

37th NATIONAL CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

FUTURE FARMERS of AMERICA

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Kansas City, Missouri

OCTOBER 14-16, 1964



Our American Heritage . . .

At Mount Rushmore National Memorial, America's Shrine of Democracy in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota, a group of Future Farmers are reminded of Our American Heritage . . .

As members of the FFA they are pledged to protect their birthright of freedom and opportunity with the aims and purposes of their organization which include developing agricultural leadership, citizenship and patriotism.

For such a group gathered before them, you can almost hear the granite lips of these giants of American history stating again their belief that the "roots of freedom" are in the soil.

Abraham Lincoln—"*. . . no other occupation opens so wide a field for the profitable and agreeable combination of labor with cultivated thought, as agriculture.*"

Theodore Roosevelt—"*The Farmer: The Cornerstone of Civilization.*"

Thomas Jefferson—"*Let the farmer forevermore be honored in his calling—for they who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God.*"

George Washington—"*I know of no pursuit in which more real and important service can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture . . .*"

Inspired by these words from the past, we can join these Future Farmers as they reaffirm and respond with the first line of the FFA Creed, "*I believe in the future of farming . . .*"

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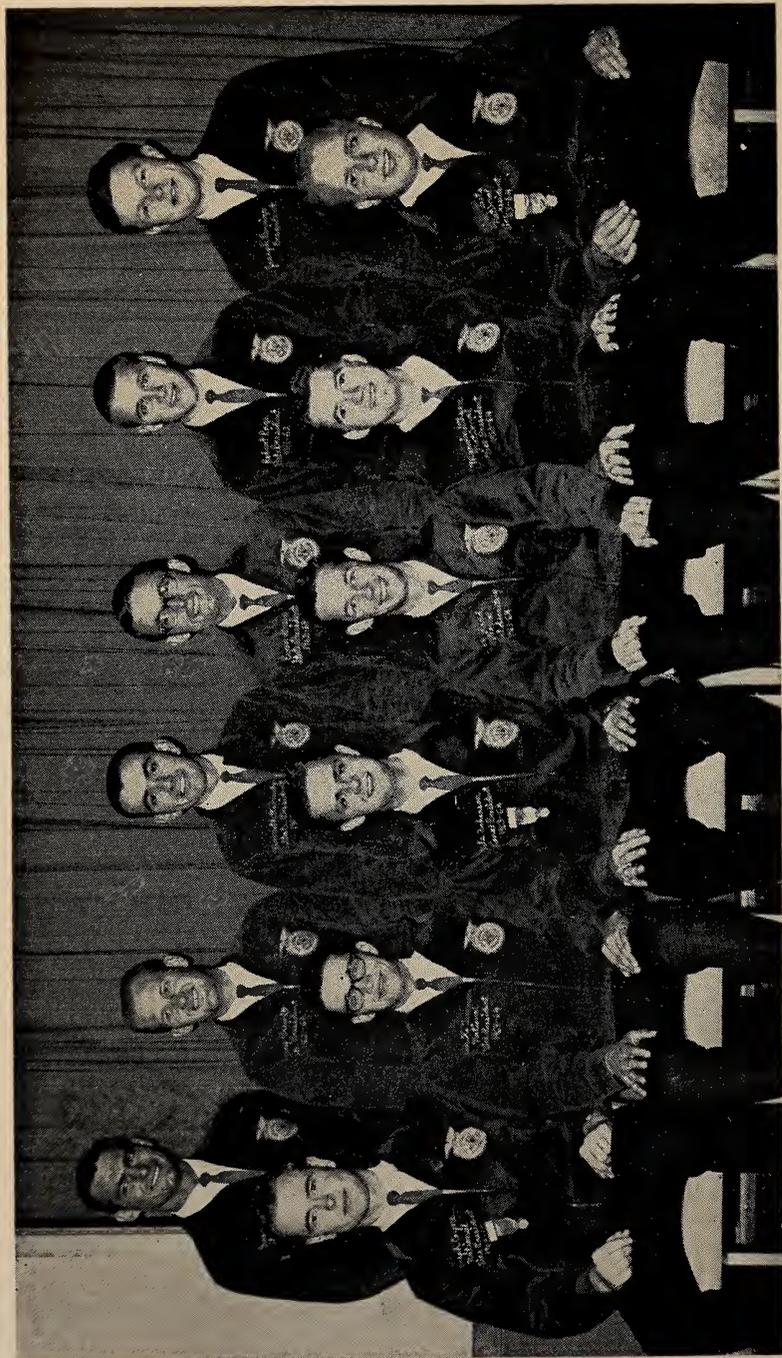
INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America, an organization of students enrolled in vocational agriculture, has taken its place with other groups interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National Headquarters of the Future Farmers of America is located in the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C. National conventions are held annually at Kansas City, Missouri.

The Thirty-Seventh National Convention was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-16, 1964. Final count showed over 10,800 FFA members registered from all State associations.

The convention proceedings constitute a yearbook on organization activities. The complete minutes of the convention sessions are included, along with certain other important material which supplement or explain the convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due many persons whose leadership and work led to a successful convention and made the publication of this booklet worth while.

WM. PAUL GRAY,
National Executive Secretary



1963-1964 NATIONAL OFFICERS 1964-1965

Seated left to right: Joseph Coyne, Central Vice President, Minooka, Illinois; Jan Turner, Pacific Vice President, Morgan, Utah; Nels Ackerson, President, Westfield, Indiana; Jon Ford, Student Secretary, Helena, Oklahoma; Marvin Gibson, Southern Vice President, Maryville, Tennessee; Jim Teets, North Atlantic Vice President, Terra Alta, West Virginia. *Standing left to right:* Ivan Hunt, Pacific Vice President, Litchfield, Arizona; Larry Prewitt, Central Vice President, Thayer, Missouri; Kenneth Kennedy, President, Cadiz, Kentucky; Evan Green, Student Secretary, Fort Morgan, Colorado; Robert Page, Southern Vice President, Hoboken, Georgia; Joseph Perrigo, North Atlantic Vice President, Weare, New Hampshire.

The Future Farmers of America

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of, by and for farm boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools, which operate under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. It is an educational, non-



A. W. TENNEY
National Advisor

political, non-profit, farm youth organization of voluntary membership, designed to develop agricultural leadership, character, thrift, scholarship, cooperation, citizenship, and patriotism. Its members learn through participating experiences how to conduct and take part in public meetings, to speak in public, and to assume civic responsibility. The FFA is an intra-curricular part of vocational education in agriculture in the public school system of America. It constitutes one of the most effective devices for teaching through participating experiences.

The Future Farmers of America was organized in 1928, in Kansas City, Missouri. Thirty-three official delegates representing 18 States were present. Leslie Applegate of New Jersey was elected National President, C. H. Lane of Washington, D. C. became the first National Advisor, and Henry Groseclose of Virginia, the first National Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Ten members received the American Farmer Degree. Annual national membership dues were set at 10 cents per member per year and have since remained the same.

Sixty-four delegates from 33 States attended the second convention. Twenty-nine members received the American Farmer Degree and Carlton Patton of Arkansas was selected as the first Star Farmer of America. The selection of the organization's colors of national blue and corn gold, the first National Public Speaking Contest, the performance of the Ohio FFA Band, and the adoption of the Official FFA Creed highlighted the third convention. A year later W. A. Ross became the first National Executive Secretary. "Hail the FFA" became the official FFA song in 1931. J. A. Linke became National FFA Advisor in 1933.

About 6,000 members, advisors and friends registered for the 10th National Convention, held in the new Kansas City Municipal Auditorium. A pageant featured ten years of progress and growth by 100,000 members representing 4,000 chapters in 49 chartered State Associations. The National Constitution was revised for the third time to permit the nomination of American Farmers on a basis of one boy per 1,000 or major fraction thereof.

In 1939 the organization purchased 281½ acres of land which

was part of George Washington's estate and established the National FFA Camp. Two years later, W. T. Spanton became the National Advisor of 245,830 members from 7,542 chapters. In 1944, the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. was founded. The 1946 Victory Convention celebrated the end of World War II, and featured a memorial program honoring FFA members who served in the Armed Forces.

Highlights of the year 1947 were the organization of the National FFA Band, under the direction of Henry S. Brunner, establishment of the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the Official FFA Calendar. A year later, the National FFA Chorus was organized but was discontinued in 1959. In 1948 National FFA Week was established and the annual National FFA Officers' Good-Will Tour was started to visit donors to the FFA Foundation, and to promote a better understanding between agriculture, business and industry, farm organizations and the public.

The Educational Exchange Program between the FFA and the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain was initiated in 1948 and continued until 1957. Rhode Island became the 50th State Association in 1950. A year later the National Congress passed Public Law 740, which granted the FFA a Federal Charter. The delegates at the 1952 convention adopted the Official Code of Ethics and gave final approval for the establishment of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. In 1953, a special postage stamp was issued by the U. S. Post Office Department to commemorate the founding of the FFA. A spectacular pageant at the Silver Anniversary Convention featured the many accomplishments of the FFA. The highlight of this convention was an address by Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States.

A special resolution, adopted at the 1955 convention, pledged the FFA to help develop better understanding between nations. Since then, educational programs and assistance given to friendly nations has resulted in organizing Future Farmers in Japan, Philippine Islands, Thailand, Taiwan, Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ethiopia and Mexico. Cooperative work with the Peace Corps began in 1963 with an FFA/NFA project in West Pakistan.

Former President Harry S. Truman addressed the 1957 convention. In 1959, a four-day National Citizenship and Patriotism Conference for State officers was held in Washington, D. C. Many outstanding Government leaders, including President Eisenhower spoke to the group. The dedication of the new FFA headquarters building on the land formerly used as a National FFA Camp was a fitting climax to the conference.

FFA Day at the American Royal as a part of the national convention began in 1960. A year later a special convention program honored W. T. Spanton upon his retirement as National Advisor.

A. W. Tenney, who served as National Executive Secretary from 1943 to 1957, became National Advisor in 1961.

The FFA in 1964 had a membership of 401,468 in approximately 8,300 chapters. The members continue to serve effectively on the local, State, national and international levels.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES

Alabama.....	Jimmy Cravey Route 1, Florala	Ronnie Mathis Route 2, Ardmore, Tenn.
Arizona.....	Roddy Riggs Route 2, Box 87, Chandler	Richard Morrison Gilbert
Arkansas.....	Van Younes Route 7, Harrison	John Cox Bradford
California.....	Phil Gish 3724 Carver Road, Modesto	Dan Chatman 15886 Road 29, Madera
Colorado.....	James A. Knight Woodrow	Guy Pidgeon Route 1, Box 138, Julesburg
Connecticut.....	Wesley Hair RFD, North Windham	Paul Miller Box 208, South Woodstock
Delaware.....	Richard Baxter R.D. 1, Middletown	John Thomas Marydel
Florida.....	Fred D. Whitelaw, Jr. Route 1, Box 34, Floral City	Marion C. Riviere Box 193, Alachua
Georgia.....	Robert Page Route 1, Hoboken	Norman Gay Sylvester
Hawaii.....	Leroy Brack P. O. Box 511, Nanakuli	Francisco Tagalico P. O. Box 628, Pahoia
Idaho.....	Larry Craig Moscow	Larry Peterson Route 1, Box 305, Rigby
Illinois.....	Kent Slater Augusta	Tom Fisher Route 1, Flat Rock
Indiana.....	Lennie Stout R. R. 3, Wabash	Mike Carnahan R. R. 1, Edwardsport
Iowa.....	Mark L. Zieman Luana	Gary F. Roewe R. R. 1, Laurens
Kansas.....	Terry Odle R. R. 1, Glade	John Hølste R. R. 2, Norton
Kentucky.....	Tom Evans RR 2, Tompkinsville	W. Gayle Faust 205 Sioux Trail, Georgetown
Louisiana.....	Paul A. "Tony" Tarpley Route 1, Box 26-B, Trout	Wade Mouton P. O. 4, Kaplen
Maine.....	Kenneth I. Speed East Corinth	Roland G. Reid, Jr. Thorndike
Maryland.....	Alan Hefin Woodsboro	Charles Wiles Route 4, Frederick
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Minnesota.....	David Hartle Route 4, Owatonna	Arthur Springer Delavan
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Missouri.....	Kim Ricketts Route 2, Box 15, Fair Grove	LaVern Hoyer Route 1, Box 153, Diamond
Montana.....	Robert Allan Andersen R. R. 2, Lewistown	Larry Veigel Route 4, Kalispell

Nebraska.....	Ivan Bartling Herman	Larry Svajgr Diller
Nevada.....	James L. Robison Overton	Collins Griffith Elko
New Hampshire.....	Stephen Grace RFD Francestown	William Kelly, Jr. Winchester
New Jersey.....	Robert Jones P. O. Box 6, Rosenhayn	John J. Spencer, Jr. Box 38, Lebanon
New Mexico.....	Ronald Davis Box 061, Moriarty	Morrow Owensby Box 24, Folsom
New York.....	Gary Swan Jasper	Paul Lyndaker, Jr. Croghan
North Carolina.....	Howard Lee Williams Olin	Jim Faucette Chocowinity
North Dakota.....	Michael Anderson R. R. 1, Kindred	Kenneth Silha Bowman
Ohio.....	Jim Stitzlein Route 4, Ashland	Keaton Vandemark Route 2, Elida
Oklahoma.....	John Kusel Box 86, Ft. Cobb	Monte Reese Box 481, Mooreland
Oregon.....	Jim Matheny Route 1, Box 8, Halsey	Chuck Sparks Route 1, Box 1008, Beaverton
Pennsylvania.....	Kenneth M. Martin Route 1, Denver	Carl E. Ginder R.D. 2, Mount Joy
Puerto Rico.....	Irving Torres Utuaado	Feliciano Lopez San Sebastian
Rhode Island.....	William Perry Flat River Road Coventry Center	Arnold Curtain Weaver Hill Road Coventry Center
South Carolina.....	Harry DuBose Route 1, Myrtle Beach	Eugene W. Merritt, Jr. Route 4, Easley
South Dakota.....	Roger Olson R.R. 2, Box 45 Valley Springs	Kent Frerichs Box 45, Route 2 Wilmot
Tennessee.....	Joe Wallace Miller Gallatin	Jim Lillard Route 1, Decatur
Texas.....	Lanny J. Burnett Route 1, Windom	Benny G. Mays Route 1, Brashear
Utah.....	Lynn Hall Huntington	Craig Vorwaller Tooele
Vermont.....	Dale Simino Irasburg	Stephen Starr North Troy
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Washington.....	Terry Peterson Route 2, Box 1866 Pt. Angeles	Ray Crabbs Route 3, Box 20 Snohomish
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Wyoming.....	Duke Marquiss Box 1640, Gillette	Lee Hallsted Box 362, Greybull

CONVENTION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

(Unless otherwise stated, all activities held in the Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Missouri)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 10:00 a.m. Registration for Official Delegates, Junior Ballroom, Hotel President
- 11:45 a.m. Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Junior Ballroom, Hotel President
- 1:00 p.m. Tours to Points of Interest
- 1:30 p.m. Nominating Committee and Officer Candidate Meeting, Junior Ballroom, Hotel President
- Regional Public Speaking Contests
Pacific Region—American Hereford Building Auditorium
Central Region—Music Hall, Municipal Auditorium
- Delegates' Committee Work
Audition for FFA Talent
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting of State Advisors, Hotel President
- 6:45 p.m. Meeting of Courtesy Corps
- 8:00 p.m. Vespers Program
- 9:00 p.m. Practice for American Farmer Degree Ceremony, Star Farmer Program, Farm Proficiency Award Winners
- 9:30 p.m. Practice for National Chapter Awards Program

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

OPENING SESSION

*Presiding: Nels Ackerson
National President*

- 9:00 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY
- Music—National FFA Band, R. Cedric Anderson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, conducting
- Invocation—Kenny McMillan, National FFA President, 1962-63
- Posting of Colors
- National Anthem—Soloist: Arthur Lloyd Shearin, Tennessee Association
- Report of Delegate Credentials
- Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates
- Approval of Minutes of 36th National Convention
- Appointment of Constitutional Committees—Auditing, Nominating, and Program of Work
- Nomination of Honorary American Farmers—A. W. Tenney, National Advisor
- “Your Role at the National Convention”—Stephen Grace, New Hampshire Association
- Address—J. D. Robins, Jr. Mayor Pro Tem for Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri
- Greetings—A. D. Pinson, National President, New Farmers of America
- National Treasurer's Report—J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Richmond, Virginia
- The National Future Farmer Magazine—Wilson Carnes, Editor
- The One-Millionth FFA Jacket—E. J. Hawkins, Manager, Future Farmers Supply Service
- Address of Retiring Vice President—Marvin Gibson

National FFA Annual Report—Wm. Paul Gray, National Executive Secretary
Address—Donald Fuqua, U. S. House of Representatives
Closing Ceremony

SECOND SESSION

Presiding: Marvin Gibson

National Vice President, Southern Region

2:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY

Music—National FFA Band
Address of Retiring Vice President—Jan Turner
Green Hand Initiation Ceremony—Kansas Association
Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
Address of Retiring Student Secretary—Jon Ford
Awarding of Service Plaques
Address—“Preparing For A Career In Agriculture”—James G. Patton, President, National Farmers Union
American Farmer Degree Ceremony
Organist—Earl M. Griess, Nebraska Association
Closing Ceremony

THIRD SESSION

Presiding: Nels Ackerson

National President

8:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY

Concert—National FFA Band
Introduction of Past National FFA Officers
National FFA Public Speaking Contest
Explanation of Contest—Jon Ford
Introduction of Past Public Speaking Winners
Introduction of Judges
Judges: R. E. Calhoun, Wholesale Sales Manager, Standard Oil Company (Incorporated in Kentucky), Louisville, Kentucky
Roy Freeland, Secretary, Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas
James Wall, Executive Secretary, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska
Timekeepers: Lyman B. Horton, Commissioner, Agricultural and Mineral Development Department, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, Chicago, Illinois
Frank J. Reynolds, General Manager, Agricultural Industry Marketing, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Special Presentation—Farm-City Award
Music—National FFA Band
Presentation of Gold Emblem Awards in National Chapter Awards Program
Presentation of National Public Speaking Awards
Closing Ceremony

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

FOURTH SESSION

Presiding: Joe Coyne

National Vice President, Central Region

9:00 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY

Music—National FFA Band

Address of Retiring Vice President—Jim Teets
 Presentation of Farm Proficiency Awards
 Presentation of Silver and Bronze Emblem Awards in National
 Chapter Awards Program
 Remarks and Introduction of Special Guests—A. W. Tenney,
 National Advisor
 Greetings—Walter M. Arnold, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education
 Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards
 Address—Wayne Poucher, 1939 National Public Speaking Winner
 Pageant—Agriculture—Our American Heritage
 Closing Ceremony

FIFTH SESSION

Presiding: Jim Teets

National Vice President, North Atlantic Region

- 1:00 p.m. Tours to Points of Interest
- 2:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony
 Music—Minnesota Association
 Report of Activities of Retiring Officers—Jon Ford
 The Official FFA Calendar—Howard Carter, Associate Editor
 Committee Reports
 Music—Florida Association
 New Business
 Closing Ceremony
- 4:30 p.m. Reception for Donors to FFA Foundation
 Hotel Muehlebach (For Official Delegates, State Advisors,
 Executive Secretaries and Donors Only)

SIXTH SESSION

Presiding: Nels Ackerson

National President

- 8:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY
 Music—National FFA Band
 Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to the Future
 Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
 Introduction of Platform Guests
 Recognition of 15-Year Donors to National FFA Foundation, Inc.
 Recognition of Past Chairmen of Sponsoring Committee
 Greetings—Curry W. Stoup, President, New Idea Farm Equip-
 ment Company
 Introduction of 1965 Chairman of Sponsoring Committee
 Introduction of 1964 Star American Farmers
 Movie—"The 1964 Star Farmers," Courtesy of Keystone Steel and
 Wire Company
 Massing of State Flags
 Presentation of Regional Star Farmer Awards
 Introduction of Wives, Parents, Teachers and School Administra-
 tors of Star Farmers
 Introduction of Star Farmer Judges
 Announcement—1964 Star Farmer of America
 Recessional
 Closing Ceremony
 FFA Talent Show

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

SEVENTH SESSION

Presiding: Jan Turner

National Vice President, Pacific Region

- 9:00 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY
Music—Maryland Association
Address of Retiring Vice President—Joe Coyne
Committee Reports
Announcement of Top Judging Winners in Livestock, Meats, and Poultry
Introduction of Foreign Guests
Greetings—Morio Kuboyama, Future Farmers of Japan
FFA-NFA Peace Corps Project
Presentation of Budget for 1964-65—Wm. Paul Gray, National Executive Secretary
Annual Dues for 1964-65
Address—"Cows, Kids, and Citizenship"
Henry Schriver, Ohio's Farmer Philosopher
Report of Nominating Committee
Election of New Officers
Closing Ceremony
- 11:00 a.m. FFA Day at the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show
- 6:30 p.m. FFA Talent Show Program

CLOSING SESSION

Presiding: Nels Ackerson

National President

- 7:15 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY
Music—National FFA Band
Unfinished Business
Address of Retiring President—Nels Ackerson
Honor Parents of 1963-64 National FFA Officers
Presentation of Service Plaques to Outgoing National Officers—
A. W. Tenney, National Advisor
Installation of New Officers
Presentation of Past Officer Pins
Presentation of Gavel to Past President
Greetings from New National President
Closing Ceremony by New National FFA Officers
Special Entertainment—Courtesy of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

NATIONAL JUDGING CONTESTS

- 8:00 a.m., Oct. 14 Meats Judging Contest—Swift Packing Plant
- 12:30 p.m., Oct. 14 Poultry Judging Contest—Municipal Auditorium Annex
- 7:30 a.m., Oct. 15 Livestock Judging Contest—American Royal Arena
- 7:00 a.m., Oct. 16 Breakfast for Judging Teams, Coaches and Livestock Exhibitors—Courtesy, American Royal Association

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:00 a.m. American Royal Parade, National FFA Officers, Star Farmer of America, and National FFA Band Participating

Minutes of the Convention

Wednesday, October 14, 1964

Morning Session

The thirty-seventh national convention of the Future Farmers of America convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at nine o'clock. National President, Nels Ackerson of Westfield, Indiana, presiding.

The invocation was pronounced by Kenny McMillan, National President, 1962-63.

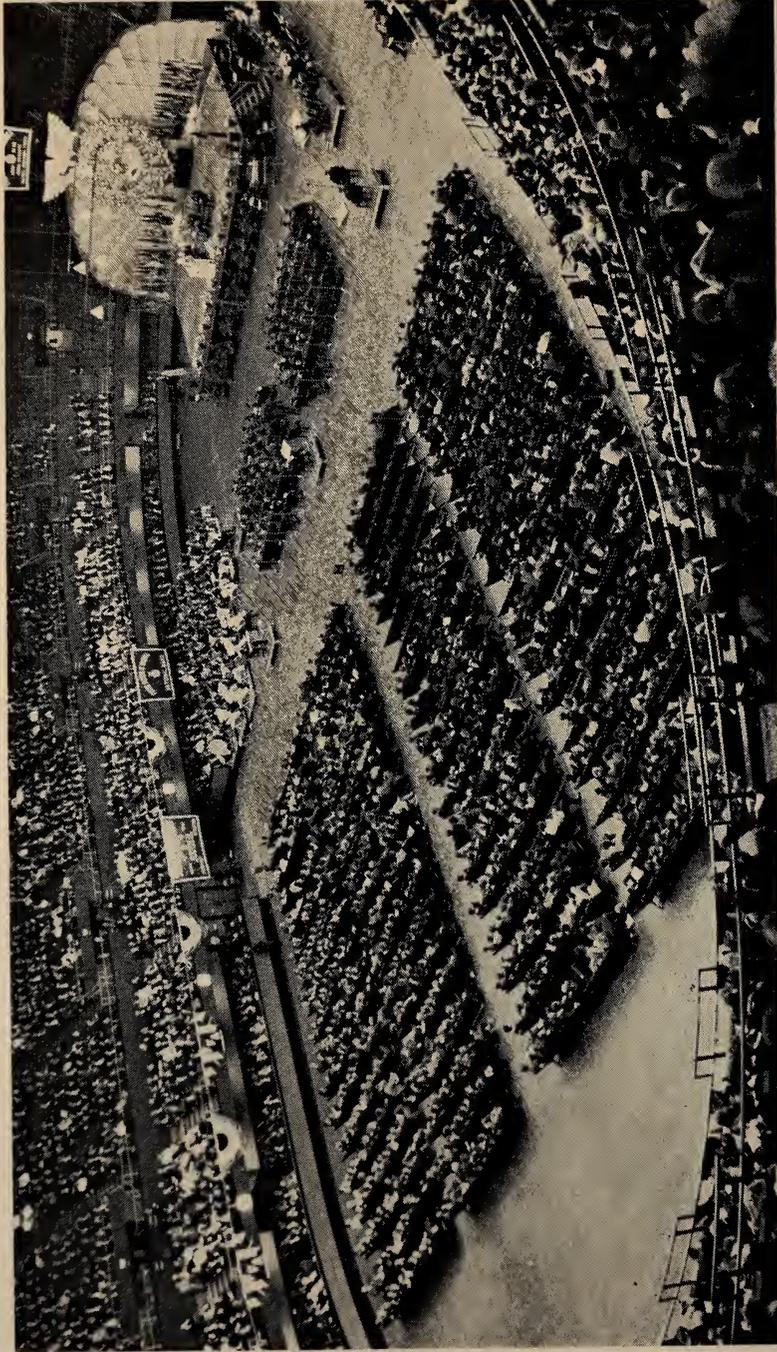
The Posting of the Colors was performed. Arthur Lloyd Shearin, of Tennessee, sang the National Anthem, accompanied by the National FFA Band.

The Report on Delegate Credentials was called for and Student Secretary Ford reported 100 official delegates present from 50 chartered associations. The roll call of States and seating of delegates followed.

Since the minutes of the 36th national convention had been distributed to all of the delegates, it was moved by Marquiss of Wyoming to dispense with the reading of the minutes; motion seconded by Pidgeon of Colorado and carried.



Curry Stoup, President, New Idea Farm Equipment Company, and Chairman of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., receives plaque from Nels Ackerson as token of outstanding work in behalf of FFA.



The National Convention brings together many FFA activities which were begun on the local level. It is a time when regional and national awards are presented to members for outstanding achievement in farming and leadership. Inspirational speakers, pageantry, leadership demonstrations, and entertainment features round out the program to provide inspiration for FFA members in their work in vocational agriculture.

President Ackerson announced the appointment of the constitutional committees.

Advisor Tenney presented the names of the following persons who were considered and recommended by the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree and the Distinguished Service Award:

Honorary American Farmers

- Walter Bomeli, President, NVATA, 310 W. Arlington Road, Bangor, Michigan
 J. G. Bryant, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, 258 State Office Building, Atlanta, Georgia
 Howard Carter, Associate Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia
 Dale A. Cotton, State FFA Executive Secretary, State Board for Vocational Education, 1515 W. 6th Avenue, Stillwater, Oklahoma
 Wallace H. Elliott, State Director, Agricultural Education, Department of Education, 24 Winslow Hall, University of Maine, Orono, Maine
 William H. Evans, (Formerly) State Supervisor, Agricultural Teacher Training, Department of Vocational-Technical Education, Rutgers University, 6 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, New Jersey
 Carsie Hammonds, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Education, College of Education, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
 F. Blaine Hawkes, Instructor, Animal Husbandry, Norfolk County Agricultural School, Walpole, Massachusetts
 Paul M. Hodgson, Assistant State Superintendent for Vocational-Technical Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Box 191, Dover, Delaware
 T. Horii, Program Specialist, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Box 2360, Honolulu, Hawaii
 Elmer A. Lightfoot, Assistant State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Box 928, Lansing, Michigan
 James D. Maddox, Supervisor, Agricultural Education, FFA Leadership Training Center, Hardinsburg, Kentucky
 R. W. Montgomery, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Education, Thach Hall, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama
 A. J. Paulus, (Formerly) Professor and Subject Matter Specialist, Department of Agricultural Education, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Earle C. Stillwell, 18 Marcy Street, Freehold, New Jersey
 D. A. Storms, (Formerly) County Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture, Plant City, Florida
 Curry W. Stoup, President, New Idea Farm Equipment Company, Division of AVCO Corporation, Coldwater, Ohio
 H. M. Strubinger, Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board of Vocational Education, 405 Centennial Building, Springfield, Illinois
 S. S. Sutherland, Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education, University of California, Davis, California
 Paul Sweitzer, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Cody, Wyoming
 Leo Vossler, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Parshall, North Dakota
 E. M. Webb, Teacher Educator, Department of Agricultural Education, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington
 W. H. Witt, Associate Professor, Vocational Agriculture Service, 434 Mumford Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
 Ralph D. Ackerson, Route 1, Westfield, Indiana
 Francis Coyne, Route 1, Minooka, Illinois
 Clem Teets, Terra Alta, West Virginia
 Paul H. Turner, Morgan, Utah
 W. Elmer Gibson, Route 9, Maryville, Tennessee
 (Ronald Ford won the regular American Farmer Degree as a member of the FFA in 1929, and was awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1963. He will be given a miniature key on a tie clasp.)

Donald C. Tyler, RD 1, Conneautville, Pennsylvania
 James M. Hamilton, Box 162, Queen Creek, Arizona
 George Martin Nielsen, Creighton, Nebraska
 G. H. Culverhouse, Box 1383, Fort Pierce, Florida
 S. M. Taylor, Mansfield High School, Mansfield, Arkansas
 Roland F. Wentzel, Fortuna Union High School, Fortuna, California
 H. E. Simmons, Lanier and Willingham High School, Macon, Georgia
 William R. Craner, Preston High School, Preston, Idaho
 Ray S. Bundy, Rensselaer High School, Rensselaer, Indiana
 Lester L. Crandall, Ellsworth High School, Ellsworth, Kansas
 Russell Fraser, Metcalfe County High School, Edmonton, Kentucky
 E. L. Mason, Trigg County High School, Cadiz, Kentucky
 Joseph K. Scott, Williamsport High School, Williamsport, Maryland
 Wyman E. Hawkes, Bristol County Agricultural High School, Segreganset,
 Mass.

Dewain L. Englund, Canby Public Schools, Canby, Minnesota
 Donald E. Paulson, Albert Lea High School, Albert Lea, Minnesota
 Ira Q. Weaver, Morton High School, Morton, Mississippi
 Carl O. Roda, Trenton High School, Trenton, Missouri
 George G. Halloran, Hamilton Central High School, Hamilton, New York
 Gerald Wagner, Benson County Agricultural School, Maddock, North Dakota
 James N. Bratton, High Ridge Local School, Mowrystown, Ohio
 Paul J. Hanes, Buckeye Valley School, Delaware, Ohio
 Howard E. Kiser, Fairfield High School, Leesburg, Ohio
 Marshall M. Wright, Rhea Central High School, Dayton, Tennessee
 John W. Elliot, Reardan High School, Reardan, Washington
 Marvin Evers, Dayton High School, Dayton, Washington
 Kenneth C. Allen, Monroe High School, Monroe, Wisconsin
 Larry A. Blackburn, Berlin High School, Berlin, Wisconsin
 Richard Rowles, Newcastle High School, Newcastle, Wyoming

Distinguished Service Awards

Norman Bagwell, General Manager, WKY-TV and WKY Radio, Oklahoma City,
 Oklahoma
 Fred Beane, Farm Editor, MANCHESTER UNION, Manchester, New Hamp-
 shire
 Wm. R. Bowdoin, Vice President, Trust Company of Georgia, P. O. Drawer
 4418, Atlanta, Georgia
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 pany, 500 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio
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 ton Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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 Georgia
 Jim Hill, Radio Farm Director, Station WCCO, 625 Second Avenue, South,
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 ment, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, 2423
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 Harold Joiner, Farm Editor, THE ATLANTA JOURNAL, Atlanta, Georgia
 Herb Karner, Farm Editor, TULSA DAILY WORLD, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Frank J. Reynolds, General Manager, Agricultural Industry Marketing, United
 States Steel Corporation, P. O. Box 86, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Philip C. Schultz, Assistant Advertising Manager, New Idea, Division Avco
 Corporation, Coldwater, Ohio



Appearing on the Firestone show, Myron Floren, accordionist, and regular member of the Lawrence Welk TV Show, electrified the crowd when he announced that he was a former North Dakota FFA member.



Representatives of Donors receiving Special Plaques for fifteen years continuous support to the FFA Foundation, Inc.

Charles F. Shelnut, Director, Division of Poultry and Poultry Products, Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, Boston, Massachusetts
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George Stephens, Farm Director, KCMO Radio-TV, 125 East 31st Street, Kansas City, Missouri
Cordell Tindall, Editor, MISSOURI RURALIST, Fayette, Missouri
L. F. Tribble, Associate Professor, Department of Animal Husbandry, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

It was moved by Hair of Connecticut to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree and the Distinguished Service Award upon the individuals whose names were read; motion seconded by Hartle of Minnesota and carried.

President Ackerson introduced Stephen Grace of New Hampshire who made a talk on "Your Role at the National FFA Convention."

Following music by the National FFA Band, the Honorable J. D. Robins, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem of Kansas City, Missouri, gave the address of welcome.

A brief greeting was given by A. D. Pinson, President of the New Farmers of America, after which W. T. Johnson, National NFA Treasurer; E. M. Norris, National NFA Executive Secretary; and G. W. Conoly, National NFA Advisor, were introduced.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Vandemark of Ohio moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Layton of West Virginia and carried.

Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on the magazine. Crabbs of Washington moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Faust of Kentucky and carried.

Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service gave a report on the Supply Service. Mr. Hawkins then introduced Eddie Weiderstein, of the Audubon, Iowa, Chapter who had purchased the one millionth FFA jacket. Eddie was given a new jacket and he turned the one millionth jacket over to Mr. Hawkins to place in the FFA Archives in Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. W. M. Tolan, of the Universal Uniform Company, who designed the first FFA jacket was introduced. President Ackerson presented him with an official American Farmer tie clasp, since Mr. Tolan had received the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1953. Miller of Connecticut moved to accept Mr. Hawkins' report; motion seconded by Mays of Texas and carried.

Vice President Gibson presented his address. Bartling of Nebraska moved to commend him for his fine performance as a National Vice President; motion seconded by Koontz of Virginia and carried.

President Ackerson introduced Senator Barry M. Goldwater who gave a brief greeting.

Executive Secretary Gray gave the National FFA Annual Report. Hartle of Minnesota moved its acceptance and that Mr.

Gray be commended for the fine work he has done for the FFA; motion seconded by Herren of Mississippi and carried.

Congressman Don Fuqua, of Florida, was introduced and addressed the convention, after which President Ackerson presented him with a special plaque.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven-forty o'clock.



Outstanding Leadership plaques are awarded to retiring officers by A. W. Tenney, National Advisor.

Wednesday, October 14, 1964

Afternoon Session

The second session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at two o'clock by President Ackerson.

A telegram from President Lyndon B. Johnson was read. Vice President Gibson assumed the chair.

Vice President Turner presented his address. Peterson of Washington moved that the national convention go on record as commending Vice President Turner for a job well done; motion seconded by Hall of Utah and carried.

A Green Hand Initiation Ceremony was presented by the Kansas Association, after which President Ackerson resumed the chair.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon a number of individuals by the national officers.

Vice President Gibson assumed the chair, after which Student Secretary Ford presented his address. Burnett of Texas moved to commend the National Student Secretary for his excellent service during the year; motion seconded by Reese of Oklahoma and carried.

Service Plaques were presented to Mr. Wallace Elliott, Mr. R. W. Montgomery, Mr. J. G. Bryant and Mr. T. Horii, who had served on either the National FFA Board of Directors or the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation.

President Ackerson resumed the chair. Mr. James G. Patton, President of the National Farmers Union was introduced after which he addressed the convention.

The American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the following candidates by the national officers:

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 Howard L. Smith, Jr., Route 1, Kinston
 Leon Smith, Route 2, Fort Payne 35967
 Robert Gleason Whiten, Route 4, Heflin
 Alzona I. (Lonnie) Williams, Route 2, Gurley
 James Clinton Williams, Route 1, Box 392, Seale
 Timothy Wise, Route 1, Coffee Springs
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- Virginia**
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ton
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The meeting adjourned at four-forty o'clock with the closing ceremony.

Wednesday, October 14, 1964

Evening Session

The third session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at eight fifteen o'clock, President Ackerson presiding.

Following a concert by the National FFA Band, an explanation of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest was made by Student Secretary Ford. Contestants then drew for speaking order and the contest followed.

While the judges of the Public Speaking Contest conferred, the presentation of the Gold Emblem Chapter awards was made by the national officers to sixty-nine chapters.

The results of the National Public Speaking Contest were announced, and awards presented by Student Secretary Ford.

R. V. Mullen, Chairman of Farm-City Week presented a plaque to the National FFA Organization for its contribution to Farm-City Week.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at ten-thirty o'clock.

Thursday, October 15, 1964

Morning Session

The fourth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at nine o'clock by President Ackerson. Vice President Coyne assumed the chair.

Vice President Teets presented his address. Layton of West Virginia moved that Vice President Teets be commended for his work as a national officer; motion seconded by Martin of Pennsylvania and carried.

Presentation of the FFA Foundation Farm Proficiency Awards was made by the national officers.

The presentation of the Silver and Bronze Emblem Chapter Awards was then made by the national officers.

President Ackerson resumed the chair, after which the Distinguished Service Plaque was presented to a number of individuals.

Vice President Coyne assumed the chair. Dr. Walter M. Arnold, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational and Technical



The men above were presented the Honorary American Farmer Degree for their outstanding service to the Future Farmers of America. Many are dedicated teachers of vocational agriculture, teacher trainers, state administrators and leaders in educational fields.

Education, U. S. Office of Education, was introduced and gave a brief address.

Davis of New Mexico presented the report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Griffith of Nevada and carried.

President Ackerson resumed the chair. Wayne Poucher was introduced and addressed the convention. President Ackerson then presented him with a special plaque.

A pageant entitled "Agriculture—Our American Heritage" was presented, with the national officers, National FFA Band, the Somerset, Maryland, Quartette and Arthur Shearin participating.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven forty-five o'clock.

Thursday, October 15, 1964

Afternoon Session

The fifth session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock with the opening ceremony by President Ackerson. Vice President Teets assumed the chair.

Student Secretary Ford presented the Report of Activities of the Retiring Officers. Mullen of Wisconsin moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Hair of Connecticut and carried.

Howard Carter, Associate Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine gave a report on the Official Calendar. Olson of South Dakota moved its adoption; motion seconded by Jones of New Jersey and carried.

Layton of West Virginia presented the report of the Magazine Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Vorwaller of Utah and carried.

Gish of California presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Culverhouse of Florida and carried.

Reese of Oklahoma presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Layton of West Virginia and carried.

President Ackerson resumed the chair.

The next item of business was proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution. California submitted a proposal to amend Article V, Section E, relative to active and continuous membership. Student Secretary Ford reported that the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors recommended not approving this amendment to the delegate body. Chatman of California moved to accept the proposed amendment; motion seconded by Gish of California. After considerable discussion the motion was defeated.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution submitted by the Nevada Association was read. This would amend Article VIII, Section G, by adding the following after the second sentence: "Any State Association with membership of less than 1,000, may select its State Officers from those members meeting the minimum requirements for the State Farmer Degree." Student Secretary Ford reported that the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors recommended the approval of this amendment to the delegate body. Robison of Nevada moved to accept this amendment; motion seconded by Kelly of New Hampshire and carried.

A proposed amendment by the Connecticut Association to make it possible for girls to become eligible for national membership was read. Student Secretary Ford reported that the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors recommended not approving this amendment to the delegate body. Miller of Connecticut moved to accept this amendment; motion seconded by Torres of Puerto Rico. After some discussion the motion was defeated.

A proposed amendment submitted by the Ohio Association was read. This would amend Article IV, Section B by adding the following before the last sentence of the last paragraph: "Members participating in the six-months Armed Service Program shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership." Springer of Minnesota moved to accept this amendment; motion seconded by Culverhouse of Florida and carried.

Vice President Teets assumed the chair. He then introduced his parents. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon his father, and a special certificate presented to his mother.

Peterson of Washington presented the report of the National Convention Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Fisher of Illinois and carried.

President Ackerson resumed the chair.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at four o'clock.



Don Erickson, advisor from Rugby, North Dakota, played an important role in organizing FFA talent.

Thursday, October 15, 1964

Evening Session

(At 6:30 p.m. the FFA Talent Show was held.)

The sixth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at eight o'clock by President Ackerson.

Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. were called to the platform and introduced. Special plaques were then presented to sixteen fifteen-year donors to the Foundation.

Mr. Curry W. Stoup, President of the New Idea Farm Equipment Company and 1964 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee was introduced and presented a special plaque in appreciation of his services as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee. After a brief address, the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him. Mr. H. H. Hardy, Manager of Field Services, Public Relations Department, American Oil Company, was introduced and gave a brief address. Mr. Hardy represented Mr. L. W. Moore, President of American Oil Company, who will serve as the 1965 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

The 1964 Regional Star American Farmers were introduced and the movie "The 1964 Star Farmers" was shown.

Following massing of State Flags by the Star State Farmers the Regional Star American Farmer Awards were presented. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the Star Farmers and special certificates presented to their mothers and wives. After the introduction of the Star Farmer judges the 1964 Star Farmer of America was announced.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at ten o'clock.

Friday, October 16, 1964

Morning Session

The seventh session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony by President Ackerson. Vice President Turner assumed the chair.

Vice President Coyne presented his address. Slater of Illinois moved to accept this report; motion seconded by Frerichs of South Dakota and carried.

Top judging winners in the Livestock, Meats and Poultry Contests were announced.

Foreign guests in attendance were called to the platform and introduced.

Mr. Bert Swanson of the Peace Corps was introduced and gave a brief address.

Mr. Morio Kuboyama of the Future Farmers of Japan was introduced and gave an address, after which he was presented with a special plaque and honorary membership in the Future Farmers of America.

Torres of Puerto Rico presented the report of the Calendar Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Miller of Connecticut and carried.

Stitzlein of Ohio presented the report of the Official Manual Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Knight of Colorado and carried.

Hall of Utah presented the report of the Leadership Training Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Bunn of Oregon and carried.

Whitelaw of Florida presented the report of the Program of Work, Local Guide Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Faust of Kentucky and carried.

Vandemark of Ohio presented the report of the Proceedings Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Pidgeon of Colorado and carried.

Williams of North Carolina presented the report of the National Program of Work Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Riggs of Arizona and carried.

Grace of New Hampshire presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Martin of Kansas and carried.

President Ackerson resumed the chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Cuff, of Kansas City, were introduced and presented with a special plaque in appreciation for their continued support to vocational agriculture and the FFA throughout the years.

Executive Secretary Gray presented the 1964-65 National FFA Budget. Gilman of Washington moved the acceptance of the budget; motion seconded by Grable of Kansas and carried.

Cleveland of Mississippi moved that the national dues remain at ten cents per member; motion seconded by Chatman of California and carried.

Following music by the national band, Mr. Henry Schriver, Ohio's Farmer Philosopher, was introduced and addressed the convention. President Ackerson then presented Mr. Schriver with a special plaque in appreciation for his contribution to the convention.

Fisher of Illinois moved that the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given authority to take action on any unfinished business or business in the interim between conventions; motion seconded by Reese of Oklahoma and carried.

Marquiss of Wyoming moved that the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given authority to edit all committee reports; motion seconded by Mouton of Louisiana and carried.

Dryer of Wisconsin presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Peterson of Idaho and carried. There being no further nominations for national office from the floor, it was moved by Faust of Kentucky that the slate of candidates submitted by the committee be elected by acclamation from the delegate body; motion seconded by Ricketts of Missouri and carried. The newly-elected national officers were then introduced.

A resolution presented by the Minnesota Association, pertaining to smoking by FFA members was tabled after considerable discussion.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven forty-five o'clock.

(During the afternoon all FFA representatives were guests of the American Royal Live Stock Association at a special show at the American Royal Arena.)

Friday, October 16, 1964**Evening Session**

The final session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at seven fifteen o'clock by President Ackerson. Vice President Gibson assumed the chair.

President Ackerson presented his address. Stout of Indiana moved that President Ackerson be commended for his work as a national officer; motion seconded by Whitelaw of Florida and carried.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the national officers and special certificates were presented to their mothers. Local advisors of the officers were introduced. Advisor Tenney then presented the officers with their special service plaques.

The newly-elected officers were installed by the regular ceremony. National officer pins were presented to each of the past officers. Kenneth Kennedy, the newly-elected president presented Nels Ackerson with the gavel he used to open the convention.

The final session of the convention adjourned sine die at nine o'clock with the closing ceremony by the new officers.

Following the closing ceremony, special entertainment was furnished by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.



One hundred fifty-one representatives of Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., are given special recognition during the "Donor Night" Session.



Eddie Wiederstein of Audubon, Iowa, is the lucky and very happy recipient of the one millionth official FFA jacket. E. J. Hawkins, manager of the Supply Service, congratulates him as Walter Tolan, designer of the original jacket, looks on.

Wiederstein, a junior in vo-ag at Audubon, was one of six Future Farmers who submitted orders through Advisor James Hamilton. The order was received at Supply Service headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, and Edward's name selected as recipient of the one-millionth jacket.

The first blue FFA jacket, now an easily recognized trademark of this 401,468-member farm youth organization, was born at the 1933 National FFA Convention after Walter M. Tolan, Van Wert, Ohio, submitted the well-known jacket design for delegate approval. This past year, over 78,000 of the blue corduroy jackets were sold through the Future Farmers Supply Service.

Convention Addresses

J. D. ROBINS, JR.

You are part of a group that has service objectives of the very highest. Your participation in this organization will be meaningful to you throughout your entire life. Agriculture is one of the most



J. D. ROBINS, JR.
Mayor Pro Tem, Kansas City, Missouri

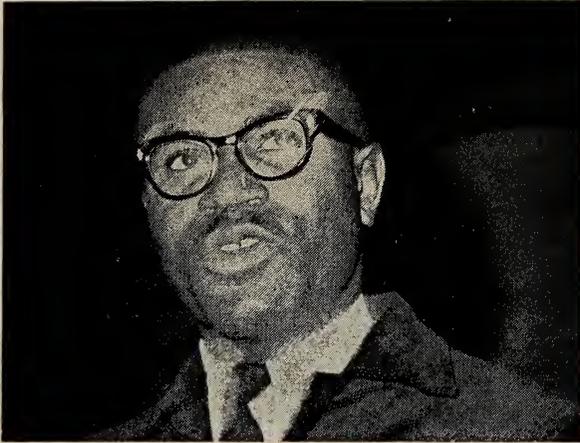
important parts of the American scene. Through organizations such as this we have learned to take the great resource of our land and make it produce an abundance never before known to mankind. The changes wrought in agricultural methods in the last half century have been incredible. And, unquestionably the changes that will be manifested in the next few decades will bring further startling changes. This organization will do much to keep you abreast and to prepare you for the future.

A. D. PINSON

Our organization and your organization are parallel to each other. Their functions are alike. For the most part our purposes are the same. The purpose of our organization is to develop competent, aggressive agriculture and rural leadership and to strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work.

DON FUQUA

You and I love . . . the Future Farmers of America. I know of no influence in my life, other than my family and my church, that has had a greater impact. The FFA gave me the leadership training and experience which enabled me to become a member of



A. D. PINSON
National President, New Farmers of America

our state legislature in Florida and now to have the high privilege of representing my great state in the Congress of the United States.

The American way of life, we know, teaches the worth of the individual. It teaches tolerance and freedom of religion, and the overwhelming majority of Americans profess faith in God. We believe in the right of the individual to own and to operate private property. In this fashion, we have become the world's richest nation. We did not become so by being weak.

This is a great nation. It has been made a great nation by men looking forward to the future, working to solve the problems which confronted them, and which confront us today.



DON FUQUA
U. S. Representative and Former Florida FFA Member

JAMES G. PATTON

I believe that to a large degree American agriculture is going to be internationalized. By that I mean that more and more the American farmer is going to be an international citizen engaged in ending hunger in the world, engaged in using American farm products to win a lasting peace and furthermore that his products



JAMES G. PATTON
President, National Farmers Union

more and more, and already it is true, will become a major factor in our international dollar earning capacity. Already American agriculture, more than any other single group of commodities, accounts for the largest amount of dollar earning of any single type of commodity in our whole structure.

WAYNE POUCHER

As we make this voluntary choice, we make the choice for freedom, for individual dignity for progress, for civilization, for the evolution of the hopes of mankind in the future, or we make the voluntary choice for the devolution of mankind's future. You see, freedom, like religion is entirely voluntary. And, as you make the voluntary decision as to how you are going to consider yourself, you are making the decision as to whether or not you will remain free. You are God's greatest signature. And, may I add, if you choose to be.

WALTER M. ARNOLD

The 88th Congress enacted a very significant piece of legislation known as the Vocational Education Act of 1963, and last December President Johnson signed that bill. More recently the Congress has appropriated substantially increased funds to aid the states in



WAYNE POUCHER
1939 National Public Speaking Contest Winner

carrying on this very splendid program of vocational education, of which you are a very important part.

There are several significant factors in this Act and that is why we speak of the new era in vocational education.

This Act contemplates that training will be provided in all



WALTER M. ARNOLD
Assistant Commissioner for Vocational and Technical Education

kinds of occupations in the labor market, other than the professional jobs or those ordinarily requiring a baccalaureate degree.

Secondly, it provides that training shall be made available to all persons of all levels of ability, from those least able persons

up to the most highly capable individuals who might fill the more highly skilled technical jobs.

Thirdly, it contemplates that vocational and technical education programs—and notice I added “and technical education” because this Act reaffirms the position of vocational education in the new and growing program of technical education.

Fourth, and perhaps not the least, is the provision for programs for disadvantaged youth of all kinds.

MORIO KUBOYAMA

On behalf of the 135,000 members of the Future Farmers of Japan, I would like to extend my congenial greetings to the Future Farmers of America.

I came here to Kansas City, saw the FFA and knew clearly that the Future Farmers of America was really a great organization. I have kept this belief in my mind since FFA came into my knowledge for the first time.



MORIO KUBOYAMA
Future Farmers of Japan

I wish to express my deep appreciation for your courtesy which made my dream a reality, that is my attendance to the National FFA Convention. It is my great honor to wish all FFA members and new officers to have a successful and fruitful year ahead of them.

HENRY SCHRIVER

As you stand here on the threshold of your adult life at a time when opportunities in agriculture are at an all time high, you young men are holding the key that opens the door to the future.

I'm asking you, if you haven't got a dream, how are you going to have a dream come true? A dream that takes every bit of your



HENRY SCHRIVER
Ohio's Farmer Philosopher

will and your skill and your nerve. Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live—but the greatest of these is living to serve.



The National FFA Band under the direction of Mr. R. Cedric Anderson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was a big hit. Often called the "mail order" band because the members are selected through correspondence. It represents approximately 40 States. Annually, through the same system of organizing, the band contributes much to the success and enjoyment of the national convention, as was the case this year. (See list of Band Members on page 116.)

National Student Officer Addresses

Nels Ackerson, *National FFA President*

My fellow Future Farmers and friends, the moments grow shorter tonight as we near the close of our national convention. Time seems to pass too quickly when I realize this is the last time I will be speaking to you. My year is complete, but with the passing of the gavel we can also see a beginning—the birth of a new year full of faith, hope, confidence, and courage.



NELS ACKERSON

Yet the experience of yesterday is the foundation of tomorrow. I must share with you what the Future Farmers of America has meant to me.

My mind wanders back to the first national convention I attended just a few short years ago. Once again I am in the back row of the Municipal Auditorium. I see the flash of the spotlights. I hear the blare of the band. Now there is a hush as the session begins, and I am awed by the National Officers on that distant stage. Again I am inspired by a speaker and a story I hope I may never forget—a story I would like to share with you. The story is of a six year old boy named Denny

Brown who knew the horrors of World War II. His home was in London during those dreadful years, and he lived with his mother and sister because his father was in Africa fighting Hitler's armies to save the country and the people he loved. But Denny's home didn't last very long, and Mother became just a memory. A bomb attack claimed her life while Denny was at school. So this boy of six with a life full of tragedy of war that I hope we may never see, was brought to America. But he came with a heart full of faith and a song on his lips—a song that was being sung all over England, on the farms, in the cities, on the streets, in the schools—a song of courage to each other: "There will always be an England and England shall be free, if England means as much to you as England means to me."

With almost all that he held dear destroyed forever, Denny Brown never shed a tear. Then one morning he was heard singing again as he was taking a shower before school. With the gentle patter of water in the background, his young voice rang true and clear with the spirit he had found in America—a spirit that brought

tears to my eyes as I heard about him right here a few years ago. With the same song, but paraphrased, he sang aloud, "There will always be an America, and America shall be free, if America means as much to you as America means to me."

Future Farmers, what a great world we would have if everyone had the spirit of a Denny Brown. What an improvement we could make in our world and in ourselves if each of us in this great auditorium would stand tall and proclaim to all mankind, in the FFA, in all we do, by our every action and deed, "There will always be an America, and America shall be free, if America means as much to you as America means to me."

Yes, we must begin within ourselves, and not by words alone, but by the example of our actions. Where others would argue, let us reason. Where others would complain, let us improve. Where others would destroy, let us create. Where others would cringe with the fear of defeat, let us lead with the courage of our convictions. Any task, great or small, must begin within the individual.

Dr. Allen Stockdale made this illustration in his article, "God Left the Challenge in the Earth;" When God made the earth He could have finished it. But He didn't. Instead He left it as raw material—to tease us, to tantalize us, to set us thinking and experimenting and rising and adventuring.

"He left the oil in Trenton Rock, the electricity in the clouds, the rivers unbridged, and mountains untrailed. He left the forests unfelled, the cities unbuilt, the laboratories unopened, the diamonds uncut. He gave us the challenge of raw materials, not the satisfaction of perfect, finished things. He left the music unsung, the dramas unplayed and poetry undreamed in order that men might not become bored, but engage in stimulating, exciting creative activities that keep them thinking, working, experimenting, and experiencing all the jobs and durable satisfactions of achievement."

Future Farmers, ours can be the joy of creation. What the world will be like tomorrow will be determined by our actions today, and we can begin in the Future Farmers of America. If we would have a world free from want, we must determine to develop an agriculture to feed all Mankind. If we would have a world free from fear, we must instill love, understanding, and brotherhood within ourselves. If we would have a world free from suffering, we must have courage to stand upon our convictions. If we would have a world free to worship and walk with God, we must first make ourselves worthy. We must be strong enough to know when we are weak and brave enough to face ourselves when we have failed.

Perhaps this creed of Edgar A. Guest should serve as our creed, too:

“To live as gently as I can,
To be, no matter where, A MAN.

To take what comes of good or ill
And cling to faith and honor still.

To do my best and let that stand
The record of my brain and hand.

And then should failure come to me,
Still work and hope for victory.

To have no secret place wherein
To stoop unseen to shame or sin.

To be the same when I'm alone
As when my every deed is known.

To live undaunted and unafraid
Of any step that I have made.

To be, without pretense or sham,
Exactly what men think I am.”

In the few words of this creed, there is held the key to what we ought to be, what we can be, and, by the grace of God, what we will be. Somewhere in this audience tonight there may be a Green Hand or Chapter Farmer far from this platform who will be National President, Star Farmer of America, or President of the United States if he will live that creed. And if he is dedicated to use all of the good that is within him, he cannot fail. For in the words of George Eliot, “There is only one failure in life possible, and that is not to be true to the best one knows.”

As we six National Officers approach the twilight of our year with you, we hope that we have left with you a dream for tomorrow and a challenge to plan, work, love, and pray. Our task is to serve mankind, and when our hands are in the service of man, our hearts are in the household of God.

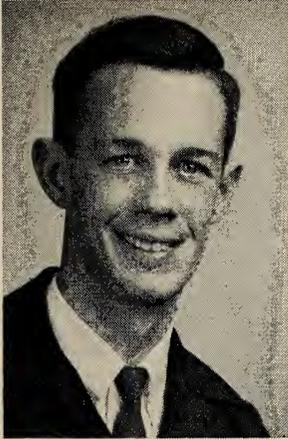
My fellow Future Farmers, soon I will shed this blue and gold jacket, but I will never—I can never shed the FFA from my heart. If I live to be a hundred, I will never forget the enthusiasm and sincerity I have found in Future Farmers throughout this nation. I will never forget the united voices of ten thousand boys in Kansas City, Missouri, as their pledge echoes and re-echoes, “—develop those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess.” No, I can never forget. I will always be a Future Farmer!

There's only one more thing to make my dream come true, and you can bring that dream to be if the FFA means as much to you as the FFA has meant to me! God bless you.

Accept Your Challenge

Jon Ford, *National FFA Student Secretary*

It was a great honor to be elected National Student Secretary and selected Southern Regional Star Farmer last October. However, it has been more of an honor to officially represent this organization's 401,000 members every day for the past year.



JON FORD

Any sacrifices encountered at home and at college because of this office were offset by the satisfaction gained through encouraging younger members. Set your goals to become a State leader, a national officer or Star Farmer of America. Don't sell yourself short by rationalizing that you lack the ability. It's not so much the ability that you have that's important. It's the desire! The enthusiasm!

According to some aeronautical experts, the bumble bee is too heavy to fly due to the ratio of his body weight and his wing span. Yet, because no one has told the bee that flying is an impossibility, he flaps his small wings so hard that he does fly. His enthusiasm or desire—not his inherent ability—is his secret.

The challenge here can be twofold. Nothing is unattainable because of a "lack of ability." Rather, something may seem unattainable because of a "lack of enthusiasm." Secondly, we leaders have an obligation to encourage younger members. Never tell a member that his goal—no matter how high—is impossible, for it may not be for him, just as it wasn't for the bumble bee.

Fellows, whatever else we do, starting today, let us keep a generous sense of humor. It is priceless, not only in judging ourselves, but in understanding the situations around us. We will find that some of our greatest periods of crisis will later be less important and perhaps quite amusing. We must be happy in our work. If we are not, we should never hesitate to change for something much more enjoyable and to our liking.

Fellow Future Farmers, I sincerely hope that we, as future citizens in a land noted for its trust in God, will practice our freedom to worship. Religion based upon faith will become more meaningful and rewarding as we grow older, and it will be your greatest strength when we feel lost and alone.

I think the poem "Answer to Prayer" gives this insight. So, I want to share it with you.

ANSWER TO PRAYER

Hugh B. Brown

We ask for strength and God gives us
difficulties which make us strong.
We pray for wisdom and God sends us problems,
the solution of which develops wisdom.
We plead for prosperity and God gives
us brain and brawn to work.
We plead for courage and God gives
us dangers to overcome.
We ask for favors—
God gives us opportunities.
This is the answer!

Work as if everything depended upon you and
Pray as if everything depended upon God!

Humility*Joe Coyne, National FFA Vice President, Central Region*

Within the FFA, we have certain important building blocks. Development in each of these areas is essential if one is to become an outstanding Future Farmer. One of these blocks is character development. Much has been said about character and what character is made of. Therefore, I would like to dwell upon one facet of character, the development of the quality of humility.



JOE COYNE

What exactly is humility? According to Webster, it is the quality of being free from arrogance or pride, of acting in humble courtesy. This attribute is further expressed in our Code of Ethics which states that we should be "modest in winning, generous in defeat." It is a quality which I have never failed to find in any truly outstanding Future Farmer.

I remember the State FFA officer I met at a State convention in Michigan. This Future Farmer did a tremendous job of carrying out his duties throughout the convention, and during the week we became close friends. However, it was not until the end of the week that I found, from another source, that this person had been the Star State Farmer the year before. When confronted with this fact, the officer was actually reluctant to talk about it. He felt that he had been extremely fortunate in receiving this award, but he did not

see any value in bragging about it, because he realized that the award was all in the past and the future lay before him with new challenges—challenges that could not be met by dwelling upon past achievements.

This outstanding Future Farmer further realized the tremendous amount of help he had received from others in achieving his goals of Star State Farmer and State officer. He readily admitted that without the invaluable assistance of his parents, his vocational agriculture teacher, and his fellow FFA members, he would never have reached the heights that he had achieved.

This is the essence of humility for the Future Farmer, the realization that without the help of others we would not be able to accomplish anything. I ran across an anonymous quote which sums up this idea. It goes as follows: "I think I am a great man. I will tell you why. In claiming greatness for myself I am claiming greatness for everyone about me. I can think; I can love; I can purpose; I can dream; I can hope; I can aspire; I can grow. I can peer through the telescope and see the skies and understand the stars. I am bigger than the stars themselves. I am great because you have made me great and in so doing, you also are great."

Humility is the recognition of our own insufficiency. As Abraham Lincoln once said, "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom seemed insufficient."

But, the epitome of humility is that which is expressed by us before God, a continual thanksgiving for that which we have been fortunate enough to enjoy; a realization that without the blessings of the deity, we would have nothing; a belief that this same God will watch over and guide us. This is the type of humility, that was expressed by the young GI who was sent on a scouting mission behind enemy lines during World War II. This GI was captured and imprisoned in the sub-basement of a large building, with no exit to the outside. When this village was later captured by the Allied armies, this young GI was found dead in his prison. However, written in charcoal this GI had left a message written on the wall that carries meaning for all of us. These were his words: "I believe in the sun, even though I do not see it shining. I believe in love, even though no one loves me. I believe in God, even when he is silent." And, from this last word was a scrawl down the wall to the piece of charcoal in the young GI's hand. This GI certainly had faith that his fortune was entirely in the hands of someone other than himself. He achieved greatness because he accepted this belief.

No, the road to greatness or high achievement is not an easy one. It is quite long and extremely hard. But, the end of the road can be reached if we accept the help of those about us and realize that true greatness brings forth humility at the same time. The Presidency of the United States of America is thought by many to be one of the most important positions attainable. However, past

Presidents have agreed that there is nothing as humbling as sitting behind the desk of the President and realizing that the entire nation looks to you for guidance and direction.

Future Farmers, we occupy a similar position because the industry of agriculture looks to us to supply the leadership for the future. We cannot meet the challenges before us by looking to the past and bragging about past glories. Now is the time to realize that there are bigger jobs ahead and that we have only begun to match our potential. This is the first step down the road to true success, a road that I hope will first lead each and every one of you to a position of accomplishment. For then you will know the true enjoyment of helping and serving others. And, in travelling that road to greatness, I only hope that God will bless each and every one of you as richly as he has blessed me.

Stepping Stones of Tomorrow

Jim Teets, National FFA Vice President, North Atlantic Region

Distinguished guests and fellow Future Farmers: Last year at the 36th national convention, upon my election as a national vice president, I was given many responsibilities and presented with many opportunities to assist others as well as better myself. Over



JIM TEETS

the year the main idea which has remained with me is that we must continually look toward the future and also the uncertainty it brings. To be better prepared for the days ahead, I have kept with me the four words I like to call "The Stepping Stones of Tomorrow." They are Learning, Integrity, Faith and Enthusiasm.

The first is learning: education or the acquiring of knowledge. We Future Farmers realize the need for learning and without it our civilization cannot prosper and move forward. History tells us that on one occasion Aristotle was asked how much educated men were superior to those who were uneducated. "As much," said he, "as the living are to the dead." Using this as a basis we could then say that all of us should obtain as much education as possible.

Another great man once remarked, "What we learn after we think we know it, is what counts, and a college education seldom hurts a man if he continues to learn after he graduates." From this we may conclude that ninety percent of a man is above his shoulders; as his mind goes, so goes the rest of his body.

The second step, integrity, is sometimes called a mixture of uprightness and honesty sprinkled with a dash of sincerity. There was once a poor thin, blue faced bedraggled little boy selling matches

in New York City. One day he stopped a gentleman and begged him to buy a box of matches. The man refused at first, but after much pleading from the boy, agreed to purchase one box at the price of one penny. The man had only a dollar and agreed to let the boy go get change for the dollar. The man waited but the boy did not return. Finally the man went home lamenting the loss of his money. Later that evening there was a knock at the door. Upon answering it, the man was confronted by a smaller brother of the boy who got the dollar, who asked, "Are you the man who got the matches from my brother"? The gentleman replied "Yes." The young boy handed him his change explaining, "My brother was hit by a car and was not able to return." The man was suddenly overcome with sorrow, and with the small boy rushed to see the older brother. They found him at home in the slums lying on the small cot he used for a bed. The boy's parents were separated and they lived with their alcoholic mother, who did little to support them. The older boy recognized the man as soon as he entered and tried to talk but could only whisper, "I am sorry for not returning but couldn't." He then asked the man to care for his younger brother. Upon receiving an affirmative answer from the man the boy died. What was life to that little match boy but honesty, truth and nobility—in short for him life was integrity.

The third stepping stone faith, refers to having complete truth and confidence. No man is to be pitied except the one whose future lies behind him, or the man who has lost faith in himself and is sinking because he refuses to swim. Before we can accomplish anything, we must have faith. Once there were two men in a rowboat crossing a pond when one of the pair noticed that on one oar was the word "faith" and on the other the word "work." He asked his companion the reason for this. Immediately the oarsman stopped using the oar marked faith. This caused the boat to go around in circles. However, when the oarsman again used both oars, the boat proceeded forward. From this example we see that faith is very important in helping us accomplish anything in our everyday lives.

The top step is enthusiasm, or energy in a general sense of the word. Enthusiasm adds the topping to the cake we have already created with our other three words. I once heard of a salesman who sold a lady a suit of clothes with two pairs of trousers in which to bury her dead husband. That's enthusiasm used to the "Nth" degree! Every production of genius is the production of enthusiasm. At some time in his life every man gets enthusiastic. One man has enthusiasm for 30 minutes, another man has it for 30 days; but it is the man who has it for 30 years that is most apt to make a success in life.

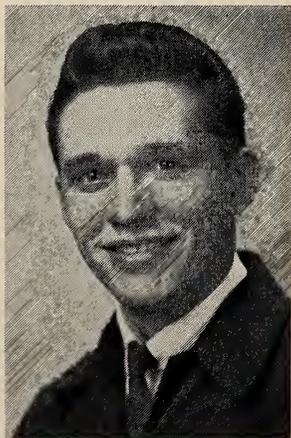
With this in mind, we have completed our examination of the stepping stones, but now let us take the first letters of these four words and see what we get. Yes, we get the word LIFE, and this is very ironic because we can see that life itself is made up of Learning, Integrity, Faith and Enthusiasm all blended together

in a large bowl of courage. To live a full life we must have all these parts. Not too many years ago in the mid-west there was a boy preparing to enter his freshman year in high school. He did not know what he wanted to do. He didn't like school; he couldn't get along with his instructors and fellow students; he had trouble at home; and he was about to leave school and forget everything. Yet because he was interested in farming, he enrolled in his freshman year and took vocational agriculture. His vocational agriculture instructor encouraged this boy to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. After returning home and having seen his national organization in operation this boy's attitude completely changed. His grades improved; his relationships with his instructors and fellow students improved; and he began to take his place in his home. Because of this, this boy went on to become one of the finest national officers our organization has ever known. In effect, he used the Stepping Stones of Tomorrow to help him find his place in life and to help him reach goals he never dreamed of in his early years. If we as Future Farmers will only strive to obtain all these ingredients, we can prove to the world that American Youth is America's Future, and the Roots of Freedom are still in the soil.

This Game of Life

Jan Turner, National FFA Vice President, Pacific Region

In 1959 I attended my first national FFA convention. It was here on the night that the Star Farmer of America was to be announced that a little fire was started under me. While watching the film on the Star Farmers I decided that I would strive to some day be in the same position as Lyle Rader. Even though I didn't become a Star Farmer of America, that goal helped me in obtaining many other goals, enriched my life and helped me grow in many ways.



JAN TURNER

My vocational agriculture teacher played a big role in my FFA activities and I learned from him that life, can, in many ways, be played as a game. In any endeavor that we undertake, or any road that we wish to follow, the way we play the game of life is up to us. The game always requires a team effort. The quarterback, the pitcher or the tall center is only one team member, and no matter how good a player is, it takes more than one to play the game.

Sometimes the going is easy and other times the going is tough, and in playing the game we must adjust to both in order to score. In the end the top score wins, but while you're looking at the scoreboard, remember what Grantland Rice said, "It matters

not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game." I think it is much better to play the game well and lose than to win and not play by the rules.

During this past year as a national officer the game has been played in many places as I've travelled over the country participating in my assigned duties. I've learned much and I believe I've learned more about getting along with others than anything else. I have learned that there are many things about human nature which none of us will ever fully understand. However, as we grow older and gain experience, we formulate for ourselves certain rules which make life easier for ourselves and more pleasant for those who play the game with us.

A wise man, experienced in the ways of human nature, reached a number of interesting conclusions which are most worthwhile. They are:

Sooner or later, a man if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take.

He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul; that he should let some things go over his head.

He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses out.

He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.

He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others.

He learns that "buck passing" always turns out to be a boomerang.

He learns it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the business prospers.

He learns that most other persons are as ambitious as he is, that they have brains as good or better, and that hard work and not cleverness is the secret of success.

He learns that no man ever got to first base alone, and it is only through cooperative effort that we move on to better things.

He learns that folks are not any harder to get along with in one place than another, and that getting along depends about 98% on his own behavior.

In understanding human relations, I have learned that ideals are important in the game of life. Some ideals we can resolve to follow are:

To be myself—

To keep a laugh in heart and throat—

To be good as some friends think I am—

To find joy in my work rather than in the prospect of applause

To win friends by being one—

To be captain rather than victim of my moods—

To waste neither time nor energy in anticipating calamities which may never come—

To rejoice in the rise of a rival, swift in applauding, and slow in minimizing his success—

To wipe up spilt milk as best I can and hold onto the pan next time—

To be worthy in some measure of the words inscribed on the Chinese Gordon's monument:

“Who at all times and everywhere gave his strength to the weak, his substance to the poor, his sympathy to the suffering, and his heart to God.”

Human relations, ideals, good character and a strong religious faith are only a few rules of the game, and no matter where on this earth the game of life is played, it is always played for keeps. So win, lose, or draw we must change as the game and its rules change. To take the bitter with the sweet, the hot with the cold, the joy of victory or the sorrows of defeat—it is just part of the game of life. The principles upon which our organization is founded, and the way we members work and serve together helps prepare us to accept these rules and facts.

As this year comes to an end, my heart is filled with some regret and much joy. The regret because I didn't give more of my time to you and the joy because of the many friendships and wonderful memories that will always be mine. I tried to take some characteristics from everyone I have met and put them to use in my life.

As recognition comes for a national officer I must tell you that it is not I who deserves all of the glory but you my fellow Future Farmers. I salute you for a job well done, and sincerely hope that God will bless you now and in the years to come as we progress in this game of life.

A Door of Opportunity

Marvin Gibson, *National FFA Vice President, Southern Region*

An ancient Chinese adage says, "A compass has five points, North, South, East, West and where you are."

Fellow Future Farmers, we are standing at the door of one of the brightest opportunities which could possibly be given to a young man. For the next two days you will have an excellent chance to witness what has been termed, "A prime example of Youth Democracy in action." There is represented here at our national convention a truly splendid cross section of our Nation's farm youth.



MARVIN GIBSON

Yes, the opportunity for personal development and improvement stands waiting for one to come boldly forward and accept. Bacon once said, "The wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

The greatest opportunity of life is life itself. A friend a few weeks ago told me a story of a man he knew who got into trouble and even in jail by the time he was 16 years old. He was in and out of jail several times until at the age of 61 he found himself broke, friendless, lonesome, and his life nearly spent. This was a man whose life was filled with wasted years. I realize that none of you plan to follow the pattern of this man's life, but as I look at that life I ask myself, "What started this man in the direction he followed"? I feel it was because he never accepted a goal for life. He refused the opportunities which knocked several times during his life.

Here and now is your chance and mine to make for ourselves the kind of life we would like to live forever. Shakespeare said, "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and miseries."

I am reminded of a story I heard of a minister and some of his struggles in poverty. A small box had been placed in the back of the church, and anyone could drop a gift in who wished to donate to the Lord's work. Upon the particular occasion of which I am thinking, the preacher had his small son with him as he went to his parish one Sabbath. Upon arriving he dropped 25 cents into the box. After the service and on the way out he and his son stopped at the collection box to see how their financial situation had become. Upon investigating, the minister withdrew only the 25 cents he had previously dropped in the box. His son closely observing said, "Dad, if you had just put more in you would have gotten more out."

Fellows, this is true of life, this day in which we are now living, and also this great national convention. What you receive here these few days will be up to you. Let me encourage you to participate actively and regularly in the entire convention. Get new ideas from observing the sessions and also by meeting new friends. Take what you have observed and learned back to your respective chapters and share your experiences with your chapter members and friends. Most important too, be that Future Farmer Gentleman *at all times*.

Remember we stand at the door of a golden opportunity and we will only receive rewards according to our labors. The Bible says, "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Report on Activities of National FFA Officers

Jon Ford, National FFA Student Secretary

Fellow Future Farmers and Guests: We officers have been asked many, many times, "What is it like to be a National FFA Officer? What have you done? Where have you gone? How much time did it take? How much money did it cost you?" The purpose of this report is to answer these questions and to inform you of highlights of our year's activities.

At the close of our national convention last year, we remained here in Kansas City on Saturday and Sunday for some leadership training and to become better acquainted with our duties and responsibilities for the coming year.

All of us returned to our university campuses to complete our fall semesters, except Nels, who took leave from college after his election. During the year, he has represented the FFA at many national meetings of considerable importance, including the American Farm Bureau, the National Safety Congress, Agricultural Hall of Fame, the American Feed Manufacturers Conference, the Junior Achievement Conference, the White House Conference on International Cooperation, the Eastern States Exposition and the National Convention of the New Farmers of America.

In January, we other five officers began our leaves of absence from college. All of us arrived in Washington, D. C. and devoted over a week to concentrated leadership training in the national office. This was followed by our first joint meetings of the Boards of Directors and Student Officers. Also we were oriented as to our participation in the National Officers' Good-Will Tour, and briefed on our responsibilities at the various State conventions and other official assignments. Our first official speaking assignment was with our Senators and District Congressmen at a luncheon in the U. S. Capitol Building.

On February 3rd, we left Washington for Richmond, Vir-

ginia, to begin the 1964 National Officers' Good-Will Tour, which lasted five weeks and included 16 cities in nine States. We were accompanied on the tour by two members of the Board of Directors. In each city we met with leaders of business, industry and other organizations who are donors to the FFA Foundation. We personally thanked these men for their support of our organization. We also discussed many interesting subjects, and one of particular interest to all of us was the new and broader concept of today's agriculture. We exchanged ideas concerning mutual problems. We officers were amazed to learn how much we all have in common, and the interdependence of agriculture, business and industry.

In Richmond, Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland, Coldwater and Chicago, we were guest speakers at large civic clubs or FFA Sponsoring Committee meetings. Marvin gave a 10-minute speech entitled "Agriculture—Dynamic and Challenging" at each of the meetings. During the Tour, and while attending official functions, we were privileged to meet many outstanding leaders of distinction. To name a few, the President of the United States, Cabinet members, Senators, Congressmen, Governors, other State officials and educators. We were impressed with their high regard for the FFA.

In March we began fulfilling our State convention assignments. Forty-nine State conventions were attended by at least one national officer, including Puerto Rico. The primary purpose of our visiting a State convention was to encourage and inspire members to take advantage of all that is offered in the FFA. Every State convention was a new and rewarding experience for each of us. We were impressed with the manner we were received, we enjoyed our many assignments and appreciated the kindness shown to us by all associated with these conventions.

On July 27th, we returned to Washington, D. C. for our second joint meeting of the Boards of Directors and Student Officers. We did some preliminary planning and work for this convention before leaving on August 4th to visit and work with donors of the Foundation. This was climaxed with two days at the World's Fair where we were guests of several donors.

Leaving New York City, Nels, Joe and Jim accompanied by Mr. Gray, drove to Massachusetts for a leadership training conference involving the New England States. Marvin and I travelled to Virginia to assist them in officer training while Jan returned home.

Marvin, Joe and I have enrolled in college. Jim and Jan have been farming, and Nels has continued his busy speaking schedule. Jim worked with Nels at the Eastern States Exposition and later represented the FFA at NEPPCO meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. On October 6th, we arrived in Denver for the National Farm Equipment Institute national meeting, where five of us were guest speakers. Jan performed the FFA duties at the National

Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa. We arrived in Kansas City, October 7th and began final preparations for the convention. Prior to the opening session we participated in our third and last joint meeting of the Boards of Directors and Student Officers.

As national officers we have travelled approximately 245,000 miles; delivered 560 official speeches (those assigned by the national office); over 200 unofficial talks; and we have spoken to a combined audience of approximately one-quarter million people. This does not include the vast number reached through TV and radio programs. We have had many experiences in a variety of situations. Some have been humorous, some somewhat confusing, but all have been interesting and above all, they have contributed to our self improvement.

As outgoing officers, we challenge each of you to set a goal for high accomplishment in the FFA. Become a leader in your chapter and later an officer in your State association. Cooperate and work with your fellow members in activities that benefit agriculture, affect the welfare of others, that are designed to improve agriculture and develops the FFA program. These, coupled with enthusiasm and desire are essential for those of you who aspire for a national FFA office.

As national officers, we thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you. We hope we have been of help to you in living the line in our motto, "Living to Serve." May we wish you God speed and success in your future activities.

Report of the National Executive Secretary

Each year, we pause at our national convention to review the accomplishments of FFA members. We are proud of the many former members who have become successfully established in farming. Their pride in living on the land, the accomplishments in leadership, cooperation and the improved communities they serve as responsible citizens, indicate that teachers of vocational agriculture are preparing rural youth to live and compete in a complex agriculture and society.



WM. PAUL GRAY

There is a great need for competent instructors in agriculture. If any of you are not returning to the farm, and desire a gainful employment in agriculture, please give serious consideration to the field of teaching vocational agriculture. It is a fine profession where you can serve people, advance yourself in position and salary, and also reap a rich satisfaction by helping youth to develop into leaders and responsible citizens for America's largest and most basic industry.

The achievements in the FFA over the years have been due to a combined effort of the teachers of voca-

tional agriculture and their school administrators, State staff members in agricultural education and members of the staff of the U. S. Office of Education. We are indebted to our many friends in business, industry and organizations for their helpful assistance.

Report on National FFA Activities

The National Officers' Handbook has been revised. State associations should feel free to use this booklet in developing similar materials for their State officers. The revised handbook, "FFA at Work for Safety" will be useful to every chapter in planning and conducting stronger programs in farm safety. The national organization cooperated with and provided services to several regions and State associations in leadership and citizenship conferences for State officers. This is the third year the national office has provided participating experiences in all areas of FFA activities in a cooperative program designed to train State FFA Executive Secretaries. You will note a movie camera crew at work during the convention completing a 30-minute color movie on "Leadership Training Through the FFA." Our office has been cooperating with the New Idea Farm Equipment Company in producing this film which will soon be available to State associations.

The National Chapter Awards Program

Through the cooperation of State associations, the National Chapter Awards Program has been used effectively as a means to promote and strengthen the total program in vocational agriculture. This year, 139 chapters submitted applications showing outstanding accomplishments in all phases of FFA activities with special achievements in community service and supervised farming. Each State now should strive to have every chapter attain at least a *superior* chapter rating. We congratulate the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Chapters.

Officer Services

Your national officers have devoted considerable time participating in FFA activities designed to take advantage of their experience, knowledge of the FFA and leadership. They have made many friends for the FFA and inspired thousands of FFA members.

State Conventions

Each State association held a convention during the past year. A well-planned and properly executed State convention is most important because it sets the pace for the local chapters. The national officers reported that many State convention programs showed evidence of excellent planning that provided stimulating business sessions, an exchange of FFA ideas, opportunities for leadership training, inspiring recognition of achievements, good public relations' activities and worthwhile recreation. On the other hand, certain weaknesses were observed, which might be reviewed by State staffs and officers, and if acted upon in a positive way,

might do much to assure continued improvement of the State convention program.

Future Farmers Supply Service

The Future Farmers Supply Service has continued to grow and provide excellent service to FFA members. Our new warehouse has enabled the Supply Service to take advantage of long-range purchasing of merchandise and not lose sight of the importance of high quality and fair prices to FFA members. The new Star Farmer platforms, station markers, and other convention fixtures were made by the Supply Service.

The National Future Farmer Magazine

The National Future Farmer Magazine is continuing to expand its services to members. Over 270,000 members now subscribe, which is 70% of the membership. Twenty-nine State associations support the magazine with over 100% of the members subscribing. The State of New Hampshire has the highest percentage, with 151%; while, the State of Tennessee has the most subscribers. Every State association that subscribes "100%" can be very proud. Please check your subscription percentage, and if you are not a "100 percenter" set a goal to become one. The magazine is broadening its service to advertisers through providing regional editions. This will allow advertisers to select the region or combination of regions that fits their marketing patterns.

The Official FFA Calendar

This year over 1,800 chapters participated in the Official FFA Calendar program. Chapters are finding this an excellent public relations and FFA promotional activity. Three plans are available. You are encouraged to participate in the plan that fulfills your chapter needs. This year's national convention program features the 1965 calendar picture "Our American Heritage." Our convention pageant will be "Agriculture—Our American Heritage," which is also the theme of 1965 National FFA Week.

Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation was organized with 14 donors in 1944. Today, there are over 400 donors. For the second year more than \$200,000 has been contributed for an awards program designed to recognize outstanding accomplishments by FFA members in agricultural leadership. In the past twenty years over \$2,900,000 has been donated by these leaders of business and industry, which truly exemplifies their great interest in rural youth. There are many representatives of the FFA Foundation attending the convention, please let them know how much you appreciate their support. Thursday evening special recognition was given to the donors who have contributed continuously for the past 15 years.

Good-Will Tour

The Good-Will Tour for the national officers was started in 1947 upon the request of donors to the FFA Foundation, Inc.

Approximately five weeks each year are used for this tour, which does much to develop a better understanding between industry, business, organizations and agriculture. It also provides excellent leadership training for the national officers. This year, your officers visited 16 cities where they met with donors and presented eight formal programs before large groups.

International Education Activities

Since 1947, the FFA has given much toward the development of Future Farmer organizations in many developing countries of the world. A special fund for international activities will now make it possible to reactivate an educational exchange program with Young Farmer Clubs from Great Britain and Scotland this year. We also have given aid in FFA promotional, instructional and leadership material to countries in South America.

We are proud of the FFA Peace Corps Project in West Pakistan. Ten volunteers, under the supervision of a former vocational agriculture teacher, have been accomplishing much in developing agriculture and rural leadership in this developing country. The national office, through the cooperation of the Peace Corps, has hired a full-time employee to coordinate the activities. Last month, 24 additional volunteers left America to expand this project.

Summary of Annual Reports of FFA Activities

	1962	1963	1964
Number of Vocational Agriculture Departments.....	8,499	8,402	8,319
Number of FFA Chapters.....	8,472	8,368	8,255
Total Active Membership in FFA.....	387,992	395,812	401,468
Number of FFA Members on Farm Placement.....	24,052	18,390	20,900
Number of Chapters Conducting Safety Programs (Tractor and Machinery Safety and Farm Mechanics Safety Given First Emphasis).....	3,956	3,641	3,834
Number of Chapters Renting Chapter Owned Equip.	1,877	2,260	2,117
Number of Chapters Providing Livestock Chains.....	3,863	3,027	4,176
Number of Chapters Conducting a Conservation Program	3,787	3,965	4,403
Number of Chapters Conducting Fairs or Livestock Shows	2,423	3,028	2,991
Number of Chapters Conducting Public Speaking Contest	8,142	5,233	5,290
Number of Chapters Conducting Green Hand Creed Contest	2,347	2,500	3,333
Number of States Conducting Parliamentary Procedure Contest	41	40	39
Number of States Providing Leadership Training Schools	42	40	43
Number of Chapters Operating on a Planned Budget	6,013	5,715	5,976
Number of Chapters Holding 12 or more Meetings Per Year	6,224	6,239	6,150
Number of Chapters Using Executive Committee to Plan Meetings	5,610	5,432	6,137



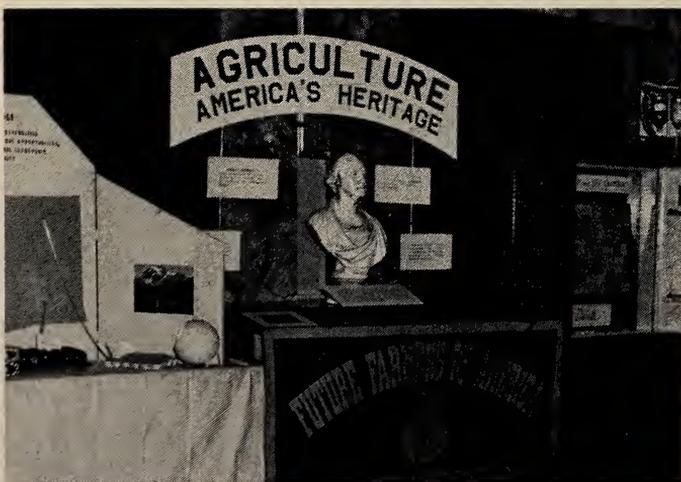
Chapter representatives receiving emblem Chapter awards.



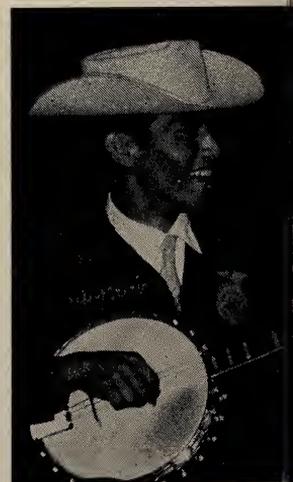
Attractive state exhibits made the "Little Theatre" a worthwhile place to visit.



Judges for the National Public in agriculture



Attractive "Little Theatre Exhibits" depicted FFA aims and purposes.



Robert Borja from Guan guest star with Harry the Fire



The four Star Regional Farmers await the announcement of the Star Farmer of America.



Speaking Contest are experts and speaking.



Outstanding talent from the ranks of the FFA highlighted several of the Convention sessions.



Chapter "lives it up" as a "Ho-Woo" Stevens, MC on the Show.



The National FFA Band led by newly elected National FFA Officers take an active part in Kansas City's American Royal parade.

	1962	1963	1964
Number of Chapters Using Activities to Improve Scholarship	5,182	5,103	5,678
Number of States Operating State Camps.....	20	20	20
Number of Chapters Providing Entertainment (Recreation) at Meetings.....	2,823	3,804	3,978
Number of Chapters Conducting Parent-Son or Father-Son Banquets	6,640	5,257	6,614
Number of States Operating a Foundation.....	15	12	13
Number of States that Conducted a Good-Will Tour	24	23	23
Number of States with 100% of their members subscribing to the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine	32	27	29
Number of paid-up subscriptions (approximately) to the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine	298,575	246,000	275,000
Number of Chapters Participating in the Official Calendar Program (approximately).....	935	1,006	1,800
Number of Chapters Nominating Candidates for the State Farmer Degree	4,489	4,581	4,874
Number of Chapters Nominating Candidates for the American Farmer Degree	744	666	701
Number of Chapters Submitting Applications for Foundation Awards:			
Farm Mechanics	2,055	1,899	2,001
Soil & Water Management.....	1,542	1,384	1,400
Farm Electrification	1,374	1,290	1,293
Livestock Farming	1,750	2,331	1,613
Farm Forestry	733	884	520
Poultry Farming	776	789	1,605
Crop Farming	1,072	1,837	1,558
Dairy Farming	2,054	1,732	1,820
Farm Safety	1,322	1,129	1,067
Number of Chapters Rating Superior in Chapter Awards Program	2,367	2,636	2,956
Number of Chapters Conducting Special FFA Week Activities	6,268	6,466	5,567
Number of Members Attending State Conventions....	45,190	46,269	54,033
Number of Chapters Represented at State Conventions	6,217	6,586	7,341

Highlights of State Activities

In the Annual FFA Report, each State listed three most outstanding activities. A brief summary of these activities follows:

1. An increasing number of State associations are placing greater emphasis on reaching more boys with higher quality leadership training. Some activities are:
 - a. Holding one week leadership training clinics for local chapter officers.
 - b. Development and use of leadership training handbook.
 - c. Increased number of leadership training centers or camps, and expanded use of existing State camp facilities.
 - d. One week training school for State officers.
 - e. State officer visitation to all local chapters.

- f. Participation in regional leadership workshops for State officers in cooperation with the national office.
2. Publication of an album portrait of Honorary State Farmers.
3. Development of State Farmer application and scoring procedure guide.
4. Public relations is very important to the State association as indicated by the following increased public relations activities:
 - a. Series of meetings to host Senators and Representatives to Congress—the main speakers were State FFA Officers.
 - b. Enlarged international understanding program by sending FFA boys overseas.
 - c. Communications workshops for FFA reporters and advisors.
 - d. Farm machinery, small tools, agricultural commodities and money being sent to developing countries.
 - e. Increased use of roadside billboards for National FFA Week.
 - f. Fine illustrated articles have appeared in many company bulletins, State and national magazines and newspapers.
 - g. Radio and TV programs have increased in number and excellence.
5. Several States are forming FFA Foundations. Other States are improving existing Foundations by contacting new donors and publishing well, illustrated Foundation Annual Reports. There is excellent cooperation with the national office and national donors in proper recognition of donors at State conventions.
6. Agriculture forum, impromptu speaking, and record keeping contests and activities have proved most successful in some States.
7. Increased concern for improved, well-planned State convention activities which will impress and inform FFA members, such as:
 - a. Impressive ceremonies.
 - b. Vespers service.
 - c. Anti-smoking resolutions and exhibits.
 - d. Use of pageants.
 - e. Improved backdrops and convention programs.
 - f. Effective use of national officers.
8. Greater participation in fairs and livestock shows, featuring individual enterprises, chapter exhibits, parades and demonstrations.
9. An increased number of States are making a dedicated effort to support The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine with 100% of their total State membership subscribing.
10. A great number of States support the Official FFA Calendar Program.
11. Greater emphasis to increase and maintain active membership, which has resulted in a membership of over 401,000 FFA'ers.

We Look To The Future

The history of the FFA is one of many achievements. Although it is interesting to review the milestones of progress and accomplishments, we cannot afford to rest on these achievements. "Without labor, neither knowledge nor wisdom can accomplish much." Let us work together to meet the great challenges ahead of us. Every FFA chapter can contribute greatly by accepting the following goals:

1. Maintain a strong membership of well-informed members.
2. Plan and use a challenging program of work.
3. Conduct at least one good community service activity.
4. Hold at least twelve planned meetings each year.
5. Every member subscribe to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
6. Have at least one member attend the national convention.
7. Conduct a parliamentary procedure demonstration.
8. Sponsor a Parent and Son Banquet (or awards banquet).
9. Place greater emphasis upon accuracy and properly completed applications for all FFA degrees and awards.
10. Conduct an activity to increase thrift.
11. Place more emphasis on both farm safety and conservation programs.
12. Conduct at least one school improvement activity.
13. Plan a special public relations activity for National Future Farmer Week.
14. Work with the State association to conduct a leadership training program for all FFA officers.
15. Provide activities to promote the improvement of scholarship.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Paul Gray

Report Of The National Treasurer

It is my pleasure, as National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, to report to you on the financial status of your Organization. A detailed audited statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1964 is carried in the Convention Proceedings. We have prepared an interim statement of receipts and expenditures of the FFA for the period July 1 through September 30, 1964, and for the FFA Foundation for the period January 1 through September 30, 1964. Copies of these statements have been distributed in the delegates section.



J. M. CAMPBELL
National Treasurer

I would like at this time to give you a brief picture of the setup and operation of your Organization, and a summarization of its financial status.

There are four major areas of financial accounting in the total FFA program, as follows:

- (a) The Future Farmers of America
- (b) The Future Farmers of America Foundation
- (c) The Future Farmers Supply Service.
- (d) The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

Income of the Future Farmers of America is realized from dues of FFA members, royalties on merchandise bearing the FFA emblem, rent on the FFA Building (which houses the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the National FFA Magazine), and royalties from the Future Farmers Supply Service, and other companies. Expenses consist of travel of national officers and Board of Directors, national office expense, maintenance of the FFA Building, and the national convention.

The major item of income of the FFA Foundation is in the form of contributions from business organizations and individuals. From January 1 to September 30, of this year, more than 400 donors have contributed a total of \$199,322.00 to the Foundation, about 90 of them contributing for the first time this year.

You may be interested to know that since the Foundation was started, in 1944, a total of \$2,983,436.99 has been contributed by business organizations and individuals.

The major portion of FFA Foundation expenditures is in the form of achievement awards paid to Vo-Ag student members of the FFA and NFA, with a small amount of approximately 8% for operating expenses.

Since its beginning, the FFA Foundation has given out in awards to FFA and NFA members, a total of \$2,158,026.97.

The Future Farmers Supply Service receives its income from the sale of merchandise to FFA and NFA members. Its expenses are comprised of the cost of merchandise, operation of the Supply Service, rent of the FFA Building, and royalties to the Future Farmers of America.

The National Future Farmer Magazine receives its income from advertising, and expenses go for editing, printing, mailing, and rent of office space in the FFA Building.

Separate and more detailed reports of the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National FFA Magazine, will be given later.

Your Organization, including the FFA, the FFA Foundation, the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the National Future Farmer Magazine, has total net worth of \$2,023,196.23.

I should like to explain that my job is State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture with the State Board of Education in Richmond, Virginia.

The FFA Treasurer's office, however, is located in Woodstock, Virginia, where books and records of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are kept by Mrs. Pauline Coiner.

A separate set of books is kept for the FFA and the FFA Foundation. The major portion of the funds is maintained in separate accounts in the Shenandoah Valley National Bank in Winchester, Virginia. At present we have in this Bank and other banks and Savings Associations, a total of \$91,939.33 of FFA funds, and \$81,032.82 of Foundation funds, drawing interest from 4 to 4¼%. Also we have \$146,524.41 of FFA Foundation funds in Government Bonds.

The fiscal year of the FFA extends from July 1 through the following June 30. The fiscal year of the FFA Foundation corresponds with the calendar year, extending from January 1 through December 31.

Both Mrs. Coiner and I are bonded in an amount to assure protection of the funds in our care. The FFA and FFA Foundation accounts are audited annually by Certified Public Accountants, and a copy of the audit is reported to the Boards of the FFA and the FFA Foundation. Your FFA Auditing Committee reviews the records and every safeguard is exercised in handling the funds of your Organization. Copies of the Audits of both the FFA and the FFA Foundation, are available for review.

Please be assured that your Organization is in sound financial condition. This, I believe, is a tribute to the policy directed by the National Board of Student Officers and Directors, and the management of Dr. A. W. Tenney, National Advisor, and Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, your Executive Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. CAMPBELL

Report On Examination

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1964

Officers and Directors,
 Future Farmers of America,
 Washington, D. C.

July 13, 1964

Gentlemen:

We have examined the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities on a cash basis of the General Fund, Future Farmers of America, Washington, D. C., as of June 30, 1964, and the related statements of budgeted revenue and expenditures and cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Our examination did not include the operations of Future Farmers Supply Service or "The National Future Farmer" both of which are audited by other certified public accountants.

In our opinion, these statements present fairly the assets and liabilities at June 30, 1964, resulting from cash transactions of Future Farmers of America, General Fund, and the recorded cash transactions for the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,
LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT
Certified Public Accountants

Statement of Assets and Liabilities on a Cash Basis

June 30, 1964

EXHIBIT "A"

GENERAL FUND:

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in bank (Exhibit "C")..... \$159,079.44

OTHER ASSETS:

Loans receivable:

"The National Future Farmer":

Cash advances \$36,786.20

Expenses paid in prior periods..... 7,713.80 \$44,500.00

Peace Corps project..... 10,000.00 \$ 54,500.00

Note receivable 28,090.09

TOTAL OTHER ASSETS..... 82,590.09

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (appraised value):

Land \$261,645.64

Office building 352,082.00

Warehouse 96,612.41

Office equipment and furniture..... 4,041.09 714,381.14

\$956,050.67

DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND:

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in bank.....	\$ 10,000.00
Certificate of deposit.....	20,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....	\$ 30,000.00

SURPLUS

GENERAL FUND:

Balance, July 1, 1963.....	\$904,272.11
Add:	
Excess of revenue over expenditures (Exhibit "B")	\$50,958.33
Capital items included in expenditures:	
Taxes on investment real estate	\$701.63
Purchase of office equipment	118.60 820.23 51,778.56
Balance, June 30, 1964.....	\$956,050.67
	<u>\$956,050.67</u>

DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND:

Balance, July 1, 1963.....	\$ 20,000.00
Add: Transfer from General Fund (Exhibit "B")	10,000.00
Balance, June 30, 1964.....	\$ 30,000.00

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1964

REVENUE:

REVENUE

EXHIBIT "B"

	REVENUE		Budget Estimate	Excess Over Estimate
	Detail	Total		
Membership dues		\$ 40,146.80	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 2,146.80
Royalties:				
Future Farmers Supply Service	\$87,764.02			
The Fair Publishing House	325.00			
St. Louis Button Company	91.97	88,180.99	81,425.00	6,755.99
Other revenue:				
Future Farmers Supply Service—grant	\$15,000.00			
Future Farmers Supply Service—rent	20,000.00			
National <i>Future Farmer</i> Magazine—rent	10,000.00	45,000.00	45,050.00	(50.00)
Interest		2,620.45		2,620.45
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>\$175,948.24</u>	<u>\$164,475.00</u>	<u>\$11,473.24</u>

EXPENDITURES:

	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
TRAVEL:				
National officers	\$17,004.09		\$ 14,500.00	\$(2,504.09)
Board of directors.....	2,088.87		2,500.00	411.13
Special travel—National advisor, secretary, and other	4,844.55		5,000.00	155.45
National officers—correspondence expense....	98.73		2,000.00	1,901.27
TOTAL—TRAVEL		\$ 24,036.24	\$ 24,000.00	\$ (36.24)
NATIONAL CONVENTION:				
Delegate expense	\$ 5,592.76		\$ 5,570.00	\$ (22.76)
National band	2,461.75		2,500.00	38.25
Reception	580.00		560.00	(20.00)
Printing	6,311.10		6,540.00	228.90
Pageant program	46.31		500.00	453.69
Talent	1,420.38		1,200.00	(220.38)
Exhibits	570.00		1,000.00	430.00
Leadership training expense			500.00	500.00
FFA emblem	200.00		200.00	
Stenotypist	301.20		350.00	48.80
Photographs and publicity	554.51		575.00	20.49
Rental of equipment and supplies	748.64		705.00	(43.64)
Communications	166.42		150.00	(16.42)
Secretarial travel and expense	1,187.69		1,350.00	162.31
Decorations and new equipment	2,666.68		2,510.00	(156.68)
Express on trunks.....	46.44		60.00	13.56
Labor	1,165.18		1,125.00	(40.18)
Miscellaneous	368.26		310.00	(58.26)
TOTAL—NATIONAL CONVENTION		24,387.32	\$ 25,705.00	\$ 1,317.68
AWARDS:				
American Farmer Keys	\$ 3,826.78		\$ 3,700.00	\$(126.78)
Certificates and awards	834.25		1,400.00	565.75
TOTAL—AWARDS		4,661.03	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 438.97
PRINTING		502.95	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,247.05
NATIONAL OFFICE:				
Secretarial salaries:				
Executive secretary's office....	\$ 6,095.00		\$ 6,095.00	
National treasurer's office....	2,985.00		2,985.00	

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EXPENDITURES (continued):

NATIONAL OFFICE (continued):

Director of Public Relations:			
Salary	12,610.00	12,610.00	
Travel	1,682.31	2,000.00	\$ 317.69
Secretary—salary	5,800.00	5,800.00	
Estimated allowance for salary increase..	639.44	1,400.00	760.56
Telephone and telegraph	368.84	225.00	(143.84)
Subscriptions to professional journals	52.50	30.00	(22.50)
Reference handbooks—National officers	29.50	30.00	.50
Insurance—National officers	195.00	190.00	(5.00)
Brochures	1,565.24	1,500.00	(65.24)
Repair of equipment....	128.80	125.00	(3.80)
Postage, express, etc. ..	330.00	300.00	(30.00)
Public relations and plaque for chairman	633.94	600.00	(33.94)
Supplies, equipment, and rents	1,085.34	2,000.00	914.66
Calendars		600.00	600.00
Legal and auditing.....	285.00	350.00	65.00
Photographs	842.12	900.00	57.88
Complimentary subscriptions to magazines	784.00	1,000.00	216.00
National FFA week material	2,109.09	2,250.00	140.91
Health insurance	135.20	150.00	14.80
Social security tax.....	877.48	800.00	(77.48)
Board meetings	64.55	125.00	60.45
Miscellaneous	364.36	200.00	(164.36)
TOTAL—NATIONAL OFFICE	39,662.71	\$ 42,265.00	\$ 2,602.29
JUDGING EXPENSE.....	506.31	\$ 700.00	\$ 193.69
RETIREMENT PLAN.....	767.70	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,232.30
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA			
GROUNDS AND BUILDING:			
Maintenance, fuel, power and upkeep	\$18,738.09	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,261.91
Depreciation Reserve Fund (Exhibit "A")	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Painting	869.93	1,000.00	130.07
Taxes	701.63	750.00	48.37
TOTAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA GROUNDS AND BUILDING	30,309.65	\$ 31,750.00	\$ 1,440.35
INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:			
Travel		\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
Subsistence		2,200.00	2,200.00

Printing FFA Materials—			
Foreign language		600.00	600.00
FFA brochures,			
manuals, etc.		100.00	100.00
Color slides of FFA			
activities		200.00	200.00
Complimentary FFA			
magazine			
subscriptions	\$ 156.00	200.00	44.00
Incidentals		100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous		100.00	100.00
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TOTAL INTERNATIONAL			
ACTIVITIES	156.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,644.00
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CONTINGENT		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
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ANTICIPATED EXCESS OF REVENUE.....		\$ 22,155.00	\$22,155.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$124,989.91	\$164,475.00	\$39,485.09
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EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER			
EXPENDITURES (Exhibit "A")	\$ 50,958.33	\$ —	\$50,958.33

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1964

EXHIBIT "C"

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1963.....			\$117,152.07
RECEIPTS:			
Membership dues		\$40,146.80	
Royalties		88,180.99	
Future Farmers Supply Service:			
Grant	\$15,000.00		
Rent	20,000.00		
Retirement plan	11,220.84	46,220.84	
National Future Farmer Magazine:			
Rent	\$10,000.00		
Retirement plan	6,881.08		
Virginia income tax withheld			
from employees	577.08	17,458.16	
Federal income tax withheld from employees.....		4,819.66	
Virginia income tax withheld from employees.....		488.11	
Employees' old-age benefits.....		877.38	
Employees' retirement contributions.....		1,257.12	
Interest on savings accounts.....		1,189.49	
Expense refunds:			
Travel	\$ 239.19		
National office	3,407.96		
Convention:			
Tours	\$ 768.00		
Sale of film.....	80.04		
Expenses	1.00	849.04	4,496.19

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Collections on property sold.....	2,400.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		207,534.74
		<u>\$324,686.81</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Travel	\$24,275.43	
National convention	25,236.36	
Awards	4,661.03	
Printing	502.95	
National office expense.....	43,070.67	
To increase Depreciation Reserve Fund (Exhibit "A")	10,000.00	
Judging	506.31	
International activities	156.00	
Retirement	20,126.74	
FFA grounds and building.....	30,309.65	
Withholding tax remitted to Federal Government...	4,819.66	
Withholding tax remitted to State of Virginia.....	1,065.19	
Employee's social security taxes paid.....	877.38	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		165,607.37
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1964 (Exhibit "A")		\$159,079.44

Above balance composed as follows:

General Fund:

Unrestricted:

Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Winchester, Virginia— checking account	\$108,500.35	
First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia—savings account	10,718.20	
Franklin Federal Savings & Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia—savings account	10,718.20	
Winchester Savings & Loan Association, Winchester, Virginia—savings account	10,357.09	
Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Winchester, Virginia—savings account	10,000.00	\$150,293.84
Special land account.....	8,785.60	<u>\$159,079.44</u>

Membership Dues Collected

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1964

SCHEDULE 3

ASSOCIATIONS:

Alabama	\$ 1,656.60
Alaska	2.60
Arizona	206.40
Arkansas	1,476.30
California	1,257.70
Colorado	253.90
Connecticut	52.90
Delaware	47.90
Florida	979.70

Georgia	1,756.60
Guam	5.00
Hawaii	128.40
Idaho	339.30
Illinois	1,609.50
Indiana	978.60
Iowa	1,042.90
Kansas	671.30
Kentucky	1,358.30
Louisiana	1,014.00
Maine	81.10
Maryland	279.70
Massachusetts	82.10
Michigan	1,106.70
Minnesota	1,401.20
Mississippi	963.60
Missouri	1,257.20
Montana	183.70
Nebraska	553.70
Nevada	41.00
New Hampshire	23.00
New Jersey	95.50
New Mexico	245.00
New York	666.60
North Carolina	2,304.30
North Dakota	302.50
Ohio	1,254.70
Oklahoma	1,664.00
Oregon	422.90
Pennsylvania	956.70
Puerto Rico	475.00
Rhode Island	29.30
South Carolina	819.50
South Dakota	318.10
Tennessee	1,655.90
Texas	4,012.10
Utah	323.00
Vermont	41.80
Virginia	996.30
Washington	594.50
West Virginia	529.40
Wisconsin	1,477.00
Wyoming	151.80

TOTAL DUES COLLECTED..... \$ 40,146.80

Future Farmers Supply Service Statement of Operations

Year Ended June 30, 1964

	Stockroom	Drop Shipment	Total
Sales	\$791,121.52	\$646,866.32	\$1,437,987.84
COST OF GOODS SOLD:			
Inventory, July 1, 1963.....	121,597.76		121,597.76
Purchases	477,453.52	470,890.76	948,344.28
Lettering Cost	39,519.26		39,519.26

Freight In	4,851.32		4,851.32
Shipping Charges		19,171.79	19,171.79
	<u>643,421.86</u>	<u>490,062.55</u>	<u>1,133,484.41</u>
Less: Inventory, June 30, 1964.....	137,542.75		137,542.75
Cost of Goods Sold.....	505,879.11	490,062.55	995,941.66
Gross Profit	<u>\$285,242.41</u>	<u>\$156,803.77</u>	442,046.18
EXPENSE:			
Salaries		\$149,304.33	
Royalties		86,292.66	
Freight and Postage.....		42,634.54	
Advertising		11,891.15	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies.....		6,214.60	
Wrapping and Shipping Materials and Supplies....		6,733.12	
Rent		20,000.00	
Legal and Accounting.....		3,750.00	
Depreciation		9,330.45	
Taxes and Licenses.....		1,576.03	
Insurance		2,389.67	
Group Hospitalization Insurance.....		1,171.88	
Social Security Taxes.....		5,541.42	
Telephone and Telegraph.....		2,240.52	
Travel		3,744.09	
Truck and Auto Expense.....		989.63	
Merchandise Losses		1,233.06	
Discontinued and Obsolete Merchandise.....		352.98	
Office Expense		1,359.56	
Retirement Expense		7,413.63	
Miscellaneous Expense		70.65	364,233.97
			<u>77,812.21</u>
OTHER INCOME:			
Interest Income	\$ 3,383.34		
Discounts Received	1,033.80		
Miscellaneous Income	2,049.18		
Gain on Sale of Equipment.....	31.13	6,497.45	
OTHER EXPENSE:			
Discounts and Allowances.....	3,821.54		
Bad Debts	75.69	3,897.23	2,600.22
Net Excess of Income for the Year.....			<u>\$ 80,412.43</u>

The National Future Farmer Statement of Income and Expense

Year Ended June 30, 1964

INCOME

Advertising		\$314,189.50	
Less: Space Discounts	\$ 6,750.45		
Agency Commissions	44,927.63	51,678.08	\$262,511.42
Subscriptions		122,129.50	
Less: State Association Discounts.....		9,676.15	112,453.35

Single Copy Sales			229.10
Total Income from Magazine.....			<u>375,193.87</u>
Calendars	72,201.89		
Less: Returns and Allowances.....	120.72		
State Association Discounts....	662.03	782.75	71,419.14
		<u>782.75</u>	
Binder Sales—Net			<u>52.25</u>
Total Income			<u>446,665.26</u>

EXPENSE

MAGAZINE PRODUCTION COST:

Printing	138,758.86		
Magazine Postage	9,142.10		
Engraving	6,936.93		
Articles, Photos and Cartoons.....	7,793.49	162,631.38	
		<u>162,631.38</u>	

ADVERTISING:

Salaries	37,915.45		
Travel	12,918.91		
Advertising Representatives'			
Commissions	1,968.96		
Advertising Salesmen's Commissions	8,355.26		
Promotional	10,124.27		
Miscellaneous	155.16	71,438.01	
		<u>71,438.01</u>	

EDITORIAL:

Salaries	13,104.44		
Travel	1,064.63		
Miscellaneous	142.89	14,311.96	
		<u>14,311.96</u>	

CIRCULATION:

Salaries	29,254.49		
Promotional	4,238.91		
Travel	97.72		
Miscellaneous	137.11	33,728.23	
		<u>33,728.23</u>	

CALENDAR:

Printing	30,025.77		
Sales Commissions	15,890.87		
Salaries	15,560.72		
Promotional	6,872.41		
Unsold Calendars	2,447.97		
Art and Photographs.....	900.00		
Travel	1,004.81		
Direct Postage	260.96		
Miscellaneous	278.38	73,241.89	
		<u>73,241.89</u>	

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries	29,206.52		
Rent	10,000.00		
Telephone and Telegraph.....	2,107.85		
Postage and Express.....	2,736.13		
Depreciation	3,006.02		
Travel	1,837.92		
Social Security Expense.....	3,231.95		
Employees' Retirement Expense.....	4,341.28		
Stationery and Supplies.....	4,066.72		
Printing Supplies	591.03		
Audit and Legal.....	849.00		
Insurance	524.37		
Group Hospitalization Insurance.....	682.80		
Expired Due Bills.....	140.36		
Repairs to Office Equipment.....	404.75		
Miscellaneous	164.54	63,891.24	419,242.71
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Net Excess of Income from Operations.....			27,422.55

OTHER EXPENSE:

Cash Discounts—Advertisers	4,859.69		
Bad Debts	1,707.24		
Shortage	1.90	6,568.83	
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OTHER INCOME:

Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets.....	350.00		
Miscellaneous	631.73	981.73	5,587.10
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Net Excess of Income over Expense.....			<u>\$ 21,835.45</u>

National FFA Budget

JULY 1, 1964—JUNE 30, 1965

BALANCE ON HAND—July 1, 1964.....		\$108,500.35
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
Dues	\$ 38,000.00	
Royalties:		
*Future Farmers Supply Service.....	\$ 94,500.00	
Fair Publishing House.....	325.00	
St. Louis Button Company.....	100.00	94,925.00
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Rent:		
Future Farmers Supply Service.....	20,000.00	
FFA Magazine	10,000.00	30,000.00
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Interest:		
Earned on Savings.....	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	164,975.00
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BALANCE ON HAND PLUS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.....		<u>\$273,475.35</u>

* Based on 7% of \$1,350,000.00 gross sales.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

I. TRAVEL

National Officers	\$ 15,500.00	
Board of Directors.....	2,500.00	
Special Travel (National Staff)	5,000.00	
Development of Regional and National Programs	2,000.00	
Study Committee on FFA Organization.....	2,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
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II. NATIONAL CONVENTION

Delegate Expense:		
Travel	\$ 5,000.00	
Officer-Delegate Luncheon....	500.00	
Folder Material	150.00	5,650.00
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Printing:		
Convention Program	1,600.00	
Proceedings	3,600.00	
American Farmer List.....	260.00	
You and Your Convention....	675.00	
I. D. Cards.....	130.00	
Invitations	100.00	
Vespers Program	125.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	6,590.00
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National Band	2,600.00	
Secretarial Travel and Expense.....	1,350.00	
Pageant Program	600.00	
Talent	1,200.00	
Exhibits	1,000.00	
Leadership Training Demonstration	500.00	

FFA Donors Reception.....		\$ 600.00	
Stenotypist		325.00	
Photographs and Publicity.....		575.00	
Communications		175.00	
Rental of Equipment and Supplies:			
Drapery and Furniture	450.00		
Typewriters, Adding Machine, Fan	125.00		
Mimeograph Machine and Supplies	125.00		
Piano (rent) and Organ (drayage)	75.00		
Rent (Miscellaneous)	45.00	820.00	
FFA Emblem (Pierce FFA Chapter).....		200.00	
Decorations and New Equipment:			
New Flags	200.00		
New Poles	300.00		
Bunting	60.00		
Officers Stations	100.00		
Star Farmer Backdrops.....	300.00		
Badges	375.00		
Stage Decorations and Flowers	225.00		
Repairs	75.00		
Other	200.00	1,835.00	
Express on Trunks.....		60.00	
Labor:			
Decorations (Including Pierce)	175.00		
Electrical Service	550.00		
Elevator Operators	250.00		
Stage Crews	50.00		
Tips for Auditorium Employees	90.00		
Miscellaneous Labor	75.00	1,190.00	
Miscellaneous		350.00	\$ 25,620.00
III. AWARDS			
American Farmer Keys @ \$7.25 each.....		4,100.00	
Certificates and Awards.....		1,200.00	5,300.00
IV. PRINTING (National Office)			
Farm Safety Booklet		2,500.00	
Stationery and Brochures		1,000.00	
Miscellaneous		250.00	3,750.00
V. NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE			
Salaries		29,487.50	
Travel—Director of Public Relations.....		2,000.00	
National FFA Week Material.....		2,250.00	
Supplies, Equipment and Rental.....		2,000.00	
Telephone and Telegraph.....		350.00	
Postage and Express.....		325.00	
Repair and Adjustment.....		125.00	
Complimentary Subscriptions to NFF Magazine		1,200.00	
FFA Calendars		1,200.00	
Photographs		900.00	

Public Relations	\$ 600.00	
Health Insurance	150.00	
Legal and Auditing.....	350.00	
Social Security Tax	800.00	
Board Meetings—Coiner	100.00	
Subscriptions to Professional Journals.....	50.00	
Handbooks, Reference for National Officers	100.00	
Stenographic Expense for National Officers	725.00	
Insurance for National Officers.....	195.00	
Brochures (Voc.-Ag.) one per department...	1,500.00	
Jackets for National Officers.....	370.00	
FFA Foundation Meeting.....	500.00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	\$ 45,477.50
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VI. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM.....		2,000.00
VII. JUDGING CONTEST EXPENSES.....		700.00
VIII. FFA BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS		
Maintenance, Fuel, and Repair.....	20,000.00	
Painting	1,500.00	
Taxes	750.00	
Depreciation (Reserve Fund)	10,000.00	32,250.00
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IX. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES		
Travel	3,300.00	
Subsistence	2,200.00	
Printing FFA Materials		
(Foreign Language)	600.00	
FFA Brochures, Manuals, Etc.	100.00	
Color Slides of FFA Activities (50)	200.00	
Incidentals (Medical, Insurance, Etc.).....	100.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	6,600.00
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X. CONTINGENT		250.00
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TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.....		<u>\$148,947.50</u>

Committee Reports

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have inspected the general account records of the national organization of the Future Farmers of America, kept by J. M. Campbell, National Treasurer, and Mrs. Pauline D. Coiner, Secretary to the National Treasurer, and reviewed the audit prepared by Leach, Calkins & Scott, Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year July 1, 1963 through June 30, 1964, and find all records accurate and in proper order.

Respectfully submitted,

Monte Reese, Oklahoma, (*Chairman*)
 Norman Gay, Georgia
 W. Gayle Faust, Kentucky
 Collins Griffith, Nevada
 Paul Lyndaker, Jr., New York

Report of the Convention Proceedings Committee

We, the Committee on Convention Proceedings for 1964, recommend the following:

1. That the cover of the 1964 Convention Proceedings booklet not be the same as the Convention Program because of its present and future extensive use.
 - a. Suggestions are to use a cover picture that is more pertinent to the Convention Proceedings.
 - b. Use one that is more pertinent to agriculture and presents a challenge such as a scene during the Star Farmer Ceremony.
2. That the major sections of the contents be arranged in much the same manner as used in last year's Proceedings.
3. That the members of the National FFA Band be recognized by listing their names and States in the Proceedings and be included in the Table of Contents.
4. That the speeches of the finalists in the National Public Speaking Contest be printed in the Convention Proceedings.
5. That more pictures be used that emphasize the functions rather than the convention program.
 - a. Use pictures of judging contests and tours which relate more to agricultural learning.
 - b. Use picture of a committee group in action.
6. That the Proceedings be sent to donors to the National FFA Foundation, speakers at the convention, each chapter so that

it can be used as a reference in a permanent file for future meetings and in easy access for each local member, and each official delegate.

Respectfully submitted,

Keaton Vandemark, Ohio (*Chairman*)
Michael Anderson, North Dakota
William Perry, Rhode Island
Dale Simino, Vermont
Tom Rhoton, Arizona
Richard Baxter, Delaware
Larry Burnett, Texas

Report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee

We, the members of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee recommend the following:

1. Any chapter desiring to have additional supplies or changes in supplies included in the Future Farmers Supply Service catalogue, should submit in writing, their recommendations before January 1, in order that the suggestions may be considered at the January meeting of the National Boards of Directors and Student Officers.

2. Chapters aware of their annual supply needs should send orders early to avoid the seasonal rush during the last quarter of each calendar year.

3. The date the order is needed when placing rush orders should be stated for the benefit of both the Supply Service and the person desiring the order.

4. Each chapter member should print neatly, including the proper lettering and state the size of article desired, and in return, this order should meet the approval of the chapter advisor before forwarding it to the Supply Service.

5. The National Boards of Directors and Student Officers should consider the merit of making available grain containers for the exhibition and judging of grains at exhibitions, etc.

6. Continue working on making available the recording of the National Public Speaking Contest.

7. The Future Farmers Supply Service should make available a Star State Farmer plaque.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Davis, New Mexico (*Chairman*)
Wesley Hair, Connecticut
Ronnie Mathis, Alabama
George Parsons, Michigan

Report of the Leadership Training Committee

We, as the Committee, feel that there has been too little emphasis on Leadership Training. Thus, we make the following recommendations:

1. That the National FFA Organization hold a Leadership Training Conference in July, 1965 in Washington, D. C.
 - a. To acquaint State officers with other States' activities and organizations and the national organization.
 - b. To provide State officers with an opportunity to watch the national officers work as a team and with a chance to visit the National FFA Headquarters.
 - c. To acquaint State officers with all national and other State officers.
 - d. To give State officers an opportunity to see the Nation's Capital and their respective legislators.
2. That the national officers assist in planning the National Leadership Conference and be available to provide inspiration at the leadership training sessions.
 - a. To develop techniques through participation in organized leadership activities.
 - b. To solicit outside people such as Foundation donors as well as people within the organization.
 - c. That State suggestions and program ideas be solicited.
3. That all expenses except travel be borne by the State associations and that travel expenses be borne by the national organization for not more than six officers and one adult consultant per State on a pro-rated basis.
4. That the State associations hold annual Leadership Training Conferences for their State officers.
 - a. To acquaint State officers with their fellow officers.
 - b. To stimulate cooperation and team spirit among the officers.
5. That State associations conduct leadership conferences in their State for local chapter officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Duke Marquiss, Wyoming (*Chairman*)
Joe Kunkel, Massachusetts
Kent Frerichs, South Dakota
John Kusel, Oklahoma
Lowell Koontz, Virginia
Terry Odle, Kansas
Mark L. Zieman, Iowa

Report of the National Convention Committee

We, the members of the 1964 National Convention Committee commend the national officers for their outstanding work in representing the Future Farmers of America through their various capacities.

We submit the following recommendations to the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors for their consideration in the hope of improving our next convention:

1. All committees be notified prior to the convention as to members, chairmen and duties so that adequate time for information study may be allotted, with the exception of the nominating committee, which possibly might have some bearing on the election of national officers.
2. The National Convention Committee should be composed of official delegates with previous convention attendance.
3. A study has been conducted on the arrangement of the activities of the national convention, and we make the following recommendations:
 - a. Move the practice sessions, formerly held on Tuesday evening to Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.
 - b. Encourage tours to points of interest at this time.
 - c. Hold opening session on Tuesday evening with a short Vespers Program preceding it. This would necessitate the placement of sessions on the program so that the convention would adjourn Friday noon.
 - d. Move talent show to Wednesday night and the Firestone show to Thursday night.
 - e. Delete tours during a session of the convention.
4. Incidents concerning the improper use of the FFA jacket (especially smoking) be reported to the Courtesy Corps. The name of the offender and his chapter, be reported to his State advisor.
5. A theme for the national convention is acceptable. However, the FFA Motto and Creed should not be relegated to a position of less eminence.
6. Encourage representatives from the National FFA Organization to visit outlying territories such as Guam and Puerto Rico.
7. Have assigned sections of the Auditorium for each State with a rotation system set up so as to avoid State competition for prime seats.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Peterson, Washington (*Chairman*)
William Rowley, Louisiana
Stanley Herren, Mississippi
Ken Martin, Pennsylvania
John Cox, Alabama
Paul Shockey, West Virginia
Ivan Bartling, Nebraska

Report of the Official FFA Calendar Committee

In order to further promote the distribution of the Official National Calendar, and realizing that the calendar is one of the most important FFA public relations activities, we make the following recommendations:

1. To bring about increased participation on the chapter and State level, we suggest—
 - a. That local advisors use the material received from the calendar department to inform the chapter membership concerning the calendar program.
 - b. That all State officers and/or other State officials stress the importance of the official calendar program at all State leadership camps and officer training sessions, preferably during public relations sessions; and that State officers be encouraged to include brief comments about the calendar program during chapter visits.
 - c. That the State advisors and executive secretaries assist in providing information to the new State officers and emphasize the importance of the National FFA Calendar Program.
 - d. That the calendar department provide appropriate articles to be included in State FFA publications to familiarize each chapter with the three plans of the calendar program.
 - e. That chapters be encouraged to use official calendars even if they are already using a local fund raising calendar program.
 - f. That chapters be encouraged to assist their sponsors in distributing the calendars.
2. To increase the number of calendars being distributed—
 - a. Chapters impress upon prospective sponsors the benefits and advertising values of the calendar to his business.
 - b. Chapters and sponsors be encouraged to include non-FFA homes in the distribution of calendars.
 - c. Chapters provide the official FFA calendar as the room calendar for all classrooms in their local school system.
 - d. Local chapters be familiar with Plans A, B, and C of the Official Calendar Program and encourage participation in Plan A, if at all possible.
3. The encouragement of distribution of all three calendar styles (booklet, indoor poster, desk) should be continued.
4. Chapters should be encouraged to place all orders early to facilitate a more efficient calendar program.
5. Distribution of calendars where they will accomplish the greatest public relations benefits for Future Farmers of America should continue to be encouraged.
6. The Official Calendar Program be placed as an individual sub-heading under the Public Relations Section of the National Program of Work.
7. The Official Calendar Program be included in the State and local programs of work as a separate sub-heading under the

Public Relations Section, and the goals be to have the State associations and local chapters participate more actively in the calendar program, possibly by utilizing Plan B of the Official Calendar Program.

We commend the FFA Calendar Staff for the excellent manner in which the calendar program is being developed and promoted, and encourage them to seek new ideas for continued improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

Irving Torres, Puerto Rico (*Chairman*)

Ray Crabbs, Washington

Eugene Merritt, South Carolina

Arnold Curtain, Rhode Island

LaVern Hoyer, Missouri

Larry Svajgr, Nebraska

Francisco Tagalicod, Hawaii

Report of the National Foundation and Awards Committee

On behalf of the National FFA Organization, we, the National Foundation and Awards Committee of the 37th annual National Convention wish to express our appreciation to the many donors whose aid has made it possible to develop the aim and purposes of our organization and recognize the accomplishment of our members.

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Curry W. Stoup, President, New Idea, Division AVCO Corporation, Coldwater, Ohio, for his services as Chairman of the 1964 Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

We submit the following recommendations to the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors for their consideration:

1. Specific instructions be continued to the delegates concerning duties and responsibilities at the donor reception.
2. States be encouraged to invite donor representatives to their State conventions or award banquets.
3. In order to further recognize these donors:
 - a. The national officers send a list of donor representatives to each State office.
 - b. The State officers send a designated portion of these names to each local chapter in the State.
 - c. The individual chapters write letters of appreciation to their list of donors.
 - d. Local, district, and State winners of Foundation awards write letters of appreciation to the chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee.
4. Chapters be encouraged to invite local donor representatives to their chapter banquet.

5. Encourage State FFA association to apply for all the Farm Proficiency awards available to them.
 - a. State officer teams encourage local chapter members to strive for more accomplishments in the Farm Proficiency awards.
 - b. Give more recognition to the Foundation through local chapter banquets and at State conventions.
 - c. The national organization and the State associations prepare a promotional brochure for informing vocational agriculture underclassmen of opportunities available in the proficiency farming area.
6. Include farm and home beautification in the Farm Proficiency awards program.
7. More chapters participate in the National Chapter Awards Program through:
 - a. Encouragement by State associations.
 - b. National Future Farmer feature a special article on merits of receiving the Superior Chapter rating.
 - c. National officers continue to emphasize the importance of the National Chapter Awards Program.
8. State associations continue to encourage local chapters to use the Farm Proficiency medals.
9. There be a gradual upgrading of the requirements for standard and superior chapter rating.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Evans, Kentucky (*Chairman*)
 Paul Miller, Connecticut
 John Holste, Kansas
 Kenneth Speed, Maine
 Ronald Millner, Virginia
 Morrow Owensby, New Mexico

Report of the FFA Magazine Committee

We the members of the 1964 Magazine Committee submit the following recommendations for consideration:

1. All subscriptions be filled out accurately in ink (printed or typed) and include the full name, route, box number or street, city, State and zip code of the subscriber. This information is necessary to have sufficient mailing address for the subscriber.
2. Encourage members and advisors to write letters, giving personal views of the Magazine and any suggestion of improvement. It is recommended that one person in each of the local chapters be given the responsibility of the FFA Magazine. This would include the handling of subscriptions and distribution of complimentary issues, as well as follow-up corre-

spondence with the National Magazine when members fail to receive their copies.

3. Continue to use articles by or about the national officers to better acquaint local chapter members with the national scope of our organization and its officers. National officers are encouraged to use the Magazine to reach every member of our organization.
4. Encourage the local chapters, State associations and collegiate chapters to send in articles and pictures to be used in the magazine. Every local chapter should be encouraged to send essay type stories, pictures and items for "FFA in Action" directly to the Magazine.
 - a. Pictures—minimum of 5" x 7", preferably 8" x 10", if available.
 - b. Articles should be direct and timely.
5. Encourage national organization, State associations and local chapters to give complimentary subscriptions of the Magazine to those awarded honorary degrees, and have the Magazine made available in as many public places as possible.
6. Encourage members to continue subscribing to the Magazine after they are out of high school. It should be noted that anyone can subscribe to the Magazine. One does not have to be a Future Farmer. Thus, encouragement in increasing sales of the National FFA Magazine to former members and interested individuals is recommended.
7. State officers make mention of the National FFA Magazine in chapter visits, pointing out the value of the Magazine, and taking steps to encourage members to subscribe.
8. Urge that the Boards of Student Officers and Directors continue to and intensify their research into the possibility of publishing more issues each year of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
9. Recommend that this report be published in The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and/or in the newsletter prepared by the Magazine. Also, along with this report, an article should be included concerning the unique problems now confronting the functioning of the Magazine.
10. Recommend that articles be published along the line of State and local leadership training, and of agricultural related occupations and opportunities.
11. We wish to emphasize that the Future Farmers of America is a national organization, that The National FUTURE FARMER is a national Magazine, and that each Future Farmer should have a copy of this Magazine in order to have a better understanding of our national structure and scope. We encourage each State to provide information and to subscribe to the Magazine in order to help make it a 100% FFA success.
We commend members of the National FFA Magazine staff

for attending the numerous State conventions and the national convention, and encourage them to continue this practice.

We wish to commend the staff for the improvement of the Magazine in having more and better articles and a larger circulation.

The committee wishes to thank the national officers for their backing of this Magazine. Our thanks also go to Mr. Wilson Carnes and his staff for their untiring efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Layton, West Virginia
(Chairman)

Arthur J. Springer, Minnesota

Jim Lillard, Tennessee

Ken Silha, North Dakota

Guy Pidgeon, Colorado

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK

1964-1965

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Awards for Achievements In Farming	Cooperate in administering and promoting the FFA Foundation Awards Program to provide appropriate awards for farming achievements by FFA members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer and give Achievement in Farming Awards to FFA members. b. Distribute to local chapters appropriate Foundation medals. c. Present awards at appropriate ceremonies. d. Revise and distribute forms as necessary.
2. Publicity of Achievements	<p>Give recognition for outstanding achievements</p> <p>Cooperate in making films in the following areas: 4 Star Farmers; Farming Today; Agriculture — Dynamic — Challenging</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare and distribute news releases about national award winners. b. Publicize achievements of award winners. a. Make records available to producers. b. Assist in showing of film at national convention. c. Make film available at local, State and regional levels.
II. COOPERATION		
1. National Farm Organizations	Cooperate in appropriate activities with all national farm organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have annual meetings of National FFA Officers with officials of American Institute of Cooperation, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Grange, American Farm Bureau, Farmers Educational & Cooperative Union, Farm Institutes and others. b. Have an officer attend and take part in the program of national farm organizations when requested.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Dairy Cattle Congress	Participate in Congress	a. Hold National Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and National Dairy Products Contest. b. Confer National Dairy Farming awards c. Arrange for public appearances by award winners and officers. d. Make national officers available for programs and public relations activities.
3. American Royal Live Stock Show	Participate in American Royal	a. Have National Livestock Judging Contests held at the Royal. b. Have National FFA Band march in American Royal Parade. c. Provide time in the national convention program for FFA representatives to participate in the American Royal FFA Day. d. Exhibit livestock at the American Royal by FFA members.
4. Farm Expositions or Fairs	FFA to be represented at Eastern States Exposition, NEPPCO, Mid-South Fair, Denver National Western, and other State, regional or national expositions	a. Arrange for FFA National Officers to attend and participate. b. Assist with exhibits, exposition, pageants, etc. c. Provide assistance to State associations on all programs and exhibits which stress the activities of the FFA.
5. International Educational Exchange Program	Coordinate and assist State Department in training program with Future Farmers from other countries	a. Arrange training program for trainees and coordinate programs with State associations. b. Arrange to have the exchange students attend important FFA events, such as Dairy Cattle Congress, National Convention, Eastern States Exposition, etc. c. Arrange for a national officer and staff member to participate in the exchange program when desired by State Department.
6. American Vocational Association	Participate in AVA	a. Arrange for a national officer to attend if requested. b. Consider having an exhibit by a local chapter, State association or the national organization.
7. National Safety Council	Participate in National Safety Congress	a. Have a national FFA officer attend and participate in the NSC meetings in Chicago. b. Cooperate with the State associations and the NSC in the development of both programs and materials to promote farm safety.
8. Farm-City Week	Participate in Farm-City Week	a. Use national officers or other personnel to assist in promoting and conducting activities in Farm-City Week.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
9. Business, Industry and other Organizations	Foster better understanding of business and industry to agriculture, and encourage service to the FFA	a. Assist in the development of motion pictures, filmstrips, and pamphlets for use by the FFA. b. Encourage cooperation with State associations and local chapters.
10. Youth Organizations	Participate in worthwhile activities	a. Provide national officer representation at national meetings of other youth organizations when invited. b. Invite representatives of other youth organizations to national FFA convention.
11. Civil Defense	Cooperate with civil defense agencies in programs related to rural areas, agriculture, etc.	a. Provide local chapters and State associations information on fallout shelters, civil defense needs, etc. b. Encourage local chapters and State associations to contact appropriate civil defense agencies concerning the distribution of information on fallout shelters, civil defense, etc.
12. Peace Corps	Cooperate and assist Peace Corps in recruitment activities and overseas operations	a. Use national officers and other personnel to assist Peace Corps in leadership activities. b. Arrange for the national office to prepare and distribute current information on FFA Peace Corps projects. c. Encourage state associations and chapter advisors to inform FFA members about FFA Peace Corps projects and agricultural opportunities in the Peace Corps. d. Encourage FFA chapters to devote one meeting per year to a program on "opportunities in international agriculture through the Peace Corps."

III. SERVICES TO STATE ASSOCIATIONS, LOCAL CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

1. National Officers	To make maximum use of National FFA Officers	a. Have each State convention attended by one national officer. b. Participate in other important State FFA leadership activities, i.e. State officers training, etc. c. Participate in other activities where and when of value to the FFA.
2. Future Farmers Supply Service	Make available official FFA supplies from one source	a. Administer operation of Future Farmers Supply Service. b. Maintain high quality of merchandise sold through the Supply Service. c. Have staff members of the Future Farmers Supply Service attend State conventions.
3. The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine	Provide a National magazine for members	a. Administer publication of magazine. b. Keep States and local chapters informed of FFA activities and events. c. Have staff attend State activities, or

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
	100% of all FFA members to subscribe to magazine	regional meetings. d. Members submit articles for publication. e. Complimentary copies be given to honorary members. a. Recommend that magazine subscription rate be collected with FFA membership dues on a chapter level.
4. Official FFA Calendar	Make available an Official FFA Calendar	a. Administer publication of calendar. b. Keep States and local chapters informed on how to use calendar. c. States and chapters to use calendar for effective public relations as well as a money-making activity.
5. Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.	To make maximum use of Foundation awards	a. Acquaint State associations and local chapters with Foundation. b. Prepare and distribute appropriate information about awards available from Foundation. c. Administer the selection of regional and national Foundation award winners. d. Direct the distribution of Foundation Awards to State associations.
	All States participate in Public Speaking, Chapter Award Program, Farm Proficiency Awards and Judging contests	a. Acquaint State associations and chapters with awards programs. b. Prepare, simplify, and distribute forms. c. Supervise Public Speaking Contest, Judging Contests, National Chapter Award Program and Farm Proficiency Awards. d. Make available appropriate plaques, awards, certificates, etc.
6. FFA Building and Property	Supervise, operate and maintain real estate, building and equipment owned by the FFA	a. Administer operation and maintenance of FFA Building. b. Landscape and maintain beauty of building grounds. c. Rent basement and 1st floor to Supply Service. d. Rent 2nd floor to The National Future Farmer Magazine. e. Keep adequate insurance. f. Build and maintain adequate facilities.
	Build appropriate FFA marker	a. Use State Stones, Large Emblem, etc.
7. Publications	Provide State associations and chapters with needed publications	a. Prepare and distribute Proceedings of National FFA Convention. b. Revise and keep up to date through the FFSS an information booklet on Vocational Agriculture and the FFA, that can be used by lay people and prospective students of vocational agriculture.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Revise and keep up to date a Handbook for National FFA Officers and this be published by July 1 for use in training of State officers. d. Prepare and distribute a Handbook on Collegiate FFA Chapters. e. Revise and keep up to date the Official FFA Manual. f. Assist with the preparation of FFA Foundation publications.
8. FFA Filmstrips	Produce filmstrips and colored slides which provide general information on FFA, National FFA Convention, Good-Will Tour and Proper Use of the FFA Jacket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Slides and filmstrips to be used by FFA members and others when speaking before groups. b. Have filmstrips and slides sold by Future Farmers Supply Service.
9. Correspondence	Provide information on FFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acquaint State associations and chapters with new developments pertaining to FFA. b. Acquaint others with important activities of the organization. c. Handle correspondence in relation to FFA problems by chapters, State associations and others.

IV. LEADERSHIP

1. Leadership Training	Emphasize training in citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage program on citizenship at national convention. b. Provide materials on citizenship to State associations and local chapters.
	Hold Regional Leadership Conferences for State Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assist and cooperate with State associations. b. Assign national officers to participate. c. Furnish material, personnel, etc., as needed for conferences.
	Provide leadership training at national convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide financial assistance to State leadership demonstrations. b. Provide time on program for leadership training.
2. Citizenship Training	Provide training in Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include in leadership training at national convention and also at the regional training conferences.

V. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. National Meetings	Administer FFA Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hold three meetings annually of National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors. b. Attend and assist with the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of FFA Foundation.
	Hold National Convention in Kansas City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conduct the National FFA Convention in cooperation with State associations, Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and others. b. Continue to organize a Courtesy Corps and Usher Committee to

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assist in the national convention activities.

- c. Continue to use the National FFA Band at the national convention and participate in the activities of the American Royal Live Stock & Horse Show.

VI. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

- 1. **Budget** Carry out authorization of convention delegates and Boards
- 2. **Finance** Adequately finance FFA

- a. Prepare a budget.
- b. Expend funds as authorized.
- a. Receive National FFA dues.
- b. Collect royalties from official calendar.
- c. Collect royalties from companies that are authorized to sell official FFA items.
- d. Receive portion of funds earned by Future Farmers Supply Service and National Future Farmer Magazine.
- e. Receive rents from the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National Future Farmer Magazine.

VII. PUBLIC RELATIONS

- 1. **Good-Will Tour** Plan and conduct
- 2. **The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and Official FFA Calendar** Distribute magazine and calendar to those who should be kept informed about the organization
- 3. **FFA Speakers** Prepare national officers and make them available for speaking
- 4. **Radio and TV** Participate in radio and TV programs
- 5. **Newspapers and Magazines** Provide information on FFA activities, outstanding members and Foundation Award winners

- a. Visit donors to FFA Foundation.
- b. Visit other companies, organizations and individuals who should know about FFA.
- a. National organization make subscriptions available to donors, influential individuals and organizations.
- b. Chapters and State associations to provide complimentary copies for appropriate offices and individuals.
- c. Use the Official FFA Calendar for public relations.
- a. Schedule officers to speak before national and State groups, farm organizations and service clubs when requested.
- a. Schedule radio and TV programs in connection with National FFA Convention and other special activities.
- b. Schedule radio and TV programs at other appropriate times during the year, such as National FFA Week.
- c. Encourage networks to present State and local programs featuring the FFA.
- d. Prepare suggested scripts and other material for use by radio and TV.
- e. Attend meetings of National Association of Radio and Television Farm Directors.
- a. Make available information on FFA to writers for magazines and press.
- b. Prepare appropriate news releases and stories for use of magazines and the agricultural press.

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6. Informational materials	Keep and distribute informational materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Provide "suggested stories" for use by State associations. d. Maintain FFA photographic file in national office. e. Attend national meetings of American Agricultural Editors' Association.
7. Educational Exchange with Foreign Countries	Develop understanding of FFA among foreign countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintain a supply of materials about the FFA. b. Provide such materials to give to people desiring information about FFA. c. Keep up to date a mailing list of people who should receive information about the organization. d. Cooperate with the State Department making FFA information available upon request.
	Sponsor Foreign Educational Exchange Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperate with the International Education Division of the USOE in working with foreign visitors. b. Provide informational material to these people. c. Invite visitors from foreign countries to attend the National FFA Convention. d. Help foreign visitors schedule visits to State associations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperate with the Department of State in educational programs with friendly countries. b. Make national officers and other personnel available to serve upon request.
8. Exhibits	Make available exhibit materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide pictures, charts and other materials and information for the FFA exhibits. b. Arrange for exhibits to be used at national meetings, educational conferences, agricultural fairs and other occasions. c. Exhibits at national convention should conform to National FFA Week theme.
9. National FFA Week	Emphasize FFA nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare aids for State associations and chapters, including suggestions for radio and TV scripts, news stories, mats, seals, speeches and chapter activities. b. Arrange for materials to be purchased through the Supply Service by States and local chapters. c. Have material for FFA week on display at national convention. d. Sell outdoor billboard posters through the Future Farmers Supply Service.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
10. Promote Agriculture	Emphasize the importance and also the opportunities in agriculture	a. Develop and use publicity on a national level. b. Solicit the support of national magazines and newspapers. c. State associations work with their State colleges and/or universities of agriculture.
11. Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the FFA	Suitable awards on the national, State and local levels to be given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the FFA	a. Confer the honorary degree upon those earning award. b. Use appropriate and impressive ceremony. c. Make appropriate plaques and other awards available for presentation. d. Confer appropriate plaque for service to the organization.
12. Honorary Degree	Award to persons whose contributions to the FFA have been outstanding	a. Confer the honorary degree upon individuals who have served FFA and have helped advance vocational agriculture. b. Use appropriate and impressive ceremony.

VIII. RECREATION

1. FFA Talent Program and Recreation	Provide good talent and entertainment at the national convention	a. Use adult assistants. b. Audition musical units and talent numbers for program. c. Provide for talent show on convention program. d. Provide for financial assistance for talent members.
	Provide recreation	a. Organize tours to points of interest. b. Use Kansas City Advisory Committee to assist with tours.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Williams, North Carolina
(Chairman)
 Van Younes, Arkansas
 Lennie Stout, Indiana
 Paul A. "Tony" Tarpley, Louisiana
 Chuck Sparks, Oregon
 Harry DuBose, South Carolina

Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for the National FFA Offices for the year 1964-65. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....KENNETH KENNEDY, Kentucky
Student Secretary.....EVAN J. GREEN, Colorado
Central Vice President.....LARRY RAY PREWITT, Missouri
No. Atlantic Vice President.....JOSEPH E. PERRIGO, New Hampshire

<i>Pacific Vice President</i>	IVAN RAY HUNT, Arizona
<i>Southern Vice President</i>	ROBERT F. PAGE, Georgia
<i>Advisor</i>	A. W. TENNEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Executive Secretary</i>	WM. PAUL GRAY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Treasurer</i>	J. M. CAMPBELL, Virginia

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Dryer, Wisconsin (*Chairman*)
 Gary Swan, New York
 Marvin C. May, Michigan
 Larry Craig, Idaho
 Robert A. Anderson, Montana
 Carl E. Ginder, Pennsylvania
 Jimmy Cravey, Alabama
 Marion C. Rivere, Florida
 Kent Slater, Illinois

Report of the Program of Work Committee—Local Guide

After studying the Guide for local chapters to use in developing a Program of Work, the Committee feels that the present Guide, as printed in the 1964 Revised Edition of the Official FFA Manual is complete and accurate, except for recommended changes in the following divisions:

1. That Item F be added under Activity 2 of Division I, Supervised Farming, to read "Encourage chapter and individuals to use emergency (veterinarian) kits for home use."
2. That Item E be added to Activity 1, Goal 1 of Division II, Cooperation, to read "Chapter encourage member exchange programs with other chapters."
3. That Item A of Goal 3, Activity 1, Division IV, Leadership, be changed to read as follows: "Participate in Inter-State, State and District Leadership Training Schools."
4. That No. 6 be added under Item 6, Goal 2, Activity 1, Division V, Earnings and Savings, to read "Others."
5. That Goal 1, Activity 1, Division VI, Conduct of Meetings, be rephrased to read "Hold 20 regular *or special* meetings during each year."
6. That Item 6 be added to Goal 1, Activity 1, Division VII, Scholarship, to read as follows: "Chapter recognize individual scholarship achievements with suitable awards."
7. That Item D, under Activity 1, Division VIII, Recreation, be rephrased to read "Plan social parties with other youth organizations, such as the FHA"; also that Item F of the same paragraph be rephrased to read "Organize chapter talent groups."
8. That Item E, under Goal 2 of Activity 1, Division IX, Public Relations, be done away with and that Goal 3 be added to read "Recognize National FFA Week" and that Item A under this goal read as follows: "Sponsor week-long community activities."

9. That the Goal of Activity 3, Division X, State and National Activities, be reworded to read as follows: "Chapter have one entry in each Foundation award if applicable."

As a general recommendation, we suggest that each chapter submit a Program of Work to the State office each year, in order to be eligible for competition above the local level in all FFA activities.

It is also suggested that the following areas of concern be considered for future improvement in the Program of Work—Local Guide:

1. A continued study of occupational placement experience programs.
2. A chapter scholastic foundation award be established.
3. A guide be developed for the Official FFA Manual to outline a personal public relations program.

It is the expressed desire of this committee that each of these recommendations be carefully considered as we believe them pertinent additions and changes to our Program of Work—Local Guide.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Whitelaw, Florida (*Chairman*)
 Adolfo Alvarado, Puerto Rico
 Stephen Starr, Vermont
 Roger Olson, South Dakota
 Larry Veigel, Montana
 William Kelly, Jr., New Hampshire
 Donald Mullen, Wisconsin

Report of the Public Relations Committee

We, the Committee on Public Relations for 1964-65, go on record recommending the following:

1. That local chapters be encouraged to select outstanding representatives to speak before farm, business, civic, and youth groups and similar organizations, emphasizing a Farm-City youth week and Farm Safety week, and also encouraging continued working relations with other youth organizations.

2. That outstanding farmers be invited to, and given recognition at the State convention, and local meetings in order to promote a better working relationship between the farmer and the FFA.

3. That more interviews, speeches and planned programs be presented on radio and TV stations to create more interest in the FFA.

4. That the national organization, State associations and local chapters make a special effort to observe National FFA Week by the increased use of newspaper coverage, display aids, advertisement folders, billboard signs, radio and television, and by speaking

to farm, business, civic and youth groups. That each State recognize National FFA Week by having the Governor sign an official proclamation declaring the week as National FFA Week and that the local chapters make some public presentation to familiarize the local community with FFA.

5. That the national officers continue the national good-will tour with the possibility of visiting more States in different areas of the nation. State associations and local chapters are also encouraged to conduct more of these tours.

6. That each State association organize a leadership training program for chapter officers emphasizing the role of the chapter officers in regard to FFA public relations.

7. That State associations be encouraged to edit State FUTURE FARMER publications for distribution to the State membership, Foundation donors, and friends of the FFA, and also that local chapters be encouraged to publish chapter newsletters to be distributed to friends to improve FFA public relations locally.

8. That State associations and local chapters make appropriations to buy extra subscriptions to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, orders for the official FFA calendar, and that they be placed in high schools, colleges and various public places for public reading.

9. That the cooperation and expansion of FFA educational exchange programs between the U.S. and foreign countries be supported and encouraged.

10. That State reporters send lists of their State's outstanding public relations activities to the national office and that a report of these activities be prepared for use of State associations. We also recommend that an awards program be considered on a public relations contest.

11. That delegates, award winners, and guests at banquets at National, State and local functions express their appreciation to the sponsors by personal note. The individual boys should formally give appreciation to those who sponsor livestock shows, etc.

12. That State associations and local chapters make use of films pertaining to agriculture and the FFA by showing them at clubs, banquets, and assemblies.

13. That we continue to express appreciation by presentation of honorary degrees on the local, State, and national levels to worthy individuals who have contributed to the FFA. It is further recommended that greetings of correspondence be sent to these men.

14. That local chapters and State associations be encouraged to use more exhibits and "FFA Children's Barnyards" at local and State fairs, and that those on display be improved.

15. That State associations encourage exchange of officers with other States in regard to State conventions and that national officers be included as one of the convention highlights. It is also recommended that State associations and local chapters invite

school administrators, businessmen, Foundation donors, and others interested in the FFA to local and Statewide activities.

16. That each Future Farmer be encouraged to develop his own individual public relations program by following and enforcing the "Code of Ethics."

17. That the following themes be considered for National FFA Week 1966:

FUTURE FARMERS — FOOD — FREEDOM

TOMORROW'S LEADERS IN AGRICULTURE BUSINESS

18. We recommend that a study be made by the student officers in regards to the FFA professional public relations staff, in view of the fact that our magazine staff is composed of men already trained in journalism and other fields related to public relations work. It is the feeling of the committee that our public relations department definitely needs enlarging in order to properly represent the FFA. The report of the student officers should be complete and acted upon by July 1, 1965.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Gish, California (*Chairman*)

Jim Matheny, Oregon

Roddy Riggs, Arizona

Kim Ricketts, Missouri

Billy Long, Mississippi

James Robison, Nevada

Report of the Official FFA Manual Committee

After reviewing the 1964 Official FFA Manual and the Report of the 1963 Manual Committee, we recommend the following for the 1965 Edition:

1. The "Historical Sketch of the Organization" on Pages 6 and 7 be kept up to date.
2. The year in which each State received its charter be added to the list of chartered State associations on Page 7.
3. "Duties and Responsibilities of Chapter Officers" on Page 37 be changed to read "Duties and Responsibilities of Student Officers."
4. The asterisk (*) on Page 63 be removed from "Questions of privilege" because as it now stands, it is in error.
5. The theme for National FFA Week be placed on the back cover.
6. All pictures be reviewed and brought up to date. Special attention should be given to pictures of the national convention. (Also "Advisor" in the picture on Page 81 is spelled wrong.)

7. All other necessary changes as a result of convention business, etc. should be made.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Stitzlein, Ohio (*Chairman*)
 Joe Wallace, Tennessee
 Mike Carnahan, Indiana
 David Hartle, Minnesota
 Craig Vorwaller, Utah
 Ronald Wright, Massachusetts

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Be it resolved that we, the Committee on Resolutions for 1964, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, extend our most heartfelt and sincere thanks as an organization to those who participate in, and contributed to the outstanding and wonderful success of the 37th national convention.

1. All donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. for their interest in the FFA and generous contributions.
2. The members of the Board of Directors and staff of the National FFA Organization and State staffs for their conscientious influence and effort, and continuing assistance in making this year's convention an even more worthwhile and memorable event.
3. The 1963-64 national officers for their efforts in developing innovations for a more interesting convention program, and for their humble and dedicated service to the Future Farmers of America organization.
4. The Honorable Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and the residents of his fine city for their most hearty and warm welcome.
5. All firms, organizations and their representatives who are assisting the FFA by sponsoring valuable educational assistance.
6. The management and staff of Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium for their helpfulness which has always been shown toward the Future Farmers of America organization.
7. The Kansas City Advisory Committee, businessmen and the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce for their efforts and services extended in making this a most worthwhile convention.
8. Mr. Curry W. Stoup, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc. for his consistent efforts on behalf of the Foundation.
9. The management of all the housing facilities who have so kindly assisted in accommodations for our Future Farmer representatives.
10. All members who gave of their time to participate in the

National FFA Band, and the State Associations, and community concerns who made this participation possible, thus adding to the enjoyment of the program.

11. A special word of thanks to Mr. R. Cedric Anderson and his assistants for their most outstanding work with the National FFA Band which performed so magnificently.
12. Kenny McMillan, Past National FFA President, for his sincere, strengthening and most meaningful invocation.
13. The ushers and courtesy corps for their dedication toward helping FFA members understand the functions of our convention, and for their help in safeguarding the image of our organization.
14. The judges and timekeepers for sacrificing their time and the work they did to help with the National FFA Public Speaking Contest.
15. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Venard, Mr. Harold Coons and The Keystone Steel and Wire Company for giving us the opportunity of being first to view the movie "The Four Star Farmers" and for their support and continuing interest in our organization.
16. The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for again providing outstanding entertainment for our enjoyment at the conclusion of the convention.
17. The many FFA talent team members and individuals who provided their talent for our enjoyment and entertainment under the direction of Mr. Don Erickson and Mr. Donavon Coil.
18. The Wurlitzer Organ Company for again generously loaning us an organ for the National FFA Convention and to Earl M. Griess, of the Nebraska association, who gave of his time to play the organ, thus adding to the enjoyment of the convention.
19. All State associations who prepared exhibits for the Little Theater around the theme "Our American Heritage." This helped people to better understand the FFA.
20. All firms that extended courtesies to the FFA on tours and at attendance at other special functions of the convention.
21. All officials and participants in the various contests and awards programs, and other special events.
22. The American Royal Association for sponsoring many wonderful programs for the support and enjoyment of the Future Farmers of America while in Kansas City.
23. All organizations of the press, TV and radio that so kindly publicized the events occurring at this convention.
24. All honored guests and distinguished visitors from foreign countries for their appearance at this convention.
25. Several local Chapters for their work in helping with the Auditorium decorations.

26. The Kansas Association for their fine demonstration of a Green Hand Initiation Ceremony.
27. The present and past national officers, the Somerset Chapter Quartet of the Maryland Association, and Arthur Lloyd Shearin of the Tennessee Association for their contribution to our inspiring evening Vespers Program, which set an example of sincerity of purpose for an outstanding convention.
28. The dedicated personnel who maintain the high standards of quality in the Supply Service, National FFA Magazine and Official FFA Calendar, and to the other adults who are affiliated with the FFA organization.
29. To all members and the various associations for their contribution to the program.
30. To all the State delegates, committee members and advisors for their fine work in carrying on the business of the national convention.
31. To our guest speakers, The Honorable Don Fuqua, Rev. Wayne Poucher, Mr. Henry Schriver and Mr. James G. Patton.
32. To all of those additional people who contributed so much to the wonderful success of the 37th national convention of Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,

Benny G. Mays, Texas (*Chairman*)
Dwight Horsch, Idaho
Tom Fisher, Illinois
Ricky A. Setzer, North Carolina
Steve Grace, New Hampshire
Dan Chatman, California
Roland Reid, Maine

National FFA Foundation Awards and Contests

Star Farmer Awards

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates who receive the degree at the time of the National Convention. A check for \$1,000 went to the Star Farmer of America, and checks for \$500 were given to the other three Star Farmers.

Star Farmer of America
DON CARLTON TYLER
Conneautville, Pennsylvania

Don Tyler, Star Farmer of America, owns and operates a 225 acre Pennsylvania dairy farm and rents an additional 291 acres of land for crops. He is married and has two children, 20 months and 5 months old. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Tyler.

Don's farming program this year includes 70 head of dairy cows, 18 heifers and 20 calves. He is raising 400 turkeys and 850 laying hens, and had a flock of 950 fryers and roasters. Crop enterprises include 150 acres of corn, 60 acres of oats, 50 acres of wheat, 50 acres of alfalfa, 106 acres of clover and timothy, and 70 acres of improved pasture.

During his senior year of high school and for the first year out of school, Don operated the farm in partnership with his father. In 1963, Don purchased the entire farm through the use of notes and mortgages that call for a combination of monthly and annual payments. Mr. Tyler returned to his work in a local bank. The Star Farmer's assets in farming are now about \$89,000. He still owes \$53,000, for a net worth of \$36,000.

Don was graduated from Conneaut Valley High School in 1961. While in school, he was secretary and president of the FFA chapter, and president of his area FFA association. He is president of the Official Board of his church, and is active in Grange and the Pennsylvania Farmers Association.

The three Regional Star American Farmers are:

George H. Culverhouse, Jr., Fort Pierce, Florida
Merlin Hamilton, Queen Creek, Arizona
Lyle F. Nielsen, Creighton, Nebraska

STAR FARMER JUDGES





STAR AMERICAN FARMERS

Left to right: George Culverhouse, Jr., Southern Region, Lyle Nielsen, Central Region, Merlin Hamilton, Pacific Region, and Don Tyler, North Atlantic Region, who was named Star Farmer of America.

National Chapter Awards Program

One hundred and thirty-nine local chapters of the Future Farmers of America were honored at the 37th annual national FFA convention in Kansas City when awards were presented in the organization's National Chapter Awards Program.

The National FFA Chapter Awards Program, conducted an-

← JUDGES FOR THE STAR FARMER OF AMERICA AWARD

Left to right, seated: Mr. John A. Morgan, President, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri; Mr. P. W. Perdriau, Group Vice President, The B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio; Mr. Byron J. Nichols, Vice President and General Manager, Dodge Division, Chrysler Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; Dr. A. W. Tenney, National Advisor, Future Farmers of America, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Curry W. Stoup, President, New Idea Farm Equipment Company, Division of AVCO Corporation, Coldwater, Ohio; Mr. Roderick Turnbull, Farm Editor, KANSAS CITY STAR, Kansas City, Missouri; Mr. Merritt D. Hill, President, J. I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin; Mr. Walter L. Bomeli, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., Bangor, Michigan.

Left to right, standing: Mr. Mark V. Keeler, Executive Vice President, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois; Dr. Ken Stern, President, American Institute of Cooperation, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Richard D. Chumney, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Richmond, Virginia; Mr. Russell DeYoung, Chairman of the Board, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Dr. Walter M. Arnold, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Wallace E. Gordon, General Manager, Industrial and Biochemicals Department, E. I. duPont deNemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; Mr. Ray G. Cinnamon, Garber, Oklahoma (Former Star Farmer of America).

nually 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 Awards Program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort and in crystalizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile activities.

Chapters were grouped into Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, and Bronze Emblem classifications, according to their records of accomplishment in supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, recreation and participation in State and national activities.

The top "Gold Emblem" rating was awarded to 69 chapters in a special presentation Wednesday night. On Thursday morning, Silver Emblem awards were presented to 58 chapters, and Bronze Emblem awards to 12. The chapters were honored for their outstanding activity records during the 1963-64 school year.

Others received spurs to place on plaques previously awarded. The one hundred and thirty-nine chapters in the national contest represent the best from the Future Farmers of America's 8260 local chapters. The winning chapters, listed by States, follow:

ALABAMA.....	Section Chapter, Section, gold emblem; Ider Chapter, Ider, silver emblem; Union Springs Chapter, Union Springs, silver emblem; Foley Chapter, Foley, bronze emblem.
ARIZONA.....	Amphitheater Chapter, Tucson, gold emblem; Tempe Chapter, Tempe, silver emblem.
ARKANSAS.....	Mansfield Chapter, Mansfield, gold emblem; County Line Chapter, Ratcliff, silver emblem; Harrison Chapter, Harrison, silver emblem; Leachville Chapter, Leachville, bronze emblem.
CALIFORNIA.....	Thomas Downey Chapter, Modesto, gold emblem; Modesto Chapter, Modesto, gold emblem; Escalon Chapter, Escalon, silver emblem; Porterville Chapter, Porterville, silver emblem.
COLORADO.....	Fort Morgan Chapter, Fort Morgan, gold emblem; Platte Valley Chapter, Kersey, gold emblem.
CONNECTICUT.....	Woodbury Chapter, Woodbury, gold emblem; Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, silver emblem.
DELAWARE.....	Newark Chapter, Newark, silver emblem.
FLORIDA.....	Santa Fe Chapter, Alachua, gold emblem; Fort Pierce Chapter, Fort Pierce, silver emblem; Paxton Chapter, Florala, Ala., bronze emblem.
GEORGIA.....	Blakely Chapter, Blakely, gold emblem; Perry Chapter, Perry, gold emblem; Central Chapter, Carrollton, silver emblem; Greenville Chapter, Greenville, silver emblem; Winder-Barrow Chapter, Winder, silver emblem.
HAWAII.....	Kaneohe Chapter, Kaneohe, gold emblem; Kapaa Chapter, Kapaa, Kauai, silver emblem.
IDAHO.....	Twin Falls Chapter, Twin Falls, gold emblem; Weiser Chapter, Weiser, bronze emblem.

- ILLINOIS.....Maroa Chapter, Maroa, gold emblem; Williamsfield Chapter, Williamsfield, gold emblem; Central Chapter, Clifton, silver emblem; Sycamore Chapter, Sycamore, silver emblem.
- INDIANA.....Hagerstown Chapter, Hagerstown, gold emblem; Clinton Central Chapter, Michigantown, silver emblem; Pennville Chapter, Pennville, bronze emblem.
- IOWA.....Audubon Chapter, Audubon, gold emblem; Mount Ayr Chapter, Mount Ayr, gold emblem; Sumner Chapter, Sumner, gold emblem.
- KANSAS.....Atchison County Chapter, Effingham, silver emblem; Stockton Chapter, Stockton, silver emblem.
- KENTUCKY.....Livingston Central Chapter, Smithland, gold emblem; Metcalfe County Chapter, Edmonton, gold emblem; Memorial Chapter, Waynesburg, silver emblem; Menifee County Chapter, Frenchburg, silver emblem.
- LOUISIANA.....Slidell Chapter, Slidell, gold emblem; Saline Chapter, Saline, silver emblem; Sulphur Chapter, Sulphur, silver emblem.
- MAINE.....Presque Isle Chapter, Presque Isle, silver emblem; Limestone Chapter, Limestone, silver emblem.
- MARYLAND.....Damascus Chapter, Damascus, gold emblem; Gaithersburg Chapter, Gaithersburg, gold emblem.
- MASSACHUSETTS.....Wachusett Chapter, Holden, gold emblem; Stockbridge Chapter, Stockbridge, bronze emblem.
- MICHIGAN.....Byron Chapter, Byron, gold emblem; Cassopolis Chapter, Cassopolis, silver emblem; Marshall Chapter, Marshall, silver emblem.
- MINNESOTA.....Canby Chapter, Canby, gold emblem; Faribault Chapter, Faribault, gold emblem; Stillwater Chapter, Stillwater, gold emblem; Ortonville Nature Builders Chapter, Ortonville, silver emblem.
- MISSISSIPPI.....Morton Chapter, Morton, gold emblem; Inverness Chapter, Inverness, silver emblem; Florence Chapter, Florence, bronze emblem.
- MISSOURI.....Cassville Chapter, Cassville, gold emblem; West Plains Chapter, West Plains, gold emblem; Carl Junction Chapter, Carl Junction, silver emblem; Salem Chapter, Salem, silver emblem.
- MONTANA.....Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, gold emblem; Huntley Project Chapter, Worden, gold emblem.
- NEBRASKA.....Pender Chapter, Pender, gold emblem; Pierce Chapter, Pierce, silver emblem.
- NEVADA.....Ruby Mountain Chapter, Elko, gold emblem; Moapa Valley Chapter, Overton, silver emblem.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE.....Alvirne Chapter, Hudson, silver emblem; Piscataquog Chapter, New Boston, silver emblem.
- NEW JERSEY.....Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, gold emblem; Newton Chapter, Newton, gold emblem.
- NEW MEXICO.....Clovis Chapter, Clovis, gold emblem; Roswell Chapter, Roswell, gold emblem.
- NEW YORK.....Barker Chapter, Barker, gold emblem; Greenville Chapter, Greenville, gold emblem.
- NORTH CAROLINA.....Bethel Chapter, Waynesville, gold emblem; Fuquay Springs Chapter, Fuquay Springs, gold emblem; Central Chapter, Fayetteville, silver emblem; East Rowan Chapter, Salisbury, silver emblem; Sun Valley Chapter, Monroe, silver emblem; Rich Square Chapter, Rich Square, bronze emblem.

NORTH DAKOTA.....	A. S. Gibbens Chapter, Maddock, gold emblem; Rugby Chapter, Rugby, gold emblem.
OHIO.....	Fairfield Chapter, Leesburg, gold emblem; Mowrystown Chapter, Mowrystown, gold emblem; Hayesville Chapter, Hayesville, silver emblem.
OKLAHOMA.....	Muskogee Chapter, Muskogee, gold emblem; Ponca City Chapter, Ponca City, gold emblem; Purcell Chapter, Purcell, gold emblem; Marlow Chapter, Marlow, silver emblem.
OREGON.....	Enterprise Chapter, Enterprise, silver emblem; Central Linn Chapter, Halsey, bronze emblem.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	Laurel Chapter, New Castle, gold emblem; Kutztown Area Chapter, Kutztown, silver emblem; Mifflinburg Chapter, Mifflinburg, silver emblem.
RHODE ISLAND.....	Scituate Chapter, North Scituate, silver emblem; North Kingstown Chapter, North Kingstown, bronze emblem.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	Woodruff Chapter, Woodruff, gold emblem; James F. Byrnes Chapter, Duncan, silver emblem; Fairforest Chapter, Fairforest, silver emblem.
SOUTH DAKOTA.....	Clark Chapter, Clark, silver emblem; Scotland Chapter, Scotland, bronze emblem.
TENNESSEE.....	Dayton Chapter, Dayton, gold emblem; Dickson Chapter, Dickson, gold emblem; Bradley Chapter, Cleveland, silver emblem; Jere Cooper Chapter, Dyersburg, silver emblem.
TEXAS.....	Azle Chapter, Azle, gold emblem; Nacogdoches Chapter, Nacogdoches, gold emblem; Pleasanton Chapter, Pleasanton, gold emblem; Mauriceville Chapter, Mauriceville, silver emblem; Sherman Chapter, Sherman, silver emblem; Tatum Chapter, Tatum, silver emblem; Whitesboro Chapter, Whitesboro, silver emblem; Mount Pleasant Chapter, Mount Pleasant, bronze emblem.
UTAH.....	Millard Eagle Chapter, Fillmore, gold emblem; Springville Chapter, Springville, gold emblem.
VERMONT.....	Middlebury Chapter, Middlebury, silver emblem.
VIRGINIA.....	Robert E. Lee Chapter, Appomattox, gold emblem; Montevideo Chapter, Penn Laird, gold emblem; Turner Ashby Chapter, Dayton, gold emblem.
WASHINGTON.....	Reardan Chapter, Reardan, gold emblem; Mount Baker Chapter, Deming, silver emblem.
WEST VIRGINIA.....	Masontown Chapter, Masontown, gold emblem; Ripley Chapter, Ripley, gold emblem.
WISCONSIN.....	Wittenberg Chapter, Wittenberg, gold emblem; Delavan-Darien Chapter, Delavan, silver emblem; Fort Atkinson Chapter, Fort Atkinson, silver emblem; Granton Chapter, Granton, silver emblem.
WYOMING.....	Frontier Chapter, Cheyenne, gold emblem; Saddle and Sirlin Chapter, Newcastle, gold emblem.

National FFA Public Speaking Contest

The National FFA Public Speaking Contest held in Kansas City is the final elimination of a nationwide contest that started in local chapters with winners progressing through area or federation competition, then State contests, and Regional contests.

Each of the four boys who participated in the national contest already had won a medal at the local chapter level and a \$100 prize at the State level. The FFA Foundation provided \$2,950 to

help pay the travel expenses of State winners to regional contests. The four finalists divide a \$250 travel fund prorated on the basis of distance they must travel from their home States to Kansas City.

The winner of the national contest received \$250. Other awards are \$225 for second, \$200 for third, and \$175 for fourth. All awards and travel funds are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

Each contestant spoke 10 minutes on an agricultural subject of his own choosing, then was subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges. Scoring is done on the basis of the speech delivery, manuscript, and answers to questions.



WINNERS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

- First Place —Dean Ralph Brett, East Wenatchee, Washington—
“The Last Straw”
- Second Place—Glenn Ray Shafer, Caney, Kansas—“New Problems—New Solutions”
- Third Place —Charles H. McLendon, Jr., Conyers, Georgia—
“Agriculture in a Changing World”
- Fourth Place—Mitchell Ulrich, Myerstown, Pennsylvania — “The Proudest Vocation”

JUDGES:

- R. E. Calhoun, Wholesale Sales Manager, Standard Oil Company
(Incorporated in Kentucky), Louisville, Kentucky
- Roy Freeland, Secretary, Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas
- James Wall, Executive Secretary, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska

TIMEKEEPERS:

Lyman B. Horton, Commissioner, Agricultural and Mineral Development Department, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, Chicago, Illinois

Frank J. Reynolds, General Manager, Agricultural Industry Marketing, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Last Straw

By

Dean Ralph Brett

Between 1936 and 1941, one of the chief exports of the United States to Japan was scrap iron. This trade was mutually beneficial to both countries. It supplied Japan with a vitally needed commodity and it helped to alleviate our balance of payment problems. Good relations were developed between the two countries; and besides, we got our scrap iron back—on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor!

Oh, they say that history repeats itself. Yes, I am afraid it is true, for in September of 1963 the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics offered to the United States a gigantic opportunity to repeat this same stupendous blunder. They proposed that we help alleviate their agricultural shortages with our agricultural surpluses. This decision pertaining to the sale of wheat to the Soviet Union involves intricate computations regarding our balance of payment problems, our external security, and our domestic farm situation. However, the basis for this judgment is inherent in the relationship between the United States and the U.S.S.R. Either we are friends; we are merely slightly different forms of government; or we are enemies.

The friendliness of the Communists has been typified by many symbols: the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, situated in Cuba, pointed at our heads; the Viet Cong guerilla, hidden in South Vietnam, shooting at American G.I.'s; and that big man with a big mouth, standing in the United Nations, pounding a shoe on the table, and later bellowing, "We will bury you!" If this be friendship, then it can truly be said, "We need no enemies."

Yet there are still some among us who allege that we should trade with the Soviets, that there has been a recent thaw in the cold war, that their form of government is merely slightly different from ours. These people forget, however, that during the last twenty-five years, the United States has had 3,400 meetings with the Communists. The negotiators spoke 106,000,000 words—enough to fill 700 volumes. All of this talk has led to fifty-two major agreements, and the Soviet Union has broken fifty of them. Taking these facts into consideration, we must certainly reject that hypothesis.

Since the first two alternatives must be discarded, we find that

there is only one choice—that we reject Communists as our enemies and Communism as a malignant, cancerous tumor. And like that malignant tumor, there is only one remedy—surgery.

I now submit that American agriculture can perform that surgery. We have the capability, and now we have the opportunity. Last year the average American farmer produced enough food for himself and twenty-eight others. In the United States, the seven percent of the nation's workers on farms produce huge surpluses each year. Under the Soviet system, forty percent of their labor force is engaged in farming. The difference between the capitalistic and communistic farming systems are best exemplified by Russia herself. Statistics provided by the *United States News and World Report* point out that long continued failures in agriculture trace to the inertia of farmers who see no point in efficient production on collective farms. On tiny private plots, however, the picture is much different. To illustrate: a bare two percent of Russia's farmland is permitted in privately held plots. These plots provide the country with forty percent of its meat, milk, fresh vegetables, and potatoes. These facts certainly substantiate the claim that our farming methods are inherently more efficient, and we now have the opportunity to use our resources.

While it may be argued that food is not a strategic material, it is certain that by supplying wheat to Russia we free more Soviet workers from agriculture so that they may be put on heavy production—including weapons. Conversely then, if we do not sell wheat to Russia, their industrial workers will be forced to revert back to agriculture, thus impeding their military, industrial, and scientific progress.

So we have seen that the Communists are our enemies, and that American agriculture has the capability to destroy the malignancy of the Communist cancer.

One question remains—Should we take this opportunity?

The situation we face is much like that of the mile runner at the 1960 Olympics. At the crack of the starting gun, he raced once around the track only to find himself being paced by a Russian opponent. On second lap they were still neck and neck. They raced around three times. On the fourth lap with one hundred yards to go, two hearts were beating furiously, four legs were pounding madly, but they were still tied. And then, with about ten yards remaining, the Russian opponent fell flat on his face. The Olympic runner had a choice—just as we have a choice. He could carry his opponent across the finish line, or he could race on to victory himself.

The Communists have clearly fallen flat on their faces. Should we pick them up, dust them off, and let them gain the ultimate victory? Or should we let them lie there in the dirt, where the world can see their many faults? It is your choice, but let me remind you, this might be the last chance we have in a long, long time.

I personally maintain that we should take advantage of this

situation. Fellow Future Farmers, we can no more save our republic from Communism, merely by saying, "I'm against Communism" than a parent can save his child from polio, merely by saying, "I'm against polio." We must take some positive action!

First, the re-enactment of the *Agricultural Act of 1961*. It is important to note that in this legislation Congress expressed its will relative to trading with the enemy by inserting the following language in the declaration of policy, . . . "to in no manner either subsidize the export, sell, or make available any subsidized agricultural commodity to any nation other than such friendly nations." You might ask now, "How was this legislation bypassed"? The answer is fairly simple. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was merely considered as a "friendly nation." Since we know that this is not true, we should demand the reconsideration of this legislation.

However, we must realize that the United States is not the only nation in the world with surplus agricultural commodities. Therefore, I propose a second point—that the United States use its power, its influence, and if necessary its financial capabilities to initiate a world-wide agricultural embargo upon all Communist nations. Through this program the western nations would present a united economic, as well as military, posture. The ultimate goal is the destruction of the Communist military, industrial, and scientific progress.

I would now like to ask you one final question—so what? So what are you going to do about it? Will you return home, flick on the television set, slump down in your favorite easy chair, and forget what I have said in the last ten minutes? Or will you demand action? True, the coward's way out is much simpler, and besides, you won't have to miss out on your favorite television show. But if a few patriotic Americans can band together and dedicate themselves to the destruction of the Communist menace through the development of American agriculture, then—and only then—can American ideals survive and flourish. The course of action is entirely up to you. After all, it's only your country.

Farm Safety

1st Place—

Dickson Chapter, Dickson, Tennessee.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Fort Scott Chapter, Fort Scott, Kansas	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region—Ripley Chapter, Ripley, West Virginia	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Reardan Chapter, Reardan, Wash- ington	\$200.00

Dickson Chapter

During the 1963-64 school year, ninety-three members of the Dickson, Tennessee, Chapter presented 84 radio programs on safety over Station WOKN in their city and Station WSM in Nashville. Eighty-two different topics including tornado hazards, farm fires, chemicals, snakes, radio-activity and use of firearms were presented.

The chapter also held eight safety demonstrations before service clubs and community organizations. Exhibits in community business establishments featured farm pond safety, fire prevention, insect control, farm fallout, and first aid. Six safety programs were presented to school and community groups.

A major objective of the chapter was to secure the help and cooperation of other school and community organizations to combine efforts on the promotion of safety. By the end of the year, 18 clubs and civic groups had worked with the boys in their safety campaign. In cooperation with their local State Highway Patrol, about 2,000 people were contacted and presented with safety stickers to place on the bumpers of their cars.

Farm Proficiency Awards



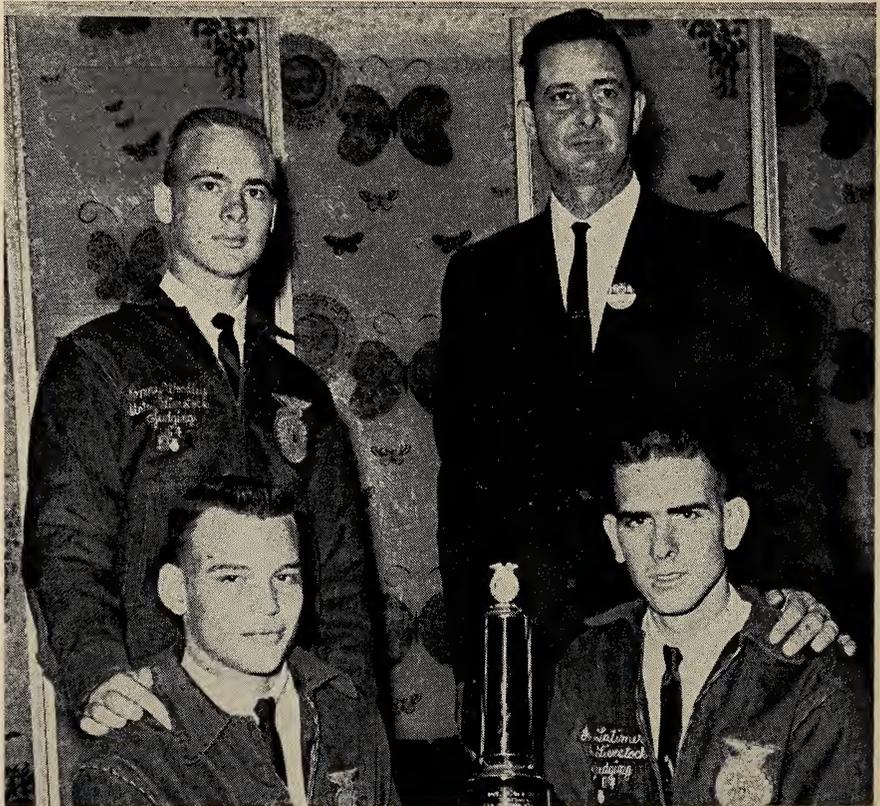
NATIONAL FARM PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

Left to right: Myron D. Schmidt, Newton, Kansas, Farm Mechanics; Rex Bond, Newville, Alabama, Farm Electrification; Wayne Johnson, Afton, Oklahoma, Crop Farming; Robert E. Hendershot, Baltimore, Ohio, Soil and Water Management; Dickson FFA Chapter Representative, Dickson, Tennessee, Farm Safety; John Aaron Linn, Red Rock, Oklahoma, Livestock Farming; Larry Ray Prewitt, Thayer, Missouri, Farm Forestry; Werner Junghans, Hilmar, California, Poultry Farming.

Livestock Farming

1st Place—

John Aaron Linn, Red Rock, Oklahoma.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Kent E. Frerichs, Wilmot, South Dakota	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region—Glen Powell, Wolcott, New York	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Jay Littlefield, New Raymer, Colo- rado	\$200.00



National Livestock Judging Champions from Bellville, Texas

Soil and Water Management

1st Place—

Robert E. Hendershot, Baltimore, Ohio.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—Dennis Earl Budine, Walton, New York	\$200.00
Pacific Region — Ronald R. Zollinger, Tremonton, Utah	\$200.00
Southern Region—David Fugate, Alachua, Florida....	\$200.00

Farm Electrification

1st Place—

Rex Bond, Newville, Alabama.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Wayne Cooke, Gracey, Kentucky....	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region — Ted Wolff, Johnsonville, New York	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Kenneth Lindblad, Windsor, Colo- rado	\$200.00

Farm Mechanics

1st Place—

Myron D. Schmidt, Newton, Kansas.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—Ray Lester Mack, Blairs- town, New Jersey.....	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Roger Hicken, Heber, Utah.....	\$200.00
Southern Region—Larry Ford, Malone, Florida.....	\$200.00

Crop Farming

1st Place—

Wayne Johnson, Afton, Oklahoma.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Jerry W. Anderson, Belle Plaine, Iowa	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region — Ronald Paul Guerrette, Caribou, Maine	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Douglas Olberg, Yuma, Arizona.....	\$200.00

Farm Forestry

1st Place—

Larry Ray Prewitt, Thayer, Missouri.....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Charles W. Adams, Proctor, Montana	\$200.00
Southern Region—Billy Franklin, Goldonna, Louisiana	\$200.00



National Poultry and Egg Judging Champions, Montello, Wisconsin

Poultry Farming

1st Place—

Werner Junghans, Hilmar, California.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Lawrence John Krall, Cerro Gordo, Illinois	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region—Gerald M. Long, Annville, Pennsylvania	\$200.00
Southern Region—Roy Thomas Mills, Ashland, Virginia	\$200.00

Dairy Farming

1st Place—

Rande A. Kummer, Deer Park, Washington.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Walter Thomas McMillan, Finchville, Kentucky	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region — David Dalling, Stillwater, New Jersey	\$200.00
Southern Region — Dwain Lee Jindra, Kingfisher, Oklahoma	\$200.00



National Meats Judging Champions from Gilbert, Arizona

BAND MEMBERS*(Listed Alphabetically by States)***ALABAMA**

Jack Roland Lister, Jr.

ARIZONA

Al Weiler

CALIFORNIATom Beckham
Mark Bernsen
Bob Bertao
Bruce Dinneford**FLORIDA**Robert Hudson
Leon Mobley
Don Walden Stacy**GEORGIA**Leroy Richter
Ronald Sumner
Russell Warmack, Jr.**IDAHO**John Beitia
Gary R. Rice**ILLINOIS**Steve Ament
Bernie Andrew
Jack Clark
Dennis Dunphy
Allan Frederick
Glen Lewis
Doug Palaschak
Alan Pickens
Jim Tallcott**INDIANA**John Brown
Bobby Rushton**IOWA**Orlyn Andersen
Barry Bergman
Wayne Bloomquist
Alan Hemmingsen
Dale Mohling
Jack Schlesselman
Dave Wittenburg
Bob Wych**KANSAS**Jim Archer
Norlan Joe Gilbert
John Johnson
Larry Lindbloom
Jon Sims
Charles Steier
Steve White
Ronnie Wineland**KENTUCKY**James Eades
Jesse Whitlow**LOUISIANA**Charles Earl
Jason Gondron**MAINE**

Donald Ernest Harris

MASSACHUSETTS

Douglas Mollison

MICHIGANRonald C. Baker
Howard W. Falker
Leslie White
Ronald Wood**MINNESOTA**Howard Asman
Lanny Kalpek
Kenneth Koppelman
Erwinn Poncelet**MISSOURI**Jerry Gasau
Jack Gebbardt
Wayne E. Hilgedick
Steve Melvin Ray**MONTANA**Richard Ward Hayes
Robert Quinn**NEBRASKA**John Evans
Gary Hosick
Lyle Joyce
Eddie Miller
David Voss**NEW HAMPSHIRE**Allen Chamberlain
Richard Fink**NEW JERSEY**

James Frace

NEW MEXICO

Eddie Kriegel

NEW YORKDavid Gillette
Kenneth Hay**NORTH DAKOTA**Jeffrey Avery
Kenneth Hellerud
David Mittlestadt
Dale Roemmich
Jim Teigen**OHIO**Jerry V. Koeper
Charles McQueen
Keith Nowels
Clyde Wilson
Harry Wojtseck**OKLAHOMA**Alvin M. Clements
Ronald K. Davis**OREGON**David Raymond Asher
Terry A. Klein
Dennis D. Kluser
Earl Mainwaring**PENNSYLVANIA**Donald Claycomb
Dennis Edwin Noble
James K. Will
Robert J. Geary**SOUTH CAROLINA**Gary Pulliam
Jim Ramsay**SOUTH DAKOTA**Merwyn G. Larson
Richard Motter**TENNESSEE**

Jere T. Humphreys

TEXASJim Kincaid
Danny Knight
Johnny Wilkerson**UTAH**Lynn Ferrin
Grant Nicholas**VIRGINIA**Roy Montgomery
Gene Rhyne
Jerry Worsham**WASHINGTON**David Barnard
Earl Burdette
Doug Martensen
Gary M. Wills**WEST VIRGINIA**Roger Graham
Johnny Shrewsbury**WISCONSIN**Arthur Busch
John Wegmueller**WYOMING**Daniel Bruce Clawson
Dan H. Dillinger
Bob Pearson

In Appreciation . . .

Many persons made valuable contributions to the outstanding success of the 1964 National Convention of Future Farmers of America. Organizing and conducting such an event is a cooperative activity embodying the work of leaders from many segments of the FFA, as well as by many persons outside our organization.

The national officers are to be congratulated for their fine performance. Thanks are due to FFA members and advisors serving with the Courtesy Corps who gave aid and timely advice when needed in addition to valuable assistance in maintaining order, and in greeting and seating guests; to the members and leaders of the National FFA Band and FFA Talent Show, whose untiring work contributed substantially to the interest and "change of pace" in the convention program; to the inspirational guest speakers; and to the State advisors, executive secretaries, teacher educators and others who helped with the many program details, committee work, contests and awards program.

There was excellent representation by individuals in the areas of radio, television, newspapers and farm magazines.

The State exhibits continue to improve in quality, and should result in an improved program of activities for National FFA Week in 1965.

Breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and entertainment were provided by several business and industrial concerns to delegates, award winners and special invited groups. The Kansas City Advisory Committee provided valuable assistance. The largest representation of Donors to the FFA Foundation, Inc., at the national convention denotes great interest and support on the part of adult leaders in farm youth.

Last but not least, special commendation is due to all members who attended the convention. Their fine conduct in Kansas City was exemplary of the fine tradition that "The Future Farmer Is Always a Gentleman."

To all of these we are grateful.

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Earning to Live

Living to Serve

