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GROWING FOR AMERICA

More than 22,000 FFA members, advisors and guests proved that the FFA is Growing For America at the 54th National FFA Convention. The convention in Kansas City, Missouri, November 12-14, saw award presentations, speakers, contests and business culminate a year of work on a specific project or program.

But the foundation of this work began at the local chapter level. It started with the concept of combining hands-on experience, leadership development and classroom instruction. This successful combination helps develop a sense of pride and self confidence within every FFA member willing to put forth some time and effort. Whether it's starting an agricultural proficiency project, competing in the speaking contest or running for chapter president, FFA members are learning skills useful to them as they grow for America through agriculture.

The 54th National FFA Convention was a finale for some and a beginning for others. But for each individual it left a special impression and impact. This proceedings booklet is a record of those past achievements and an inspiration to future ones.

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Growing For America

They came to honor the FFA's best, hear inspirational speakers, demonstrate agricultural skills in contests and conduct the business of the nearly half-million member organization. It was all a part of the 54th National FFA Convention, November 12-14, in Kansas City, Missouri. More than 22,000 FFA members, advisors and guests attended and demonstrated how the FFA is Growing For America. The competition and recognition throughout the convention week involved FFA members from all 50 states and Puerto Rico. In total, more than 2,500 awards were presented to members for their outstanding accomplishments.

PEOPLE MAKE IT HAPPEN

Lu Achilles Wall, Executive Assistant to the Chairman of Hesston Corporation, was installed as the 1982 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee. She succeeds Owen J. Newlin, Vice President of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Keynote speaker Dr. Norman Vincent Peale praised FFA members for their enthusiasm and encouraged them to think positively in all of their endeavors. United States Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Frank Naylor, farm broadcaster Orion Samuelson and Olympic gold medalist John Naber were noted speakers highlighting convention sessions.

NEW LEADERS

Six new national officers were elected by their peers to serve the organization for the coming year. They are: (front, left to right) Scott Neasham, 20, President from Newton, Iowa and John Pope, 20, Secretary from Maiden, North Carolina; (back, left to right) Scott Watson, 20, Central Region Vice President from Gallatin, Missouri; Melanie Burgess, 20, Eastern Region Vice President from Harrisonburg, Virginia; Jack Stewart, 21, Western Region Vice President from Douglas, Wyoming; and Randy Hedge, 20, Southern Region Vice President from Wickes, Arkansas.

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Frank Naylor

MEN TO MATCH THE MOUNTAINS
Mark Herndon, National President

". . . when you meet mountains of adversity and scale them . . .that is courage."

> God has made this mighty land, the mountains wild and free, and they are filled with lessons that he meant for you and me. Give me men to match my mountains, men to stand tall, brave and strong. Give me men to match my mountains and face life with a song! Mountains stand against the storm, through winter, spring and fall; and there are storms that we must face. Can't you hear God call?

I've loved the words of that song and loved the mountains ever since the summer I spent in Colorado working as a Mountaineering and Wilderness Instructor. This year I've come to know the words of that song in a much deeper way, and my love for the mountains has grown as I have enjoyed flights over the towering Tetons to the Lazy Smokies. I'm grateful for all of those experiences, just as the six of us are grateful for so many things, for you — and your very special part in making this such a meaningful year. For friends, staff, and family who have

constantly been a help and encouragement, and grateful to God, for providing us this exciting chance.

To express my gratitude for the other National Officers, I'd like to recognize each of them in a special way — but you know, that could never capture the true relationship of this team. So to you Susie Barrett, Bob Quick, David Alders, Glenn Caves, and David Pearce, I just want you to know that I love you — you're the greatest. Your personal characteristics and leadership traits have made a strong impact on me and everyone else. You've provided a constant encouragement, a constant challenge, and even a constant motivation to work even harder for those we represent. I'll always treasure our friendship.

The words of the song "Men to match my Mountains" tells us that God has made the mountains full of lessons for you and me. In each one of our responsibilities, we've learned that just as the mountains are full of lessons for us — that these experiences have also been full of lessons for us to learn and use.

During my first day on the job, in the mountains, my supervisor told us that, "The curriculum of the mountain trail, is a man. The trail does not demand perfect men, just honest men." I believe we have found the same to be true of FFA. You see, this organization has never demanded perfect members, perfect teachers, or even perfect officers — just those who are honest in their estimate of themselves and those who match the mountains through God's strength. In that same way, we have found that the industry of agriculture has never and will never demand perfect men and women . . .just those who are honest. Just honest men and women who are not afraid to stand against the storms that will attack us as we match the challenges of our careers.

The lessons of courage have reinforced the things we've observe about honesty. While in the state of Washington during January, my courage was challenged by the awesome ruggedness and snowy peak of Mt. Ranier. Then in July, I was able to share a similar feeling of triumph along with 9 handicapped climbers whose courage and endurance conquered Ranier; and showed the world that disable people could conquer massive challenges.

I learned of courage when I visited Daron in the hospital. He told me of his future plans, and goals, and said that even though an amputation was a difficult thing to face — that he has always liked a challenge.

I learned of courage during a workshop at a convention in Canada, when I put on a pair of glasses designed to simulate a visual handicap — and found myself alone without light or sense of direction. And when I tried unsuccessfully to manuever a wheelchair around everyday obstacles.

I'm not saying that you have to have and overcome a physical handicap to be courageous — but all of us have situations we face that serve as handicaps that can motivate us to achievement . . .if we'll let them. As a matter of fact . . .this year I've had the chance to observe a regular, everyday, FFA members display courage as they have worked, and achieved goals. I've seen it in officers as they have carried out difficult leadership roles. And I've seen it even in those who haven't won or accomplished anything — but kept believing.

Your examples have shown me that courage doesn't imply that there is no fear. But implies the conquering of the fear within us and the perseverance over difficulty within the situation.

My sister, Susan, is two years older than I am, and she's the one that first got me involved in FFA. Since that time, she's always helped me in all of my FFA problems and responsibilities. While in high school, she lost the central sight in her left eye due to an unusual blood hemorrhage—but it never slowed her down a bit. In the fall of 1978, doctors told us that the bleeding had started in her good eye — and they didn't know why, what to do, or what would happen. I was scared — but as I watched Susan those next weeks I saw something that I couldn't then understand. My sister, who was facing the possibility of blindness for the rest of her life was still the same happy, outgoing, and encouraging person she had always been. She continued her daily life, pursued her goals, and demonstrated to everyone

that she was still capable of being a competent mountaineering instructor, and even well on her way to becoming a successful vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

Then in March of 1980, I called home one night depressed and burdened about the heavy work load for FFA. "It's started again," they said, "She's lost a lot more sight and they don't know what will happen." And at a time when I was discouraged about my failures — there was my visually impaired sister losing more of her precious sight and courageously facing the biggest crisis of her life telling me to hang in there.

I realized then and there how to really be courageous — I realized that her strength, joy and courage was not her own, but that of Jesus. I realized that this adversity and every other was not a curse, but a blessing that causes us to rely on Him.

My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead
For He doth know the way.
There's so much now I cannot see,
My eyesight's far too dim:
But come what may, I'll simply trust
And leave it all to Him.

— A. M. Overton —

Courage . . .Mountain matching courage. I learned of it while in North Dakota at a national park dedicated to the courageous leader, Theodore Roosevelt. Just hours after President McKinley was assasinated in 1901, Mr. Roosevelt was sworn in as the youngest president ever to take office at that time. He responded to the awesome mountainous challenges saying, "We are face to face with our destiny and we must meet it with a high and resolute courage." And meet it he did — time after time — even in his 1912 bid for reelection. After being shot in the chest in an attempted assasination, he brushed away every plea for help — and pale and bleeding made his way to the people gathered to hear him, vowing. "I'll make this speech or die."

In that same way, the 6 of us have had to struggle at times this year and say — I'll make this speech, accomplish this duty, fulfill this responsibility or die." And in all honesty — we have died in front of a few audiences. But in those times and through these examples, we've learned of courage. We've learned that what really matters is not *what* happens but *how* you respond to it. We've learned that what really matters is not what you win or what office you hold but *who* you are and *who* you live your life for.

When you meet the storms and stand firm, when you meet mountains of adversity and scale them, when you tackle enormous challenges with the assurance that God will take you through — that, my friends, is courage!

Without a doubt, people have been our teachers this year, as I've learned from them, I've really come to enjoy people. They have fascinated me as I've watched in airports, in businesses, in meetings, and even in the FFA. As I've watched people from Washington to Florida and from New Hampshire to California, I've noticed that under all the differences that we first notice, there are some amazing similarities. I've seen the curious — they are the ones that only dream. I ve seen the convinced — they know what's right and what they want to do but only watch and wish . . .they could change places with others in order to make their own desires come true, and then I've seen the committed — those who accept the challenges, the storms, the problems and say "Thank you God now enable me to match these mountains."

Well, tonight I'm convinced that no matter what kind of person you are that God has a lot of mountains for you to match, now and always. Mountains of goals,

mountains of leadership responsibilities, mountains of good and bad, happy and sad, and mountains full of lessons. But I'm even more convinced that no matter what kind of person you are that God will always enable you to do what he calls you to do — if you'll let Him.

I Thessalonians 5:24 says, "Faithful is he who calls you and he also will bring it to pass." When there is a challenge to face, God gives a person mountain matching abilities. Whether that person is a Roosevelt, a Lincoln — or an ordinary person like you and me.

There is an FFA member from Oklahoma that I've gotten to know very well this year. In junior high, he was fat and shy. So fat that it wasn't too long until teachers and classmates began calling him "Wideload." So shy that he couldn't or wouldn't make friends, couldn't answer questions in class and could barely even talk to his own family. He was so shy that he couldn't even lead in a silent prayer.

After starting high school, he desired a change in his life — but failed in school, in friendships, and athletics — he began getting involved in FFA and chapter activities — as a freshman he got beat out of a contest by a girl; he got beat for chapter office; and failed in just about everything else he tried. Then he set a goal to be able to communicate like he had seen others do in FFA — dynamically, happily and confidently. As a junior, he worked for hours on a speech, and finally went to his first contest with a dynamic, powerful, fluent and prizewinning 8 minute speech and he delivered that dynamic, powerful, fluent and prizewinning 8 minute speech in 4 minutes flat. After that, he lost every contest for nearly a year before finally bringing home a plaque for 5th place — in a contest of about twice that many.

But let me tell you, that ol' Wideload, who's standing here before you tonight, can honestly say that I'm grateful for all of those problems, all of those weaknesses, and all of those failures. For you see out of those storms of adversity and mountains of challenges came the greatest motivation and greatest desire for a fat, shy, Greenhand in Oklahoma City to work with and relate to FFA members like us all across the country this year.

Instead of accepting my problems and learning from them for so long I made the immature response of being afraid of failure, embarrassment and the future. Until I finally found out that those things are nothing to be afraid of at all, but things to be grateful for. I still fail publicly and privately, but those things in our lives cause us to go to God and cause us to challenge the mountains in our path.

As I've traveled to FFA meetings, conferences and conventions — I've carried with me a personal message that I have enjoyed sharing wherever I had a special chance to do that. The message consists of a verse that has provided a constant promise and reassurance to me throughout my FFA responsibilities. I Chron. 28:20 says, "Be strong and courageous (in the Lord), get to work and do it, don't be frightened by the size of the task, for the Lord my God is with you and he will not fail you or forsake you. We will see to it that everything is finished correctly." And that is exactly what God promises to do for us in each storm, in each problem, in each mountainous challenge, fear or failure.

Many times this year as I'd visit with members and as I'd share that simple message, I've been asked ..."Mark, what motivated you?" or "What motivated you to run for a national office?" Tonight, I want to answer that clearly, beyond any shadow of a doubt. What motivated Wideload to change? What has motivated many FFA members this year? What will motivate you to achieve God's best in your life?

It starts with a simple commitment. When I finally learned to thank God for everything he put in my path — good or bad — when I finally learned to give everything back to God for Him to work out — then came the courage and everything else I needed to "Match the Mountains."

Strange advice, you ask? No. New theory, maybe? No. Ridiculous? Well, Let's just ask Jeff ...He wrote me in late October and said, "Mark, I was working on a tough speech recently and remembered how you told me about turning every-

thing to God. So I figured I'd try it and sure enough it worked. Jan had a similar experience. She came up to me after an exciting challenge at her state FFA convention and beamed as she said, "Gee, you know, it really works." Doug said the same thing. He wrote me in September saying, "Well, after I gave it all to Him, there really was a change! — It's an exciting life for sure! I think you'll find as we've found, that ...it does work ...and it is exciting!

Now I want to ask everyone in this auditorium, everyone watching, and listening to reflect back with me, on your situations — to the problems, adversities and challenges in FFA or any area of your life, that you are confronted with. Think back and listen to a promise that has been made to each of us, provided we make that commitment.

He giveth more when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men:
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
He giveth and giveth and giveth again!

— Annie Johnson Flint —

After convention last year, a member presented a book to me from one of her favorite authors. Since then, I've been grateful to that member and to the author for helping me express a portion of my feelings. He says, "When you part from a friend you grieve not, for that which you love most about him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain." God has set the 6 of us on a high mountain. Now, it is time to descend so that we can begin to match new mountains in days ahead. I'll admit that it's a little hard not to be sad at a time like this but we will not be sad — because this entire experience has caused us to remember more vividly and see more clearly what we love most about the FFA, you and all of the 482,000 members.

As we leave, I hope you will join us in a challenge that we'll carry from this day on. It's not ours originally, but goes back to the ancient days of Israel. In the Book of Joshua a great warrior and leader named Caleb had a desire even after wandering in the desert for 40 years until they could enter the Promised Land — even though he was 85 years old — he still desired a challenge for the future. He courageously presented his request to the leaders of the nation as he cried, "Give me this mountain!" We ask you to join us in that because the FFA needs young men and women like you who will start with an honest observation of themselves, who will add to that a courageous conviction to overcome the storms and add to that a deep commitment to match the mountains...

...Give me men to match my mountains,
Men to stand tall, brave and strong.
Mountains stand against the storm ..
And there are storms that we must face,
Can't you hear God call?
Give me men to match my mountains!

We love you ...God bless.

WHATEVER IS — IS BEST
Bob Quick, National Secretary

"Success will challenge your will to find the amount of discipline you possess . . ."

Now that I am here, where am I?

Seven short, yet well-lived years have transpired since I joined vocational agriculture and FFA which began in a small school environment as a green-greenhand with 23 head of sheep, big ideas and ambitions and a major problem, a wrong belief. My belief was in order to be successful in FFA or life you had to live on a farm of considerable acreage, raising a project with big numbers — whatever it was — for all to admire. However, I distinctly remember sitting in this auditorium as a Chapter Farmer, upper balcony, listening to a National Officer who had a project of limited scope.

Of course, back home my high school FFA record, well let's not talk about its past state, let's look at what could happen if one just participates, lets down the barriers of insecurity and continually moves ahead putting one foot in front of the other, not leaving your feet together. You'll find a rocky road that tests your will, yet takes you where you want to go. A french essayist once said, "There are those who are so scrupulously afraid of doing wrong that they seldom venture to do anything." Also it could be said, people never get started because they are afraid of failing. Humility is a part of success. FFA members dreams and fantasies are a dime a dozen. Action creates achievement. How can you ever expect to get ahead if you never get started.

So where am I now seven years later?

I am standing before the largest, most respected vocational youth organization's representatives providing my last thoughts, those I hope you'll carry back and walk with as an FFA member just as I and fellow members have.

Hopefully, the wisdom I project will come from the experience I've gained during these past years. Don't get me wrong, there's been many dealings with failure, discouragement but you've got to use common sense. Challenges test your inner abilities and allow discovery of the real you.

Rocky Blier once stated:

> Life's battles won't always go
> To the stronger or faster man.
> But sooner or later the one who wins
> Is the one who thinks he can.

There's much to be grateful about as well as many to thank.

FFA members in this free country of ours you are the hope. Today you sit listening and learning but tomorrow you'll be leading a new generation. For touching my life and filling it with happy moments as well as sad but most of all for being a friend, thank you.

Mr. Cullison, as my advisor you symbolize a class of unselfish people who give

an endless amount of time and energy to help young adults find confidence in their abilities. Thank you.

Mom, Dad and Grandmother, the theme of my first address was "Together We Can Make It Happen." We achieved just that with your love together we did make it happen. Thank you.

These people whose efforts I appreciate are at most ordinary people. People you can look up to — respect — learn from. Just like those we have treasured as our idols — whether past leaders — heroes — heroines — courageous people — they are our examples to follow. Viewed as being above the ordinary, born with unmatchable leadership qualities, instincts which catapulted them to instant success, creative people nonetheless. We'd say, "Oh if I could just become one of them." Never fill the shoes of the past or present symbols of success make your own footprints.

Surprising enough those we idolize once idolized others. Their thoughts were once the same as ours granted we live in different eras.

Marcel Pagnol quoted in Blagues, France, "The reason people find it so hard to be happy is that they always see the past better than it was, the present worse than it is, and the future finer than it will be."

Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge, and you have a George Washington. Raise him in abject poverty, and you have an Abraham Lincoln. Drag him, more dead than alive, out of a rice paddy in Vietnam, and you have Rocky Blier, that beautiful running back with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Be thankful for your difficulties for they will strengthen your ability to understand and persevere later in life.

"People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I do not believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they cannot find them, make them." Bernard Shaw stated this several years ago, and today it's still true.

Participation in education allows you to find the tastes most appropriate in this world's smorgasbord. It's important to look long term, it's imperative the foundation you set to be strong — your life will always rest upon it. Do not blame others for your failures, you are what you want to be.

My reading lead to the discovery of this anonymous work. Deep within your consciousness is a realization your life has a purpose, a destiny, a meaning that must be discovered. Until this is achieved within you will experience boredom, dissatisfaction, frustration, the feeling of despair, feeling of hunger, you want to achieve. To be working for a great purpose, purpose larger than yourself is one of the secrets making life significant.

When you remove masks, take away the defenses, the guilts, the doubts, inhibitions, you find a beautiful person ready to experience life, emotionally, spiritually and creatively. You find a person who cares about a job, cares about others, living life well, one who loves and one who is lovable, that person's called you.

Leadership in life means challenge. Accepting the challenge of difficulty, having the courage to meet failure without being defeated, focusing the full power of all you are on what you want to be, discovering your best talents, skills, abilities, and applying them for the betterment of mankind.

In the United States Department of Agriculture, there is a memo entitled, "A Wish For Leaders." To you, the young leaders of this country, I make this wish:

> I sincerely wish you will have the experience of thinking up a new idea, organizing it, and following it to completion, and then having it be magnificently successful.
>
> I also hope you'll go through the same process and have something "bomb out."
>
> I wish you could know how it feels "to run" with all your heart and lose horribly.

I wish that you could achieve something so worthwhile that you deem it worth investing your life.

I hope you become frustrated and challenged enough to begin to push back the very barriers of your own personal limitations.

I hope you give so much of yourself that some days you wonder if it's worth it all.

I wish you a magnificent obsession that will give you reason for living and purpose and direction and plan for life.

I wish for you the true experience of leadership!

Whether right or wrong, time will allow things to work out for the better. Everything in life has meaning — has a lesson.

Under every wrong there lies the root of right. As you grow older, gaining more maturity, you will find in this world that honesty is the best policy. Success will challenge your will to find the amount of discipline you possess, it also tests your faith in God and in your personal convictions, your beliefs — trying you through unrest as you watch others with wrong morals and beliefs.

"Whatever Is — Is Best" means not to settle for mediocrity — it means strive for the best you, best chapter, community, nation. Ella Wheeler Wilcox sums up my feelings best:

I know, as my life grows older,
And mine eyes have clearer sight,
That under each rank wrong somewhere
There lies the root of Right;
That each sorrow has its purpose,
By the sorrowing oft unguessed;
But as sure as the sun brings morning,
Whatever is — is best.

I know that each sinful action,
As sure as the night brings shade,
Is somewhere, sometime punished,
Tho' the hour be long delayed.
I know that the soul is aided
Sometimes by the heart's unrest.
And to grow means often to suffer —
But whatever is — is best.

I know there are no errors,
In the great Eternal plan,
And all things work together
For the final good of man.
And I know when my soul speeds onward,
In its grand Eternal quest,
I shall say as I look back earthward,
Whatever is — is best.

NO DREAM IS TOO BIG . . . NO DREAMER'S TOO SMALL

David Pearce
National Vice President Central Region

". . . we open the door to the future as the one behind us is closing quietly."

If I could dedicate this address to anyone, it would be to you who are at the National Convention for the first time, who, when you walked into the auditorium could not believe your eyes. The size and grandeur of the convention simply overwhelmed you.

Looking back, I remember the first National Convention I attended. I wore an FFA jacket that had my name on it — nothing more. It had no charms, no medals, no awards, no titles, no offices. And that is exactly how I am today, for I am wearing the exact same jacket that I wore seven years ago at my first convention. Though I am wearing the same jacket, I am leaving the organization a greatly changed person. At that first convention, I looked down on the convention floor and thought that someday I'd love to appear on that giant stage. My purpose in wearing this jacket is to symbolize that no dream is too big, and no dreamer's too small.

A freshman named Bill came to the National Convention several years ago. As he watched the national public speaking contest, he had a dream — a dream to win the state, and possibly, the national public speaking contest. As a freshman, Bill placed fifth out of six on the district level in extemporaneous public speaking. At that time, a local advisor felt that Bill had embarrassed himself so much that he would never again see the young man in a speaking contest. Undaunted, Bill came back his sophomore year but again faced disappointment, placing seventh out of eight.

To reach the dream he had set for himself as a freshman, Bill became involved in speech classes. During his junior year, Bill placed second at district in public speaking. In his senior year, he won district and finally advanced to the state level where his speech entitled, "Agriculture, A Big Business" won the state contest.

Bill is no different from any other state public speaking winner, for every year there are 51 different success stories. But Bill, as a freshman, showed that no dream was too big, and that no dreamer was too small. And he began his dream right in this auditorium.

We hear about many success stories in the FFA, and I wish I could say that everything you strive for you will attain. I wish that you could win every contest, receive every office, and start a successful farming program — but it just doesn't work that way. For you see, you won't win everything. But the true strength of a person is not measured by his successes, but by how well he bounces back from his failures.

Before I continue, let me define dreams. The dreams that I am talking about are

not sitting in algebra or vo-ag class daydreaming about a date on Friday night. Rather, dreams can be a foundation for our lives.

Henry David Thoreau once said,

> "If you have built castles in the air, your work
> need not be lost; that is where they should be.
> Now put the foundations under them."

Thoreau is saying that when we dream the most fantastic dreams and they are where we cannot touch them, then that is where they belong. Now we need to build upon the foundations. It is by getting involved, by starting on a project, that we build upon our foundations.

There are thousands of us here today who have dreams and who are starting on our foundations. And with that work, we will leave a mark upon our organization — a mark that will never be forgotten.

Several weeks ago while at the National FFA Center, one of the employees there named Elizabeth said something I'll never forget. As we were saying our goodbyes she said, "David, yesterday I was looking at the pictures of past National Officers on the wall and almost started crying thinking of all the friends I have made." She said, "No matter who comes and goes, your picture will always be on the wall. You have left your mark on the FFA, and no one can take it away from you. Your mark is there forever." The important part of what Elizabeth said is that you don't have to be a national, a state, or even a chapter officer to leave your mark on the FFA.

Throughout the nation, the FFA certainly has left its mark. Last summer while addressing the State Presidents' Conference in Washington, D.C., President Reagan said, "Just looking at you makes the job a little easier . . .there's some people . . .who think that the world is going downhill, but don't you believe it. There's a great big world out there and this nation is not going downhill. If we continue on the present path there isn't anything we can't do if we set our minds to it." As the President said, if we set our minds to it, we can do almost anything. We have to remain optimistic and look toward the future.

You see, we open the door to the future as the one behind us is closing quietly. And once the door is closed we can never reopen it. We can never go back and relive those dreams; we have to live them today. The late Congressman Jerry Litton, a past National Officer from Missouri, lived by a saying he used quite often:

> "Happy are those who dream dreams and are willing
> to pay the price to make those dreams come true."

I would ask you today, are you willing to pay the price to make your dreams come true? Are you willing to make your dreams a reality?

My entire year as a National Officer has been like a dream come true, but in reality, it must end. As fulfilling as this year has been, I wish the year could go on forever, but it's now time to say goodbye — time to say goodbye to the many different friends I have made in the FFA. And time to say goodbye to an organization we all love. It's a very difficult thing to say goodbye. Carl Sandburg once wrote about the different kinds of goodbyes.

> "Good-by is a loose word, a yellow ribbon fluttering in the wind.
>
> Good-by is a stiff word, a steel slide rule — a fixed automatic telephone number.
>
> A thousand people? And you must say good-by to all?
>
> One at a time? — Yes, I guess you need a thousand different good-bys.
>
> There is a good-by for the Johnsons, and another for the Smiths, and another for Jim, Fred, and Sue.
>
> And there is the big grand good-by to the thousand all at once, the whole works."

And I guess that's what I'm giving right now — the whole works — a goodbye to everyone. But as I leave this organization, I appear to be the same as when I started, wearing a jacket with no charms, no medals, no awards, nothing but my name. But during my seven years in the FFA, I feel that I have changed. For I have had the chance to dream dreams, and I have had the chance to be with you.

Goodbye ...it's been the greatest honor to have served you, and always remember that no dream is too big ...and no dreamer's too small.

AND MILES TO GO . . .
Susie Barrett, National Vice President
Eastern Region

"Despite our shortcomings we all
have promise to achieve."
". . .The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
and miles to go before I sleep."

– Robert Frost –

And miles to go . . .When a great aunt of mine first recited those lines from Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," I merely equated the phrase with a picturesque winter setting. The driver instead of lingering and admiring the scene, had a commitment to keep and miles yet to go before he could rest for the evening. This year, however, has brought an entirely new meaning to those few simple lines.

Certainly this has been an exciting year and I have many fond memories of the places I've been, and all the warm and truly lovely people I've met; from New England to Hawaii; from Minnesota to Alabama. The warmth which people openly shared was far greater than what I had ever imagined. In my mind, the greatest gift anyone can give is simply to share a part of themselves; a moment of their time or a kind word as all the people I met did. In mid-October, a young man from Pennsylvania named Willy made me feel good by just saying thank you. His gift in just that simple act made me as another human being feel that I had some self worth and that I had made a contribution perhaps to the eventual success of that person. We can never say thank you enough to those people who have made our lives a bit happier or more productive. FFA members, teachers, state staff, parents, friends, all the folks I have had the chance to work with, especially David, Mark, Bob, Glenn, and David — although it's not loud enough, not long enough; it's totally inadequate, but I mean it — thank you for everything.

Six FFA members, just one year ago today, made a promise to serve this organization to the best of their ability.

It was a promise made out of respect for the FFA, its high ideas and principles.

It was a promise made to American Agriculture and its future strength — the contribution we will make in keeping the most important part of our nation's economy alive and well.

It was a promise made to all young people that the example we set would give others reason to believe that America is strong and that the youth of this country are true believers in our democracy and in what this country has to offer those who work hard to become more productive in our society.

It was a promise to ourselves.

A friend of mine gave me this poem after last year's convention titled "Promise Yourself."

> Promise youself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
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> To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.
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> To make all your friends feel that there is something special in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

— Christian Larson —

The promise Christian Larson speaks about in this poem is the promise to expect the best out of others as well as yourself. I would hope that none of you sell yourself short by not promising to do your best.

But promise, I've found, is not just one's pledge to do something specified. The word promise means a ground for hope, expectation, or assurance of eventual success. Mark Stovall of Rapid City, South Dakota, showed me Limousin cattle with promise; David Rattan from Boys Ranch, Texas, showed me an FFA program that was developing young men with promise; and vocational agriculture instructors are always quick to point out students in their programs that show promise to achieve not only in our organization, but in life.

In Plankinton, South Dakota, one ag teacher and his family are working with students that show little or no promise. This isn't an average vo-ag program, but a very special one designed to fit students' needs for a period as short as three weeks or as long as six months.

Following a district meeting held in the school cafeteria last January, the instructor asked three of the students from South Dakota's State Training School to give a tour of the facility to two state officers and me. The three boys did so, and in doing so they explained their daily routine, the living arrangements, and their future ambitions.

It wasn't until after I left that I found out why those students had been sent there. One was there for murder, one for theft, and the third had a home situation so bad that he didn't want to go home. What promise could these young men possibly have? You and I probably would have written them off in a hurry — too many people already had.

Through a vocational course these students were able to learn skills. One of them is an excellent welder. Through the FFA program and a teacher that was positive enough and cared enough to see the promise they have, the students participated on a limited basis in FFA activities, learning responsibility and cooperation. Those same students who had no promise ever to win a public speaking contest, to be a chapter leader, to win a state award, *won* the State BOAC Award for community service.

In August, I received a letter from the vo ag teacher saying that the three students I had met with have since been paroled and are leading normal lives. One of them is now active in his FFA and ran for a chapter office.

Promise: a ground for expectation of eventual success. The greatest success that teacher has attained and any of us can hope for is to help others achieve their dreams and realize their true value. Despite our shortcomings we all have promise to achieve. GREAT EXPECTATIONS is not just the title of a book, but it is what

we can have in this organization and what each of us should have in those around us and ourselves.

Because of my shortcomings, I never really believed I would attain my goals. For someone who had two years of speech therapy, was defeated as a sophomore for seven offices in her chapter, and was around 60 lbs. overweight, I began to think that my desire to be a state officer was just that — desire — and would never become reality.

W. M. Punshon has pointed out the shortcomings of some of the most successful people.

> Cripple him and you have Sir Walter Scott. Lock him in a prison cell and you have a John Bunyan. Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge and you have a George Washington. Raise him in abject poverty and you have an Abraham Lincoln.
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> Spit on him, humiliate him, then crucify him and he forgives you, and you have Jesus Christ. Strike him down with infantile paralysis and he becomes a Franklin D. Roosevelt. When he is a lad of eight, burn him so severely in a schoolhouse fire that doctors say he will never walk again and you have a Glenn Cunningham, who set the world's record in 1934 for running a mile in 4 minutes and 6.7 seconds.
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> Deafen a genius composer who continues on to compose some of the most beautiful music, and you have a Ludwig van Beethoven. Drag him more dead than alive out of a rice paddy in Vietnam, and you have a Rocky Blier. Call him a slow learner, "retarded," and write him off as ineducable, and you have an Albert Einstein.

Punshon tells us to be thankful for the difficulties in our path, that they will test our capabilities. "The real merit" he says "is not in the success, but in the endeavor." Just as the promise you have will be nothing if you don't pursue your opportunities to capitalize on your talents and abilities.

This year I've been given the chance to do several things that I never would have dreamed possible, and things I never would have considered doing had someone not had great expectations in me.

The miles I've traveled in this organization are nothing compared to the miles I could have traveled and nothing to the miles that lie ahead of me and the miles of opportunities I know that lie ahead for those that seek them. The opportunities within this organization are tremendous, not just to be a leader or to win an award, but to develop both technical and personable skills. But, the opportunities that exist outside of this organization are even more limitless. We must not become comfortable basking in the success of our former achievements, but continue onward to find new challenges. The U.S. Postage Stamp with the message, "Learning never ends," carries the thought that there is no stopping point. We all have miles to go.

> And miles to go — for many of you in this organization.
> And miles to go — working for the advancement of agriculture.
> And miles to go — as responsible American Citizens.
> And miles to go — to be the best that we can be.
> And miles to go, . . .The destination is not known perhaps, but the journey has begun.

Thank you so very much for letting me travel with you this past year.

Let me leave you with the words of Mary Ella Welsh: "I hope this year if I've been anything, I've been your friend. I've tried."

MOST RICHLY BLESSED

Glenn Caves, National Vice President
Southern Region

"We are blessed with a chance to learn – about ourselves, about others, about leadership and about agriculture."

It had been a long day and I had another meeting that night before it would be over. As I stood there feeling discouraged and depressed, Karen approached and gave me a small package, all wrapped up with a card attached. I had visited Karen's chapter the day before. She said that she wanted me to have the gift for taking time to visit with her. She smiled and left before I had a chance to respond. As I stood there holding her gift, I felt a deep appreciation for Karen. My day was brightened because of her simple blessing of thoughtfulness and generosity.

For more than seven years, I have been blessed richly because of the FFA and FFA members like Karen. I have enjoyed countless beautiful moments. As my membership draws to a close, the time comes for me to adjust my program of activities to fit a new lifestyle. Before doing so, I pause to take advantage of my final opportunity to share my blessings with you.

From the beginning, back in August of 1974, National Blue and Corn Gold have been an important part of my life. For a little fellow who loved farm life and competition, the FFA was a way to learn and have fun doing it. I soon learned that the FFA is filled with unlimited opportunities that go far beyond classrooms and contests. My enthusiasm and increased involvement generated desire to set more and higher goals. As I worked toward those goals, I was blessed with several valuable lessons about success and failure. Not all of my goals were reached, but each attempt brought new activities, new experiences, new friends. Fortunately, one of my goals became a reality one year ago today when I was blessed with a chance to serve as National FFA Officer.

As I count my blessings, I realize that the past year has been a series of fantastic experiences, divided between the feelings of great excitement and quiet solitude ...inner satisfaction and total inadequacy ...happiness ...loneliness ...and, many times, humble gratitude.

FFA members, you have richly blessed my life. You have done it by asking questions, sharing experiences, and taking time to show that you care. Your enthusiasm and excitement for the FFA has reconfirmed my belief in this organization. The kindness of you and your families allows me to feel like I am a part of one big happy FFA family with homes located all over the United States. Your actions and attitudes have blessed me with a renewed faith and a hope for the future. Your prayers and your dependence on God convinces me that your leadership will be sound for years to come. Your rich blessings allow me to focus on the roses at a time when others can only see the thorns.

I have been blessed with a strong supporting cast throughout the year. I have a great appreciation for the unsung heroes, the people behind the scenes, the ones we often overlook. What a pleasure it has been to join forces with advisors, state staff, sponsors, alumni, national staff, and others interested in helping Future

Farmers. I owe much to these people for their encouragement and assistance. Getting to know them has been a reward within itself.

Another blessing has been the acquisition of a sister I never before had. Fortunately or unfortunately, I acquired four new brothers in the deal! Susie, David, Mark, Bob, and David, you have blessed me with the true meaning of teamwork. You have done it by your examples of sincere dedication and unselfishness, your friendship and concern, your love and Christianity. I admire the personal qualities you each possess, and I am grateful that you have shared your lives with me.

Throughout the good times, as well as the bad, I have been richly blessed with patience and understanding from FFA members, special friends, and my family. My greatest blessing, however, has been your never-ending love.

Where there is love, there is concern.
Where there is concern, there is kindness.
Where there is kindness, there is harmony.
Where there is harmony, there is helpfulness.
Where there is helpfulness, there is Christ.
Where there is Christ, there is love.

— William Arthur Ward —

Christ's love has made it possible for me to enjoy all my other blessings.

Often we stumble through life complaining and moaning about our lack of advantages or our burden of problems. Most situations, however, contain hidden benefits, regardless of how gloomy they may appear. Blessings in disguise, I call them. Count your blessings. We sometimes fail to recognize that life itself is a blessing from God. The Bible teaches us in John 10:10 that Christ came "that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." A year of traveling and working with this organization has shown me that the FFA provides us with scores of small blessings each day so that we might have life more abundantly. We are blessed with a chance to learn — about ourselves, about others, about leadership, and about agriculture. We have the opportunity to do. By actively participating, we are able to enhance our background and enrich our experience. We can earn a place for ourselves in this world while at the same time earning the love and respect of those we assist along the way. Finally, we can live a life of learning, doing, and earning so that we might fully enjoy our blessing of life.

I am now convinced that all of us, from greenhands to grownups, are richly blessed. As we count our blessings, we should appreciate what we have . . .instead of worrying about what we haven't . . .and enjoy what is . . .before it isn't.

I have certainly enjoyed being an FFA member and I have gained far more than I have given. Throughout my years in FFA, I often prayed for many of my blessings:

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey . . .

I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things . . .

I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise . . .

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God . . .

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things . . .

I got nothing that I asked for — but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my prayers were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

— Prayer of an Unknown Soldier —

As I leave with seven years of your blessings, I take with me many fond memories. No matter what I do or where I go, I will always have a special place in my heart for the FFA and for all of you. Your rich blessings have added much to my life. Now, unable to repay you, my prayer will be that God may richly bless you as He has me.

IF YOU WILL TAKE IT SO

David Alders, National Vice President
Western Region

"...seeing you compete and achieve, I was constantly challenged to perform my own tasks more effectively."

I suppose it all began right here. Not just one year ago, nor even two, four or six years ago. Still, you could say it began right here, when I first attended this event. It began about 15 years ago when, wearing a miniature FFA jacket fashioned by Mom, I proudly marched into this auditorium for the first time. I was stationed by Dad,who was a vocational agriculture instructor at the time.

Although I can no longer wear it, I cannot say that I have really outgrown this little FFA jacket, for it represents the beginning of an extraordinary experience which reached a climax with my tenure as a National Officer. It has been a rewarding experience, and I leave this office greatly enriched through my association with the Future Farmers of America. I cannot adequately relate the inspiration I received in visiting with you and in watching you pursue accomplishments in this organization. It is sufficient to say that in seeing you compete and achieve, I was constantly challenged to perform my own tasks more effectively. In concluding this brief reflection, I point out that, just as the miniature jacket pointed to the future, so has my involvement in vocational agriculture/FFA. And it is the future I wish to address this afternoon, because, therein lie all our responsibilities and opportunities.

Throughout this year, I have become more firmly impressed that the purpose of the FFA is to train young people for successful futures both in the industry of agriculture and in our society. If my impression is correct, I see a tremendous need for this purpose of the FFA to be applied even more effectively in every chapter across our country. For we must have well prepared young people, with a vision of a brighter tomorrow and the resolve to make that vision reality, if we are to meet the challenges which face our generation in this most important industry and in this society.

Not only is this a responsibility we must accept, but it is also an opportunity we should not overlook. In the words of Christian Gauss:

> "You who have the priceless gift of youth must and can revivify the spirit of our country. Never has the earnest young man or woman lived in a time richer in possibilities, in invitations to high emprise. If you will take it so, the twilight of our time is the morning and not the evening twilight. It is the lark and not the nightingale that you are hearing."

One sentence in this thought is especially significant. Under one condition, Mr. Gauss said that the twilight of our time can be the morning, and not the evening twilight. That one stipulation — if you will take it so.

If we really believe that our time can be the "morning twilight" promising a brighter day, we must endeavor as our predecessors endeavored for the prosperity we now enjoy. When we view the challenges met by those who have gone before us, we can realize our own responsibilities in a better perspective.

On the back cover of a recent album, guitarist George Benson expressed this well:

> "We appreciate the good things of today when we realize they are part of dreams started yesterday. Realizing this helps us get a better hold on our own dreams and directions."

I trust our directions lead to the establishment of good things of tomorrow through the dreams we are starting today. We cannot shirk this task for we committed ourselves to it in reciting the FFA Creed as greenhands: "I believe in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years."

Since the good things we now enjoy are the result of the endeavors of others, we in turn hold the responsibility for insuring these better days for generations to follow. And so, this afternoon I ask who will remove the obstacles on the road to a brighter tomorrow; who will develop the plentiful energy supply; increase the technology, productivity, and profitability of America's agriculture; solve this nation's economic woes; enhance the freedoms for which we became a nation; lead this country to a more respectable set of values; and maintain this organization for the productive growth and development of the young men and women of tomorrow?

When these questions are answered, our path to continued prosperity will be clear. As others paved the way for us, so let us answer this opportunity to remove the roadblocks in the path we face. Certainly, these questions present great challenges, but they will be answered — if you will take it so.

As we meet these challenges, let us attempt to make our lives an example of the importance of responsible citizenship, a strong work ethic, and high moral standards. Let us set such an example not merely for our own well-being, but because so many future lives will follow this pattern.

In viewing our modern society, I have seen a need to renew the values which made this country strong and critically review those which impair our continued strength and freedom. We must further establish the principle that the prosperity we achieve will come from individual initiative and the hand of God, not from the gifts of government or other men. Let us view with skepticism the idea that the challenges of our time are insurmountable and that we can no longer control our destiny. Rather, I trust we will pursue with determination the promise of better days through better ways, the opportunity to positively influence our organization, our industry, and our country. I trust we will recognize the impact which our leadership can carry — if you will take it so.

Of course, to participate constructively in the things I have mentioned, we must be prepared for these responsibilities. And that is why we are involved in vocational agriculture/FFA. This is the training ground for making ourselves ready for future success. I believe you will effectively utilize your time in this organization and you will be prepared — if you will take it so.

Before leaving this challenge with you, I remind you that we are not forced to take these responsibilities alone. I know one who will guide and direct us, if we will ask him. When we are too weak to face the future, he will give us strength. In II Corinthians 12:9, Jesus said: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness," In Phillipians 4:13, Paul expresses the confidence we

can have in writing: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me." Friends, we can accept the prospect of a bright tomorrow with him — if you will take it so.

Years from now, we will reflect upon our opportunity to make this time the "morning twilight." I leave you this thought with the hope it will become your commitment.

May we never forget what it has taken to get us where we are today, and most importantly, where we can be tomorrow — if you will take it so.

National Agricultural Career Show

The National Agricultural Career Show welcomed approximately 20,000 FFA members and advisors to its 16th exposition of careers in agriculture and agribusiness.

The show provides a laboratory to visit on a one-to-one basis with representatives of industries, government agencies, professional associations and educational institutions. It's this personal conversation with a professional that may make an FFA member select a certain career or explore more opportunities in a field.

Exhibitors are encouraged to display, explain or demonstrate:

- education and experience required for careers
- job opportunities
- educational materials for use in agricultural education
- economic, safety or environmental advantages of new products or services
- new types of agricultural technology being developed.

In addition to these career exhibits, H. Roe Bartle Exposition Hall houses other displays for FFA members — the FFA Hall of States, FFA Talent on stage, the Supply Service booth and national organization exhibits.

CAREER SHOW EXHIBITORS

ACTION/Peace Corps
Ag-Communicators
Agri Educator
Agri-Farm Publications, Inc.
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity
American Angus Association
American Association for Vocational Instructional Materials
American Association of Nurserymen
American Breeders Service
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Farmland Trust
American Phytopathological Society
American Polled Hereford Association
American Quarter Horse Association
American Soybean Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
Bergwall Productions, Inc.
Bio-Zyme Enterprises, Inc.
Briggs & Stratton Corporation
Butler Manufacturing Co. Agri-Products Division
J I Case
Chevron Chemical Company
Colby Community College
John Deere
DeKalb AgResearch, Inc.
De Laval Agricultural Division
Delmar Publishing Company
DuPage Horticultural School
Dyer Distributing Company
Entomological Society of America
Estech Inc.
Fam and Industrial Equipment Institute
Farmplan Computer Systems, Inc.
Federal Aviation Administration
Federal Crop Insurance Corp.
University of Florida College of Agriculture
Food and Drug Administration
Food and Energy Council, Inc.
Hesston Corporation
Hunger Project
Hutchinson Community College
University of Illinois, College of Agriculture
Instructional Materials Laboratory University of Missouri
International Arabian Horse Association
International Brangus Breeders Association, Inc.
Jackson & Mankato Area Vocational Institutes
Kansas State University
Kiefer Built, Inc.
Koppers Company Inc.
Land O'Lakes, Inc.
Lee Company
Louisiana State University FFA Chapter
University of Maryland
Massey-Ferguson Inc.
Mid-America Nazarene College
University of Minnesota Technical College, Waseca
University of Missouri
Missouri Chapter, Wildlife Society
Mobay Chemical Corporation, Agricultural Chemicals Division
National Agricultural Aviation Association
National Association of Animal Breeders
National Association of Swine Records
National Farmers Organization
National Grain and Feed Association
National Guard Bureau
National Hampshire Junior Association
National High School Rodeo Association
National Rifle Association
National Society of Livestock Record Associations
National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association
National Weather Service
North American Limousin Foundation
Northrup King Company
Northwest Missouri State University Ag Department
The Ohio State University, College of Agriculture
The Ohio State University, Agricultural Technical Inst.
Park College
Penn State FFA
Pennsylvania State University
Pfizer Genetics
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
Poultry Science Association
Prentice Hall Media, Inc.
Provimi, Inc.
Radio Shack
Remington Arms Company, Inc.
R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.
Santa Gertrudis Breeders International
O. M. Scott & Sons Company
Seald-Sweet Growers, Inc.
Shell Chemical Company
Smith Equipment Company
Society For Range Management
Society of American Florists
Society of American Foresters
Stauffer Chemical Company
Stone Mfg. & Supply Company
Student Conservation Association
Surge-Babson Bros. Co.
Texas A&M University
Trans-Sphere Corporation
Tri-State Breeders Cooperative
United States Air Force
U.S. Army Recruiting Command
U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration
U.S. Department of Agriculture FGIS Training Branch
USDA Soil Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Marine Corps
U.S. Navy Recruiting Command
The Upjohn Company
Versatile Farm Equipment Corporation
Virginia Tech Agriculture Education
Wilmington College of Ohio

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Alumni Tenth Anniversary Convention

Supporters of the FFA gathered for the tenth birthday of the National FFA Alumni. Held in nearby H. Roe Bartle Hall, the Alumni celebrated years of growth and made plans for future advancement.

1981 Chairman Phyllis Sokolosky of Owasso, Oklahoma presided over the convention sessions which included presentation of Washington Conference Scholarships and Legion Of Merit Citations. Congressman Wes Watkins of Oklahoma was on hand to address the group and special committees studied concerns of local and national Alumni groups.

One of the most popular activities of the convention, Alumni Leadership Workshops, attracted full-house crowds for each of the six sessions. The workshops were presented by accomplished former FFA members.

Harold D. Lineberry, of Nashville, Tennessee was installed as 1982 National Chairman and Alfred Sick, Jr. of Fremont, Nebraska joined the National FFA Alumni Council.

COMPETITION AND RECOGNITION

STARS OVER AMERICA

The Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of America awards are the highest honors for FFA members in production agriculture and agribusiness. The awards are sponsored by the National FFA Foundation, Inc., which receives funds from business, organizations and individuals. Finalists for Star Farmer and Agribusiness were chosen from 779 American Farmer degree recipients. Each Star receives $1,000 and each regional star receives $500.

Star Farmer of America — Chuck Berry, Elma, Washington
Central Region Star Farmer — Doug Schwartz, Washington, Kansas
Eastern Region Star Farmer — Tony Mitchell, Elkin, North Carolina
Southern Region Star Farmer — George McDonald, Riddleton, Tennessee

Star Agribusinessman of America — Dale Wolf Jr., Baldwin, Wisconsin
Eastern Region Star Agribusinessman — David Wenger, Myerstown, Pennsylvania
Southern Region Star Agribusinessman — Michael Welch, Speedwell, Tennessee
Western Region Star Agribusinessman — Terry Daniel, Mesa, Arizona

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS

The national public speaking contests may be the most sought-after and highly-regarded competitions in the FFA organization. Each contestant in the

prepared public speaking contest spoke six to eight minutes about an agricultural subject and then answered questions from the judges for five minutes.

In the extemporaneous public speaking contest, FFA members draw two categories concerning production agriculture, agribusiness and leadership. Then they draw one topic from each of the two categories and choose one from which they wish to build their speech. Each contestant is given 30 minutes to prepare the four to six minute speech. After the presentation to the convention audience, each contestant answers the judges' questions for five minutes.

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

First Place — Kenny Davis, Guthrie, Oklahoma
"The Farmer's Destiny"

Second Place — Marc Van Pelt, Dayton, Virginia
"Where Will Our Wheaties Come From?"

Third Place — Todd Dean Whitney, Stella, Nebraska
"Preparing For One Of Life's Certainties"

Fourth Place — Larry Davidson, Lebanon, Tennessee
"America: Food Or Famine"

THE FARMER'S DESTINY
Kenny Davis, Guthrie, Oklahoma

Visualize with me, if you will, a small oriental child whose swollen belly is filled only with hunger because his daily diet was a half-filled bowl of rice. Now, recall that fine dinner you enjoyed. Remember the abundance of meat that was on the table. Remember all the bread, milk, and vegetables you had simply for the asking. Now, let me ask you this question: How many people in the world today partook of that beef, milk, and bread, and how many partook only of rice?

No one in the world today eats better at less cost than American consumers. American farmers have become the most efficient and productive farmers in the history of the world. Farmers have increased their total production 27 percent since 1960 and, in 1981, are expected to pump a positive 27 billion dollars into the United States' balance of trade.

But, the farmers' job is to produce food. Yet, while the farmers' productivity has increased greatly, six billion or more people will be coming to the dinner table by the year 2000. Therefore, just to maintain the per capita level of consumption, we the Future Farmers, will have to produce twice as much food in the next 35 years as has been produced since the beginning of mankind. So you see, fellow Future Farmers, the challenge is already given. We, the Future Farmers of today, must become the food suppliers of tomorrow.

Yet today, we in agriculture are at a crucial crossroads in the continuous evolution of American farming. Spiraling land prices and high interest rates have increased the entry barriers that confront beginning farmers and have done much to turn agriculture into a restricted profession. Even worse is that since 1978 the per-acre production costs have increased 15.4 percent per acre for all 11 major U.S. crops, and these costs are expected to rise 14 to 19 percent in 1981.

With spiraling land prices, high interest rates, and an increased production costs per acre, how can farmers continue to produce more and more food each year when seven out of ten have left the farming ranks in the past 30 years? The answer is, simply, that the less efficient farmers are being forced to sell land to the more efficient farmers who, in turn, increase that land's productivity and, at the same time, increase the total size of that farming unit, leading us closer and closer to corporate farming. Therefore, the crucial crossroads in the evolution of agriculture becomes simply this: Can the family farm survive?

Experience tells us that with large corporate farming comes less individual control, more government control, and — even more importantly — production inefficiency.

Let me relate to you a fact about government control and production in efficiency. One country in which only 1.4 percent of the land is in private farms, has 30 percent of its meat, milk, and eggs and over 59 percent of its potatoes produced on this land. This country is the Soviet Union.

Fellow FFA members, is this what we want in our future? Do we want to lose the opportunity to be independent, to be self-employed, but — most of all — to be privileged to work on the land? We must realize that we in agriculture are a minority. We cannot win the battle alone. We must solicit the support of all, including the most value-minded food buyer in the world — the American homemaker. We must relate to the homemaker the fact that because of the continued existence of the family farm, food prices continue to improve and are truly a better buy than in 1959.

In order to prove this fact, the farmer must simply show the homemaker that now one hour of labor will produce a half gallon of milk, a dozen eggs, a pound of steak, and a pound of chicken. Yet, 22 years ago, this same hour of labor would return only a dozen and a half eggs. We must also inform the homemaker that the American family is spending more of its income on housing and transportation costs than it is spending for food — 31 percent as compared to 24 percent.

It has always been very misleading to the typical urban consumer to drive through America's vast farmland and see huge, complex equipment; large amounts of machinery; and the vastness of the land itself. As he stares in awe at all this, he is convinced that the rural American farmers are in an economic status far above himself. The consumer doesn't realize that in order to continue supplying him with an abundance of inexpensive food, the successful farmers have increased by tenfold their investments, operating capital, and indebtedness — all of which continue to deplete the farmers' total profit and force more and more of them to sell their land. For, the difference between cash receipts and farm-production expenses still determines whether farmers succeed or fail.

Yes, over the past decades the small family farm has continued to be more productive, more efficient, and more competitive — and that is why beef, milk, and bread are a better buy today than in 1959.

As we reach the crossroads in the continued evolution of American agriculture, I want you to remember that William Jennings Bryant said: "Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic, but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country."

Therefore, fellow FFA members, we must put our facts on the table and relay this message to all concerned. As long as American farmers can supply food at a price that allows American consumers to spend the greatest part of their income for transportation, televisions, and recreational items, our high standard of living can continue. But, when farmers can no longer produce low-cost food or when

they have no economic incentive or ability to produce this food, Americans will surely be among the two billion of the world's population who have only a half-filled bowl of boiled rice. Truly, "the grass will grow in the streets of every city in our country."

JUDGES

Larry Davis, Kansas State Director, Farmers Home Administration, Topeka, Kansas

Dr. John Dennison, Dean, Stockbridge School of Agriculture, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts

Ed Kolodziej, Director FMC Foundation, Chicago, Illinois

TIMEKEEPERS

Allen E. Tate, Supervisor, Public Relations, Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland, Pennsylvania

Tom Womack, Superintendent, Colquitt County Schools, Moultrie, Georgia

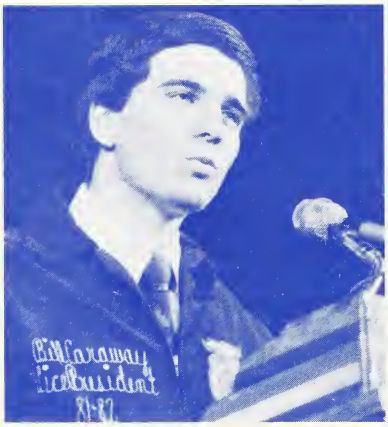
EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

First Place — Bill Caraway, Clovis, New Mexico
"Developing Leadership Skills Needed for Working in an Agribusiness"

Second Place — Brian King, Aurora, Missouri
"Conserving Energy in Producing Food and Fiber"

Third Place — Rodney Gilliland, Sycamore, Ohio
"The Role of Livestock as a Food Source in the World Food Market"

Fourth Place — Genna McDonald, Sparkman, Arkansas
"Developing Leadership Skills Needed by Students Completing the Vocational Agriculture Program"



DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS NEEDED FOR WORKING IN AN AGRIBUSINESS
Bill Caraway, Clovis, New Mexico

I recently watched an episode of "60 Minutes" on CBS television. During the course of the interview, Dan Rather was interviewing a 95-year-old symphony conductor. During the course of the interview, Dan asked the conductor his key to success. Dan said, "Maestro, here it is, you're 95 years old, you continue to practice intensely and put on concerts. What is your success story?"

The 95-year-old man looked at Dan and said simply, "Dan, it's simple. I just give 100 percent of all I have 100 percent of the time."

Dan Rather looked rather skeptical and he looked at the man and he said, "Maestro that's impossible. Nobody gives 100 percent of all they have a 100 percent of the time."

The man then looked at Dan and he said, "Dan, don't you give 100 percent of all you have 100 percent of the time?"

Dan Rather replied, "To be honest with you sir, I don't."

The 95-year-old maestro then got up and began walking out the door. Dan Rather, you could hear him saying over the microphone, "Wait a minute maestro, our interview isn't finished yet. I've still got some more questions I'd like to ask you."

The man turned around and said, "Dan, our interview is over. You see, I don't have time to waste on people who aren't willing to give 100 percent of all they have 100 percent of the time."

Those words spoken by that 95-year-old symphony conductor typify not only the sentiment of the people of the United States of America but the sentiment of the people around the world. And as young people, it's important for us to know how to develop the leadership skills that are needed for working in an agribusiness that will enable us to give 100 percent of all we have 100 percent of the time.

This afternoon let's first find out what the leadership skills really mean and then let's analyze and find four different areas that we can develop ourselves to be successful in agribusiness.

Mark Sanborn, a former national FFA president, defines leadership in this way: "Leadership is an acquired ability that enables a person to direct a group of individuals toward worthwhile goals that are beneficial to that group."

Mark, in his definition, said that leadership is an acquired ability. And I believe that there are four principles that can be acquired by people in order to be successful in agribusiness.

The first of those is cooperation. We've simply got to learn how to get along with other people. A recent survey from the United States Department of Labor, indicated that 85 percent of all the people fired from their jobs in the last year, were fired because they couldn't cooperate with their co-workers. They didn't know how to get along. Eighty-five percent of our success in the agribusiness industry is going to depend on how well we can cooperate.

The second principle is action. We've got to learn to produce action. We've got to learn to take the incentive and make things happen. Twenty or 30 years ago people said that things that we enjoy in our society today just couldn't be done or that they were impossible. Why 20 or 30 years ago, I'm sure that people said that it was impossible to put 300 people in an airplane, sit them in the same direction and more times than not they would get to the same place. Or that in a computer chip the size of a penny, over sixty-four thousand different bits of information can be stored. We've got to learn to produce action.

The third principle is mastering the art of responsibility. We've got to learn to be responsible for our actions. And the point that best illustrates our responsibility to be successful is 10 two-letter words. Those words are "if it is to be, it is up to me." As employees in the agribusiness industry, our job success depends entirely on us.

And finally, the fourth principle that can be mastered or leadership ability that must be acquired is that of enthusiasm. Henry Ford said it best when he said, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

A man that best illustrates the type of enthusiasm that we need to have going in our careers was one who after his service in the military, decided to enter the field of politics. He ran for political office seven times and was defeated each time. He fell in love with a lady and she died. He had a nervous breakdown and contemplated suicide. He ran for vice president of the United States of America and was defeated. And his name was Abraham Lincoln,our sixteenth president.

We've got to have that type of enthusiasm that Abraham Lincoln had. When we're faced with defeat, to never give up, but always have enthusiasm.

The leadership abilities that must be acquired to be successful in an agribusiness are cooperation, action, responsibility and enthusiasm. It's much more simpler than that. If we take the "c" from cooperation, the "a" from action, the "r" from responsibility and the "e" from enthusiasm, we have our key to being successful whether we work in the agribusiness industry or in anything that we do. We've simply got to care not only about ourselves, but about others.

JUDGES

Robert H. Lounsberry, Department of Agriculture, Des Moines, Iowa

Kenneth Cheatham, American Farm Bureau Federation, Park Ridge, Illinois

Christina J. Mosher, Assistant to the Secretary for Public Liaison, Office of the Secretary, USDA, Washington, D.C.

TIMEKEEPERS

Dr. Larry G. Selland, State Administrator, Idaho State Board for Vocational Education, Boise, Idaho

R. O. Miller, Superintendent of Schools, Denmark, Wisconsin

AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

National awards were presented to members who have demonstrated outstanding proficiency in 22 areas of agricultural production and agribusiness.

Each national winner received a cash award of $250 to $500, a plaque and an expense-paid European travel seminar.

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION
Sponsored by National Food and Energy Council, Inc. and Foundation General Fund

JAMES LOVEN	Cannon Falls, Minnesota	National Winner
Danny Wright	Ruther Glen, Virginia	Eastern Region Winner
Robert Allen Pike	Groveland, Florida	Southern Region Winner
Philip Kennedy	Elgin, Oklahoma	Western Region Winner

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS
Sponsored by International Harvester Company

MARK FORD	McMinnville, Tennessee	National Winner
Jeff Langhoff	Marion, Iowa	Central Region Winner
Ronald E. Good	Stevens, Pennsylvania	Eastern Region Winner
Jay Paul	Custer, Washington	Western Region Winner

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING
Sponsored by Cargill Foundation

THOMAS KIRK	Honey Brook, Pennsylvania	National Winner
Duane J. Hendricks	Motley, Minnesota	Central Region Winner
William F. Strawbridge	Groveland, Florida	Southern Region Winner
Larry Pullen	Sandy, Oregon	Western Region Winner

AGRICULTURAL SALES AND/OR SERVICE
Sponsored by Allis-Chalmers Corporation

JIM MORFORD	Wapato, Washington	National Winner
Pat Fitzsimmons	Caledonia, Michigan	Central Region Winner
Dean Van Vorhis	Bowling Green, Ohio	Eastern Region Winner
Billy H. Womack	Woodbury, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner

BEEF PRODUCTION
Sponsored by NASCO and Sperry New Holland

JASON WENDLER	Bryan, Texas	National Winner
T. J. Martin	Lamar, Nebraska	Central Region Winner
Rex Bradford	Wapakoneta, Ohio	Eastern Region Winner
Hugh Raney	Decaturville,Tennessee	Southern Region Winner

CROP PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Massey-Ferguson

BRYAN SOMMER	Gibbon, Minnesota	National Winner
Robert Todd Bumgardner	South Vienna, Ohio	Eastern Region Winner
Carlton Jones	McMinnville, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner
Al Zepp	Elma, Washington	Western Region Winner

DAIRY PRODUCTION
Sponsored by AVCO New Idea, American Breeders Service, Inc. and The De Laval Agricultural Division

JAMES TUGEND	Jeromesville, Ohio	National Winner
Douglas Frandsen	Poskin, Wisconsin	Central Region Winner
Keith Blythe	Booneville, Arkansas	Southern Region Winner
Jack R. Burkhart	Astoria, Oregon	Western Region Winner

DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION
Sponsored by A.O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc.; Wayne Feeds Division, Continental Grain Company

RANDALL REEDY	Linville, Virginia	National Winner
Scott Zube	Viroqua, Wisconsin	Central Region Winner
Garry E. Childs	Pelham, Georgia	Southern Region Winner
Jeff Roesler	Startup, Washington	Western Region Winner

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
Sponsored by Philip Morris Incorporated

MILES BRADSHAW	Nacogdoches, Texas	National Winner
Doug Ruff	St. Charles, Missouri	Central Region Winner
Larry W. Pruitt	Providence, North Carolina	Eastern Region Winner
Steve Ingram	Brent, Alabama	Southern Region Winner

FLORICULTURE
Sponsored by Foundation General Fund

BRIAN GARNER	Newport, North Carolina	National Winner
Linda May	Oneida, Wisconsin	Central Region Winner
Kenneth Graham	Hattiesburg, Mississippi	Southern Region Winner
David Bisenieks	Arvada, Colorado	Western Region Winner

FOREST MANAGEMENT
Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

CHARLES PIERCE	Athens, Tennessee	National Winner
Ronnie G. Stephens	Washburn, Missouri	Central Region Winner
William Francis Stephenson III	Salisbury, Maryland	Eastern Region Winner
David Springer	Elma, Washington	Western Region Winner

FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Briggs and Stratton Corporation

LU ANN GILLILAND SAFFLES	Cleveland, Tennessee	National Winner
David Claerhout	Unionville, Michigan	Central Region Winner
John Nichols	Middletown, Virginia	Eastern Region Winner
Kyle Knight	Connell, Washington	Western Region Winner

HOME AND/OR FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT
Sponsored by The Upjohn Company

BOBBY PETERSON	Washington, Ohio	National Winner
Mike Krubsack	Denmark, Wisconsin	Central Region Winner
Kenneth Kelly	Martin, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner
Thomas Gearheart	Othello, Washington	Western Region Winner

HORSE PROFICIENCY
Sponsored by The American Quarter Horse Association

RANDY YOUNG	Greenville, Ohio	National Winner
Jody Strand	Toddville, Iowa	Central Region Winner
Joey King	Snead, Alabama	Southern Region Winner
Debbie Kralovetz	Glendale, Arizona	Western Region Winner

NURSERY OPERATIONS
Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

JOHN McALLISTER	Stephenson, Virginia	National Winner
Jeff Driver	Paducah, Kentucky	Central Region Winner
Dennis R. Byrd	Pierson, Florida	Southern Region Winner
Russell Barrus	Othello, Washington	Western Region Winner

OUTDOOR RECREATION
Sponsored by Foundation General Fund

GEORGE GRASSELL	Pinedale, Wyoming	National Winner
Danny Burton	Parsons, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner
Matthew Wiley	Zanesfield, Ohio	Eastern Region Winner
Joe LeBlanc	Little Falls, Minnesota	Central Region Winner

PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Hesston Corporation and Shell Chemical Co.

MIKE KAUK	Leedey, Oklahoma	National Winner
James Kaup	Dodge, Nebraska	Central Region Winner
Vance A. Brown	Conewango, New York	Eastern Region Winner
Thomas Bell	McCalla, Alabama	Southern Region Winner

POULTRY PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Foundation General Fund

LISA WEIKEL	Jonestown, Pennsylvania	National Winner
Brian Roberts	Syracuse, Indiana	Central Region Winner
Michael Fair	Gordo, Alabama	Southern Region Winner
Ed Hoag	Murphys, California	Western Region Winner

SHEEP PRODUCTION
Sponsored by American Sheep Producers Council Inc. and Carnation Company — Milling Division

RANDY LEWIS	Bloomingburg, Ohio	National Winner
Tom Marshall	Allen, Michigan	Central Region Winner
Kyle Kant	Maryville, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner
Allen Mouritsen	Wellsville, Utah	Western Region Winner

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT
Sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund

PHILLIP JENKINS	Milan, Tennessee	National Winner
David Dirks	Amherst, Colorado	Western Region Winner
Bill Dull	Thorntown, Indiana	Central Region Winner
William Draughon	Fayetteville, North Carolina	Eastern Region Winner

SWINE PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Pfizer, Inc., Agricultural Division

DAVID ANDERSON	Darlington, Indiana	National Winner
Mark Edward Runyan	Urbana, Ohio	Eastern Region Winner
Randy Spivey	Zephyrhills, Florida	Southern Region Winner
Mike Graham	Lefors, Texas	Western Region Winner

TURF AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT
Sponsored by O.M. Scott & Sons Company

JAY PEOPLES	Grove City, Ohio	National Winner
Steve Tilly	St. Joseph, Michigan	Central Region Winner
David A. Irwin	Cantonment, Florida	Southern Region Winner
Steven L. Stowell	Rickreall, Oregon	Western Region Winner

NATIONAL FFA CONTESTS

The National FFA Contests are educational activities that complement classroom instruction. They test the students' skills and knowledge in a particular area of agriculture.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Sponsored by The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio

Placing first in the National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest was the team from Leroy, Minnesota, composed of David Dahl, Leonard Soltau and Curt Sheely and coached by Richard Schaufler. The Minnesota team placed first in competition against 43 teams.

Five high scoring individuals were also presented trophies. They were: 1. Albert Urbanek, Needville, Texas, 2. Mark Gering, Freeman, South Dakota, 3. John Nichols, Winchester, Virginia, 4. David Dahl, Leroy, Minnesota, 5. Mike Wolford, Circleville, Ohio.

DAIRY CATTLE

Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Inc. of San Antonio, Texas

Placing first in the National Dairy Cattle Contest was the team from Turlock, California, composed of Tony Demello, Carlos Estacio and Scott Miguel and coached by A. J. Silva. The California team placed first in competition against 45 teams.

Five high scoring individuals were also presented trophies. They were: 1. Scott Miguel, Turlock, California, 2. Lonnie Ledger, Louisville, Georgia, 3. Barbara Weber, West Linn, Oregon, 4. Brian Solger, Chipley, Florida, 5. Shannon Summers, Eatonville, Washington.

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Sponsored by John Deere of Moline, Illinois

Placing first in the National FFA Farm Business Management contest was the team from Chillicothe, Missouri, composed of Scott Warren, Donna Pinney, and Raymond Quinn and coached by Ron Wolf. The Missouri team placed first in competition against 36 teams.

Five high scoring individuals were also presented trophies. They were: 1. Chapman W. Dilworth, Penn Laird, Virginia, 2. Scott Warren, Chillicothe, Missouri, 3. Gary Campbell, Bucyrus, Ohio, 4. Delise Jones, Fessenden, North Dakota, 5. Steve Henry, Kokomo, Indiana.

FLORICULTURE

Sponsored by The General Fund of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Placing first in the National FFA Floriculture contest was the team from Battleground, Washington, composed of Greg Janson, Joe Tonn, and Leann Burnett and coached by Tim Hicks. The Washington team placed first in competition against 39 teams.

Five high scoring individuals were also presented trophies. They were: 1. Billy Cole, Bear Creek, North Carolina, 2. Greg Janson, Battleground, Washington, 3. Terry Phillips, Bear Creek, North Carolina, 4. Tonia Studer, Santa Maria, California, 5. Leann Burnett, Battleground, Washington.

LIVESTOCK

Sponsored by Ralston Purina Company of St. Louis, Missouri

Placing first in the National FFA Livestock contest was the team from Lakefield, Minnesota, composed of Dan Nouerth, David Monson, and David Richter and coached by Roger Dvergsten. The Minnesota team placed first in competition against 45 teams.

Five high scoring individuals were also presented trophies. They were: 1. Andy Forehand, Grady, New Mexico, 2. David Monson, Lakefield, Minnesota, 3. Gary Weigum, Beulah, North Dakota, 4. Jeffery Reeves, Swoope; Virginia, 5. Steve Kleiboeker, Stet, Missouri.

MEATS

Sponsored by Farmland Foods, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, Jones Dairy Farm, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, Oscar Mayer & Co., Madison, Wisconsin, and Geo. A. Hormel & Co. of Austin, Minnesota.

Placing first in the National Meats contest was the team from San Antonio, Texas, composed of Jerome Picniazek, Dwayne Padalecki, and Brian Williamson and coached by Dennis Ellebracht. The Texas team placed first in competition against 36 teams.

Five high scoring individuals were also presented trophies. They were: 1. Jerome Picniazek, San Antonio, Texas, 2. Brian Williamson, San Antonio, Texas, 3. Teri Coulter, Taylorsville, Kentucky, 4. Fred Hines, Marlow, Oklahoma, 5. Kerry Harris, Hatch, New Mexico.

MILK QUALITY AND DAIRY FOODS

Sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen Inc. of Springfield, Missouri and the Patz Company of Pound, Wisconsin.

Placing first in the National FFA Milk Quality and Dairy Foods contest was the team from Hanford, California, composed of Kathleen Loya, Tracy Moore, and Nicole Walters and coached by David A. DeSilva. The California team placed first in competition with 32 teams.

Five high scoring individuals were also presented trophies. They were: 1. Kathleen Loya, Hanford, California, 2. Tracy Moore, Hanford, California, 3. Nicole Walters, Hanford, California, 4. Deloris Morrison, Licking, Missouri, 5. Richard Fisher, Coggon, Iowa.

NURSERY/LANDSCAPE

Sponsored by American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., of Washington, D.C., Wholesale Nursery Growers of America Inc. of Washington, D.C., and The General Fund of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Placing first in the National FFA Nursery/Landscape contest was the team from Everett, Washington, composed of Evan Wilkins, Ron Spickler and Rene Craven and coached by Mike Vanwinkle. The Washington team placed first in competition with 41 teams.

Five high scoring individuals were also presented trophies. They were: 1. Ron Spickler, Everett, Washington, 2. Jacqueline Hoffman, Cresco, Iowa, 3. Ann Penkala, Mentor, Ohio, 4. Bill Head, Walhalla, South Carolina, 5. Paul Philpot, Greenwood, Indiana.

POULTRY

Sponsored by Victor F. Weaver, Inc. of New Holland, Pennsylvania, and Hubbard Farms of Walpole, New Hampshire.

Placing first in the National FFA Poultry contest was the team from Springdale, Arkansas, composed of Pete Brandenburg, Rodney Wolfe and Joey Pianalto and coached by David V. Nutt. The Arkansas team placed first in competition against 35 teams.

Five high scoring individuals were also presented trophies. They were: 1. Joey Pianalto, Springdale, Arkansas, 2. Rodney Wolfe, Springdale, Arkansas, 3. Steve Davis, Altamont, Kansas, 4. Sheila Navrath, Prague, Oklahoma, 5. Craig Eversole, Assumption, Illinois.

NATIONAL FFA CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

The National FFA Chapter Award Program encourages and rewards overall chapter activities. Awards are based on the chapter's performance in 11 areas: Supervised agricultural experience programs, cooperative activities, community service, leadership development, earnings and savings by members, state and national activities, conduct of meetings, scholarship, public relations, alumni relations and recreation.

The Gold Emblem (G) rating was awarded to 109 chapters this year. Silver Emblem (S) ratings went to 125 chapters, and Bronze (B) Emblem ratings went to 142.

Alabama	S	Ider
	B	Crossville
		Dale County
		Russellville
		Scottsboro
Arizona	G	Marana
	S	Yuma
Arkansas	S	Berryville
		Mansfield
		Marshall
	B	Lavaca
California	G	Fallbrook
	S	Fowler
		Mt. Whitney
	B	Morro Bay
Colorado	G	Eaton-Highland
		Moffat County
		Sterling
	S	Caliche
		Flagler
Connecticut	S	Housatonic Valley
		Lebanon
Delaware	B	A. I. duPont
		McKean
		Middletown
Florida	G	Bartow Senior
		Bronson
		Colonial-Orlando
		Santa Fe Senior
		Trenton
		Williston Senior
	S	Baker County
		Chiefland Senior
		Groveland Senior
		Marianna
		Okeechobee Brahman
		Sarasota
		South Sumter Senior
		Tate Senior
	B	Gainesville Agri-Business
Georgia	G	Colquitt County
	S	Effingham
		Patterson
		Perry
	B	Jeff Davis
		Southeast Bulloch
		Towns County
		Whigham
Hawaii	G	Waialua
	B	Kaneohe
Idaho	G	Kuna
	S	Meridian
Illinois	G	Ashland
		Bismarck-Henning
		Bushnell-Prairie City
		Franklin Center
		Galesburg
		Georgetown
		LeRoy
		Newman
		Salem
		Southwestern
		Sparland
		Sycamore
		Waterman
	S	Amboy
		Clinton
		Pinckneyville
		Teutopolis
	B	Brimfield
		Harvard
		Mt. Carroll
		Olney
		Paris
		Pearl City
		Princeville
		Tuscola
Indiana	G	Blue River Valley
		Clinton Central
		Evansville Reitz
		Prairie Heights
		Woodlan
	S	Benton Central
		Carroll
		East Noble
		Owen Valley
		Western Boone
	B	Connersville
		Delta
		Northfield
Iowa	G	Anamosa
		Central of Argyle
		Dysart-Geneseo
		Estherville
		Linn-Mar
		North Linn
		Starmont
		Vinton
		Webster City
		West Delaware Co.
	S	Buffalo Center Bison
		Maquoketa Valley
		Waverly-Shell Rock
Kansas	G	Marion
		Wamego
	S	Altamont
		Arkansas City
		Cherryvale

		Erie
		Hill City
		South Barber
Kentucky	G	Caldwell County
		Lyon County
		Oldham County
		Spencer County
	S	Barren County
		Lone Oak
		Lowes
		Trigg County
	B	Bullitt Central
		Calloway County
		Daviess County
		Farmington
Louisiana	G	Oak Grove
	S	Crowley
	B	Jena
		Pine
		Provencal
		South Lafourche
		Zwolle
Maine	B	Limestone
		Presque Isle
Maryland	G	Clear Spring
		Damascus
Massachusetts	S	Essex
Michigan	S	Corunna
	B	Centreville
		Hopkins
		Marshal
		Ovid-Elsie
		Ubly
		Unionville-Sebewaing
Minnesota	G	Cannon Falls
		New Ulm
		Sherburn
	S	Bertha-Hewitt
		Eagle Bend
		Fairfax
		Forest Lake
		Parkers Prairie
		Springfield
		St. James
		Stillwater
		Truman
	B	Goodhue
		Madelia
		Willmar
		Worthington
Mississippi	B	Edinburg
		Pine Grove
Missouri	G	Mt. Vernon
	S	Albany
		Ava
		Carl Junction
		Carthage
		Chillicothe
		Mexico
		Mountain Grove
		Southwest R-5
		Trenton
		Union
		Warrenton
	B	Aurora
		El Dorado Springs
		Milan
Montana	B	Columbus
		Flathead
Nebraska	G	East Butler
		Howells
		Leigh
		Norris
		Waverly
		West Holt
	S	North Bend
		Stanton
	B	Kimball
		Tri-County
Nevada	S	Ruby Mountain
	B	Carson Valley
New Hampshire	B	Alvirne
		Colebrook
		Dover
		Much-To-Do
New Jersey	S	Belvidere
	B	Hunterdon Hills
New Mexico	S	Coronado
	B	Animas
		Ft. Sumner
		Las Cruces
New York	S	Sidney
	B	Barker
		Belleville
		Medina
North Carolina	G	Bartlett Yancey
		South Rowan
		West Columbus
	S	South Lenoir
	B	Creswell
		Princeton
		South Iredell
North Dakota	G	Carrington
		Walhalla
	S	Jamestown
		Rugby
	B	Elgin
		Rolette
Ohio	G	Bloom Carroll
		Mahoning County JVS
		Marysville
		Miami Trace
		Mississinawa Valley
		Monroeville
		Otsego
		River Valley
		Talawanda
		Tri Rivers JVS
		Wauseon
	S	Delaware JVS
		Fairbanks
		Greene Vocational
		Meigs
		New Lexington
		Sheridan
	B	Ashland
		Hardin Northern
		Marlington
		Peebles
		Wellston
Oklahoma	G	Elgin
		Fort Gibson
		Guthrie
		Springer
	S	Blackwell
		Collinsville
		Coweta
		Hennessey
		Konawa
		Lawton
		Lone Grove
		Moss

		Owasso
		Purcell
		Weatherford
	B	Adair
		Fairview
		Holdenville
		Jet-Nash
		Jones
		Ninnekah
		Sapulpa
		Webbers Falls
Oregon	S	Canby
	B	Cascade
		Sandy
Pennsylvania	G	Cloister
		Grassland
		Northern Lebanon
	S	Conrad Wiser
	B	Cedar Crest
		Eastern Lebanon Co.
		H. G. Parkinson
		Lehigh County
		Lower Dauphin
		Mifflinburg
Puerto Rico	B	S.U. Trenton
Rhode Island	S	Scituate
	B	North Kingstown
South Carolina	S	Dorman
	B	James F. Byrnes
South Dakota	G	Huron
	S	Flandreau
	B	DeSmet
		Lincoln Area
Tennessee	G	Bradley
		Riverside
		White House
	S	Rhea County
		Westview
	B	Cherokee
		Meigs
		Powell County
		Warren County
		West Greene
Texas	G	Cleburne
		Hull-Daisetta
		Katy
		Klein
		Livingston
		Lorena
		Nacogdoches
		Prairiland
		Raymondville
	S	Booker
		DeKalb
		Garland
		Grapeland
		Hamlin
		Honey Grove
		Lamar Consolidated
		Pleasanton
		Quanah
		Rio Vista
		Santa Fe
		Schulenburg
		Valley View
	B	Boys Ranch
		Chapel Hill
		Dalhart
		Gorman
		Hereford
		James Madison
		Lanier-Austin
		Loop
		McGregor
		McKinney
		Marlin
		Mission
		Prosper
		Royse City
		Sulphur Springs
		Weatherford
		Wichita Falls-Rider
		Ysleta
Utah	G	Millard Eagle
		Tooele
	B	Springville
Vermont	B	Bennington
Virginia	G	Broadway
		Caroline
		James Wood
		Turner Ashby
	S	Appomattox Senior
		Blacksburg
		Carroll County
		Essex
		Lee-Davis
		Montevideo Intermediate
		Patrick Henry
	B	Gretna Jr.
		Halifax County Sr.
		Laurel Park
		Stonewall Jackson Jr.
		Tunstall
Washington	S	Elma
		Enumclaw
		Evergreen
	B	Capital
		Eatonville
West Virginia	B	Mason Co. Vocational
		Ripley
Wisconsin	G	Evansville
		Green Bay East
		Monroe
		New Holstein
	S	South Wayne-Black Hawk
	B	Belleville
		Blanchardville-Pecatonica
		Bloomer
		Delavan-Darien
		Denmark
		Granton
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Wyoming	G	Devils Tower
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NATIONAL CHAPTER SAFETY AWARDS

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The National Chapter Safety Awards program recognized 141 chapters for achievements in promoting safety. Chapter efforts included a diversity of projects — from cardio-pulmonary resuscitation clinics to farm shop safety clinics.

Alabama	S	Excel
	B	Scottsboro "C"
		York West End
Arizona	G	Yuma
	S	Westwood
Arkansas	B	Lavaca
		Mansfield
California	S	Morro Bay
	B	Mt. Whitney
Colorado	G	Weld Central
	S	Eaton-Highland
Connecticut	B	Lebanon Regional
		Suffield Regional
Florida	G	Bartow Senior
	S	Sarasota
		Tate Senior
Georgia	B	Effingham County
		Jonesboro
		Perry
Hawaii	S	Waialua
Idaho	B	Meridian
Illinois	G	Bluffs
		Newman
		Sycamore
		Winchester
	S	Bushnell-Prairie City
		Georgetown
		Tri-Point
		Waterman
	B	Hinckley-Big Rock
		Mt. Carroll
		Shannon
		Somonauk-Leland
Indiana	B	Clinton Central
		Princeton
Iowa	G	Dysart-Geneseo
	S	Parkersburg
	B	Rolfe Pilot Creek
Kansas	G	Hill City
	S	Labette Co.
	B	Atchison County
		Erie
Kentucky	G	Lyon County
		Spencer County
Louisiana	S	Hessmer
	B	Crowley
		Provencal
Maine	B	Limestone
Maryland	G	Brunswick
	B	Clear Spring
Massachusetts	B	Essex
Michigan	B	Centreville
		Hastings
Minnesota	G	Cannon Falls
		Eagle Bend
		New Ulm
		Truman
	S	Blue Earth
		Southland
	B	Fairfax
		Montevideo
		Owatonna
Mississippi	B	Nettleton
		S.E. Lauderdale
Missouri	G	Milan
		Southwest
	S	Aurora
	B	Monroe City
Montana	S	Columbus
Nebraska	G	Howells
	S	Leigh
		North Bend
	B	East Butler
Nevada	B	Churchill County
		Ruby Mountain
New Hampshire	B	Alvirne
		Colebrook
		Dover
		Much-To-Do
New Jersey	B	Belvidere
		Cumberland Regional
New Mexico	B	Clovis
		Raton
New York	G	Barker
	S	Alexandria Bay
		Salem
North Carolina	B	Creswell
		Forest Hills
		North Iredell
		South Lenoir
North Dakota	B	Elgin
		Rolette
		Washburn
Ohio	G	Bowling Green
		Columbiana County JVS
		Miami Trace
	S	Bloom Carroll
	B	Montgomery County JVS
		New Lexington
		Spencerville
Oklahoma	B	Fairview
		Purcell
Oregon	B	Elgin
		Wallowa
Pennsylvania	S	Cedar Crest
		Northern Lebanon
Rhode Island	B	Chariho
South Carolina	S	Dorman
	B	Elloree
South Dakota	S	Huron
		Lincoln Area
Tennessee	G	Bradley
	S	Woodbury
Texas	B	Cleburne
		Nacogdoches
Utah	B	Millard Eagle
Virginia	G	Broadway
		Patrick Henry
	S	Caroline
		Spotswood
		Tunstall
	B	Jefferson Forest
		William Campbell
Washington	G	Elma

	B	Eatonville
West Virginia	S	Marion County
		Mason County
Wisconsin	G	Cadott
		Denmark
		Green Bay East
		Lake Holcombe
		Marshfield
		Monroe
		Mt. Horeb
		New Holstein
	S	Delavan-Darien
		Evansville
	B	Blanchardville-Pecatonica
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Wyoming	S	Buffalo Bill
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BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

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The Building Our American Communities Program (BOAC), encourages FFA chapters to make their communities better places in which to live and work. Gold emblems were awarded to 38 chapters, silver to 67, and bronze to 77.

National Winner — St. David, Arizona
Southern Region Winner — Bunnell, Florida
Central Region Winner — Eastwood, Iowa
Eastern Region Winner — Bennington, Vermont

Alabama	S	Dabbs AVC
		Ider
		Jackson "Gold"
		York West End
Arizona	G	St. David
	S	Mayer
Arkansas	S	Berryville
		Mansfield
	B	Magnet Cove
		Stuttgart
California	B	Dixon
		Fowler
		Morro Bay
		Poway
		Mt. Whitney
Colorado	S	St. Vrain Valley
	B	Delta
Connecticut	S	Mattabeset
	B	Storrs Regional
Delaware	B	Caesar Rodney
		Sussex Central
Florida	G	Bunnell
	S	Santa Fe Senior
		Sarasota Junior
Georgia	S	Jonesboro
		Whigham
	B	Effingham County
Hawaii	G	Kohala
	B	Wailua
Idaho	S	Burley
		Kuna
Illinois	G	Abingdon
		Bluffs
		Tri-Point
	S	Franklin Center
		LaSalle-Peru
		Morton
		N.W. Suburban District #214
		Newman
		Petersburg
		Sycamore
		Winchester
	B	Clinton
		Georgetown
		Harvard
		St. Anne
Indiana	S	Columbia City
		New Palestine

Iowa	G	Central Lee
		Eastwood
		Manson
		North Polk
		Rolfe Pilot Creek
	S	Buffalo Center Bison
		Harlan
		Prairie
	B	Britt Eagle
		Exira
		Fort Madison
		North Fayette Co.
Kansas	S	Arkansas City
		Marion
		Russell
	B	Erie
		Hill City
		Marysville
		Wamego
Kentucky	G	Lyon County
	S	Caldwell County
		Oldham County
Louisiana	S	Crowley
		Franklin Sr.
	B	Oak Grove
		Provencal
Maine	B	Limestone
Maryland	S	Brunswick Sr.
	B	Brunswick Jr.
Michigan	S	Webberville
	B	Ubly
Minnesota	G	Truman
	S	Lake Crystal
		Montevideo
	B	Cannon Falls
		Marshall
		Mora
		Sherburn
		Sleepy Eye
		St. James
		Worthington
Mississippi	B	Falkner
		Southeast Lauderdale
Missouri	G	Cass Co. Vo-Tech
		Osceola
	S	Lamar
		Lewis Co. C-1
	B	Milan
		Mountain View-Birch Tree
		Washington
Montana	B	Opheim
		Stillwater Valley
Nebraska	G	Howells
		Leigh
		Norris
Nevada	G	Ruby Mountain
	B	Moapa Valley
New Hampshire	B	Alvirne
		Much-To-Do
New Jersey	G	Hunterdon Hills
	B	Cumberland Regional
New Mexico	B	Goddard
		Hobbs
New York	S	WWHE BOCES Young Foresters
	B	S-C-T BOCES Future Agriculturalists
North Carolina	S	Creswell
		Bartlett Yancey
		South Iredell
	B	North Lenoir
		West Montgomery
North Dakota	S	Walhalla
	B	Cando
		Carrington
		Hebron
Ohio	G	Ashland County
		Big Walnut
		Monroeville
		Wauseon
	S	Marysville
		River Valley
		Upper Valley
		Wellston
Oklahoma	S	Jones
		Perry
	B	Owasso
Oregon	G	Forest Grove
	B	Creswell
Pennsylvania	S	Northern Lebanon
	B	Apple City
		Conrad Weiser
		Twin Valley
South Carolina	B	Colleton
		Dorman
South Dakota	G	Huron
		Lincoln Area
	S	Letcher
	B	Roslyn
Tennessee	S	Bradley
		White House
Texas	G	Cleburne
	S	Lorena
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Utah	G	Grantsville
	B	Springville
		Wasatch
Vermont	G	Bennington
Virginia	S	Essex
	B	Appomattox Sr.
		Broadway
		Nelson Junior
		Nelson Senior
		Pulaski County
		Riner
Washington	G	Elma
		Sumner
		Zillah
	B	Eatonville
West Virginia	B	Hundred
		Mason County Voc.
Wisconsin	G	Bloomer
		Cadott
		Denmark
		Green Bay East
		Green Bay Southwest
		Lake Holcombe
	S	Belleville
		Janesville-Parker
		Monroe
		Mt. Horeb
		Verona
	B	Clear Lake
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Organizations that serve the FFA by contributing time, money and personnel are recognized with the Distinguished Service Citation.

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Supporters of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. for 15 years were recognized.

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HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Local advisors are often the motivating force behind FFA members who achieve high goals in the organization. Each year, the FFA recognizes the efforts of certain individuals who have been of outstanding service and guidance to young men and women preparing for careers in the agricultural industry. Less than one percent of the nation's chapter advisors receive this honor each year.

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The Honorary American Farmer Degree is also awarded to adults who have helped advance agriculture and the FFA, giving outstanding service on the national level. This year 83 business, education and agriculture leaders, plus parents of the Stars Over America and national officers, received the degree.

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The national officers recognize their high schools by presenting plaques for the schools to their administrators. Their advisors also receive special commendations.

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BUSINESS

Official voting delegates, numbering 121, conducted business sessions and committee meetings to voice concerns and suggest improvements for the FFA. One constitutional amendment was passed. The modification is indicated in bold type and the deletion, in parenthesis.

Article VI ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

Section E "American Farmer Degree"

Item 3 Must have earned and productively invested at least ($1,000) **$5,000** from the member's own efforts from a Supervised Occupational Experience Program.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, have given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants running for National Office. The Committee nominates the following slate of candidates to the delegates of the 54th National Convention to serve as National Officers for the year 1981-82.

President ..... Scott W. Neasham, Iowa
Secretary ..... John Pope, North Carolina
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Vice President, Western Region ..... Jack Stewart, Wyoming
National Treasurer ..... J. M. Campbell, Richmond, Virginia
National Exec. Secretary ..... C. Coleman Harris, Washington, D.C.
National Advisor ..... Byron F. Rawls, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan McNeill
Douglas Haddan
Duane Adams
Chuck Duggar
Joey Caldwell
Troy Whitmore
Kenneth P. Slasser

AUDITING

We, the Auditing Committee of the 54th National FFA Convention, on this 11th day of November, 1981, recommend to the National FFA Organization:

1. That the auditing report presented by Stoy, Malone and Company for the Future Farmers of America for the fiscal year of September 1, 1980 through August 31, 1981, be accepted as true and accurate.
2. That a consolidated statement of income and expenses, as well as a breakdown of income and expenses by divisions, be supplied to each official delegate in his or her delegate packet.
3. That the members of the Auditing Committee receive a copy of the auditing report and a statement of the committee's purpose with their delegate packets.
4. That the adopted national FFA budget be used by all divisions as a financial guideline for activities and expenditures.
5. That FFA membership dues be expended only in those divisions which benefit the entire membership equally and are of the greatest benefit to the largest percentage of the membership.

And let it be known that the National FFA Organization commends Mr. Julian Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, FFA Administrative Director and the accounting staff for their continued services to the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Davis, Chairman, Indiana
Randy Worley, Co-chairman, New Mexico
Jan Eberly, California
Marion Munson, Connecticut
Jeff Sanders, California
Henry Simpson, Georgia
Perry Storms, Michigan
Stacey Lambert, New Hampshire

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES FOR STATE OFFICERS

We, the members of the 1981 National Leadership Conferences for State Officers, realize the primary objective of these conferences is to insure a prepared and motivated State Officer Team for the coming year of service. While striving for that objective, the committee submits the following secondary objectives:

1. To get all the State Officers involved to achieve learning by doing.
2. To develop a State Officer's ability to motivate members, chapter officers and others.
3. To involve state staff in regional conferences.
4. To provide an opportunity for states to exchange ideas and programs by intermingling of room assignments and activities.
5. To update officers and staffs on issues and develop a plan of presenting the issues to the states and members for future discussion.
6. To utilize resource materials essential to the function of a State Officer.
7. To provide publicity for the regional leadership training conference and participants and encourage state staff to make use of this material.
8. To utilize key leaders in business, industry, government and education to achieve objectives of leadership conferences through training programs, keynote speakers and leadership sessions.
9. To prepare State Officers and staff to inform chapter officers and members of FFA opportunities.
10. To continue impromptu and extemporaneous public speaking events as a high priority covered in all conferences.

This committee supports the general format of previous conferences. The conferences are to be three days and three nights in duration, with three National Officers, a national staff person, and a board member in attendance at each conference, if feasible. The emphasis will be that of national instead of regional conferences. Forty dollars per person in resource materials will be implemented

to achieve maximum leadership development. All funding will be handled through the National FFA Foundation, Inc. These conferences, while providing a more challenging atmosphere, will insure a prepared and motivated State Officer for his or her upcoming responsibilities. The committee of State Executive Secretaries and consultants are to be commended for their outstanding work.

The committee supports the new proposal with the following recommendations:

1. Continue training for National Officers for the NLCSO's
2. Encourage all states to participate in this worthwhile leadership program by:
   a. Encouraging rotation of the location, if the location is adequate and is agreed upon by all of the states in their respective regions.
   b. Withholding allocated funds for this particular NLCSO for those states not in attendance.
3. Stress interstate fellowship by:
   a. Encouraging time allowances for states to compile and then share a list of motivational activities, eye openers and other information.
   b. Providing a more relaxed, informal atmosphere, yet maintaining a professional image.
4. In advisor panel discussion, possibly encourage specific topics for each state advisor with time limits.
5. Any materials such as audio-visuals should focus on presentations at the chapter level.
6. Add more emphasis on extemporaneous and public speaking and have participants present a speech during the NLCSO program.
   a. Possibly use video equipment to aid in critiquing speeches.
   b. Increase critique time.
7. Encourage standardization of all NLCSO's to an extent that all have access to the same materials and resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Doyle, Chairman, Nebraska
Chip Oswalt, Co-Chairman, Mississippi
Lynda Howe, New Hampshire
Lynn Kootz, Virginia
Russ Florence, Oklahoma
David Zurmehly, Kentucky
Jennifer Kirby, Oregon

NATIONAL FFA WEEK

We, the members of the National FFA Week Committee, recognize the importance of National FFA Week and public relations to local chapters, state associations, and our national organization; and therefore, submit the following recommendations to further the participation and effect of this activity:

1. Encourage the use of the national theme during National FFA Week in all publications, billboards, posters and news releases.
2. Publicize FFA's role in today's agriculture and how FFA has progressed to meet the needs of its members.
3. Encourage chapters to utilize the wide variety of materials offered through the Supply Service.
4. Encourage State Associations to have chapters send in news items concerning National FFA Week to be compiled in a scrapbook which will be exhibited at state activities.
5. Encourage states to recognize chapters showing the greatest participation during FFA Week.
6. We feel certain audiences should be considered when planning FFA Week Activities:
   A. Potential members
   B. Sponsors and potential sponsors
   C. Urban residents not aware of FFA activities
   D. Businessmen
   E. General Public with Specific messages:
      (1) modern agriculture
      (2) expand on the theme
      (3) Agribusiness in FFA
7. Local chapters should be encouraged to evaluate their situations and determine their audience accordingly.
8. Encourage more effective use of the media in publicizing National FFA Week:
   A. Radio:
      (1) FFA Facts, announcements should be used
      (2) State Officers, to save money should tape interviews while visiting members
      (3) Originalities encouraged
      (4) Local members should be utilized

B. Newspaper:
   (1) Advertisements should be used from local merchants
   (2) Articles of chapter activities are encouraged
   (3) Originality should be considered
   (4) A "member of the day" and ensuing article would be effective
C. Television:
   (1) A progressive program, including a greenhand, chapter officer and state officer, can be used to exemplify the scope of our organization
   (2) Local members are encouraged to work in conjunction with state officers or district officers
D. Billboards:
   (1) Supply Service billboards are encouraged
   (2) Local originality with pertinence to activities may increase effectiveness.

9. Provide information to State Officers to add to the effectiveness of National FFA Week; consisting of:
   A. Providing help to chapters through:
      (1) school assemblies
      (2) chapter visits (goodwill tour)
      (3) encourage signing of local proclamation by mayor
   B. List media sources and tips in effective use
   C. Speech material in the way of stories and examples concerning the theme and FFA Week
   D. Emhasis on the theme and its meaning for better communication of that meaning
   E. Encourage involvement of greenhands and chapter farmers in FFA Week activities
   F. Include sponsors when telling FFA's story during FFA Week
   G. Encouragement of special projects carried out by officer team concerning National FFA Week
10. The National Future Farmer magazine should continue writing an article prior to National FFA Week citing ideas for FFA Week promotion.

We the National FFA Week Committee would like to thank Dr. Ira Hicks and Jack Pitzer for their support and addition to our discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Stockdale, Chairman, Iowa
Brian Cavey, Montana
Tim White, Alabama
Marty Coates, North Carolina
Philip P. Oayne, New Mexico
Kris Brown, Vermont
Kelly Schudy, Missouri
Russell Okerlund, Utah

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

We, the members of the National Program of Activities Committee, realize the importance of this committee in the functioning of our organization. We have carefully examined the 1981-82 National Program of Activities and have found it to be complete. The format of the National Program of Activities is very functional and was well utilized by the committee; we would like to compliment those in charge of the preparation. After a complete analysis of the program, we make the following recommendations:

A. Administration:
   1. Provide for a modernized sign at the FFA Center entrance
   2. Continue printing and distributing a budget.
B. Alumni:
   1. Encourage states to provide incentives for outstanding alumni chapters.
   2. Invite *everyone* in attendance at the National FFA Convention to national leadership workshops.
C. Calendar:
   1. Develop a program for calendar design by FFA members (cover photos and paintings done by FFA members) to be publicized in the National Future Farmer magazine.
D. Information:
   1. Utilize money more efficiently by using more widespread media such as radio and television.
   2. Use the National Future Farmer magazine to publicize FFA programs.
E. Contests and Awards:
   1. Advise Board of Directors to look into having national parliamentary procedure contest and greenhand creed contest for ninth and tenth graders.
   2. Increase the number of tickets available for tours at the convention.

F. Leadership:
   1. Add an additional day to NLCSO's to allow more recreation and interaction among states.
   2. Be careful that tours during State Presidents' Conference aren't repetitious of Washington Conference Program.
   3. Recommend that State Presidents' Conference be made available as an option for all national convention official delegates at the states cost.
   4. Be cost conscious when planning leadership conferences such as Washington Conference, State Presidents' and NLCSO's.
   5. Organize sessions for collegiate ag ed groups at the National Convention in cooperation with NVATA, AATEA, NASAE.

G. Supply Service:
   1. Define official dress as only the blue corduroy jacket. Other FFA wearing apparel available would include insulated vest, windbreaker, shirts, and work clothing.
   2. Adopt one official FFA tie.
   3. Recommend that black pants and skirts be more available through the Supply Service.
   4. Maintain high standards of quality.
   5. Re-evaluate items offered through the service.
   6. Recommend greater variety of logos available along with high quality, modernized T-shirts and hats.

Let it be known that if the Department of Education is abolished that the Future Farmers of America will remain a strong and thriving organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Hershberger, Chairman, Pennsylvania
Jeff Wright, Co-chairman, Nevada
Rosemary J. Maples, Illinois
Karla Wheeler, Missouri
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NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAMS

We, the members of the 1981 National Awards Programs Committee, wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Glenn Luedke and Mr. Charles Lebo for their genuine concern and expertise concerning the National Awards Programs.

The committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That the Proficiency Award area of "Agricultural Electrification" be revised to read "Agricultural Energy Award."
2. Poultry Production Proficiency Award:
   a. That the National Board of Directors encourage agricultural teacher educators to promote the proficiency area of poultry production.
   b. That the proficiency award application be modified to meet today's modern poultry industry's requirements.
3. Safety Awards Program:
   a. That the National Board of Directors encourage agricultural teacher educators to promote the Safety Awards Program in both agricultural and non-agricultural areas.
   b. That the state associations publicize, through their own publications, the importance of the Safety Awards Program, featuring past award winning programs which could be reprinted in *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine.
4. That all proficiency award areas dealing with ownership require applicants to show ownership documentation.
5. That proficiency award recipients be encouraged to thank the sponsors of the proficiency award areas.
6. That the National Board of Directors review the channel of distribution for awards, roster sheets and other material from the national level through the state associations, to the local chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Albers, North Dakota, Chairman
Deborah K. Huiras, Minnesota, Co-Chairman
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Jerry Holmes, Maine

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We, the members of the Membership Development Committee, believe that each student of vocational agriculture should be an active member of the FFA because of the valuable experience gained.

The 1981 committee would like to express our appreciation to Mr. C. Coleman Harris, Mr. Eldon Witt, and Mr. Arnold Cordes for their assistance and advice in helping us develop the following recommendations:

1. That the 10-Plus and 100% membership programs be continued as they are currently operating.
2. Through the NLCSO's, Washington Conference Program, and the State Presidents' Conference, inform leaders of existing membership programs and innovative means of implementing them.
3. That state associations set membership goals and initiate comprehensive programs to increase membership within their states, and that state associations recognize 10-Plus and 100% membership chapters at the state convention.
4. That the state associations take responsibility in seeing that 10-Plus chapters are contacted, encouraged, and offered assistance in maintaining or increasing their level of membership.

   We believe that the vo-ag instructor has a major influence on the vo-ag student in their decision to become an FFA member. Because of this, we strongly support the work of vo-ag teachers and recommend a greater cooperation between the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association and the FFA.
5. We therefore recommend that a letter of support be written to the NVATA from the Board of Directors encouraging their continued support of the FFA, and offering the assistance of all state officers and state staff in such projects as in-service workshops for beginning instructors.

   We also recommend that results of the study conducted by the National FFA Organization and the University of Maryland to determine the characteristics of those vo-ag students who are not FFA members, be sent to each state association.

In conclusion, we believe that a membership development program must be maintained in order to keep our organization strong and that cooperation between our organization and the NVATA be strengthened in order to allow the FFA to continue to grow and prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

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NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE

We, the members of the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee, want to congratulate the national organization for the continuing publication of an outstanding magazine. We realize that the magazine is an invaluable asset to our organization and we wish to thank Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor; Mr. Mike Wilson and Mr. Jack Pitzer, associate editors; and all those connected with production of our magazine, for all of their hard work and dedication. After careful discussion, we submit the following recommendations:

1. Provide more coverage and information of outstanding chapter award winners.
2. Use *Between Issues* to encourage teachers to use the magazine in classroom discussion.
3. Continue to survey the readership and implement suggestions to improve the magazine.
4. Promote the practice of chapters obtaining bulk orders of the fall issues of the Future Farmer magazine to distribute to incoming freshmen Greenhands, thereby overcoming the lag in mailing.
5. Encourage FFA members to distribute the Future Farmer magazine throughout the community.
6. Encourage state and chapter input to The National FUTURE FARMER by explaining where, when and to whom to send articles for the magazine.
7. Make an effort to run articles about former FFA members who have become famous or successful.
8. Write articles about people or organizations who support the FFA.
9. Write articles about the impact of the FFA on the participants and citizens of various cities during conventions, such as the participants and citizens of Kansas City during the National Convention.

10. Recommend that chapter rosters be completed and sent to the National FFA Center by October 31, so that members may receive the December-January issue of The National FUTURE FARMER magazine.
11. Encourage the writing of articles concerning the operation of the Future Farmer magazine and the national FFA organization.
12. Compare agriculture and FFA activities in different parts of the country.

Respectfully submitted,

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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

We, the members of the National Leadership Conference Committee, have reviewed and evaluated all aspects of the Washington Conference Program and State Presidents Conference for Summer 1982, and do hereby submit the following recommendations and proposals:

A. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE PROGRAM
1. Continue the use of national officers at the Washington Conference Program, having one present during each conference session.
2. Encourage participation in the promotion of the Washington Conference Program by:
   a. Recommending that an application and article be published in at least two spring issues of the *National Future Farmer.*
   b. Having copies of the application given to each state officer.
   c. Developing a promotional slide show and encouraging its use at state, district and chapter activities.
   d. Cooperating with the FFA Calendar program to promote and inform members of the conference dates and registration deadlines, we recommend that these dates be highlighted in the calendars.
3. Help alleviate the cost of the Washington Conference Program by:
   a. Providing the chapters with various fund raising ideas and encouraging them to seek sponsorship for their delegates to the conference.
   b. Having the national association seek discounted travel rates for state associations.
   c. Having more information readily available to chapters to use while seeking sponsors and promoting the conference.
4. Encourage the continuation of present programs in Washington, D.C.
5. In promotion of the advisors' program of the Washington Conference Program, we recommend a list of activities be available to advisors and their spouses.
6. We recommend that past participants of the Washington Conference Program encourage school administration to attend.

B. STATE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE
1. We recommend that the 1982 conference staff use the same format as the summer of 1981.
2. We recommend that the Washington Conference Program participants do not attend the same schedule of events as state officers in the State Presidents Conference to give equal opportunity to other participants of the Washington Conference Program from different weeks, and to give greater opportunities to state officers.

To follow-up the 1981 National Leadership Conference, we recommend the following resolutions go on record at the 54th National FFA Convention:

1. Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the efforts of certain people and at this time we would like to issue a very special thanks to President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush for taking time to meet with the State Officers at the White House. Special thanks to the White House staff for their hospitality and cooperation.
2. Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the effort and cooperation of the United States Department of Agriculture with special thanks to the Secretary of Agriculture, John Block.
3. Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the cooperation and sincere interests of the United States Department of Education with special thanks to the Secretary of Education, Terrel Bell.
4. Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the efforts of the management of the Marriott Twin Bridges and the Olde Colony for their cooperation and service to the Washington Leadership Conference.

5. Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization commends the work amd guidance of the National Conference Staff: Dee Sokolosky, Director; Shirley Jones; Jeff Kirby; Pam Profitt; Alan Campbell; Teresa Tesnohlidek, Director; Jeff Rudd; Elvin Caraway; Terri Hidy; Mark Lelle.
6. Be it resolved that special thanks be granted to the FFA Alumni Association for their outstanding contribution of scholarships to the Washington Conference Program.

   Special thanks goes out to the bus drivers and town guides, Bill Johnson, Virgil Cline, Bob Cantrell, Tom Rutherford, and J.D. Motley, who made the national conferences so entertaining and enjoyable.

   A very sincere thanks goes out to all individuals involved in the Washington Conference Program who made it a success.

Respectfully submitted,

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NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES

We, the members of the 1981 National Information Services Committee, make the following recommendations to improve the further development of informational services on the national, state, regional and local levels:

1. We recommend making the community more aware of FFA involvement by developing and distributing public relations materials which will also improve the agricultural image. This will be accompanied by:
   a. Developing T.V., radio and newspaper promotional materials.
   b. Working closely with the Alumni Association and business community.
   c. Producing and distributing materials to the general public as well as guidance counselors, school board members and administrators.
2. We recommend that an organizational effort be made to develop materials that promote agricultural career awareness and career orientation. Means of accomplishment include:
   a. Produce guidance materials and information including pamphlets, A-V presentations, advisor handbook and student handbook inserts, which range in focus from junior high through high school curriculum materials.
   b. Materials to be provided and utilized in the form of:
      (1) Packets to guidance personnel.
      (2) Career Day activities which could be held during FFA Week, focusing on George Washington's many agricultural careers.
3. We recommend that information services continue to emphasize the intercurricular nature of the FFA by:
   a. Directing written materials and other information packages to guidance personnel, school administrators, school board members and vo-ag instructors.
4. We recommend that the FFA Information Services, in recognition of the fact that an increasing number of collegiate FFA and ag-education members do not have FFA experience:
   a. Develop instructional materials and information for their use.
   b. Consider techniques to insure receipt of information regarding FFA programs and activities.
5. We recommend that the Food for America Program be promoted by:
   a. A-V materials for both elementary school children and the general public.
   b. By exploring with the Ag Council of America and others the possibility of promoting Food for America as a part of National Ag Day activities.
6. To complement the above, we recommend modification of the following information resources:
   a. Provide more leadership focus in the *National Future Farmer* magazine with the inclusion of:
      (1) Article by national officer in each issue.
      (2) Success stories with a leadership focus.
   b. Take steps to assist the reporters in better utilizing the state and national information on activities and relaying this to all members.
   c. Change the state officer handbook to "Officer Handbook," so that this resource may be used at all levels. This should be strengthened by developing an audio visual covering similar material. The handbook and A-V should be made available through the supply service.

d. We recommend that the official FFA Manual Include:
   (1) A historical narrative of the organization.
   (2) In the FFA information locator, an entry on agricultural careers, cross referenced to the suggested additions to the student handbook and advisors handbook.

We submit these recommendations after carefully evaluating the present national information services.

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NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI

We, the members of the 1981 Natioinal FFA Alumni Committee, realize the vital role that the National Alumni Association plays in our organization. We express our most sincere appreciation to the National and State Alumni for their continuing support of our youth organization. With the helpful guidance of Mr. Robert Cox, Mrs. Phyllis Sokolosky, Mr. Walter Upton, Mr. Delmer Dalton and Dr. Osmund Gilbertson, we offer the following recommendations:

1. Have the National Alumni Association encourage state and local affiliates to make it more publicly known that the FFA Alumni program is for *all* interested persons as well as former FFA members.
2. Have the National Officers and program operations staff members encourage all past, present and prospective vocational agriculture teachers to become Alumni members.
3. Provide a session at the National Leadership Conferences for State Officers to educate State Officers on the importance of, the role of, and the organization of local Alumni affiliates in their states.
4. Have the National Organization encourage State Officers to include the establishment of Alumni affiliates as a goal for State Officers.
5. Stress the importance of the state association and suggest that each state have a state Alumni coordinator who would be responsible for communications between national, state and local affiliates.
6. Have National and State Officers stress the importance of the Alumni at leadership workshops and state conventions.
7. Have the national staff encourage State Officers to form past State Officer affiliates.
8. Have chapters evaluate their community needs and build their Alumni programs accordingly.
9. Have feature stories on Alumni in the *National Future Farmer* magazine and other major agricultural publications.
10. Encourage state associations to recognize outstanding Alumni affiliates and members.
11. Have the National FFA Alumni Association encourage incentive programs that promote membership growth.
12. Have the national Alumni continue to expand the Washington scholarship program and to encourage the local affiliates to establish their own Washington scholarships.
13. Continue to have the Alumni leadership workshop presentations available for purchase.
14. Have the National Alumni Association send informational material to State Officers about the Alumni so they can use that information to encourage Alumni membership in their chapter addresses.
15. Encourage the use of local media, slide presentations, and national Alumni materials to provide better public awareness and understanding of the Alumni association.
16. Have the national Alumni urge state associations to develop a brochure suggesting fund raising, project ideas and stories of successful Alumni programs.

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1981 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

We, the members of the 1981 National Convention Committee, after careful evaluation of the National FFA Convention, would like to commend the following for their unselfish contributions to the National FFA Convention:

1. Our National Officers — Mark, Bob, David Pearce, Susie, Glenn, and David Alders — for their part in helping nearly one-half million FFA members to "Grow for America."
2. Our National Advisor, Mr. Byron Rawls; our National Executive Secretary Mr. Coleman Harris; and our National Treasurer, Mr. Julian Campbell, for their dedication to the Future Farmers of America.
3. Our convention organist, Curtis Bohl; Stan Kingma and Roger Heath, national chorus and band, for their outstanding performance during the convention.
4. Colonel David Roeder, for his inspiring words in his address to our convention.
5. Mr. Harold Hamilton, Kansas City Council, and Mr. Gary Spain, of the Kansas City Chiefs, for their warm welcome to Kansas City extended to the convention.
6. The joint Armed Services Color Guard, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
7. Our 1979-80 National FFA President, Doug Rinker, for delivering the invocation to open our first session.
8. The representatives of the vocational student organizations who brought greetings from their respective organizations.
9. Miss Jineane Ford, Miss U.S.A. 1980, for relating her experiences with us as a former FFA member herself.
10. Our National FFA Alumni Association, for presenting the motivational leadership workshops for members attending the Convention.
11. Mr. Orion Samuelson, Farm Broadcaster, for sharing his confidence in agriculture to us as Future Farmers.
12. Our National FFA Talent Program, under the direction of Don Erickson.
13. Owen Newlin and Lu Achilles Wall, for their never-ending support and efforts on behalf of the National FFA Foundation.
14. Our special thanks to Mr. Tony Hoyt for his part in keeping the convention business organized.
15. Our special thanks to our National FFA sponsors, national staff, and consultants.
16. Frank Naylor, Under Secretary, USDA, for his remarks to our convention.
17. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, for his inspiring and optimistic address that truly motivated us as FFA members.
18. Congratulations to the Convention award winners and a special thank you to the judges, timekeepers, and sponsors involved in the contests and awards areas.
19. Our convention courtesy corps under the leadership of Mr. Jack Pitzer.
20. All the exhibitors and participants in the Career Show and Hall of States.
21. The dedicated members of our National Board of Directors and Foundation Board of Trustees.
22. The President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, for his thoughtful consideration of our organization during the convention.
23. Mr. John Naber, for his address to the convention.
24. Mr. Eddie Albert, for his special guest appearance at our convention.
25. The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company for providing special entertainment at the final convention session.
26. Persons involved in lights, sound, and audio visuals throughout the convention.

We submit the following items as suggestions for improvement of future conventions:

A. Published National Convention Proceedings
   1. Use the proceedings as a resource item and encourage its use in leadership programs at all levels, local through national.
   2. Continue to list available audio-visual materials and where they can be purchased.
B. Convention Program (printed for convention)
   1. Examine the color scheme used in the printing of the time listings in the program.
   2. Continue to list names and/or addresses of the sponsors with emphasis on the importance of thank you notes.
   3. Examine the possibility of including a code of ethics for the national convention in the convention program.
   4. Consider printing a separate listing of judges and timekeepers.
   5. Consider adding a convention highlights page.
   6. Continue the map and convention notes section in the program.
   7. Consider placing a listing of restaurants located in the immediate vicinity of the convention hall.
C. National Convention
   1. Improve the sound system to provide an even sound level throughout the convention hall, especially during chorus performances.

2. Encourage all award winners and participants in official activities to be in official dress.
3. Emphasize the importance of parliamentary procedure knowledge by delegates for use during the business sessions.
4. Consider the possibility of establishing a designated area for photographers in order to eliminate congestion in the delegate section.
5. All program participants be well-informed of their duties in advance of the session in which they are to participate.
6. Consider displaying signs at the entrances of the convention hall when capacity has been reached — in order to prevent heavy congestion in the lobby.
7. Review carefully the days of the week during which the convention is conducted and evaluate which days are most desirable.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the members of the National Convention Committee for their time and dedication to our assigned task this week. We especially thank Dr. Duane Nielsen, U.S. Department of Education, and Mr. Howard Downer, state staff member, who served as our consultants and advisors.

Respectfully submitted,

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NATIONAL FFA SUPPLY SERVICE

We, the members of the National FFA Supply Service Committee, offer the following recommendations:

1. That a page be provided in the Supply Service catalog for the purpose of evaluating merchandise and service received from the National FFA Supply Service.
2. The National FFA Supply Service should include a statement in the catalog and invoice stating that unsatisfactory merchandise be promptly returned so that the supplier may be notified, the Supply Service credited and the problem resolved.
3. That the Supply Service continue to develop a variety of small, low-cost items to be used as give-away items for promotion of the FFA.
4. That the Supply Service investigate possibilities for promotional FFA buttons. (Theme, slogan, promotional, etc.)
5. That the Supply Service investigate the potential for FFA postcards, displaying emblem, slogan, or theme.
6. That a policy be developed to encourage prompt payment on all accounts.
7. That the Supply Service explore adding new leisure wear items. (Sweatshirts, sweaters, shorts, etc.)

On behalf of nearly one-half million FFA members across the nation, we the members of the National FFA Supply Service Committee, express our gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Harry Andrews and his excellent staff for the outstanding service which they provide throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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NATIONAL CONTESTS

We, the members of the National Contests Committee, sincerely appreciate the interest and support that we have received from the sponsors of the national contests. A special word of thanks is given to the American Hereford Association for the computer processing of the contests and the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show for providing dairy cattle and livestock. Also, a special thanks is extended to the following sponsors:

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National FFA Foundation General Fund

We wish to express our gratitude to Kirby Barrick, Leon Wagley, Lloyd Bell, Tom Watts, Marion Fay, Richard Carter, Ted Amick, Les Thompson and to all contest superintendents for their outstanding performance in conducting the 1981 national contests.

We submit the following:

1. **New Contests**
   a. We recommend that a creed contest be implemented on the national level.
      Rationale — To involve younger members with incentive to compete on the national level and to develop leadership skills.
   b. We recommend that a forestry contest be implemented on the national level.
      Rationale —
      1. Allow state winners to compete on the naational level.
      2. Forestry is a common interest to many states.
   c. We recommend that a horse judging contest be implemented on the national level.
      Rationale —
      1. It would supplement classroom and project experience.
      2. There is an increasing interest in horse production.
   d. We recommend that the National Board of Directors develop a special committee to study the feasibility of developing a National Parliamentary Procedure Contest.
      Rationale —
      1. To provide state winners a chance to compete on the national level.
      2. To offer further leadership training on the national level.
2. **Suggested Improvements**
   a. Any contest that has less than 25 states participating in 2 out of 3 consecutive years would be considered by the National Board of Directors for possible elimination.
   b. We recommend that the National Board of Directors explore avenues of financially assisting judging teams in traveling to the National Convention.
      Rationale —
      1. Increasing travel cost.
      2. This would provide funds for a fourth team member to attend and participate in a contest.
   c. That the National Board of Directors update the references for all National FFA Contests in Bulletin 4.
3. **Recommendations**
   a. That the contestants be reminded of the importance of the sponsorship of their respective contests, and that "thank you" notes should be written.

b. That the alternate who travels with the official state judging team be allowed to judge in the national contest on an equal basis with the other team members and the low score of each team be discarded.
Rationale —
1. Alternate would receive practical experience.
2. This would increase interest and participation in the national contests.

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INTERNATIONAL

We, the International Committee of the 54th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of promoting and expanding participation in the international program, submit the following suggestions and recommendations:

1. Continue using Puerto Rico as a stopping stone for those students who are outbound for Spanish-speaking countries.
2. That the International Department send promotional paraphernalia for booths or exhibits or presentations at state conventions.
3. That WEA information be mailed to Washington Conference Program participants toward the latter part of September.
4. That the International Department send pre-written articles to state FFA offices for use in their respective state FFA publications.
5. That the state associations and local chapters use past WEA participants as personal contacts between members, state officers, possible host families and other people interested in the WEA.
6. That state officers promote the WEA program while on chapter visits and while speaking at various functions.
7. That all state associations and local chapters involve inbound students in their activities.
8. That the use and development of US-AID programs similar to those in Panama be continued.
9. That international materials be made available at the NLCSO's and that WEA participants be involved in these programs.
10. That pre-recorded radio tapes be available, explaining both the inbound and outbound programs.
11. That the FFA continue to cooperate with agricultural organizations to better promote the WEA program through their publications.
12. That in addition to national recognition, the states give special recognition to their host families.
13. That information pertaining to national scholarships be included in international publications.

We, the International Committee, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Monica L. Brodersen, Eric Williams, Dr. Earl H. Knebel, Dr. Ted Ward and Mr. Ron Crawford.

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COLLEGIATE AG ED DEVELOPMENT

We, the members of the 1981 Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee, realize the need to improve the Collegiate FFA program if it is to continue as an integral and supportive part of this organization. Keeping in mind that the primary purpose on the collegiate level is to provide students of two or four year institutions an opportunity to develop leadership and advisory skills through FFA, we feel that some specific changes and improvements are essential for its continued existence. The recommendations are as follows:

1. We recommend that a national study be conducted by the national organization to determine the wants, needs, etc. of the collegiate chapter.

2. We recommend that the national organization develop collegiate FFA materials which will serve as guidelines for organizing collegiate chapters and assist in further development of existing chapters. The materials will be distributed to the state association for implementation at their discretion.
3. We recommend that the national organization develop materials for the *student* vocational agriculture teacher. This material will include hypothetical problems, solutions, situations experienced within the FFA chapter.
4. We recommend that the national organization continue collegiate FFA workshops defining the role of the collegiate FFA as set by this committee. The content of these workshops shall be set up in cooperation with the national organization and the hosting university. We suggest that all interested universities be given the opportunity to host a workshop on a rotating basis.
5. We recommend the national organization encourage state associations to work more closely with collegiate FFA, and to conduct workshops to offer additional training in the development of student vo-ag teachers, for the following reasons:
   a. It offers additional sources of information for student teachers to complement their pre-service training.
   b. To act as a confidence builder in helping to become more effective student teachers.
6. We recommend the national organization develop a National Collegiate Chapter Award Program similar to the National Chapter Award Program.
7. We encourage publicity in the National *Future Farmer* magazine of collegiate FFA activities.
8. We recommend that the national organization designate one existing staff member to coordinate collegiate FFA activities, review and assist in the implementation of the above recommendations.
9. The 1981 Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee recommends to the National Board of Directors that a report of action on the previous year's recommendations be provided in the delegate packet.

The future of the FFA depends to a great extent on having well qualified vocational agriculture instructors who understand and will utilize the FFA as an instructional laboratory for all students enrolled. Therefore, the collegiate FFA should be recognized as a supportive group that develops leadership and advisory skills.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Dr. Herman Brown, Mr. Kenneth Mitchell, Mr. Leo Thompson and Mr. Ted E. Amick for sharing their experiences with us.

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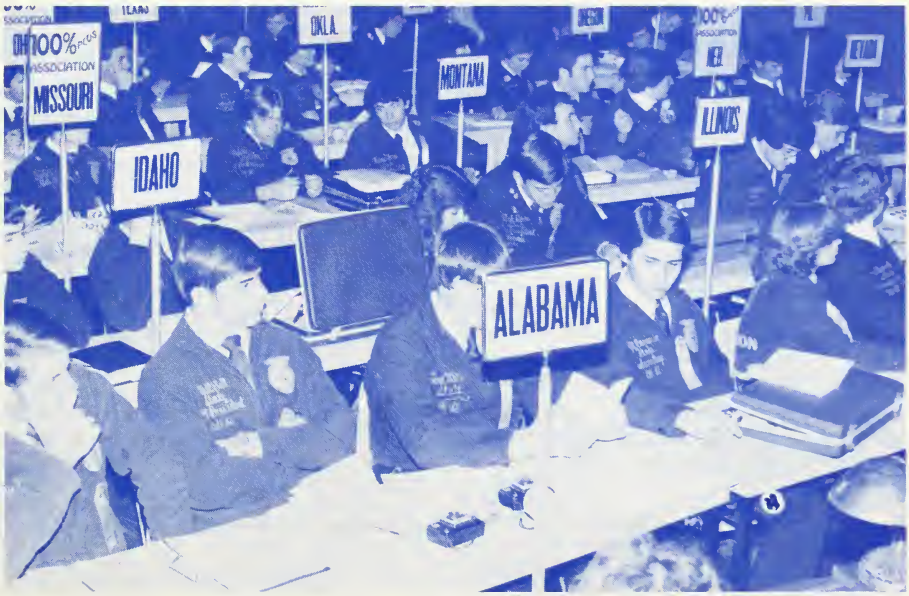

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NATIONAL FFA BAND

Sponsored by The Carnation Company

The National FFA Band, featuring 108 musicians from 38 states, was under the direction of Roger Heath, San Luis Obispo, California. The band added to the pageantry and spirit of the convention with a variety of musical selections.

ALASKA
Penelope Roberts

ARIZONA
Laura Horsley
Angela Powell

ARKANSAS
John Eaton

CALIFORNIA
Ashley Abell
David Olson

CONNECTICUT
Patty White

FLORIDA
Myrna Grady

GEORGIA
Irene Weaver

IDAHO
Mark Hanzel
Floyd Rogers
Dave Smith
Lanore Studer
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Karla Schaper
David Spaulding
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Cheryl E. Hundley
Doug Kjellin
Kevin Kuhlman

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Frankie Brown
Alan B. Perkins

LOUISIANA
Edward Boudreaux
Gregory Jones
Jimmy LeBlanc

MAINE
Donald Cote

MARYLAND
Cindy Sentelle

MICHIGAN
Michell Garrett

MINNESOTA
Robin Johnson
Geneva Langer
Mark Lehman
Brenda Oian
Steven Schneeberger
Bill Windsperger

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Edward Brewer
Jim Egger
Joe Gibbon
Marty Hillman
Neil M. Tentoni

MISSOURI
Rick Childs
David Hill
David Owenby
Kevin Riechers
Mike Sutherland

MONTANA
Katy Gillin
Nina Knox

NEBRASKA
Mark Jantzen
Thomas Peterson
Allen Rerucha
Brian Tomes
Vicky Zoubek

NEW JERSEY
Rebecca Jones
John Gojdyez
Lana Shymansky

NORTH CAROLINA
Joseph Baldwin
Mary Ann Melton

NORTH DAKOTA
Eugene M. Holkup

OHIO
Rex Bibler
Holly Downing
Dale Huston
Linda Naginey
Roger S. Rutledge
Charles Wagner
Brenda Weinandy

OKLAHOMA
Harlan Hentges
Sam McClure II
Kurt Snodgrass

OREGON
Alan Nielsen

PENNSYLVANIA
Jack Liggett
Kermit Long

SOUTH CAROLINA
Timothy Reese

SOUTH DAKOTA
Russ Daly
Bill Hoffman
Laurence Spiering
Sue Wika

TENNESSEE
Karen Guinn

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Kenda Pettit
Jerry Piland, Jr.
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Richard Watson

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VIRGINIA
Joseph S. Harter

WASHINGTON
Sylvia Harvey
Randy Manthey
Les Ozment
Randy Rodahl

WISCONSIN
Corinne Arnevik
Peter M. Engh
James Galstad
Dave Larson
Brad Rychecky

WYOMING
Matt Isabell

NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

Sponsored by Hallmark Education Foundation

Stan Kingma, Vineland, New Jersey, directed the National FFA Chorus. He was assisted by Harvey Mayes, Virginia. Owen Robbins was the accompanist and Marilyn Kingma and Gail Cable were chaperones. The 111 singers from 30 states added to the convention with musical toasts and a variety of numbers.

ARKANSAS
Joseph Harvey
Rex Martin

CALIFORNIA
Linda Peck

DELAWARE
Lisa Melvin
Laurie Williams

ILLINOIS
Kevin Behl
Troy Birdsong
Deanna McDonald
Anthony Roth
Quentin Rund
Brian Smith

INDIANA
Maurice Church
Kandi Crosley
Kyle Farmer
Rebecca Sottong
Steven Swing

IOWA
Lisa Clubb
Mike Coon
Brett Meeker
Kirk Schultz
Drew Schumann
Marsha Sears
Marlin Tjarks
Tami Walker

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Mary Schmidt
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Davin Phillips

MISSOURI
Myron Admire
Janiece Bixenman
Brenda Chapman
Kathleen Finley
James Hendrix
Stephen Jay
Mark Martin
Rebecca McDonald
Blaine Means
Dwight Melton
Darren Schilling
Barbara Schwarz
Karen Vaughn

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Wistar Laverell
Jody Muller
Eric Syvrud

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Jonie Kraemer
Jeanette Kurpgeweit
Sheila Otte
David Rocker

NEW YORK
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Susan Hooker
John Kotula
William Morse
Mark Woodworth

NORTH CAROLINA
Scott Jackson
Darryl Tew
Glenn Wrench
Todd Wrench

NORTH DAKOTA
Ralph Chase III

OHIO
Timothy Bernhard
Gregory Dawson
Dave Douglas
Kathie Flack
Tim Larrick
Anita Neff
Keith Nichelson
Melody Poe
Bradley Ruffener
Marci Stizlein
Douglas Yackee

OKLAHOMA
Timothy Byrd
Deanna Conway
Monte Taylor

OREGON
Michael Cole
Shirley Evers

PENNSYLVANIA
Mark Laub

SOUTH CAROLINA
Larry Butler

SOUTH DAKOTA
Bruce Mairose
Drew Peterson

TEXAS
Michael Baker
Brenda Benett
Darla Thompson

UTAH
Alyn Chamberlain
Alyson Chamberlain

VIRGINIA
Deloris Dunevant
Marcia Good

WASHINGTON
Angela Abplanalp
David Duke
Debbie Fiess
John Frye
JoAnn Konis
L'Rae Moore
Nissa Williams

WISCONSIN
Lisa Borman
Monte Dunnum
Michael Hennes
Lisa Hoesly
Sheila Lybert
Timothy Pflieger

WYOMING
Debbie McAmis
Davanne Noyce

NATIONAL FFA TALENT

Sponsored by Who's Who in American High Schools and Kansas City Cold Storage Corporation

The National FFA talent, under the direction of Don Erickson, Bismarck, North Dakota, featured a variety of acts ranging from music to comedy.

ALABAMA
Douglas
Lendel Glassco
Jeff Harris
Steve Harris
Ross Murray
Fairhope
Donna Moore
Penny Moore
Kent Griffith
Byron Grant

CALIFORNIA
Hayfork and Gonzales
Dia Stringall
John Hess

COLORADO
Windsor
Randall Propp

CONNECTICUT
Suffield
Francis Lutwinas
Allen Clark
Tom Bror
Bernie Zeneski
Glenn Korner

FLORIDA
Sarasota
Kelly McMorkle

IOWA
Rolf Pilot Creek
Doug DeWolf
Dan Duitscher
Jim Frerk
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North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
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Virginia
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West Virginia
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Belgium
Denmark
England
Finland
France
West Germany
Greece
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Mexico
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Panama
Scotland
South Africa
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Switzerland
Taiwan
Wales

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Greg Withers

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ILLINOIS
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NEW JERSEY
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NEW YORK
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OHIO
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Another major duty of the Corps is to provide helpers at various stations in and around the convention complex — like registration, Career Show, information booth, stage crew and headquarters office.

All of these members put in hours of hard work, some had to miss meals or stay late/arrive early or even miss seeing some of the convention. They were given certificates of appreciation from the national office, but should also be recognized here for their contribution to the FFA.

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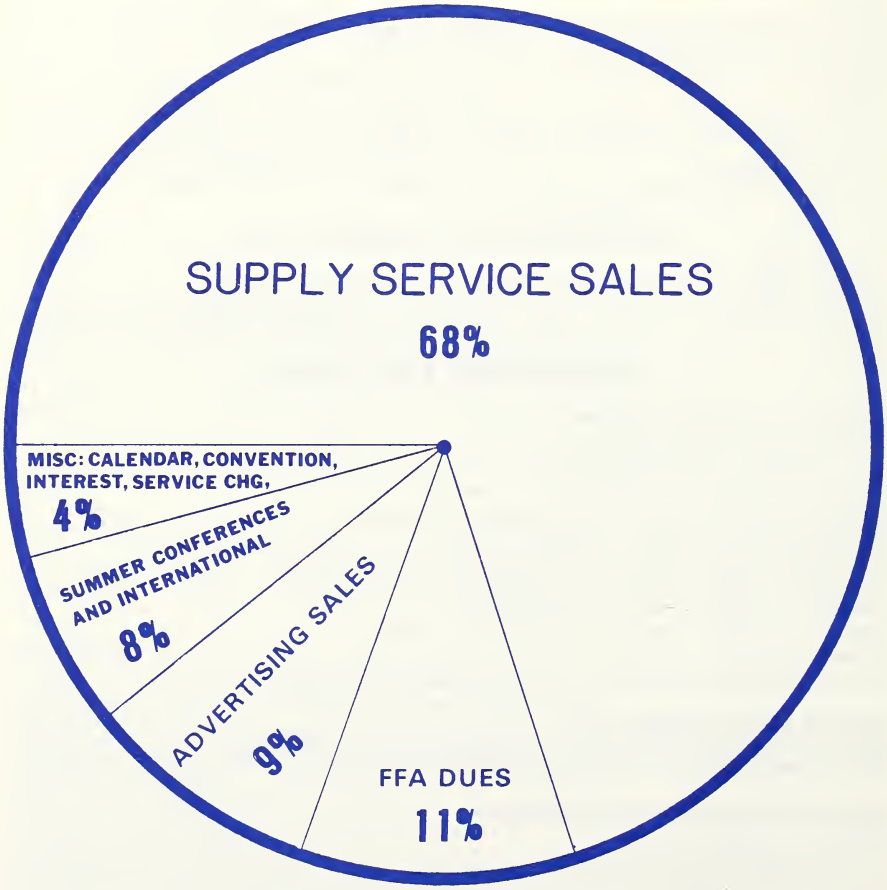
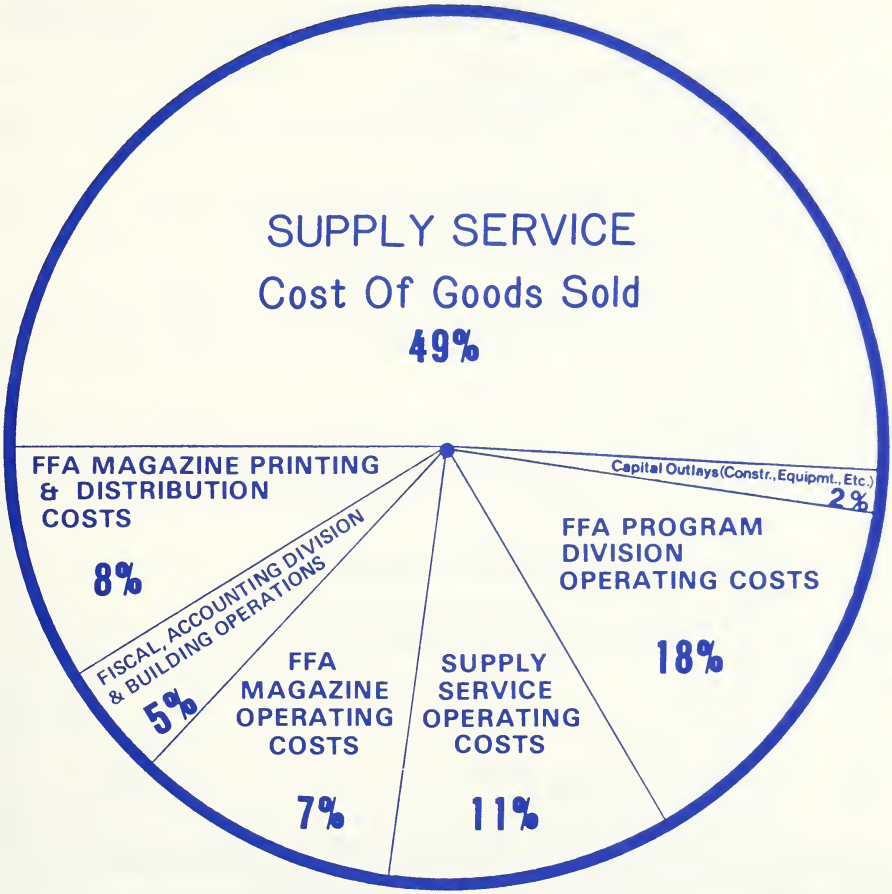


1981 REVENUE: $8,209,010



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25	1980-81 Retiring Officer Addresses	¾" U-Matic	62.00
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