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# FFA *National Convention*

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA  
NOVEMBER 14th to 18th, 1948  
THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



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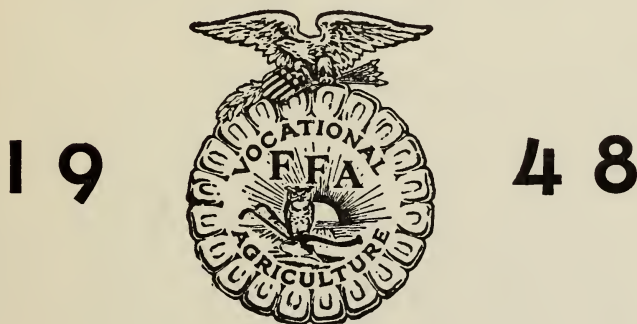
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OF THE

## **TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION**



## **FUTURE FARMERS of AMERICA**

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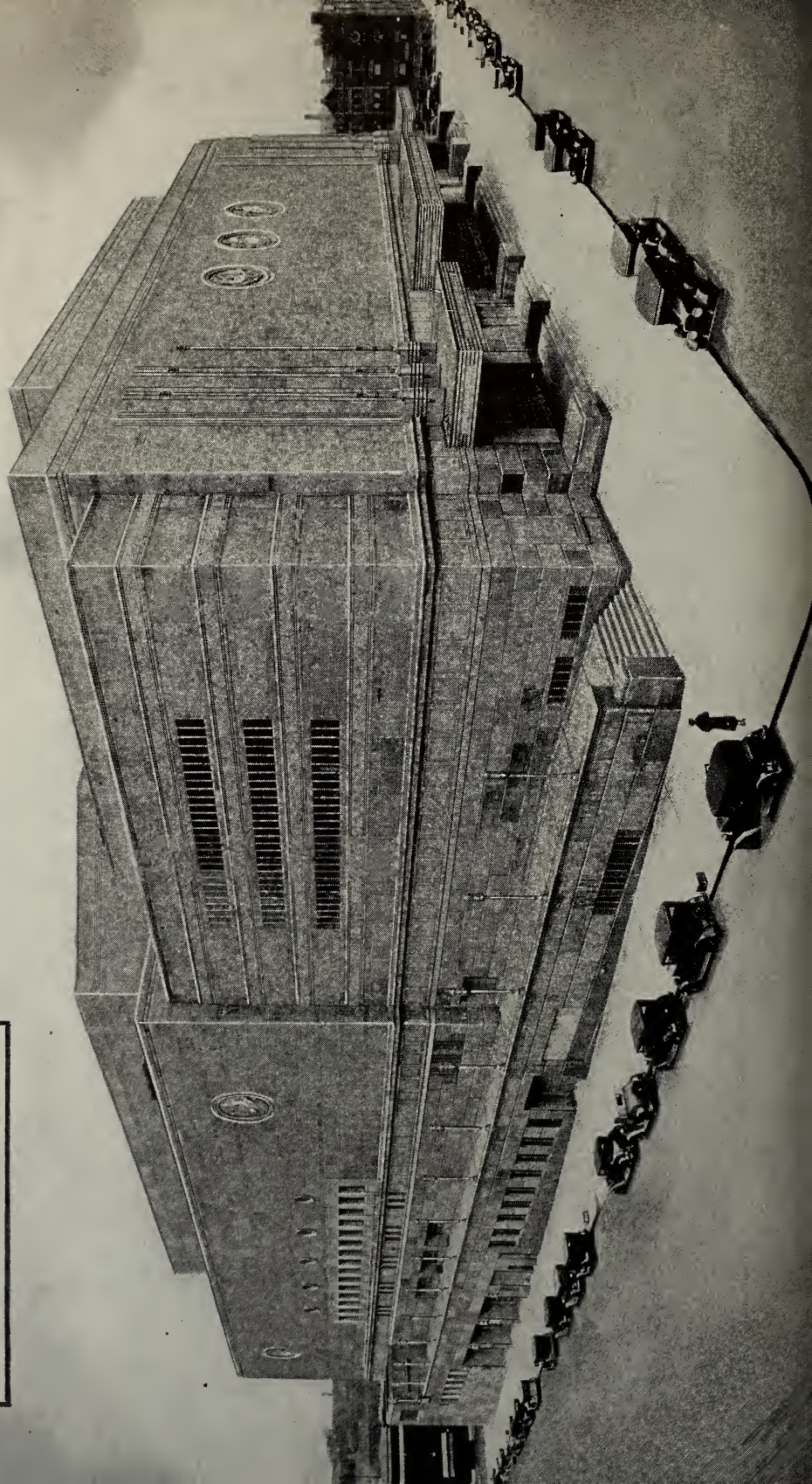
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CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS





## INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November, 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1948, the active membership totaled 260,300 in 6,820 chapters of 47 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

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

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

The Twentieth Anniversary Celebration, twenty-first convention, of the Future Farmers of America was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, November 14 through 18, 1948. Delegates were present from 49 chartered associations. More than 10,000 individuals attended the convention.

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

A. W. TENNEY

*National Executive Secretary.*

## OFFICIAL DELEGATES

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Iowa.....	Dale Hoover..... New Sharon, Iowa	Donald Jorgensen..... Lake City, Iowa
Kansas.....	John Gigstad..... Effingham, Kansas	Bob Greve..... Harper, Kansas
Kentucky.....	Lynwood Schrader..... Lynnville, Ky.	Earl Jasper..... Eubank, Ky.
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North Dakota.....	Raymond Axtman.....	Howard Brown.....
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South Dakota.....	Lawrence Lutz.....	Melvin McCulloch.....
	Webster, S. D.	Milbank, S. D.
Tennessee.....	Andy Hunter.....	Billie Flatt.....
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	Lubbock, Texas	Abilene, Texas
Utah.....	Jim Hansen.....	Dean Barton.....
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Wyoming.....	Dwight Blood.....	Herman Dellos.....
	Powell, Wyo.	Worland, Wyo.

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 THROUGH THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Meetings National Board of Trustees

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Joint Meetings of National Board of Trustees  
and National Advisory Council

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 8:00 A. M. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
- 12:30 P. M. Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room, Hotel President
- 2:30 P. M. Meeting of State Advisers, Hotel President
- 8:00 P. M. NATIONAL F.F.A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
- Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Chairman—Ervin Martin, National President of F.F.A.
- Opening Ceremony
- Music—National F.F.A. Band, Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State College, Conducting.
- Explanation of Contest
- Drawing for Speaking Order

### SPEAKERS

- Ted Dugan, Orleans, Vermont, "Peace or War"
- George Lewis, Mt. Sterling, Ill., "The Place of Farm Cooperatives in Our National Economy"
- Elwin Slater, Ogden, Utah, "We are Killing Off the American Farmer"
- Wm. B. Poff, Christiansburg, Va., "The Farmers' Health—A National Problem"
- Haruo Akiyama, Maunaloa, Molokai, Hawaii, "Let's Do Something About Farm Safety"
- Music—National F.F.A. Chorus, James W. Hatch, New York York State Department of Education, conducting.
- Judges Confer
- Announcement of Results
- Presentation of Awards on Behalf of Future Farmers of America Foundation, James T. Bingham, Associate Editor, Country Gentleman
- Closing Ceremony



## JUDGES

Honorable James P. Kem, United States Senator from Missouri  
W. A. Roberts, Vice President, Tractor Division, Allis-Chalmers  
Manufacturing Co.  
Clifton A. Woodrum, President, American Plant Food Council

## TIMEKEEPERS

Ray L. Cuff, Regional Manager, National Live Stock Loss Pre-  
vention Board  
Robert Romack, Editor, American Farm Youth

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 8:00 A. M. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium  
9:00 A. M. Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
    Opening Ceremony  
    Band Concert—National F.F.A. Band  
    Group Singing  
    Invocation—Gus R. Douglass, Jr., Past National F.F.A. Presi-  
        dent  
    Report on Delegate Credentials  
    Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates  
    Address of Welcome—William E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City,  
        Missouri  
    Minutes of Twentieth Convention—Eugene Hansen, National  
        Student Secretary  
    Appointment of Constitutional Committees  
    Treasurer's Report—Dowell J. Howard, Assistant State Super-  
        intendent of Public Instruction, Richmond, Virginia  
    Executive Secretary's Report—A. W. Tenney, Agricultural Edu-  
        cation Service, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.  
    Twenty Years of Progress in the F.F.A.—W. T. Spanton, Chief,  
        Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Wash-  
        ington, D. C.  
    Music—National F.F.A. Chorus  
    Building the Flag Ceremony—Representatives of State Asso-  
        ciations  
    Music—National F.F.A. Band and Chorus  
    Address—Honorable Oscar R. Ewing, Administrator, Federal  
        Security Agency, Washington, D. C.  
    Closing Ceremony  
2:00 P. M. Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
    Opening Ceremony  
    Appointment of Committees

Recess for Committee Work

Closing Ceremony

Tours to Points of Interest

7:30 P. M. Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Special Nation-wide Radio Broadcast

Opening Ceremony

American Farmer Degree Ceremony

Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees

Closing Ceremony

Special Entertainment—Courtesy, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

Opening Ceremony

Music—Alabama F.F.A. String Band

Unfinished Business

New Business

The F.F.A. Creed—E. M. Tiffany, Madison, Wisconsin, Author

Music—National F.F.A. Chorus

Motion Picture on Leadership Training—"By Jupiter"

Closing Ceremony

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

Opening Ceremony

Music—National F.F.A. Band

Massing of State Flags—State Star Farmers

Star Farmer Tableaux

Introduction of Star Farmers of Former Years

Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards, John Collins, Editor, "Weekly Kansas City Star"

Special Entertainment—"Previews of Progress," Courtesy General Motors Corporation

Closing Ceremony

8:00 P. M. Talent Night—A unique amateur show by F.F.A. members

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

Opening Ceremony

Music—Alabama F.F.A. String Band



- New Business (continued)
- Committee Reports
- Greetings from Past National Officers
- Evangeline Pageant—Presented by Louisiana F.F.A. Association
- Address—His Excellency Henri Bonnet, Ambassador from France
- Closing Ceremony
- 1:00 P. M. Tours to Points of Interest
- 8:00 P. M. Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Opening Ceremony
- Music—National F.F.A. Band and Chorus
- Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
- Introduction of Platform Guests
- Presentation of Farm Mechanics Awards on Behalf of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Raymond C. Firestone President, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Memphis, Tenn.
- Music—Swiss Family Fraundfelder, Yodlers from the Swiss Alps
- Presentation of Farm & Home Electrification Awards on Behalf of Future Farmers of America Foundation, George Fiske, Manager, General Electric Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- Music—Swiss Yodlers
- Presentation of Star Dairy Farmer Awards on Behalf of Future Farmers of America Foundation, John H. Kraft, President, Kraft Foods Co.
- Music—Swiss Yodlers
- Closing Ceremony

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 9:00 A. M. Eighth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Opening Ceremony
- Music—National F.F.A. Band
- Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Contest
- Committee Reports
- Music—National F.F.A. Chorus
- Address—Honorable Charles F. Brannon, Secretary of Agriculture
- Closing Ceremony
- 2:00 P. M. Ninth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Opening Ceremony

Music—Alabama F.F.A. String Band

Address—Shirley Osborne, National President, Future Homemakers of America

Committee Reports

Presentation of Budget for 1949-50

Annual Dues for 1949-50

New Business (continued)

Addresses of Retiring Officers

Report of Nominating Committee

Election of Officers

Greetings from Incoming Officers

Closing Ceremony

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

Opening Ceremony

Music—National F.F.A. Band and Chorus

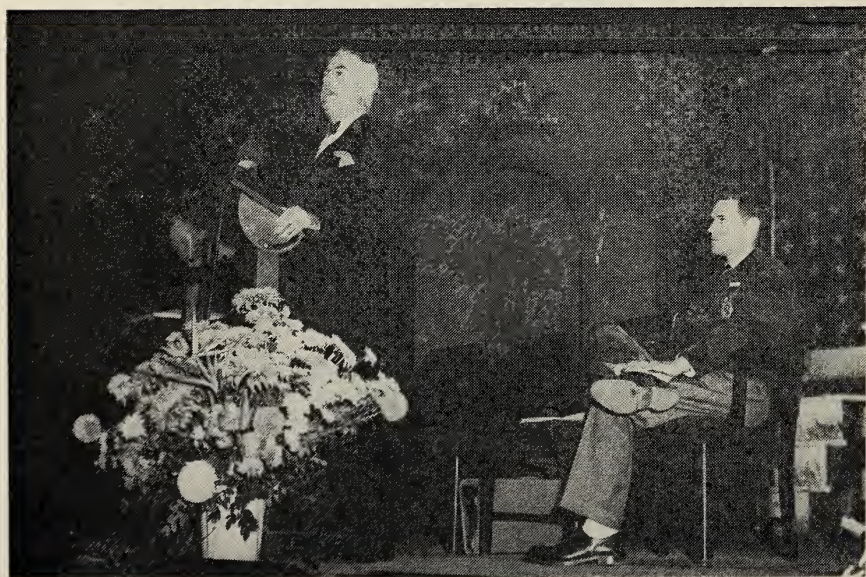
Special “Kansas City Night” Presentation, Courtesy, Saddle and Sirloin Club

Torchlight Ceremony, Representatives of State Associations

Installation of New Officers

Presentation of Past Officers’ Pins and Certificates by New President

Closing Ceremony by New Officers



Honorable Oscar R. Ewing, Administrator, Federal Security Agency, addresses the 20th Anniversary Celebration in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri.



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# Minutes of the Convention

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1948

## Evening Session

The Future Farmers of America twentieth anniversary celebration, 21st national convention, convened in the Music Hall of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at eight o'clock, National President Ervin Martin, of Salem, Indiana, presiding. First Vice-President Wilbur Ray Dunk; Second Vice-President Osborne J. Arlien; Third Vice-President John W. Webb, Jr.; Fourth Vice-President Kort H. Meier, Jr.; Student Secretary Eugene Hansen; Adviser W. T. Spanton; Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney and Treasurer D. J. Howard were present.

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

Following the regular opening ceremony, an explanation of the National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was given by President Martin. The speakers then drew for speaking order. Following the speeches, the National Chorus presented several selections while the judges conferred. Results of the contest were announced and awards presented on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. by James T. Bingham, Associate Editor, "Country Gentleman."

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1948

## Morning Session

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

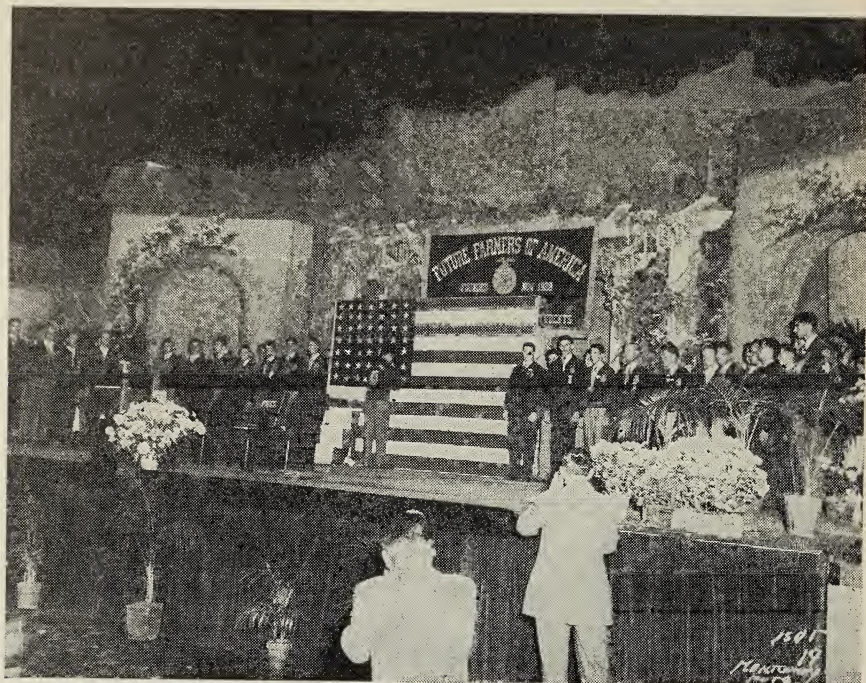
Following a concert by the National F.F.A. Band and group singing, President Martin called upon Past President Gus Douglass to pronounce the invocation.

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

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

The minutes of the Twentieth National Convention as read by Student Secretary Hansen, were approved unanimously in their entirety.





The Building of the Flag Ceremony. The presidents from each State association pinned the stars on the flag in the order in which the State Associations were chartered.

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

Mr. Dowell J. Howard, National F.F.A. Treasurer, presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Lewis of Illinois and carried.

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

President Martin read a telegram from William Edge of England, who attended the convention last year.

Adviser Spanton moved that the following persons be given the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

His Excellency Henri Bonnet, Ambassador from France, French Embassy, Washington, D. C.

Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

John Collins, Editor, Weekly Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri

Oscar R. Ewing, Administrator, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

John H. Kraft, President, Kraft Foods Company, 500 Peshtigo Court, Chicago, Illinois

- Herman F. Linde, Educational Division of Advertising Department, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois
- E. W. Phelps, General Manager, Swift and Company, Kansas City, Kansas
- Roy Roberts, President, Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri
- Edward N. Wentworth, Director, Armour's Livestock Bureau, Armour and Company, Chicago, Illinois
- Robert B. White, Director, Public Service Department, American Broadcasting Company, Inc., Chicago, Illinois
- Clifton A. Woodrum, President, American Plant Food Council, Barr Building, Washington, D. C.
- Henry S. Brunner, Head, Department of Agricultural Education, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.
- H. T. Hall, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State House, Des Moines, Iowa
- H. M. Hamlin, Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
- Ralph A. Howard, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, 602 State Office Building, Columbus 15, Ohio
- L. D. Klemmedson, Executive Officer Vocational Education, Arizona State Building, Phoenix, Arizona.
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- Harry E. Nesman, Chief, Agricultural Education, Box 928, Lansing 4, Michigan
- Mark Nichols, Director, Youth Education, American Institute of Cooperation, 1302 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.
- Stanley S. Richardson, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, 605 Bannock Street, Boise, Idaho.
- Carl Martin, Route 4, Salem, Indiana
- William Henry Dunk, Segovia, Texas
- Melvin L. Arlien, Rugby, North Dakota
- John W. Webb, Sr., Wyoming, Delaware
- Kort H. Meier, Sr., Route 1, Box 823, Yuma, Arizona
- Warren E. Hansen, East Garland, Utah
- J. L. Cheatham, Smithboro, Illinois
- Earl E. Crouse, Hudson, Massachusetts
- R. E. Ogletree, Perry, Georgia
- Alvin H. Price, Tatum, New Mexico
- O. S. Adams, Adviser, Wetumka Chapter, Wetumka, Oklahoma
- Howard Bennet, Adviser, Newberg Chapter, Newberg, Oregon
- Marvin Ricket, Adviser, Lawton Chapter, Lawton, Oklahoma
- Harold R. Binkley, Adviser, Lafayette-Bryan Station Chapter, Lexington, Kentucky
- Charles D. Crawford, Adviser, Yuma Chapter, Yuma, Arizona
- Jack Edwards, Adviser, Harlingen Chapter, Harlingen, Texas
- F. S. Fitzgerald, Adviser, Inverness Chapter, Inverness, Mississippi
- E. P. Geiger, Adviser, Sidney Lanier Chapter, Montgomery, Alabama
- Leonard Hudson, Adviser, Silverton Chapter, Silverton, Oregon
- R. J. Maurer, Adviser, Fairbury Chapter, Fairbury, Illinois
- Lloyd Nygard, Adviser, Velva Chapter, Velva, North Dakota
- Dean S. Pence, Adviser, Huntley Project Chapter, Worden, Montana
- H. G. Riddle, Adviser, Unidis Chapter, West Milford, West Virginia
- Daniel L. Stephens, Adviser, Glenwood Chapter, Glenwood Georgia.
- Fay A. Thompson, Adviser, Shoshone Chapter, Powell, Wyoming
- W. S. Weaver, Adviser, Delphi Chapter, Delphi, Indiana



The motion was seconded by Weathersby of Arizona and carried.

The National F.F.A. Chorus rendered a few selections.

Adviser Spanton presented an address on Twenty Years of Progress in the F.F.A.

The Building of the Flag Ceremony was then presented. A representative from each association took part in this ceremony.

President Martin conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree on the Honorable Oscar R. Ewing, Administrator, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C., after which Mr. Ewing presented an address.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1948

#### Afternoon Session

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

Following the opening ceremony, President Martin appointed the following committees: Resolutions, National Chapter Contest, Foundation, Official Manual, Proceedings, Public Relations, Public Speaking and American Farmer.

The meeting recessed for committee work.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1948

#### Evening Session

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

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

#### Alabama

James A. Adams, Route 2, Andalusia  
Hudson C. Calfee, Route 3, Clanton  
William L. Clotfelter, Arab  
Malcolm E. Davis, Lexington  
Harry H. Ellis, Castleberry  
James Cecil Garner, Garland  
Joe Wayne Johnson, Grand Bay  
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Route 1, Madera

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 Starke  
 Jesse David Elmore, Route 1, Bra-  
 denton  
 Hankins Mathews, Milton  
 Henry W. Reams, Lamont  
 Ingram L. Ward, Route 3, Milton

**Georgia**

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 ingbroke  
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 James Huff, Eastman, Route 2  
 Benjamin Ashley Lively, R.F.D. 1,  
 McBean  
 Charles Eugene Lovinggood, Kenne-  
 saw  
 Jodie Z. McKinley, Jr., Lyons  
 Richard E. Ogletree, Perry  
 Billy B. Spooner, Iron City  
 John L. Steed, Jr., Grovetown  
 Julius Thomas Wilkes, Jefferson

**Hawaii**

Richard Hideaki Matsunaga, 938  
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**Idaho**

Orval Howard Hansen, Route 5,  
 Idaho Falls  
 Daniel H. Mickelson, Lago

**Illinois**

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 Glen Loyde Busboom, Ogden  
 Eldon Ray Chapman, Route 1, Mt.  
 Carmel  
 Kenneth Le Wayne Cheatham,  
 Smithboro  
 Harold F. Farley, Sadorus  
 Edward H. Heine, Route 1, Hamp-  
 shire  
 Russel Mathre Jorstad, R.F.D. 4,  
 Morris  
 Kenneth W. Koertner, Pearl City  
 Herbert L. Mueller, Jr., R.F.D. 1,  
 Columbia  
 Ray C. Musser, Media  
 Donald Arland Petrie, Franklin  
 Grove  
 William Lewis Porter, Route 2,  
 Mendon  
 Lyle P. Schertz, Benson

**Indiana**

Marvin Wayne Phillips, Route 1,  
 Campbellsburg  
 Orval Herman Ungethum, Route 1,  
 Box 326, Evansville

**Iowa**

Robert Wayne Fickel, Batavia  
 Dean Gardner, Diagonal  
 Robert Nessa, Thor

**Kansas**

Norris Maydew, Lebanon  
 William G. Schrock, Kiowa

**Kentucky**

Robert L. Baker, Route 2, Owens-  
 boro  
 John Howard Coleman, Route 6,  
 Lexington  
 Eddie Mylor, Sanders  
 James H. Rafferty, Owensboro  
 John A. Roederer, Route 2, Jeffer-  
 sontown  
 William David Simmons, Branden-  
 burg

**Louisiana**

Abner J. Babin, Box 219, Thibodaux  
 J. E. Hamlet, Jr., R.F.D. 11, Pollock  
 Warren Allen Meadows, Batchelor  
 Joseph Calvin Tauzin, Arnaudville

**Maine**

Milton Walter Daggett, Easton

**Maryland**

W. Dale Hess, Fallston

**Massachusetts**

Earl E. Crouse, Jr., Hudson

**Michigan**

Joy Eldon Arthur, Route 5, Midland  
 Bill Bradstreet, Hudson  
 Raymond Jr., Hesche, R.F.D. 2,  
 Lowell  
 Elmore N. Higby, Romeo  
 Keith Turner Little, Route 3, Cass  
 City  
 Richard C. Sandbrook, R.F.D. 3,  
 Blanchard  
 Harold Arthur Werderman, Romeo

**Minnesota**

Paul Lindholm, Ortonville  
 Vernon A. Michel, Harmony

**Mississippi**

Allen Ball, Route 2, Vardaman  
 Don R. Branch, Duck Hill  
 Leon E. Hannaford, Route 2, Cal-  
 houn City  
 Harold Wilson, Hickory Flat  
 Ernest B. Wray, Jr., Duck Hill

**Missouri**

Charley Bridges, Route 1, Granby  
 J. M. Crighton, Willard

Ruben Edwards, Corso  
 Loren William Griggs, Jasper  
 Wesley William Jensen, Route 1,  
 Amoret  
 William Ernest Phillips, Route 2,  
 Marshall  
 W. D. Pipkin, Route 7, Box 523,  
 Springfield  
 Wayne D. Smith, Route 3, Green  
 Castle

#### Montana

Carl William Idland, Grey Cliff  
 Bill Gene Michael, Jr., Billings

#### Nebraska

Richard LaVerne Peterson, Neligh  
 Leon Rathke, Beemer  
 Ralph Strotheide, Hay Springs

#### Nevada

Louie Venturacci, P. O. Box 384,  
 Fallon

#### New Mexico

Hensley Russell Price, P. O. Box 13,  
 Tatum

#### New York

Robert John Botsford, R.F.D. 3,  
 Cattaraugus  
 Robert Knowlton Hill, Jr., Elbridge  
 William T. Randolph, R.F.D. 2, Mo-  
 ravia  
 Gerald F. Scharping, Albion  
 Floyd L. Voorhees, Silver Springs

#### North Carolina

Rupert Carlyle Butler, Route 2,  
 Reidsville  
 Hardy Robinson Caldwell, Jr.,  
 Waynesville  
 Henry Edward Clark, Route 5, Fay-  
 etteville  
 Irvin C. Finch, Jr., Route 1, Bailey  
 Charles P. Francis, Route 1,  
 Waynesville  
 Hayes Gregory, Route 4, Franklin  
 Samuel J. Hair, Jr., Route 2, Fay-  
 etteville  
 Henry E. Jones, Route 3, Pittsboro  
 Ray Preston Karriker, Route 3,  
 Mooresville  
 James William Patterson, Route 2,  
 Franklin  
 Paul Clayton Seabolt, State Col-  
 lege Dairy Farm, Raleigh  
 David Wellington Sides, Route 6,  
 Statesville  
 Robert S. Williams, Route 1, Erwin

#### North Dakota

Durelle A. Hansen, Velva

#### Ohio

William Lee Aten, Ashland  
 Clarence A. Kaiser, Hilliards  
 Jay William Liggett, Amlin  
 Howard Edward Murphy, Route 1,  
 Morral  
 Thomas Alvin Nuhfer, Woodville  
 Alfred Eugene Swerlein, Route 4,  
 Upper Sandusky  
 Virgil F. Swerlein, Route 2, Sycamore  
 William C. Weldy, R.F.D. 1, Middle-  
 Point

#### Oklahoma

Clyde D. Campbell, Helena  
 Karl Henry Hanza, Jr., Route 3,  
 Lawton  
 Ellsworth L. Hein, Isabella  
 Melvin Hoffman, Route 1, El Reno  
 Karl Arnold Kozel, Route 3, Shaw-  
 nee  
 Raymond Linn, Route 1, Verden  
 Kenneth Joseph Markus, King-  
 fisher  
 Truman E. Smith, Hydro  
 Jimmie Darrell Wolf, Dustin

#### Oregon

Charles D. Cheyne, Route 1, Box  
 872, Klamath Falls  
 Charlie Fred Lucht, Route 3, Box  
 195, Molalla

#### Pennsylvania

Edmund Kell Book, Jr., Port Royal  
 J. Mark Bushong, Lampeter  
 Donald S. Cross, R.F.D. 3, Slippery  
 Rock  
 Harold Glen Gray, Honey Grove  
 John S. Greenley, Tunkhannock  
 Carl B. Herr, R.F.D. 7, Lancaster  
 Robert E. Shaner, R.F.D. 2, Potts-  
 town  
 James W. Shoemaker, Mt. Bethel  
 Myles Elliot Starner, R.F.D. 1, As-  
 pers

#### South Carolina

John A. McAllister, Mt. Carmel  
 Joe Mac Tate, Route 4, Gaffney  
 Harry E. Willis, Cico

#### South Dakota

Loyd George Minor, Route 1, Brook-  
 ings

#### Tennessee

Joe Ramsey Adams, Route 1, Mc-  
 Minnville  
 John C. Baxter, Route 1, Chuckey  
 Maxie Bradley, Riddleton

Max A. Cobble, Midway  
David Baxter Robinson, Route 1,  
Lebanon  
Neil Garrett Smith, Route 1, Jack-  
son

### Texas

Joe Antilley, Route 5, Abilene  
James Thomas Boss, R.F.D. 2, Rox-  
ton  
James Bumpers, Dawson  
Alton Brazell, Route 3, Lubbock  
M. C. Cannada, Jr., Roxton  
Valton Dennis, Saint Jo  
Jack Edmiston, Voca  
James E. Grawunder, Route 2,  
Bellville  
Mark Griffith, Goulbusk Rt., Coleman  
Wayne Dale Harrell, Ralls  
John W. Hays, Ballinger, Route 2  
Welton Henderson, Ingram  
Roman John Homen, Box 365, Pan-  
handle  
Robert Bruce Isom, Box 316, Idalou  
Thomas Philip Jacoby, Junction  
Edward V. Kallus, Fayetteville  
R. McKay Moore, Winnsboro,  
Route 4  
Herbert Nesloney, Route A, Ken-  
edy  
Robert Fred Pedigo, Pilot Point,  
Route 1  
Hilmer George Alfred Person, Ma-  
this  
Kenneth Pierce, Route 1, Slaton  
(deceased)  
Victor J. Schweers, Route 1, Box  
51, Dunlay  
Leonard Sellers, Route 1, Ennis  
Linden Solomon, Cuthbert  
Billy Joe Thomasson, Jasper

### Utah

Dennis Atkin, St. George  
R. Delos Andrews, Box 305, Aurora  
George Edward Banks, R.F.D. 2,  
Spanish Fork

### Vermont

Donald Edwin Lewis, Woodstock

### Virginia

Joseph Bane Carr, Route 1, Box 82,  
Goodwins Ferry  
Garnett Clark, Jeffres  
C. Richard Guthrie, R.F.D. 2, Box  
59, Dublin  
John H. Kennedy, Jr., Stony Creek  
Canice Elgin Mannon, Riner  
Gareth Brower Miller, Bridgewater  
William D. Wampler, Harrisonburg

### Washington

Fred Cushman, Jr., Route 4, Snoho-  
mish  
Duane S. Kuhlman, Route 4, Snoho-  
mish  
Carl J. Nordheim, Route 1, Walla  
Walla  
Edwin Charles Stocker, Route 3,  
Snohomish  
H. Scott Wallace, Carnation

### West Virginia

Fred Gold Butler, Inwood  
John William Cullen, Letart  
William R. Graham, III, Route 1,  
New England  
Ernest F. McDonald, R.F.D. 1, Mar-  
tinsburg

### Wisconsin

Vernon Bell, Galesville  
Nordeen Merlin Gilbertson, Route 3,  
Spring Green  
Donald Haile, Knapp  
Merlin E. Kropf, Route 4, Water-  
town  
Richard A. Rossmiller, Route 2,  
Box 240, Burlington  
Donald A. Russell, Route 2, Janes-  
ville  
Norbert D. Schachtner, Route 7,  
Box 33, Watertown  
Gordon W. Smith, Arcadia  
William A. Stern, River Falls  
Wilfrid Turba, Route 2, Elkhart  
Lake

### Wyoming

Wayne Bender Lynn, Box 498, Pow-  
ell

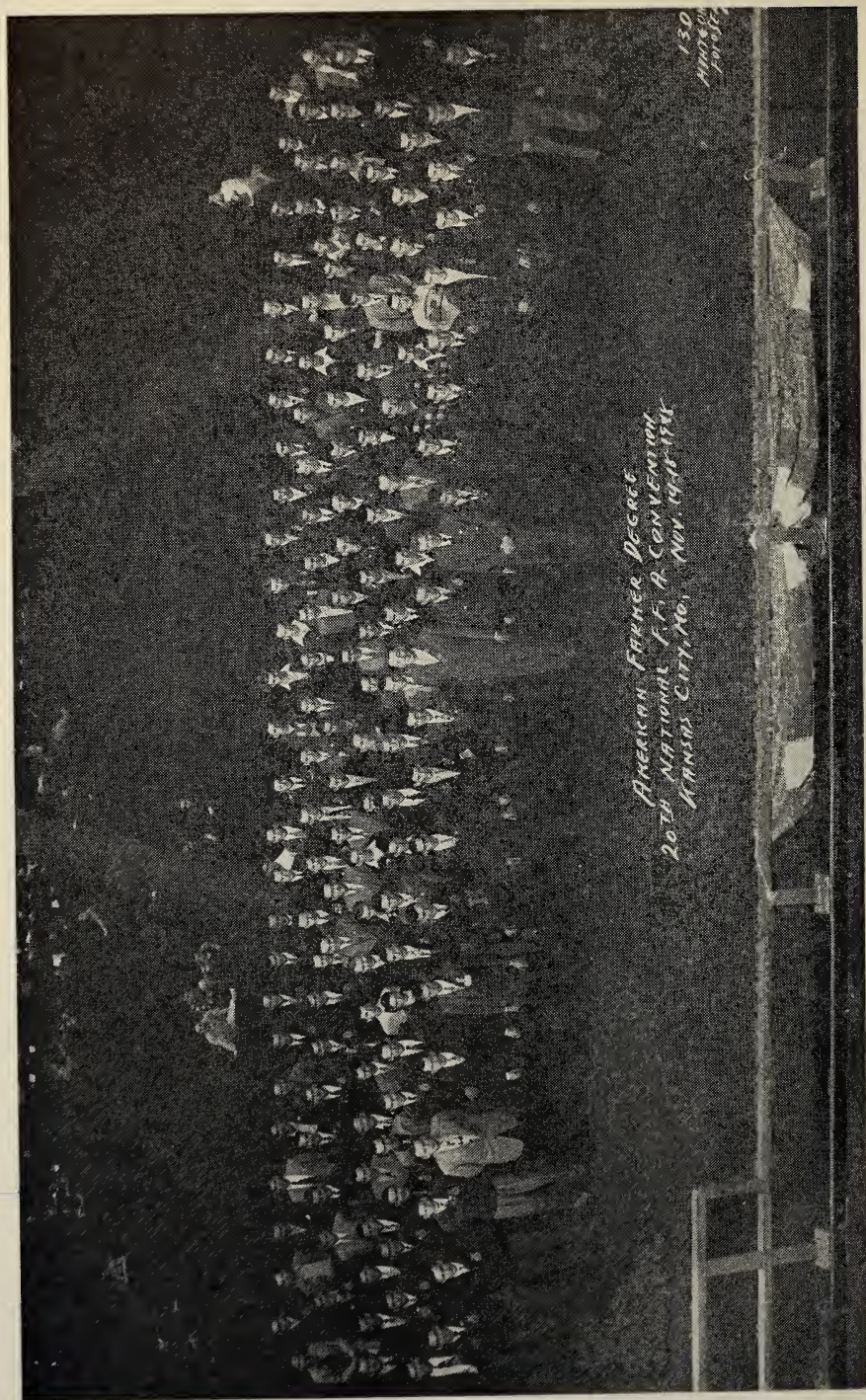
President Martin then conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon a number of men.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.



AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE  
20TH NATIONAL F.F.A. CONVENTION  
KANSAS CITY, MO., NOV. 1948-1949

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1948

## Morning Session

The fourth session of the convention was called to order at nine o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Martin presiding. First Vice-President Dunk assumed the chair.

Following musical selections rendered by the Alabama String Band, telegrams were read from Mr. and Mrs. Giacomini of California, and Gertrude L. Warren, National Office—4-H Clubs.

The first item of business was Greetings to the National Grange. It was moved by Erwin of Washington that a telegram of greeting be sent to the National Grange in Portland, Maine, motion seconded by Blood of Wyoming and carried.

The second item of business was Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. It had been recommended by the Texas Association that:

Article IV. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES, Section C. Chapter Farmer Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: Item 7—that the amount of "\$25.00" be changed to "\$50.00."

Article IV. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES, Section D. State Farmer Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: Item 6—that the amount of "\$250.00" be changed to "\$500.00."

Article IV. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES, Section E. American Farmer Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: Item 3—that the amount of "\$500.00" be changed to "\$1,000.00."

After a brief discussion it was moved by Jessup of Indiana to reject the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws; motion seconded by Henry of California and passed.

The next item of business was the national magazine. After considerable discussion it was moved by Michael of Montana to give the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council full power to thoroughly consider a national magazine and go ahead with its publication if they see fit; motion seconded by Weathersby of Arizona and carried. It was amended by Lewis of Illinois to amend the main motion to the effect that the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council make a thorough investigation as to the printing of the magazine and report to the next annual convention; amendment seconded by Henry of California and carried.

Knud Olsen from Copenhagen, Denmark, who is in the United States studying the meat packing industry in the various cities, presented a most interesting address.

J. A. Linke, former National Adviser, was then introduced. After a brief address "Dad" Linke was asked to occupy the chair of the National Adviser for the rest of the session.

Mr. Louis M. Sasman presented the National F.F.A. Creed in place of E. M. Tiffany, author of the Creed.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the report of the Future Farmers Supply Service and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Russ of Arkansas and carried.

Mr. W. A. O'Brien, Acting Manager of the Supply Service, Mr. Walter Ringer, Jr., St. Croix Garment Company and Mr. W. N. Tolan, Universal Uniform Company, were introduced.

After a few selections from the National F.F.A. Chorus, a motion picture on leadership training—"By Jupiter"—was shown.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1948

### Afternoon Session

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

Musical selections were presented by the national band.

The Massing of State Flags by the State Star Farmers was then presented after which the Star Farmer Tableaux was presented by the Shawnee-Mission, Kansas, Chapter. Mr. John Collins, Editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star presented the Star Farmer Awards for 1948.

The scientific show "Previews of Progress" was presented.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.



His Excellency, Henri Bonnet, Ambassador from France, receives the Honorary American Farmer Degree from President Martin.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1948

## Morning Session

The sixth session of the national convention was called to order at nine o'clock with the opening ceremony. President Martin presiding.

Musical selections were presented by the Alabama String Band.

The first item of business was an invitation from Great Britian. It was moved by Johnson of Arizona to accept the invitation and send from four to six boys over this summer, and leave it up to the Advisory Council and Board of Trustees to decide who should go; motion seconded by Erwin of Washington.

Mr. Walter Anderson, representative from the Balfour Company, official F.F.A. jeweler, presented a report for that company.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented a report on the National Camp and moved its adoption; motion seconded by West of New Mexico and carried.

Staritt of West Virginia moved to reconsider the amended motion concerning the national magazine; motion seconded by Jasper of Kentucky and carried. After much discussion it was decided to postpone the discussion of the magazine until Thursday morning when a special session could be held.

President Martin asked all past national officers in the audience to come to the platform and introduce themselves, and tell the delegates and audience something about their present programs. Those present were: Gus Douglass, Jr.; Joseph Espey; Alvin L. Reimer; Lawrence Augenstine; Sam Pickering; Earl Walter; Elmer Johnson; Bob Taylor; William Stiers; Ivan Kindschi; Kenneth Julian; Glyndon Stuff and George Sisk.

The Evangeline Pageant was presented by the Louisiana Association.

President Martin conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree on His Excellency Henri Bonnet, Ambassador from France, after which the Ambassador presented a most inspiring address.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

(NOTE: The afternoon session was spent on tours to points of interest in Kansas City).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1948

## Evening Session

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

Following several selections by the National Band and Chorus, representatives from each of the donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated were called to the platform and introduced by President Martin. Those present were:

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

Dr. Jerry Sotola, Asst. Director, Livestock Bureau, Armour and Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Durward DeWitt, Youth Director, Consumers Cooperative Association, Kansas City, Missouri.

David Meeker, Educational Director, Dearborn Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.

C. L. Oheim, Vice-President, Deere and Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

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

T. A. Erickson, Consultant, Rural Services, General Mills, Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

T. B. Hale, Vice-President in charge of General Line Sales, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Reuben L. Smith, Radio Director, Tractor Division, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Milton R. Dunk, Editor "Better Farming Methods," Watt Publishing Company, Mount Morris, Illinois.

James T. Bingham, Associate Editor, "Country Gentleman," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dean Bedford, Manager, Farm Service, Esso Standard Oil Company, New York, New York.

George Fiske, Manager, General Electric Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

A. F. Davis, Secretary, The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio.

E. D. Schiefe, Manager, J. I. Case Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

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

A. O. Broussard, Chairman of the Board, E. F. Sanquinetti, Incorporated, Yuma, Arizona.

R. V. Mullen, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.

John H. Kraft, President, Kraft Foods Company, Chicago, Illinois.

H. O. Coffey, "The Progressive Farmer," Birmingham, Alabama.

J. W. Wilson, Manager, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Ray L. Cuff, Kansas City, Missouri.

Representatives from General Motors Corporation, Westinghouse Electric Corporation and Standard Oil Company (Incorporated in Kentucky) could not attend.

Mr. Raymond C. Firestone presented the Farm Mechanics Awards for 1948 on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

Mr. George Fiske presented the Farm and Home Electrification Awards for 1948 on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

Mr. John H. Kraft presented the Star Dairy Farmer Awards for 1948 on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1948

Special Session

The session was called to order at eight thirty, Vice-President Arlien presiding.

The first order of business was the discussion of the National magazine. Stevens of Virginia moved that all previous action taken by the convention, both the main motion and the amendment and all other proceedings concerning the proposed magazine, be rescinded; motion seconded by Perkins of Vermont and carried. It was moved by Saufferer of Minnesota to give the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council and State associations full power to thor-



Honorable Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, receives the Honorary American Farmer Degree from Ervin Martin, National F.F.A. President, at the 20th Anniversary Celebration.



oughly consider a national magazine and go ahead with its publication if they see fit; motion seconded by Johnson of Arizona and carried.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1948

### Morning Session

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

After a few selections by the National Band, Dowell J. Howard, National Treasurer, made the presentation of awards in the National Chapter Contest.

President Martin then presented the Honorary American Farmer Degree to the advisers of the Gold Emblem Chapters.

The next item of business was committee reports. Todd of Missouri presented the report of the Committee on Proceedings and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Weathersby of Arizona and carried.

Brown of North Dakota presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Staritt of West Virginia and carried.

Warren of North Carolina presented the report of the Committee on Official Manual and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Finch of Connecticut and carried.

Smith of Indiana presented the report of the Committee on F.F.A. Foundation and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Jessup of Indiana and carried.

Pullis of New Jersey presented the report of the Committee on Auditing and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Dellow of Wyoming and carried.

Davis of Florida presented the report of the Committee on Chapter Contest and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Blalock of Georgia and carried.

Barton of Utah presented the report of the Committee on American Farmer Applications and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Jasper of Kentucky and carried.

Stevens of Virginia presented the report of the Committee on National Public Speaking Contest and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Burch of Florida and carried.

Dressen of Oklahoma presented the report of the Committee on Program of Work and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Timerson of Wisconsin and carried.

President Martin conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree on the Honorable Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, after which Mr. Brannan presented an address.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.



(Left to right): Doyle Conner, President, 1948-49; Shirley Osborne, Harper, Kansas, President of Future Homemakers of America; and Ervin Martin, President, 1947-48.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1948

Afternoon Session

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

The Alabama F.F.A. String Band rendered several selections. Vice-President Dunk assumed the functions of the chair.

Vice-President Dunk presented Miss Shirley Osborne, President of the Future Homemakers of America, with a red rose corsage after which Miss Osborne gave an address.

President Martin resumed the functions of the chair.

Brigham of Vermont presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Schachtner of Wisconsin and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the budget for 1948-49 and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Miller of South Carolina and carried.

## National F.F.A. Budget

JULY 1, 1948 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1949

### Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues .....	\$ 27,000.00
Royalties .....	12,000.00
Camp and Old Mill .....	3,000.00
Miscellaneous .....	300.00

Total anticipated revenue ..... \$ 42,300.00

### Estimated Disbursements:

I. Travel .....	\$ 10,000.00
II. Convention .....	11,075.00
III. American Farmer Keys .....	2,250.00
IV. Printing .....	3,800.00
V. National Office Expense .....	14,923.87
VI. National Camp and Old Mill .....	5,195.00

Total estimated disbursements..... \$ 47,243.87

Saufferer of Minnesota moved that the national convention accept a ten-cent membership dues for the coming year; motion seconded by Hungar of Washington and carried.

Staritt of West Virginia moved to give the Board of Trustees authority to edit all reports; motion seconded by Pullis of New Jersey and carried.

Russ of Arkansas moved to give the Board of Trustees power to take action on unfinished business and to have full power to act in interim between conventions; motion seconded by Wood of Vermont and carried.

The next order of business was National Officers' reports and farewell addresses. First Vice-President Dunk assumed the chair while President Martin presented his report and moved its adoption: motion seconded by Davis of Florida and carried. The President resumed the chair.

First Vice-President Dunk presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Brazell of Texas and carried.

Second Vice-President Arlien presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Brown of North Dakota and carried.

Third Vice-President Webb presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Pierson of Delaware and carried.

Fourth Vice-President Meier presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Johnson of Arizona and carried.

Student Secretary Hansen presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Barton of Utah and carried.

Herrington of New York presented the report of the Nominating Committee. England of Arizona moved to accept the nomina-



tions as read by the chairman of the Nominating Committee; motion seconded by Dressen of Oklahoma and carried.

The following Student Officers were declared elected as the National Officers for 1948-49:

President—Doyle Conner, Starke, Florida.

First Vice-President—Paul Lindholm, Ortonville, Minnesota.

Second Vice-President—Dale Hess, Fallston, Maryland.

Third Vice-President—Bill Michael, Billings, Montana.

Fourth Vice-President—Alton Brazell, Lubbock, Texas.

Student Secretary—Max Cobble, Midway, Tennessee.

Axtman of North Dakota moved that we authorize our official jewelers to manufacture and make available a medal about the size of a nickel to be used for recognition of State and chapter levels, which may be worn either as a lapel or key chain type, in addition to medals already being manufactured; motion seconded by Wood of Vermont and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.



1948-49 NATIONAL F.F.A. OFFICERS

(Left to right)—Seated: Paul Lindholm, First Vice President; Doyle Conner, President; Dale Hess, Second Vice President. Standing: W. T. Spanton, Adviser; Max Coble, Student Secretary; Bill Michael, Third Vice President; Alton Brazell, Fourth Vice President; A. W. Tenney, Executive Secretary, and D. J. Howard, Treasurer.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1948

## Evening Session

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

The National Band and Chorus rendered a few selections.

The Special "Kansas City Night" program was then presented.

An inspiring Torchlight Ceremony was then presented, featuring representatives of the State Associations.

Past President Martin turned the gavel over to the new President, Doyle Conner, who presented each of the past officers with official national officer pins and certificates.

The new officers took their stations.

The convention was adjourned sine die at 10:30 o'clock with the regular closing ceremony.

## Committee Reports

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN FARMER APPLICATIONS

We, the committee on 1948-49 American Farmer Degree applications, having carefully examined the application, find it is in good standing but recommend the following:

1. There should be more accuracy and neatness in record books by members.
2. Project books should be checked closer by State Advisers before being sent to the national office.
3. More emphasis should be placed on leadership rather than other items.

We, the committee, felt that it would not be necessary to raise the requirements for applying for the American Farmer Degree.

Respectfully submitted,

DEAN P. BARTON, Utah, *Chairman*  
BOB BARNES, Oregon  
JIMMY DARLING, Texas  
ANDY HUNTER, Tennessee  
BOB BLALOCK, Georgia  
RAYMOND AXMAN, North Dakota  
WILLIAM WEBB, Delaware  
DALLAS H. JOHNSON, Virginia  
GLENN F. LACKEY, Ohio

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### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have reviewed the books kept by the National Treasurer and find that they are accurate and in the proper order. We find further that the accounts have been audited for the period July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948 by Leach, Calkins and Scott, Certified Public Accountants.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL J. PULLIS, New Jersey, *Chairman*  
STANLEY RUSS, Arkansas  
HARRY C. TENNEY, New Hampshire  
NICK LINDSAY, Alabama  
DICK SAUDER, Nebraska  
JIM HANSEN, Utah  
DUANE TIMERSON, Wisconsin  
DON JORGENSEN, Iowa  
HERMAN DELLOS, Wyoming  
BOB HENRY, California



### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

The National Chapter Contest Committee recommends that the 1948-49 rules and regulations for the National Chapter Contest be the same as for 1947-48.

Respectfully submitted,

HAL DAVIS, Florida, *Chairman*  
 ROBERT FIELD, Colorado  
 ROGER JESSUP, Indiana  
 EARL JASPER, Kentucky  
 NORRIS BOYD, Maine  
 BOB GREVE, Kansas  
 BOB SALMON, Alabama  
 KENNETH KAPHAMMER, Idaho  
 FRANK SHEPARD, JR., Connecticut

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

We, the Future Farmers of America Foundation Committee, met Monday, November 15, 1948, and carefully and accurately studied and discussed the By-Laws, Program, and Policies of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

We continue the following recommendations as submitted before:

1. More complete and descriptive literature on the operation and development of the Foundation continue to be presented to F.F.A. chapters, State associations and other organizations that might be interested.
2. Members receiving Foundation awards should extend their appreciation for the awards to the Foundation donors.
3. Recommended—That the committee recommends that we send a delegation of F.F.A. boys that would well represent the interests of the Future Farmers of America over to other countries in order to study their ways of life.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH SMITH, Indiana, *Chairman*  
 NEUEL JR. WEATHERSBY, Arizona  
 REED HANSEN, Idaho  
 LEE YUTZLER, New York  
 LAWRENCE LUTZ, South Dakota  
 DONALD L. BURCH, Florida  
 LAWRENCE SULLIVAN, Massachusetts

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL MANUAL

We the Official Manual Committee have carefully reviewed the contents of the 1948 official manual and found the information contained therein to be in proper order.

We recommend that the next issue of the official manual contain a picture of the newly organized National F.F.A. Chorus.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIE VENTURACCI, Nevada, *Chairman*  
 RUFUS WARREN, North Carolina  
 JOHN GIGSTAD, Kansas  
 HARPOLE McMULLIN, Mississippi  
 ROBERT E. SHANER, Pennsylvania  
 ELVIN IRWIN, Washington  
 JERRY JORGENSEN, Michigan  
 ROBERT WOOD, Vermont

### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for national F.F.A. officers for the year 1948-49. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....	Doyle Conner, Florida
First Vice-President.....	Paul Lindholm, Minnesota
Second Vice-President.....	W. Dale Hess, Maryland
Third Vice-President.....	Bill Michael, Montana
Fourth Vice-President.....	Alton Brazell, Texas
Student Secretary.....	Max Cobble, Tennessee
Treasurer.....	D. J. Howard, Virginia
Executive Secretary.....	A. W. Tenney, Washington, D. C.
Adviser.....	W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT HERRINGTON, New York, *Chairman*  
 DINO PETRUCCI, California  
 DALE HOOVER, Iowa  
 ROLLAND TURNOW, Ohio  
 CHARLES BEARD, Georgia  
 DONALD SPRINGLE, New Jersey  
 MAX RICE, Maryland  
 BOB KOUNS, Oregon  
 BOB WATTS, Arkansas

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROCEEDINGS

We, the Committee on Proceedings for 1948, hereby submit the following report:

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

1. Include these pictures:  
 National Chorus, Band and all entertainers.  
 Building of the Flag.

Individual pictures of past national officers by their reports.

All other outstanding pictures of the convention.

2. We suggest that the cover be designed similar to that of the Twenty-First National Convention Program.
3. Include the stories of all award winners.

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

Respectfully submitted,

FRED G. BUTLER, West Virginia, *Chairman*

MITSUO MURASHIGE, Hawaii

LEWIS TODD, Missouri

LOYD MATTHEWS, Mississippi

NORBERT SCHACHTNER, Wisconsin

DOLAN WINSLOW, North Carolina

CARROLL P. MIKONIS, Massachusetts

DORMAN C. BROOKEY, New Mexico

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 1949-50 PROGRAM OF WORK

We, the Committee on 1949-50 Program of Work, recommend the following activities, goals and ways and means for 1949-50:

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



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4. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	f. Urge treatment of seeds to prevent disease. Encourage improvement of soil fertility. a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Urge humane and practical stock devices made as farm mechanics projects. c. When necessary urge vaccination of livestock to prevent disease.
<b>II. COOPERATION</b>		
1. Cooperating with other groups on readjustment	100% chapter participation	a. Assist where possible with all governmental agencies in readjustment effort. b. Cooperate with other organizations in the community
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities. b. Urge members to buy and sell cooperatively. c. Urge chapters to promote cooperative enterprises.
<b>III. COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>		
1. Assisting returning servicemen	100% member and chapter participation	a. Help organize part-time classes and evening schools. b. Secure information concerning Government aid for returning veterans. c. Encourage veterans to attend F. F. A. meetings. d. Encourage eligible veterans to resume active membership. e. Every chapter post an honor scroll of members that have been, or are, in the armed forces.
2. Assisting with farm labor shortage	100% chapter participation	a. Chapter assist in the training of inexperienced laborers to do farm work. b. Encourage members to make the best possible use of machinery and labor
3. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery	100% members and chapter participation	a. Chapters assist in repair of machinery in community. b. Encourage members to offer their services to farmers. c. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from wear, weather, etc. d. Assist agriculture instructors in farm machinery repair courses for farmers.
4. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State associations with safety programs	a. Cooperate with agencies promoting safety. b. Encourage books on first aid and safety in chapter libraries.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Encourage chapter discussions and demonstrations on fire prevention.</li> <li>d. Encourage members to enroll in first aid courses.</li> <li>e. Secure and distribute material on farm fire prevention.</li> <li>f. Encourage safety campaigns at home, on highways, in the shop, and in fields against fire and other destructive forces.</li> <li>g. Urge every chapter to have available first aid measures.</li> <li>h. Publicize safety programs.</li> <li>i. Urge that safety devices be kept in place on farm machines.</li> </ul>
5. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge cooperation with various conservation agencies.</li> <li>b. Emphasize the need for conservation to both chapters and individuals.</li> <li>c. Discourage unnecessary use of rubber, metals, and other vital materials.</li> <li>d. Soil conservation by crop rotation and cover crops.</li> </ul>
6. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage all members and chapters to discover needed repairs and undertake same.</li> <li>b. Encourage chapters to provide cooperatively available materials needed for home maintenance.</li> </ul>
7. Salvaging needed materials	100% member and chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Arrange chapter campaigns for systematic collection of needed materials.</li> <li>b. Impress members and chapters to encourage conservation.</li> <li>c. Urge every State to set up definite goals.</li> </ul>
<b>IV. LEADERSHIP</b>		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of State naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge careful and early explanation of progressive features of degree work to Green Hands and members and plan long time farming programs.</li> <li>b. Encourage members to keep scrap book records of their achievements.</li> <li>c. Urge each State to provide uniform State Farmer application blank.</li> <li>d. Emphasize early submission of American Farmer Degree applications.</li> </ul>

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2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F. F. A. books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prepare and distribute suggested list of books for F. F. A. chapters.</li> <li>b. Send out suggestions on establishing and maintaining libraries.</li> <li>c. Suggest discussion of chapter libraries at leadership training schools and conferences.</li> </ul>
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapter and State holding public speaking contests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage every chapter to hold a contest with a high percentage of members participating.</li> <li>b. Stress the value of participation to the individuals regardless of prizes or honors.</li> <li>c. Encourage district to participate in State contests.</li> <li>d. Encourage all States to participate in regional contests.</li> </ul>
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge individual members to study parliamentary procedure.</li> <li>b. Encourage chapter discussion of parliamentary procedure.</li> <li>c. Encourage local parliamentary procedure demonstrations and contests.</li> <li>d. Urge chapters to include at least one book on parliamentary procedure in chapter library.</li> <li>e. Recommend parliamentary procedure contest to be set up on national basis.</li> <li>f. Each chapter to have a Parliamentarian.</li> </ul>
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage more carefully built programs and closer attention to them</li> <li>b. Urge special emphasis on program building in leadership schools.</li> <li>c. Print and distribute the national program of work immediately following the National Convention.</li> <li>d. Encourage more chapters to compete in National Chapter Contest.</li> <li>e. Adapt programs of work to reconversion.</li> </ul>
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage the maintenance of State F. F. A. publications.</li> <li>b. Encourage exchange of State publications with other associations.</li> <li>c. Offer constructive suggestions on improving present publications.</li> </ul>



Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Include in publications copies of winning State and national F. F. A. speeches of the year.</li> <li>e. Serve as media of information of national organization activities.</li> <li>f. Include helpful agricultural hints.</li> <li>a. Encourage State and district leadership training schools and conferences.</li> <li>b. Encourage States to provide leadership training in connection with State meetings.</li> <li>c. Encourage all chapters to provide at least one leadership school or conference during the year.</li> <li>d. Urge special leadership training school for State officers.</li> <li>e. Provide special leadership training school for national officers.</li> </ul>
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F. F. A. is and does	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage more extensive and regular use of local, county, and State newspapers by chapters and State associations.</li> <li>b. Secure more articles in national magazines.</li> <li>c. Urge taking of more and better pictures of F. F. A. work for use as illustrations.</li> <li>d. Encourage States and chapters to provide radio broadcasts where possible.</li> <li>e. Encourage wider use of windshield stickers.</li> <li>f. Continue to maintain contact with such organizations as the New Farmers of America and other organizations patterned after the F. F. A.</li> <li>g. Each chapter sponsor at least one decorated window display per year in a downtown section.</li> <li>h. Keep in touch with former F. F. A. members.</li> <li>i. Encourage the use of official F. F. A. uniforms by members.</li> <li>j. National organization put on F. F. A. exhibits.</li> </ul>

#### V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Buying Victory bonds stamps	100% of chapters participating in Victory Bond Drive	a. Send out U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to make purchases.
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<b>2. Practicing thrift</b>	100% of chapter and members participating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Suggest member savings and chapter accumulations be used for purchases.</li> <li>c. Urge State associations and chapters to put on drives to encourage members and others to buy Victory bonds and stamps.</li> <li>d. Recommend Victory bonds and stamps as awards in the F. F. A. contests.</li> <li>a. Stimulate interest in regular systematic savings for all.</li> <li>b. Encourage chapter members to earn money cooperatively to help finance chapter activities.</li> <li>c. Urge every State Association and chapter to have a budget and safeguard its funds.</li> <li>d. Encourage members to invest earnings in productive enterprises, Victory stamps and bonds.</li> <li>e. Urge every chapter to operate a thrift bank.</li> <li>f. Encourage individuals to earn and save money.</li> </ul>
<b>VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS</b>		
<b>1. Using Official Manual</b>	100% of members having access to official Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge State associations to secure Manuals in quantities for distribution and sale to chapters.</li> <li>b. Emphasize the need for having up-to-date Manuals with which to work.</li> <li>c. Urge that new Manuals be included in every chapter library</li> <li>d. Urge discussion of revised 1946 constitution at chapter meetings and conventions</li> <li>e. Urge every Green Hand to own a Manual.</li> <li>f. Urge study of Manual as phase of leadership training schools and conferences.</li> <li>g. Urge individual members to study and be familiar with official Manual.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Using Official Secretary and treasurer books</b>	100% of chapters using both books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Call further attention to the value of these books.</li> <li>b. Urge filing copies of completed books as permanent chapter records.</li> <li>c. Urge discussion of both books at chapter meetings and at leadership training schools and conferences.</li> </ul>

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3. Providing Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Urge well kept books.</li> <li>e. Encourage each chapter to keep a scrap book.</li> <li>a. Send out lists with information on how and where to obtain.</li> <li>b. Stress loyalty to the national organization and urge the use of official materials.</li> <li>c. Urge discussion of standard materials at leadership training schools.</li> <li>d. Point out advantages in patronizing official companies.</li> </ul>
4. Using Official ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge that all officers learn their parts and that ceremonies be rehearsed.</li> <li>b. Suggest special training on ceremonies for new officers.</li> <li>c. Recommend discussing the meaning and significance of ceremonies at chapter meetings and leadership schools.</li> <li>d. Urge practice on unison parts, especially Flag salute.</li> </ul>
5. Planning State Conventions	100% of State associations hold Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Plan in ample time.</li> <li>b. All chapters be well represented.</li> <li>c. Urge all State Farmer candidates to attend.</li> <li>d. Secure outstanding speakers and entertainers.</li> </ul>
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have at least two regular meeting dates per month scheduled in school calendar.</li> <li>b. Special meetings for emergencies.</li> <li>c. Prepare well-planned program beforehand.</li> <li>d. Have one good entertainment feature for 100% participation at each regular meeting.</li> <li>e. Urge 100% chapter attendance at federation or district meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>VII. SCHOLARSHIP</b>		
1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Devote one chapter meeting annually to scholarship.</li> <li>b. Encourage members to strive for scholastic honors.</li> <li>c. Post an F. F. A. honor roll each month.</li> <li>d. Have advanced boys assist new students.</li> <li>e. Offer chapter awards to outstanding scholars.</li> </ul>



Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
<b>VIII. RECREATION</b>		
<b>1. Encourage supervised recreation</b>	100% member participation	a. Organize athletic teams and encourage chapter and district competition. b. Sponsor parent and son banquets. c. Cooperate with F. H. A. departments and all related school organizations. d. Organize supervised camping trips and encourage establishment of State camps. e. Cooperate with the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency. f. Sponsor recreation programs in local community.
<b>2. Continuing National F.F.A. Week</b>	100% of State associations participating	a. Set aside week of George Washington's Birthday as National F.F.A. Week. b. Send out suggested materials for F.F.A. Week programs.
<b>3. Maintaining National Camp</b>	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition	a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp. b. Urge eligible members to attend National Camp.
<b>IX. GENERAL</b>		
<b>1. Maintaining membership</b>	300,000 active members	a. Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture. b. 100% membership in F.F.A. of boys enrolled in all-day classes. c. Retain 75% of graduated members for three years after graduation. d. Urge full payment of national dues on the part of all associations on or before June 30. e. Encourage establishment of collegiate chapter in every recognized teacher training department.

Respectfully submitted,

ALTON BRAZELL, Texas, Chairman  
 JACK DREESSEN, Oklahoma  
 DWIGHT M. BLOOD, Wyoming  
 DONALD HALL, Maryland  
 JIM LEIGHTY, Montana  
 GENE HANGAR, Washington  
 RICHARD MAHAN, Maine  
 HARRY DENSMORE, Michigan

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD BROWN, North Dakota, *Chairman*  
 WENDELL SANDERS, Colorado  
 HARUS AKIYAMA, Hawaii  
 DEWAYNE HODGSON, Oklahoma  
 BOB HERRIOTT, Illinois  
 ERNEST FINCH, Connecticut  
 PHILIP PIERSON, Delaware

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

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

1. Amend Article V, Section V, sentence 2, to read: "The chairman shall introduce each contestant by name and the contestant shall announce his own subject."
2. Amend Article V by adding Section VIII to read: "Contestants shall be required to use a microphone at the National Public Speaking Contest and should practice with one."

Respectfully submitted,

BILL MICHAEL, Montana, *Chairman*  
 TOM JOHNSON, Arizona  
 GEORGE LEWIS, Illinois  
 PAUL LINDHOLM, Minnesota  
 DUANE MERELL, New Hampshire  
 ALVIN MEYER, Pennsylvania  
 BOB MILLER, South Carolina  
 ROBERT S. STEPHENS, Virginia  
 BILLY FLATT, Tennessee

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the committee on Resolutions for 1948, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America wish, to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following persons and organizations and especially to the twenty first national convention thereof:

1. To the 1947-48 National Officers and the twenty-first National Convention Committees for their excellent efforts in making this year and this convention the most successful.
2. To the members of the Kansas City Advisory Committee for their splendid work in making this year another historic milestone in the progress of the F.F.A.
3. To the members of the National F.F.A. Advisory Council for their able supervision and help in advancing the F.F.A.
4. To Mr. John Collins, Editor, WEEKLY KANSAS CITY STAR for his liberal support in providing appropriate prizes to Star Farmers.
5. To Mr. J. A. Linke for his special award to the chapter from which the Star Farmer of America was chosen.
6. To all the railroads and their officials representatives who are encouraging F.F.A. efforts and offering valuable education awards.
7. To Mr. W. E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City, for his most hearty and warming welcome.
8. To the Honorable Charles Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, for his stimulating address.
9. To all donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., and those persons who contributed to the success of the Convention.
10. To the businessmen and officials, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City for their efforts in making this a most enjoyable trip to Kansas City and for the various services rendered.
11. To the States visited by our National Officers for their assistance in making these trips possible.
12. To all States supplying members to the National F.F.A. Band and to Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State College, for his able conducting, and also to the newly organized National Chorus and to the Director, Dr. James W. Hatch, the Louisiana Association for their Evangeline Pageant, the Alabama F.F.A. String Band and all others who participated in talent shows.
13. To all companies who assisted in supplying general merchandise, banners, rings, emblems, stationery, etc.
14. To all companies and organizations who participated in furnishing entertainment to members of the F.F.A.





F.F.A. members inspect meat on a tour of a meat packing plant in Kansas City.

15. To all judges and members of the F.F.A. who participated in the Public Speaking Contest and the National Chapter Contest.
16. To all organizations and companies from which this 1947-48 National Convention has benefited.
17. To all honor guests of this twenty-first National Convention.
18. To His Excellency Henri Bonnet, Ambassador from France for his timely address.
19. To all magazines who have devoted space to the F.F.A.
20. To all hotels and other housing facilities who have accommodated our F.F.A. representatives.
21. To all donors of prizes not previously mentioned and to all other individuals serving the F.F.A. and assisting with the twenty-first National Convention.
22. To the French Embassy for having their Ambassador present.
23. To Honorable Oscar Ewing, Administrator, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C., for his splendid talk.
24. That we show appreciation to the representatives taking part in the flag building ceremony, torchlight ceremony, and massing of State flags ceremony.

25. To Shirley Osborne, President of the Future Homemakers of America for her address.

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

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BRIGHAM, Vermont, *Chairman*

LYNWOOD SCHRADER, Kentucky

RICHARD PETERSON, Nebraska

NEPHI JENSEN, Nevada

DONALD WEST, New Mexico

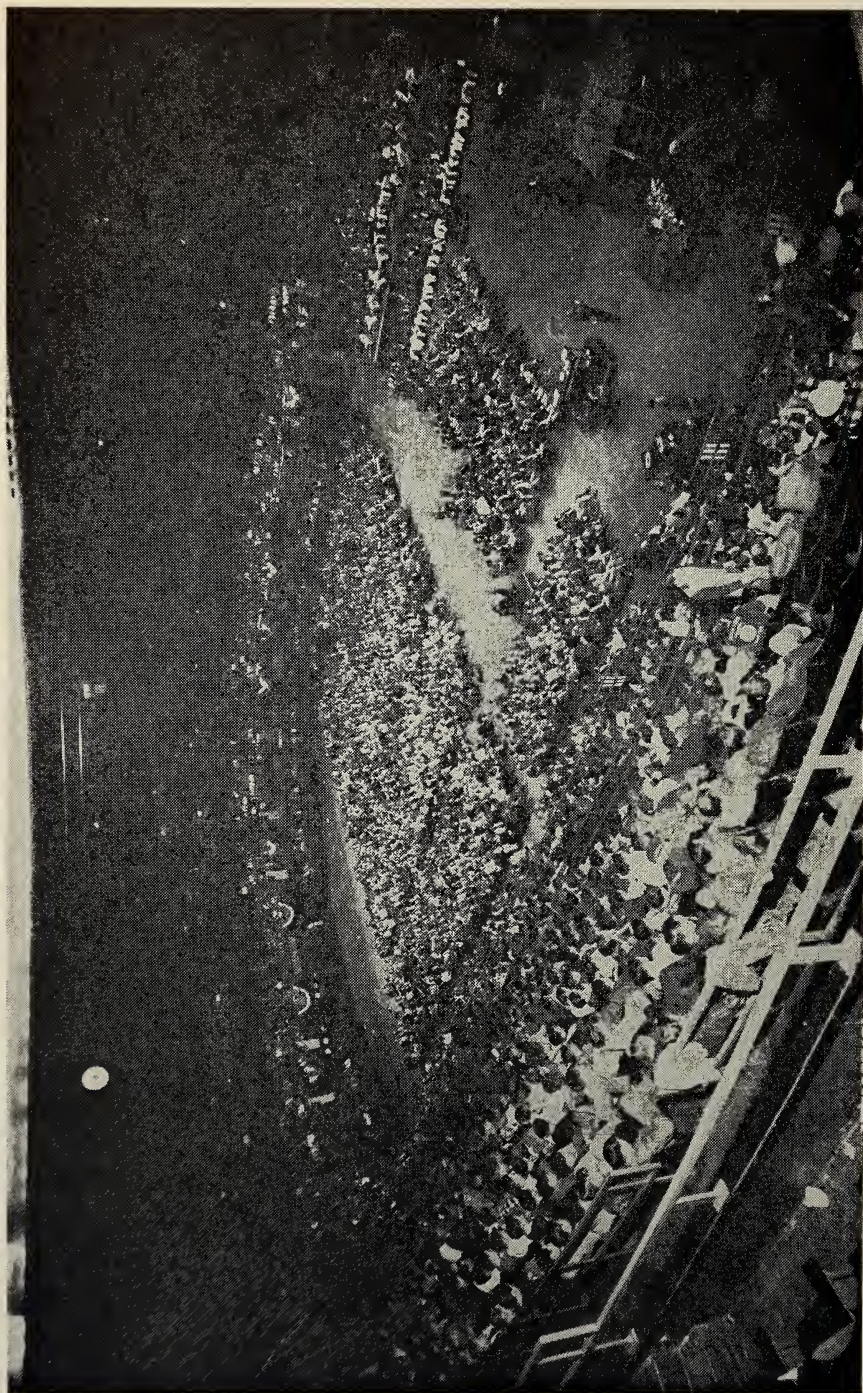
JOSE ANTONIO MERCADO, Puerto Rico

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MELVIN McCULLOCH South Dakota

WAYNE STARITT, West Virginia





Opening Session of the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Future Farmers of America.



# Special Convention Report

## REPORT ON NATIONAL F.F.A. CAMP

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

The national camp was open on May 15 and was kept open until September 10. During the summer 423 members from 23 different chapters stayed at the camp. A charge of 50 cents per member per night was made. A total of \$753.50 was received from members staying at the camp.

The national camp is managed by Mr. E. D. Tyler, a former member of the F.F.A. He lives on the camp property and devotes the necessary time to maintaining and improving the camp.

The national organization of F.F.A. leased the George Washington Grist Mill which is located on property adjoining the F.F.A. Camp. The Mill was kept open during the past year and an admission charge of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children was made. Mr. George Scott is serving as caretaker and guide. During the past year 8,489 people went through the Mill. An income of \$1,794.60 was received at the Mill. Income from the Camp and Mill totaled \$2,548.10 for the year ending June 30, 1948.

A number of major improvements have been made at the Camp. The water system has been enlarged in order to provide better shower facilities for members. A new roof was put on the office and part of the residence.

The buildings and grounds are being kept in first-class condition at all times.

When the Supply Service was opened at the camp a portion of one of the buildings was used for office and storage space. The camp is proving to be an excellent location for the Supply Service. This is making it possible for us to use our camp throughout the year in a practical manner.

No recommendations are made for major improvements at the camp. The convention last year authorized the construction of wood platforms and the use of tents if they are needed to accommodate additional chapters that may want to stay at the camp. It has not been necessary to comply with this authorization. This will be done, however, if there is a need for it. Let us continue to keep the camp in good condition so that we can provide satisfactory facilities for F.F.A. chapters when they visit the Nation's Capitol.

Respectfully submitted, A. W. TENNEY  
*National Executive Secretary*

# National Student Officer Reports

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## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

One clear moonlight summer night an L.S.T. was slowly breaking its way through the deep blue waters of the Pacific. On the bow stood a young farm boy just out of high school watching with heavy heart along the horizon for enemy ships or planes. As he stood there wishing he could be back home on the farm, it suddenly dawned on him that he was still very much interested in farming and the F.F.A. Another thought was if the war lasted too long he could never be an active F.F.A. member if he got back. He had filed his application for the American Farmer Degree before leaving the States and if he did get it he wouldn't be in Kansas City to receive it. He promised himself this, "If I get home I will do everything in my power to help the F.F.A. organization."

This young farm boy, of whom I refer, was myself. In a few months the war was over and I was transferred to the island of Guam. A special delivery air mail letter came to me Oct. 26, 1945 and when I opened it I was too excited and happy for words because it was a letter from my mother saying I had been awarded the American Farmer Degree.

The months before I got home seemed like years and I could hardly wait to get back to the farm and continue my F.F.A. activities. The National Victory Convention in October of 1946 was the final boost I needed in F.F.A. After leaving Kansas City I went back to Indiana and worked hard in the State activities. In April of 1947, I was elected Indiana F.F.A. President and was therefore a delegate to the National Convention in October of 1947.

October 22, 1947 to me is like replacing a broken link in a chain because it was this day that my hoping and working in the F.F.A. organization had been linked together when I was selected to serve you as your national president for the coming year. Yes, Future Farmers it was indeed an unbelievable dream come true for me.

It was just 393 days ago that Gus Douglass handed me the gavel which started me on the greatest and most interesting experience of my life, which I will try to present to you.

Before leaving Kansas City on October 24th I appeared on a radio broadcast here in Kansas City with Ray Gene Cinnamon, Star Farmer of America, and Donald Bakehouse, National F.F.A. Public Speaking winner.

The same day I drove toward Chicago arriving there October 25th where I attended the International Harvester Centennial and appeared on the Harvest of Stars program.

October 28th was Indiana F.F.A. day at the Centennial so I drove to Chicago to appear on the program as State and National

President. It was my great pleasure to meet Mr. Fowler McCormick, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and other prominent men in the Harvester Company. Driving home the next day, I visited some local chapters in my home State.

Driving to Louisville, Kentucky, November 13, I boarded a plane for Columbus, Ohio where I attended the National Grange. It was a pleasure to meet with Mr. Albert Goss, Master of the National Grange, and also see your past National Student Secretary, Philip Shober.

On December 14, I drove to Louisville, Kentucky, where I received a Foundation check from Mr. Roth, of Standard Oil Company of Kentucky.

January 1, 1948 found me starting off the new year by driving to Chicago to attend the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives Convention at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. My stay was a very challenging one as I met Mr. Quentin Reynolds, President of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; Mr. Albert Goss, Master of the National Grange, and had the extended honor of speaking at a banquet with Arvil Harriman, at that time Secretary of Commerce. The 4th and 5th were spent visiting my fellow State officers and their respective chapters.

As State President, I attended the Board of Trustees meeting of the Indiana F.F.A. Association at Purdue University, January 10.

January 18, I drove to Louisville, Kentucky, and boarded a plane for Washington, D. C. to attend the National Officers' Leadership Training School and Board of Trustees meeting. The plane arrived at night and this was my first glimpse of the Capitol from the air. It seemed as though these lights were extra bright and that somehow they were sending out the light of freedom and democracy all over the world.

The other National officers and I had a very interesting and enjoyable week. As well as receiving very intensive and useful training from Mr. Tenney we enjoyed our fellowship together. We met some very interesting and outstanding people, namely—Mr. Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture; Mr. Wheeler McMillen, Editor of "Farm Journal"; Mr. Albert Goss, Master of the National Grange; French Ambassador Henri Bonnet; and John Davis, of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

One of the major discussions of our Board of Trustees meeting was the starting of our F.F.A. Supply Service at our National Camp.

I boarded a train for home and upon arrival found loads of F.F.A. work waiting for me in my home State. I accepted several invitations to speak at local Lions Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, Grange and Farm Bureau meetings.

National F.F.A. Week, February 21-28, was packed with speeches, radio broadcasts and appearances in local high schools. February 21, I drove to Chicago to appear on the National Farm and Home Hour broadcast with Everett Mitchell.



February 23, I drove to Louisville, Kentucky, to appear on Frank Cooley's farm broadcast over WHAS.

February 24, 25 and 26, I spoke to civic clubs and before F.F.A. district meetings in Indiana.

February 28, found me abroad a plane flying to Washington, D. C. where I appeared on two radio broadcasts.

After returning from Washington, D. C. I tried to catch up on some of my farming activities and make some plans and arrangements for the coming farm months.

March 22, marked the beginning of my unforgettable fellowships with the State associations, because it was on this day that I drove to Lansing, Michigan, to attend their very strong and well carried out State convention.

Returning home March 25, I started making plans for our Indiana State Convention at which I presided as State President. The Indiana F.F.A. Convention was held on the Campus of Purdue University, April 1, 2 and 3.

April 11, I drove to Chicago to attend the Regional Agricultural Supervisors meeting where I received F.F.A. Foundation checks from Standard Oil of Indiana, General Motors, Allis-Chalmers and Sears Roebuck. I also visited Mr. Ford and Mr. Maxwell at the International Harvester Office.

I returned home and helped my dad with the spring plowing until April 22, when I drove to Columbia, Missouri to attend the well planned Missouri State Convention on the University of Missouri Campus.

I spent a most enjoyable week-end at the home of Rueben Edwards, Missouri State F.F.A. President and Hampshire Hog Breeder.

Sunday, April 25, I left Rueben's home and drove to Manhattan, Kansas, to attend another outstanding F.F.A. convention, that of the Kansas Association held at Kansas State University.

I returned home in time to help finish plowing and start planting corn until May 12, when Kenneth Cheatham, Illinois State President, and I drove to Greenlake, Wisconsin, to attend the colorful Wisconsin F.F.A. Convention held at the Northern Baptist Assembly. Leaving Greenlake, May 15, we drove to Canada. I arrived home May 18, just in time to finish planting corn and get the combine and baler ready for operation.

June 3, I drove to my neighboring State of Ohio to attend a well organized Ohio State F.F.A. Convention at Ohio State University in Columbus. There I met Philip Shober, Past National Student Secretary, and also many other past State and National officers at the past officers dinner at which I was a guest.

June 8 shifted my course of driving as I attended the outstanding convention of the Alabama Association held at the State College at Auburn.

I was back to the farm until June 13 when I drove to Illinois

to attend the large but ably conducted Illinois F.F.A. Convention held on the University of Illinois Campus at Urbana.

June was a convention month for me instead of a farm month because after being home only five days I drove to Louisville and boarded a plane for Richmond, Virginia, where I was invited to speak to the Richmond Rotary Club as the guest of Mr. Dowell J. Howard, our National F.F.A. Treasurer. I also had the honor of meeting Governor Tuck, of Virginia. Mr. Howard and I drove to Blacksburg, Virginia, to attend the Virginia State F.F.A. Convention at the State College in Blacksburg. This was carried on in a very effective manner. Flying home I tried to catch up on some of my State F.F.A. activities as well as the farm work to which I had contributed very little thus far.

July 18, I again drove to Louisville, Kentucky, where I boarded a plane for Washington, D. C. to attend the National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council meetings. The week of July 19 to 24 was again one of work and enjoyment. Never before did I realize the F.F.A. was such a large organization until we got deep into the financial facts, American Farmer applications and our overall general problems. The Council and Board were pressed very hard with work but we had our lighter moments and also saw some very prominent and interesting men, one being J. Edgar Hoover, F. B. I. Director.

It was also our good fortune to meet Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan and Mr. Rall I. Grigsby, Acting Commissioner of Education, and again we were entertained by John Davis and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. We visited in the office of Mr. Oscar R. Ewing, Administrator, Federal Security Agency.

A day that will be a lasting memory to all of the National officers is Thursday, July 22, because it was this day that we humble farm boys had the extended honor and privilege of going to the White House and meeting the President of the United States, Honorable Harry S. Truman.

Saturday, July 24, Mr. Tenney drove us to the National F.F.A. Camp located near Alexandria, Virginia, and we saw the operations and set up of our Supply Service which is under the able management of Mr. W. Albert O'Brien. We also stopped at George Washington's home at Mt. Vernon and climaxed the afternoon and our stay in Washington, D. C. by riding up the Potomac on an excursion ship.

Leaving the Nation's Capitol Saturday evening, July 24, I arrived home in time to spend the week-end at home and do some farm work before leaving again for State conventions.

August 1, again found me driving south to Georgia to attend the Georgia State F.F.A. Convention held at the State F.F.A. Camp. This beautiful camp along with a well organized program really set the stage for a great convention.

Leaving there August 3, I drove to Jacksonville, Florida, where

I spent a much needed two day vacation at Jacksonville Beach with friends from my home town.

I left there August 5 and drove home where I stayed only a few hours to take a quick look at my farming operations and get some clean clothes and then drive to Louisville, Kentucky, August 7, to attend the well-conducted and most worthwhile Kentucky State Convention at the Kentucky Hotel.

Still in a rush for time I left there and drove to West Virginia to attend the West Virginia State Convention at Jackson's Mill. Arriving there August 8, it was again my privilege to witness an outstanding convention in every respect. I met Gus Douglass, Jr., past national president, and Mrs. Douglass upon arrival there but I didn't get to visit much as they left the same afternoon.

August 9 found me driving to Akron, Ohio, where Mr. Firestone presented me with Firestone's annual F.F.A. Foundation check.

Returning home I tried to help my dad on the home farm and also do some custom baling for the next two weeks before taking in some county fairs and the Indiana and Kentucky State fairs on F.F.A. days.

During the month of September, I spent several days in my home State visiting chapters and speaking to civic clubs.

October 4 I drove to Waterloo, Iowa, to attend the National F.F.A. Dairy Congress. Besides making radio broadcasts and helping out with part of the work I acted as toastmaster in behalf of the F.F.A. at the final banquet, October 7, given by Kraft.

October 13, I drove to Kansas City, Missouri to attend the National F.F.A. Livestock Judging Contest. Here again, I presided at the banquet, October 15, in behalf of the F.F.A. which was sponsored by Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. Saturday morning I had the honor of riding in the lead car of the American Royal Parade with Harry Darby, President of the American Royal, and Walter Pidgeon, movie actor from Hollywood. Leaving here October 16, I drove home and helped my dad with the fall farm work.

October 23, I spoke before the Indiana Vocational Agricultural Teachers at Indianapolis, Indiana.

November 8, I drove to Kansas City to attend the National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council meeting where the final plans were made for this convention.

The conventions which I attended were all very interesting, well conducted and were a challenge to me to put great faith in the future of rural America.

My deepest regrets to South Carolina because of the polio epidemic which cancelled your convention.

I am happy to say that I attended every program scheduled for by the national office except a trip to Dearborn Motors, Detroit, Michigan, to receive their F.F.A. Foundation check. I was unable to go because of heavy farm work.



The following is a summary of my activities while serving as your national president:

Miles traveled (approx.) .....	55,000
Days spent in F.F.A. work .....	256
Letters received .....	1,150
Letters sent .....	460
Telegrams received .....	63
Telegrams sent .....	41
Telephone calls received .....	56
Telephone calls made .....	33
Radio broadcasts .....	42
Speeches made (local, State and National) .....	165
Total people addressed (approx.) .....	135,000
Articles written .....	18
State conventions attended .....	12
National Board of Trustees meetings attended.....	3
Expenses to F.F.A. ....	\$1,595.86

This report has been longer than I intended for it to be when I started but I felt that it was my duty to report my activities to you because you elected me to serve you and the best farm boy organization in the world as president for the year 1947-48.

Since entering the Salem F.F.A. Chapter in the fall of 1940, I have enjoyed every minute of my F.F.A. work. This couldn't have been possible without the help of my local, district, State and national F.F.A. brothers.

I want to thank my parents for their guiding hand and influence and especially for carrying on the great farm responsibility during the past year while I was away on F.F.A. activities.

My thanks also to Mr. William C. Branaman my one and only local F.F.A. adviser, to Mr. K. W. Kiltz, Indiana F.F.A. Executive Secretary and Mr. Harold B. Taylor, Indiana F.F.A. Adviser and all the Indiana members.

My deepest appreciation to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Naugher, Mr. Clements, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Hollenberg and members of the Advisory Council. These men are adults who really understand the ideals and principles of the F.F.A. and are truly upholding them.

To Miss Worth, Miss Burton and Miss Dick for your lasting friendship and kindness.

Wilbur, Osborne, Jack, Eugene and Kort—these names will always remain close to me because of our close association and friendship together while working as National officers this past year. We tried to practice the true ideals set forth by the F.F.A. in working together.

Today, I will hand my gavel to our new national president. I

know the F.F.A. will continue to grow in the future as it has grown in the past. With this growth we can encourage new members to live the life of a successful Future Farmer and enjoy its every benefits and privileges.

May we as Future Farmers live a life that will always be challenging to our fellow men and pleasing with God.

Respectfully submitted,

ERVIN MARTIN  
*National President*



RETIRING NATIONAL F.F.A. OFFICERS WHO CONDUCTED THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND THEIR FATHERS.

(Left to right): Warren E. Hansen; Eugene Hansen, Student Secretary; Kort H. Meier, Jr., Fourth Vice President; Carl Martin; Ervin Martin, President; John W. Webb; John W. Webb, Jr., Third Vice President; William Henry Dunk; Wilbur Ray Dunk, First Vice President; and Osborne J. Arlien, Second Vice President.



## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. President, Fellow Future Farmers and Friends. . . . .

It seems only a few weeks ago that we were installed as national F.F.A. officers here in Kansas City, and yet thirteen of the greatest months of our lives have passed. During the past months I have had many experiences that I had never dreamed possible for a boy from the hill country of southwest Texas.

Soon after I returned home from Kansas City I began making talks at various chapter banquets, school assemblies, and civic club meetings. The latter part of November I went to San Antonio and addressed the Texas Vocational Agriculture Teacher's Association meeting. Following this meeting I made a six day speaking tour through West Texas with my area supervisor, Mr. W. E. Williams.

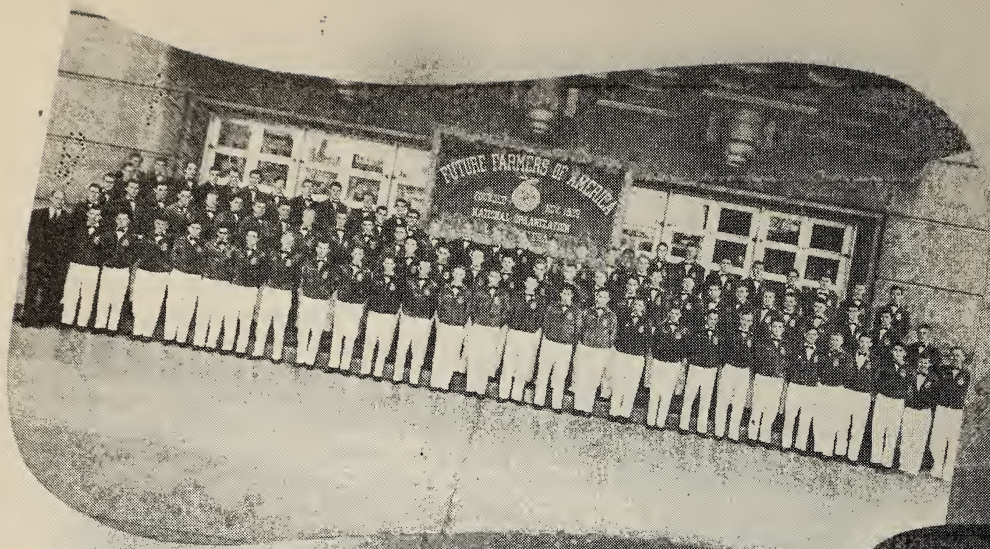
In January I spent one of the most educational and inspirational weeks of my life in Washington attending the National Board of Trustees Meeting and Officers Training School. Upon my return home I was busy on the ranch until the middle of February, when I left home to help celebrate National Future Farmer Week. For two weeks I visited chapters and appeared on radio programs in North and Northeast Texas. March was spent visiting Fat Stock Shows, talking with Future Farmers, and doing public relations work.

The first few days of April were spent attending the Southern Regional Conference. The rest of April was spent in attending judging contests in central Texas, banquets in deep east Texas, and another judging contest in the panhandle section. By a mere coincidence I had the pleasure of meeting Kort Meier's parents while on this trip.

My first State convention came in June when I traveled to Lafayette, Louisiana to attend their convention. The convention was well conducted and attended. I returned home June 11th and addressed the Texas State Board for Vocational Education the 12th. The morning of the 13th I flew to Arkansas for the convention at Camp Couchdale. Never have I seen a more beautiful setting for a camp than this. Wednesday morning found me in Houston, Texas, visiting the State Committee Meeting. It was a pleasant surprise to find Kort Meier there. The next day I went on to Florida for a fast moving, well organized meeting. The following week, I wound up my convention circuit by attending the Mississippi Convention. Theirs was a well planned and efficiently executed meeting. At all of the conventions I found the Future Farmers a friendly and enthusiastic group. To see these boys conduct their conventions would inspire anyone. The future is much brighter with such boys working together.

The National Board of Trustees meeting in Washington in July, was in my estimation the trip of the year. I cherish it more than the others because it had so many high lights in it. This was the last trip that I made on official national F.F.A. business until this convention.











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

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.....	169
Miles traveled .....	42,500
Letters received .....	215
Letters written .....	278
Telephone calls received.....	13
Telephone calls sent .....	16
Radio programs .....	16
Speeches made .....	93
Total addressed (approx.) .....	35,900
Total expenses .....	\$1,447.77

Words are inadequate at this time to express my gratitude and appreciation to you for making it possible for me to do the things I have done this year. I shall always be indebted to the Future Farmers of America for the many things that I have gained by being a member.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to my teachers of vocational agriculture, to my area supervisor, Mr. Bill Williams; and to my State adviser, Mr. Lane Barron for the encouragement and assistance they have given me through the years. If it had not been for their encouragement I would not have progressed very far as a Future Farmer. My deepest appreciation and thanks to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Howard, and members of their staffs for their support and encouragement this past year.

I hope that every Future Farmer will give the same support to the new officers that you have given to us. Best wishes to each and every one of you for a successful future.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR RAY DUNK  
National 1st Vice President.

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

When I attended my first F.F.A. meeting and heard a group of chapter officers open the meeting with the inspiring Future Farmer ceremony, little did I realize that someday I would have a part in the opening ceremony at a national convention.

Now almost eight years later, I can say that being able to serve you, and appear before you, as a national officer, has been one of the highlights of my life. To you Future Farmers, I offer you humblest appreciation for that opportunity.

After my election as your second vice-president, I embarked on my first official trip on January 18th—the meeting of the National Board of Trustees in Washington, of which our national president has reported.

On April 8th I left for Lincoln, Nebraska, to attend the State



Convention of the Nebraska Association. Here in Nebraska I saw a State convention that was second to none in member participation and all round efficiency. Here, it was my privilege to act as one of the judges of the parliamentary procedure contest.

Returning home I found time to catch up on my college work in time to drive to South Dakota for their State convention. Again it was my good fortune to attend a well planned and impressively conducted convention. During the following two weeks I was kept busy going to college. However, I appeared on a local radio broadcast and reported to the collegiate chapter on the national organization.

On May 6, I went to Des Moines, Iowa, to attend the Iowa State Convention. It was gratifying to observe the superior manner in which this association was conducted.

July 18, I boarded a plane for Washington, D. C. to attend the meetings of the National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council.

On November 8, I came to Kansas City to attend the third meeting of the National Board of Trustees and the 20th National Convention and thus bring to a close my active duties as a national officer.

The following is an outline of my activities:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.....	47
Letters received .....	184
Letters sent .....	102
Speeches made .....	24
Telegrams received .....	7
Telegrams sent .....	4
Radio Broadcasts .....	8
Expense to national organization .....	\$827.23
Miles traveled .....	14,000
Number of people addressed .....	15,000

As my term as a national officer, and my active membership in the F.F.A. comes to a close I feel a deep and lasting sorrow. The F.F.A. has given me far more in lasting memories and useful experience, than I can ever hope to repay. However, sorrow gives way to a reassuring confidence when I realize that from you Future Farmers will come new and better national officers who will work with you in building a greater F.F.A.

Respectfully submitted,

OSBORNE J. ARLIEN  
National 2nd Vice President

## REPORT OF NATIONAL THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Fellow Future Farmers and Guests . . . . .

One September day in 1942 I enrolled in Vocational Agriculture at Caesar Rodney High School, Camden-Wyoming, Delaware. Little did I realize the opportunities I would have as a student of Vocational Agriculture and as a member of the Future Farmers of America.

Three years later I had the pleasant experience of making my first trip to our National Convention in Kansas City, where I served as a delegate of the Delaware Association of which I was President. It was then that I dreamed of receiving the American Farmer Degree. Last year I achieved this goal. However, I received a far greater honor when I was elected to serve you as your National Third Vice-President. I only hope that I have carried out my duties in a satisfactory manner while working for the advancement of the F.F.A.

The following is my report of my year's activities as your National Third Vice-President. Upon returning home, I started receiving invitations to tell various civic and agricultural groups about our organization. One of the most interesting of these experiences was when I appeared on the same program with "Believe it or Not" Ripley at a meeting sponsored by the Rotary Club.

My next official appearance was at the British Embassy in Washington, D. C. where the British boys and distinguished guests had "tea" with Lord Inverchapel before the boys left for the British Isles.

During the week of January 19th, I had the privilege of attending a most profitable leadership training conference under the capable direction of Mr. A. W. Tenney at our Nation's Capitol.

The next couple of months brought about more invitations to civic organization and to local F.F.A. chapter meetings and banquets.

On April 9th I was at Caesar Rodney High School to attend a state delegates' meeting of the Delaware Association. To follow this up I met with Delaware teachers of vocational agriculture to help prepare for Delaware's convention.

On April 16th I attended Delaware State Convention where I presided as toastmaster. On April 20th I traveled to Newport where I was on the committee for the State Hog Show.

On April 23rd I attended a meeting of the Delaware Vocational Teachers Association in Wilmington.

From May 6th through 9th I was in New York State at their state convention. This was a very impressive and well-planned convention.

From May 16th through the 19th I was at our Nation's Capitol where I had the honor of being a delegate to the "Third National Conference on Citizenship." This conference was very impressive and worthwhile.

On June 21-22 I attended the New Jersey Convention. This was another well-planned convention, held at a camp where I'm sure everyone who attended had a swell time.

September 21st through 25th I attended the Springfield Exposition at which time the North Atlantic Regional Public Speaking and Judging Contests were held. I congratulate everyone who participated. I not only think it was worthwhile but an honor to the F.F.A.

November the 8th I boarded a plane to attend our last meeting of the National Board of Trustees and the National Convention.

My sincere regrets to those state conventions which I was unable to attend.

The following is a summary of my activities:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A. ....	58
Letters received .....	83
Letters sent .....	52
Speeches made .....	16
Telegrams received .....	2
Telegrams sent .....	3
Miles traveled .....	6,500
Transcriptions .....	2
Long distance telephone calls received .....	2
Long distance telephone calls made .....	3
National Board of Trustees Meetings .....	3
Expenses (approx.) .....	\$600.00

I find it difficult to express my feelings as I come to the close of my years as an active member.

I have sincerely appreciated these many opportunities which you and the F.F.A. have given me.

I have enjoyed working with the organization and I should like to thank each and every one of you for the privileges that have been mine. I also wish to express my thanks to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Howard and the advisory council for their advice and guidance during the past year.

To Miss Worth, Miss Burton and Miss Dick for their willingness to help at all times. To Mr. Short, my agriculture instructor and Mr. Mowlds, our state supervisor, for their help during my years in F.F.A., to the Delaware Association for their support and encouragement, and to my parents who carried on my farming program while I was getting the most wonderful experience of my life.

Let us look to the future with trust that this great organization for farm boys will continue to advance and develop for the betterment of Rural America.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. WEBB

*National 3rd Vice President.*



## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT

Delegates to the 21st National Convention:

On Wednesday, October 22, 1947, I received the honor and privilege of being elected to the Office of National Fourth Vice President of the Future Farmers of America. It seems as if it were only yesterday that I was a freshman enrolled in vocational agriculture, and through these years I have found by practical experience that the Future Farmers of America is the greatest Farm Boy Organization in the world. I am sure that through the efforts of the members and advisers the organization will continue to grow and prosper.

The following is a brief report of my activities during the past year as your National Fourth Vice President.

After returning home last year from the National Convention, I made several appearances before local civic organizations and State Future Farmer Chapters to discuss the F.F.A.

My official duties started in January of 1948 when I attended the National Board of Trustees Meeting in Washington, D. C. which the National President has already told you about.

On February 23rd, it was my privilege to be on the American Farm and Home Hour originating from Los Angeles, at which time the National Organization was celebrating F.F.A. Week.

On March 6th, Eugene Hansen, National Student Secretary, arrived in Yuma for our annual Father and Son Banquet. The following day Bob Taylor, past National First Vice President, arrived in Yuma to be guest speaker at the Father and Son Banquet. Through Bob Taylor and Eugene Hansen the Yuma boys were greatly inspired.

On March 26th I journeyed to Reno, Nevada, to the Nevada Convention. There I had the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance with Virgil Getto, Past National Student Secretary, who is now farming in Fallon, Nevada. During my stay in Reno I witnessed a well conducted and most worthwhile convention.

On March 28th I went by train to Denver, Colorado, where I was met by Mr. Bunker, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education. We traveled together to Fort Collins where I participated in the Colorado Convention.

On April 6th I flew from Denver to Bozeman, Montana where I had a very enjoyable time and trip and had the pleasure of watching and participating in an outstanding convention.

On the afternoon of April 9th I flew to Casper, Wyoming, where I was met by Gene Boggett and Bill Brown, who showed me a very pleasant time during my stay in Casper. I wish to compliment Gene Boggett on the manner in which he and his State officers conducted their convention. On April 10th I flew to my home for a much needed rest and back to work.

On June 16th I left for Houston, Texas, to attend the Lone Star Convention. I had a very pleasant stay in Houston and at

that time I visited the Humble Refinery at Bay Town, the Sam Houston Battle Ground and the S. S. Texas Flagship. Also, during my stay in Texas I had the pleasure of meeting with Wilbur R. Dunk, of Segovia, Texas, National First Vice President and discussing with him some of the problems concerning State Associations. On July 19th I left the great State of Texas and returned to my home in Arizona.

During the month of July I attended the National Board of Directors Meeting in Washington, D. C. At the conclusion of the meeting Gene Hansen, National Student Secretary, and myself went to New York City to see the wonders of New York. Enroute home we had the pleasure of being entertained by Mr. Lee Ford of International Harvester Company in Chicago. We were taken through the International Tractor Works and saw how today's farm tractors are manufactured.

On August 8th I flew to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the New Mexico Convention, which was held in the beautiful Sande Mountains at Camp Indlow. The next morning I left by plane for my home.

On August 17th I left by school bus with the Yuma Chapter and Mr. Crawford the Yuma Adviser for the Arizona State Convention at Prescott, Arizona. There I met Eugene Hansen, National Student Secretary, who was the main speaker at the convention. I wish to congratulate Bob Taylor, Past National First Vice President and at present Executive Secretary of the Arizona Association of the F.F.A. for the outstanding convention which was held this year. On August 20th the Yuma Chapter took Eugene Hansen to the Grand Canyon to see one of the Wonders of the World.

On August 30th my F.F.A. activities were somewhat interrupted by the arrival of Kort H. Meier, III, who I am sure will be Star Farmer of America in 1967 if I have anything to say about it.

On October 11th, I journeyed to San Luis Obispo, California where I witnessed a very outstanding convention and met for the first time in several years my friend Bob Bowman, Past National President who is attending California Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo. On October 13th I left the California Convention for my home.

The following is an outline of my activities during the year :

Days spent in interest of F.F.A. ....	125
Letters received .....	130
Letters written .....	70
Telegrams sent .....	8
Telegrams received .....	20
State conventions attended .....	8
Miles traveled .....	42,000
Speeches made .....	28
People addressed .....	26,000

Radio broadcasts .....	14
Meetings attended of National Board of Trustees	3
Total expenses .....	\$1,400

This year has been a great year and it will always stand out in my mind as the greatest year of my life. It has been a great privilege and honor to have had the pleasure of working with the other national officers this past year and I wish to thank Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney and members of their staff and others for their willing aid and assistance to me during this past year.

In closing I wish to remind you to let your aims be high, your minds clear and your thinking right and you will succeed. May you as Future Farmers continue to work together in building a greater America and a better way of life on the farm.

God Bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted,

KORT H. MEIER, JR.  
*National 4th Vice President.*

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#### REPORT OF NATIONAL STUDENT SECRETARY

Four hundred and seven days ago was the beginning of one of the great adventures of my lifetime. As I sat nervously in one of those seats awaiting the report of the nominating committee, I was hoping that I might qualify to fill one of the positions and I was also thinking of all the things the F.F.A. had done for me in the way of opportunity. From the time I was an awkward freshman until now I had continued to grow and develop through the great Future Farmer program. Now came the report, and I realized a dream come true; and I vowed to do my level best in carrying out the duties and responsibilities that were a part of the honor. Since that day I have been busily engaged in the many activities that characterize national officers.

On February 21, I traveled to Yuma, Arizona, as a guest of that chapter to attend their parents and son's banquet and to present Kort Meier, National Fourth Vice-President, with an official blanket from his own chapter. While there, I renewed acquaintance with Bob Taylor, Past National First Vice-President, who was guest speaker. Together we traveled as the guest of Kort into parts of Mexico and Arizona. While there I picked my first orange and grapefruit and entered a contest, which I lost, with Bob Taylor to see who could eat the most.

My first official convention was in Idaho where I attended a very outstanding exhibition, and witnessed a superb leadership training program. I regret that my visit lasted only two days and I boarded a plane for Salt Lake City to attend my own State convention where I ended my term as State Vice-President.



On April 6, I flew to Klamath Falls, Oregon, where I participated in the very large and outstanding conference of the Oregon State Association. Here I was awarded an honorary membership by the Oregon Association and served as a judge at their annual parliamentary contest.

Immediately after the convention I traveled as the guest of an outstanding Oregon State officer, Art Foss, to his ranch at Terrebonne, Oregon. Here we spent the next three days riding, relaxing and viewing his projects. But, the time passed swiftly and duty called me to Pullman, Washington, for the Washington State Leadership Conference. Limited space necessitated a small convention, however, it didn't hamper the quality which characterized the entire conference.

On June 21, I traversed to Fargo, North Dakota where I took part in a very interesting and colorful convention and was taken into the State association as an honorary member. Following the convention, I was a guest of Howard Brown and traveled with him to his ranch where we viewed his projects and then made a brief tour into Canada.

In attending the Arizona State Leadership Conference held at Prescott, I found it an example of excellent planning inspiring to all who attended. And, so it was with a heavy heart that I left what I knew would be my last official visit as a national officer.

Following is a concise resume of my activities:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A. ....	81
Miles traveled .....	27,000
State conventions attended .....	6
Number of speeches made .....	23
Number of people addressed (approx.) .....	15,000
Number of radio programs participated .....	19
Letters received .....	96
Letters sent .....	39
Telegrams received .....	10
Telegrams sent .....	7
Total expense to the F.F.A.....	\$1,574.96

Now the time has come for me to actively end my term of office. In closing I would like to salute all the State associations I was privileged to visit. Your conventions were really well done. And also, may I give special thanks to my local adviser, LeRoy Bunnell, and my parents for their tireless patience and help.

My heart will always be with the Future Farmers of America for I know what this organization has done for me, and how wonderful it would be if every boy in the world might have the opportunity to practice the principles of such an organization.

May we as an organization continue to grow and may we as individuals continue to achieve. And, may our good Heavenly Father continue to bless us in our endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,  
EUGENE HANSEN  
*National Student Secretary*

# Report of National Executive Secretary

A. W. TENNEY

We are met here today for the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the Future Farmers of America. It is appropriate for us to pause a short time together and look back over the trail which we have traveled for the past twenty years. As we look we will find it marked with many successes and some failures. Your organization has served farm youth and our country in a constructive manner in peace and in war. The accomplishments of the more than one and one-half million boys who have enjoyed the privilege of membership in the Future Farmers of America is significant proof of the dynamic leadership being assumed by the farm boys of our nation.

The records of the past year indicate that members, chapters and State Associations have been very busy. The great quantities of food you have produced is of vital importance to the people of many nations. Last year you prepared a program of work which included many important items that have helped members carry out a constructive program in rural communities. The following Report on Accomplishments for the year ended June 30, 1948 is indicative of the type and scope of work accomplished by our local chapters and members.

## REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
<b>I. SUPERVISED FARMING</b>		
1. Producing food for post-war demands	100% member participation	79.87%
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	49.81%
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	53.09% improved livestock 51.66% improved crops
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	73.05%
<b>II. COOPERATION</b>		
1. Cooperating with other groups on re-adjustment	100% chapter participation	87.05%
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	67.21%

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
<b>III. COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>		
1. Assisting returning servicemen	100% member and chapter participation	56.48% chapters
2. Assisting with farm labor shortage	100% chapter participation	
3. Stress repairing and reconditioning of machinery	100% member and chapter participation	46.35% members 73.5% chapters
4. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State Associations with safety programs	65.3% Associations
5. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	45.6% members 70.89% chapters
6. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	47.24%
7. Salvaging needed materials	100% member and chapter participation	
<b>IV. LEADERSHIP</b>		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	73.46%
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F. F. A. books	83.7%
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and State holding public speaking contests	100% States 44.23% chapters
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	92.02%
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	100% States 78.4% chapters
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	85.7%
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	83.67%
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F. F. A. is and does	31.70% chapters issued news sheets or news letters 61.42% chapters prepared publicity material regularly 65.3% states sponsored radio series 27.12% chapters prepared and gave broadcasts



## V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

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|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. <b>Buying Victory Bonds and Stamps</b> | 100% of chapters participating in Victory Bond Drive | 6.2% chapters<br>14.6% members    |
| 2. <b>Practicing thrift</b>               | 100% of chapters and members participating           | 33.73% members<br>60.30% chapters |

## VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

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| 1. <b>Using Official Manual</b>  | 100% of members having access to official manual   | 85.97%   |
| 2. <b>Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books</b>                     | 100% of chapters using both books  | 82.8% secretary's<br>79.51% treasurer's                          |
| 3. <b>Providing Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies</b> | 100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work               | 93.26% States<br>80.6% chapters                                  |
| 4. <b>Using Official ceremonies</b>  | 100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual | 91.4%  |
| 5. <b>Planning State Conventions</b>                                       | 100% of State associations hold Conventions  | 97.34%   |
| 6. <b>Meetings</b>   | Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings   | 90.24% chapters held regular meetings<br>48.05% members attended |

## VII. SCHOLARSHIP

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|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. <b>Improved scholarship</b> | 100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal | 84.64% chapters helped members improve their scholarship |
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## VIII. RECREATION

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| 1. <b>Encourage supervised recreation</b>  | 100% member participation                         | 71.96%               |
| 2. <b>Continuing National F. F. A. Day</b> | 100% of State associations participating          | 81.63%               |
| 3. <b>Maintaining National camp</b>        | Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition | (See Special Report) |

## IX. GENERAL

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>Maintaining membership</b> | 250,000 active members | 260,300 members |
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## OFFICER TRAVEL

We should all be grateful to the National F.F.A. Officers for the excellent service they have rendered to the organization during the past year. These young men have served you faithfully and well. At times this service has been rendered under great hardship due to the farming programs which they are conducting. The reports which they will give on the last day of the convention will present interesting stories of their activities. It is always surprising to learn of the amount of time they have devoted to the Future Farmers of America.

## STATE CONVENTIONS

It is interesting to note that all State associations except one held a State convention during the past year. A convention would have been held by the other association but was cancelled because of a polio epidemic. We were pleased to have National F.F.A. Officers attend 36 of these conventions. They have brought back good reports on attendance and convention activities.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Forty-one State associations held special leadership schools for local chapter officers and members. More than 40,000 members participated in leadership schools. The training received by members at these schools has proven to be very helpful. Let us cooperate this year in making leadership training available to all of our members.

## CAMPS

The National F.F.A. Camp was open from May 15 to September 10. A complete report will be made on the camp later this week. Nineteen State Associations operated camps for members during the summer. This is an increase of five over last year. A number of other State associations are in the process of developing camps at the present time.

## NATIONAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS

We received 75 reports on accomplishments in the National Chapter Contest for the year ended June 30, 1948. I am pleased to report a continual improvement in the quality of work being done by our F.F.A. Chapters. This is shown by the fact that for several years we have had an increase in the number of Gold Emblem awards given to chapters. The accomplishment reports of a number of our outstanding chapters are on exhibit in the Little Theater. This will give you an opportunity to review the accomplishments of some of these chapters.

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. is continuing to sponsor a number of awards for the F.F.A. Farm Mechanics and Farm and Home Electrification Awards are again being offered. Awards to American Farmers and prizes for winners in the National Public Speaking Contest will be made by the Foundation. Approximately \$10,000 has been spent by the Foundation in connection with the sponsoring of awards in the National F.F.A. Judging Contests. This year for the first time the Foundation is sponsoring awards for Star Dairy Farmers. Appropriate State awards are being continued by the Foundation.

## FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE

In compliance with the authorization of the delegates at the National Convention last year, a Future Farmers Supply Service was established at the National F.F.A. Camp. The Service is now operating efficiently and is proving of value to members throughout the United States. A complete report on the Supply Service will be made during the convention.

## SUMMARY

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1948, based on information obtained from their annual reports, is as follows:

### A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters.....	6,820
Total number white departments of vocational agriculture without F.F.A. chapters.....	223
Total active membership in chartered chapters.....	260,300

### B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand degree .....	121,812
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer degree .....	129,950
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer degree .....	7,028
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer degree .....	346
Total active membership .....	259,485
Total number of Associate members (local) .....	172,578
Total number of Honorary members (local) .....	22,440
Total number of Honorary members (State) .....	3,220
Grand total membership .....	407,916



## I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who participated in production of food .....	207,914
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs .....	129,675
Number of members who used improved livestock practices .....	138,201
Number of members who used improved crop production practices .....	134,494
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work .....	4,982

## II. COOPERATION

Number of chapters cooperating with other groups....	5,937
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort .....	174,955

## III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number of chapters that assisted returning servicemen to become readjusted to farm life.....	3,852
Number of servicemen assisted by chapters to become readjusted to farm life.....	63,075
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery .....	120,654
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery .....	5,013
Number of State Associations having a safety program in operation .....	32
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work .....	118,923
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work .....	4,835
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment .....	122,986

## IV. LEADERSHIP

Number of State Associations that nominated its full quota of American Farmers .....	36
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more F.F.A. books .....	5,709
Number of State associations that held a public speaking contest .....	49
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest .....	3,017
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings .....	6,276

Number of State Associations having a written continuing program of work .....	49
Number of chapters having definite continuing written program of work .....	5,348
Number of State Associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheets regularly .....	42
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters .....	2,152
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly .....	4,189
Number of State Associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members .....	41
Number of leadership training schools or conferences provided .....	582
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences .....	4,645
Number of members participating in leadership training schools or conferences .....	40,071
Number of State Associations sponsoring radio broadcast series .....	32
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs .....	1,850
Number of chapters within the State visited by State boy officers during the past year .....	1,527
Number of Association members attending last National F.F.A. convention .....	7,212

## V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of members who purchased Victory bonds and stamps .....	38,014
Number of chapters that purchased Victory bonds and stamps .....	423
Number of State Associations purchasing Victory bonds and stamps .....	12
Number of member carrying out definite thrift practice .....	87,811
Number of chapters participating in thrift practice..	4,113

## VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of members who have access to the Official Manual .....	223,787
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book .....	5,648
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book .....	5,423

Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual .....	5,498
Number of State Associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual .....	46
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, the degree ceremonies for regular meetings .....	6,234
Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	6,155
Number of State Associations holding a convention....	48
Number of members who have attended at least 80% of chapter meetings .....	125,090

## VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship .....	5,773
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## VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation.....	5,947
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities .....	187,317
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year .....	19
Number of members attending State camp.....	15,343
Number of chapters represented .....	1,239
Number of State Associations participating in National F.F.A. Day program .....	40

## C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by active members, as of January 1 of this year.....	\$43,794,819.13
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## D. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Number of recognized teacher-training departments operating Collegiate F.F.A. chapters .....	27
Reported membership in Collegiate chapters.....	2,252

## WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

It is always interesting to pause for a while and look back over the year and review our accomplishment. We just turn now however and look at the rising sun. Our progress during the past twenty years has been great. It should inspire us to more noble achievements in the future. We have reached a new milestone in F.F.A. membership. Our membership of 260,300, as of June 30,



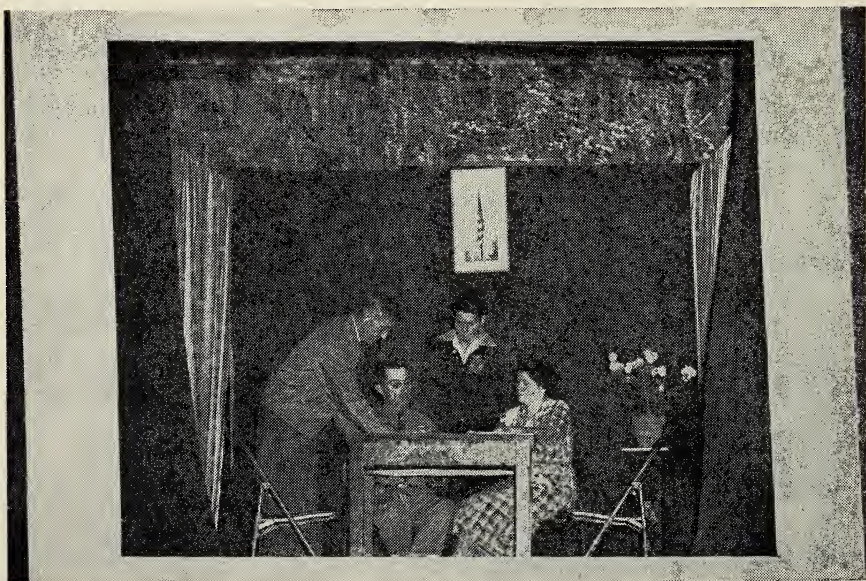
1948, is the largest on record. We are expecting a continued growth during the present year. We are rapidly approaching the goal of having all of the boys who are enrolled in high school classes in vocational agriculture become members of the F.F.A.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. TENNEY  
*National Executive Secretary*

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A scene from the Star Farmer Tableau which was presented at the 20th Anniversary Celebration by Mr. H. D. Garver, Adviser, members of Shawnee-Mission, Kansas, F.F.A. Chapter and their parents.

# Report of the National Treasurer

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July 30, 1948

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

Gentlemen:

We have made an examination of the books of account and record of D. J. Howard, Treasurer, Future Farmers of America, Richmond, Virginia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1948, and have submitted a detailed report thereon.

In connection with our examination, we have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the organization and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the organization and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion, the statements herewith submitted, subject to the comments contained in our detailed report referred to above, present fairly the position of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1948, and the results of its operation for the year, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT  
Certified Public Accountants  
Richmond, Virginia

## BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1948

## EXHIBIT "A"

## A S S E T S

CASH IN BANK (Exhibit "C") :			
Shenandoah Valley National Bank .....			\$ 20,796.95
LOAN RECEIVABLE:			
Due From Future Farmers Supply Service.....			10,000.00
INVESTMENTS:			
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series F:			
Maturity Value .....	\$50,000.00		
Less: Reserve for Unearned Interest .....	10,440.00		39,560.00
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TRADEMARK .....			500.00
FIXED ASSETS:			
National Camp:			
Land .....	\$12,343.23		
Buildings .....	15,317.16		
Equipment .....	2,662.93	30,323.32	
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National Office:			
Furniture and Equipment....\$	510.37		
Color Plates and Engravings	1,626.20	2,136.57	32,459.89
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			\$103,316.84
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## LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

INCOME TAX WITHHELD			
FROM EMPLOYEES:			
On Salaries for the Second Quarter of 1948.....			\$ 345.60
LOAN PAYABLE:			
Due to Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc....			10,000.00
SURPLUS:			
Balance—July 1, 1947.....	\$84,296.30		
Add: Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures (Exhibit "B")	8,674.94		
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Balance—June 30, 1948.....			92,971.24
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			\$103,316.84
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1948

**EXHIBIT "B"**

REVENUE	Revenue Collected		Budget Estimate	Excess Over Estimate
	Detail	Total		
<b>Membership Dues:</b>				
(Schedule 1) -----		\$ 26,076.10	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,076.10
<b>Royalties</b>				
L. G. Balfour Company -----	\$8,242.82			
Chapter Supply Company ----	2,709.79			
The Fair Publishing House --	189.67			
French Bray Printing Co. ---	685.60			
St. Louis Button Company --	158.44			
Staunton Novelty Company --	842.49			
U. S. Recording Company ---	15.40			
Universal Uniform Company -	3,037.80			
<b>TOTALS—ROYALTIES</b> --		15,882.01	10,000.00	5,882.02
<b>Net Proceeds from Sale of "F.F.A. in Action":</b>				
Gross Receipts -----	9,169.46			
Less: Cost -----	8,705.48	463.98	--	463.98
<b>Other Revenue:</b>				
Convention Cot Concession ---	\$ 190.65			
National Camp and Old Mill --	2,850.00			
Interest on U. S. Sav. Bonds --	1,035.00			
<b>TOTALS—OTHER REVENUE</b> -----		4,075.65	1,827.28	2,248.37
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> -----		\$ 46,497.74	\$ 36,827.28	\$ 9,670.46
EXPENDITURES	Expended		Appro- priations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
<b>Travel:</b>				
National Officers -----	\$5,338.72		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 161.28
Advisory Council -----	356.23		500.00	143.77
<b>TOTALS—TRAVEL</b> -----		\$ 5,694.95	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 305.05
<b>Convention:</b>				
Delegate Expense -----	\$3,312.32		\$ 2,750.00	\$ ( 562.32)
Entertainment -----	1,708.95		2,500.00	791.05
Buttons, Badges, Programs --	702.48		300.00	( 402.48)
Stenotypist -----	177.00		150.00	( 27.00)
Photographs -----	421.13		300.00	( 121.13)
Decorations -----	403.20		300.00	( 103.20)
Exhibits -----	--		100.00	100.00
Equipment Rental -----	125.35		100.00	( 25.35)
Building Service -----	57.00		75.00	18.00
Communications -----	150.73		200.00	49.27
Secretarial Travel -----	461.82		600.00	138.18
Award Certificates -----	1,073.63		100.00	( 973.63)
Miscellaneous -----	159.32		100.00	( 59.32)
<b>TOTALS—CONVENTION</b>		\$ 8,752.93	\$ 7,575.00	\$ ( 1,177.93)

EXPENDITURES	Expended		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
<b>"American Farmer" Keys:</b>				
Total Expenditures -----	\$	1,948.89	\$ 1,700.00	\$( 248.89)
<b>Printing:</b>				
Literature and Proceedings-----	\$3,045.53		\$ 3,000.00	\$( 45.53)
Stationery, Forms, etc. -----	683.85		400.00	( 283.85)
Exhibits and Publicity-----	69.30		300.00	230.70
TOTALS—PRINTING ---		\$ 3,798.68	\$ 3,700.00	\$( 98.68)
<b>National Office Expense:</b>				
Secretarial Salaries:				
Exec. Secretary's Office----	\$2,408.34		\$ 2,425.00	\$ 16.66
Nat'l Treas. Off. (½ time)-----	1,347.36		1,347.48	.12
Director of Public Relations:				
Salary -----	4,525.68		4,525.80	.12
Travel -----	1,104.25		1,500.00	395.75
Secretary -----	2,227.23		2,394.00	166.77
Telephone and Telegraph-----	239.07		300.00	60.93
Postage, Express, etc.-----	184.37		300.00	115.63
Bond Premiums and Taxes----	50.00		150.00	100.00
Supplies -----	591.41		400.00	( 191.41)
Auditing -----	350.00		150.00	( 200.00)
Miscellaneous -----	176.62		100.00	( 76.62)
TOTALS—NATIONAL OFFICE -----		\$ 13,204.33	\$ 13,592.28	\$ 387.95
<b>National Camp and Old Mill:</b>				
Salaries:				
Supervisor -----	\$1,800.00		\$ 1,800.00	\$ --
Attendant -----	1,320.00		1,320.00	--
Insurance -----	451.26		350.00	( 101.26)
Light and Power-----	115.28		125.00	9.72
Fuel and Oil-----	53.92		100.00	46.08
Telephone -----	67.61		65.00	( 2.61)
Maintenance -----	614.95		500.00	( 114.95)
TOTALS—NATIONAL CAMP -----		\$ 4,423.02	\$ 4,260.00	\$( 163.02)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES-----		\$ 37,882.80	\$ 36,827.28	\$( 995.52)
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES -----</b>				
		\$ 8,674.94	\$ --	\$ 8,674.94

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1948

EXHIBIT "C"

BALANCE—July 1, 1947.....		\$15,243.47
RECEIPTS:		
Membership Dues (Sched. 1) ..	\$26,076.10	
Royalties (Exhibit "B") ....	15,882.01	
Proceeds From Sale of "F.F.A. In Action" .....	9,169.46	
Net Proceeds from Convention Cot Concession.....	190.65	
Expense Refunds:		
Travel .....	\$ 164.00	
Convention .....	14.00	
National Office .....	201.78	379.78
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Loan from F.F.A. Foundation, Inc. ....	10,000.00	
Income Tax Withheld from Employees .....	1,524.15	
Revenue from National Camp and Old Mill.....	2,850.00	
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Total Receipts .....		66,072.15
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		\$81,315.62
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Travel .....	\$ 5,858.95	
Convention .....	8,766.93	
"American Farmer" Keys.....	1,948.89	
Printing .....	3,798.68	
National Office Expense.....	13,480.52	
National Camp and Old Mill....	4,802.52	
Color Plates and Engraving....	1,626.20	
Cost of "F.F.A. In Action".....	8,705.48	
Loan to Future Farmers Sup- ply Service .....	10,000.00	
Withholding Tax Remitted to Federal Government.....	1,530.50	
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Total Disbursements.....		60,518.67
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BALANCE—June 30, 1948 (Exhibit "A")		\$20,796.95
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## MEMBERSHIP DUES COLLECTED

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1948

## SCHEDULE 1

Association	Amount	Association	Amount
Alabama .....	\$ 964.60	New Hampshire .....	25.40
Arizona .....	61.20	New Jersey .....	100.90
Arkansas .....	968.20	New Mexico .....	132.50
California .....	909.20	New York .....	572.70
Colorado .....	131.20	North Carolina .....	1,471.40
Connecticut .....	38.80	North Dakota .....	127.20
Delaware .....	48.10	Ohio .....	762.00
Florida .....	561.70	Oklahoma .....	896.30
Georgia .....	1,202.10	Oregon .....	241.50
Hawaii .....	114.70	Pennsylvania .....	851.20
Idaho .....	203.90	Puerto Rico .....	475.80
Illinois .....	1,428.20	South Carolina .....	544.50
Indiana .....	312.40	South Dakota .....	120.00
Iowa .....	567.90	Tennessee .....	1,133.20
Kansas .....	520.20	Texas .....	2,453.60
Kentucky .....	805.80	Utah .....	289.90
Louisiana .....	625.50	Vermont .....	44.30
Maine .....	108.60	Virginia .....	719.30
Maryland .....	159.80	Washington .....	460.10
Massachusetts .....	88.90	West Virginia .....	371.20
Michigan .....	752.60	Wisconsin .....	982.80
Minnesota .....	435.10	Wyoming .....	85.30
Mississippi .....	841.20		
Missouri .....	874.20		
Montana .....	151.60		
Nebraska .....	316.30		
Nevada .....	23.00		
		TOTAL DUES	
		COLLECTED	
		(Exhibits "B"	
		and "C") .....	<u>\$26,076.10</u>

## Awards and Contests

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On Tuesday afternoon November 16, the Star Farmer Awards were presented by Mr. John Collins, Editor of the WEEKLY KANSAS CITY STAR, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. The winners were as follows:

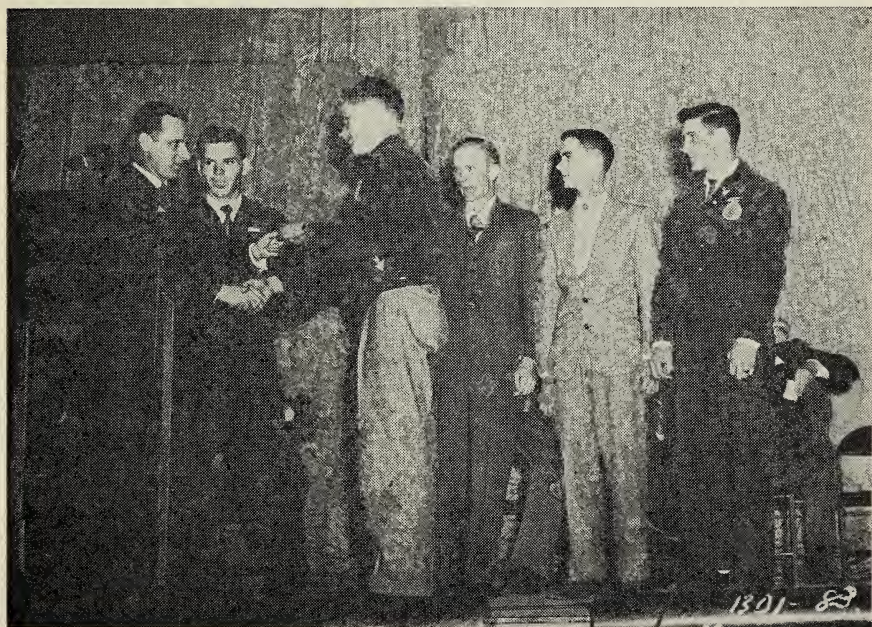
Star Farmer of America—Kenneth LeWayne Cheatham, Greenville, Illinois.

Star Farmer, Pacific Region—Hensley Russell Price, Tatum, New Mexico.

Star Farmer, Southern Region—Richard E. Ogletree, Perry, Georgia.

Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region—Earl E. Crouse, Jr., Hudson, Massachusetts.

A check for \$1,000.00 went to Cheatham and checks for \$150.00 were given the other three Star Farmers named.



Mr. Raymond Firestone, President of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Memphis, Tennessee, presents awards to the winners of the National Farm Mechanics contest at the 20th Anniversary Celebration. (Left to right): Mr. Firestone; President Martin; Otto Zerbe, Glasgow, Montana, first; John W. Hartley, Mathews, Alabama, third; George Thompson, Owensboro, Kentucky, second; and William Keyes, Bridport, Vermont, fourth.



Other National Awards were presented Wednesday evening, November 17, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Farm Mechanics Award winners were introduced by Mr. Raymond C. Firestone, President, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Memphis, Tennessee. Winners in this contest were given checks by Mr. Firestone from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated as follows:

1st Place—Otto Zerbe, Glasgow, Montana.....	\$250.00
2nd Place—George Thompson, Owensboro, Kentucky....	225.00
3rd Place—John Hartley, Mathews, Alabama.....	200.00
William Keys, Bridport, Vermont.....	175.00



Winners of the National Farm and Home Electrification contests are pictured with George Fiske, Manager Kansas City Branch of General Electric Company, just after they received their awards during the 20th Anniversary Celebration. They are, left to right, Louis Wraten, Harrington, Delaware, fourth; Richard W. McConnell, Salem, Alabama, third; Mr. Fiske; Bill Nelson, Dillon, Montana, second; and Richard Herrmann, Shabbona, Illinois, first.

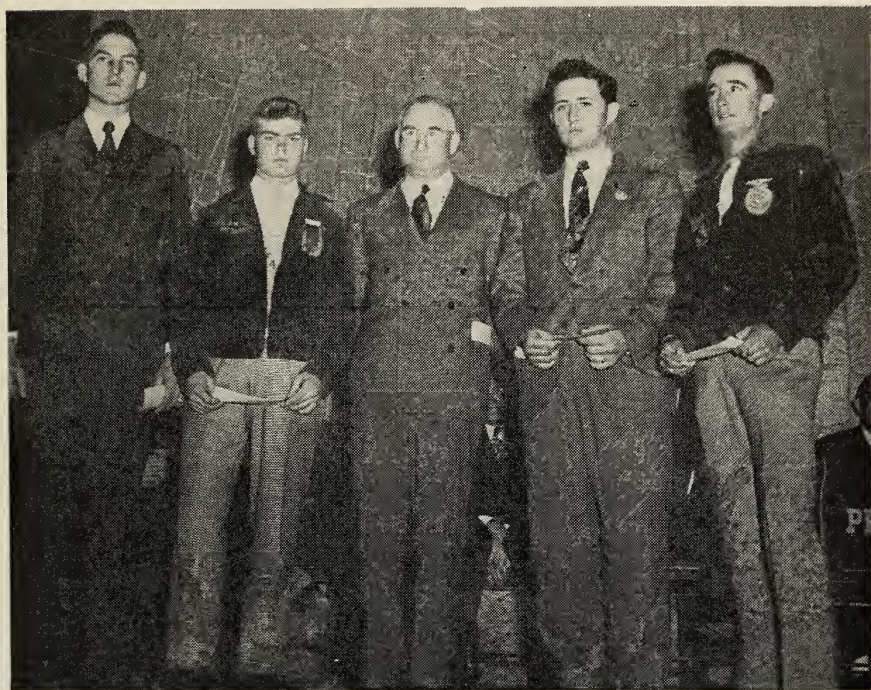
Farm and Home Electrification Award winners were introduced by Mr. George Fiske, Manager, General Electric Co., Kansas City, Missouri. Each of the winners received a check given by Mr. Fiske in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Richard Herrmann, Shabbona, Illinois.....	\$250.00
2nd Place—Bill Nelson, Beaverhead, Montana.....	225.00
3rd Place—Richard McConnell, Beauregard, Alabama..	200.00
4th Place—Louis Wraten, Harrington, Delaware.....	175.00



Star Dairy Farmer Award winners were introduced by Mr. John H. Kraft, President, Kraft Foods Co., Chicago, Illinois. Each of the winners received a check given by Mr. Kraft in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Kenneth England, Chandler, Arizona.....	\$250.00
2nd Place—Henry L. Graff, Jr., Jeffersontown, Ky.....	225.00
3rd Place—William T. Webb, Camden, Delaware.....	200.00
4th Place—Thomas Herring, Jr., Ralls, Texas.....	175.00



Winners of the National Star Dairy Farmer contests are pictured with John H. Kraft, president of Kraft Foods Company, at Chicago, Illinois, just after they received their awards during the 20th Anniversary Celebration. (Left to right): Thomas G. Herring, Jr., Ralls, Texas, fourth; William Webb, Camden, Delaware, third; Mr. Kraft; Henry L. Graff, Jr., Jeffersontown, Kentucky, second; and Kenneth England, Chandler, Arizona, first.

## FARM MECHANICS

Otto Zerbe, 16 year old Glasgow, Montana, Future Farmer of America member, was named first place winner in the F.F.A.'s national Farm Mechanics Contest.

George Thompson, 18, Route 1, Owensboro, Kentucky, won second place in the contest; John Hartley, 20, Montgomery, Ala-

bama, was third; and William Keyes, 18, Middlebury, Vermont, was fourth.

They received awards of \$250, \$225, \$200, and \$175 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Raymond C. Firestone, president of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company at Memphis, Tennessee, made the presentations for the Foundation.

The national winner, Zerbe, has done complete overhaul jobs on a combine engine, two tractors and a car. He has built many pieces of equipment needed on the home farm, including a concrete mixer, hay rack, and farm shop buildings.

The awards were made as a part of the Future Farmers' 20th anniversary convention in Kansas City.

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#### FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION:

Richard Herrmann, Shabbona, Illinois, 19 year old Future Farmers of America member, was named winner of the F.F.A.'s national Farm and Home Electrification contest and was presented a \$250 check from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Bill Nelson, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Nelson, Dillon, Montana, won second and a \$225 award. Third place and \$200 went to Richard W. McConnell, 18, of Salem, Alabama, a member of the Beauregard F.F.A. Chapter. He is the son of Mrs. G. R. McConnell.

Louis Wroten, 17, a youngster already in business for himself with a greenhouse won fourth award of \$175 in the national contest. Louis is the son of Mrs. Grace Wroten.

The awards were presented as a part of the Future Farmers 20th anniversary convention in Municipal Auditorium. Each of the four winners had previously received a \$100 award for winning their state contest.

It was a stroke of bad luck that turned the national winner, Herrmann, to interest in electrical work. When an oil-fired pig brooder caught fire and burned a six pen farrowing house containing all his brother's purebred sows and pigs, Herrmann decided to install electric brooders. He's been installing electrical equipment ever since.

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#### STAR DAIRY FARMERS

Kenneth England, Chandler, Arizona, 18 year old Future Farmer of America, and already a successful dairyman with a long list of accomplishments to his credit, was named Star Dairy

Farmer in the F.F.A.'s first National Dairy Farming Contest.

Four regional winners were chosen in the contest and England was adjudged the national winner in comparisons of the records in each of the regions.

Second place winner was Henry L. Graff, Jr., Jeffersontown, Kentucky. He was the highest ranking member in the Central Region.

North Atlantic Region winner was William Webb, Camden, Delaware. He was awarded third place in the national contest.

Thomas G. Herring, Jr., Ralls, Texas, was presented with the fourth place award. He was the winner of the Southern Regional Contest.

The awards, through the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., were presented by John H. Kraft, president of the Kraft Foods Company, at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo., where the Future Farmers held their 20th anniversary convention.

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## The Chapter Contest

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

Four levels of achievement were recognized as follows: Gold Emblem Chapters; Silver Emblem Chapters; Bronze Emblem Chapters; and Honorable Mention Chapters. All competing chapters were classified by a committee on this basis in terms of the program of work and final report submitted. The 1948 high-ranking chapters were:

### Gold Emblem Classification

Sidney Lanier, Alabama	Huntley Project, Montana
Yuma, Arizona	Rugby, North Dakota
Glenwood, Georgia	Velva, North Dakota
Chenoa, Illinois	Lawton, Oklahoma
Fairbury, Illinois	Wetumka, Oklahoma
Delphi, Indiana	Newberg, Oregon
Lafayette-Bryan, Kentucky	Silverton, Oregon
Versailles, Kentucky	Smith County, Tennessee
Limestone, Maine	Harlingen, Texas
Binford, Mississippi	Jasper, Texas
Inverness, Mississippi	Unidis, West Virginia
Flathead, Montana	Shoshone, Wyoming

### Silver Emblem Classification

Riverton, Alabama	Midland, Michigan
Conway, Arkansas	Moapa Valley, Nevada
Lakeside, Arkansas	Tucumcari, New Mexico
Brighton, Colorado	Minster, Ohio
Rocky Ford, Colorado	Christiansburg, Virginia
Saddle & Grate, Delaware	Weyers Cave, Virginia
Trenton, Florida	Ridgefield, Washington
Blakely-Union, Georgia	Circleville, West Virginia
Minneapolis, Kansas	Lovell, Wyoming

### Bronze Emblem Classification

Housatonic Valley, Connecticut	Highland Park, Kansas
Malad, Idaho	Evergreen, Louisiana
Mount Ayr, Iowa	Slidell, Louisiana

Clarksville, Maryland  
 Alma, Michigan  
 Brainerd, Minnesota  
 Fairbury, Nebraska  
 Kearney, Nebraska  
 Belvidere, New Jersey  
 Sussex, New Jersey

Deming, New Mexico  
 Wellsville, New York  
 Mansfield, Pennsylvania  
 Baron DeKalb, South Carolina  
 Eastern, South Dakota  
 Ooltewah, Tennessee  
 South Cache, Utah

#### Honorable Mention

Coolidge, Arizona  
 Le Mars Farm Youth, Iowa  
 Gorham, Maine  
 Mohawk Trail, Massachusetts  
 Stockbridge, Massachusetts  
 Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

South Kortright, New York  
 Bremen, Ohio  
 Pendleton, South Carolina  
 Brookings, South Dakota  
 Middlebury, Vermont  
 Mt. Baker, Washington

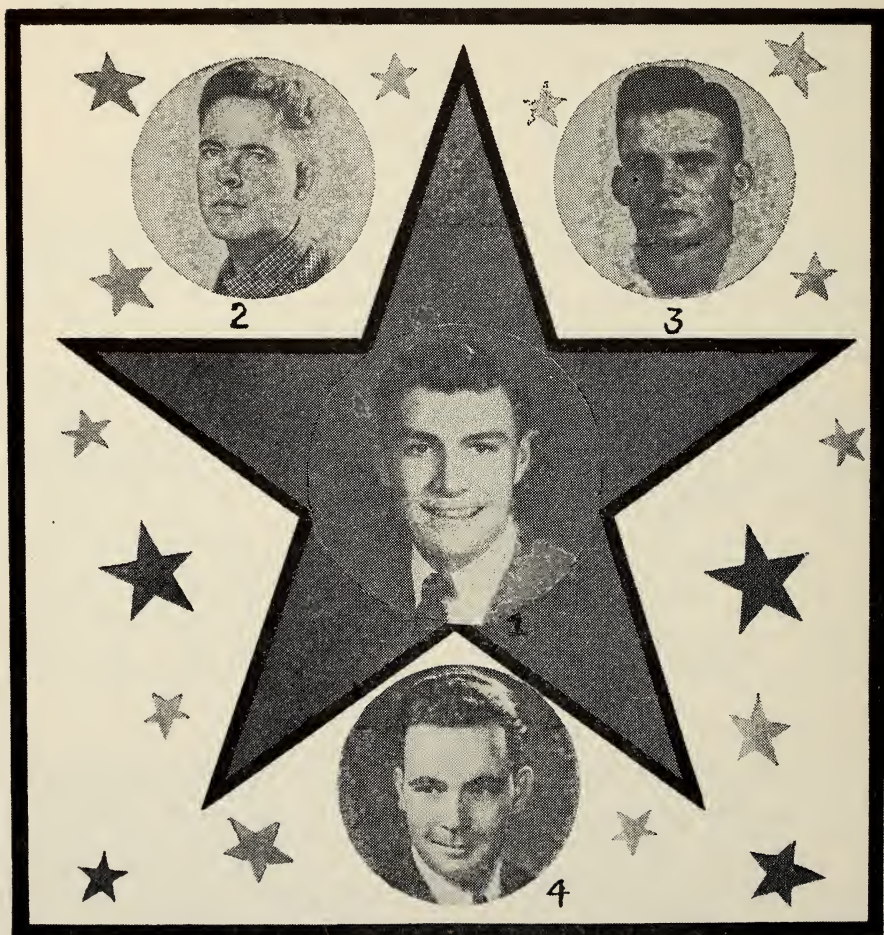
A total of 840 chapters filed entries and 74 accepted State winners reached the finals. The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Emblem Classification winners received an appropriately inscribed certificate as well as national plaques of miniature gold, silver or bronze emblems, for plaques previously won. All awards were provided by the national organization of Future Farmers of America.

Judges for the 1948 Chapter Contest were: W. N. Elam, Specialist, Agricultural Education, Program Planning, Office of Education; J. H. Pearson, Field Representative, Office of Education; A. H. Hollenberg, Specialist, Agricultural Education, Farm Mechanics, Office of Education.

## Star Farmer Awards

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



- (1)—Kenneth LeWayne Cheatham  
Greenville, Illinois  
1948 Star Farmer of America  
(2)—Hensley Russell Price  
Tatum, New Mexico  
1948 Star Farmer of Pacific Region

- (3)—Richard N. Ogletree  
Perry, Georgia  
1948 Star Farmer of Southern Region  
(4)—Earl E. Crouse  
Hudson, Massachusetts  
1948 Star Farmer of North Atlantic Region



candidates were reviewed by the following individuals for the "Weekly Kansas City Star." A. Lynn Ivey, President, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation, Richmond, Virginia; Ben Hibbs, Editor, Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and F. B. Davis, Jr., Chairman of the Board, United States Rubber Company, New York, New York.

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## KENNETH LE WAYNE CHEATHAM

### Star Farmer of America

Kenneth Cheatham, the Star Farmer of America, has developed a farming program since 1943 that has netted him more than \$9,000 in profits. He owns land, machinery, buildings, equipment and livestock valued at more than \$22,000, but still owes about \$10,000 on the land.

Kenneth married his high school sweetheart, Miss Lois June Hunter, last summer and they're modernizing and rebuilding an old seven-room house for their farm home.

Nineteen may be a tender age for marriage, but this young farmer is accustomed to doing things in a hurry. He was in high school during the war and was afraid he might be drafted before he finished. He just loaded up with extra subjects and completed the normal four year course in three years.

The war was over when he graduated in 1946, so he decided to go to college. He completed fifty hours of work at the University of Illinois in three semesters almost as much as he'd be expected to do in four.

College was cut short by illness of his grandfather, J. L. Cheatham, with whom Kenneth had made his home since 1943. Kenneth had known he wanted to farm ever since he began the study of vocational agriculture as a high school freshman in 1943. So back home he went, to lay down the books and take up the plow. It looks like he'll be there from now on, with bright chances for making a success of farming.

The Star Farmer's parents were separated when he was a youngster and he began spending summers on the grandparents' farm. When he entered high school he wanted to study vocational agriculture, so remained on the farm where he could have land and equipment for crop and livestock projects.

He was particularly successful with those projects. Eight hogs in 1943-44 netted him \$135. He reinvested the profits in hogs, and the grandfather gave him some dairy cows for helping with the other farm work. Kenneth netted \$1,800 in 1944-45. Hogs didn't pay so well the next year and his net profits dropped to \$700, but he bounced right back with hogs, dairy cows, soybeans and corn in '46-47 to net \$3,200. Going to college in 1947 forced curtailment of the program and he came out at the end of the year with about \$2,000 profits from farming.

This year he had 38 hogs, 27 dairy cattle, 40 acres of wheat, 5 acres of rye, 23 acres of oats, 13 acres of alfalfa, 30 acres of soybean hay. The crops were good. When the books are brought up to date there should be enough black figures to allow Kenneth and June to do some more work on that home improvement project.

They have taken an option from their grandfather to buy 100 acres of land that is the setting for their home. They rent an additional 157 acres from him.

Despite his heavy schedule in school, Kenneth managed time to serve one year as secretary of the Greenville F.F.A. chapter, one year as secretary-treasurer of the Illinois State F.F.A. association, and one year as State F.F.A. president. He was president of the Greenville High School student council in 1945-46.

Kenneth had cows to milk and other farm chores that kept him from participation in regular high school athletics, but was able to play three years on the F.F.A. basketball team that held its practice sessions at night.

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### RICHARD N. OGLETREE

#### Star Farmer—Southern Region

Owner of a 204-acre farm which he purchased from his own farm earnings, married, and with an excellent record of F.F.A. leadership and farming accomplishment, Richard E. Ogletree of Perry, Georgia, is the Future Farmers of America choice for Star Farmer of the Southern Region.

The 19 year-old Georgia farmer began his supervised farming program in vocational agriculture as a freshman high school student with two beef calves, two acres of peanuts, one hog and two acres of corn. He netted \$471 from his projects that year and reinvested the profits in an expanded farming program. By the end of 1947 he had earned \$8,950 from farming.

He has bought the 204-acre farm, a full line of machinery and equipment needed to operate it, built a home, and although he still owes a sizeable sum on the farm, can count his net worth at more than \$11,000.

His crops this year included 34 acres of peanuts, 50 acres of oats, 35 acres of Blue lupine, 35 acres soybeans and 50 acres of cowpeas. He has livestock and poultry valued at \$620.

One of his growing assets is 66 acres of well-managed timberland. With the pine trees getting bigger every year, Ogletree has few worries about security in the future.

Ogletree served as vice-president of the Perry F.F.A. chapter one year, chapter president two years, and was first vice-president of the Georgia State F.F.A. Association one year. He played on the high school basketball team and was vice-president of his sophomore class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ogletree.

**HENSLEY RUSSELL PRICE****Star Farmer—Pacific Region**

Hensley Russell Price, Star Farmer of the Pacific Region is a 19-year old Future Farmer from Tatum, New Mexico, who is building toward a registered Hereford ranch operation.

Price's father, Alvin H. Price, and his grandfather intended their son to be a rancher from the day he was born when they each gave him a Hereford heifer. The two calves were the foundation for a livestock raising program that has advanced to ownership of 75 beef cattle, three dairy cows, four horses and 24 sheep.

The livestock is valued at more than \$10,500. He owns machinery, equipment, and other assets to bring his net worth to \$11,500.

In addition to his vocational agriculture program establishing herds of sheep and cattle, young Price has carried on a livestock show program that has consistently netted prize ribbons at the shows and fairs.

He has an outstanding record in leadership, too. In the F.F.A. he served three years as president of the Tatum chapter, one year as vice-president of district association and in 1946-47 was state president of the New Mexico F.F.A. He won places on the state poultry and livestock judging teams two years in succession.

He served three years as president of the high school band, and was president of his sophomore, junior and senior classes in high school.

Price attended New Mexico College of Agriculture last spring and plans one more semester of special college to make him better fitted for ranch management. He will go into partnership with his father when he returns to the ranch.

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**EARL E. CROUSE****Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region**

Earl E. Crouse, Jr., 20, of Hudson, Mass., used his vocational agriculture training to develop a poultry farming program that now nets him about \$4,000 a year income.

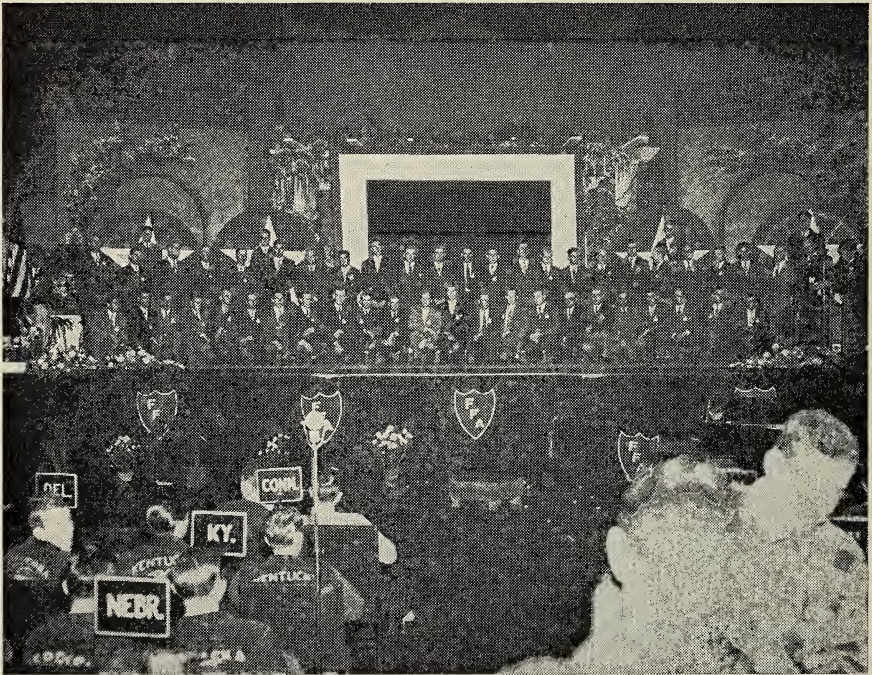
Specializing in broiler production, he raised more than 3,000 birds last year. Two acres of garden and small fruits and two hogs round out his farming program.

Money to purchase equipment and supplies needed in the initial poultry came from Crouse's savings. Later, when he decided to expand his poultry enterprise he borrowed the money for new buildings from his parents. The notes have been paid off now, and Crouse owns farming assets worth about \$10,700.



Crouse was married last year to Miss Clara King and they are making their home in an apartment on the home farm.

He has been one of Massachusetts' outstanding F.F.A. leaders, serving two years as president of the Hudson chapter and in 1945-46 as state F.F.A. president. He was a member of the high school band and orchestra, and is active in the Farm Bureau. Crouse was graduated from Hudson High School in 1946. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Earle E. Crouse.



Star Farmers of farmer years who were in attendance at the convention, with the Star Farmers for 1948, who are standing in front of stars.

## Citations for Honorary American Farmers

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### CHARLES F. BRANNAN

The Future Farmers of America Organization is proud and grateful for the interest shown in the Future Farmers of America by the Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan. We have been honored before by having former Secretary Wickard and Secretary Anderson at our conventions. We are indeed happy that Secretary Brannan could attend this twentieth anniversary celebration. It is a pleasure, therefore, to confer upon him the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

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### HENRI BONNET

Since the days of Lafayette there has been a very close bond between France and the United States. The histories of our great nations indicate that we have planned together, worked together and fought side by side. We are grateful for the excellent cooperation we have received from the representatives of France. We are highly honored to have the Honorable Henri Bonnet, Ambassador from France, at this convention. It is a privilege to confer upon him the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

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### HENRY S. BRUNNER

We are all proud of the excellent musical organizations we have had at our conventions. Last year we were all thrilled to see and listen to the great National F.F.A. Band. This year we are equally proud of our band and our National Chorus.

Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Head of the Department of Agricultural Education at Pennsylvania State College, has cooperated with the national organization for years in connection with the Pennsylvania State band and now as director of the National F.F.A. Band. In appreciation for the excellent job he has done it is a privilege to confer upon him the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

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### OSCAR R. EWING

Mr. Oscar R. Ewing, Administrator of the Federal Security Agency has for years been interested in agriculture and farm youth. He owns and operates a farm in Indiana. Since he began serving as Administrator he has been very helpful to the Future Farmers of

America. We are proud of the fact that he has demonstrated his interest by attending and taking part in the twentieth anniversary celebration. It is with pleasure that we confer upon him the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

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The Future Farmers of America Organization is proud of the very wholesome relationship that exists between the Future Farmers of America and representatives of business and industry. It would be difficult to list the many helpful things that have been done by them. They have helped make available practical subject matter materials. They have cooperated with us in connection with our national and state conventions. They have helped to inform others of the activities of the F.F.A. It is a privilege for the F.F.A. to show representatives of some of our cooperating organizations our appreciation for their help by conferring upon their representatives the highest honor given by our organization.

JOHN COLLINS, Editor, *Weekly Kansas City Star*, Kansas City, Missouri.

JOHN H. KRAFT, President, Kraft Foods Co., Chicago, Illinois.

HERMAN F. LINDE, Educational Division of Advertising Department, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois.

E. W. PHELPS, General Manager, Swift and Company, Kansas City, Kansas.

ROY ROBERTS, President, *Kansas City Star*, Kansas City, Missouri.

EDWARD N. WENTWORTH, Director, Armour's Livestock Bureau, Armour and Company, Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT B. WHITE, Director, Public Service Department, American Broadcasting Company, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

CLIFTON A. WOODRUM, President, American Plant Food Council, Washington, D. C.

Since the Future Farmers of America organization was established our State Superintendents of Public Instruction, State Supervisors and Teacher Trainers of Agricultural Education have served the organization in a very effective manner. A number of these men have served on the National Advisory Council and have helped to develop our policies and direct the program of the progress we have made. Others have been of much assistance in helping to develop the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Because of their many contributions it is a privilege to confer upon a number of these men our highest degree:

H. T. HALL, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Des Moines, Iowa

H. M. HAMLIN, Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Urbana, Illinois

RALPH A. HOWARD, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Columbus, Ohio



- L. D. KLEMMEDSON, Executive Officer Vocational Education,  
Phoenix, Arizona
- ROBERT A. MANIRE, State Supervisor Agricultural Education,  
Austin, Texas
- HARRY E. NESMAN, Chief, Agricultural Education, Lansing 4,  
Michigan
- MARK NICHOLS, Director, Youth Education, American Institute  
of Cooperation, Washington, D. C. (Was State Supervisor  
in Utah)
- STANLEY S. RICHARDSON, State Supervisor Agricultural Education  
Boise, Idaho

One of the secrets of the success of Gold Emblem Chapters is the help given by the teachers of vocational agriculture who serve as chapter advisers. I am sure that I speak for all of the members of our organization when I say that we sincerely appreciate the many helpful things that have been done for us by our teachers. It is satisfying and appropriate that the advisers of our most outstanding chapters receive our highest award.

- O. S. ADAMS, Adviser, Wetumka Chapter, Wetumka, Oklahoma
- HOWARD BENNET, Adviser, Newberg Chapter, Newberg, Oregon
- MARVIN BICKET, Adviser, Lawton Chapter, Lawton, Oklahoma
- HAROLD R. BINKLEY, Adviser, Lafayette-Bryan Station Chapter,  
Lexington, Kentucky
- CHARLES D. CRAWFORD, Adviser, Yuma Chapter, Yuma, Arizona
- JACK EDWARDS, Adviser, Harlingen Chapter, Harlingen, Texas
- F. S. FITZGERALD, Adviser, Inverness Chapter, Inverness, Miss.
- E. P. GEIGER, Adviser, Sidney Lanier Chapter, Montgomery, Ala.
- LEONARD HUDSON, Adviser, Silverton Chapter, Silverton, Oregon
- R. J. MAURER, Adviser, Fairbury Chapter, Fairbury, Illinois
- LLOYD NYGARD, Adviser, Velva Chapter, Velva, North Dakota.
- DEAN S. PENCE, Adviser, Huntley Project Chapter, Worden, Mont.
- H. G. RIDDLE, Adviser, Unidis Chapter, West Milford, West Virginia
- DANIEL L. STEPHENS, Adviser, Glenwood Chapter, Glenwood, Ga.
- FAY A. THOMPSON, Adviser, Shoshone Chapter, Powell, Wyoming
- W. S. WEAVER, Adviser, Delphi Chapter, Delphi, Indiana

The records of our Star Farmers speak for themselves. They will agree, I am sure, that much of their success is due to the guidance and assistance they have received from their fathers and grandfathers. The delegates at the national convention have voted to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree, our highest degree, upon the fathers of the 1948 Star Farmers.

- J. L. Cheatham, Smithboro, Illinois
- Earl E. Crouse, Hudson, Massachusetts
- R. E. Ogletree, Perry, Georgia
- Alvin H. Price, Tatum, New Mexico

For many years members of the F.F.A. have been recognized

for their achievements. Very few of the fathers, however, have been given just credit for the part they have played in the success of their boys. The other past national officers will agree that it would have been impossible for us to have been away from the farm so much this year and to have done many other things without the wholehearted support and cooperation of our parents. The delegates at this convention voted to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the fathers of the 1947-48 National Officers. It is a special privilege to have the opportunity to officially confer this degree.

Carl Martin, Salem, Indiana  
 William Henry Dunk, Segovia, Texas  
 Melvin L. Arlien, Rugby, North Dakota  
 John W. Webb, Sr., Wyoming, Delaware  
 Kort H. Meier, Sr., Yuma, Arizona  
 Warren E. Hansen, East Garland, Utah



## Public Speaking Contest

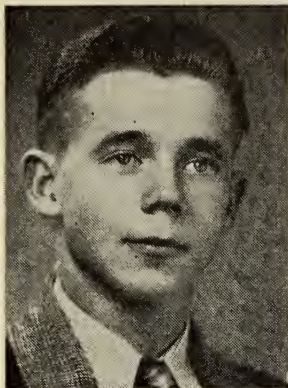
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The Annual National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was first made possible in 1930 through the interest and generosity of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas who, for two years, sponsored the event and offered prizes. From that time until 1944 the national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

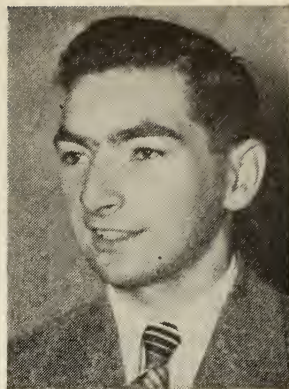
The Nineteenth National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest took place in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, November 14. The five finalists placing in the order indicated were:

1. William Beverly Poff, Christiansburg, Virginia—"The Farmers Health—A National Problem."
2. Elwin Slater, Ogden, Utah—"We Are Killing Off The American Farmer."
3. Ted Dugan, Orleans, Vermont—"Peace Or War."
4. George Lewis, Mt. Sterling, Illinois—"The Place of Farm Co-Operatives in Our National Economy."
5. Haruo Akiyama, Maunaloa, Molokai, Hawaii—"Let's Do Something About Farm Safety."

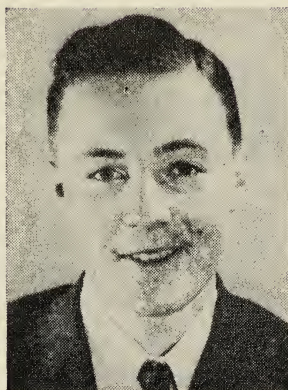
Each contestant was the author of his own speech, having studied his subject, prepared the draft and practiced its delivery. Each speech represented original thought and original work on the



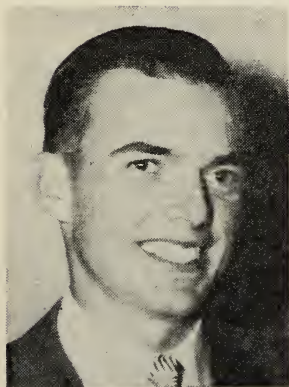
**Elwin Slater**  
Ogden, Utah



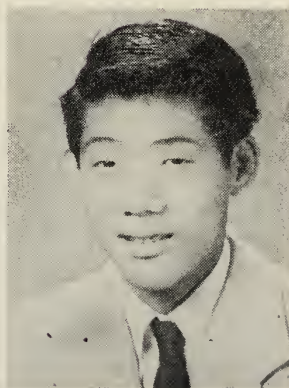
**Ted Dugan**  
Orleans, Vermont



**William Beverley Poff**  
Christiansburg, Virginia



**George Lewis**  
Mt. Serling, Illinois



**Haruo Akiyama**  
Maunaloa, Molokai,  
Hawaii



part of the contestant, with coaching on composition and delivery limited, by the rules of the contest, to the facilities of the school from which the contestant came. Each boy was at liberty to choose his own subject.

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

The judges were:

James P. Kem, United States Senator From Missouri.

W. A. Roberts, Vice-President in Charge of Tractor Division, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Clifton A. Woodrum, President, American Plant Food Council, Washington, D. C.

The timekeepers were:

Ray L. Cuff, Regional Manager, National Live Stock Loss Prevention Board, Kansas City, Missouri.

Robert Romack, Editor, *American Farm Youth*, Danville, Illinois.

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## THE FARMER'S HEALTH—A NATIONAL PROBLEM

By William Beverly Poff, Christiansburg, Virginia

"The health of our farmer is the health of our nation." This sentiment has been echoed throughout the years by many intelligent men of our nation. Through the enterprise and initiative of the American farmer the world has grown more and more to depend upon the United States for its food. This, the farmer achieved when he and his rural neighbors had the best health record in the world.

My grandfather, as yours, could look out over the beautiful landscape of his farm, inhale the fragrant air of the countryside, and feel a thrill and pride of possession and accomplishment. He stood secure in the knowledge that he, his family and his rural neighbors lived in the most healthful environment, and were the most healthful people in the world.

But this assurance which our grandfathers had is no more. As the farmer of today looks out over his fertile fields and magnificent landscape, the thrill and pride of possession and accomplishment are not to be seen upon his face. Instead, with a furrowed brow and worried countenance he ponders over his problems—trying to think of a method to secure the physician for which his community has great need, or where to obtain the necessary hospitalization service for his family.

The problems are but common ones for the farmer of today.

The number of rural physicians has been rapidly diminishing until at the present time the number has reached a dangerously low level. A recent survey shows that the supply of rural doctors in Virginia, long inadequate, continues to decline. Even in the pre-war years, over 1,000 rural communities had an average of 1,700 persons to each physician compared to an average of only 650 persons per physician in our metropolitan centers. In Virginia rural areas, at present there are slightly over 2,000 people per physician as compared to about 500 people to each physician in urban centers. These statistics are proof that young doctors at present, almost without exception, are migrating to urban and thickly populated areas which provide better opportunities for higher earnings and better working facilities.

The selective service examinations conducted during the last war made it unmistakably clear that rural health is decreasing along with its physicians. These statistics are a reversal of the health picture since the first World War when statistics from the same source showed that rural communities had less rejectees than did our city neighbors.

That there is a need for a system which will provide more physicians, dentists and better health facilities for rural America is therefore an evident and undeniable fact. Improvements of farm income, rural living conditions and rural education would, of course, go a long way toward solving the problem. But, beyond these, are certain objectives toward which farmers can strive immediately. There are five things which we must do to satisfy the needs of rural people.

They are:

1. We must do something to ease the payment of the medical bills.
2. Facilities, like hospitals and health centers, have to be constructed and sanitation must be improved.
3. More doctors, dentists and nurses must be brought to the rural sections.
4. Good preventive public health services must be organized and people must be better educated about health and disease.
5. The scientific quality of rural medicine and related services must be elevated.

Concerning the first of these, we have seen that the most basic problem of all in improving rural health services is getting the medical bill paid. To a rural family living on a small income, a doctor's home call at \$3.00 or \$4.00 is a cost not likely to be assumed. Hence, people tend to call the doctor only in dire emergencies. A sickness or accident requiring hospitalization, is to the farmer of today, a major financial catastrophe. There have been many proposals which, supposably, would relieve the farmer of this burden. Perhaps the most logical and workable of these is the local prepayment plan. This plan provides pooling funds from a large group of individuals and families by charging them according to income with a maximum and minimum fee. This whole

method would be like the time-honored "sliding scale of fees" that doctors follow.

The success of the second objective would depend primarily upon the full accomplishment of the first. If the financial maintenance of these facilities were guaranteed it would be much easier to get them constructed. Of course, such a plan will take a great deal of time and effort. Surveys should be taken to determine where and to what extent these facilities are needed. The most perplexing problem of such a plan would be to secure the necessary funds. This obstacle could partially be overcome by the contributions of the county government. If these funds are not sufficient or available, Federal funds should be made accessible to communities on the basis of need.

Our rural population, government agencies, and medical societies are all in some way responsible for the discouraging pattern of our rural health. Perhaps the only one not at fault is the individual doctor. A doctor can scarcely be blamed for a disinclination to exile himself in some rural St. Helena, or for a failure to attempt an individual solution to a problem which only the coordinated action of the government, rural population, and organized medicine can effect. The most fundamental way, as was explained in the first two steps of this proposal, to assure enough doctors, dentists and other health personnel for the rural areas would be to insure them of an adequate income and necessary scientific facilities. This plan will provide for the present, but as future assurance; scholarships should be given to medical students on the condition that they practice in rural areas for a stipulated period. If these measures were taken, rural communities would be assured of an ample supply of physicians, dentists and nurses for both now and in the future.

While sickness must obviously be treated when it occurs, it surely makes good sense to prevent it before it starts. The best way to prevent disease is to be sure that everyone has a good education and an adequate income. While steps should be taken to make these things available, it is obvious that everyone cannot have these things which are so necessary to give the individual decent housing, a well-balanced diet and enough rest and recreation. It is, therefore, essential that the fifth step of this program be carried out fully.

If all the foregoing steps could be taken in our rural areas, a great deal would be accomplished in elevating the actual scientific quality of the medical services that rural people receive. Nevertheless, without further steps being taken, the quality of rural service would still tend to remain poorer than that of the cities. The scientific quality of rural medicine and related services must be elevated. It must be made possible for rural people to have advantage of the newest medical discoveries, such as Penicillin, within the same length of time as it takes city people to begin to enjoy them. It would be for the best interest of the community if the rural doctors were given an opportunity every few years for post-graduate or refresher courses.



This five point program which has been mentioned, will lead ultimately to one goal—better rural health. It is not a contention that this plan is perfect or that it will solve all our rural health needs. Certainly many criticisms will occur, but it is obvious that in the twenty or more years since this problem came to the surface, there have been too many conferences, too many surveys, and not enough action.

The decline in our rural health would be a disturbing factor at any time, but recently there has been impressed upon the consciousness of the American people this fact—the United States simply cannot be prosperous if the farmer is neglected or debased. It is he upon whom the rest of the world depends. His industry, the basic industry of the world, must continue to thrive.

We as Future Farmers of America have a great heritage. Our forefathers were men such as Washington and Jefferson. We Americans have always tried to follow in their footsteps. So let us be like these men in that as we survey the broadening fields of medicine and as we look out upon the vast rural areas where advancement in this work is limited only by man's foresight and initiative, let us, like these men, be inspired by an unconquerable faith in America, and let us affirm, with all of our hearts, these words of the Future Farmers creed; "I believe in the future of farming—in the promise of better days through better ways; I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life."

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## WE ARE KILLING OFF THE AMERICAN FARMER

By Elwin Slater, Ogden, Utah

In a single American industry during the next twenty-four hours about forty-five people will be killed. Making munitions is far safer than this occupation. Mining and construction are not so dangerous. Surprisingly, one of the most hazardous of all jobs in America is plain old-fashioned dirt farming. Yes, every minute, day, and night, three farm people in the United States are seriously injured.<sup>1</sup>

Gentlemen, this is the reason I'm here today to discuss one of our greatest of all problems—Farm Safety. I shall discuss its nature, its great disasters, and suggest a possible remedy. We must stress the importance of farming as reaching beyond the production of food and fiber, important as that is. The lives of over 27,000,000 people are "wrapped up" in agriculture.<sup>2</sup>

We find that farming is composed of two factors—first, it is a safe and independent mode of life, and second, it is the great basic food and material producing industry. Invention and science are greatly improving both. It may seem strange that I mention farming as a safe mode of life and then proceed to tell of all the many dangers it harbors. The word "safe" is used advisedly.

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<sup>1</sup>"Dangerous Business Farming," Popular Mechanics, January, 1947.

<sup>2</sup>April, 1947 Census.

Accidents reap a grim harvest on the nation's farms every year. Yes, according to the Department of Agriculture the farmer runs a three times greater risk with his life than the worker in manufacturing.<sup>3</sup>

Our National Safety Council estimates according to figures of the past, that 18,500 farm residents will be killed within the next twelve months, 1,700,000 will be injured, and 55,000 will suffer some permanent impairment. The total cost of farm accidents, including fire, will rise above a billion dollars.<sup>4</sup> These are sobering facts but they tell only part of the story. The farmer is nearly always racing against time for fear of losing a beet, pea, or hay crop. In this rush he probably becomes careless. Well, what good does it do a farmer to raise eighty bushels of oats, or corn if in the process he loses an arm, a leg, or maybe his life through the careless use of machinery.

When we stop to think of the enormous number of lives lost last year through accidents to farmers and the increasing number of people seriously injured, we should also think of the *time* that was lost because of these accidents. Yet, 25,000,000 man days were lost because of carelessness.<sup>5</sup> We hear of the starving people in European countries and how we should assist them with American food-stuffs. How much more help could we give them if the crops had been saved that perished during these lost 25,000,000 man days? Every year there are enough man hours lost through accidents on American farms to harvest the annual wheat crop of the United States.<sup>6</sup>

"Added to these facts and figures is the cost to the farmer in terms of human misery and suffering. Who dares to place a price on the loss of an arm, leg or an eye? These costs are immeasurable."<sup>7</sup>

What are we going to do about all this needless waste? Surely people on the farms can be more cautious and would be if they realized the expense of just one minute's carelessness.

American agriculture today needs first of all, to support an effective national program for accident prevention designed to reach all of the 27,000,000 American farm people. Government agencies should lead out in promoting such a campaign, with experimentation and research as a guide. Already, our farm division of the National Safety Council is doing a great work toward the sponsoring of movies, radio programs, and various kinds of literature to make farmers more safety-minded.

However, they can do very little without the co-operation of each and every farm worker. More than forty of our large manufacturing industries throughout the nation have recognized the importance of safety in agriculture and have given funds to the

<sup>3</sup>"Accident Facts 1947," National Safety Council.

<sup>4</sup>"Dangerous Business Farming," Popular Mechanics, January, 1947.

<sup>5</sup>Coe, Maynard H., Farm Safety Review, July, August, 1947, Page 2.

<sup>6</sup>"Stitch in Time," Farm Safety Film sponsored by Sears Roebuck Foundation.

<sup>7</sup>"Miracle of Paradise Valley," Safety Film sponsored by Sinclair Refining Co.

support of our safety council. If groups such as these, who have no direct connection with our farms, can realize the great dangers, why can't the farmer himself become aware of them?

Secondly—I believe that there must be a campaign conducted on a state-wide and community basis, with organizations such as the Grange, the Farm Bureau, co-operatives, all uniting in some kind of safety program. Furthermore, I believe that the success of it all falls upon the shoulders of the individual communities and community leaders. Fellow Future Farmers, here is where we, as chapter units, and as individual community leaders, can lead the way in improving the standards of farm safety. For it is our privilege and our duty to become the leaders within our communities. In what way can we show greater leadership than in this, our farm safety program.

Each chapter should strive to organize and conduct some type of safety program which will make farm communities safety conscious. In Ohio alone, over one-hundred future-farmer chapters are engaged in a state farm safety contest. This has stimulated nearly every chapter in the state to do something about farm safety. Some chapters have even initiated local safety contests of their own. A special score-sheet is used to rate the various safety activities of each chapter. Demonstrations, live bulletin boards, accident surveys, radio programs, are the works of each chapter in the contest. If every state Future Farmer and local organization would sponsor a similar program, not only the Future Farmers, but the entire community, as well, would benefit.

Unlike most industries, farming has no elaborate safety devices. The farmer is largely protected by his own vigilance and precaution. Almost every accident is a direct result of unsafe acts or attitudes and mechanical factors; therefore if carelessness is the cause, it is obvious that education is the cure. Industries with intensive educational programs in accident prevention have reduced their accident rate 51 per cent during the past fifteen years. This achievement offers a stimulating challenge to us who are interested in the social and economic welfare of rural America. What better device can be used to meet the challenge than the national, state, and local educational programs I have suggested? Safety Education, coupled with the adoption and use of safety devices, will give the American farmer a working day, comparable in safety to that of the factory worker.

Yes, it remains for the leader of agriculture, all agriculture, to become aroused and to join hands in a crusade to prevent this wanton slaughter on our American farms. Let each of us put into practice the motto: "Farm safety means finding the danger spots and eliminating the causes."

Thus the development of an effective farm safety program would be in progress. This kind of program, we all know, requires research, experimentation, and practice; in short—efficient, educational efforts. To that end the co-operation of all organizations and leaders becomes increasingly important.

*We must* have an effective farm safety program. Certainly we



recognize the importance of raising crops, but can you name a crop that is more important and profitable than the boys and girls of our nation who eventually will shoulder and carry the responsibilities of farming? The conservation of no other resource will bring greater dividends. As safety conscious Future Farmers we can contribute to the health and economic strength of this strong agricultural nation.

Let's make the safety of rural manpower our number one goal!

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## PEACE OR WAR

By Ted Dugan, Orleans, Vermont

People of every race and of every creed are today discussing the subject, "European Recovery," centering on the possible prevention of World War number three. America's answer to the challenge is, as you probably already know, "The Marshall Plan."

This plan is a rebuilding program to restore the war ravaged countries in Europe. This means we must ship large quantities of food and farm supplies abroad.

The estimated cost of this program will be in the vicinity of several billions of dollars. In return, the future should bring increased International trade to benefit all nations of the world.

Without lending food from our vast fields, machinery from our factories and money from our treasury we cannot hope to prevent a coming war.

We must help the millions of starving people in Europe. This plan, approved by 16 nations of western Europe, will help to rebuild the mines, factories, and the farms that were destroyed during the past war.

The people of Europe cannot provide for themselves. They need our help and in the name of humanity we cannot deny their plea.

The problem that is worrying most of us today is the possibility of another World War. This can be averted by promoting the economic recovery of Europe. The European countries will gradually pay back their debt and eventually become important trading centers for us.

Europe needs many manufactured materials of which we have an abundant supply. We, in turn, need her trade and friendship.

We recognize the fact that this plan for European Recovery is going to cost a great deal of money. It means we must make small sacrifices but in no way will it seriously weaken our economic system. People must also recognize that this money is not an outright gift to Europe but a loan which she must pay back.

Many of the poor European farmers and laborers are half starved and beaten into submission. When people are in such a state as this, they become easy marks for Communism.

Without a doubt many people in Europe do not get enough to eat. The average Greek, for example, receives only half as many calories per day as the average American citizen receives.

Perhaps many of you are also wondering how this will affect the farmer and the farm prices in this country. Today farmers are more and more interested in the outside world and especially in how the Marshall Plan will influence them in the future. They want to know, and rightfully so, where all this food and money is going and why.

Farm prices after each war always drop rapidly. The Marshall Plan will bring about a gradual adjustment to farm prices. Certainly they are not adjusted now.

Many farmers are wondering if we can spare all the food we

are shipping abroad. Actually, today we are eating better in this country than before the war. We are faced, even now, with a surplus of fruits and vegetables.

Wheat, which normally presents a surplus problem, will be properly dealt with. This year we will grow one billion bushels of wheat and even after we have shipped 450 million bushels abroad, we will still have a carry over of 150 million bushels, which will insure no scarcity in this country.

What about the meat situation? Let me emphasize that as far as meat is concerned we are not going to ship any beef, pork, or lamb abroad during the next twelve months. We have been sending meat over recently and I was wondering why. To my astonishment I later discovered it was horse meat. Certainly this is not very popular on the American dinner table.

All the purchasing of scarce articles needed abroad will be done in this country to prevent the hoarding of goods and the continual rising of prices abroad. We must remember that food has helped win a past war and it can now prevent a coming war.

The approximate cost of this four year program will be about 22 billion dollars. America's share of this sum is about 16 billion. For the first year and a quarter 6 to 8 billion dollars will be needed. Gradually each year this loan will decrease until at the end of four years we will be repaid.

Our economic strength in western Europe is much greater in steel, coal, and electrical power than is Russia's. Russia does have more cropland and manpower, however. Her population is the largest in all western Europe.

Many people may now be thinking that the bulk of this loan will go to Russia and that she will put it into armaments to use against us. The truth is that Great Britain receives the largest sum with France receiving second highest.

Two-thirds of this loan will go into agricultural tools and the seed used for farming. The other one-third will go into industrial goods needed for these projects.

The terms for payment are simply these. All nations that are able to pay for supplies issued will receive no loans or grants. Those that are unable to pay will receive periods of time to pay back their loans.

It is in specialization that our country did succeed and grow to be the great industrial and agricultural center that it is today. Every country should specialize in her greatest asset. If we help Europe to make the most of what she has to offer we will open markets for our goods and in return receive the raw materials we so badly need.

In 1830 it took seven farmers with horse and plow to produce the wheat we can now produce with only one farmer equipped with power tools and modern machinery. Modern machinery replacing man power has increased production in this country 60 per cent since 1830.

If this same increased production is passed on to Europe it can only bring a better standard of living. A better standard of



living will mean simply more eggs, more fresh fruits, and more fresh vegetables for Europe's millions of starving people.

The Marshall Plan will do just this for Europe forcing the racketeering prices prevailing in Europe to drop to a respectable level.

Many people think that Europe will grow to become a competitor in world trade. The truth is Europe needs America and we need Europe. Europe, we must remember, is fast becoming a bulwark of America defense. As Abraham Lincoln once said, and I quote, "United we stand, Divided we fall," unquote. Never has this been more true than today.

As wonderful as the Marshall Plan is, however, it cannot work without sufficient funds. Two hundred chicks cannot be fed on feed for only one hundred. Neither is it possible to feed millions of starving European people on insufficient funds.

The honest and proper use of this loan provided in the Marshall Plan will be guaranteed by an able administrator sent over from this country. I sincerely believe we must help the people of Europe to become independent and to provide for themselves.

A loan of 6 to 8 billion dollars does sound like a great deal of money. I later figured out it would cost only 1/16 the price of World War II. If we do not spend this money in readjusting Europe we will surely spend it and much more in arming ourselves for an Atomic War.

In conclusion I wish to say that the United States of America is no longer a nation sufficient unto itself. More than that we are fast becoming a have not nation. We must learn to serve if we are to be served. Gentlemen, it is my belief that the Marshall Plan is America's greatest attempt to serve mankind. It is not an attempt to help any single nation but to help rebuild the economic structure of all Europe. Let us pray for the success of the Marshall Plan.

Thank you.

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## THE PLACE OF FARM CO-OPERATIVES IN OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY

By George Lewis, Mt. Sterling, Illinois

Fellow Future Farmers, what attitude shall we, as the farmers of tomorrow, take on the question of farm co-operatives? Do co-operatives have a vital role to play in American Agriculture? If co-operatives are necessary, then we must wholeheartedly support them. It is your duty and mine to form an opinion. During this talk I shall endeavor to bring out the facts.

Perhaps we should go back to the days when this country was young. Nearly every family was a farm family. Most families then produced for their own use. So far as possible, they provided their own vegetables, meat, and milk. Their bread and sweets were prepared in the kitchen. Much of their clothing was made in the home. Transportation and power were furnished by his horses, and the farmer with their help raised the animals' food. Any

surplus he had was traded for what few necessities he needed and could not or did not produce. His society was not very complex. He did not need a large amount of cash because his purchases were small.

As our country grew, agriculture and its problems grew. Small villages began to appear—an urban society began to develop. The farmer gradually began to sell his surplus to the people in the village. The village families raised less and less of what they ate. The farmer produced fewer of the necessities. Here developed a harmonious relationship. The farmer raised food for the village families, and they in turn traded him goods and services.

As the years passed more and more people turned to occupations in the village. Occupations became more specialized. The farmer turned more to the plow and left the marketing of his products to the village merchant. Small butcher shops grew into packing plants. The livery stable grew into trucking companies. The old mill became the huge milling corporation. The blacksmith shop grew into the factory. Gradually through the years the farmer turned over to other hands the transportation, the grading, the processing and the marketing of his products. When he lost contact with his old friend, the consumer, he not only lost the money he had formerly received for the processing and marketing, but he lost the intimate controls of the functions of processing and marketing. Thus farming became a strange business. Both the price he pays for his supplies and the price he receives for his products are set by someone else.

Many of us are farming now or plan to farm in the next few years. We have no way of knowing whether agriculture offers a meager living, a modest living, or bankruptcy. Would a merchant open a business under conditions where he had no control over either the price he paid or the price he received for his merchandise?

Of course we expect the buyer, the trucker, the processor, and the manufacturer—all of those who deal with the products we sell—to take out enough to return them a fair margin of profit. But is there always some left for the farmer?

Today labor is organized as never before. Labor is now strong enough to set wages in nearly every business in this country. Will agriculture be caught in a gigantic "squeeze play" between organized business and organized labor? Labor will demand and receive a large share of the consumer's dollar—then who will pay for the increase? The farmer will pay a large part of it because the farmer lacks labor's power of collective bargaining. Agriculture is big business but it is made up of thousands of individual farmers scattered all over this land who buy and sell as individuals.

It is true that farmers have prospered during these war years, but I am thinking of those periods in our history which followed wars.

The farm operator is an honest, hard-working individual who

spends long hours at his labors. He is, without a doubt, a member of the most conservative group in America, yet he has lost control of the land. The 1945 census figures show that an average of 57.7 per cent of the land in Illinois was operated by tenants. In some areas of Illinois over 65 per cent of the land is tenant operated. The U. S. Department of Agriculture statistics show that there have been few periods during the last 50 years when farmers have received a fair exchange for their products. While the farmer lost his land, those business firms which deal with the farmer and his products have done relatively well for themselves.

I have no quarrel with business or labor. In fact, farmers should be grateful for the contributions made by the business world—the combine, the tractor, and all modern farm conveniences are a monument to American industry. The processors have taken the farmers' products as they came from the farm and presented them in an attractive standardized manner which have found ready customers wherever the products appear.

My concern is with those farmers who fail to see that agriculture could be more prosperous if it put up a united front. If farmers would sell their products and buy their supplies as a group, they could be in a position to bargain. The farmer is a large consumer. He spends more of his money today than ever before for supplies. He should pool his purchases with other farmers so that he could buy in a more favorable market. There is nothing new or strange about this group buying or selling. When the farmer sells his products to chain stores, he is forced to deal with a group of united stores. To compete with them the independent stores then organized their own co-operative buying chain. The big difficulty is that the buyer is still able to find plenty of farmers who sell as individuals, thus the buyer is rarely forced to deal with the co-operative for all of his purchases. Co-operatives must have a larger volume of business than they ever have had before so that the buyer is forced to bargain. We must do all in our power to encourage farmers everywhere to patronize their co-operative. The principle is sound and we must fight for it.

Many people who are supporting the co-operative method of doing business attempt to sell the co-operatives to the farmer on the merit that they will return the farmer a cash rebate. If there is a savings to be returned, this helps the co-operative and the farmer; but in some instances in the past if the co-operative did not have a successful year and returned no refund, then the farmer felt that the co-operative was failing. The good that a co-operative does cannot altogether be measured by the size of the refund.

Some loose-thinking people have advocated a policy whereby the farmer would attempt to hoard his products and thus force his own prices on the consumer. This idea is unsound. A monopolistic program would only end in government control. Any sound plan must always have the interest of both the consumer and the producer in mind.



The farmer through the medium of the co-operative has an opportunity to re-enter the field of marketing. It is my opinion that he made a mistake when he turned over so many of the functions of marketing to others. There are numerous products which could be assembled, processed, and delivered direct to the consumer by the farm co-operative.

Who has a better right to conduct the feed business? The farmer furnishes the chief ingredients and is the chief consumer. Who has a better right to the ownership and profits of elevators, locker plants, and packing plants? The farmer co-operative must re-enter these fields with vigor. He must do this to redeem that which belongs to agriculture. The co-operative method of doing business is a means to accomplish this end.

In conclusion, I quote these words from the past, "United we stand, divided we fall." True yesterday—true today.

Future Farmers, you have always practiced and encouraged co-operation. Hear the words of our creed: "I believe in the ability of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our toil. I believe that we can safeguard those rights against practices and policies which are unfair."

Sons of the soil, go forth and practice co-operation. Sow the seeds that our agriculture may always nourish the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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## LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT FARM SAFETY

By Haruo Akiyama, Maunaloa, Molokai, Hawaii

Eighteen thousand five hundred people killed, 1,500,000 injured, 50,000 injured permanently, \$1,000,000,000 in damages. No, these are not the cruel statistics of war. These concern the loss on the farms of the United States from accidents for the the year 1947.

These statistics, these mathematical figures can only enumerate; they cannot begin to show the loss to our country of its productive manpower or the grief accompanying each of them.

If we are concerned with these losses, and I am sure all of us are, we must first determine why farming is a hazardous business.

Farming over the last 25 years has become highly mechanized. Sixty-eight million farm machines are in use in America today, of which 3,000,000 are tractors. The operation of each of them requires a considerable amount of skill and in each some danger exists.

The farmer must be a jack of all trades. In addition he has many managerial tasks. The element of danger is constantly present whether the farmer is tilling his soil with mechanical equipment or working around his livestock, his barn or his home. This condition is greatly aggravated by the fact that he is usually short of help and is working against time, consequently under great

pressure. Therefore, the farmer is often forced to take chances which the man engaged in other types of work might not risk. Is it any wonder that more accidents occur in farming than in many other ways of life?

Accidents in farming probably cannot ever be completely eliminated, but I am sure they can be greatly reduced and that farming can offer a safer way to live.

Before we can reduce accidents on the farm we must accept the premise that many of them can be prevented, that they just don't happen—they are caused. Industry, through organized safety practices, has cut its accident rate in half in the last 15 years. I believe that we in farming can approach their record by the use of three methods.

The first is by making mechanical safety improvements on farming machines and equipment. There is however, a limit beyond which the engineer cannot go in the design and manufacture of the machine and still have satisfactory performance. It is said that some of the modern machines will do everything but think, and engineers have upon many occasions wished they could incorporate that ability in the finished product. For the present, at least, the person on the seat must furnish the brains. It is imperative then that we next concern ourselves with making this operator think, of making him safety conscious.

How can we make the farmer safety conscious? It is here our second method, promotion, plays its part. The farmer, when he is engaged in any farming activity must be made aware that he too can become a fatality. He must be sold a commodity called safety, attractively packaged, made easily available; and last of all we must convince him that he cannot get along without it.

Today, we have many organizations which devote part or all of their energies to this selling jobs. We have our various farm magazines and rural newspapers. Many contests on safety are promoted throughout the United States. We have National Safety Week. All of these help to focus attention on the importance and need for safety. While these organizations and agencies have done an excellent job, selling safety unfortunately is still on an amateur and voluntary basis.

I believe that a national program of safety, with paid directors in each state, could coordinate the promotional publicity of these organizations with well planned direction toward each farmer and his family.

The third method of making the farm safer and I believe the most important is that of enlisting the services of that greatest of all salesmen—Education. Thus through the education of the farmer and the future farmer the farm can be made a safer place on which to live and to work.

Industry has long learned that capable operation of any machine depends upon giving adequate instruction to the operator before he uses the equipment, not later, when he has formed in-

correct working habits. If we in agriculture are wise, we will recognize this same principle. We must remember that old but true axiom, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Since our farmers are scattered over wide areas, we must look to methods that will reach the maximum number in the most effective manner and that which will give the most lasting results.

On our 6,000,000 farms are 11,000,000 boys and girls under 20 years of age. It is to this group that I feel we should expend much of our safety teaching.

We have two farm youth organizations through which we can educate and train these farm leaders of tomorrow. They are the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H groups, both of which contact large numbers of rural youth.

However, before competent instruction can be given to these boys and girls, they must have teachers who have been trained in proper safety practices. This is a job that I feel our colleges must develop as part of the curriculum of agriculture. Properly trained teachers working with these prospective farmers can develop a program of safety which can effectively prevent many accidents. And the best part of this approach is that it not only builds for the future but it is an effective way of selling Mom and Dad on the idea, where many other campaigns might fail.

Yes, many accidents can be prevented. First, we must make machinery as safe as possible. Secondly, we must sell safety by organizing and promoting it as a policy of our national, state and county governments. And third we must educate this valuable starting nucleus our farm youth.

It is imperative at this time that we face the issue squarely. Have we become so calloused to injuries and death that statistics are regarded as only numbers? Have we forgotten that these statistics are made up of people like you and me and our parents? Have we forgotten the enormous loss to our productive way of life? Can we ignore any longer our responsibilities toward our fellow men?

*The answer to all these questions should and must be an emphatic—No.*

In this great country of ours we have the facilities and the power to sell any kind of a product or any kind of an idea, and I am convinced that if each of us accept our part in this program that with proper methods we can and will sell farm safety.

Everyday we let slip by means 50 more dead farm people and thousands maimed for life. So I urge you not only to preach safety but LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT FARM SAFETY.



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