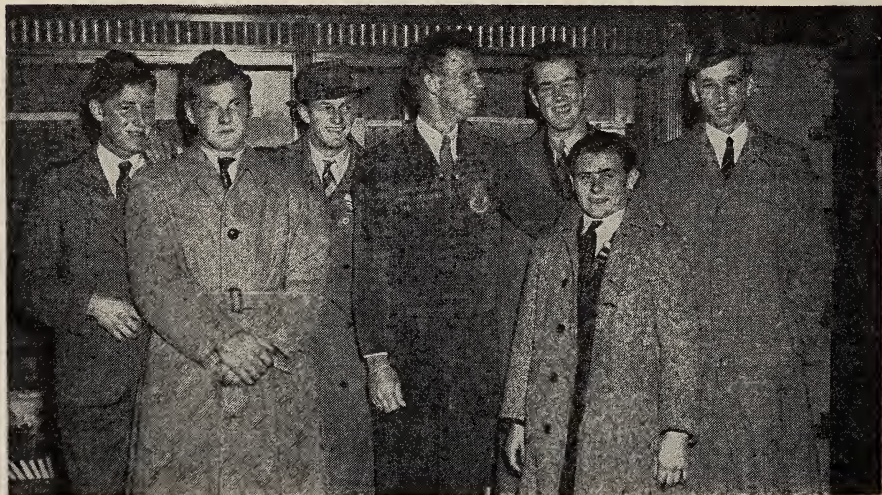
His farming program, carried as a part of vocational agriculture instructions, was limited to poultry during his four years of high school and the first year out of school 1944-45. That, though, and wages from farm work, netted him about \$1,600 income, most of which was re-invested in farming.

Then, in 1946, Hoopes and his father entered a partnership agreement whereby the son turned in his equipment, livestock and poultry worth \$632 and enough cash to make \$1,000 investment, for a 30 percent share in the entire farm income.

They own 121 acres of good farm land, plenty of machinery and buildings to equip it, 54 dairy cattle and several hundred poultry.

Yarnall was active in F.F.A. work serving as treasurer of the Cochranville chapter two years, president of the chapter one year and reporter for the Pennsylvania State F.F.A. Association in 1946-47. He played bass horn in the Pennsylvania F.F.A. band that appeared at the national convention in Kansas City last year.

In high school Yarnall served as president of freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. He played in the school band and orchestra four years, sang in the Methodist church choir, is an Eagle Scout and assistant Scoutmaster, holds a student pilot's license and is active in Grange work.



GUS DOUGLASS, JR., NATIONAL F. F. A. PRESIDENT, WELCOMES FARM BOYS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO THE NATIONAL F. F. A. CONVENTION. THEY WERE: (*Left to right*)—Front Row: WILLIAM EDGE, GUS DOUGLASS, JR., HYWEL EVANS. Back Row: KENNETH OSBORNE, STANLEY GRAY, ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, and JOHN CORNAH.

Citations for Honorary American Farmers

The Future Farmers of America Organization is grateful for the very fine cooperation received from its many friends. Business and industry has been extremely helpful since the organization was founded in 1928. These companies have assisted the F.F.A. in many ways. They have prepared appropriate materials for use in class instruction. They have given freely of their space in publications for stories about the F.F.A. They have been liberal in their support of the Future Farmers of America Foundation which makes many of our prizes and awards possible. It is a privilege for the F.F.A. to show representatives of some of our cooperating organizations our appreciation for their help by conferring upon their representatives the highest honor given by our organization.

H. O. COFFEY, Assistant Managing Editor, *Progressive Farmer*, Birmingham 2, Alabama

JOHN H. DAVIS, Executive Secretary, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, 744 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

T. A. ERICKSON, Consultant, Rural Services, General Mills, Inc., 400 Second Avenue, South, Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

O. A. HANKE, Editorial Director, *Poultry Tribune*, Mt. Morris, Illinois

ROBERT N. HOSKINS, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Air Lines Railroad, Norfolk, Virginia

WILLIAM C. LARUE, Associate Editor, *Progressive Farmer*, Raleigh, North Carolina

GEORGE A. RIETZ, Manager, Farm Industry Division, General Electric Company, 1 River Road, Schenectady 5, New York

ROBERT E. WILSON, Chairman of the Board, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, 910 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 80, Illinois

Since the beginning of the Future Farmers of America Organization, our state advisers, teacher trainers, and state directors have rendered invaluable service in the development and promotion of the F.F.A. It is our desire to honor a number of these men by conferring upon them our highest degree. By doing this, we show to them our sincere appreciation for their interest and effort.

ROBERT E. CAMMACK, State Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Montgomery 4, Alabama

L. D. CLEMENTS, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Capitol Building, Lincoln 9, Nebraska

H. C. FETTEROLF, Chief, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

J. E. HILL, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, 216 E. Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois

- JULIAN A. MCPHEE, State Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Sacramento, California
- A. W. NOLAN, formerly Teacher Trainer at University of Illinois, 1603 S. Main Street, Paris, Illinois
- VERD PETERSON, State Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Columbia 10, South Carolina
- LESTER B. POLLOM, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Topeka, Kansas
- LOUIS M. SASMAN, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, 315 State Office Building, Madison 2, Wisconsin
- R. M. STEWART, formerly Teacher Trainer, State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, New York
- W. J. WEAVER, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Albany 1, New York
- JOHN T. WHEELER, Teacher Trainer, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

Our teachers of vocational agriculture who serve so effectively as advisers of local F.F.A. chapters are largely responsible for the excellent work done by our members. Each year it has been customary to award the degree of Honorary American Farmer to teachers who serve as advisers of Gold Emblem Chapters. It is a privilege to confer this degree on the following individuals:

- ROBERT J. BISHOPP, Adviser, Shoshone Chapter, Powell, Wyoming
- ERNEST F. BOND, Adviser, Lost Creek Chapter, Lost Creek, West Virginia
- KEITH S. BOYER, Adviser, Lincoln Chapter, Orem, Utah
- J. R. DAVIDSON, Adviser, Belle Glade Chapter, Belle Glade, Florida
- DONALD ERICKSON, Adviser, Rugby Chapter, Rugby, North Dakota
- J. A. HARDY, Adviser, Draper's Valley Chapter, Draper, Virginia
- JAMES A. HUGGHINS, Adviser, Victoria Chapter, Victoria, Texas
- WILLIAM JUDGE, Adviser, Owingsville Chapter, Owingsville, Kentucky
- FRED C. LECHNER, Adviser, Holyoke Chapter, Holyoke, Colorado
- B. CLARK MEADOWS, Adviser, Smith County Chapter, Carthage, Tennessee
- LAWRENCE W. SCHAAD, Adviser, Molalla Chapter, Molalla, Oregon
- PRESCOTT E. THORNTON, Adviser, Limestone Chapter, Limestone, Maine
- B. M. TRAPP, Adviser, Binford Chapter, Duck Hill, Mississippi

Public Speaking Contest

The Annual National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was first made possible in 1930 through the interest and generosity of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas who, for two years, sponsored the event and offered prizes. From that time until 1944 the national organization of Future Farmers of America was the sponsor. During the past two years the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, sponsored the contest and gave the awards.

The Eighteenth National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest took place in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, October 19. The five finalists placing in the order indicated were:

1. Donald Bakehouse, Owatonna, Minnesota—"Farm Family Partnerships."
2. Max Cobble, Mosheim, Tennessee—"We Stand at the Cross-roads."
3. Ralph Sanner, Kutztown, Pennsylvania—"New Markets for Farm Products through Chemurgy."
4. Gene Blake Boggett, Riverton, Wyoming—"A Plea for Organization."
5. Take Yamashiro, Hawaii—"Importance of Soil Conservation."

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 contestant came. Each boy was at liberty to choose his own subject.

The contest was judged by three competent and impartial persons. Prior to the contest the judges were furnished with type-written copies of the contestants' productions which they read and graded on content and composition. At the contest the judges scored each contestant on the delivery of his production. A maximum of 300 points was allowed for the written production and 700 points for delivery. Questions were asked by the judges to test each contestant on his ability to think on his feet and on general knowledge of his subject.

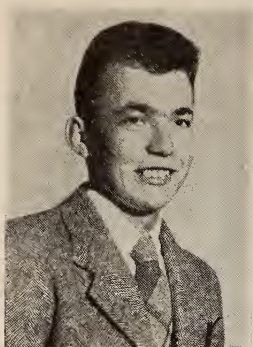
The judges were:

Paul A. Young, Producer Relations, National Dairy Products Co., Inc.

Charles V. Stansell, Associate Editor, *The Kansas City Star*.

L. H. Dennis, Executive Secretary, American Vocational Association, Inc.

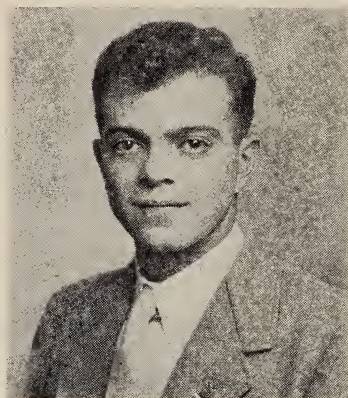
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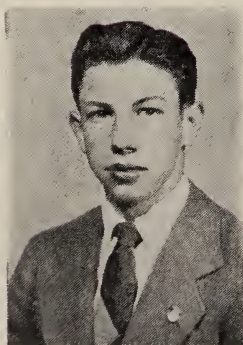
GENE BLAKE BOGRET
Riverton, Wyoming



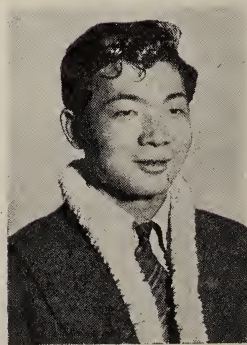
RALPH G. SANNER
Kutztown, Pennsylvania



DONALD BAKEHOUSE
Owatonna, Minnesota



MAX COBBLE
Mosheim, Tennessee



TAKE YAMASHIRO
Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii

FARM FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS**by Donald Bakehouse, Owatonna, Minnesota**

My story begins eight years ago, at milking time. A father and two sons were milking, while a third son too young to help, was playing in the haymow. Since a milking machine was not being used on this herd at the time, it was their custom to talk and visit as they milked. One evening the oldest son said, "Dad, why don't we form a partnership?" The dad thought it was a good idea, so they did form a partnership. That request, and its acceptance, proved to be the beginning of a new trend in family living in our community. Today rural families are developing, through farm family partnerships, new ideas in rural America. These ideas propose that all members of the farm family should have an active interest in the management and income of their farm. This proposition is the strength of a well organized farm family.

I am reminded of the story of the rich father with three feuding sons. Each of these sons desired to obtain the majority of his father's wealth. They were selfish and tended to think only of themselves, purposely making it difficult for each other. Realizing this fact, their father called them together, and gave them each a piece of wood with instructions to break it. This they did easily. But when he gave them three pieces of wood bound together, the sons were unable to break them. This same principle holds true in farm partnerships. A farm family united by a partnership is stronger morally, spiritually, and economically.

What happens to a farm family that does not function effectively is well illustrated on a farm in my home county. Poultry has been the major enterprise on this farm, and as is often the case, the oldest girl has done much of the work. But her father neglected to form a partnership and gave her only a few clothes and an insufficient weekly allowance. At eighteen years of age it became difficult for her to see much future in her situation, so she left home for whatever the city might offer. The oldest son in this family also failed to receive an interest in any enterprise on the farm. When he married, his father placed him on another of his farms, where he worked for insufficient wages. Again he had no voice in the management of the farm and owned no property at all. Dissatisfied with this arrangement, he too left his father and went to work on another farm as a hired man. I firmly believe that if some form of partnership had been worked out, this young man might still be operating his father's farm in a spirit of companionship and understanding.

Now in contrast, let's picture another farm family. This family has had a successful partnership in operation for eight years. This father and three sons rent 240 acres. When the oldest son was eighteen the partnership was formed. His share was 15% of the net profits. The second son, two years younger, received 10%. Each was paid a specific monthly installment, the balance being distrib-

uted at the end of the year. Whenever equipment was purchased each paid an amount equal to his share in the new partnership. Managerial decisions were made mutually. When the second son entered the armed forces, the income of the oldest son was raised to 25%. He is now married and farming for himself. The second son is now returned from the army and has resumed his partnership at the point it terminated before the war. The third son will be given an interest in the farm business at the age of eighteen.

These examples cite two extremes. The children of the first family have only disagreeable memories of their childhood and life on the farm. They will use their influence to deride farming as an occupation and as a way of living. They remember their parents with unhappiness and disappointment in their hearts. They are now trying to gain the experience of managing their own affairs and developing a happy life. They are bound to be warped mentally and to be suspicious of others and of ideas new to them. They are not the type of citizen of which we can be proud.

On the other hand, my second example shows rural living at a much higher plane. This family works and plays together. The mother is a happy, pleasant person. Parties are often held in her home, and friends of the boys are always welcome. These boys are well adjusted mentally and emotionally. They are good church members, and take an active part in community affairs. They are progressive in their ideas, and assume responsibility in leadership activities. Their reaction to the occupation of farming is one of pleasure and happiness. They see farming as a good way to make a good living. They recommend it to their friends and acquaintances by work and example. Their community is much better today because this family has been a part of it.

My own partnership began seven years ago with a purebred gilt. Previous to this I borrowed money from the bank to buy and feed a whiteface steer. The profits from this financed my share of the gilt. Dad and I agreed that he would furnish the feed and I would receive half of the pigs that we raised from my sow. We continued this way in 4-H work for three years. When I entered high school and vocational agriculture we decided to expand our agreement to include the entire swine herd. I receive a third of the income from all of the hogs. In return I pay a third of all feed purchased and other cash expenses connected with the pigs. This year I am also a third owner in a plot of seed oats we are growing.

Let me tell you what my partnership has done for me in a dollar and cents way. I own and maintain a \$2,000.00 life insurance policy, have \$400.00 in war bonds, and have saved enough for two years of college. In addition, I have bought my own clothes and handled my own spending money through high school.

Material returns alone, however, cannot measure the benefits of this partnership agreement. True, at the completion of my high school training I have accumulated enough to make a good start in

college. My parents are agreed that our farm is more efficiently operated than it would have been without the partnership. But more than all this, it has helped us at home to be more companionable, open-minded, frank, and fair with each other. I have received a broad experience in farming by discussing management problems with my father. I know first-hand the problems farmers face, and some of the compensations farming offers. But most of all I treasure the joyful memories of hours spent working with Dad and Mother. I have had experiences with my parents that will guide me throughout my life. I sincerely believe that such companionships between parents and children are among the greatest forces for good in the world today. A farm family partnership is one of the instruments that will build such a companionship.

Last winter I conducted a survey of 18 High School Agriculture Departments in Southern Minnesota. There were 759 boys enrolled in all classes in these 18 departments. Two hundred forty-four boys, or about one-third, were operating 350 partnerships in 10 different enterprises. This fact is impressive because it proves that vocational agriculture instructors are stressing the formation of family partnerships as a means of teaching technical farming and family living. Certainly there are difficulties involved, too. But my Agriculture Instructor believes that parents, student, and teacher gathered around the kitchen table can solve the great majority of these difficulties.

I sincerely advocate family partnerships as a way to develop confidence, judgment, and mature thinking among young farm people. Our farm and others in our community are more enjoyable and interesting because we have developed partnerships. My own life is immeasurably richer because we have found that a successful partnership is an adventure in glorious living. Its development brings happiness and contentment to parents and children alike. It serves not only their own best interests, but it also contributes to a more prosperous and more stable agriculture.

WE STAND AT THE CROSSROADS

by Max Cobble, Mosheim, Tennessee

When man first set foot upon the shores of this great land he found a vast wilderness where dangers lurked behind every rock and tree. He could see only the few things near at hand, and knew nothing of what lay beyond the short range of his sight. But courage and daring forced him on, and on. He cut and carried, plowed and seeded, planned and built, until our country took the form that it has today. Ours today is a land of intermingled friendship; a land in which skyscrapers and silos fuse into the common landscape, and hearts beat in unison.

If our mind's eye were great enough to catch a glimpse of the over-all picture of this great country we would see a vast network

of highways that enable us to go anywhere we wish. We know, too, that a man can leave San Francisco in an airplane and follow a radio beam straight across the continent to New York. However, before he started that journey he plotted the course that he would follow. If you were starting by automobile to Seattle, you would get out your road map and plan the highways you would expect to follow to your destination.

We have often been told, and we agree, that agriculture is the basic industry. We are told by men who have lived to see it that agriculture has made rapid strides during the past fifty years. We are told, too, that agriculture is still far behind some of our other industries. We cannot—we must not—attempt to forget the past with its enormous stores of experience, but our primary interest is on the route which lies ahead. With our feet firmly placed upon the granite rock of past experience, we must turn the searchlight of our minds upon the mysteries of tomorrow and attempt to plot the course which we shall follow.

The American farmer stands at the crossroads of one of the most important periods in his history. The laggard, the ne'er-do-well, would have him follow that highway which levels off from the spot where he is now standing, and along which he would rest upon the laurels of his past accomplishments. The highway follows the line of least resistance and would ultimately lead to chaos and ruin. We can never stand still. We move, either forward or backward.

The history of American farming, especially in recent years, is one that is crowded with disastrous floods, terrifying soil erosion, in places complete denudation, and gross mismanagement resulting as it does in tons and tons of soil fertility being lost in the bottom of the ocean.

Wherever man farms, he has two choices. He can mine the soil and leave it or build the soil and make it home. There lies no satisfaction in the former but in the latter the whole fiber of civilization is dependent.

One of our national farm organizations has set up three basic principles to guide the thinking of our people, and I quote: "1. All prosperity springs from the production of wealth; or anything which retards the production of wealth is unsound.

"2. The compensation of each should be based on what he contributes to the general welfare.

"3. The prime purpose of government is to protect its citizens from aggression—both physical and economic."

The United States of America, now as never before, stands out as the shining symbol and guiding light to the lovers of democratic freedom throughout the world. We must keep fuel to the flame so that its brilliance shall not weaken before the groping, hopeful peoples of the world. We, as a farm people, must do our part that the light may shed its radiance on our brethren and neighbors throughout the universe.

The highway that we as American farmers must choose is that road which leads to solidarity, cooperation and freedom of individual initiative. The mileposts on that road should denote our steps of progress as we pass them, one by one.

The first milepost should read "Educated farmers." The people engaged in the tilling of the soil, the building of the soil, the producing of the soil, should be highly trained in their field of endeavor. Surely it is no less important that the farmer be skilled in his work than it is for the machinist, the mechanic, the electrician. There is an art in farming and the farmer should be a skilled artist as he carves the maintenance of the work for the soil.

The second milepost should read "Cooperative effort." That old subject of "cooperation" is one that has been "over-done" in talking but it remains "under-done" in action on the part of the farmers of this nation. This is largely due to the lack of education.

The third milepost should read "Freedom of individual initiative." When the time comes that a farmer cannot think, plan, and act according to the dictates of his conscience, in matters of free enterprise, then we will no longer have our cherished democratic form of government.

Fourth must be "The land without soil erosion." We are the keepers of the soil. We must keep it for the countless generations yet unborn. It is not fair to kindly mother earth that her beautiful face should be marred by wrinkles that are the gullies caused by thoughtless man. We need millions of acres of grasses and legumes to protect our soils from the ravages of wind and rain, heat and cold.

We sorely need an efficient system of distribution for our farm products. Our foreign markets should be kept and our home markets must be expanded.

Last, agriculture and industry must know, long and understand each other. Each is essential to the other. They must be able to sit down at the conference table and know that the problem of one is the common problem of all.

We pass through years of rapid change. Painfully we emerge from the dark days of confusion and worry, from the nightmares of wars fought to perpetuate a dying system of life too complicated to define. We endure today the insecurity of the present in the hope of enjoying a future more brilliant and constructive than has ever been dreamed of in the minds of men.

I am a Future Farmer. As I gaze at you mileposts down the highway of time I see horizons that grow brighter and brighter, unto the dawn of a new day.

NEW MARKETS FOR FARM PRODUCTS THROUGH CHEMURGY

by Ralph Sanner, Kutztown, Pennsylvania

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "We must consider not merely how to produce, but also how production affects the producer." This

is even more true today. Have you ever given thought as to how our present production is effecting the farmer, or better still, how it is effecting you, as an American citizen?

In the past years great stress has been placed upon producing more bushels per acre, more pounds of milk per cow, and more eggs per hen. This has been successfully done to a point where the large quantity of products produced on our farms has become a national problem. We all recognize the fact that American agriculture has the ability to produce in such large quantities, that it may cause low prices and unprofitableness. In fact, it has done so in the past. An attempt to remedy this condition can only be done in one of two ways. First is to limit production which causes Government control and subsidies, none of which is satisfactory. The other is to increase consumption and find new uses for our products. It is to the latter that I should like to confine my discussion. That is, the finding of new uses for agricultural products, specifically in Industry. This is known as the Science of Farm Chemurgy.

The victory in World War II demonstrates that the American people possess the "know-how" and ability to outproduce and outfight any country in the world. Our future security and contribution to a lasting peace, will to a large extent, depend upon the continuance of this typical American technique coupled with the initiation of broad policies to keep the U.S. well in advance of the other nations in scientific research.

If we carefully study the history of every depression and economic catastrophe that has overtaken our country in the past 150 years, we find that with very few exceptions, they have come about with over-production of farm products. This over-production was soon reflected in low agricultural prices with loss of purchasing power on the part of farmers who are Industry's largest and best customers.

A process of simple arithmetic makes it apparent that farmers will soon again be facing the problem of surpluses, even with our expanded population and increased purchasing power. In the immediate future we can solve some of our surplus headaches by exports to many countries which need food. But as these countries return to normalcy and produce their own food, we have left the alternative of production control, which is extremely distasteful to most farmers. Farmers like to see their acres busy producing the highest possible yields. I believe it is a problem which can be solved without resorting to the above procedures. I believe that through the cooperation of Industry and Agriculture we can find a solution. It is evident that the future of American Industry is inexorably attached to the future of the American farmer.

Let us see what has and is being done through Chemurgy to find these new fields for American agriculture, which in reality will help all Americans and make America an even better place in which to live.

Most of the Industrial products developed from our products contribute to the high standard of American living. It was not so many years ago that the miller threw away the bran as a worthless by-product of the manufacture of flour. Now we not only use every particle of the wheat, but chemistry has made use of the chaff, the straw, and even the costly, dread smut is being put to chemical use. Some of the worthless by-products of yesterday bid to become the most profitable part of the production of tomorrow.

Wartime research in a New Orleans Laboratory showed that better tire cord can be made from cotton by using varieties selected for this purpose. Tests have proved that light truck tires made from the selected variety gave 300% more mileage than tires made from regular cotton cord. This research shows that we must give more thought to the selection of crop varieties.

A process for the chemical conversion of such agricultural residue as corn cobs, sugarcane, bagasse, peanut shells, flax shives, cat hulls, and cottonseed hulls into liquid motor fuel can be obtained from one ton of cottonseed hulls.

During the war scientists learned how to make a substitute for cork from peanut shells. It has been produced in a large plant and found particularly satisfactory for the beverage manufacturers. They have also learned how to use a combination of ground corn cobs and rice hulls for cleaning carbon from pistons and cylinders of gasoline engines.

To show how new markets are being created for farm products by use in industry, I shall continue with more examples.

Plastics, a steadily rising industry, afford large opportunities for industrial uses of farm materials.

Soybeans, a very important crop today, are moving up the ladder with scores of actual and potential industrial uses. This crop, little known twenty-five years ago, has reached a production of more than a hundred million bushels. Its uses in industry have more than doubled in five years.

Sweet potatoes, grown for starch, can eventually occupy two hundred thousand cotton acres to displace the nearly half a billion pounds of annual starch importations.

Corn, a fore-runner of the products from our soil, has grown from a few hundred acres of Indian maize to thousands upon thousands of acres and millions of bushels. Have you ever wondered just how this large quantity of corn is consumed, even with the vast output of cattle and hogs?

I am not overstating when I say that research in corn has improved the living standard of practically every man, woman and child in the U. S. It would be impossible to name the hundreds of articles of every day use made directly or indirectly from a corn product.

In the late war, applications of corn products took some vital

and interesting forms. Corn dextrine was used in making airplane cylinder heads, shell casings, parts of tanks, and many more useful articles. In the treatment of wounded, even in the actual saving of lives, corn played an important role. Hospital uses of dextrose from corn, such as injection for surgical shock, were employed. The addition of corn starch to a process that has made possible the utilization of lower grade ores was also discovered during the war.

Today in America we are beginning production of Lanital fibers and fabrics from skim milk—the greatest approach to natural wool which chemistry has yet been able to devise. These synthetic fibers not only are highly serviceable, but are cheap to produce. Casein, well known as the essential ingredient of cheese, is the basic ingredient of this new fiber. Enough synthetic fiber can be produced from the casein in twenty-six gallons of skim milk to make a suit of clothes for a man of average size. It is amazing to discover what chemists have already accomplished in this field.

Buckwheat is being used in a Philadelphia Laboratory to produce rutin, a drug used in the treatment of conditions arising from high blood pressure. It may require fifty thousand acres of buckwheat annually to meet the commercial demand for rutin. Similarly, rutin was extracted from tobacco two years before it was found in buckwheat, but farmers were not urged to grow tobacco for that purpose because the yield of rutin was too low. These precautionary measures enable the laboratories to expand the outlets for agricultural commodities. They do not retard the research.

All this shows that new markets are being created for the farmer through chemurgy, the wonders of which have only been touched.

The examples I have given are only a so-called “drop in the bucket” to this expanding science known as chemurgy. No longer need our soldiers, high school and college graduates wonder whether it is safe to return to the farm in order to make a decent living. No longer will the farmer need to wonder whether his golden, waving grain fields, his green and tasseled corn fields, or his white crowned cotton crop will find a profitable market.

We, as Future Farmers of America and the rural leaders of tomorrow, will carry on the spirit of cooperation between agriculture and industry, which is so vital for the growth of the farm chemurgic program and the success of American agriculture. As we survey the horizon, we can have only an unfaltering faith in American agriculture. We affirm the words of our creed, “better days through better ways”—which assures us a sound future for our American way of life.

A PLEA FOR ORGANIZATION

by Gene Blake Boggett, Riverton, Wyoming

Today, the American farmer is prospering. His hopes and dreams of yesterday have at last come true. His new tractor is in

the shed. His livestock and crops are looking good. The prices for his produce are still soaring.

Yes indeed, today the American farmer is witnessing a brighter glow of prosperity than he has at any time in history. In this prosperity of today, there is only one fallacy—that fallacy is the fact that today cannot last forever. When today is replaced by a tomorrow, will Agriculture remain the opulent occupation it is today? Or will it again plunge into a period of darkness and depression? Will the proud farmer of today become a poor pauper of tomorrow? If history repeats itself he will. Seemingly unheeded by our blind eyes, history is repeating itself. Production, demand, prices, and other necessities for prosperity have surpassed the highest peaks in history. Yes, historical prosperity is repeating itself in magnified form. Will historical depression do likewise? There have been times in Agricultural history when farmers thought their prosperity would last. Somehow these visions have always vanished.

Let us be realistic about facts. The farmer will witness a lasting prosperity when, and only when, water runs uphill and granite turns to gold dust. The farmer cannot build himself an immortal palace of prosperity; the least he can do is attempt to prevent himself from sinking into the depths of depression by a repeat performance of the 1930's.

I am simply implying that the farmer need not take a running jump into the arms of depression. I also imply that unless he changes his policies, he will do just that. Of what policies am I speaking? I am referring to the egotistic way we so proudly call our occupation a business, when frequently, there is neither planning nor foresight. I am referring to the try and stop me now idea, when we get a dollar in our pockets. I am also referring to the independent, visionless way so many farmers are managing their farms.

Don't take me wrong—Agriculture employs some of the most brilliant, most progressive men in the country. Agriculture is steadily advancing as a result of concentrated research. Farmers' Co-operatives are steadily increasing. His foresight and vision are indeed much broader than they were 25 years ago. But let not this progress deceive us. It is far too little and has come too late. Too little in comparison with industrial advancements, and too late in comparison with industrial progress.

The farmer should be leading instead of following. Why does he follow? He follows because far too many farmers still pride themselves on being independent. Time and again this independence has caused the government to support him by subsidies, processing taxes, tariffs, and other downright gifts and hopeless loans. This independence has always dictated his progress. It has retarded the growth of rural development, and is the chief cause for the gamble Agriculture is today.

There has never been a successful independent person. There has never been a successful independent business or nation, and by no means is the farmer or Agriculture an exception; yet that trite old saying, "Own a farm and be independent." Yes indeed, be independent at the price of his own sacrifices, at the price of government subsidies, be independent at the expense of his fellowman.

I firmly believe that the farmer will eventually elevate himself to his rightful level. May Heaven help him find that level before he again is forced to his knees. There is but one path he can follow that will lead him toward his ultimate goal. That is the path of *dependence, cooperation and organization*. Friends, I repeat, the farmer must become organized—organized so that he can depend upon help from within the true realm of Agriculture, instead of the possibility of help from elsewhere—organized to understand his fellow farmer—organized to make his neighbors' problems his problems. The farmer must become organized to advance himself and mankind.

The four greatest farm organizations, The Grange, Farm Bureau, Farmer's Union and Co-operatives, known to the public as the farm block, were organized with great and distant goals. Intelligent and progressive men are striving toward those goals, but progress is slow. Progress is slow because these organizations do not have the support of the farmer. They do not have the whole-hearted support of the man whom they are organized to serve.

Six out of ten farmers belong to one of these progressive farm organizations. These six cannot plan and produce rapid progress when the other four will not cooperate. It is these four independent farmers who are largely responsible for the farmer's middle-man frequently making two dollars with one-half the work from which the farmer himself makes only one. It is these four independent farmers who have been largely responsible for surplus production. It is these four who are largely responsible for the weak knees of the American Agriculture that is towering so majestically today. It is this same class of independent farmers who had a very important hand in forcing the farmer so low and keeping him there so long during the 1930's.

The farmer must become organized, and support his organizations with the support demanded. The farmer must help himself.

Fellow farmers, to develop our common interests, let us join forces, let us join our Grange, our Farm Bureau, the Farmer's Union and our Co-operatives; let us build that block in Washington strong enough to demand sufficient agricultural security to raise the business of farming above a gamble. Let us organize to build a future more promising than the past. Let us organize and voice our opinions with enough velocity to gain results.

Let us remember that if we do not proceed together down the gangplank of tomorrow, we will walk the plank alone.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SOIL CONSERVATION

by Take Yamashiro, Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii

The natural resources of America are the heritage of the entire nation and should be conserved and utilized for the benefit of all our people. Of the natural resources, America's most important one is her soil. Since such is the case, it behooves each and every one of us to become cognizant of the importance of our soil and to do all in our power to conserve it.

We future farmers know that agriculture possesses an incontestable right to the title of being our basic industry. Observe a country where agriculture flourishes, and you will see that the economic life of that nation thrives in equal perfection. Since it is so important, is it not necessary, then, to preserve our soil? We know that without good soil, our farms and plantations could not exist. Millions of men would be out of jobs. And since agriculture is one of the greatest contributors to America's wealth, each time a farm is abandoned the wealth of our nation is decreased. We have two alternatives, either practice the principles of soil conservation or suffer the loss of approximately \$400,000,000, which is the annual cost of erosion.

No progressive nation will long ignore such a tremendous loss. And so it is that today, conservation is a national problem. However, it wasn't until 1933 that the Federal Soil Conservation Service was established. The officials of this service, knowing that farmers can best be influenced by being shown, have picked out scattered regions of America for their demonstrations and experiments. In these regions, they are carrying out some 600 demonstration projects which have shown more than 250,000 farmers how to better their land by offering technical help in running contour lines, by constructing waterways, and by establishing grass or forest cover.

It might be said that the Tennessee Valley Project is an example where a new world is in the making. In this vast region spreading over 40,000 square miles live some 2,000,000 people, many of whom are farmers. Previous to the establishment of the T.V.A., the steep slopes were plowed in straight lines and planted to such crops as corn, cotton and tobacco. This brought serious erosion upstream and damaging floods downstream. Valuable inorganic matter, such as nitrogen, and phosphorous, were removed from the soil. As the soil was eroded and as it became worn out, farmers earned less and less, resulting in hundreds of farm-families being poverty stricken.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt saw the plight of these poor people and established the Conservation Program which was placed under the direction and guidance of expert scientists. Today, nitrogen is being put back by cover crops. Phosphorous is being manufactured cheaply, and the farmers are beginning to till their land properly by terracing, contour plowing, and strip planting. They

are giving more land to pastures and woodlots. This is a perfect example of nature and the individual working together to correct the misuse and the exhaustion of the soil. The battle must be won on every individual farm, and all of us are concerned with the outcome of that battle.

The practical results of the joint efforts of the farmers and public agencies to conserve soil resources from further depletion are slowly becoming visible. Gradually the patterns of land use are changing in accordance with the dictates of conservation. Plow lines are curving around the contours where formerly they cut stiffly uphill and down. Terraces and grassed waterways are carrying safely to the streams water which formerly rushed seaward with a load of priceless silt from the fields of cotton and corn. Strips of close-growing crops alternating with row crops are checking erosion, forming the basis of improved rotation plans and preventing the wind from tearing up the surface of cultivated fields.

In addition to preventing our soil from blowing or washing away, it is possible to maintain the productivity of the soil. Soil fertility may be maintained by rotating crops, that is, money crops should be taken out of cultivation and cover crops grown. In the green manuring of cover crops, legumes are usually most desirable because they add to the soil nitrogen gathered from the air in addition to the organic matter which they carry. Very common methods of replenishing the soil are the application of fertilizers and manure and the returning of crop residues.

The grass lands of the west can be protected by limiting the number of animals on the pastures. Nature will build up a protective covering if the land is allowed to rest. Erosion has severely damaged over 500 million acres of western grazing lands. By damming up small creeks, watering ponds can be formed. These ponds in turn grow better and more grass.

George Washington observed the effects of erosion and tried various methods of prevention. Thomas Jefferson carried on soil-conservation experiments and Patrick Henry is reported to have said, "Since the achievement of our independence, he is the greatest patriot who stops the most gullies."

Many of our farmers have totally disregarded the destruction of our soil. Many believe it inexhaustable. Others believe that it was only natural for the soil to "wear out." Listening to a lecture on soil conservation, by a speaker from an agricultural college, a farmer was heard to remark, "I know more about farming than those blankety-blanks. Why, I have already worn out two farms and am now on my third."

Unfortunately, that is the attitude of too many Americans. Remember we cannot, like our forefathers, after wearing out one farm, push farther west. Our land is limited, so what is the solution? We must conserve what we have now! The Soil Conservation Service has shown us how it can be done. And we, as Future Farmers

should take it upon ourselves to practice the principles of soil conservation, in our community, thereby showing others what might be done to conserve our soil. Let us be leaders in the fight to conserve our resources. Through our efforts, we may help to conserve that which nature has so generously given to us. Remember, when the soil is gone, men too must go. So farmers, "Hold that soil."

National Judging Contests

The judging teams and individual contestants who won the Gold Emblem award rating in the National F.F.A. Livestock and Meats Judging Contests were announced on Tuesday evening, October 21, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium by R. E. Naugher, Specialist in Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C. The National F.F.A. Judging Contests for Dairy Cattle, Dairy Products, and Poultry Production were held in Waterloo, Iowa, October 1-2. Judging teams and individuals who won the Gold Emblem award rating in these contests were announced in Waterloo at that time.

The Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, authorized the expenditure of \$10,000 for distribution to teams and individuals taking part in the National Judging Contests. Five thousand dollars was divided equally among the 68 Future Farmers who won the individual Gold Emblem award rating. Each individual Gold Emblem award winner was mailed a check for \$73.53. Three thousand dollars was divided equally among the 37 teams that won the Gold Emblem award rating. Each Gold Emblem team was mailed a check for \$81.08. In addition to the cash awards mailed to Gold Emblem award teams and individuals, gold, silver, and bronze plaques and certificates of honorable mention were awarded to the teams and the individuals who rated accordingly in the various judging contests.

One hundred nineteen teams from 35 States participated in one or more of the judging contests. Fifteen States entered judging teams in all of the contests. Participation in the various contests was as follows:

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A list of teams and individuals who won the Gold Emblem Award rating in the Dairy, Dairy Products, Poultry Production, Meats and Livestock Judging Contests is given. About one-half of the teams competing in the various contests were composed of individuals coming from different schools in the State. Therefore, the name of the school is not given. However, the name of the coach of the team, who in most instances was the teacher of vocational agriculture, is given. States are listed alphabetically.

Dairy Contest**Teams**

<i>State</i>	<i>Coach</i>	<i>Address</i>
California	Mrs. Alyce Lowrie	Santa Rosa
Indiana	Eugene Akers	Greencastle
Ohio	Glen R. Boling	Elmore
Oklahoma	Henry Heise	Sayre
Pennsylvania	George Ott, Sr.	Bangor
Texas	S. E. Skiles	Weatherford

Individuals

<i>Name of Contestant</i>	<i>Address</i>
Donald Smith	Greencastle, Indiana
Bill Wells	Greencastle, Indiana
Lee White	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
Bill Gentry	Simpson, Kansas
Billy Wash	Lawrenceburg, Kentucky
Frank Smith	Ava, Missouri
Willard Eversole	Lindsey, Ohio
Vernon Bloom	Oak Harbor, Ohio
Odell Walker	Sayre, Oklahoma
Gene Reeves	Sayre, Oklahoma
Raymond Seidel	Kutztown, Pennsylvania
Allen Green	Antioch, Tennessee
Melvin Wiley	Weatherford, Texas
Milford Meadows	Weatherford, Texas

Dairy Products Contest**Teams**

<i>State</i>	<i>Coach</i>	<i>Address</i>
Idaho	Kirk Rush	Nampa, R. #1
Illinois	A. L. Schick	Sterling
Minnesota	A. A. Hoberg	Pine City
Mississippi	B. M. Trapp	Binford
Oklahoma	J. L. Maynard	Choctaw
Texas	T. H. Seay	Clarendon
Utah	LeRoy Bunnell	Tremonton
Virginia	W. H. Elliott	Union Level

Individuals

<i>Name of Contestant</i>	<i>Address</i>
John Kinghorn	Nampa, Idaho
J. D. Simpson	Nampa, Idaho
Willard Ebersole	Sterling, R.F.D. #2, Illinois
Harold Bawn	Pine City, Minnesota
Harold Olson	Pine City, Minnesota
Turner Trapp	Binford, Mississippi
Wayne Wolfe	Linn, Missouri
Bobby Hassman	Nicoma Park, Oklahoma
Tom Dykstra	Choctaw, Oklahoma
Johnny Brown	Antioch, Tennessee
Buster Bain	Clarendon, Texas
Bob Clifford	Clarendon, Texas
Earl Pederson	Tremonton, R.F.D. #1, Utah
John A. Bourne	Garland, R.F.D. #1, Utah
Jimmie Lee Cox	Chase City, R.F.D. #3, Va.
Calvin Worchel	Neillsville, Wisconsin

Poultry Production Contest**Teams**

<i>State</i>	<i>Coach</i>	<i>Address</i>
Illinois	C. L. Kutil	Antioch
Massachusetts	Roy T. Argood	Walpole
Minnesota	A. A. Hoberg	Pine City
Missouri	W. Oral Barrow	Rogersville
Ohio	Dayrl C. Sharp	Minster
Oklahoma	O. S. Adams	Wetumka

Individuals

<i>Name of Contestant</i>	<i>Address</i>
Bob Wassum	Napa, California
J. Maurice Edwards	Starke, Florida
Kennedy Heuer	Lake Villa, Illinois
Lloyd Huber	Ames, Kansas
James Welch	Walpole, Massachusetts
Howard Maxey	Walpole, Massachusetts
Chesterfield Mathewson	Worcester, Massachusetts
Virgil Johnson	Pine City, Minnesota
Gerald Egsgaard	Pine City, Minnesota
Clarence Starks	Rogersville, Missouri
Clotus Horstman	Minster, Ohio
Alfred Lehmkuhl	Minster, Ohio
Jimmie Wolf	Wetumka, Oklahoma
Joseph Rasmus	Huntingdon Mills, Pa.
Wayne Mitchell	Richland Springs, Texas
Robert Eardley	Murray, Utah
Floyd O. Bischel	Bloomer, Wisconsin

Meats Contest**Teams**

<i>State</i>	<i>Coach</i>	<i>Address</i>
Kansas	W. R. McMillan	Eldorado
Minnesota	Leon Johnson	Bemidji
Missouri	George Berkemeier	Drum Institute, Independence
Ohio	John H. Leonard	Van Wert
Oklahoma	G. E. Gaines	Watonga
South Dakota	Robert Thompson	Brookings
Texas	R. J. Powell	Richland Springs
Wisconsin	J. S. Smith	Lake Geneva

Individuals

<i>Name of Contestant</i>	<i>Address</i>
Duane Traylor	Eldorado, Kansas
Robert Maddux	Eldorado, Kansas
John Edwards	Bemidji, Minnesota
Wayne Dreyer	Bemidji, Minnesota
John Strong	Drum Institute, Independence, Mo.
Ralph Peck	Drum Institute, Independence, Mo.
James Loetz	Van Wert, Ohio
Wesley Long	Watonga, Oklahoma
Murele Ware	Richland Springs, Texas
Eugene Ware	Richland Springs, Texas
LaVern Green	Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
Roger Krohn	Genoa City, Wisconsin

Livestock Contest**Teams**

<i>State</i>	<i>Coach</i>	<i>Address</i>
Alabama	E. P. Guger	Sidney Lanier High School, Montgomery
California	J. W. Jamison	Santa Rosa High School, Santa Rosa
Colorado	Mel Adams	Wiggins
Kansas	Howard R. Bradley	Beloit
Kentucky	William Judge	Owingsville
Missouri	R. D. Summers	Crane
New Mexico	Ralph W. Jorgenson	Las Cruces
Virginia	Archa Vaughn	Marion
Wyoming	George E. Sullivan	Lovell

Individuals

<i>Name of Contestant</i>	<i>Address</i>
Ben Roark	Santa Rosa, California
Don Bath	Santa Rosa, California
Ray Van Pelt	Beloit, Kansas
Paul Lyons	Owingsville, Kentucky
Donald Schultz	Ambret, Minnesota
Thomas Maples	Crane, Missouri
Bill Durio	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Cecil Chlarson	Honeyville, Utah
William Thomas Tilson	Chilhowie, Virginia

**Summary of Team and Individual Ratings For
National F.F.A. Judging Contests**

Contests	Team Ratings				Individual Ratings			
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Hon. mention	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Hon. mention
Dairy Cattle	6	8	11	2	14	29	33	5
Dairy Products	8	5	2	4	16	25	10	7
Poultry Production	6	7	5	3	17	30	12	4
Meats	8	3	5	2	12	33	7	2
Livestock	9	12	5	8	9	58	24	11
Total	37	35	28	19	68	175	86	29

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