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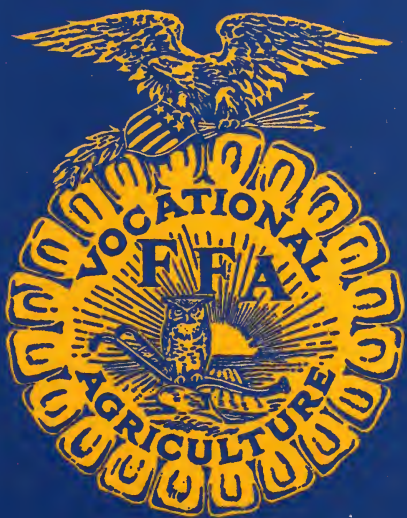
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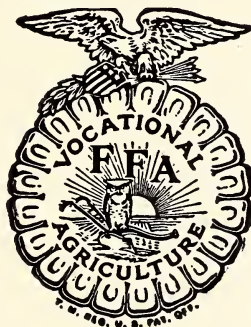
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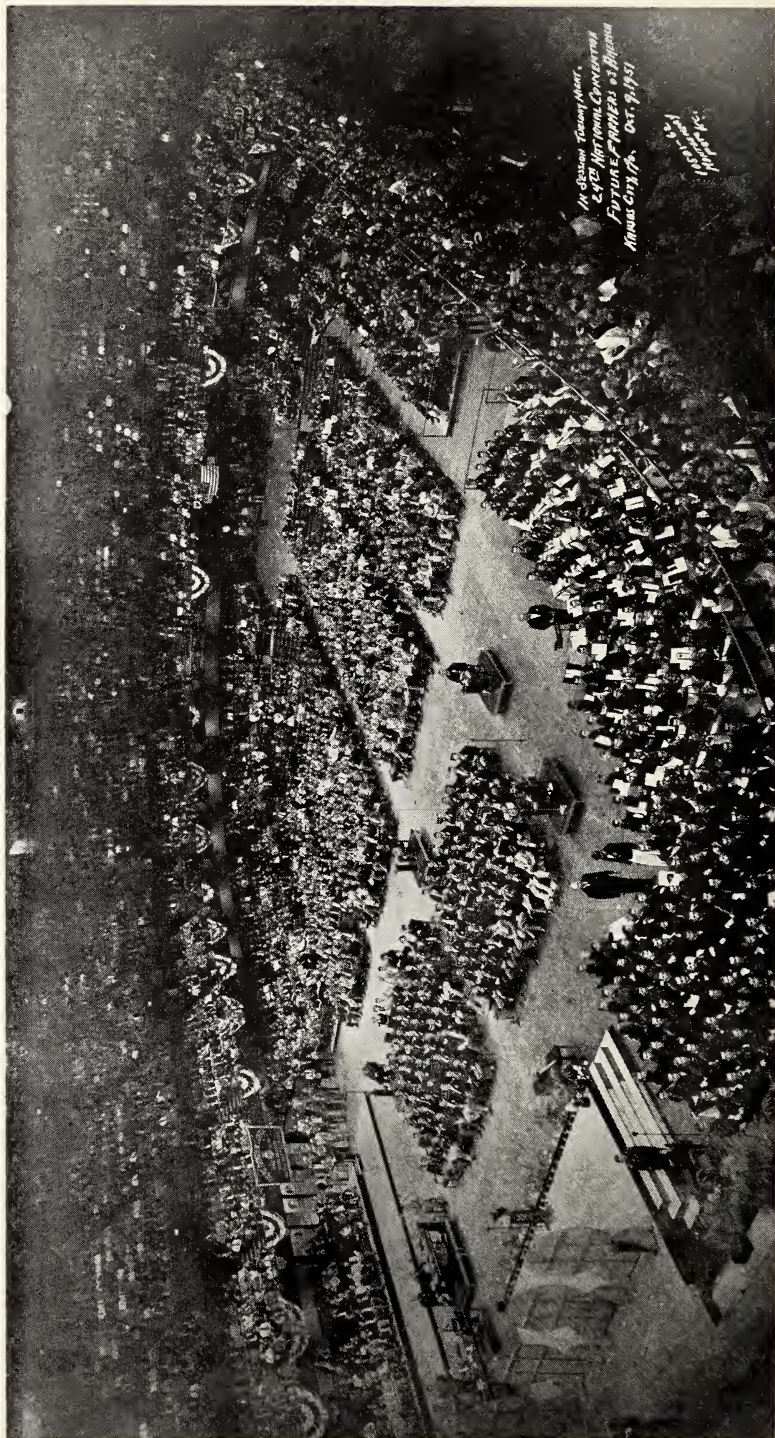
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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November, 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1951, the active membership totaled 340,090 in 8,295 chapters of 48 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

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

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

The Twenty-fourth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 8 through 11, 1951. Delegates were present from 50 chartered associations. Approximately 7,500 individuals attended the convention.

These proceedings constitute a yearbook on organization activities. The complete minutes of the Convention sessions are included along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory to the convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due to Mr. John J. Farrar, Director of Public Relations and Information for the FFA, Mrs. Nancy B. Linehan, Miss Virginia Nicholson and Mrs. Irene W. Shafer for their assistance in the preparation of material for this publication.

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National Executive Secretary.

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Nevada.....	Jay Wright..... Alamo	Gardner Scow Lund
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South Carolina.....	Jimmy Willis..... Clio	Ernest Lathem Dacusville
South Dakota.....	Roger Anderson..... Alcester	Clarence Hoffman Leola
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Washington.....	John Schultheis..... Colton	Ted Martin Battle Ground
West Virginia.....	Sam Rodgers..... Roncevert	Henry Ferguson Kenova
Wisconsin.....	Kenyon Giese..... Loganville	Alvin Basse Waukesha
Wyoming.....	Don Wisroth..... Pine Bluffs	Jim Crain Buffalo

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

MAIN ARENA, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8—8:00 P. M.

CHAIRMAN

Walter Cummins, National President of FFA

Opening Ceremony

Music—National FFA Band, Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State College,
conducting

Explanation of Contest

Drawing for Speaking Order

SPEAKERS

Leron Johnsen, Brigham City, Utah
*"The All-American Team of
Soil Builders"*

George Hirayama, Waialua, Oahu,
Hawaii
*"If Not In Independent Farming,
What Then"*

Jon Greeneisen, Marysville, Ohio
"I Caused an Accident"

James L. Hall, Jr., Guymon, Oklahoma
*"The Fourth Freedom—Freedom
From Want"*

Donald Fish, Jr., Guilford, Conn.
"The Pig An Efficient Meat Making Machine"

Music—National FFA Chorus, James W. Hatch, New York State Department
of Education, conducting

Presentation of Awards

Closing Ceremony

JUDGES

SAM L. CHESNUTT, Retired Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Auburn,
Alabama

ROLLO E. SINGLETON, Director of Livestock Division, State Department of
Agriculture, Jefferson City, Missouri

JAMES W. WHITE, Managing Editor, *Western Farm Life*, Denver, Colorado

TIMEKEEPERS

ALLAN W. MCGHEE, Managing Editor, *Drovers Telegram*, Kansas City, Missouri

V. D. KNISS, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio

CONVENTION PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 THROUGH FRIDAY OCTOBER 5

Meetings National Board of Student Officers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Joint Meeting of National Board of Student Officers
and National Board of Directors

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30 A. M. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
12:00 Noon Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room, Hotel President
1:00 P. M. Tours to Points of Interest
2:30 P. M. Meeting of State Advisers, Hotel President

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 8:00 A. M. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
- 9:00 A. M. Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Opening Ceremony
 - Band Concert—National FFA Band
 - Group Singing
 - Invocation—Eugene Starkey, Past National Vice President
 - Report on Delegate Credentials
 - Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates
 - Address of Welcome—William E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri
 - Minutes of Twenty-Third National Convention—Wayne Staritt, National Student Secretary
 - Appointment of Constitutional Committees
 - Nomination of Honorary American Farmers—W. T. Spanton, Chief, Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
 - Treasurer's Report—Dowell J. Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Richmond, Virginia
 - Executive Secretary's Report—A. W. Tenney, Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
 - Music—National FFA Chorus
 - Presentation of Federal Charter
 - Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
 - Address—Honorable Robert S. Kerr, United States Senator from Oklahoma
 - Closing Ceremony
- 2:00 P. M. Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Opening Ceremony
 - Music—Leon, Florida, String Band
 - American Farmer Degree Ceremony
 - Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
 - My Trip to Denmark—Forrest Davis, Star Farmer of America, 1950
 - Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Contest
 - Closing Ceremony
- 7:30 P. M. Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Opening Ceremony
 - Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
 - Massing of State Flags—State Star Farmers
 - Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards
 - Recessional
 - Closing Ceremony
 - Special Entertainment—Courtesy, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 9:00 A. M. Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Opening Ceremony
 - Music—National FFA Chorus
 - Unfinished Business
 - New Business
 - Addresses of Retiring Officers
 - Greetings from Past National FFA Officers
 - A Visit with Future Farmers of Japan—George Lewis, Past National FFA President
 - Music—Donnellson, Iowa, Dixieland Band
 - Address—Herschel D. Newsom, Master, National Grange
 - Closing Ceremony

- 1:00 P. M. Tours to Points of Interest
- 2:00 P. M. Fifth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Appointment of Committees
 Recess for Committee Work
 Closing Ceremony
- 8:00 P. M. Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
 Calling to the platform Representatives of Donors to the
 Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
 Introduction of Platform Guests
 Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.,
 Awards
 Farm Mechanics
 Farm Electrification
 Dairy Farming
 Soil and Water Management
 Farm Safety
 Closing Ceremony
 Talent Night

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 9:00 A. M. Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—National FFA Band
 Addresses of Retiring Officers
 New Business
 Committee Reports
 Report on Future Farmers Supply Service
 Music—National FFA Chorus
 Address—Allan B. Kline, President, American Farm Bureau
 Federation
 Closing Ceremony
- 2:00 P. M. Eighth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—Nicholas County, West Virginia, String Band
 Committee Reports
 Presentation of Budget for 1952-53
 Annual Dues for 1952-53
 Address—R. W. Gregory, Assistant U. S. Commissioner for
 Vocational Education, Office of Education
 New Business (continued)
 Addresses of Retiring Officers
 Report of Nominating Committee
 Election of Officers
 Greetings from Incoming Officers
 Closing Ceremony
- 7:00 P. M. Final Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
 Installation of New Officers
 Presentation of Past Officers' Pins and Certificates by New
 President
 Closing Ceremony by New Officers
 Special "Kansas City Night" Presentation, Courtesy Saddle
 and Sirloin Club, American Royal Association and Kansas
 City Chamber of Commerce

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
AT THE PROCTOR HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MO.
Oct. 22, 1924

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Minutes of the Convention

Monday, October 8, 1951

Evening Session

The Future Farmers of America twenty-fourth national convention convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri at eight o'clock, National President Walter Cummins, of Freedom, Oklahoma presiding. First Vice President Robert L. Smith; Second Vice President Hal A. Davis; Third Vice President Donald Jorgensen; Fourth Vice President Richard Waybright; Student Secretary Wayne Staritt; Adviser W. T. Spanton; and Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney were present. Treasurer Dowell J. Howard was unable to attend the convention.

Following the opening ceremony the National FFA Band presented a concert.

An explanation of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest was given by President Cummins. The speakers then drew for speaking order. Following the speeches the National FFA Chorus presented several selections while the judges conferred. Results of the contest were announced and awards presented on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. by Vice President Davis.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Tuesday, October 9, 1951

Morning Session

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

Following a concert by the national band and group singing the invocation was pronounced by Eugene Starkey, National 2nd Vice President in 1945-46.

The report of the Delegate Credentials was called for and Student Secretary Staritt reported 99 official delegates present from 50 chartered associations. The roll call and seating of the delegates followed. President Cummins gave instructions to the delegates.

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

The minutes of the Twenty-third National Convention as read by Student Secretary Staritt were approved unanimously in their entirety.

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

Adviser Spanton presented the names of the following persons who were considered and recommended by the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree:

Robert S. Kerr, United States Senator from Oklahoma, Washington, D. C.
 Herschel Newsom, Master, National Grange, Washington, D. C.
 Allan B. Kline, President, American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, Ill.
 S. L. Chesnutt, Retired Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama.

Raymond C. Firestone, Vice President, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

Paul Johnson, Editor, Prairie Farmer, Chicago, Illinois.

Oscar D. Nelson, President, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri.



AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CEREMONY

Twenty-fourth National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Mo., October 8-11, 1951

D. W. Parsons, Retired Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Jess Smith, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

D. C. Aebischer, Itinerant Teacher Trainer, Madison, Wisconsin.

John B. McClelland, Assistant Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Earl H. Little, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Concord, New Hampshire.

Ralph L. Morgan, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Salem, Oregon.

T. G. Walters, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Atlanta, Georgia.

Scott Cummins, Freedom, Oklahoma.

W. L. Smith, Route 1, Box 25, Buttonwillow, California.

Ralph Jorgensen, Lake City, Iowa.

Clarence J. Waybright, Route 2, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Philip R. Starritt, Catawba, West Virginia.

Alfred Hodgson, Lookout, Oklahoma.

Henry G. Sanner, Route 2, Kutztown, Pennsylvania.
L. M. Dodd, Madera Chapter, Madera, California.
Dean McNeilly, Modesto Chapter, Modesto, California.
Desmond M. Bishop, Quincy Chapter, Quincy, Florida.
R. E. Hauptmann, Mount Ayr Chapter, Mount Ayr, Iowa.
Charles Campbell, Midland Chapter, Midland, Michigan.
Edwin A. Gray, Brainerd Chapter, Brainerd, Minnesota.
William J. Lord, Hooper Chapter, Walpole, New Hampshire.
Arley M. Hovland, Newton Chapter, Newton, New Jersey.
Walter Starks, Prague Chapter, Prague, Oklahoma.
E. H. Foreman, Albany Chapter, Albany, Oregon.
Walter Jacoby, Kennett Chapter, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.
Elwood V. Weiser, Jasper Chapter, Jasper, Texas.
Sam Gordon, Box Elder Chapter, Brigham City, Utah.
John W. Safford, Walla Walla Chapter, Walla Walla, Washington.
Geno Casto, Ripley Chapter, Ripley, West Virginia.



A SCENE FROM THE PAGEANT

"Presentation of the Federal Charter to the Future Farmers of America."

It was moved by Rohdy of Iowa to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the individuals whose names were read; motion seconded by Scow of Nevada and carried.

In the absence of Treasurer Dowell J. Howard, the Report of the National Treasurer was made by R. Edward Bass, Executive

Secretary of the Virginia FFA Association. It was moved by Yearsley of Idaho to accept the report; motion seconded by Ritter of Mississippi and carried.

Dr. A. W. Tenney, National FFA Executive Secretary presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Wright of Nevada and carried.

Following a concert by the national band, a pageant featuring the presentation of the Federal Charter to the Future Farmers of America was presented.

Musical selections were rendered by the national band and chorus.

President Cummins conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the Honorable Robert S. Kerr, United States Senator from Oklahoma, after which Senator Kerr made an address.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Tuesday, October 9, 1951

Afternoon Session

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

The Leon, Florida, String Band played a few numbers.

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

Alabama

Dumas Bailey, Rt. 1, Cropwell
Byron Bradley Collier, Wetumpka
Kent Edgar Davis, Rt. 1, Dozier
F. B. Ellison, Robertsedale
Ralph Winfred Martin, Jr., Catherine
Richard E. McDowell, Service
Cecil Hugo Phillips, Rt. 1, Slocumb
Robert Bruce Salmon, Auburn
Colleen Shotts, Rt. 1, Bexar
James Arthur Tucker, Uriah
Dalton Marcus Warden, Rt. 1, New Market

Arizona

Howard W. Daniel, Rt. 1, Box 99, Somerton

Arkansas

Earl C. Beck, Jr., Box 39, Hughes
Richard R. Hudson, Box 63, Harrison
Billie Jean Parker, Harrison
Robert Sherman Parkinson, Harrison
Jerry Rakes, Rt. 2, Bentonville
Toney Reynolds, Rt. 1, Marmaduke

California

George Anthony Bogetti, Rt. 2, Box 244, Tracy
Robert Clark Curtis, Rt. 1, Box 265, Woodlake
Johnny Doniz, Rt. 1, Box 327, Madera
Joe Harris, Eagleville
A. E. "Mike" Kline, Rt. 4, Box 3070, Modesto
Alvin Pierce, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 74, Miami, Oklahoma
Victor A. Pozzi, Rt. 2, Box 164, Sonoma
Dale Claud Purdy, Rt. 3, Box 117, Hemet
Ray Larry Reis, Rt. 1, Box 634, Vallejo
Robert Storm, Rt. 2, Box 662, Gridley
William Thomas Taber, Jr., 4700 Canfield Road, Sebastopol

Colorado

Donald E. Becker, New Castle
Alvin Lane Dorsey, Jr., Rt. 2, Box 7, Eaton

Connecticut

Walter Beaton, Rockville, RFD 4

Delaware

Richard H. Niblett, Bear

Florida

Coy A. Creel, Rt. 3, Milton
 Alvin Cone Futch, Rt. 1, Box 88,
 Plant City
 Revis Moore, RFD 4, Box 182, Live
 Oak
 Carl Perry, Jr., Box 53, East Lake
 Weir
 John L. Porter, Box 407, Quincy
 Phillip Adele Roberts, Bell
 Richard H. Rutzke, Box 116, Rt. 2,
 Homestead
 John Y. Willis, Box 85, Ruskin

Georgia

Thomas Lloyd Childs, Jr., Rt. 6,
 Macon
 Donald C. Cooper, RFD 2, Pelham
 Judson Emmitt Evans, Jakin
 Billy Gibson, Rt. 1, Franklin
 Jimmy Gunnells, Rt. 1, Hull
 John Lewis Harris, RFD 1, Blakely
 William Higginbotham, Rt. 3, Wash-
 ington
 Billy M. Howard, Rt. 2, Plains
 Otis Junior Jeffcoat, Donalsonville
 Grady Johnson, Jr., RFD 2, Summit
 Marcus Land, Rt. 1, Sumner
 Everette Watson, Rt. 1, Montrose
 Byron Whitmire, Bowman
 Charles R. Wilson, Guyton

Hawaii

Kolichi Matsuda, Waiehu, Wailuku,
 Maui

Idaho

Howard Harder, Rt. 2, Buhl
 Robert L. Park, RFD 1, Shelley

Illinois

Kenneth Broquard, RFD 2, Fair-
 bury
 Orville Goodenough, Jr., Morrison
 Thomas M. Hawkins, RR 1, Oak-
 wood
 John Eugene Held, Lacon
 Albert L. Kurz, Franklin Grove
 Harlan D. Martz, Rt. 1, Lanark
 Ed Masching, RR 1, Cabery
 Darrell A. Miller, Lincoln
 Merle S. Miller, RR 1, Clinton
 Ivan W. Pieper, Pearl City
 Thomas Conrad Sussenbach, RFD 1,
 Greenville
 Philip Teare, RR 3, Champaign
 George Phillip Torrance, Sciota

Eugene L. Trautvetter, Sutter
 Noel J. Vaughan, Fairfield
 Ben R. West, RR 1, Watseka

Indiana

Robert E. Dull, RR 1, Thorntown
 Karl B. Sliger, RR 1, Corunna

Iowa

Loren Campbell, Diagonal
 Clarence E. Cannon, West Union
 Paul E. Guy, Newton
 Donald D. Nehman, Lytton
 Roscoe A. Nelson, Lake City
 Merle Arthur Rieks, Rt. 1, Iowa
 Falls
 Donald Schonhorst, Slater

Kansas

Lowell Dewayne Black, Scottsville
 James E. Eaton, Weir
 Laddie E. Merryfield, Minneapolis
 Edward L. Pacht, Belleville
 James Edmund Vetter, Rt. 1, New-
 ton
 Wilbur Franklin Woodson, Cleve-
 land

Kentucky

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 William Randolph Cotton, Jr., Rt. 1,
 Versailles
 Lloyd Dean, Rt. 2, Morehead
 Johnnie B. Martin, Rt. 3, Princeton
 Donald Lockhart Riddle, Rt. 1,
 Maceo
 Donald Eugene Scott, Catlettsburg
 Hubert Johnson Shields, Rt. 2,
 Bloomfield
 Dan Shipley, Rt. 5, Murray
 Darl B. Shipp, Rt. 2, Dry Ridge
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 Martinville
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 Arnaudville
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Maine

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Maryland

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Dale Hand, Northfield
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Ole A. Moe, Jr., Solway
Marvin L. Nelson, Rt. 2, Brainerd
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Mississippi

James Dotson Byrd, Clinton
Harold McCurdy, Batesville
Billy Gene Scrivner, Rt. 2, Carthage
Bobbie Dean Scrivner, Rt. 2, Carthage
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Joe L. Goeke, RFD 1, Kirksville
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James A. Moennig, Pierce City
Charles R. Ocker, Cameron
Robert Neal Perry, Clarence
Emmett Reidle, Verona
Wayne Howard Schnelle, Lockwood
Robert W. Shoemyer, Madison
Bob Stinson, Harris
Carl William Stumpf, Holden

Montana

Jim Leighty, Rt. 1A, Columbia Falls
Tom Maxwell, Big Sandy

Nebraska

Dean Dwight Beezley, RR 3,
Kearney
LaVaughn A. Boldt, Stanton
Vernon T. Reinertson, Rt. 2,
Ravenna

Nevada

Clinton Gardner Scow, Lund

New Jersey

William Southard Chafey, R.D.,
Mount Holly

New Mexico

Grady Wendell Best, North Star
Route, Elida
Tommy Brdecko, Star Route, Deming

New York

Keith William Bower, Trumansburg
Ralph L. Disbrow, Middleburgh
Edward A. Frank, RFD 1, Rome
Kenneth Neil Gifford, RD 1, Medusa
Wilbur Ogden, Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania
Gerald Michael Reynolds, Corfu
Leonard Eugene Utter, Arena

North Carolina

Neal Alexander Barns, Rt. 2, Angier
Ernest E. Boyce, Tyner
John D. Carter, Jr., Rt. 2, Reidsville
Earl Lee Corriher, Rt. 2, China Grove
William Curtis Dowd, Rt. 5, Fayetteville
Andrew Elmore, Star Route, Lawn-dale
Richard Whitfield Goode, Jr., Rt. 3, Mt. Olive
Earl Hales, Rt. 1, Roseboro
John T. Matthews, RFD 2, Reidsville
Donald Price, RFD, Monroe
Herman Gilbert Ritchie, Rt. 3, Salisbury
Jimmie Brantley Sink, Rt. 1, Lexington
Curtis Stadler, Rt. 1, Reidsville
Maurice Elton Thigpen, Rt. 4, Mt. Olive
Ralph Lee Weddington, Rt. 2, China Grove

North Dakota

Wayne Wilson Ditmer, Velva
Charles A. Shortridge, Langdon

Ohio

Don Luther Anderson, RFD 1,
Bowerston
William A. Bloom, Rt. 4, Kenton
Carl Graham, Rt. 2, Fostoria
Howard J. Hansen, Rt. 3, Bellevue
Dallas M. High, Rt. 1, Ohio City
Cletus H. Horstman, Rt. 1, Minster
Robert D. Kin, Rt. 3, Upper Sandusky
Graydon McCance Myers, RFD 3,
Wauseon

Robert Lee Rager, RR 1, Amanda
George B. Wenning, Rt. 1, Cold-
water

Oklahoma

G. Max Brissey, Rt. 3, Broken
Arrow
Charles Brown, RR 1, Chickasha
Donald Lewis Coffin, Guthrie
Charles Thomas DeBord, Perry
James Gilmour, RR 2, Kingfisher
Rudy Hanza, RFD 3, Lawton
Harold Dean Hepner, Freedom
Harold DeWayne Hodgson, Lookout
Wayne Karrenbrock, Kingfisher
Robert Joe Kupka, RR 1, Clinton
Jack Litzell, Belva
Ernest Rexroat, Aline
J. D. Travis, Clinton
Ray Watson, Rt. 1, Anadarko

Oregon

Eldon John Barker, Rt. 1, Ontario
Donald Wayne Bassett, Rt. 6, Box
363, Salem
Duane A. Drushella, Rt. 3, Scio

Pennsylvania

Creedin C. Cornman, RD 1, Carlisle
Tony G. Dobrosky, Jr., Avonmore
Edward Dean Franklin, RD 1, Rome
Melvin R. Hausman, RD 1, Ger-
mansville
John Franklin Korman, RD 2, Mill-
mont
Robert W. Lindsey, RD 1, Slippery
Rock
Ralph G. Sanner, RD 2, Kutztown
David G. Schneck, RD 1, Slatington
Martin Shaffer, RD 4, Towanda
William E. Wiley, RD 3, Delta
Clayton D. Winebark, Rochester
Mills

South Carolina

James E. Gay, Rt. 1, Kershaw
John Hoyt Hardee, Rt. 4, Loris
Lamar Horne, Jonesville
Graham Huff, RFD 1, Box 171,
Branchville
Joseph Richard McAlister, Rt. 1,
Greer
James Kirby Willis, RFD 1, Clio

South Dakota

Darrell Davis, Milbank
Darrel Warkenthien, Willow Lake

Tennessee

Cavit Cheshier, Bethel Springs
Edwin Duwayne Cooper, Montezuma
John Harold Daniels, Rt. 4, Lewis-
burg

Richard W. Hussey, Newbern
Charles Aubrey Keisling, Livingston
William H. Moore, Jr., Williamsport
Bobby E. Phillips, Beech Bluff
Raymond Porter, Riddletton
Charles W. Wright, Rt. 1, Orlinda

Texas

Morris E. Alfie, Rt. 2, Clifton
John B. Allen, Rt. 6, Lubbock
Franklin C. Brandt, Rt. 3, Box 212,
LaGrange
Davie Lee Davis, Rt. 3, Box 720,
Mesquite
Barney Groves, Jr., Rt. 1, Kempner
Jimmy Hemphill, 117 Brush St.,
Coleman
T. G. Herring, Jr., Box 85, Ralls
Royce Winston Hiller, Rt. 2, Box 75,
Mission
Marion Huckaby, Rt. 1, Appleby
Charley Kammerdiener, Jr., Rt. 1,
Box 217, Gainesville
Ray Allen Kropp, Rt. 1, Rockdale
Paul Thomas Macina, Shamrock
Weldon Mason, Meadow
Billy Charles Mikeska, Eden
Donville Moore, Rt. 2, Crosbyton
Bernard Mozisek, Rt. 1, Box 109,
LaGrange
Lonnie E. Nordt, Damon
Billie Rice, Melvin
Kenneth Rosenquest, Rt. 4, Victoria
Billy Paul Russell, RFD 5, Pittsburg
Albert R. Saathoff, Hondo
Charles J. Schindler, Taft
Charlie Shelley, Whitney
Dwain P. Smith, Rt. 2, Hale Center
Shelby Smith, Jr., Rt. 1, Rockdale
Herman Stokes, Jr., Rt. 2, Ballinger
Arvin M. Vestal, Trenton
Bobby Warren, Rt. 2, Hereford
Oliver C. Welgehausen, Rt. 3, Fred-
ericksburg
Gaylord Hilbert Westphal, Rt. 1,
Box 33, Runge
Wayne Wigley, Rt. 3, Box 103,
Jasper
Joe Wilhite, RFD 5, Mt. Pleasant
Buddy Joe Wiseman, Sudan

Utah

Harvey C. Braegger, Willard
Donald L. Staheli, Hurricane
Joe Sharkey Young, Abraham

Vermont

William Edwin Keyes, Bridport

Virginia

Sidney Edward Brown, Alberta
Walter C. Brown, RFD 1, Box 187,
Blacksburg

James H. Dodd, Louisa
 Charles Foster, RFD 1, Brookneal
 Charles Franklin Moyer, Mattoax
 William L. Poage, Rt. 7, Box 662,
 Roanoke
 Eric Lloyd Robinson, Rt. 1, Farm-
 ville
 Galen L. Wampler, Rt. 1, Linville

Washington

William E. Haberman, Rt. 1, Ellens-
 burg
 James Robert Hoover, Toppenish
 Arnold P. Richardt, Rt. 2, Everson
 Jim Roetcisoender, Rt. 1, Monroe
 Robert William Smith, Rt. 2, Box
 102, Winlock

West Virginia

Lockhart F. Arbuckle, Lewisburg
 John Beerbower, Markleysburg
 Charles G. Radabaugh, Rt. 3,
 Weston

Ralph W. See, Jr., Roanoke
 Max Sites, Teterton

Wisconsin

John Gordon Arnold, Avalon
 James Barhass, RFD 1, Janesville
 Eugene G. Gohl, Comstock
 LaVerne H. Harms, Star Route,
 Reedsburg
 Richard E. Knudtson, RR 2, Fall
 Creek
 Alvin Verner Paulson, Clear Lake
 Henry W. Ruff, Bloomer
 Carl J. Steinbach, Fremont
 Alex Titel, Jr., RR 1, Glenbeulah
 Morgan Lee Wells, RR 3, Sparta
 Walter York, Zenda
 Thomas J. Zuern, RR 2, Hartford

Wyoming

Duane Sanford Edmonds, Powell

President Cummins conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon a number of men.

Forrest Davis, Star Farmer of America, 1950, made a report on the trip to Denmark, which he made last fall.

The presentation of awards in the National Chapter Contest was made by Mr. A. P. Fatherree and Mr. Carl Humphrey, both members of the National Board of Directors.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the advisers of the Golden Emblem Chapters.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Tuesday, October 9, 1951

Evening Session

The third session of the convention was called to order at seven-thirty o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Cummins presiding.

Musical selections were presented by the National Band and Chorus.

The Massing of State Flags by the State Star Farmers was presented, after which the National Vice Presidents presented the Star Farmer Awards for 1951.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Wednesday, October 10, 1951

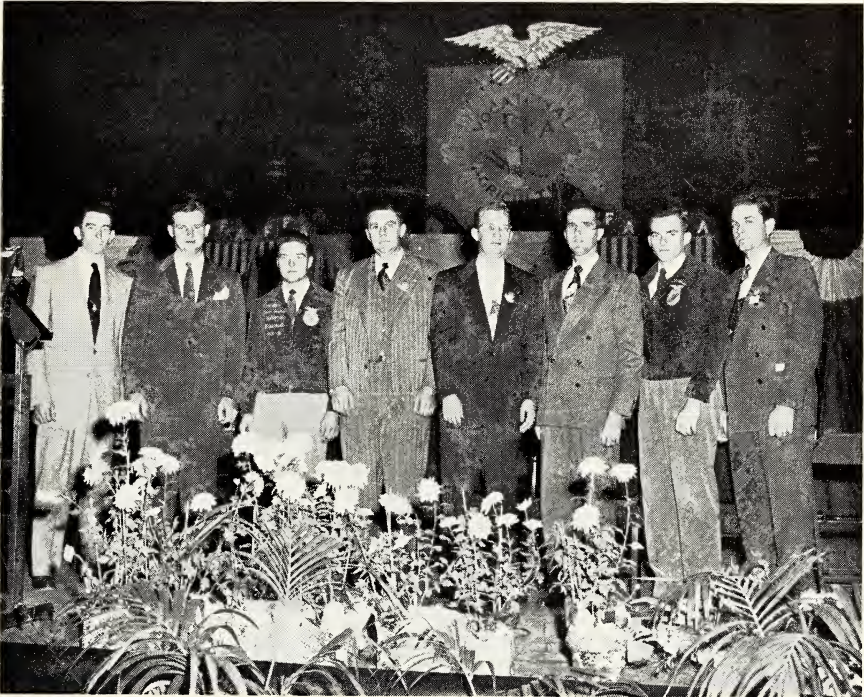
Morning Session

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

Musical selections were presented by the national chorus.

Telegrams were read from Earl J. McGrath, Commissioner, Office of Education; and Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., United States Senator from Missouri.

The first item of business was the adoption of the new constitution. It was moved by Schultheis of Washington that the delegate body go into a committee as a whole to discuss the new constitution; motion seconded by Zumwalt of New Mexico and carried. At the



PAST NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS

(Left to right)—Eugene Hansen, Student Secretary, 1947-48; Irvin J. Schenk, President, 1941-42; Walter Cummins, President, 1950-51; Leslie Applegate, President, 1928-29; George Stelter, Third Vice President, 1942-43; Glyndon Stuff, President, 1945-46; George Lewis, President, 1949-50; and Bob Taylor, First Vice President, 1946-47.

completion of the meeting of the committee as a whole, Foltz of Ohio moved to rescind the constitution now in effect; motion seconded by Perkins of Arkansas and carried. It was moved by Brandt of Texas to adopt the proposed constitution; motion seconded by Lemmon of Nebraska and carried.

The next item of business was the report of the National President. First Vice President Smith assumed the chair while President Cummins presented his report. It was moved by Sukut of North

Dakota to accept the report; motion seconded by Thurman of Oklahoma and carried.

President Cummins resumed the chair.

First Vice President Smith presented his report. It was moved by Mahoney of Massachusetts to accept the report; motion seconded by Davenport of Connecticut and carried.

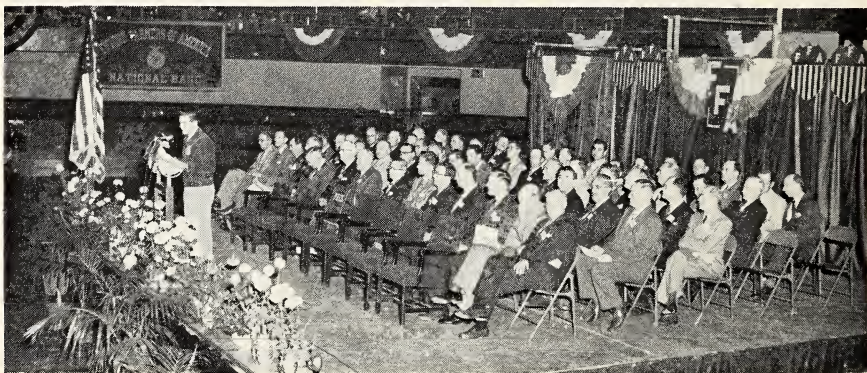
President Cummins asked all past national officers to come to the platform and introduce themselves, and then tell the delegates and audience something about their present programs. Those present were: Eugene Hansen, Irvin J. Schenk, Leslie Applegate, George Stelter, Glyndon Stuff, George Lewis, and Bob Taylor.

George Lewis, National President in 1949-50, made a report on his visit with Future Farmers of Japan this past summer.

President Cummins conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Mr. Herschel D. Newsom, Master, National Grange, after which Mr. Newsom presented an address.

A telegram was read from Glenn Lackey, National Fourth Vice President in 1949-50.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.



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Wednesday, October 10, 1951

Afternoon Session

The fifth session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Cummins presiding.

After the opening ceremony, President Cummins appointed the following committees: Resolutions, National Chapter Contest, FFA Foundation, Official Manual, Proceedings, Public Speaking and Public Relations.

The meeting recessed for committee work.

(NOTE: The afternoon session was spent on tours to points of interest in Kansas City by those who were not doing committee work.)

Wednesday, October 10, 1951**Evening Session**

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

A few musical selections were rendered by the National Band and Chorus.

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

Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated Awards for 1951 were made as follows: Farm Mechanics presented by Vice President Jorgensen; Farm Electrification presented by Vice President Waybright; Dairy Farming presented by Vice President Davis; Soil and Water Management presented by Vice President Smith and Farm Safety presented by Student Secretary Staritt.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Thursday, October 11, 1951**Morning Session**

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

Telegrams were read from Donald Bakehouse, Student Secretary in 1949-50; Paul Osborne, Custodian, Liberty Memorial; and the Future Homemakers of America.

Musical selections were rendered by the National Band.

Third Vice President Jorgensen presented his report. It was moved by Scow of Nevada to accept the report; motion seconded by Crain of Wyoming and carried.

Student Secretary Staritt presented his report. It was moved by Brooks of Arizona to accept the report; motion seconded by Brandt of Texas and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney made a brief report on the official FFA calendar.

The next item of business was the protection of the FFA emblem.

First Vice President Smith assumed the chair.

It was moved by Pfefferkorn of Maryland that the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers take any steps necessary to protect the official FFA emblem and the letters "FFA"; motion seconded by Maxwell of Montana and carried.

It was moved by Zumwalt of New Mexico that FFA paraphernalia be kept at the highest quality possible; motion seconded by Ferguson of West Virginia and carried.

It was moved by Kerr of Nebraska that the delegate body go into a committee as a whole; motion seconded by Moyer of Virginia and carried. At the completion of the meeting of the committee as

a whole, the chairman made the following report and moved its adoption: The committee as a whole wishes to recommend to the delegation that the Board of Directors be authorized to confer with the companies violating our regulations and take what action is necessary; motion seconded by Taylor of Louisiana and carried.

Vice President Smith introduced Mr. Knox Hutchinson, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Hutchinson then gave a short address.

Johnson of Kentucky presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Dillon of Louisiana and carried.



LESLIE APPLGATE
*First National President of the FFA—
1928-1929*

Rohdy of Iowa presented the report of the Public Speaking Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Free of Tennessee and carried.

Taylor of Louisiana presented the report of the Proceedings Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Mizer of Michigan and carried.

Chafey of New Jersey presented the report of the Official Manual Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Ferguson of West Virginia and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney gave a report on the Future Farmers Supply Service.

Brandt of Texas presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Chafey of New Jersey and carried.

Brooks of Arizona presented the report of the Chapter Contest Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Hottle of Virginia and carried.

Eberhardt of Missouri presented the report of the Foundation Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Brorsen of Oklahoma and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney read a telegram from the 4-H Clubs after which he made a report on the National FFA Magazine.

Vice President Smith conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Mr. Allan B. Kline, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, after which Mr. Kline presented an address.

President Cummins resumed the chair.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Thursday, October 11, 1951

Afternoon Session

The eighth session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Cummins presiding.

The Nicholas County, West Virginia, String Band played a few numbers.

It was moved by Foltz of Ohio that the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors be given authority to include a part for the Sentinel in the Official FFA Manual; motion seconded by Dillon of Louisiana and carried.

Zumwalt of New Mexico presented the report of the Program of Work Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Gaarder of Montana and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the budget for 1952-53 and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Sukut of North Dakota. It was moved by Brooks of Arizona to amend the main motion by adding that the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers be given the power to make any minor changes in this budget that they see fit during the year; motion seconded by Sanner of Pennsylvania and carried.

National FFA Budget

JULY 1, 1952 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1953

Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues	\$35,000.00
Royalties	13,000.00
Old Mill	2,000.00
Supply Service—Rent	1,500.00
Supply Service—Grant	7,500.00
Miscellaneous	300.00

Total anticipated revenue..... \$59,300.00

Estimated Disbursements:

I. Travel	\$16,300.00
II. Convention	11,475.00
III. American Farmer Keys.....	3,000.00
IV. Printing	3,450.00
V. National Office	17,790.00
VI. National Camp and Old Mill.....	4,180.00
VII. Judging Expenses	400.00
VIII. Contingent	2,705.00

Total estimated disbursements..... \$59,300.00

(NOTE: The National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors were authorized to spend \$10,000 or such amount as may be necessary in the opinion of these groups for the investigation and development of an international youth project.)

It was moved by Williams of Michigan that the dues for 1952-53 remain the same as they have been in the past, ten cents per member per year; motion seconded by Etter of Ohio and carried.

It was moved by Fuqua of Florida that the gavel used during this convention be given to President Cummins as a remembrance of the convention over which he presided; motion seconded by Wright of Nevada. It was moved by Price of Indiana to amend the motion to state that this procedure be continued every year; motion seconded by Mizer of Michigan and carried.

Dr. Raymond W. Gregory, Assistant U. S. Commissioner of Vocational Education, Office of Education, presented an address.

It was moved by Sukut of North Dakota that the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors be given the authority to edit any committee reports during the year; motion seconded by Schultheis of Washington and carried.

It was moved by Lemmon of Nebraska that full power be given to the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors to take action on any unfinished business and to have full power to act in interim between conventions ; motion seconded by James of Vermont and carried.

Griswold of Florida presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption ; motion seconded by Williams of Georgia and carried.

Fourth Vice President Waybright presented his report and moved its adoption ; motion seconded by Hatcher of Pennsylvania and carried.



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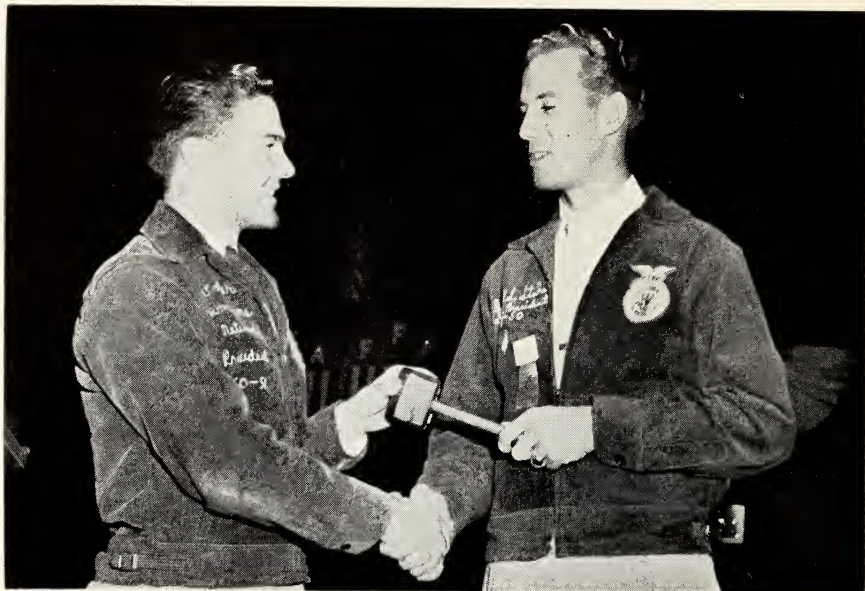
(Left to right)—Seated: Donald Staheli, President; Charles R. Ocker, Student Secretary. (Left to right)—Standing: A. W. Tenney, Executive Secretary; Billy Howard, Vice President; Duane Drushella, Vice President; Gerald M. Reynolds, Vice President; Dallas M. High, Vice President; and W. T. Spanton, Adviser. Dowell J. Howard, Treasurer, was not present.

Second Vice President Davis presented his report. It was moved by Fuqua of Florida to accept the report ; motion seconded by Jones of New Jersey and carried.

Hart of North Dakota presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved that it be accepted ; motion seconded by Shaut

of New York and carried. After the introduction of the officer candidates, it was moved by Williams of Michigan that the twenty-fourth national convention of delegates cast the unanimous ballot for the candidates; motion seconded by Kurz of Illinois and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.



Walter Cummins, National President, 1950-51 (*left*), turns the gavel over to Donald Staheli, National President, 1951-52.

Thursday, October 11, 1951

Evening Session

The final session of the convention was called to order at seven o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Cummins presiding. The National Band and Chorus rendered a few selections.

Past President Cummins turned the gavel over to the new President, Donald Staheli, who presented each of the past officers with official national officer pins and certificates.

The new officers took their stations.

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

Committee Reports

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee, have reviewed the books kept by the National Treasurer and find that they are accurate and in the proper order. We find further that the accounts have been audited for the period July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951, by Leach, Calkins & Scott, Certified Public Accountants.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN BRANDT, Texas
(Chairman)

TOM MAXWELL, Montana
JOE BROADWATER, Alabama
FRED PITTS, California
DAVID WOODWARD, Delaware
ALBERT KURZ, Illinois
BRUCE HEIDEN, Arizona
GERALD L. PRICE, Indiana
LOWELL DAVENPORT, Connecticut
JIMMY DILLON, Louisiana

Report of Committee on National Chapter Contest

The national chapter contest committee recommends that the 1951-52 Rules and Regulations for the contest be the same as for 1950-51, with the following recommendations:

1. That the national organization of Future Farmers of America overhaul the chapter contest Form 666.
2. There should be a more impressive degree award ceremony.
3. State officers stress activity in chapters and urge that applications be sent in.
4. Send letters to State officers "pep-talking" the advancement of participation.
5. State magazines should stress national chapter awards.
6. Send applications and "pep-letters" to State advisers and executive secretaries.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE BROOKS, Arizona
(Chairman)

RAY KING, Colorado
CLARENCE W. PERKINS, Arkansas
JAMES ALLEN, Alabama
DARRELL GARTRELL, Kansas
BILLY M. HOWARD, Georgia
GILBERT O. BOWLING, Maryland
CARL R. WINSLOW, Maine
MIKE KLINE, California

Report of Committee on FFA Foundation

After having examined the Report of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., the committee representing the 340,090 Future Farmers of the 48 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, wishes to express our gratitude and appreciation for the excellent assistance and cooperation they have given us as Future Farmers.

We should also like to thank the donors for their participation in contributing to our cause and especially do we want to thank Mr. Raymond Firestone for serving as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH EBERHARDT, Missouri
(Chairman)

THOMAS MAHONEY, Massachusetts

BILL WILLIAMS, Georgia

LEONARD BLACK, Colorado

DUANE MIZER, Michigan

THEODORE PUTMAN,

New Hampshire

JAMES MOORE, Mississippi

KOJI IKEDA, Hawaii

RICHARD GOSLEE, Minnesota

CHARLES MOYER, Virginia

Report of Committee on Official Manual

We, the Official Manual Committee, have carefully reviewed the contents of the 1950 Official Manual and recommend that the following changes be made:

1. New constitution and its by-laws as adopted October 10, 1951.
2. Mention of the Federal Charter (picture of presentation of charter).
3. Statement on international growth.
4. Include explanation of FFA Foundation, Inc.
5. A diagram explaining relationship of the home, member, chapter, state association, national organization and FFA Foundation, Inc. to each other.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. CHAFEY, New Jersey
(Chairman)

ARLYN A. SUKUT, North Dakota

JAMES HOTTLE, Virginia

DAN NIMMO, Missouri

JOHN FOLTZ, Ohio

BILL K. YEARSLEY, Idaho

Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for national FFA officers for the year 1951-52. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....Donald Staheli, Utah
 Student Secretary.....Charles Ocker, Missouri
 Vice Presidents:
 North Atlantic.....Gerald M. Reynolds, New York
 Southern.....Billy Howard, Georgia
 Central.....Dallas High, Ohio
 Pacific.....Duane Drushella, Oregon

Respectfully submitted,

GARY HART, North Dakota
 (Chairman)

WILLIAM SOREM, Minnesota

DONALD FUQUA, Florida

JAY WRIGHT, Nevada

CHARLES RITTER, Mississippi

WALKER JAMES, Vermont

FRANK HATCHER, Pennsylvania

BART BRORSEN, Oklahoma

DON WISROTH, Wyoming

Report of the Committee on Proceedings

We the committee on Proceedings for 1951 hereby submit the following report:

We recommend that this year's Proceedings follow the general outline of last year's proceedings with the following changes or additions:

1. Include the following pictures:
 - a. Pictures of Firestone Entertainment night
 - b. Picture of Federal Charter and copy of Federal Charter if not included in Official Manual
 - c. Pictures and short quotations of distinguished speakers—
 Honorable Robert S. Kerr
 Herschel Newsom
 Allan B. Kline
 R. W. Gregory
 - d. Pictures and article of former national officers attending 1951 convention.
 - e. Pictures of Special Kansas City Night
2. Summary of Forrest Davis' trip to Denmark.
3. Summary of George Lewis' trip to Japan
 - a. Presentation of Future Farmers of Japan award to Walter Cummins.

4. We suggest that the cover be designed the same as the convention program cover.

We also give the Board of Directors the power to make any changes they see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN TAYLOR, JR., Louisiana
(Chairman)

SAM ROGERS, West Virginia

ALEX NORRIS, Vermont

DONALD GAARDER, Montana

JACK KINYON, Idaho

ROGER ANDERSON, South Dakota

MORRIS THURMAN, Oklahoma

JOSEPH JONES, New Jersey

Report of Committee on 1952-53 Program of Work

We, the Committee on 1952-53 Program of Work, recommend the following activities, goals and ways and means for 1952-53:

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for world demands	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assist in increasing production of food commodities as recommended by the Secretary of Agriculture. b. Use improved farming methods. c. Arrange for adequate credits in order to achieve these goals. d. Produce more agricultural products for home consumption.
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Every chapter member increase the size and scope of his investment. b. Urge every individual to develop a farming program to the limit of his opportunities and ambitions and toward establishment in farming.
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use improved breeding and feeding practices. b. Urge members to use improved sires, either individually or cooperatively, or join artificial insemination associations. c. Urge higher quality foundation animals. d. Urge members to use improved strains of seeds. e. Urge members to harvest and to market crops more efficiently to prevent losses.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		f. Urge treatment of seeds to prevent disease. g. Encourage improvement of soil fertility. h. Urge members to carry crops and livestock insurance for self protection. i. Urge practice of efficient weed control. j. Urge practice of insect control.
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% member participation	a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Urge humane and practical stock devices made as farm mechanics projects. c. When necessary urge vaccination of livestock to prevent disease. d. Urge strict sanitation practices.
5. Farm Management Practices	100% member participation	a. Urge the keeping of accurate farm records. b. Make changes in management practices cautiously. c. Urge sound soil conservation practices and participation in Foundation Soil and Water Management contests.
II. COOPERATION		
1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities. b. Urge members to buy and sell cooperatively. c. Urge chapters to promote cooperative enterprises. d. Encourage chapters to participate in contests sponsored by the American Institute of Cooperation.
2. Investigate the legal aspects and liabilities of chapter cooperatives	100% chapter participation	a. Urge chapters to secure legal advice.
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery	100% member and chapter participation	a. Chapters assist in repair of machinery in community. b. Encourage members to offer their services to farmers. c. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from wear, weather, etc. d. Assist agriculture instructors in farm machinery repair courses for farmers.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State associations with safety programs	a. Cooperate with agencies promoting safety. b. Encourage books on first aid and safety in chapter libraries. c. Encourage chapter discussions and demonstrations on fire prevention. d. Encourage members to enroll in first aid courses. e. Secure and distribute material on farm fire prevention. f. Encourage safety campaigns at home, on highways, in the shop, and in fields against fire and other destructive forces. g. Urge every chapter to have available first aid measures. h. Publicize safety programs. i. Urge that safety devices be kept in place on farm machines.
3. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	a. Urge cooperation with various conservation agencies. b. Emphasize the need for conservation to both chapters and individuals. c. Encourage soil conservation by crop rotation and cover crops.
4. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	a. Encourage all members and chapters to discover needed repairs and undertake same. b. Encourage chapters to provide cooperatively available materials needed for home maintenance.

IV. LEADERSHIP

1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	a. Urge careful and early explanation of progressive features of degree work to Green Hands and members, and plan long time farming programs. b. Encourage members to keep scrap book records of their achievements. c. Urge each State to provide uniform State Farmer application blank. d. Emphasize early submission of American Farmer Degree applications.
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Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more FFA books	e. Urge adherence to chapter farmer qualifications, and carry out Official Ceremony. a. Prepare and distribute suggested list of books for FFA chapters. b. Send out suggestions on establishing and maintaining libraries. c. Suggest discussion of chapter libraries at leadership training schools and conferences.
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	a. Encourage every chapter to hold a contest with a high percentage of members participating. b. Stress the value of participation to the individuals regardless of prizes or honors. c. Encourage districts to participate in State contests. d. Encourage all States to participate in regional contests.
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	a. Urge individual members to study parliamentary procedure. b. Encourage chapter discussion of parliamentary procedure. c. Encourage local and state parliamentary procedure demonstrations and contests. d. Urge chapters to include at least one book on parliamentary procedure in chapter library. e. Each chapter to have a Parliamentarian.
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work with emphasis on revisions to keep the program current	a. Encourage more carefully built programs and closer attention to them. b. Urge special emphasis on program building in leadership schools. c. Print and distribute the national program of work immediately following the National Convention. d. Encourage more chapters to compete in National Chapter Contest. e. Revise program of work each year.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
6. Providing State publications	100 % of States with an official publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage the maintenance of State FFA publications. b. Encourage exchange of State publications with other associations. c. Offer constructive suggestions on improving present publications. d. Include in publications copies of winning State FFA speeches of the year. e. Serve as media of information of national organization activities. f. Include helpful agricultural hints.
7. Providing leadership training	100 % State participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage State and district leadership training schools and conferences. b. Encourage States to provide leadership training in connection with State meetings. c. Encourage all chapters to provide at least one leadership school or conference during the year. d. Urge special leadership training school for State officers. e. Provide special leadership training school for national officers. f. Encourage leadership training activities at all State FFA camps.
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage more extensive and regular use of local, county, and State newspapers by chapters and State associations. b. Secure more articles in national magazines. c. Urge taking of more and better pictures of FFA work for use as illustrations. d. Encourage States and chapters to provide radio broadcasts where possible. e. Encourage wider use of windshield stickers. f. Continue to maintain contact with such organizations as the New Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, Future Farmers of Japan, and

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		other organizations patterned after the FFA.
		g. Each chapter sponsor at least one local display per year.
		h. Keep in touch with former FFA members.
		i. Encourage the use of official FFA uniforms by members.
		j. National organization put on FFA exhibits.
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Buying Security bonds and stamps	100% of chapters participating in Security Bond Drive	a. Send out U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to make purchases. b. Suggest that member savings and chapter accumulations be used for purchases. c. Urge State associations and chapters to put on drives to encourage members and others to buy Security bonds and stamps. d. Recommend Security bonds and stamps as awards in the FFA contests.
2. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	a. Stimulate interest in regular systematic savings for all. b. Encourage chapter members to earn money cooperatively to help finance chapter activities. c. Urge every State Association and chapter to have a budget and safeguard its funds. d. Encourage members to invest in productive enterprises and Security bonds. e. Urge every chapter to operate a thrift bank or some other means of systematic savings. f. Encourage local chapters to earn and deposit money in their chapter treasury for loans to members desiring to borrow money for the development of supervised farming programs.
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Using Official Manual	100% of members having access to official Manual	a. Urge State associations to secure Manuals in quantities for distribution and sale to chapters.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Emphasize the need for having up-to-date Manuals with which to work. c. Urge that new Manuals be included in every chapter library. d. Urge discussion of revision of the constitution at chapter meetings and conventions. e. Urge every Green Hand to own a Manual. f. Urge study of Manual as phase of leadership training schools and conferences. g. Urge individual members to study and be familiar with official Manual.
2. Using Official Secretary and treasurer books	100% of chapters using both books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Call further attention to the value of these books. b. Urge filing copies of completed books as permanent chapter records. c. Urge discussion of both books at chapter meetings and at leadership training schools and conferences. d. Urge well-kept books. e. Encourage each chapter to keep a scrapbook.
3. Providing Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Send out lists with information on how and where to obtain. b. Stress loyalty to the national organization and urge the use of official materials. c. Urge discussion of standard materials at leadership training schools. d. Point out advantages in patronizing official companies.
4. Using Official ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge that all officers learn their parts and that ceremonies be rehearsed. b. Suggest special training on ceremonies for new officers. c. Recommend discussing the meaning and significance of ceremonies at chapter meetings and leadership schools. d. Urge practice on unison parts, especially Flag salute.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
5. Planning State Conventions	100% of State associations hold Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plan in ample time. b. 100% of all chapters sending delegates. c. Urge all State Farmer candidates to attend. d. Secure outstanding speakers and entertainers. e. Encourage participation of as many members as is possible through committees and other activities.
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have at least two regular meeting dates per month scheduled in school calendar. b. Special meetings for emergencies. c. Prepare well-planned program beforehand. d. Have one good entertainment feature for 100% participation at each regular meeting. e. Urge 100% chapter attendance at federation or district meetings. f. Urge chapters to prepare agenda and make available to members prior to chapter meetings.

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Devote one chapter meeting annually to scholarship. b. Encourage members to strive for scholastic honors. c. Encourage posting FFA honor rolls periodically. d. Have advanced boys assist new students. e. Offer chapter awards to outstanding scholars.
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VIII. RECREATION

1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Organize athletic teams and encourage chapter and district competition. b. Sponsor parent and son banquets. c. Cooperate with F.H.A. departments and all related school organizations. d. Organize supervised camping trips and encourage establishment of State camps. e. Cooperate with the National Committee on Phys-
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Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Continuing National FFA Week	100% of State associations participating	ical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency. f. Sponsor recreation programs in local community. a. Set aside week of George Washington's Birthday as National FFA Week. b. Send out suggested materials for FFA Week programs.
IX. GENERAL		
1. Maintaining membership	375,000 active members	a. Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture. b. 100% membership in FFA of boys enrolled in all-day classes. c. Urge payment of individual membership dues to the State associations by at least January 1, and of national dues by at least June 1. d. Encourage establishment of collegiate chapter in every recognized teacher training department.

Respectfully submitted,

HUNT ZUMWALT, New Mexico
(Chairman)

RONALD MARCH, New York
FRANCISCO TOLEDO, Puerto Rico

GARDNER SCOW, Nevada
KENYON GIESE, Wisconsin

BURTON LEFFINGWELL,
Connecticut

JIMMY WILLIS, South Carolina

HEIL OHLING, Oregon

RICHARD RISLER, Illinois

CAL LEMMON, Nebraska

Report of the Committee on Public Relations

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

1. That an appropriation of \$10,000 by the National FFA Organization be budgeted the same as last year.

2. That the National FFA Organization continue to employ a Director of Public Relations and Information.

3. Every local chapter and State association be encouraged to work in every way possible in making contacts with local papers, magazines and radios in their areas in furnishing them with in-

formation for publicizing their respective programs, accomplishments and activities.

4. Encourage State organizations, and especially local chapters to aid in putting on radio programs.

5. The national office prepare a public relations guide for use by State associations and local chapters.

6. That each State officer be encouraged to write a column in his respective State FFA Newsletter or similar publication.

7. That each State, district and local chapter be encouraged to publish an FFA newsletter.

8. Encourage local chapters to observe National FFA Week.

9. Encourage every chapter to have public relations committee to submit items to newspapers and magazines, present radio programs, put on window displays and similar activities in order to more familiarize the public with FFA activities.

10. Encourage local chapters to confer the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree to deserving individuals in the local community.

11. To encourage chapters to present films such as: "That Inspiring Task," "The FFA Creed," "The Greenhand," and other FFA films to local farm groups, service organizations and civic clubs.

12. That the national officers continue the annual public relations tour in which they visit donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation and others who should be informed of FFA activities.

13. That each State association be encouraged to conduct a public relations tour.

14. Local chapters be encouraged to do whatever they can to secure a maximum distribution of official FFA calendars.

15. That national officers, Board of Directors and official delegates of the national convention continue to hold reception for donors of the National FFA Foundation.

16. That a publication of the complete history of the FFA be prepared for the 25th national convention.

17. That a third edition of the pictorial bulletin "Future Farmers of America in Action" be prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

DEWARD JOHNSON, Kentucky
(Chairman)

RICHARD NIBLETT, Delaware

ERNEST LATHAM, South Carolina

GEORGE JACOBS, Oregon

JAMES LITTLE, Indiana

MALCOLM ELLIS, Maine

CURTIS FREE, Tennessee

EDWARD SKIDMORE, Utah

DEWAYNE BLACK, Kansas

CHARLES HACKETT, Arkansas

Report of Committee on Public Speaking

We, the members of the committee on public speaking recommend the following:

To amend Article II, Section II of the Announcement and Rules of the National Public Speaking Contest by adding the words, "at the time of their participation in the State Contest" after the words "21 years of age."

To amend Article II by adding Section VI, which should read: "Contestants shall wear official FFA jackets."

Respectfully submitted,

DON ROHDY, Iowa (Chairman)
GENE KERR, Nebraska
JOHN SCHULTHEIS, Washington
GRAYDON LYONS, New Hampshire
LAUREL MADSEN, Utah
JAMES W. PFEFFERKORN, Md.
FRED WILLIAMS, Michigan
JOHN REYNOLDS, JR., Tennessee
DONALD POYNER, Kentucky
FRANK P. CROUGHWELL, Mass.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

We, the committee on resolutions for 1951, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following persons and organizations and especially to the 24th national convention thereof:

1. To the 1950-51 national officers and the 24th national convention for the excellent efforts in making this convention and this year most successful.

2. To the members of the National Board of Directors for their able supervision and help in advancing the FFA.

3. To the members of the Kansas City Advisory Council for their splendid work in making this year another historic milestone in the progress of the FFA.

4. To all railroads and their official representatives who are encouraging FFA efforts and valuable educational awards.

5. To Honorable W. E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City for his most hearty and warming welcome.

6. To Senators Darby, Kerr, Thomas and Fullbright for the long and untiring efforts which they have put forth in securing the Federal Charter for the national organization.

7. To Herschel D. Newsom, Master, National Grange; Allan B. Kline, President, American Farm Bureau Federation; R. W. Gregory, Assistant U. S. Commissioner for Vocational Education, Office of Education, for their participation in our convention which has been one of the determining factors in its success.

8. To all donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. and those persons who contributed to the success of this convention.

9. To the businessmen and officials, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City for their efforts in making this a most enjoyable trip to Kansas City and for the various services rendered.

10. To all states supplying members to the National FFA Band and to Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State College, for his able conducting, and also the well-organized National Chorus and their director, Dr. James W. Hatch, Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, New York.

11. To all companies who assisted in supplying authorized general merchandise, banners, rings, emblems, stationery, etc.

12. To all companies and organizations who participated in furnishing entertainment to the members of the FFA.

13. To all judges, timekeepers and members of the FFA who participated in the Public Speaking Contest and the National Chapter Contest.

14. To all organizations and companies from which this 1950-51 national convention has benefited.

15. To Mr. Clarence Hoff, Manager of the Municipal Auditorium, for the wonderful cooperation he has given the national FFA organization.

16. To all honored guests of the 24th national convention.

17. To all magazines, radio companies and newspapers who have devoted space and time to the FFA.

18. To all hotels and other housing facilities who have accommodated our FFA representatives.

19. To all donors of prizes not previously mentioned.

20. To all other individuals serving the FFA and assisting the 24th national convention.

21. That we show appreciation to representatives taking part in the massing of the State flag ceremony.

22. To the Donnellson, Iowa, Dixieland Band; Leon, Florida, String Band; and all other groups who presented entertainment at the national convention.

23. To visiting youth groups and delegations from foreign countries who visited our national convention.

24. To all the people who attended the 24th national convention.

25. Special thanks and appreciation to all those who participated in the Federal Charter Pageant.

26. To the Kansas City Night Presentation, courtesy of the Saddle and Sirloin Club, American Royal Association and the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

27. To the companies who were hosts to the FFA boys at their plants.

28. Sincere thanks to the Hawaiian Association for their beautiful flowers.

29. Special appreciation to Raymond Firestone for his efforts as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc.

The committee wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to anyone else who helped make this convention a success. The committee wishes to give the Board of Directors the right to add any resolutions they see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

COPELAND GRISWALD, Florida
(Chairman)

ALVIN C. BASSE, Wisconsin

FRED MARTIN, Washington

HENRY FERGUSON, West Virginia

ALEX A. SANCHEZ, New Mexico

EDWARD R. SHAUT, New York

DWIGHT ETTER, Ohio

BILLY PAUL RUSSELL, Texas

CLARENCE C. HOFFMAN, S. Dak.

JIM CRAIN, Wyoming



RAYMOND W. GREGORY

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Assistant U. S. Commissioner for Vocational Education
Office of Education

"I hope that you Future Farmers never forget that, first of all, as a producing farmer, you must become competent because the

competition shall become increasingly keen in the productivity of farming. Never forgetting that, realize however that the best reasons for competency are to be found in the effects such competency has upon your family life, upon the lives of the people who are the friends you have in your home communities, and thus you will have demonstrated the worthwhileness of an abundance of productivity for the benefit of all.

"It takes a lot of little things to make something big. It takes a big individual to do little things well."



Herschel Newsom, Master, The National Grange, receives Honorary American Farmer Degree from Walter Cummins, National President.

HERSCHEL D. NEWSOM

Master, National Grange

"I sincerely appreciate the honor that has been paid to me personally by this recognition, and I assure you that our Grand Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, the only nation-wide farm family fraternity in the world, appreciates this recognition of the Grange.

"I assure you, that it is an inspiration to me to be a part of your national convention. I feel full well that America needs the type leadership and the type thinking processes that are being developed in this organization.

"I think it would be a thrill and an inspiration to all our Grange people—yes, to the farm people all across the country—to see the fine manner in which you conduct your business."



KNOX T. HUTCHINSON

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Assistant U. S. Secretary of Agriculture

"Vocational agriculture has been in operation since 1917. I think the results of this program are now expressing themselves very definitely in our increased production and our increased efficiency. Today we are producing forty per cent more from the same land and with fewer people than we produced twelve or fifteen years ago. As time moves on we are going to find that responsibility will continue because we are having an increase in population something like two and one-half million people per year in this country that we must continue to feed and clothe from the products of the land, from the same acreage that we now have.

"It is this kind of basic training that offers assurance in the future of that kind of a responsibility on agriculture. Not only do we find assurance of the production of the goods of the land, but we also find here in this great national organization of young boys from the farm, engaged in the study of agriculture, assurance of the kind of leadership that this country needs and will continue to need even greater in the years ahead.

"It has been a great pleasure for me to have this opportunity to say this word, but primarily I came because we want you to know that the United States Department of Agriculture appreciates the very fine contribution that you are making to the agriculture of this nation."



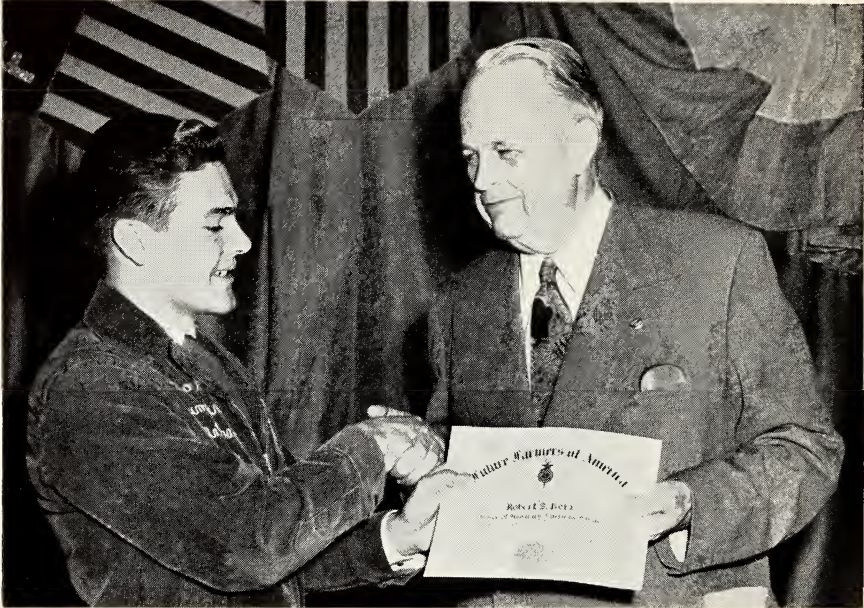
Allan B. Kline, President of American Farm Bureau Federation, receives Honorary American Farmer Degree from Robert L. Smith, National 1st Vice President.

ALLAN B. KLINE

President, American Farm Bureau Federation

"We have the institutions of freedom. We have developed the capacities, and we have the capacities. Take a little time and say, "Now, down this road that I'm going, what is it that I ought to do tomorrow that I didn't do today in order to become the day after

tomorrow what I would like to be, and in order to achieve a couple of days later what I would like to see done." You have two fields: The field of *doing* things—this is the one you have always been encouraged in—but don't forget the field of *being* yourself what you would like to be."



Robert S. Kerr, United States Senator from Oklahoma, receives the Honorary American Farmer Degree from Walter Cummins, National President.

ROBERT S. KERR

United States Senator From Oklahoma

"I think the day will come when every American boy and girl will have the opportunity to receive training similar to that given to Future Farmers of America. This opportunity will come about as American business men and people generally realize how little vocational agriculture costs and how much it is worth. There is simply no better investment that can be made.

"As a member of the Pardon and Parole Board in Oklahoma, and later as Governor, I listened to thousands of applications for clemency. Not a single one of those applications was from a person who had as a youth received the benefit of vocational agriculture training. In fact, I never knew an Oklahoma youth to graduate from vocational agriculture training into a penal institution.

"I would like to recall here a part of that stirring pageant we have just witnessed, and tell you that we in the Congress were happy to provide a federal charter of incorporation for FFA. Many years ago, before most of you young men were born, the Congress passed the Smith-Hughes Act to promote the cause of vocational education in the United States. The accomplishments of the Future Farmers of America have far more than justified the faith in farm boys that was in the minds of those statesmen who wrote and secured passage of the laws providing for vocational education. The FFA has honored the nation by its achievements. Whatever honor the Congress gives the FFA is more than justified. We know of your magnificent record in the past—we believe that in the future your record will be even better.

"The FFA was a great idea when it was conceived back in the 1920's. That idea grew into reality and the national organization was formed right here in Kansas City 23 years ago. It was sustained by the dreams and work—mostly work—of enthusiastic farm boys and their leaders. That work has resulted in the amazing organization we know today, of which you are such a vital part.

"Great ideas and great organizations, like the fields of corn, must have nourishment from below or else they wither and perish. You are the soil of the FFA—it is you who must nourish its roots and hold the plant erect. It is you who must feed the FFA with the nutrients of new ideas, new activities, new knowledge, and those other ingredients that will make the growth steady, the stalk firm and strong, and the crop bountiful.

"You are reaching manhood at a time when some find it easy to be pessimistic about the future, but I say to you that it is the wail of the defeatist which cries that young men face a future of diminishing opportunities. You do not stand at the bleak end of a broken trail. This is not a hopeless world. In my judgment you stand at the threshold of a glorious life. I believe there is a bright and wonderful world in your future. I am convinced that you are fully prepared to cross that threshold and claim the heritage that is yours.

"It is true that you face a troubled world. My father used to say to me, "Bob, I've had trouble all my life and expect to have it as long as I live." But he said, "Success is born in trouble and nurtured by the ability to overcome it." Yes, and then you and I believe in a God of justice. We have faith that His divine guidance will lead and strengthen us.

"Great, however, as has been our progress in the field of agriculture, we must of necessity expand and improve that program. This we can do; this we will do. We are surrounded by opportunities for improvement. These opportunities abound in the fields of soil conservation, improvement of livestock, development of finer field crops, more effective conservation and use of water, more and

better means and methods of soil enrichment. All these astound us as we contemplate their possibilities.

"This is a challenge to you, my young friends, to prepare yourselves for leadership and achievement. Agricultural leadership in all fields is needed in every state in the Union today. Success and profit await those who meet that need. This leadership is likewise needed and the opportunities for profit are likewise available around the globe. The world's population is increasing by leaps and bounds. Each day there are 55,000 new mouths to feed. The world is crying for young men and women who have the knowledge and the daring to accept the responsibilities for leadership in carrying the know-how of American Agriculture to every nook and corner of the wide world.

"Next only to their longing for peace is the need and the desire by all people to have a better opportunity to earn their daily bread. Their hearts are filled with longing for knowledge of better ways to produce more wisely and more abundantly.

"In recognition of this great need and of our opportunity to be of service, not only to others, but to ourselves, our government has developed its Point Four Program. Simply stated, it is an effort to give other nations the opportunity and the leadership in developing a vocational agriculture program of their own. It might even be identified as the Future Farmers of the World.

"Through your work in FFA you have a better understanding of the value of friendship than ever before. I say to you: Cherish these friends you have, and then further enrich yourself by making new friends.

"Loyalty! What an element in the formula for success! In building His team there was no quality about which the Master was more concerned than loyalty. Nothing gave Him such joy as when He saw it manifested. Nothing so vexed His tender heart as evidences of disloyalty.

"The fundamental ingredient in the formula of success is good character. Simple integrity is not a common quality but is so essential to character growth. It is made up of such ordinary elements as honesty, a sense of personal responsibility for any task assigned, and a willingness to put self-interest below the call of duty.

"Character based on those qualities will stand the test of a crisis and establish your right to the reputation of a leader. Character is what you are. Reputation is what men think you are. Others may impair or even rob you of your good reputation, but they can never subtract one iota from your character.

"You are moving into a new world. It is yours and you belong to it. As you seek your goal in life, do not be afraid. Do not worry about what is out yonder—go meet it head on!

"The difference between success and failure is within you. It depends not on what you own but what you do with what you have.

Where there is VISION there will be progress; where there is COURAGE to dare, plans will be born; where there is PERSEVERANCE, plans will become realities; where there is FAITH, there must be success.

"You are the arbiter of your destiny. *You* can do what *you* want to do if you want to do it bad enough. I say to you, be careful what you try to do—you're going to succeed. Be careful what you look for—you're liable to find it. Be careful what you plan—your plans will become realities.

"There is within you unmeasured potentialities which, if undisciplined and uncontrolled, can become an agency of destruction and tragedy even as the rushing waters of a river in flood-time. But by the same token, when that within you, that ability, that talent, that YOU, is disciplined and controlled and used it can become the most powerful thing which God has created. Ah, He placed in your hands the privilege and the responsibility to husband even the elements of nature. He gave you the opportunity to develop the know-how to control the rivers and their waters; to utilize the soil and its productivity. It is yours. Move into the realization and the utilization of your heritage with that same confidence that has marked your steady progress thus far. I say to you that not only will the future of your country be secure, not only will your own happiness and prosperity be assured, but who knows but what your generation, in the light of your knowledge and in the depth of your wisdom and in the breadth of your experience—who knows but that your generation may be the one that will bring to this earth the realization of its fondest dream—Peace on earth, good will among men!"

MY TRIP TO DENMARK

By Forrest Davis, Star Farmer of America, 1950

At the national convention last year I was extended an invitation by Ambassador Henrik Kauffmann to visit Denmark at their expense. I left last November on the Scandinavian Airlines, leaving LaGuardia Field and flying via of Gander, Newfoundland, Preswick, Scotland, Hamburg and from there on to Copenhagen, Denmark. I was greeted at the airport by members of the Danish Agricultural Council and a Danish tourist organization.

Most of my time in Denmark was spent travelling over the country visiting the farmers, the agricultural schools and also the many points of interest throughout that country. I found the Danish farmer to be a hard-working, scientific farmer.

Denmark is a small country, really much smaller than the State of Florida, but they are one of the leading agricultural nations of the world. They produce more food per capita for export than practically any other country.

The average size farm in Denmark is only 30 or 40 acres, and over fifty per cent of the farms are under 15 acres in size. So, the

Danish farmers must be very scientific. They have to cooperate in order to maintain the standard of living which they now enjoy—the highest standard of living in Europe. They are primarily dairy farmers, hog raisers and poultry farmers; and most of their products are exported to Great Britain.

One of the things that impressed me about Danish farming was that they have a standard breed of livestock. They have only one breed of hogs—the white Danish hog. They market these hogs at one hundred fifty pounds. If they are over this weight one pound the price is cut. Most of the farmers have scales in the barns on which to weigh these hogs, and a day or two before market time they will mark them with bright paint so they can tell when to market them.

The Danish people have long realized that only through scientific farming and improved farming methods can they improve their standard of living. They have long since realized that their soil is their future prosperity, and they are doing a wonderful job of reclaiming land that has long been discarded. Today, eighty per cent of their farm land is in cultivation.

The school system in Denmark is much different from what we are accustomed to here in the United States. I visited several of their agricultural schools. The average size of these schools is only about two hundred students. They have no examinations. After the students serve three or four years in school they must serve one year apprenticeship on some outstanding farm in the country.

The Danish people are very friendly and hospitable. The first thing one must do upon entering one of their homes is to shake hands with every member of the family and upon leaving you do the same thing.

A common sight in practically every community is a beautiful whitewashed church, which is Lutheran. Also, you see windmills and co-op owned dairies. They believe in farmer cooperation. In fact, they lead the world in farmer co-ops.

I will always remember this trip to Denmark and the friendliness and hospitality of the people there. I will always remember the country with the little white churches and the windmills peeking over the hillsides. I don't know how I can ever thank Ambassador Kauffmann, the Danish Agricultural Council, the Danish Tourist organization, and the many others who helped to make this trip possible. I am quite sure that what I have seen and learned about Danish farming will be a benefit to me in my farming career.

A VISIT WITH FUTURE FARMERS OF JAPAN

By George Lewis, National President of FFA, 1949-50

Stretching from the State of Washington to Puerto Rico, from Maine to Hawaii, and now from New York to Japan are the Future Farmers.

It was one of the most unique experiences that my wife and I shared in touring Japan—to come in contact with the Future Farmers. We felt at home from the first time we alighted in their new country, yet a country that is old, a country that is two thousand years old in practicing soil fertility and soil erosion control.

The Future Farmers of Japan believe that: "Since wars are developed in the minds of men, then it is in the minds of men that defenses for peace must be constructed." They are sorry that the war ever happened and wish their history did not include that very big and awful chapter of World War II. They now realize that the world of tomorrow, the Japan of tomorrow, will be what the young people want it to be. They realize that the defenses for peace for which they are striving must be built in the minds of the young people.

Mr. Ivan Nelson was the guiding hand back of the Future Farmers of Japan. They have taken our Manuals and our organizational setup almost literally. The FFJ is organized almost entirely after the Future Farmers of America. They have their degrees and their public speaking contests but they have something that is unique, and that is their tea project. The boys' main project in Japan is tea gardens that correspond to our flower gardens. They do very intricate work on these tea gardens.

One of the most impressive meetings I attended was in Tokyo where six hundred Future Farmers of Japan gathered to find out what the FFA is doing. Just before I was introduced to speak about the FFA, approximately one hundred of their members rose and sang with great vitality and quality, "Hail the FFA." They had taken it from our Manual and had translated it into Japanese. After I spoke to them on the FFA a Japanese boy played the National Anthem.

Girls are members of this organization in Japan. That is understandable since the girl there is expected to do just about as much farm work, if not a bit more, than the boy.

On behalf of the national President of the Future Farmers of Japan, George Lewis conferred upon Walter Cummins honorary membership in the FFJ. The pin corresponds with our local chapter degree. The most important object on the pin is a dove, signifying world peace. In the background of this dove is Mount Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan, which, of course, signifies the height of attainment that the FFJ is striving for. In the background is the blue sky. Encircling the whole pin is a sheaf of rice with the grain on it, signifying the fulfillment, the quality, the ability, and the national scope of their organization.

The FFJ now has 530 local chapters, 46 prefectural organizations or associations which correspond with our 50 state and territorial associations. They have nine district associations which correspond to our regional associations; and they have the one

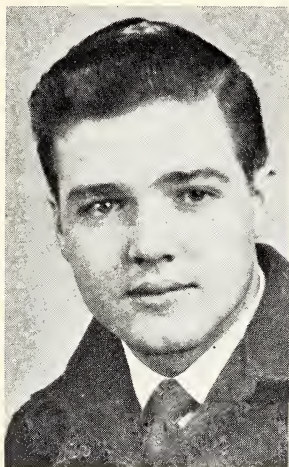
national organization. The largest membership in one single chapter is 600, their smallest 40, and the average is 200. That indicates the tremendous population density in Japan. Last November they had their national inauguration convention where approximately 3,000 attended to set up their organization.

I believe that it is appropriate that the Future Farmers of Japan have organized and consider themselves to be a brother organization to the FFA. I think our two organizations have a lot in common. We have the rising sun and their whole country has the rising sun, which together can signify a new day and a new dawn in agriculture. The Future Farmers of Japan is one of the most important organizations in that country, helping them to become democratized, an important factor that will help them to maintain democracy in their country. Their national leaders find it to be the only organization that is thoroughly democratic, the only organization that has been accepted throughout, the only organization that has grown with such tremendous success over a very short period of time, and one of the most important organizations for the future of Japan. I believe that even though I visited a country two thousand years old, I visited a new Japan, and helping to become that new Japan is the Future Farmers of Japan. Anything we can do for them and their country will be appreciated by them.

National Student Officer Reports

Report of the National President

This convention marks the end of what will always stand out in my mind as the greatest year of my life. The associations that I have enjoyed with FFA members and advisors throughout the United States will always stand as cherished memories.



WALTER CUMMINS
President

I have endeavored to write a brief, accurate report of the past year's activities, and I submit it humbly for your approval.

My duties as your national president began when I accepted the gavel from President George Lewis on this platform a year ago. My activities before leaving Kansas City included appearances on several radio programs, luncheons and banquets.

Upon returning to Oklahoma, I went to Stillwater and checked out of school at Oklahoma A. and M. College where I was a Sophomore majoring in Animal Husbandry. The month after that I spent attending Chamber of Commerce and Civic Club meetings, judging contests, and local FFA functions.

On November 17, I flew to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to attend the National Grange Convention. It was a great inspiration to me as a farm youth to learn of the close relationship between the Grange and the FFA on a national level. The remainder of the month of November I spent attending FFA meetings and leadership conferences in Oklahoma.

From December 1 to December 8, I was in Washington participating in the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth. On December 12, I spoke at the Annual Meeting of the Consumers Cooperative Association here in Kansas City.

Upon returning to Oklahoma I was privileged to represent the youth of our state by making the address at an appreciation banquet honoring our retiring Governor, Roy J. Turner.

January 6 to January 10, I was in Chicago attending the annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. On January 22, I started to Washington to attend my first meeting of the National Boards of Directors and Student Officers. The next four weeks were very busy ones for the national officers of the FFA.

Most of our time in Washington was devoted to officer training and board meetings. We found time, however, to meet with several Governmental officials and agricultural leaders. I shall long remember our inspiring meetings with officials of the National Grange, The National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, and the Foundation for American Agriculture.

February 4, found your national officers, Dr. Spanton, Dr. Tenney and Mr. Farrar leaving for a two week visit with our friends in business and industry. In Wilmington, Delaware, we were guests of the DuPont Company. In Philadelphia we visited with officials of COUNTRY GENTLEMAN magazine. In New York City we appeared on a radio program as guests of American Broadcasting Company Farm Reporter, Phil Alampi, a former FFA member and American Farmer. That morning we also visited the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation and were luncheon guests of Esso Standard Oil Company. The same evening we were dinner guests of the Grocery Manufacturers of America at the Waldorf Hotel. Before leaving New York we visited the Boy Scouts of America; had a conference with C. H. Black, President of the American Can Company; visited the offices of the Dairyman's League; and were luncheon guests of AVCO Manufacturing Corporation. That afternoon we toured a U. S. Rubber Company plant and were guests of Dr. George Taylor and other officials of the U. S. Rubber Company for dinner.

In Pittsburgh we were guests of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, the H. J. Heinz Company, and the Aluminum Company of America. In Akron, Ohio we were met by Raymond Firestone and spent a very enjoyable day touring the plants of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

Upon arriving in Detroit we visited the Great Lakes Steel Corporation. We visited General Motors Corporation, Ferguson Tractor Company, Ford Motor Company, and the Dearborn Motors Corporation.

In Chicago we toured the Kraft Cheese Manufacturing Plant; had a conference with Allan B. Kline, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and had dinner with officials of Sears-Roebuck and Company. In Chicago we also visited the International Harvester Company, the Standard Oil Company, Armour and Company, International Minerals and Chemical Corporation, Junior Achievement Clubs of Chicago, the Oliver Corporation, and appeared on the National Farm and Home Hour radio broadcast. At this point I was forced to leave the tour and return to Oklahoma. I regret very much that I was unable to be with the rest of the officers on the remainder of the tour.

I speak the sentiments of all the national officers when I say that we were favorably impressed by the sincere interest shown by

men of big business and industry in the Future Farmers of America program.

On February 21, I drove to Oklahoma City to appear on the House and Senate floors expressing appreciation to our Representatives and Senators for passing two resolutions commending Vocational Agriculture and the FFA in Oklahoma.

On Saturday, February 24, I attended an appreciation banquet sponsored by the kind people of the community of Freedom, Oklahoma. Immediately after the banquet I was taken to the nearest airport where I boarded a plane for New York City. There I appeared on the Fred Waring Television Show and presented Mr. Waring with the Degree of Honorary American Farmer.

On March 4, I flew to Washington with Mr. J. B. Perky, our State Director of Vocational Education and FFA Adviser. There I testified for vocational education before the House Sub-Committee on Appropriations at the request of Congress.

The next month was spent attending local chapter banquets, Civic Club meetings, and the State FFA Rally.

On April 11, I travelled to Columbia, Missouri, where I attended a very impressive, well-conducted convention of the Missouri Future Farmers. From there I went back to Oklahoma where I attended the FFA Convention of my home State. The next week I went to the Kansas Convention at Manhattan, Kansas. After the Kansas Convention I spent a few weeks attending chapter banquets and participating in radio and television shows.

On May 29, I flew to Monticello, Arkansas to the convention of that association. From there I flew to Estes Park, Colorado to attend the Colorado Convention.

June 12, I went to Salina, Kansas to appear on a panel discussion at the American Hereford Cattle Congress. June 18, and through the 21st I spent at the Illinois State Convention. After spending two weeks at home helping with the wheat harvest I flew to Houston, Texas to attend a very impressive convention of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America.

July 19, I went to Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, where Wayne Staritt and I attended the West Virginia Convention.

In July I again went to Washington, D. C. for the meetings of the National Boards of Directors and Student Officers. Most of our time was spent reviewing American Farmer candidates. Following the executive session in Washington we six national officers spent a very enjoyable day visiting Richard's home and touring the battlefield at Gettysburg.

August 5, 6, and 7, I spent with the New Mexico Future Farmers at their convention in Albuquerque.



MUSIC HALL



1. Leon, Florida, String Band

2. National FFA Band

3. National FFA Chorus



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4. Nicholas County, West Virginia String Band

5. Talent Night Presentation—Casey's Daughter

My final trip was to Logan, Utah to attend the annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation.

A summary of my activities is as follows:

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	209
Radio broadcasts	33
State conventions	9
Speeches made	106
Expense to FFA..... (approx.)	\$1,900.00

It has been a real inspiration to me to work with officers as diligent and capable as Bob, Hal, Don, Richard and Wayne. My deepest expressions of appreciation go to Dr. Tenney, Dr. Spanton, Mr. Farrar and all the other members of the Agricultural Education Service for their guidance during the past year.

To my parents and family go my sincere thanks for making it possible for me to serve as your president. Special thanks and appreciation go to my state adviser, Mr. J. B. Perky, Mr. Byrle Killian, and all of the Vocational Agricultural Education Staff at Stillwater, Oklahoma for helping me over the rough places and for keeping me tuned to the true value of things.

For the opportunity to serve as one of your officers, I am humbly grateful to you—the Future Farmers of America, an organization dedicated to *Learning to do* the things that will make for better citizens, *Doing to learn* the richer and fuller things of life, *Earning to live* a life of self-supporting citizens, *Living to serve*—to serve in our homes with our families, in our local communities, States and nation, serving in such a way that will always reflect credit to the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER CUMMINS

Report of the National First Vice President

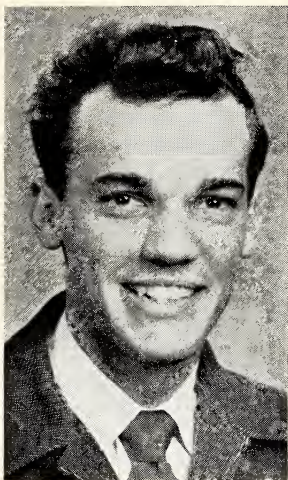
Election to the position of National Vice President was the most pleasant surprise of my life. My term of office, although it has kept me busy, has been a priceless experience and the following is a report of my activities as a national officer.

At the close of the 1950 convention, I returned to my home state of California with our delegation, and again took up my studies at California State Polytechnic College where I was enrolled as a Sophomore student. During the rest of the fall quarter, I “tried on” my new office for size and I only hope that the local chapters visited during that time didn’t suffer too much from my “breaking in” period.

On the third of January, I checked out of college in order to devote all the time necessary to the duties of my office.

The first meeting with my fellow officers began in Washington, D. C. on January 22. Walter has told you of our training sessions under the direction of Dr. Tenney and of the tour on which we

visited donors to the FFA Foundation. He did not, however, tell you of the last three days of the tour because he was forced to leave the



ROBERT L. SMITH
First Vice President

rest of us and return home to attend a sale where some of his registered cattle were being sold. On February 17, we went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where we were the guests of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. Mr. Ruben L. Smith had a very interesting tour planned for us through the Allis-Chalmers plant in West Allis, Wisconsin, and to top it off we had an extra special home-cooked dinner at the home of the Allis-Chalmers President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts, where we met many of the officials of that company.

Monday morning, the 19th of February, found us in Racine, Wisconsin enjoying a visit with Mr. H. H. Bloom, the President of Massey-Harris Company, and others on his staff. This fine luncheon with them and the trip through the tractor plant will long

be remembered by each one of us as a highlight of the tour. That same afternoon, we crossed town to call on friends of the FFA at the J. I. Case Company. Mr. Theodore Johnson, President of J. I. Case, and his staff certainly were wonderful hosts and the visit to their museum of old machines was truly educational.

This wound up our tour and from Racine we went as a group back to Chicago where Dick and Wayne went east, Hal went South, Don went to his new farm in Iowa and I flew back to my home in Buttonwillow, California.

On Sunday, February 25, just 5 days after returning from Chicago, I was married to Miss Beatrice Louise Jones. Beatrice too, has been closely connected with our organization, having served as secretary to my local chapter adviser for the past two years and being a sister to this past year's president of my local chapter. After completion of my college education we will return to the farm where we will continue to take interest in, and do our part in promoting for a still greater FFA.

The following two weeks were taken up by a short honeymoon, two parent-and-son banquets and a little time devoted to pre-irrigation for the coming cotton crop.

On March 15, I started on the most pleasant of all my assignments as a national officer. The first stop was in Yuma, Arizona, where I had the pleasure of visiting another Gold Emblem Chapter

and attending their banquet. From there I went directly to Corvallis, Oregon for their State convention. State President, Arlen Buroker, and his fellow officers did a truly admirable job of conducting their state meeting.

From Corvallis, I flew to Pullman, Washington, where the Washington State Leadership Conference was already in session. While there, I witnessed an exceptionally fine Parliamentary Procedure Contest and a well-executed convention under the able direction of their State president, Douglas O'bert.

I regret it was necessary to cancel my plans to attend the Idaho convention. I had really looked forward to visiting the potato state, but it seems that my dear uncle, Sam by name, had a desire to know if I would be physically fit to defend this great country of ours, so I was forced to leave the Northwest and journey to Los Angeles for my pre-induction physical examination.

My next convention was in Salt Lake City, Utah. I had the privilege of meeting and appearing on a radio broadcast with a former National Student Secretary, Eugene Hansen, who is now Assistant Farm Reporter for Radio Station KSL in Salt Lake City.

My schedule took me to Fallon, Nevada. Here the smallest State association in the Pacific Region demonstrated that it doesn't take numbers to have an active meeting. There were about 100 members present, which is almost one-third of their membership to take part in and see State President, Don Travis, conduct a splendid convention program. I enjoyed renewing acquaintance with another former officer, Virgil Getto, and meeting still another, Verl Hendrix, both of Fallon.

From Fallon, I made my way to Casper, Wyoming, where I was met by Dick Wymore, President of that Association. Dick and the delegates to the Wyoming convention are to be congratulated for a job well done.

At this point, fellow Future Farmers, I assure you I was getting homesick. A bridegroom of only forty-one days, twenty of which had been spent away from home; I almost wished I could head for California and forget about travelling and strange places. I then flew to Bozeman, Montana, however, for their convention and I thoroughly enjoyed my week there. Ronald Bokma did an outstanding job of conducting executive meetings and also the delegate sessions.

This completed my schedule of State conventions for a time, so I boarded a plane in Billings, Montana and headed for home. I arrived in Buttonwillow on April 15. This was just in time to plant the 1951 cotton crop. During the next few months I visited several chapters in California and did my best to keep up with my farming operations. I attended the California State Parliamentary Procedure finals and State judging contest in May and was privileged to take

part in the program and witness the fine performances of the contestants at the Pacific Regional Public Speaking Contest held in Fresno, California on May 6.

The next out-of-state assignment for me was the meeting of the National Board of Student Officers in Washington, D. C. from July 22-28. Here again the joint activities of the student officers have been covered in the report of our president. I would, however, like to say thanks to Dick Waybright for the great day he planned for us at his home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Monday, August 13, found me bound for Arizona and their State Leadership Conference. After meeting Max Kartchner, State President; Bruce Brooks, State Vice President; and Bob E. Taylor, State Executive Secretary in Phoenix, we drove to the "Mile High City" of Prescott, Arizona. Here I witnessed four days of convention proceedings that will long be remembered.

After having finally convinced my draft board that I should go back to college, I re-enrolled at California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo on September 14. The California State Convention was held on the Cal Poly campus September 24-26, and our past state officers under the guidance of A. E. "Mike" Kline, President made up a slate of most capable officers.

On October 3, my wife and I left San Luis Obispo for Kansas City and this 24th national convention.

The following is a summary of my experiences as a national officer:

Days spent in interest of FFA	144
Speeches made	96
Radio broadcasts	29
State conventions attended.....	7
Expenses to the FFA..... (approx.)	\$1,779.19

The few words I had said about each state convention are just a minute part of the feeling and impressions that are left within me. The most cherished of my experiences while serving you as an officer are the many, many friendships and acquaintances that were made with the officers and members of the various State associations. It is you fellows who will be my partners in guiding the destiny of the "Future of Farming" in this fast moving world of ours.

I consider my experiences throughout my FFA career to have been both educational and inspiring. The effects of these experiences have become a part of my character and ideals and are sure to be with me the rest of my life. Although I am now completing active membership, I will promote the ideals and principles of the FFA as long as I live in order that the farm boy of tomorrow will have even greater advantages.

My thanks to my Chapter Adviser, Mr. H. K. Dickson, who helped me in my early days of FFA life. Also to Mr. B. J. McMahon, my state adviser, and Mr. George P. Couper, assistant state adviser, for their able assistance while I was a state officer and also during the past year. I would like to express gratitude to those in the different states who arranged for my visit and extended such gracious hospitality to me. It has been a real pleasure to work with Dr. Spanton, Dr. Tenney, and the fine people of their staff, and to Walt, Hal, Don, Wayne, and Dick, thanks for the great times together—I certainly have enjoyed working with you.

To mom and dad go the words, “thanks a lot.” I only hope that some day I may be able to show my appreciation to them for the sacrifices they have made in order that I could have the best of everything.

Fellow Future Farmers, as we leave this 24th annual convention, let us not look into the past but ahead to the bright things of the future. Let us go home with a renewed confidence in ourselves and our country so that we can plan our days ahead in order to provide a good place in which our posterity may live. Let us cultivate perseverance and have success as our goal whatever we may undertake to do.

Good luck, Future Farmers of America!

Respectfully submitted,

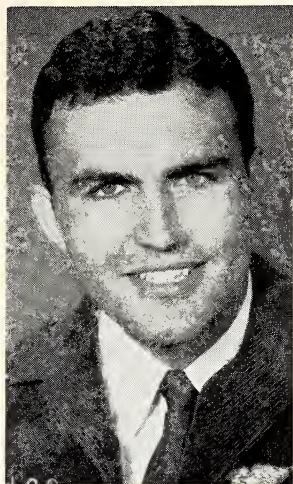
ROBERT L. SMITH

Report of the National Second Vice President

My days as an eligible active member of our organization will come to a close when the new officers are installed. Mere words are insufficient to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Future Farmers of America organization for what it has done for me during my seven years as a member. I was probably the greenest of all Greenhands, but as time passed I began to realize that the Future Farmers was an organization composed of thousands of farm boys like myself. My greatest inspiration came when I attended my first national convention and saw farm boys carrying on a meeting with such dignity and grace that I had never before witnessed. Little did I realize at that time I would have the opportunity of serving you in the capacity of a national officer. When elected last October, I felt that I had reached the utmost heights, but service to you and relations with friends of the FFA was my unknown goal.

My first duty upon returning from Kansas City was to resign from the University of Florida where I was a junior. The remainder of October, November and December found me catching up on the

farm work, attending Future Farmer and Future Homemaker outings, addressing civic clubs, high school student bodies, chapter banquets, and attending livestock shows and fairs throughout Florida, Georgia and Alabama.



HAL A. DAVIS
*National Second
Vice President*

On January 20, I left for Washington to attend the officers' training school and public relations tour. This tour was an education within itself and caused me to realize the vast amount of work and research going on in the interest of a better agriculture for our people.

After returning home, I left for Biloxi, Mississippi to attend the Southern Regional Conference of Vocational Agricultural Teachers, February 28-29. While there I had the privilege of accepting a check from Mr. Greenway of Sears in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

In March and most of April my time was utilized speaking before civic clubs, chapter banquets, and visitations to outstanding farms in our area.

I had the honor of attending the Tennessee FFA Convention held on April 27-28 at Chattanooga. This convention proved to be an outstanding one in every way.

May 31, I left for Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I flew from there to Natchitoches to spend a wonderful weekend with Herman Taylor, an outstanding Future Farmer. Monday, June 4, I was again in Baton Rouge attending the Louisiana convention. This convention was one that I shall never forget as it was interesting and educational.

On Thursday, June 7, I flew to Columbus, Georgia and travelled by bus from there to Auburn, Alabama to witness another inspiring convention. From there I travelled to State College, Mississippi for their convention held June 11, 12 and 13. While there I had the pleasure of not only seeing a great convention in action, but also visiting the agricultural farm of Mississippi State College.

The remainder of this week was spent in Louisiana visiting with their new State officers.

The following week I spent at Daytona Beach, Florida attending my own State convention. I was very delighted to have as my guests at this convention several people from Louisiana—Mr. A. D. Walker, State FFA Executive Secretary; Miss Juanita Hartwell, 1950-51 State Queen; and Herman Taylor, State Secretary.

The week of July 9, found me attending the South Carolina convention and visiting the farms of Billy Herlong and Ray Rauton, their State Star Farmer. This proved to be another interesting week of duties as a national officer.

Our second meeting of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors was held in Washington, D. C., July 23-25. From Washington the student officers went to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania where we were guests of our fellow officer Richard Waybright. While there, we visited the historic battle grounds and other noted points of interest.

My final State convention was that of the Georgia Association held at their State camp near Covington. I was deeply impressed by the fine work that these boys have done and are doing as illustrated by the beautiful State camp which they have succeeded in acquiring.

Most of August was spent in Louisiana attending their leadership training school in Natchitoches and the Champion High School Rodeo in Sulphur. This rodeo was sponsored by the Sulphur Chapter of FFA. During this time I also visited numerous Future Farmers on their farms and many local chapters.

September 17, I re-enrolled as a Junior at the University of Florida.

Before attending this convention, I represented our organization at the New Farmers of America National Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, October 1-2.

The following is a summary of my activities as a national officer:

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	198
Speeches made	93
Radio broadcasts	39
State conventions attended.....	7
Total expenses to FFA..... (approx)	\$1,050.00

My sincere thanks go to the staffs of our national organization and that of my own State organization. To my fellow officers, I shall always cherish the memory of the fellowship which we have experienced this past year.

To Dr. D. M. Bishop, my chapter adviser, who has worked with me in every way to make my career as a Future Farmer the one that it has been, I shall forever be indebted.

To my father and mother, who have far exceeded their duties as parents in making the careers of their children the most important part of their lives, I can only express my sincere gratitude.

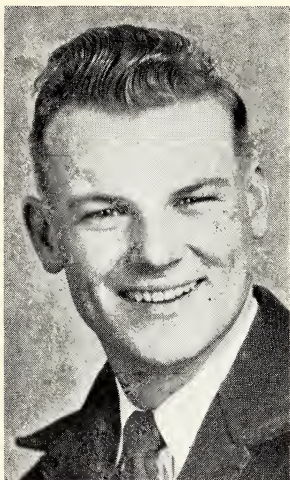
To you Future Farmers of America, those present and those not present, all I can say is thanks; thanks for the most wonderful year in my life.

Respectfully submitted,

HAL DAVIS

Report of the National Third Vice President

A year ago upon my election to a national FFA office I had a great feeling of elation. At that time, all I could see was the glory of the office. I now know different; I know that there is a great deal of work that goes along with that glory. After serving nearly a full year, I know that no experience could be greater; no associations finer than those I have had during the past year.



DONALD JORGENSEN
Third Vice President

After returning home from the national convention, I spoke at several civic clubs and FFA chapter meetings and chapter banquets. My first official trip started on January 25 and ended February 22. During that time I attended the Board of Directors meetings and went on the Good Will Tour.

My list of State conventions to visit started on March 20-21, when I was supposed to attend the Michigan convention. Because of bad weather and our worst blizzard of the winter, I didn't get there. My sincere regrets to the Michigan association for I feel I could have gained much there.

The first convention I attended was April 5-7 at Lincoln, Nebraska. Junior Knoble, State President, and the other officers did an excellent job in conducting the convention.

April 19-21, found me at Sioux City attending my home State convention. I shall long remember it as the best Iowa convention I have attended.

From Sioux City, I drove to Brookings, South Dakota to attend their convention. Bob Bowman, State President, did a very good job of carrying the meeting to a successful end.

The next convention I attended was at St. Paul, Minnesota. Because of pressing field work, I was unable to stay for the full convention but I was very impressed with the annual banquet which was attended by over twelve hundred.

After finishing planting and other field work I attended the Wisconsin convention at Green Lake. The beautiful setting and the fine group of fellows made this a memorable trip.

My last convention took me to Fargo, North Dakota, June 19-22. I shall remember North Dakota as a small association but more active and showing more leadership than some associations with a much larger membership. While on my way to Fargo, I stopped at

Ortonville, Minnesota and visited Paul Lindholm, former national officer.

On July 22, I flew to Washington, D. C. for the mid-summer meeting of the National Boards of Directors and Student Officers.

On August 14, I went to Ames, Iowa to act as chairman of the Central Regional Public Speaking Contest.

October 3, I acted as toastmaster of the FFA awards banquet at the Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo. October 4, found me here in Kansas City preparing to help carry the 1951 national convention to its conclusion.

The following is a summary of my activities:

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	80
Speeches made	52
Total expense to FFA..... (approx.)	\$820.00

My experiences during the past year have been many, and all of them unforgettable. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Tenney and all those in the national office, my fellow officers, my wife who has been a wonderful secretary, my parents, Marion's parents who did the chores so often for me while I had to be gone, Mr. Wayne Strong my ag teacher, and all the members of the Future Farmers of America for making this year possible for me.

I also want to thank God for creating such an organization as the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD JORGENSEN

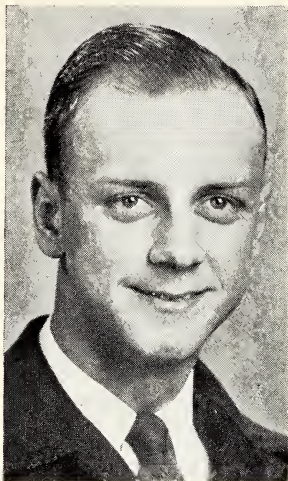
Report of the National Fourth Vice President

In 1944 I became a member of the Battlefield Chapter of Future Farmers of America. Little did I realize the future that was to be mine in the next seven years as a Future Farmer. Today, after serving a year as your national officer, I think back on the pleasant and educational experiences that this great farm boy organization has brought me. Even though my membership in the FFA will soon be just a wonderful memory, I shall always continue to work for the betterment of agriculture through promoting the Future Farmers of America.

Soon after I returned home from Kansas City, I began making talks at various chapter and civic club meetings. I spent January 9-10 attending Pennsylvania's State Farm Show and our State FFA convention.

On January 24, I went to Washington, D. C. to attend our

leadership training school. I then went with the other national officers on a public relations tour, visiting many of the large manufacturing centers of our country. I arrived home February 20.



RICHARD WAYBRIGHT
Fourth Vice President

During March, I attended quite a few chapter banquets and FFA Assembly programs.

April 6-7, I attended the Massachusetts State Convention where I had a very enjoyable time and was impressed by their boy run association.

April 26, I attended Delaware's State Convention and then spent a day visiting Richard Niblett, State President.

On May 16, I went to Washington, D. C. to represent the FFA at the Sixth National Conference on Citizenship. At this conference, where many national groups were represented, I was awakened to the demands for citizens of U. S. to not only think democratically, but act it as well.

Wednesday, May 23, I left home to attend New York's State Convention for four days. While there, I saw an outstanding association carrying on a splendid convention. At this time, I also had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Hatch, our National Chorus Director.

June 11-14, I was helping make plans and attending my home State convention and seeing again my many good friends.

The following week, June 18, I flew to Maine to attend their State convention. I really had a pleasant time while there.

June 27-29, I attended New Jersey's State Convention, which was held at a Boy Scout Camp at the Water Gap. A beautiful location for a convention.

July 22-26, I again went to Washington, D. C. for the Board of Trustees meeting. Most of our time was spent reviewing American Farmer Applications. After our week in Washington, I had the pleasure of having the national officers visit my home and tour the Gettysburg Battlefield.

I spent the next two weeks at home, helping with the grain harvest. Then I flew to Vermont's State Convention, where I witnessed an outstanding public speaking contest.

On September 13, I spent an evening in Philadelphia attending a dinner that our good friend, Mr. Robert Reed, Editor of Country Gentlemen, held to acquaint business men of that area with the FFA.

September 19-21, I attended the Eastern States Exposition and presided over the North Atlantic Regional Public Speaking Contest.

Summary of activities:

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	88
Radio broadcasts	11
Speeches made	78
Conventions attended	8
Total Expenses to FFA..... (approx.)	\$920.00

Fellows, this has been one of the most enjoyable years in my life and it is you who have made it possible.

I would like to pay tribute to my parents and brother who have kept the farm going in my absence and encouraged me to continue in my work; and, also to a special friend who has guided and steered my career as a Future Farmer, my one and only Ag teacher, Mr. Elmer H. Schriver.

To Mr. H. C. Fetterolf, my State Adviser, Mr. V. A. Martin, Assistant Adviser, and Mr. Richard Lighter, my Area Supervisor, I shall ever be thankful for their capable assistance in steering my career as an FFA member.

It has been a real pleasure to have had the opportunity of working with Dr. Tenney, Dr. Spanton, and their staff. To my brother officers, you shall always have a warm spot in my heart.

God bless our organization and may His guiding hand continue to rest over the Future Farmers of America. May the future see an even greater FFA with a stronger and more prosperous agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD WAYBRIGHT

Report of the National Student Secretary

Seven years ago this fall, I first became a member of the Future Farmers of America, and began my training in this organization. I was just a farm boy hardly knowing which way I was going, never realizing that some day I was working up along the line and that I would be elected to a national office. Last year I had the great honor of being elected by you to serve in the capacity of your National Student Secretary.

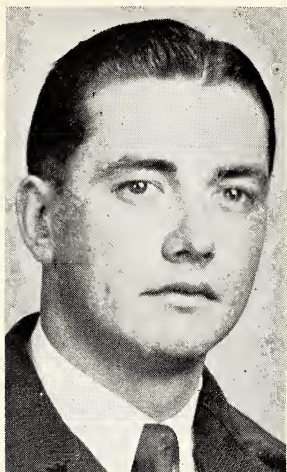
After being elected I returned home to catch up with some farm work, and also to participate in various FFA activities within my State.

On January 24, I journeyed to Washington, D. C. to attend our leadership training school. I then went with the other officers on a public relations tour, visiting many of the large manufacturing centers of our country. I arrived home on February 20.

April 3-8, I attended my first State convention as a national officer. I travelled to Lafayette, Indiana where I witnessed a very fine convention.

May 30-June 4, I was at Columbus, Ohio, attending their very fine convention.

June 6-9, I was at Hardinsburg, Kentucky attending their outstanding convention at the State camp.



WAYNE STARITT
Student Secretary

June 18-21, I travelled to Blacksburg where I attended a very successful convention of the Virginia Association. Leaving that convention a little early I flew to Cleveland, Ohio to attend the International Y.M.C.A. Convention and National Hi-Y Congress. I arrived home on the 24th.

July 18-22, I attended my home State convention along with Walter Cummins. We left on the 22nd for Washington, D. C. to attend our summer meetings with the other national officers.

August 4-9, I went to Raleigh, North Carolina where I attended a very fine convention.

October 3-16 finds me here in Kansas City about to complete my duties as your National Student Secretary.

Following is a summary of my activities:

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	105
State conventions attended.....	6
Radio and Television shows.....	23
Speeches made	84
Total expenses to FFA..... (approx.)	\$920.00

Fellows this has been one of the most enjoyable years in my life and it is you who have made it possible and to whom I owe my thanks. It is one of the hardest tasks that I have ever performed to bring to a close this report. Truly, I do not have words at my disposal to express my feeling at this time. My tenure of service may have been feeble, but to me it has been the greatest job and honor that I shall ever receive.

It has been a real pleasure to have had the opportunity of working with Dr. Spanton, Dr. Tenney and their fine staff. To Mr. Hansucker, my State Adviser and Mr. McMillen, my Executive Secretary, I can only extend my humble thanks for their untiring efforts in my behalf. To Mr. O. D. White, my local adviser, I owe a debt which I can never hope to repay. His advice and inspiration will never be forgotten. To my brother officers, who shall always have a spot in my heart and most of all to dad and mother—without their understanding help and encouragement my goals could not have been reached.

Although my membership in the FFA is about to come to an end, the chain which has linked me to this great organization will never be broken. May God continue to bless the Future Farmers of America as they continue to build a stronger and more secure future.

Respectfully submitted, WAYNE STARITT

Report of National Executive Secretary

A. W. Tenney

This is the Twenty-Fourth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. Since the organization was formed in Kansas City in 1928, members have made an outstanding record for their organization. We are all proud of the rapid growth in membership and the achievements of the organization during the past year. The work that is done by the FFA is an excellent example of the results that are obtained by working together. Members of the FFA, teachers of vocational agriculture, State supervisors of agricultural education and members of the staff of the Office of Education have all worked shoulder to shoulder. We are indebted to our many friends from the field of business and organizations who have assisted us in many ways.

You have again attained new heights in the past year by having the largest membership on record. The following Report on Accomplishments for the year ended June 30, 1951 is indicative of the type and scope of work accomplished by our local chapters.

Report on Accomplishments

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for world demands	100% member participation	80%
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	53%
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	61% improved livestock 51% improved crops
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% member participation	67%
II. COOPERATION		
1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	67%
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Stress repairing and reconditioning of machinery	100% member and chapter participation	43% members 77% chapters
2. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State Associations with safety program	77%
3. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	49% members 71% chapters
4. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	44%

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	82%
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of chapters with libraries which include 5 or more FFA books	84%
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	100% States 53% chapters
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	92%
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing program of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	100% States 82% chapters
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	84%
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	94%
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	39% chapters issued news sheets or news letters 90% chapters prepared publicity material regularly 67% States sponsored radio series 35% chapters prepared and gave broadcasts
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	37% members 57% chapters
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Using Official Manual	100% of members having access to Official Manual	90%
2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	100% of members using both books	85% secretary's 81% treasurer's
3. Providing official meeting paraphernalia equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	98% States 81% chapters
4. Using official ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	93%
5. Planning State Conventions	100% of State associations hold conventions	100%

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100 % of chapter meetings	89 % chapters held regular meetings 46 % members attended

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

1. Improved scholarship	100 % of members show out- standing ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	84 % chapters helped mem- bers improve their scholar- ship
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VIII. RECREATION

1. Encourage super- vised recreation	100 % member participation	66 %
2. Continuing National FFA Week	100 % of State associations participating	96 %

IX. GENERAL

1. Maintaining mem- bership	350,000 active members	340,090 members
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OFFICER TRAVEL

Your National FFA Officers have worked hard during the past year and have served you well. All of these young men are actively engaged in farming. This has made it difficult for them to be away from the farm during the year. They will report to you on their activities during the convention. You will be interested to learn of the amount of time they have spent in FFA activities and the contributions they have made.

STATE CONVENTIONS

I am pleased to inform you that all State associations held State conventions. National FFA Officers attended 42 of these conventions. They have reported good attendance and outstanding achievements at these conventions.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Forty-six State associations held special leadership schools for local chapters and members. More than 51,000 members attended the leadership schools.

CAMP AND OLD MILL

The facilities at the National FFA Camp are being used by the Future Farmers Supply Service. During the past summer it was possible to accommodate a limited number of FFA chapters at the camp. Since the Potomac Park Motor Court in Washington, D. C. has facilities to accommodate FFA chapters, the national camp will not be open next summer. Information will be mailed to the States next spring concerning the making of reservations by FFA chapters at the Potomac Park Motor Court.

You will recall that due to the fact that the National FFA Camp has not been adequately used by FFA chapters the delegates at the

1949 convention authorized the sale of the camp. After consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, the National Board of Student Officers and the National Board of Directors, it was recommended that the Future Farmers Supply Service be operated at the national camp.

The George Washington Grist Mill, which is leased from the Virginia Conservation Commission is still being kept open to the public. A caretaker is kept on duty. The income is enough to pay for all of the expenses, maintenance and salary of the caretaker.

Eighteen Associations operated camps for members during the summer. A number of other State associations are developing State camps.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

We received 78 reports on accomplishments in the National Chapter Contest for the year ended June 30, 1951. The reports indicate a continual improvement in the quality of work done by our FFA chapters. This is shown by the increase in the number of Gold Emblem awards that will be given this year. The accomplishment reports of a number of our chapters are on exhibit in the Little Theater. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to review these outstanding reports.

We face one major problem in connection with the National Chapter Contest. A number of State associations have raised a question about Gold Emblem chapters repeating year after year. We are told that this discourages competition within the States where Gold Emblem chapter compete annually. This problem should be solved if the chapter contest is to continue to serve local chapters.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

We appreciate very much the excellent assistance being rendered to the FFA by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. All of the awards which have been offered by the Foundation are being continued.

Through the efforts of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee the Foundation has received a large number of new donations. We are all grateful for the continued progress and interest in the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE

In compliance with the authorization of the delegates at the national convention, the Future Farmers Supply Service is in operation at the National FFA Camp. A complete report on the Supply Service will be made during the convention.

SUMMARY

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1951, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters.....	8,295
Total number white departments of vocational agri- culture without FFA chapters.....	128
Total active membership in chartered chapters.....	340,090

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree	153,376
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree	169,872
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree	8,385
Total number of active members now holding Ameri- can Farmer Degree	459
Total active membership.....	340,090
Total number of associate members (local)	272,578
Total number Honorary members (local)	27,640
Total number of Honorary members (State)	3,623
Grand total membership.....	643,931

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who participated in production of food	272,635
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs	179,265
Number of members who used improved livestock practices	207,384
Number of members who used improved crop produc- tion practices	174,233
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work.....	5,572

II. COOPERATION

Number of chapters cooperating with other groups....	7,629
Number of members provided experience in coopera- tive effort	229,562

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number of members who repaired and/or recondi- tioned farm machinery.....	146,666
Number of chapters that repaired and/or recondi- tioned farm machinery.....	6,401
Number of State Associations having a safety pro- gram in operation.....	38
Number of members engaged in organized conserva- tion work	165,761
Number of chapters engaging in organized conserva- tion work	5,943
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment	150,739

IV. LEADERSHIP

Number of State Associations that nominated full quota of American Farmers.....	41
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more FFA books	6,944
Number of State associations that held a public speaking contest	49
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest	4,426
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings	7,644
Number of State Associations having a written continuing program of work.....	49
Number of chapters having a definite continuing written program of work.....	6,802
Number of State Associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheet regularly.....	41
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters	3,254
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly	7,490
Number of State Associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members.....	46
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences	6,005
Number of State Associations sponsoring radio broadcast series	33
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs.....	2,924
Number of Association members attending last National FFA Convention.....	7,902

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of members carrying out definite thrift practices	124,310
Number of chapters participating in thrift practices	4,804

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of members who have access to the Official Manual	306,125
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book	7,088
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book	6,740
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	6,745
Number of State Associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	48

Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings	7,682
Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	7,430
Number of State Associations holding a convention....	49
Number of members who have attended 100% of chapter meetings	155,923

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship.....	6,936
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VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation	6,520
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities	234,290
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year.....	18
Number of members attending State camps	60,192
Number of chapters represented.....	1,738
Number of State Associations participating in National FFA Week.....	47

C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by active members, as of January 1 of this year.....	\$62,880,714.10
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D. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Number of recognized teacher training departments operating Collegiate FFA chapters.....	30
Reported membership in Collegiate Chapters	2,530

WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

During the past year the Future Farmers of America have again broken a number of records. Our membership as of June 30, 1951 was 340,090. We may look forward with confidence to a continued growth during the current year. Let us do our best to enlist in the FFA all of the boys who are enrolled in high school vocational agriculture classes.

We are pleased that our report of accomplishments this year includes reports from 47 States, the Island of Puerto Rico and the Territory of Hawaii.

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

Report of the National Treasurer

D. J. Howard

July 20, 1951

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

Gentlemen :

We have made an examination of the books of account and record of D. J. Howard, Treasurer, Future Farmers of America, Richmond, Virginia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1951, and have submitted a detailed report thereon.

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.

In our opinion, the statements herewith submitted, subject to the comments contained in our detailed report referred to above, present fairly the position of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1951, and the results of its operations for the year, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT
Certified Public Accountants
Richmond, Virginia

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1951

Exhibit "A"

ASSETS**CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash in Bank (Exhibit "C")..		\$ 36,628.99
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series F:		
Maturity Value	\$50,000.00	
Less: Reserve for Unearned Interest	6,885.00	43,115.00
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Total Current Assets		\$ 79,743.99

OTHER ASSETS:

Trademark		500.00
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FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp:

Land	\$12,343.23	
Buildings	15,317.16	
Equipment	2,662.93	\$30,323.32
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National Office:

Furniture and Fixtures	2,281.26	32,604.58
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		\$112,848.57

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS**CURRENT LIABILITIES:**

Accrued Old Age Benefits	\$ 115.56	
Employees' Taxes Withheld....	454.50	
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Total Current

Liabilities		\$ 570.06
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SURPLUS:

Balance, July 1, 1950	\$93,942.79	
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Add:

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures (Exhibit "B")	\$18,191.03	
Equipment Purchased During Year	144.69	18,335.72
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Balance, June 30, 1951		112,278.51
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\$112,848.57

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1951

REVENUE:

	REVENUE		Exhibit "B"	
	Detail	Total	Budget Estimate	Excess Over Estimate
Membership Dues (Schedule 1) ..		\$34,118.40	\$32,000.00	\$ 2,118.40
Royalties:				
Chapter Supply Company....\$	188.18			
L. G. Balfour Company.....	9,674.87			
Staunton Novelty Company..	1,246.33			
St. Louis Button Company..	216.91			
The Fair Publishing House..	366.78			
The Osborne Company.....	2,154.99			
Totals—Royalties		13,848.06	13,000.00	848.06
Other Revenue:				
Old Mill	\$ 3,329.18			
Rent—Supply Service	1,250.00			
Grant—Supply Service	15,000.00			
Interest on U. S. Sav. Bonds	1,290.00			
Miscellaneous	25.95			
National Camp	50.00			
Totals—Other Revenue		20,945.13	10,850.00	10,095.13
Total Revenue		\$68,911.59	\$55,850.00	\$13,061.59

EXPENDITURES:

	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Travel:				
National Officers	\$ 9,369.27			
Advisory Council	805.29			
National Adviser and Executive Secretary	1,958.03			
International	1,103.05			
Totals—Travel		\$13,235.64	\$15,200.00	\$ 1,964.36
Convention:				
Delegate Expense	\$ 4,144.47		\$ 4,200.00	\$ 55.53
Special Features	2,360.36		2,000.00	(360.36)
Buttons, Badges, Programs, etc.	934.49		750.00	(184.49)
Stenotypist	210.00		150.00	(60.00)
Photographs and Publicity	252.00		300.00	48.00
Decorations	676.40		500.00	(176.40)
Exhibits			100.00	100.00
Equipment Rental	310.63		250.00	(60.63)
Building Service	62.00		75.00	13.00
Communications	72.13		100.00	27.87
Secretarial Travel Expense	1,100.15		800.00	(300.15)
Awards and Certificates....	1,211.64		1,500.00	288.36
Miscellaneous	560.94		300.00	(260.94)
Totals—Convention		\$11,895.21	\$11,025.00	\$ (870.21)

	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
"American Farmer" Keys:				
Total Expenditures		2,754.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 246.00
Printing:				
Literature and Proceedings	\$2,302.31		\$ 2,550.00	\$ 247.69
Stationery, Forms, etc.....	825.59		800.00	(25.59)
Exhibits and Publicity.....	—		100.00	100.00
Totals—Printing		3,127.90	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 322.10
National Office Expense:				
Secretarial Salaries:				
Executive Secretary's Office	\$3,124.37		\$ 3,195.00	\$ 70.63
National Treasurer's Office	1,335.32		1,800.00	464.68
Director of Public Relations:				
Salary	5,400.00		5,202.41	(197.59)
Travel	1,100.65		1,500.00	399.35
Secretary—Salary	2,882.40		2,890.00	7.60
Telephone and Telegraph.....	409.80		350.00	(59.80)
Postage and Express.....	250.09		250.00	(.09)
Bond Premiums and Taxes....	45.00		100.00	55.00
Supplies, Equipment and				
Rental	566.74		500.00	(66.74)
Auditing	125.00		150.00	25.00
Miscellaneous	803.76		400.00	(403.76)
Totals—National Office		16,043.13	\$16,337.41	\$ 294.28
National Camp and Old Mill:				
Salaries:				
Supervisor	\$ 359.70		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,140.30
Attendant	1,500.00		1,500.00	—
Insurance and Taxes.....	482.76		400.00	(82.76)
Light and Power.....	129.64		180.00	50.36
Fuel and Oil.....	18.25		50.00	31.75
Telephone	22.45		100.00	77.55
Maintenance	891.74		2,000.00	1,108.26
Totals—National Camp..		\$ 3,404.54	\$ 5,730.00	\$ 2,325.46
Judging Expenses.....		—	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Contingent		260.14	\$ 807.59	\$ 547.45
Total Expenditures.....		\$50,720.56	\$55,850.00	\$ 5,129.44
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES		\$18,191.03	\$ —	\$18,191.03
		(Exh. "A")		

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1951

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE—JULY 1, 1950.....\$19,543.70

RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues (Schedule 1).....	\$34,118.40
Royalties (Exhibit "B").....	13,848.06
National Camp and Old Mill.....	3,379.18
Grant—Supply Service	15,000.00
Rent—Supply Service	1,250.00
Income Tax Withheld from Em- ployees	1,713.40
Employees Old Age Benefits.....	115.38
Miscellaneous	25.95
Expense Refunds:	
Travel	\$325.25
Convention	966.29
"American Farmer" Keys.....	144.68
National Office	31.80
	<u>1,468.02</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....70,918.39

\$90,462.09

DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel	\$13,560.89
Convention	12,861.50
"American Farmer" Keys.....	2,898.68
Printing	3,127.90
National Office Expense	16,074.93
National Camp and Old Mill	3,404.54
Withholding Tax Remitted to Fed- eral Government	1,644.70
Employee and Employer Social Security Tax Paid	115.27
Equipment	144.69
	<u>53,833.10</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS53,833.10

BALANCE—JUNE 30, 1951

(Exhibit "A")\$36,628.99

Membership Dues Collected

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1951

		Schedule 1	
Association	Amount	Association	Amount
Alabama	\$ 1,216.80	New Hampshire	\$ 40.60
Arizona	94.90	Nevada	31.90
Arkansas	1,153.80	New Jersey	128.60
California	1,081.00	New Mexico	177.20
Colorado	209.40	New York	668.00
Connecticut	48.20	North Carolina	2,021.50
Delaware	76.10	North Dakota	177.20
Florida	750.20	Ohio	1,057.10
Georgia	1,408.70	Oklahoma	1,387.80
Hawaii	146.50	Oregon	332.90
Idaho	268.60	Pennsylvania	1,054.30
Illinois	1,693.40	Puerto Rico	647.40
Indiana	623.50	South Carolina	730.10
Iowa	693.90	South Dakota	228.20
Kansas	682.30	Tennessee	1,612.80
Kentucky	1,022.20	Texas	3,268.20
Louisiana	843.30	Utah	310.80
Maine	130.70	Vermont	64.30
Maryland	217.00	Virginia	771.40
Massachusetts	84.40	Washington	542.50
Michigan	954.70	West Virginia	491.50
Minnesota	815.10	Wisconsin	1,307.00
Mississippi	966.30	Wyoming	122.10
Missouri	1,104.10		
Montana	195.70		
Nebraska	464.20		
		TOTAL DUES COLLECTED	
		(Exhibits "B" and "C")	
		<u>\$34,118.40</u>	

Awards and Contests

On Tuesday evening, October 9, the Star Farmer Awards were presented by the National Vice-Presidents from the respective regions, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. The winners were as follows:

Star Farmer of America—Harold DeWayne Hodgson, Lookout, Oklahoma

Star Farmer, Pacific Region—Joe Harris, Eagleville, California

Star Farmer, Central Region—George Williams, Nicholasville, Kentucky

Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region—Ralph G. Sanner, Kutztown, Pennsylvania

A check for \$1,000 went to Hodgson and checks for \$500 were given the other three Star Farmers named.

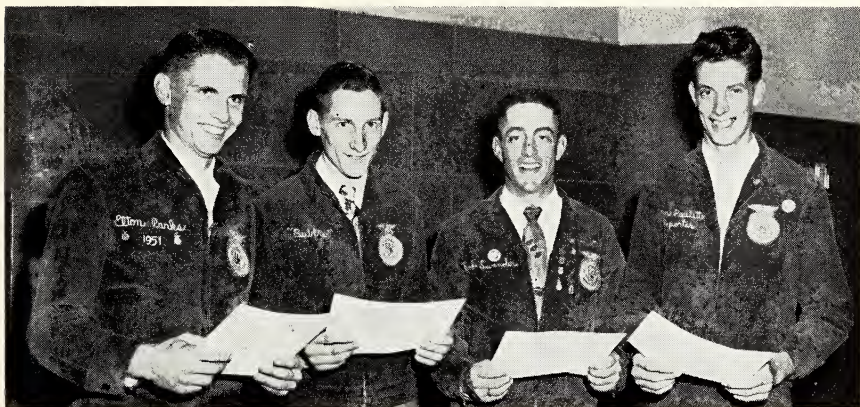
Other national awards were presented Wednesday evening, October 10, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Farm Mechanics Award winners were introduced by Donald Jorgensen, National 3rd Vice President, Curlew, Iowa. Winners in this contest were given checks by Jorgensen from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated as follows:

1st Place—Elton Parks, Westerville, Ohio.....\$250.00

Pacific Region—Robert Amos Swander, Worland, Wyo. 200.00

Southern Region—Leon Paulette, Appomattox, Virginia 200.00

North Atlantic Region—Robert Mooney, Newton, N. J. 200.00



WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM MECHANICS AWARDS

(Left to right)—Elton Parks, Ohio, 1st Place; Robert Mooney, New Jersey, North Atlantic Regional Winner; Robert A. Swander, Wyoming, Pacific Regional Winner and Leon Paulette, Virginia, Southern Regional Winner.

Farm Electrification Award winners were introduced by Richard Waybright, National 4th Vice President, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Each of the winners received a check given in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Russell Wall, Independence, Missouri.....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Theodore Walker, Tremonton, Utah	200.00
Southern Region—Johnny B. Eubanks, Bristol, Florida	200.00
No. Atlantic Region—Charles Bottum, Addison, N. Y.	200.00



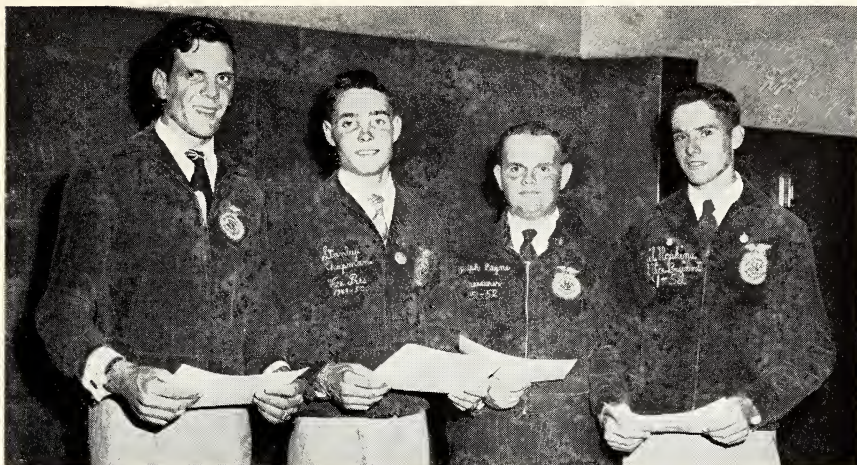
WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM ELECTRIFICATION AWARDS
(Left to right)—Russell Wall, Missouri, 1st Place; Johnny B. Eubanks, Florida, Southern Regional Winner; Charles Bottum, Pennsylvania, North Atlantic Regional Winner and Theodore Walke, Utah, Pacific Regional Winner.

Dairy Farming Award winners were introduced by Hal Davis, National 2nd Vice President, Quincy, Florida. Each of the winners received a check in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Hugh Poage, Roanoke, Virginia	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Stanley Chapman, Monroe, Washington	200.00
Central Region—Phillip L. Hopkins, Lee's Summit, Mo.	200.00
North Atlantic Region—	
Ralph A. Payne, Jr., Middlebury, Vermont....	200.00

Soil and Water Management Award winners were introduced by Bob Smith, National 1st Vice President, Buttonwillow, California. Each of the winners received a check in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

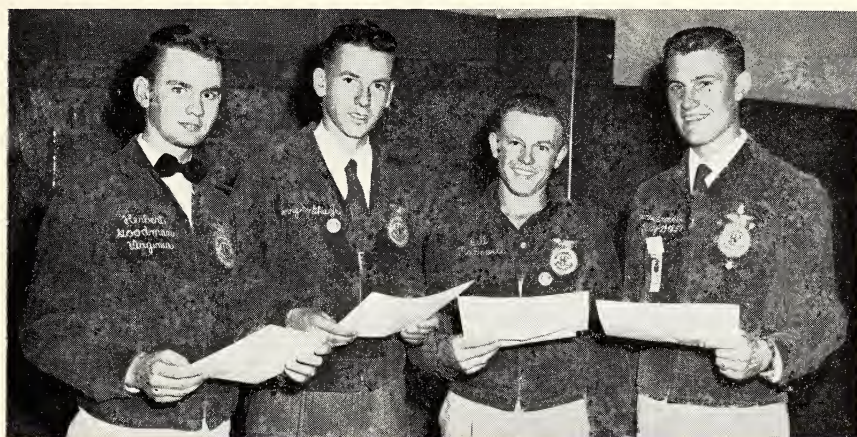
1st Place—Herbert H. Goodman, Cumberland, Va.....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Bruce Brooks, Tolleson, Arizona.....	200.00
Central Region—Harry McGhee, Jr., Metropolis, Ill.	200.00
No. Atlantic Region—Wm. McDowell, Greenwood, Del.	200.00



WINNERS OF NATIONAL DAIRY FARMING AWARDS

(Left to right)—Hugh Poage, Virginia, 1st Place; Stanley Chapman, Washington, Pacific Regional Winner; Ralph A. Payne, Jr., Vermont, North Atlantic Regional Winner and Phillip Hopkins, Missouri, Central Regional Winner.

Farm Safety Award winners were introduced by Wayne Staritt, National Student Secretary, Catawba, West Virginia. Each

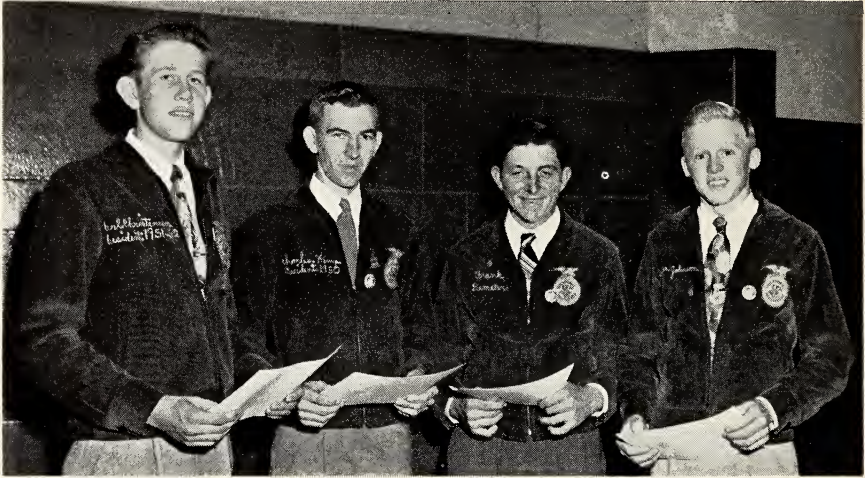


WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT AWARDS

(Left to right)—Herbert H. Goodman, Virginia, 1st Place; Harry McGhee, Jr., Illinois, Central Regional Winner; William McDowell, Delaware, North Atlantic Regional Winner and Bruce Brooks, Arizona, Pacific Regional Winner.

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1st Place—Rugby Chapter, Rugby, North Dakota.....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Canby Chapter, Canby, Oregon.....	200.00
So. Region—Smith County Chapter, Carthage, Tenn.....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—	
Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, N. J.....	200.00



REPRESENTATIVES OF CHAPTERS WINNING NATIONAL FARM SAFETY AWARDS

(Left to right)—Earl Christensen, President of the Canby, Oregon, Chapter; Charles Kemp, President of the Carthage, Tennessee, Chapter; Frank Demeter, Reporter of the Belvidere, New Jersey, Chapter, all of whom received regional awards; and Warner Johnson, President of the Ruby, North Dakota, Chapter, which was the 1st Place Winner.

The Chapter Contest

Seventy-eight Future Farmers of America local chapters were honored at the twenty-fourth national FFA convention in Kansas City during the presentation of awards in the organization's national chapter contest.

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

Chapters were grouped into Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem and Honorable Mention 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 other general activities.

Each chapter in the contest had been selected locally as one of two from the state to be entered in the national competition. Emblem winners received plaques designating their award, and the Honorable Mention group received certificates. The seventy-eight chapters in the national contest represent the best from the Future Farmers of America's 8,295 local chapters. The 1951 winners were:

Gold Emblem Classification

Riverton Chapter,
Huntsville, Alabama
Yuma Chapter, Yuma, Arizona
Lakeside Chapter,
Hot Springs, Arkansas
Conway Chapter,
Conway, Arkansas
Madera Chapter,
Madera, California
Modesto Chapter,
Modesto, California
Eaton Chapter, Eaton, Colorado
Brighton Chapter,
Brighton, Colorado
Saddle and Grate Chapter,
Camden-Wyoming, Delaware
Quincy Chapter, Quincy, Florida

Blakely-Union Chapter,
Blakely, Georgia
Franklin Chapter,
Franklin, Illinois
Chenoa Chapter, Chenoa, Illinois
Delphi Chapter, Delphi, Indiana
Mount Ayr Chapter,
Mount Ayr, Iowa
Shawnee-Mission Chapter,
Merriam, Kansas
Versailles Chapter,
Versailles, Kentucky
Lafayette-Bryan Chapter,
Lexington, Kentucky
Midland Chapter,
Midland, Michigan

Brainerd Chapter,
 Brainerd, Minnesota
 Huntley Project Chapter,
 Worden, Montana
 Flathead Chapter,
 Kalispell, Montana
 Waverly Chapter,
 Waverly, Nebraska
 Hooper Chapter,
 Walpole, New Hampshire
 Newton Chapter,
 Newton, New Jersey
 Rugby Chapter,
 Rugby, North Dakota
 Prague Chapter,
 Prague, Oklahoma
 Albany Chapter, Albany, Oregon

Kennett Chapter,
 Kennett Square, Pennsylvania
 Smith County Chapter,
 Carthage, Tennessee
 Jasper Chapter, Jasper, Texas
 Clifton Chapter, Clifton, Texas
 Box Elder Chapter,
 Brigham City, Utah
 Bland Chapter, Bland, Virginia
 Walla Walla Chapter,
 Walla Walla, Washington
 Ripley Chapter,
 Ripley, West Virginia
 Upshur Chapter,
 Buckhannon, West Virginia
 Powell Chapter,
 Powell, Wyoming

Silver Emblem Classification

Mesa Chapter, Mesa, Arizona
 Suwannee Chapter,
 Suwannee, Florida
 Castleford Chapter,
 Castleford, Idaho
 Limestone Chapter,
 Limestone, Maine
 Mountain Lake Chapter,
 Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 Jasper Chapter, Jasper, Missouri
 Kearney Chapter,
 Kearney, Nebraska
 Hatch Chapter,
 Hatch, New Mexico
 Deming Chapter,
 Deming, New Mexico
 Belvidere Chapter,
 Belvidere, New Jersey

Greenville Chapter,
 Greenville, New York
 Gervais Chapter,
 Gervais, Oregon
 Mansfield Chapter,
 Mansfield, Pennsylvania
 Baron DeKalb Chapter,
 Westville, South Carolina
 Clark Chapter,
 Clark, South Dakota
 Chester County Chapter,
 Henderson, Tennessee
 Draper's Valley Chapter,
 Drapers, Virginia
 Battle Ground Chapter,
 Battle Ground, Washington

Bronze Emblem Classification

Wetumpka Chapter,
 Wetumpka, Alabama
 Housatonic Valley Chapter,
 Falls Village, Connecticut
 Stephen Babcock Chapter,
 Middletown, Delaware
 Pahoa Chapter, Pahoa, Hawaii
 Roberts Chapter, Roberts, Idaho

Sulphur Chapter,
 Sulphur, Louisiana
 Clarksville Chapter,
 Clarksville, Maryland
 Sherwood Chapter,
 Sandy Spring, Maryland
 Stockbridge Chapter,
 Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Cassopolis Chapter,
Cassopolis, Michigan
Shelbina Chapter,
Shelbina, Missouri
Mason Valley Chapter,
Yerington, Nevada
Virgin Valley Chapter,
Bunkerville, Nevada
South Kortright Chapter,
South Kortright, New York

Schultz Chapter,
Towner, North Dakota
Hayesville Chapter,
Hayesville, Ohio
Bremen Chapter, Bremen, Ohio
Woodruff Chapter,
Woodruff, South Carolina
Middlebury Chapter,
Middlebury, Vermont

Honorable Mention

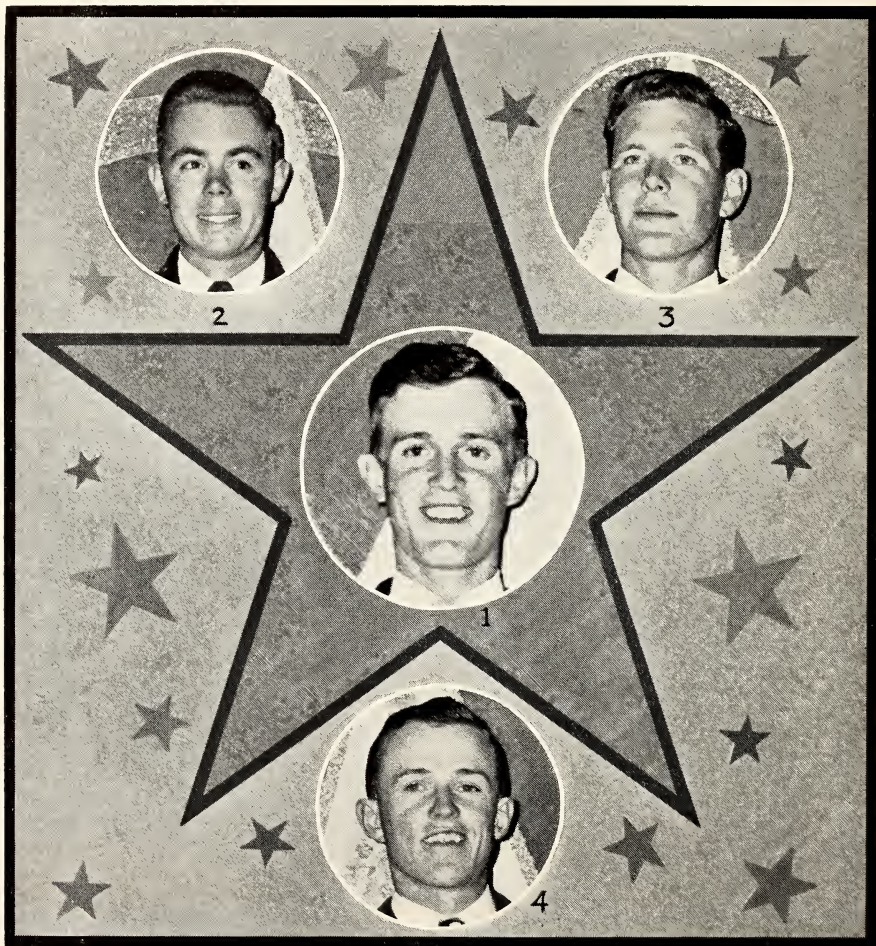
Rabun Gap Chapter,
Rabun Gap, Georgia
Mt. Carmel Chapter,
Florien, Louisiana

Essex Chapter,
Haththorne, Massachusetts

Judges for the 1951 Chapter Contest were: A. H. Hollenberg, Specialist, Agricultural Education, Farm Mechanics, Office of Education; and W. N. Elam, Program Planner Agricultural Education (Special Groups).

Star Farmer Awards

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates receiving the Degree at the time of the national FFA convention. The records of outstanding candidates



- (1)—HAROLD DeWAYNE HODGSON
Lookout, Oklahoma
1951 Star Farmer of America
- (2)—RALPH G. SANNER
Kutztown, Pennsylvania
1951 Star Farmer of North
Atlantic Region

- (3)—GEORGE WILLIAMS
Nicholasville, Kentucky
1951 Star Farmer of Central
Region
- (4)—JOE HARRIS
Eagleville, California
1951 Star Farmer of Pacific
Region

were reviewed by the following individuals: Paul G. Strom, Supervisor, Agricultural Extension, American Steel and Wire Company, Cleveland, Ohio; Morris Sayre, Vice Chairman of the Board, Corn Products Refining Company, New York, New York; Albert E. Winger, Chairman of the Board, Crowell Collier Publishing Company, New York, New York; L. E. Ulrope, Vice President, Esso Standard Oil Company, New York, New York; Raymond C. Firestone, Vice President, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Clarence Francis, Chairman of the Board, General Foods Corporation, New York, New York; B. F. Castle, Executive Director, The Milk Industry Foundation, Washington, D. C.; Donald B. Lourie, President, Quaker Oats Company, Chicago, Illinois; R. T. Murphy, Publisher, "Rural Gravure," Chicago, Illinois; M. H. Utley, Director and Sales Manager, Standard Oil Company (Incorporated in Kentucky), Louisville, Kentucky; John M. Collins, Editor, "The Weekly Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri.

HAROLD DEWAYNE HODGSON

Star Farmer of America

DeWayne Hodgson, the Star Farmer of America, owns a 320-acre farm worth \$14,400, and at the time his application was filed had livestock valued at \$9,538, farm machinery, equipment, and buildings worth \$7,265, growing crops estimated at \$6,000, and miscellaneous assets totalling \$742.40. He had liabilities of \$7,450, including a \$6,500 mortgage on the land, to leave a net worth of \$30,495.40. He operates an additional 255 acres of rented land.

Since he began the study of vocational agriculture at Freedom High School in 1944 Hodgson has counted a net income of \$24,960.66. In addition, through improvements in soil and buildings he has added \$7,000 value to the farm that he bought for \$8,500 in 1949. Of the total income, \$20,625.66 came from his farming program; he realized \$2,000 from sale of half the mineral rights on the farm; netted \$1,280 from outside farm work, mostly custom harvesting, and \$820 working as a P.M.A. Surveyor's assistant. A native of northwestern Oklahoma where farm boys still learn to ride horses as soon as they're big enough to climb in the saddle, Hodgson's report shows earnings of \$235 in rodeo prizes.

DeWayne got his start in farming at the tender age of five when his father, Alfred Hodgson, gave him a heifer. By the time he entered high school the budding young rancher was well on his way with nine cows. The herd has now grown to 25, of which 18 are high quality registered Herefords. In more recent years he has added registered Chester White hogs to his enterprises, and now owns 23 head.

In 1947, during his Junior year in high school, DeWayne rented a 320 acre farm from his Grandfather and increased his "projects"

to include 115 acres of wheat and 20 acres of barley. He gave one-third of the crop in rent; paid an additional \$50 per year for use of the 150 acre pasture.

By 1949, young Hodgson and his sweetheart, Lillian Seivert, decided he was far enough "on his way" that they could get married. Shortly thereafter the grandfather, Robert Hodgson, took their personal note for \$8,500 and turned over to the young couple the 320 acres that had been in the Hodgson family since it was homesteaded in the "Run of '89."

DeWayne had been farming the land for two years, but the buildings were run down and delapidated. The new bride found herself in the middle of a real improvement project. Weeds were as high as DeWayne's head and the yard hadn't been fenced in years. The house needed repairs and paint, the "barn" was little more than a pile of rotting lumber. Two years later now, with time out for Lillian when their son "Rocky" was born, the Hodgsons have rebuilt a neat, comfortable home, complete with electricity, running water and a modern heating plant. Rocky can roam the fenced and landscaped yard in safety, and a concrete block barn provides shelter for livestock and storage for feed.

"We still have a lot to do," said DeWayne, "but we're still young and someday we'll have the kind of home we really want,—one that all the Hodgsons that have lived, and will live, in Northwestern Oklahoma will be proud to see."

He has improved the land, too. When DeWayne first rented the land he made only 12 bushels of wheat per acre, and it was a good crop year. Stories of the days when 40 bushels per acre could be made seemed far-fetched. He has terraced the land, plowed on the contour, planted cover crops and used other soil improvement practices to bring the yield up to 18 bushels.

Hodgson has found time to be a leader in his school and community. He was a class officer every year in high school, serving as vice president of his Freshman and Sophomore classes, treasurer of his Junior class and president of the Senior class. He served one-year terms as secretary and president of the Freedom FFA chapter and was elected secretary of the Oklahoma State FFA Association for 1948-49. He was captain of the school basketball team and a member of the baseball team.

An accomplished feeder and showman, he has won several prizes with his livestock in local and state fairs. He was a member of the 3-man Freedom FFA livestock judging team that won first place in two state contests.

Hodgson is a member of the Freedom Chamber of Commerce, the Oklahoma Crop Improvement Association, the I.O.O.F., Woods County and Big Seven Hereford Breeders' Associations, and is a leader in the Christian Church Sunday School and League.

GEORGE WILLIAMS

Star Farmer—Central Region

Early in 1946, when a department of vocational agriculture was opened in the high school of a small Central Kentucky town, Wilmore, one of the most promising boys in the new class was George Williams whose father operated a 109 acre farm as a tenant. A new FFA chapter was organized and George became its reporter. When, in 1947, the vo-ag department was moved from Wilmore to the county seat school at Nicholasville, George promptly transferred to the new school where he could continue the study of agriculture.

A new and more serious obstacle in his path to farming success came with the death of his father in a farm accident, leaving George to provide a home for his widowed mother.

George made arrangements to rent the farm which his father had operated. As a high school junior, he took over the management of the 109 acre farm and remained as manager until his graduation. His farming program as a freshman had been limited in scope because of the size of the farm. Even then, he had one dairy heifer, 200 hens, one and a half acres of tobacco, two acres of corn, and one acre of hay.

With the addition of one beef cow and five ewes, his sophomore year found his program increased in scope.

As a junior, and a full-fledged farm manager, his program consisted of 31 sheep, one sow, one beef cow, 15 acres of hay, seven acres of corn, four acres of tobacco, three dairy cows, and 150 hens. The following year, as a senior, he again increased the scope of his projects in his farming program.

George found time to exhibit his livestock at fairs, assume leadership in FFA activities, and be an active Farm Bureau member. He has served as secretary and president of the Nicholasville FFA chapter, and in 1949 was elected Kentucky State FFA Secretary.

At the same time he served as secretary and director of the Jessamine County Farm Bureau; was a member of the Central Kentucky Artificial Breeding Cooperative, and secretary-treasurer of the Purebred Livestock Association. He also played basketball and football in high school and was active in other youth groups.

When a Virginian, Miss Gladys E. Kellow, purchased a farm near Nicholasville she received twenty applications from experienced farm operators wanting to manage or rent the farm. Since she expected to reside in Virginia and visit the farm infrequently, she was eager to rent the 175 acres of "bluegrass land" to the most capable of the applicants.

After talking with George Williams' teachers and neighbors and after seeing his clippings, his record books, and the many blue ribbons he had received in livestock shows, she selected him as her farm manager.

Williams agreed to furnish the labor and all tools and equipment needed. He purchased a half interest in the livestock, and was to share equally with his landlady all livestock and crops produced.

George and his mother moved to the farm. He increased his tobacco acreage in 1950 to six acres, his corn to ten, the hay to forty, seeded ten acres of oats, kept 12 beef cows, two dairy cows, 42 sheep and six sows.

Each year his farming business was expanded with money made the preceding year. He borrowed enough from a local bank to keep adequate machinery and other equipment to operate the farm. He now owns two tractors and the needed implements to do a thorough job with the current year's farming program of 15 acres of tobacco, 10 acres of corn, 45 acres of hay, 51 acres of small grain, 30 beef cattle, 3 dairy cows, 60 sheep, and 46 hogs.

His financial report shows total earnings since 1946 of \$11,629.19 from farming, \$1,149 from outside farm work, and \$553 in prizes and awards. His assets, mostly in livestock and farm equipment, total \$11,307.50, with debts of \$650, or a net worth of \$10,657.50.

While operating the farm, Williams has found time to make many improvements. He wired the farm home for electricity and installed a running water system; he has carried out a pasture improvement program by clipping, liming and fertilizing; and built a road with rocks quarried and crushed on the farm.

A member of the FFA parliamentary procedure team which placed first in the state, he also won the state soil and water conservation contest, and has won several prizes in local, district, and state fairs. Williams is now president of the Nicholasville Young Farmer Chapter, and secretary of the County Farm Bureau.



STAR FARMER CEREMONY—1951 STAR FARMERS STANDING IN FRONT OF STARS

JOE HARRIS

Star Farmer—Pacific Region

The love of a farm family for the soil and the devotion of a farm boy to a Future Farmer chapter threatened with extinction, received their reward when Joe Harris, a graduate of the Surprise Valley high school at Cedarville, Calif., in Modoc County, was named Star American Farmer for the Pacific region of 11 western states.

The story began nine years ago when Joe's hard-working father died. Mrs. Harris was left with two young boys, Sam in the ninth grade and Joe in the fourth. Recent cattle purchases left the widow faced with need for immediate cash. The question before the family—to sell out and try something else, or make the farm go.

At that time, the energetic Mrs. Harris promised the boys that if they would stay with the farm, a partnership would be formed when they finished high school, with each to have one-third interest. The promise was made and the boys pitched in.

Joe finished high school in 1949, became a full partner, and this spring when he made application for FFA's American Farmer degree, his accounts showed that he had a one-third interest in 3,800 acres of land and 719 head of beef cattle. His holdings are valued at just under \$60,000, his labor income as a Future Farmer at around \$18,000.

Typical of young Harris' initiative is the story of his efforts to keep the FFA Chapter active when, in the spring of 1948, the agriculture teacher at Cedarville resigned and the school board was unable to find another teacher. The county fair was to be held in September, and there was a school year ahead.

Joe, just finishing his junior year, resolved that the Future Farmer chapter at Cedarville would carry on. He personally finished a lot of miniature figures to go in the chapter "feature booth" at the fair—the booth took first place.

Joe went to the principal, Grandon "Granny" Russell, and they had a "man to man" talk. If Russell would meet with the ag boys each class period, Joe guaranteed that there would be no discipline problems, the boys would get books and bulletins to study, and they would carry on.

Young Harris called regular Future Farmer meetings. In the minutes of the California Agriculture Teachers Association, Sacramento Region, may be found the notation that: "The Cedarville FFA Chapter will be permitted to carry on all activities, even though they have no agriculture teacher." This condition continued until the first of the year, when an emergency appointment brought an agriculture teacher.

Joe and four other Cedarville boys traveled to the national FFA convention in 1948. None had ever ridden on a train or seen a Pullman car. They were somewhat overwhelmed at the price of

meals in the diner, so at Kansas City they stocked up a "chuck box," just like they would have out on the range. The pullman porter guarded the "chuck box" for the boys on the trip home—at meal time they solemnly got out the provisions and ate in the FFA chartered car!

In 1949, Joe was named Star State Farmer for the Sacramento Valley Region. He had just been graduated from high school and there was a lot of farm work to do, but Joe hired an extra hand and made the 1300-mile round trip to the state convention at San Luis Obispo to get his award. The Bank of America offered him \$100 toward another trip to the national convention, and he again went to Kansas City.

Now out of school and a full partner, Joe's influence was being felt in the farm operations. Surprise Valley is a cattle valley, and the total economy is wrapped up in beef and grain prices. Most of the ranchers have a "home farm" with facilities for wintering cattle in an area where snow may get deep and last for weeks. Most of them, too, have grazing rights in the mountains.

The Harris ranch is typical, but there have been many improvements. Haying was mechanized with the use of buck-rakes and loaders, cutting down on expensive and hard-to-get labor. Irrigated pasture to supplement summer range was another "must" for increasing profits.

Joe built a reservoir to trap a spring which had previously irrigated only 20 acres—now it irrigates about 300 acres. He rebuilt a large barn, put in a concrete floor to facilitate the winter feeding operations.

At 17 years of age, Joe was elected chairman of the Eagleville Farm Center in November, 1949—the youngest farm center director in the state. At the end of two years he was elected director-at-large for Modoc County Farm Bureau. He served on the county tax committee and is now a committeeman in the Production Marketing Administration.

In November, 1950, the active membership in the partnership was unexpectedly cut when Sam was inducted into the armed forces. Joe then became the full manager of the 3,800 acres, which spreads over both Modoc County in California and grazing land in north-western Nevada.

Last December a high school romance culminated with Joe's marriage to Miss Nelda Jones. Meanwhile, Joe's mother had remarried, and the boys had built her a home in town.

"It was the only way we could keep Mother off a horse or a tractor all day long," they explained.

At present, Joe is the head of the partnership and the active manager, living with his bride on the home place. He, too, is eligible

for the draft. He hopes that he can at least stay on the farm until Sam has served his draft period.

After one of his trips to Kansas City, Joe told his mother, "I'm going to take you to a national FFA convention some day." When Joe got married last December his mother said jokingly, "Well, there goes my trip to Kansas City." But the dream has come true—for all of them.

Joe was not told that he was selected as Star American Farmer for the Pacific region, but that he had been picked for some "especial mention." When a photographer spent a day at the farm, and it was known that Joe's mother, possibly the stepfather, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris planned to go to Kansas City in October, it was evident to the neighbors that "something was up."

Their comment, "Whatever honors may come to Joe, there has never been a boy in this valley who was more deserving."

Surprise Valley is in the extreme northeast corner of California, isolated by distance and by rugged mountain ranges from the rest of the state—a little cattle empire of its own more contiguous to southern Oregon and northwestern Nevada, than to the rest of California. It is safe to say that the national honor which has come to Joe Harris is just about the biggest news in Surprise Valley since the soldiers at its pioneer Fort Bidwell put down the last Indian uprising nearly 80 years ago.

RALPH SANNER

Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region

Ralph Sanner, 1951 Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region, is operating a fertile Bucks county, Pa., diversified farm of 225 acres in partnership with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Sanner. The parents own the home 170 acres and Ralph rents another 55 acres of cropland.

The partnership agreement covering the home farm provides that father and son each furnish half the seed, fertilizer, taxes and other expenses; each has half interest in the livestock and poultry, Mr. Sanner furnishes the land and Ralph has full ownership of all tools and equipment. Each partner receives half of the farm income, with Ralph retaining full ownership of produce from the 55 acres he rents.

They own 26 dairy cattle, 42 head of swine and 1,100 laying hens, with crops of 45 acres in small grains, 40 acres in corn, 38 acres for hay, and 35 acres in woodland.

During his first three years of high school Ralph kept his farming projects separate from the remainder of the farm and netted \$1,660 from dairy heifers, strawberries, corn, hogs and chickens. Wanting to expand his poultry enterprise, he entered a 50-50 partnership with Mr. Sanner on 1,092 chickens in 1947, still keeping

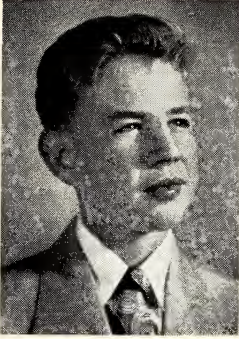
separate accounts on the other projects. That year, as a senior in high school, he netted \$1,856.96, including \$772.92 from his half-share of the poultry enterprise. In 1949, his first year out of school, his income was \$2,074.10 and in 1950 after forming the partnership on the entire farm his share of the earnings came to \$4,596.50. In the six years since he began his membership in the FFA young Sanner's income from farming has been \$10,185.23. In addition, he has received \$526 in cash prizes for various awards. His assets, including more than \$5,500 worth of machinery and equipment, now total about \$13,000. He owes \$4,000 borrowed to enter the partnership with his parents, so that a net worth of about \$9,000 remains.

The Sanners moved to their farm from Woodbury, N. J., when Ralph was 11 years old, and the boy has had a major role in the long pull of farm and home improvement and expansion. Drawing from knowledge gained in his vocational agriculture classes, Ralph introduced dairy cattle and purebred livestock to the farm. The first accurate record keeping on the farm was started by the boy; he was responsible for introducing artificial insemination to improve the dairy herd. The old dairy barn was completely renovated and a modern milk house with milk cooling and sanitation facilities was constructed. Soil conservation practices were improved upon; new pastures were started, lawns improved, and Ralph landscaped the homestead. A new pond furnishes water for livestock and recreation; automatic water systems were installed to poultry and dairy buildings and electric lights were put in the poultry building. Many items of farm equipment, including an electrically-power hay and ear corn elevator, poultry house, hog self-feeders, and chicken feeders were built by Ralph. He did much of the painting and repair work on the farm buildings.

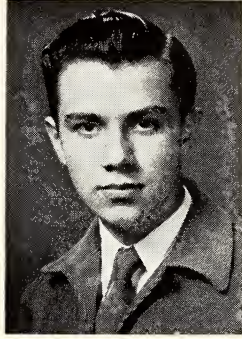
Excellent as Sanner's farming program is, it is almost overshadowed by his record in rural leadership. He has served as vice president and president of the Kutztown FFA chapter and was 1948-49 state FFA vice president. In 1947 he won local, state and regional contests in FFA Public Speaking, and placed third in the national contest. That same year, Pennsylvania Future Farmers named him their Star State Farmer.

He had a "straight A" average in his vocational agriculture classes and was an honor student in his over-all high school work. He was a commencement speaker for his graduating class of 120 boys and girls.

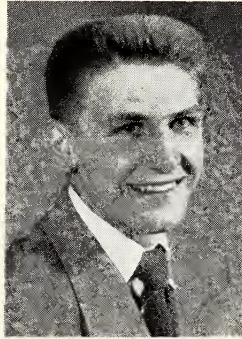
Ralph now is president of the Kutztown FFA Alumni organization, active in the Grange, Superintendent of Sunday School, and a member of Berks County Farm Bureau Cooperative, Tri-County Egg Producers Cooperative, Lehigh Valley Dairy Cooperative, Holstein-Freisian Association of America and the Pennsylvania Crop Improvement Association.



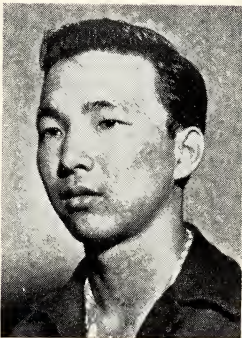
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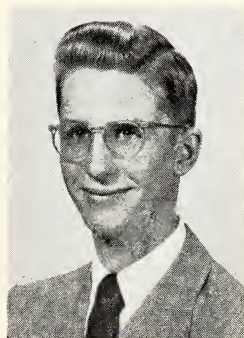
JAMES L. HALL, JR.



LERON JOHNSEN



GEORGE HIRAYAMA



JON GREENEISEN

Public Speaking Contest

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

The Twenty-second National FFA Public Speaking Contest took place in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Monday, October 8. The five finalists placing in the order indicated were:

1. Jon Greeneisen, Marysville, Ohio—"I Caused an Accident"
2. James L. Hall, Jr., Guymon, Oklahoma—"The Fourth Freedom, Freedom From Want"
3. Leron Johnsen, Brigham City, Utah—"The All-American Team of Soil Builders"
4. Donald Fish, Jr., Guilford, Connecticut—"The Pig, An Efficient Meat Making Machine"
5. George Hirayama, Waiialua, Oahu, Hawaii—"If Not in Independent Farming, What Then"

Each contestant was the author of his own speech, having studied his subject, prepared the draft and practiced its delivery. Each speech represented original thought and original work on the part of the contestant, with coaching on composition and delivery limited, by the rules of the contest, to the facilities of the school from which the contestant came. Each boy was at liberty to choose his own subject.

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

The judges were:

Sam L. Chesnutt, Retired Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer,
Auburn, Alabama

Rollo E. Singleton, Director of Livestock Division, State Department of Agriculture, Jefferson City, Missouri

James W. White, Managing Editor, "Western Farm Life," Denver, Colorado

The timekeepers were:

Allan W. McGhee, Managing Editor, "Drovers Telegram," Kansas City, Missouri

V. D. Kniss, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio

I CAUSED AN ACCIDENT

By Jon Greeneisen, Marysville, Ohio

Yes, I caused an accident. It didn't just happen to me, but because of my indifferent attitude I caused it to happen. It generally is said when an accident occurs, "An accident happened to that poor fellow." That is not true. Accidents don't just happen. They are caused.

The accident I caused could have been caused by any of you, for I am a common American farm boy. I do the same things that most any farm boy would do. These would include such things as playing in the school band, singing in the church choir, belonging to FFA and 4-H, and believing I knew all there was to know about farm safety. I knew that one out of three farms in Union County had an accident last year and that 65 percent of these were farm occupational accidents. I also knew that American people lose \$14,000 per minute just from accidents, and that in one year, 17,500 American farm people were killed by accidents; but, without much regard for these facts, I continued to live the life of a farm boy in Central Ohio.

We have a farm of about 135 acres, and we major in purebred Hampshire hogs. For our main crops we raise corn, wheat and oats. Last spring we had more rain than usual, but we finally got our corn planted and plowed twice. Then a neighbor, by the name of Bill Thomas, came over and started to harvest our wheat. He had combined one good day and got a start on the second when the accident occurred. Around noon I drove into the field after unloading the third load. I got out of the truck just as Bill came around the corner of the field. I knew it would be awhile until he would be ready to unload, so I thought I would get on the tractor and ride around with him.

Here is where my indifferent attitude enters into the picture. My father had told my brother and me, time after time, "Never get on an implement while it is moving." My FFA adviser, as well as my 4-H Club leader, had also repeated the same thing many times, "Never attempt to mount a moving vehicle." Regardless of these instructions, ignoring them all, I leaped forward aiming for the drawbar. My one foot landed on the drawbar but I had lost my balance. I grabbed for the fender but I missed. I tried again but it was in vain. I fell forward over the driveshaft to the ground into the path of the oncoming blade. I rolled to my knees to get up but at that instant I felt a sharp pain in my right arm. Bill finally got the combine stopped, and as I looked at my arm I saw blood gush from the raw flesh. Then everything turned black and I went limp.

I don't remember what happened from then until I opened my eyes on a hospital bed. I have been told that Bill applied a tourniquet and took me to the house, and from there they took me to the hospital. The doctors told me my right arm had been broken and the main nerve in that arm had been severed. Yes, the bone has healed, but it will be a long time until complete feeling returns to that arm. Thank goodness, though, I wasn't hurt more.

As I lay on the hospital bed in those hours of pain and regret, those figures on farm safety, that I knew so well, stood vividly in my memory. One out of every three farms in Union County had an accident last year. That is every third farm when you go down the road. American people lose \$14,000 a minute just from accidents. Also, because of accidents, 17,500 American farm people lost their lives in one year. That is forty-eight a day, or two an hour. Every thirty minutes somewhere in the United States an American farm person loses his life in an accident. Every thirty minutes!

The figures seemed almost unbelievable. Why, I knew of only a very few accidents. Two summers ago the neighbor boy who lived across the road from our place had an accident. It was Jim Johnson, who was treasurer of our local FFA chapter at that time. Like myself, he too knew about farm safety. He was mowing hay for his father on a hot summer day. Late in the afternoon, just as Jim was thinking of a good supper, the mower clogged with green hay. Jim stopped the tractor and shifted the power-take-off out of gear as he had been instructed. When he pulled at the hay, he found that it was jammed too tight for him to pull loose. He knew, however, if the blade was moving back and forth the hay could be cleaned out with little effort, so he climbed onto the tractor and put the power-take-off in gear. With the blade moving, Jim bent over to get a firm grip on the green hay. People nearby heard a piercing scream. What a horrible sight it must have been. When Jim straightened up the first two fingers on his right hand were missing.

Another accident occurred that same summer down on the Kerns' farm. Mr. Kerns was filling his silo and hired two men to help him. He knew the ensilage cutter was a dangerous machine so he took the job of feeding the cutter. They put in a long day and were all tired when the final load pulled into the barnyard. It was Mr. Kerns' twenty-sixth year of silo filling, but, regardless of all his experience, he pushed some fodder just a bit too far. His arm was pulled into the machine and sheared it to within one inch of the elbow. He spent a large part of that year in bed.

Here was where part of that \$14,000 a minute was lost because of accidents, but where were the 17,500 American farm people killed? Well, think back with me. I am afraid you, too, will remember some fatal accident only too well.

The father of a student in our agriculture class decided to let his tractor run a while before he used it. He walked up to the tractor, stood in front of the rear wheel, turned the ignition, and pushed the

starter. It may have been the first time in his life that he didn't check to find if the tractor was in gear. It makes little difference now, though, for if it had been, it was also the last. The doctor pronounced him dead shortly after they were able to get him from beneath the wheel.

Maybe you know of a friend who has many broken bones as a result of falling down a cluttered stairway, or a farmer who was killed by a gentle bull. A gentle bull! There is no such thing as a gentle bull.

Unless you have been closely associated with an accident, you probably have to think hard to remember any such instance. The reason for this is that farm accidents are publicized so very little. News of accidents fill the bottom corners on back pages of newspapers and are never even mentioned over the radio. At the same time, other items are publicized by pictures, headlines, and are broadcast constantly over the radio. An example of this practice is the Korean War. In the first six months of the Korean War, about 6,000 United Nations troops lost their lives. During the same period in the United States, accidents killed 8,750 American farm people. That is 2,750 more American farm people killed than total United Nations troops.

Yes, the figures are gruesome, but present and true. You might ask then, "What can I do to help prevent accidents?" The answer is, "Many, many things." The list is almost endless. Just for example, you could provide strong handrails for stairways, eliminate slippery surfaces, and keep shields and guards in place.

Probably the biggest thing you can do, though the hardest, is take time to do the job. *Put carelessness aside and let safety be first.* It may save you from pain, sorrow, hospital and doctor bills. Don't you be caught saying, "I caused an accident."

THE FOURTH FREEDOM, FREEDOM FROM WANT

By James L. Hall, Jr., Guymon, Oklahoma

The tragic sceptre of hunger hangs over a great many nations today. The United States is practically the only great nation left in the world capable of producing enough to satisfy its needs. But, can we continue to do this with the demands constantly being pressed upon us by our own population? In answer to this, I have chosen for my speech, The Fourth Freedom—Freedom from Want.

The agricultural prospect before the American farmer is one of enormous production to satisfy the insistent demands of a rapidly growing population. We are currently gaining population at a rate of two and a half million people a year, so it is not too wild to predict a population of 175 million people by 1960 and a possible 300 million, or double our present population, by the turn of the century.

These population figures projected into the future serve as a possible reminder that it is the farmer who must feed these added millions. The figures can also serve as a guide in his farming activi-

ties. They won't be of much help in laying the day-to-day plans, but they will be invaluable in charting the course of the next decade or two. One thing is certain, we will not have surpluses in the future as we have had in the past; we must change our economy from fighting surpluses to concern about shortages.

The past twenty year period has been a rather worrisome time; not because of an inability to produce enough to feed our growing population, but because of our ability to over produce and cause agricultural surpluses. With the exception of the war years, when we were contributing vast quantities of food to our allies, the main problem of the Department of Agriculture has been to keep surpluses down to manageable proportions and to maintain prices at a level which were fair to agriculture.

Now we are faced with an accelerated increase in population that will add about as many people each year as now live in the State of Iowa. Now we must ask again, can we feed these added millions?

It is possible for us to over-produce certain items as potatoes or eggs. In general, however, it looks as though the lack of balance will come from our failure to produce as much as we consume.

This means that the farmer will have to increase production under the incentive of a big demand at a highly satisfactory price.

This, however, raises the following questions: How can we raise production to the level required by our lusty family here in America? How can we guarantee a plentiful supply of food? How can we insure the nutritional health of our people?

Fortunately we have many stimulants to production that have already been tried and proven that will not only increase production, but will also improve our farms. Farmers have always disliked intentional curtailment of production, so they will take to improved farming to meet the challenge. I will discuss the eight most valuable production stimulants that the farmer has at his disposal.

The first, concerns the very greatly increased use of fertilizers, especially nitrogen. The job of increasing the production of nitrogen is slow and very expensive. Nitrogen manufacturers will have to double and redouble and then double once more the nitrogen capacity during the next ten years to meet the demand. The increase in the production of phosphorus and potash to meet this demand will be relatively simple; we have large supplies that only have to be mined and prepared. But, producers of phosphate and potassium will also have to double their production in the same period.

The second is a rapid increase in the use of roughages such as grass silage and corncobs in the feeding of livestock, and the increased use of urea as a protein. This spurt of interest has been stimulated by the general increased interest in grass farming and by the many advantages of artificial drying.

The third help in boosting production is the further improvement of farming machinery with better fertilizer attachments,

better equipment for spraying insecticides, better harvesting equipment and the like. Improved machinery has already made a bigger contribution to the increased productiveness of American agriculture than most people realize. Some examples of this are tractors that save man hours and allow us to be timely in all operations. Modern harvesting machinery makes it possible to save more of the grain that is grown. Under the stimulus of high prices, farmers are going to equip themselves with the finest machinery possible.

Applying the same principles to the breeding of poultry and livestock that caused hybrid corn to make such a phenomenal contribution to increased production will be a fourth production stimulant. Already approximately 10 to 20 per cent of all the chickens hatched are bred to produce hybrid vigor.

The fifth, calls for the increased use of contour farming, strip cropping and terracing in all of the areas where these practices can be profitably used. We will turn more and more to the use of these practices because they bring greater yields and conserve the soil for the future.

Our sixth method of increasing production will be to extend and improve drainage and irrigation where these two practices are needed, and to clear land that is over-grown.

The seventh stimulant to production will be the use of rotation systems for land conservation and improvement, more soil erosion control practices, and a very great improvement in the pasture lands which will then be able to produce ever increasing quantities of meat. These practices will do no particular good in improving the 1951 production; but they will contribute tremendously over a ten year period.

New developments in science which will undoubtedly contribute much to the stimulation of production, comprises the eighth factor. New insecticides, selective weed killing agents, and plant stimulants are the more important developments that may play a major role.

We will use all of these stimulants: and new developments not even contemplated in this speech will undoubtedly make contributions.

The challenge that faces farmers to increase the production of food as rapidly as the population is increasing is one that can be met—but not easily. The first step in meeting it calls for an understanding that it is not temporary or short-lived. It is a permanent challenge, that will become more difficult to meet during the 1960's than during this decade, and still more difficult during the 1970's.

If farmers feel that the present high prices are due solely to the Korean War or the preparedness program and that they will last for only a year or two, they will not make the capital investment necessary to increase production. When they are finally convinced that prices are high because of the demands of our growing population, they will then be willing to invest in drainage, in irrigation, in

new machinery, drying equipment, and the other aids to greater production over a long term. Then and only then will we be able to assure to our people the fourth freedom—freedom from want!

THE ALL AMERICAN TEAM OF SOIL BUILDERS

By Leron Johnsen, Brigham City, Utah

Imagine yourself sitting on a grassy knoll, looking over a large fertile irrigated farm. A balmy June breeze carries the invigorating scent of a freshly plowed field. Off to your immediate left a river slowly winds its way to a large lake some ten miles below, and to your right, stretching for miles, lies a rich irrigated farming valley and its many farm communities.

Can you comprehend the feeling I experienced as I sat there gazing down on that fertile farm which some day I might have the opportunity of managing? That good, warm, wholesome feeling I received made me desire to study and learn how to make this farm a valuable investment to me and also how to leave it productive for my posterity. This incident happened to me in the spring of 1948 just after I had finished my first year of vocational agriculture, getting a little insight into the many problems that face a farmer today. I immediately made a resolution that I was going to find as much information as I possibly could about the greatest of natural resources, our soil. This is what I found.

The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that our top soil has diminished from an average depth of nine inches to a depth of five inches, nearly one-half gone because of improper land management. This wasting away of our top soil has occurred since the colonization of the United States some 300 years ago. Our forefathers farmed the soil year after year not knowing it was something that would deplete with each succeeding crop, or that nature would wash its own soil into the oceans when the tall prairie grasses were plowed under. To them soil was basic and enduring, and as a result we have a mere five inches of livelihood left. The blame, however, cannot be placed entirely on our predecessors; even today, in this enlightened age, our soil is still diminishing at a rapid pace. What is in store for this great nation of ours if every farmer does not try to rebuild his precious soil instead of annually tearing it down?

Just how important this is is illustrated by Dr. N. S. Shaler, author and geologist, who says that a nation which destroys its soil destroys itself, and if we do not devise some means of stopping this waste we will fade from the earth. Under present conditions Dr. Shaler does not give us much hope for the future, does he?

What to do! Would you as a Future Farmer, a Young Farmer, or an experienced farmer like to join the "All-American Team of Soil Builders" and each year contribute to the welfare of yourself

and also your nation? If so, the following outlined plan awaits your adoption.

First, study so that you will be better informed along the many ever-changing lines of agriculture, for farming has changed in the past few years to a technical business where a man must know and understand every step he takes, and make the most of it. Second, you must be a leader among your fellow men and try to understand their problems and assist them in any way you can. Third, you must be an active member of your Soil Conservation District; or if one has not been established in your particular locality, be one of the principal backers to help get it started. Fourth, you must be on the mailing list of the State Extension Service and the United States Department of Agriculture so that you will receive all the publications that pertain to your particular farming operations and, most of all, study them thoroughly. Fifth, adopt the following practices in your farming program yearly.

1. Control erosion. Erosion has been waning in the past few years thanks to the "Soil Conservation Act of 1935," but we still lose 3,000,000,000 tons of top soil each year through the uncontrolled flood waters. We can control erosion by using contour planting and cultivation, strip cropping, terracing, stubble mulch farming, tree planting, water disposal outlets, and by planting and keeping steep slopes in sods and cover crops. All of these practices contribute to the general welfare of the soil, as well as being erosion checks.

2. Rotate crops. A good sound crop rotation provides for systematic cropping of the land in a way that will maintain or improve soil fertility, yields, and the nutrient value of the crops grown. The type of rotation that should be used on any given piece of farmland depends on the type of soil, the climate, the market, the labor, and the likes and dislikes of the particular individual. Any farmer can supplement his own experiences in selecting the best rotation for his particular needs by consulting with his state agricultural college, vocational agricultural teacher, county agent, or other agricultural agencies.

3. Practice good tillage. The plowing and working down of the soil should be given a great deal of consideration. With each section of the country, each farm, and even each field presenting different problems, it is very difficult to give any basic system to follow in preparing the seed bed, but there is one thing you can do on any given piece of farmland; follow the proved practices suggested by your local experiment stations and the United States Department of Agriculture.

4. Replenish organic matter. Organic matter is obtained from living and dead plants and animals; plant roots, manure, crop residue, fungi, bacteria, worms and insects. The importance of humus in the soil cannot be stressed too strongly for it truly provides the "life of the soil." The practices for maintaining and replenishing

organic matter include the growing of sods and green manure crops, the conserving and applying of manure, and the conserving and applying of crop residue. If we are true brothers of the soil, we will annually feed it with these humus-replenishing practices.

5. Control weeds. If we supplement the previously mentioned practices with chemical spraying and clean cultivation, we will be following a good weed eradication program. Weeds are expensive in labor, time, money, and in larcency. Yes, weeds actually steal the precious plant foods we are trying to preserve.

The last phase of an All-American's yearly program of farming deals with the application of plant food additions. Unfortunately, in many places we have produced crops year after year, taken plant food from the soil with every crop, hauled it away and put little or nothing back until the soil now does not pay for farming.

We can replace the plant foods taken from the soil by applying commercial fertilizers that contain the various deficient plant foods, and by following a few simple practices. The practices, the growing of sod and legumes, and the instilling of humus into the soil, add some plant foods and liberate others that are in the soil in an insoluble form.

I have had a little experience with the application of commercial fertilizers. On one of my FFA sugar beet projects, I applied some ammonium nitrate—33-0-0. At harvesting time I observed the difference. Where the ammonium nitrate was added, the yield was 4.85 tons more per acre. This really opened my eyes to the importance of adding plant foods to the soil. Every farmer should have some experimental plots each year, conducted under suggested methods, to find which plant foods help increase his yields and at the same time build up his soil.

The farmers who wholeheartedly cooperate in the eleven phases I have outlined comprise the "All-American Team of Soil Builders."

We as farmers may think that we own the soil that we farm, but really we are only tenants for a few short years. The soil belongs to our posterity. We should think of the future and of the people that will follow us.

Time will still march on if we as Future Farmers, Young Farmers, or experienced farmers do not try to maintain and rebuild our soils. People will still exist on this continent for a few hundred years or so, but that does not say that our posterity will enjoy the many modern conveniences and wholesome living that we have enjoyed.

What a glorious future this great nation and its people will have when the mighty organization of Future Farmers adopt the plan of the "All-American Team of Soil Builders." We will produce bumper crops in our generation and leave a rich fertile farmland for our posterity.

Fellow Future Farmers, are you with me? Let us all determine to rebuild the soil of America.

THE PIG, AN EFFICIENT MEAT MAKING MACHINE

By Donald Fish, Jr., Gullford, Connecticut

The pig is the most primitive domestic mammal that exists. He is over forty million years old—older than man himself. Many centuries before Christ, Homer, the Grecian poet, wrote about swine, both wild and domesticated. Writers have long sung the praises of the horse, cow and cunning lamb, but where can one read of the virtues of the cute little porker or the companionship of a fat hog? The porker has long been reviled—he is called filthy, hoggish and contrary. Only the man who raises him knows him for what he is—an animal to be respected, cleanest by nature of all and, if contrary or filthy, it is because man, his master, has made him so.

During war years when meat is needed in a hurry, the country looks to the hog with good reason. In the short space of six months after birth, he is ready for market. He is the most efficient food factory on the farm and he stores in his body 35% of the energy contained in all the food he consumes. What other animal will reproduce itself in less than four months time and deliver eight or more young?

Pork is easily digested, high in vitamins and contains more Vitamin B1 than any other meat. It is the most economical and has always been referred to as the "working man's meat." Because it is easily preserved by smoking, pickling or salting, it has long been the food of explorers or others who must store their food for long periods of time.

At the present day price of meats, pork is the housewife's best buy and she is taking advantage of this. In comparison with other meats, quantities of pork are being sold, especially shoulders and loin and rib roasts, because of their low cost. In a sense, it is the housewife who sets the price of meat, and today she is passing by the expensive cuts and turning to nutritional and economical pork.

The pig is assembled on the farm and disassembled at the packing plant. The pig may have a lovely and pleasant life, but in death, he is considerably divided. If the packer has not learned how to utilize the squeal, it is not the fault of the porker, for there is a use for every part of his carcass.

It is a saying with the Middle West Farmer that "Swine spell security," and it is, indeed, true. What other animal on his farm will so quickly and efficiently convert his feed into marketable meat so that he may have the wherewithal to paint his buildings, erect new fences, clothe his family and educate his children? It has been truly said that many a farm girl or boy rode to college on the smooth back of a fat hog. I hope to do so myself.

What other animal can claim the title of "Mortgage Lifter"? Lloyd Burlingham of Chicago, Radio Broadcaster, makes the following statement concerning the hog as a mortgage lifter—Quote:

"Back in the days when we were not so nonchalant about mortgages, I used to picture the hog at that job, literally. There was the farm, smothered by a mortgage, extending to the very edge—in fact, lapping over. And there, coming to the rescue was the hog—its sturdy snout poked into the dirt, under the very corner of the mortgage, trying first one edge and then another, and lifting for all it was worth. There's a prodigious lift to the snout of a pig!" End of quote.

Both the pure-bred breeder and the market-hog raiser have their problems, the most important of which is the selection of breeding stock. Changes have taken place in hogs since they were domesticated and growers are continually striving to make them better through scientific feeding and improved breeding. Breeding stock should be selected with care. As the boar is considered one-half of the herd, careful attention should be paid in his selection. It is not advisable to use a crossbred boar as a herd sire. Either pure bred or crossbred sows may be used, depending upon the wishes of the producer. They should, however, show good type and conformation and careful attention should be paid to their disposition. A sow that is nervous and irritable is not desirable and, as the trait may be hereditary, it is not advisable to keep pigs from such sows for breeding purposes.

In order to raise a good market animal, the producer must raise healthy, rugged young pigs. As the young pig's care starts before he is even born, it is important that the sow have the proper nutrition and plenty of exercise at all times. You can not hope to have healthy, strong pigs from inferior mothers. If the baby pigs are farrowed in cold weather, precautions must be taken to prevent them from chilling. Guard rails should be constructed in the house, or pen, so that they will not be lain upon by the sow.

In addition to the sow's milk, creep-feeding, with a good growing ration should begin when the pigs are two weeks old, and full feeding continued until the hog is ready for market. For economical feeding, use home-grown grains, if possible, with a protein supplement and simple minerals. Many small producers use commercial mixtures, but this method will considerably cut down profit.

In addition to grains, good legume pasture will appreciably reduce production costs. Good pasture lessens the possibility of disease, produces healthy pigs and saves up to 20% on grain. One acre of good pasture will accommodate sixteen to twenty pigs. Western growers have long seen the advantages of good pasture and more and more easterners are realizing its value.

Self-feeders and waterers distributed in the pasture will materially lower labor costs. If it is impossible to take the hog to pasture, the pasture (or its equivalent) can be brought to the hog.

With proper care, then, our friend the pig becomes an object of great value—in war and in peace—to the small farmer or to the

commercial raiser on a large scale. He helps to balance the budget, to pay off the mortgage, to send the kids to college, to provide a vitamin-chocked diet—and all this in an efficiently productive manner.

In times past, we have not used the porker too well, but today he is looked upon by sound-thinking individuals as man's most efficient meat-making machine. He travels his short span of life on schedule—self-sufficient and full of dignity. Man is his provider and his servant and in return for services rendered, he gives his all for human use. If his thoughts of man are uncomplimentary, they are unexpressed and, though submissive to man, he remains independent. He is the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of the animal kingdom.

IF NOT IN INDEPENDENT FARMING, WHAT THEN?

By George Hirayama, Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii

Will all of us here be fortunate enough to be gainfully employed in farming? Do our abilities warrant any such consideration and are we ready physically and mentally? These are some of the questions we ought to be asking ourselves, now! Those not yet pessimistic can consider the following ideas: If we are not so fortunate, what then will become of us? Will we become productive workers in other lines of endeavor or burdens to our already overtaxed economy? I shall attempt to describe what is being done to improve the welfare of those affected so that they may find vocational success as workers in occupations related to agriculture.

Some of us may be in the process of selecting or have selected our callings. However, I am referring to those few who are still undecided. Of the many Future Farmers of America, some will become efficient and productive independent farmers, *but not every boy can become an independent productive farmer.*

Farming as a way of life demands progress in all activities of normal living over and above that required for mere existence, a challenge to those who venture into such an undertaking. For profitable adjustment to the varying productive conditions, the modern farmer must have the proper mentality to do the job well. Mechanization has taken a strong foothold in farming, forcing the individual to possess adequate mechanical skill in order to reduce production costs. This same versatile and adaptable worker must also be an accomplished welder, carpenter, mason, and plumber so that he can operate his business without incurring the high cost of skilled labor. Although these are but a few of the tangible vocational skills required in farming, there are also intangible skills which are in evidence in the business world, a harsh one for those unappreciative of its intricacies.

The better producer can not necessarily be called the better farmer unless he can sell his goods and services and simultaneously

receive reasonable returns. The marginal operator is in constant danger of bankruptcy. To remain in farming permanently, a producer must also be a realistic marketing economist because he must be able to foresee and predict market trends and must operate his enterprise accordingly. Initially, this pre-supposes a substantial financial foundation.

Not all vocational agricultural graduates can provide the capital for establishment in farming. Through uncontrollable circumstances, the boy may not have any funds or the security to acquire financial aid from local banks, the Farmers' Home Administration, or the Farm Credit Administration, nor can his parents always provide the required finances. Such financial inability makes the acquisition of farming facilities rather difficult. Yet, a graduate may find vocational success in a unique Hawaiian Program, an attempt to meet the needs of these graduates.

I shall illustrate by the use of a local example the successful development and management of on-the-job training. The Part-Time Cooperative Program at Waialua, Oahu, is sponsored jointly by the sugar industry and the public educational system in order to provide exploratory training in which the student-learner while under direct supervision is trained in various capacities right on the job. Within two consecutive school years, the student-learner passes through eighteen stations where he is exposed to the requisite skills of the different jobs assigned. After withstanding the rigors of the Program for the prescribed period, he then becomes employable.

We know from the data issued by the Waialua Agricultural Company, Limited, that 27 out of 39 individuals who participated in the Program are still gainfully employed. Within four years of employment, three of these graduates have reached the fifth grade of the ten classified labor grades, two grades above the majority of the rank and file. This also demonstrates the attainment of four promotions since they began to work. Many, in capacities as members of athletic, social, and civic organizations as the Waialua Community Association are budding leaders of the community. These have made the transition from school to work adequately and profitably. The results justify the continuation of the Program.

There is no doubt in my mind that this same Program can be utilized with equal or greater success in industries other than that of cane sugar production. Other areas in our United States will find the immediate need to provide similar training for the young potential workers. We must conserve our potential agricultural manpower. Occupations in industrialized agriculture offer us many opportunities. As others may have found success and happiness in independent farming, we too will find ours in industrialized agriculture.



