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Opportunity

For Youth

The Future Farmers of America organization provides opportunity for youth to participate in activities and gain experiences which lead them to excel, to grow, and to become outstanding young leaders for agriculture in America.

The FFA member pursues vocational and educational objectives as a student of vocational agriculture. His classroom instruction is directly related to the occupational experience program that he pursues. Through FFA this instruction is extended to provide experiences in leadership, citizenship, community service and cooperation. Through active participation the member may learn public speaking and parliamentary procedure. He takes part in establishing chapter goals and programs and, more important, helps to accomplish them.

All FFA chapters engage in a wide variety of activities which in addition to providing community leadership experience also encourage the boy to improve his study and his work habits. Awards and contests lend incentive and provide competitive experiences.

Through the FFA, a member can develop skills and prepare himself for his vital role as an adult leader in American agriculture. Millions of young people have grasped these opportunities and progressed. Many more in the future will find opportunities in FFA to learn, to do, to earn, and to serve.

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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is the national organization of students 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. The active membership is 443,041 in 8,592 chapters.

The primary aim of the FFA organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, citizenship and patriotism. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of youth in themselves and their work; more intelligent choice of agricultural 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 and supplementing, by means of student-initiated and student-directed activities, the systematic instruction offered to students regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture courses.

The Future Farmers of America organization has taken its place with other agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National headquarters of the FFA is located in the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.

The 40th Anniversary National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 15-18, 1968. The 13,015 who registered from fifty chartered associations for that youthful exposition of progressive leadership development, together with many representatives from foreign countries, must surely have returned home with a stronger belief that the "FFA Is An Opportunity For Youth."

These proceedings constitute a yearbook on organizational activities. The complete minutes of the convention sessions are included, along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory of the convention activities. Thanks are due many persons whose leadership and work led to a successful convention and made the publication of this booklet worth while.

WM. PAUL GRAY
National Executive Secretary



NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS 1967-68 AND 1968-69

Seated, left to right: Jeff Hanlon, President, Cornelius, Oregon; Jerry Batts, Secretary, Athens, Alabama; Lowell Callett, Vice President Southern Region, Dalhart, Texas; Joe Martinez, Vice President Pacific Region, Winters, California; Glenn Weber, Vice President North Atlantic Region, Mohnton, Pennsylvania; Tom Johnson, Vice President Central Region, Ashland, Illinois.

Standing, left to right: Greg Bamford, President, Haxtun, Colorado; Paul Diehl, Secretary, Butler, Missouri; Robert Rish, Vice President Southern Region, Pelton, South Carolina; John Gemmill, Vice President Pacific Region, Peoria, Arizona; Richard Jones, Vice President North Atlantic Region, Hamilton, New York; William Boehm, Vice President Central Region, Mosinee, Wisconsin.

Call For National Convention

(Issued June 20, 1968)

FELLOW FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

Our 40th Anniversary FFA Convention will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, from October 15-18, 1968. The national convention will open with a Vespers Service on Tuesday evening, October 15. An outstanding program featuring inspirational speakers and FFA leaders of the past and present has been planned. It is extremely important that all sessions be attended because they are carefully planned to conduct business, recognize achievements, demonstrate leadership, and set the course of our organization for the coming year. I believe every person who attends should go home more inspired and dedicated to the ideals and purposes of the FFA.

All chartered State Associations in good standing with the national organization are expected to send two official delegates and two alternates. The delegates should be in Kansas City by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, for official delegate orientation and to attend the Officer-Delegate Luncheon. Convention committees will meet in the afternoon. State Associations should meet in the afternoon. State Associations should have award recipients, American Farmer Degree candidates, candidates for national office and others who have official business in attendance for the first session of the convention on Tuesday evening.

Each chapter is encouraged to send representatives equal to six members or 10% of its total membership. This number does not include award winners or special convention participants. It is imperative that the representatives be **carefully selected**, registered and oriented, using "You and Your National Convention" as a guide. This should be done before coming to Kansas City. During October 15-18, many eyes will be on the FFA as the "blue and gold" jackets gather in Kansas City. Thus, each member should set a gentlemanly example in conducting himself and wear the official jacket.

This convention marks the 40th Anniversary of the FFA. A great program can be successful only with the cooperation and support of all those in attendance. I, therefore, urge your enthusiastic support to make this convention a memorable one.

Sincerely,
GREG BAMFORD
National FFA President

OFFICIAL DELEGATES

Alabama

BARRY COFIELD, Woodland
JOE CARMICHAEL, Enterprise

Arizona

ED OLIVER, Laveen
RICK MABERY, Cottonwood

Arkansas

C. W. ST. JOHN, JR., Sheridan
MIKE GOLDMAN, Lincoln

California

DAN DOOLEY, Visalia
MIKE KANEY, Colton

Colorado

JOHN REID, Ordway
DAVID FOY, Otis

Connecticut

FREDRIC PEARSALL, Bethlehem
LAWRENCE HARRINGTON, JR., Dayville

Delaware

CHARLES POSTLES, Milford
GARY MARINE, Newark

Florida

RICHARD KINNEY, Zephyrhills
TIM KELLY, Gainesville

Georgia

ALBERT WILDES, Hazelhurst
MIKE COLLINS, Cairo

Hawaii

GEORGE MUNEOKA, Kaneohe
CHARLES CABILIN, Kona

Idaho

KENNETH CHRISTENSEN, Caldwell
JIM BARNES, Emmett

Illinois

DAN LEHMANN, Pleasant Plains
JIM JOHNSON, DeKalb

Indiana

STEVE LINVILL, Columbia City
JIM SCOTT, Pierceton

Iowa

STEVE ZUMBACH, Manchester
RON BRADLEY, Villisca

Kansas

GREGORY HANDS, Garden City
DANNY SCOTT, Niotaze

Kentucky

BRENT GRAY, Cadiz
TOM MOORMAN, Glen Dean

Louisiana

KENNETH MILSTEAD, Jonesboro
GLEN MELTON, Winnfield

Maine

LARRY A. PERRY, Presque Isle
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EARL HARRINGTON, Gaithersburg

Massachusetts

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Michigan

RICHARD E. POSTHUMUS, Alto
DENNIS KONCZAL, Fowlerville

Minnesota

TOM MEIUM, Jackson
ROGER KINGSTROM, Olivia

Mississippi

JERRY ALEXANDER, Bentonla
ALVIN WOODS, Bolton

Missouri

DONALD ARNSPERGER, Salsbury
STEVEN HOLT, Trenton

Montana

RICK KUNTZ, Custer
DAVE HERMAN, Hardin

Nebraska

ANDREW JENSEN, Aurora
ROGENE BONNESEN, Verdigre

Nevada

JIM SUSTACHA, Lamoille
RUSSEL PEACOCK, Lund

New Hampshire

RILEY HEATH, Colebrook
THOMAS E. JOHNSON, Northwood

New Jersey

DONALD K. SHINN, Columbus
JAMES KERR, Mays Landing

New Mexico

JUSTIN LESKY, Farmington
MIKE WEST, Fort Sumner

New York

DOUGLAS SMITH, Port Byron
ROBERT BRECKENRIDGE, East Bethany

North Carolina

BOBBY WALLS, Fuquay-Varina
RONALD PEARSON, Clinton

North Dakota

RICHARD FRITH, Devils Lake
MARVIN WITT, Rugby

Ohio

RON FRIEND, West Alexandria
BILL ROGERS, Raymond

Oklahoma

JIM BEARD, Beggs
HARRY BIRDWELL, Fletcher

Oregon

DAVID DIETZ, Canby
RON WILKINSON, Lebanon

Pennsylvania

EARL WEAVER, Middletown
DALE LEE HOOVER, Lebanon

Puerto Rico

JUAN MORALES, Jayuya
WILFREDO MERCADO, Quebradillas

Rhode Island

PAUL R. LOPES, East Providence
STEVEN SEVEILLE, Hope Valley

South Carolina

DALE SHELLEY, Green Sea
BEN COKER, JR., Goose Creek

South Dakota

DAVID FROST, Hoven
MERLYN SMEENK, Harrisburg

Tennessee

DONALD PILKINTON, Waverly
CHARLES R. CARTER, Bethpage

Texas

DANNY BURNS, Pittsburg
LARRY KING, Stamford

Utah

RONALD DALLEY, Nephi
JED CHRISTENSON, Gunnison

Vermont

ROBERT C. YOUNG, West Glover
DAVID BEAROR, Middlebury

Virginia

RICHARD BAILEY, Danville
WAYNE PENCE, Port Republic

Washington

TOM DECHENNE, St. John
BRUCE PRENGUBER, Prosser

West Virginia

THOMAS R. McCONNELL, Terra Alta
RODNEY M. WALLBROWN, Letherbark

Wisconsin

RONALD DEITER, Cuba City
CARY SCOTT, Delavan

Wyoming

HOWARD SCHRINAR, Shoshoni
GREG DRANEY, Auburn

THE NATIONAL FFA BAND

The National FFA Band of 122 members representing 38 States was under the direction of R. Cedric Anderson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Following is a list of the outstanding 1968 "Mail Order Band" members who played such an important role in this year's convention.

BAND MEMBERS

ALABAMA

John Conner, Jr.
Joe Gassen

ARIZONA

Ab Jackson
Mark Tregaskes

ARKANSAS

Ray Hartley
Freddie McCann
Donald Ray Stewart
Larry Turner

CALIFORNIA

Marvin Muela
David C. Shirk

DELAWARE

Mike E. Jones

FLORIDA

Dean Griffis
James Ciyotte Whitlock

GEORGIA

Franklin Cartazzo Evans
Glen Logan
Charles William Scruggs
Walter Sealy

IDAHO

Jim Hopkins
Edward Thatcher

ILLINOIS

James Cairns
Don Henning
Albert Humke
Jerry Kirkpatrick
Richard Petrea
John Edward Stiltz

INDIANA

Mike Crull
Dale Hilliard
Gary Kelley
Robert Off

IOWA

William Keith Edwards
Ronald R. Haden
Gary Luloff
William Malven
Roger Pierce
John Schott
Lanny L. Seebeck
Allen Triggs
Rodney Weiss

KANSAS

Greg L. Bowers
Dennis J. Deaver
Doug Eggers
Kenny Jacquinet
Neil McPheeters
Steve Newby
Danny Ray
Steven Schuessler
Jim Settle
James S. Womeldorff

KENTUCKY

Camden Webster

LOUISIANA

David R. Aucoin
Carol Oubre
Charles Vaden Rogers

MAINE

John Johnston
Joseph O. Russell

MICHIGAN

Robert Bosserd
D. James Bush
Mike Falk
William Palm
Larry Schwallier
Gary Towne

MINNESOTA

Terry Bird
Arlen Heathman
Mark R. Mahlum
Mark Mattison

MISSOURI

Jimmy Crocker
Keith Eisberg
Tom Korkmier
Stephen Meier
Curtiss Wyatt

MONTANA

Rick E. Arnold
Robert Johnson

NEBRASKA

Philip Johnson
John Kastanek
James Mlady

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Angelo C. Dischino

NEW MEXICO

Peter Telles

NORTH CAROLINA

Carl Victor Tart, Jr.

NORTH DAKOTA

Claude Aipperspach
Steven Graff
Marlowe D. Kittelson

OHIO

Thad Garnett
Lloyd R. Lee
Jerry E. Mayer
Jim Naus
Jim Oberhaus
Dennis E. Stryker
Larry Allen Wade

OKLAHOMA

Jim Boston
Timothy Dale O'Hern

OREGON

Charles C. Charles
Richard Culbertson
Andy Vincent
Jim Wilcox

PENNSYLVANIA

David Brunswick
James N. Hess

SOUTH CAROLINA

Sidney Keisler
James Myers
Paul Threatt

SOUTH DAKOTA

Jamie Lee Coombs
Clark Lunstrum
Danny Remund

TEXAS

Lanny Frederikson
Steve Howard, Jr.
Bobby Don McWilliams
Terry Lane Norris
Steve Stephenson

UTAH

Gary Christensen
Bruce Hansen

VERMONT

Thomas Petit

VIRGINIA

J. B. Tatum
Daniel Ray Wampler

WASHINGTON

Ronald E. Johanson
Mitchell Moore
G. Dean Rager
Gary Spencer
David Charles Thureson

WEST VIRGINIA

Lynn Wilson

WISCONSIN

David R. Joos
David Jorgenson
Gary Stanton

WYOMING

John Eklund
Dennis John Lye

THE NATIONAL FFA CHORUS



The National FFA Chorus, under the direction of Marvin D. Myers, played a vital role in the Annual FFA Convention in Kansas City. Following is a list of 107 FFA chorus members representing 32 States who participated during the National FFA Convention.

CHORUS MEMBERS

ALABAMA

Thomas Earl Dortch
Carlos M. Eiland
Joe Hartzog
Forrest Holloway

ARKANSAS

Richard Scott
Larry Warren

CALIFORNIA

Jim Wayne Hansen

FLORIDA

William C. Clark, Jr.
Jim Harris
Harold McIntyre
Randall E. Scott

GEORGIA

James Monroe Daniels
Hillman Graves
Harold A. Miller
Louis James Neeley
Robert A. Proctor

ILLINOIS

Ray Dunlap
Darrell R. LimKeman
Clifford Sherman
Danny Shriver
Paul S. Wehrly

INDIANA

Jerry D. Brown
Randy A. Davis
Wayne Funk
Tim McGee

IOWA

Rodney Abbas
Dennis Bauer
Tom Heither
Roger Miller
Ronnie Morgan
Jon N. Shepherd

KANSAS

Tom Broeckelman
Dennis Deines
Ronnie Radcliffe
David Schmitz

KENTUCKY

Bruce Kuegel
Charles Martin

MICHIGAN

Thomas H. Kaechele
Michael Romel

MINNESOTA

McRae Anderson
Jim Hesse
Bob Morelan
Steve Reznicek
Richard Schiller

MISSISSIPPI

Samuel Charles Jennings
Larry Turner
Theophus Turner, Jr.
Kelvin Wells

MISSOURI

Alvin L. Day
Ralph Harn
Ken W. Palmer
Dale Peirce
Jeff Smith
Kelly Smith

MONTANA

James Bowman
Teddy D. Kronebusch
Clark Marten

NEBRASKA

Robert Ehmen
Ralph Eugene Heine
Mark Jensen

NEVADA

Robert M. Dankowski

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Glenn W. Perry

NORTH DAKOTA

Ronald Blessum
Douglas A. Dockter
Curtis Odden
Kirby Walz
Vaughn C. Zacharias

OHIO

Marshall Hall
Richard Owens
Randall W. Roush
Ronald Eugene Trostel

OREGON

Jerry A. Bailey
Frank Logosz
Ted Richards
Cecil E. Smith

PENNSYLVANIA

Martin W. Anderson
Robert L. Bollinger
Wilbert J. Foertsch, Jr.
John S. McAnLis

SOUTH CAROLINA

Henry Bradley
Charles Clea, Jr.
Harvin Nixon
Earl Pinckney

SOUTH DAKOTA

Alan Kruse
Dennis Tingle

TEXAS

Larry Beckworth
Phillip Ferguson
Will King

UTAH

LaMar Holt
Michael Vern Jensen

VERMONT

Jack Guillette

VIRGINIA

Samuel Alston
James E. Haskins
Frank D. Jordan, Jr.

WASHINGTON

Dick Scheuerman
David Lynn Thureson

WEST VIRGINIA

Ronald A. Branch
Cleve A. Meadows

WISCONSIN

Greg Elwood
Dan Heike
David Peck

WYOMING

Howard Peters
Rick H. Six



The over 13,000 FFA members, advisors, and guests in attendance at the 40th Anniversary National FFA Convention were honored to hear the inspiring words of challenge from the President-elect, Richard M. Nixon. He said of the Future Farmers of America: "Looking to America's future I know of no group that has in their hands more the strength, the power, not only to feed America, and clothe America, but to lead America, than the Future Farmers of America."

Minutes of the Convention

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1968

Evening Session

The Fortieth Anniversary Convention of the Future Farmers of America convened in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at eight-twenty o'clock. National President Greg Bamford of Haxtun, Colorado, presiding.

The invocation was pronounced by Vice President Gemmill, followed by music presented by the National FFA Band under the direction of R. Cedric Anderson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Secretary Paul Diehl called the Roll of States, and the seating of delegates followed.

The Minutes of the 1967 National FFA Convention were approved unanimously, as stated in the Proceedings of that convention, after which the Constitutional Committees were appointed.

An interesting and inspiring Report of the Activities of the National FFA Officers during the past year was given by Secretary Diehl. This report was adopted and the officers were commended for a job well done.

John Foltz, FFA Public Relations Manager, recognized the exhibitors of the Agricultural Career Show and invited everyone to visit the exhibits. Organ music was then presented by Dennis Martin, of the Illinois Association, the official convention organist.

David Thomas, an American Farmer Degree candidate from Missouri, gave an inspiring account of how he overcame a personal handicap after an accident that left him almost totally blind. Despite this handicap he later became President of the Student Body at the University of Missouri. David was congratulated and presented a plaque.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at 9:20 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1968

Morning Session

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

The Colors were Posted by the joint color detail from Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base near Kansas City. Jim Wayne Hansen, of the California Association, sang the National Anthem accompanied by the National FFA Band. Gary Swan, 1966-67 National FFA President, pronounced the invocation.

A moment of silent prayer was held for those who could not attend the convention due to illness and for those who passed away during the year.

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon, candidate for President of the United States, was introduced after which he brought greetings to those in attendance.

The Address of Welcome was given by the Honorable Illus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, after which the National FFA Chorus performed under the direction of Marvin Myers, of West Lafayette, Indiana.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Reid of Colorado moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Pearson of North Carolina and carried.

Vice President Rish presented an address on "Tomorrow is High Noon." Kaney of California moved to commend him for a job well done as a national officer; motion seconded by Shelly of South Carolina and carried.

Honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas, announced the first candidates to be nominated to the Agricultural Hall of Fame. They are George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Cyrus McCormick, George Washington Carver and Justin Morrill. President Bamford, on behalf of the FFA, made a presentation to the Agricultural Hall of Fame in appreciation for their selecting the Fortieth FFA Anniversary Convention for making the revelation of the first nominees to the Hall of Fame. Senator Carlson was then recognized for his many contributions to the FFA through the years of his public service, as he retires from public life.

Honorable Donald McDowell, Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture, addressed the convention. He challenged those in attendance to be proud of their agricultural calling.

John Mahanna, representing the U. S. Department of Defense, presented the Future Farmers of America, a special citation for its support of the entire Civil Defense program.

National Advisor H. N. Hunsicker, presented the names of the following persons who were considered and recommended by the Boards of National Officers and Directors to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree and the Distinguished Service Award:

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMERS

- C. A. Anderson**, Littlefork, Minnesota (Retired Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Minnesota)
- C. L. Angerer**, Stillwater, Oklahoma (Retired Head Teacher Trainer, Oklahoma State University)
- James N. Baker**, Assistant State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Swainsboro, Georgia
- Bill Burk**, Manager, Public Relations Department, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System, Chicago, Illinois
- L. W. Davis**, Vice President, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Tom Devin**, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Dumas, Texas
- Sherman Dickinson**, Capistrano Beach, California (Retired Head Teacher Trainer of Vocational Agriculture in Missouri)
- Jesse C. Green**, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Powhatan, Virginia
- Vaden B. Hairr**, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Raleigh, North Carolina
- R. E. Halvey**, Assistant Director, Agricultural Education, Big Horn, Wyoming
- Leo L. Knuti**, Seal Beach, California (Retired Head of Department of Agricultural Education, Montana State University)
- Takumi Kono**, Hilo, Hawaii (Retired Curriculum Specialist, Agricultural and Industrial Arts, Hilo, Hawaii)
- Leonard Kunzman**, Executive Vice President, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Salem, Oregon
- George W. Lange**, State Director, Agricultural Education, Trenton, New Jersey
- H. W. Leonard**, Consultant in Farm Management, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana
- Richard C. Lighter**, Area Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- W. M. Mahony**, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Honea Path, South Carolina
- David L. Mackintosh**, Professor Emeritus, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
- George Neiley**, Director of Public Relations, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois
- Floyd L. Northrop**, Area Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Gainesville, Florida
- Frank J. Reynolds**, Marketing Specialist, Industry Marketing, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- H. E. Rodeberg**, Professor, Agricultural Education, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana
- Jack L. Ruch**, Head Teacher Educator, Agricultural Educator, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming
- Byrl R. Shoemaker**, State Director, Vocational Education, Columbus, Ohio
- William F. Skinner**, Supervisor, Order Department, Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia
- Vannoy Stewart**, Head Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas
- Philip R. Teske**, Research Specialist, Division of Comprehensive and Vocational Education Research, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
- J. W. Warren**, Program Officer, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, Charlottesville, Virginia
- Donald E. Wilson**, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Sacramento California
- Galen Bamford**, Haxtun, Colorado
- Paul J. Diehl**, Butler, Missouri
- Mark D. Gemmill**, Peoria, Arizona

Hubert L. Boehm, Mosinee, Wisconsin
 James E. Jones, Hamilton, New York
 Bennett N. Rish, Pelion, South Carolina
 James H. Gibbons, Clymer, New York
 W. Clarence Ruess, Owosso, Michigan
 Burle Oakley, Scio, Oregon
 Boyd J. Spencer, Albert, Oklahoma
 B. C. Nix, Foley High School, Foley, Alabama
 C. P. Williams, McKenzie High School, McKenzie, Alabama
 Gordon Wayne Tibbs, San Benito Joint Union High School, Hollister, Calif.
 M. Myron Price, Jr., Laurel Central School, Laurel, Delaware
 B. G. Cromer, Hialeah High School, Hialeah, Florida
 Rex F. Toole, Marianna High School, Marianna, Florida
 Orton E. Yearly, Havana High School, Havana, Florida
 H. H. Carlan, Wayne County High School, Jesup, Georgia
 Kenneth Diehl, Shelbyville High School, Shelbyville, Illinois
 James M. Welch, Oak Grove High School, Oak Grove, Louisiana
 Frederick S. Warren, Wachusett Regional High School, Holden, Mass.
 Emery A. Krech, St. James Senior High School, St. James, Minnesota
 Curtis F. Fugitt, Morton Attendance Center, Morton, Mississippi
 A. F. Hilgedick, Butler High School, Butler, Missouri
 Travis E. Hendren, West Rowan High School, Mt. Ulla, North Carolina
 Arnold W. Lingle, East Rowan Senior High School, Salisbury, N. C.
 Harry R. Lewis, Jr., North Kingstown High School, No. Kingstown, R. I.
 Arthur A. Schlock, Woodruff High School, Woodruff, South Carolina
 Loren G. Kasten, Scotland High School, Scotland, South Dakota
 Willard A. Meredith, Bluff City High School, Bluff City, Tennessee
 Richard Burke Carter, Appomattox High School, Appomattox, Virginia
 Howard A. Hawkins, Fort Defiance High School, Fort Defiance, Virginia
 Lonnie J. Keith, Floyd County High School, Floyd, Virginia
 Bliss L. Hildreth, Spencer High School, Spencer, West Virginia
 Floyd J. Miller, Oshkosh High School, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
 Clark Allen, Cheyenne East High School, Cheyenne, Wyoming

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Royce Bodiford, Farm Director, Station KGNC-TV, Amarillo, Texas
 Kirby Brumfield, Jr., Farm Director, Station KATU, Portland, Oregon
 F. Raymond Brush, Secretary, American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., Washington, D. C.
 Eugene Butler, Chairman of the Board, President and Editor-in-Chief, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, Birmingham, Alabama
 R. E. Calhoun, Wholesale Sales Manager, Standard Oil Company (Incorporated in Kentucky), Louisville, Kentucky
 Roy T. Cottier, Vice President, Public Relations, Massey-Ferguson Inc., Des Moines, Iowa
 Laura Craine (Mrs.), Secretary, Future Farmers of America, Washington, D. C.
 H. W. Crutchfield, Vice President, The Quaker Oats Company, Chicago, Illinois
 Arthur G. Fox, Rural Sales Manager, New England Electric System, Clinton, Massachusetts
 V. E. Franz, General Manager, Swift and Company, Kansas City, Kansas
 John C. Gage, Gage, Hodges, Park and Creamer, Kansas City, Missouri
 C. B. Gilliland, Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Community Development Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
 G. E. Henderson, Coordinator, AAAE, and VA, Agricultural Engineering Building, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
 James J. Hicks, Birmingham, Alabama
 Chalm G. Houghton, Director, Department of Membership and Personnel Relations, American Meat Institute, Chicago, Illinois
 Arthur N. Johnson, Professor Emeritus, Animal Science, Wisconsin State University, River Falls, Wisconsin
 Thomas P. Lenhardt, Superintendent, Parshall School, Parshall, North Dakota
 John R. Ludington, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Bureau of Adult, Vocational, and Library Programs, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
 John C. Macfarlane, Field Director, New England Livestock Conservation, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts
 John H. Marsh, Manager, Career Service Division, Sales and Marketing Executives—International, New York, New York
 William F. McCurdy, President, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Chicago, Illinois
 Lewis U. Muenz, Editor, FARMERS UNION HERALD, St. Paul, Minnesota
 Alla O'Brien, Director of Public Relations, Avon Products, Inc., New York, New York
 J. W. Pierpont, Assistant Secretary, Federal Land Bank, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Springfield, Massachusetts

Leon Randolph, Director, Member Relations Division, Farmland Industries, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri
Erika Reniker (Mrs.), Secretary, Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia
Melvin E. Sims, President, FS Services, Inc., Bloomington, Illinois
R. H. Stoddard, Director of Public Relations, THE FARM QUARTERLY, Douglas, Wyoming
Elmer E. Towne, Middlesex Road, Montpelier, Vermont
James E. Vance, Farm Editor, Fort Worth Star Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas (President, National Farm Editors' Association)
George L. Varnes, President, Elanco Products Company, Division of Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana

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

Meium of Minnesota presented the report of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee. Bridges of Massachusetts moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Hands of Kansas and carried.

St. John of Arkansas gave the report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee. Adoption of this report was delayed until after action was taken on the Constitutional Amendments on Thursday afternoon.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at 12:50 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1968

Afternoon Session

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

Vice President Rish assumed the chair.

After music by the National Chorus, greetings were brought to the organization by James E. Vance, President, National Farm Editors' Association; Keith Kirkpatrick, President, National Association of Farm Broadcasters; and Wayne Swegle, Vice President, American Agricultural Editors' Association. Mr. Vance was then presented the Distinguished Service Award for his years of devoted service to the FFA.

The FFA Creed was recited by Ed Robinson, of New Hampshire, after which the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon those previously elected to receive the degree.

Tom Devin, President of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, extended greetings in behalf of the vocational agriculture teachers.

W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary, 1931-43, presented an address entitled "Forty Years and Forward." Special presentations were then made to Harold Urton, of South Dakota and Ernest DeAlton, of North Dakota, who are retiring after more than twenty-five years of service to agricultural education and the FFA.

Kuntz of Montana presented the report of the FFA Calendar Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Deiter of Wisconsin and carried.

Bailey of Virginia presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Sustacha of Nevada and carried.

Jack Pitzer, Associate Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER, spoke on "Widening the Circle."

Vice President Boehm presented an address on "Why Build the World." It was moved, seconded and carried that he be commended for his outstanding leadership as a national officer.

Adin Hester, National FFA President, 1958-59, addressed the convention on "Rehearsal for the Future," after which he was presented a plaque in recognition of his outstanding participation in the convention.



American Farmers prepare to come forward to receive the highest degree conferred upon an FFA member

Bailey of Virginia moved that the following candidates receive the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded by Scott of Indiana and carried. The Ceremony followed and degrees were conferred upon the following:

AMERICAN FARMERS

ALABAMA (24)

Danny Anders, Fayette
 Earl Bailey, Jr., Uniontown
 Jerry Lynn Batts, Athens
 William Russell Britton, Phil Campbell
 Ernest Chappell, Jr., Opelika
 James Essex, Marion
 Lowell Dennis Greene, Clio
 Ronald C. Harris, Rainsville
 Gerald Ansel Helms, Clio
 Wendall Kirkland, Buckatunna, Miss.
 William Boyd Koon, Gordo
 Glenn Edwin Lanier, Castleberry
 William Boyd Little, Fairhope
 Michael Blake McMullen, Gurley
 William LaFayette Moore, Rainsville
 John E. Nelson, Fairhope
 Jerry Norman, Vinemont
 Jerry M. Reeder, Falkville
 Dennis Daryl Samples, Henagar
 Clyde Stanford, Pine Apple
 Roger Weeks, Coffee Springs
 Willie Welch, Fulton
 David Atkinson Williams, McKenzie
 Johnny Weldon Wright, Fort Payne

ARIZONA (3)

Murry R. East, Pomerene
 Johnny E. Haggard, Laveen
 Cliff Morgan, Pierce

ARKANSAS (17)

Jefferson Francis Bell, Mineral Springs
 Stephen C. Crowson, Greenway
 Ronald T. Fairchild, Rogers
 William Tatum Heuer, Harrison
 Douglas W. Hochstetler, State University
 Thomas C. Hunt, Dardanelle
 Hugh Condary Johnson, Hickory Plains
 Jerrell W. Johnson, Mansfield
 Joel Patrick Jones, Mineral Springs
 James Art Kirk, Magazine
 Perry Metheny, Leachville
 Larry D. Ray, Rogers
 Stanley Earl Rhodes, Delight
 Steve Sanner, Des Arc
 Owen E. Smith, Barber
 William A. Stark, Rose Bud
 Dennis Ross Wingert, Rose Bud

CALIFORNIA (14)

Joe Alves, Jr., Gustine
 Robert Albert Brocchini, Manteca
 Thomas M. Chant, Lancaster
 Ralph Grossi, Novato
 Larry Saburo Hirahara, Madera
 Michael Thomas Kaney, Colton
 Roger Dale Leach, Madera
 Joe R. Martinez, Winters
 Dennis Eugene Nelson, Hilmar
 Wayne Palla, Bakersfield
 James William Rowley, Visalia
 Richard J. Sheppard, Chowchilla
 Richard Sheriff, Lindsay
 John R. Starn, Hughson

COLORADO (4)

Richard Lee Dalton, Eaton
John C. DuVall, Granada
Robert Ray McBlair, Loveland
Eugene Edmond Perry, Otis

CONNECTICUT (2)

John H. Belter, Jr., Lakeville
Lawrence B. Harrington, Jr., Dayville

DELAWARE (1)

William Hughes Abbott, Harrington

FLORIDA (14)

Jesse Ragon Barnett, III, Bartow
Marion L. Bishop, Jr., Newberry
Casey Allen Carlisle, High Springs
Ronald Scott Chesnut, Sarasota
Thomas G. Corley, Atmore, Alabama
Earlow Costine, Lakeland
James Edward Emerson, Alachua
John D. Emerson, Alachua
Ronald Earl Hobbs, Florida, Alabama
John D. Hooker, Reddick
Harry W. Lyon, Bonifay
Dewitt Scott, Graceville
Robert Ray Swilley, Plant City
David Orian Wilkins, Palmetto

GEORGIA (24)

Joseph W. Chapman, Zebulon
Edwin Coggins, Valdosta
Hildred Crawford, Valdosta
Roger Wayne Dunn, Omega
Frankie Gardner, Bainbridge
Jerry David Holcomb, Fort Valley
Kenneth Johns, Nahunta
Ronnie Carlton Jones, Tifton
Tommy Jones, Tifton
Roger Kelley, Bainbridge
Steve Kennedy, Preston
B. L. Kent, Millen
Wendell J. Kersey, Elko
William Aleck Merritt, Warwick
Harvey Orr, Jr., Valdosta
Leonard Perry, Valdosta
James H. Pierce, Lavonia
Charles Russell Presley, Jr., Meigs
William Randall Scarbor, Omega
John Ray Stout, Donaldsonville
Leonard M. Thompson, Bogart
Ed Tolbert, Nicholson
William Alton Wells, Lincoln
Eddie Williams, Mt. Vernon

HAWAII (1)

Russell Nakao, Mt. View

IDAHO (3)

Chester Earl Brackett, Hagerman
James R. Perry, Kuna
Kevan Ray Varin, Gooding

ILLINOIS (17)

Maynard Birkey, Foosland
David C. Brueggemann, Alton
David James Bugos, Alpha
John Lawrence Cantlin, Earlville
Ronald Hackman, Havana
Philip H. Hartke, Teutopolis
Thomas E. Johnson, Ashland
Dennis Alan Lingley, Hoopeston
Daniel John Maack, Tonica

William A. McKinney, Neoga
David Meyer, Nashville
Roger Lynn Rutherford, Virden
Enid Stephen Schlipf, Gridley
James Norman Sheaffer, Dixon
Doug Spangler, Varna
James E. Steffes, Elizabeth
Paul William Widicus, St. Jacob

INDIANA (11)

Max R. Beer, Berne
Larry Joe Bottorff, Crothersville
Ted Coil, Greenfield
Michael J. Doerstler, Greensfork
Jim Geller, Ft. Wayne
Bill Jackson, Farmland
Albert Joseph Kramer, Rushville
Delbert A. Kramer, Rushville
Ronnie Lee Mosser, Geneva
Dennis J. Olin, Crawfordsville
Steve J. Reiff, South Whitley

IOWA (12)

Jerry David Boylan, Blanchard
Raymond Eugene Brown, West Bend
Thomas Patrick Cory, Ankeny
David James Epley, Waverly
Russell Gene Grimm, Goose Lake
Charles Edward Hansen, Audubon
Larry Hare, Ida Grove
Dennis Latcham, Montezuma
James A. McCreary, Mount Ayr
Lawrence Joseph Robinson, Mechanicsville
Edward M. Wiederstein, Audubon
Nile J. Ziemann, Luana

KANSAS (7)

Thomas R. Bradbury, Uniontown
Thomas L. Collins, Fort Scott
Leonard L. Davison, Garnett
Kenny W. De Donder, Reading
Gregory Paul Farber, Derby
J. Alan Guttery, Alton
John F. Stigge, Washington

KENTUCKY (11)

Harry Melton Arterburn, Wickliffe
David Charles Bennett, Hardinsburg
Jesse M. Cameron, Gracey
Jimmy Douglas Hanor, Clay
Michael A. Jackey, Ashland
Merle Meredith Johnson, Jr., Adairville
Daniel E. Logsdon, Bowling Green
Layman J. Lucas, Dyer
Danny D. Rudolph, Bandana
Eugene Warren, Jr., Henderson
Bobby Gene Wood, Cobb

LOUISIANA (12)

Daniel Arcement, Napoleonville
John C. Blalock, Saline
Kenneth Bordelon, Hessmer
Harry Eugene Burns, DeRidder
Jimmie Cheatwood, Saline
Randall J. Coco, Bordelonville
Kenneth Dee Dison, Saline
Leon Hickman, Franklinton
Mike Kovac, Oak Grove
Larry Joseph Stewart, Greensburg
Leland Dale Vidrine, Ville Platte
Ronald Wilfer, Vinton

MAINE (2)

Gail Frederick Griffin, Mars Hill
Alton Warren Wedberg, New Sweden

MARYLAND (3)

Gordon Oliver Chance, Centreville
Charles Robert Patterson, III, Chestertown
Carl Eugene Robinette, Flintstone

MASSACHUSETTS (2)

Michael S. Perry, Westport
Robert Francis Zhawred, Bellingham

MICHIGAN (11)

Walt Barta, Jr., Chesaning
Larry R. Bauer, Reese
Gordon Henry Behrenwald, Lakeview
Douglas L. Fisher, Alma
Larry E. Haywood, Hastings
Gary L. Hoyt, St. Louis
Daniel Joseph Mikek, St. Louis
Gregory Piper, Bangor
DeLane Ruess, Owosso
George S. Torma, Unionville
John Harold Willett, Sand Creek

MINNESOTA (15)

Brent Charles Aarestad, Halstad
Richard W. Abel, Fairmont
Gregory Bakeberg, Waverly
John Borchert, Owatonna
John Erickson, Willmar
Steven Foss, Kenyon
Gary Wayne Hansen, Jackson
Steven A. Jerdee, Glenville
Paul M. Krienke, Sleepy Eye
Wayne A. Lepper, Hawley
Richard Nagel, Arlington
Daniel C. Olson, Halstad
Bennett Osmonson, Gully
Lynn Sathre, Adams
Michael Thill, Winona

MISSISSIPPI (15)

Billy Benson, Courtland
Ronald L. Boe, Lumberton
Thomas L. Brown, Morton
Jackie Lynn Courson, Hickory Flat
Leonard Charles Curtis, Jr., Utica
Lawrence J. DeMuth, Raymond
Larry Golden, Forest
Lee Herren, Utica
Richard Carroll Izard, Hazlehurst
Mike Eugene Nail, Raymond
David Monroe Speed, Collins
William Fred Strachan, Corinth
Thomas Franklin Vaughn, Steens
Marvin Weaver, Newton
John Alvin Woods, Bolton

MISSOURI (13)

Ronald Lee Blaue, Wellsville
Gary M. Broughton, Emden
David Ray Carrier, Lockwood
Gary N. Comstock, Bronaugh
Steven Fielden, Rogersville
Michael E. Frentzel, Uniontown
Robert Carter Mosley, Rothville
Donald Delmar Noll, Lamar
Charles Ross Peniston, Chillicothe
Dewey Wayne Sims, Sweet Springs
Roger Dwain Slayton, Fairdealing
Robert Summers, Harris
David Carl Thomas, Monett

MONTANA (3)

Richard Laurence Beck, Avon
David A. Herman, Hardin
James Moss, Belgrade

NEBRASKA (6)

Bruce Hild, Neligh
Larry L. Holbein, Lexington
Jerry Wilford Leach, Ainsworth
Kenneth Nagel, Lincoln
Richard D. Schurman, Nickerson
Davie O. Vesely, Verdel

NEVADA (1)

John Sustacha, Lamoille

NEW HAMPSHIRE (1)

Roger DeBlois, Colebrook

NEW JERSEY (2)

William N. Brooks, Jr., Elmer
Lee C. Williams, Jr., Elmer

NEW MEXICO (3)

Dennis R. Adams, Bard
Bill McKnight, Roswell
James W. Waggoner, Jr., Belen

NEW YORK (7)

Franklin J. Bienick, Boonville
Richard K. Eaton, Williamson
Jack Wesley Gibbons, Clymer
Bradley S. Love, Gouverneur
Kenneth R. MacGibbon, Walton
Gordon J. Smith, East Concord
Lawrence J. Wilkinson, Mexico

NORTH CAROLINA (33)

Robert James Blackman, Fayetteville
Simion Ronald Canady, Hope Mills
Oscho Roy Deal, China Grove
Ronald N. Goodson, Eagle Rock
Freddie Griffin, Williamston
Robert Spencer Griffin, Jr., Castalia
Kevin Napier Herndon, Aultryville
Rodney Michael Honeycutt, Roseboro
Larry Matthew Johnson, Wade
Frankie Taylor Jones, Burlington
Arthur Tart Lee, Dunn
Robert Daniel Lineberger, Dallas
Miles Edward Little, Midland
Gerald Wayne Mangum, Monroe
John Henry McArthur, III, Wakulla
Gerald Paul McLaughlin, Mooresville
Walter Clifton McNeill, Jr., Hope Mills
Perry Wayne Morgan, China Grove
Jack Willis Nesbitt, Fletcher
Jerry Wayne Packer, Bladenboro
Buddy Jackson Phillips, Dunn
Durant Dewitt Pruitt, Wade
Paul M. Richmond, Leasburg
David J. Sink, Lexington
Lee Watson Sloan, China Grove
Michael Gregory Strickland, Wade
James Shelton Turlington, Benson
Edward F. Vernon, Blanch
Richard Thomas Walker, Wade
James Wilkins, Benson
Ralph Allison Williamson, Clinton
Ronnie Roger Willis, Leasburg
Elmer Franklin Winters, Statesville

NORTH DAKOTA (4)

Keith L. Berger, Brinsmade
Larry Jordan, Rugby
Arlen Leholm, White Earth
Larry L. Murie, Langdon

OHIO (14)

William C. Adams, Jr., Ashley
 Charles Alan Andrews, Bloomingburg
 R. Kirby Barrick, Jr., Johnstown
 John Edwin Everett, Sunbury
 Burton J. Geissman, New Washington
 Guy L. Green, Marysville
 Keith L. Kemp, West Manchester
 Gary James Lee, Marysville
 Lonnie Wesley McFarland, Mansfield
 Gerald G. Pope, Bloomville
 Jay Dee Richard, Arlington
 John O. Spreng, Bucyrus
 Richard Creighton Unger, Greenfield
 Richard E. Wood, Bloomingburg

OKLAHOMA (17)

Robert D. Armbruster, Cherokee
 Terry Stan Baker, Butler
 Billy Bridges, Elgin
 Ronnie Byrum, Hydro
 James L. Ferguson, Thomas
 Richard E. Just, Collinsville
 R. Joe Kelsey, Elgin
 Oliver Allen Kinzie, Cushing
 Don T. Kirby, II, Lamont
 Calvin Levisay, Meeker
 Mason Benjamin Mungle, Atoka
 Loyd Dale Ross, Dacoma
 Clint E. Roush, Arapaho
 Boyd Joe Spencer, Jr., Albert
 Phil Switzer, Thomas
 Lewis Marvin Wood, Dill City
 Kenneth F. York, Cushing

OREGON (5)

Edward C. Burlingame, Touchet, Washington
 Larry K. Carpenter, Madras
 Mike Cropp, Cornelius
 Jeff Hanlon, Cornelius
 Michel Linn Oakley, Scio

PENNSYLVANIA (10)

Russel Edward Cassel, Hummelstown
 Marshie Chess, Fredonia
 Robert Jay Dilts, Marion Center
 James R. Esbenshade, Quarryville
 J. Raymond Harnish, Oxford
 Daniel K. Knode, Alexandria
 Paul F. Smith, Mount Bethel
 Donald E. Taber, Cogan Station
 Glenn S. Weber, Mohnnton
 James K. Will, Berlin

PUERTO RICO (4)

Felipe Borges Amador, Quebradillas
 Ramiro Vargas Perez, Angeles, Utuado
 Hector F. Fortis, Orocovis
 Wilfredo Mercado Tosado, Bo. Quebradillas

RHODE ISLAND (1)

George E. Griffiths, Greene

SOUTH CAROLINA (13)

William Royce Caines, Loris
 Augustus Wayne Cox, Loris
 C. Edward Davidson, Jr., Lyman
 Joe Alvin Derrick, Johnston
 Gene Eldred Hardee, Loris
 Eddie Johnson, Easley
 Donald Mauney, Greenville

Charles Gerald Moore, Moore
 Donnie Pitts, Laurens
 Joseph Howard Porter, Loris
 Frank Joe Singletary, Coward
 Freddie Waltz, Ruffin
 Henry Lane Wise, Johnston

SOUTH DAKOTA (4)

Terry Lynn Fuller, Clark
 Wayne G. Fuller, Clark
 William E. Hay, Trent
 Joseph F. Pettrie, Wessington Springs

TENNESSEE (18)

Terry Adkins, Dickson
 Eddie Eugene Anderson, Dyersburg
 Harry Lee Barnes, Morrison
 Julius Beaty, McDonald
 Gayle Medford Carson, Jonesboro
 Billy Donnell, Jackson
 Claude Richard Edmonds, Crossville
 Robert Harry Fugate, Tazewell
 Larry Head, Moss
 William Dean Howell, Jr., Morristown
 Bernstein Hurst, Washburn
 Terry Wayne Jones, Dyersburg
 William R. Newman, Fayetteville
 Bob Page, Jr., Trimble
 Clifton Ricketts, Mt. Juliet
 Harry Jackson Rymer, Old Fort
 Danny Reece Wattenbarger, Decatur
 Eddie M. Zimmerman, Winchester

TEXAS (48)

David Arnold, Commerce
 Skip Barnett, Krum
 Richard Fred Bettge, Meyersville
 Norman Ray Bishop, Hearne
 David H. Boenker, Washington
 Stephen Douglas Caswell, Meadow
 Ken Clay, Mt. Pleasant
 Frank Craddock, Medina
 James B. Dalrymple, Uvalde
 Jay Valton Dooley, Bryan
 Donald B. Dusek, Industrial
 Gary W. Fambro, Breckenridge
 Robert Fikac, Shiner
 George Edward Finley, McLean
 George E. Fletcher, Cleburne
 Emanuel Glockzin, Jr., Bryan
 Jimmy Goodwin, Electra
 Dario Guerra, Jr., Mission
 Art Hansen, Chilton
 Jack Ward Harbison, Jr., Edcouch
 Larry Dennis Hearne, Loving
 G. Rollin Heifrin, Lancaster
 Adolph Marion Hill, Jr., Kyle
 Olen Holliman, Jr., Rockdale
 Wayne House, Goldthwaite
 Randy Johnson, Happy
 Robert J. Junginger, II, San Angelo
 Ronnie Keys, Mexia
 William Troy Krenak, Garwood
 Thomas W. Little, Hillsboro
 Don S. McNaughten, Burkeville
 Don L. Nunnally, O'Donnell
 Larry Edward Obenhaus, Vernon
 Mike Riethmayer, Friona
 John F. Rousseau, Tatum
 Dennis Rowden, Jr., Garland
 Gary Schlather, New Braunfels

David Senter, Burleson
 Freddie John Shaw, Lubbock
 Bill Skaggs, Pampa
 David Wayne Smith, Hart
 Marion Lea Snell, Ackerly
 Harvey Hubert Theriot, Pt. Neches
 Gerald L. Wellman, Bryan
 Tommy Williams, Garland
 Glenwood James Willms, Goliad
 Leonard T. Wood, Bandera
 Joel Randal Woodley, Queen City

UTAH (4)

Lawrence V. Barnes, III, Fillmore
 Dennis Smith Crane, Salina
 Marvin Merrill Duncan, Emery
 William Henry Goring, Tremonton

VERMONT (2)

Arthur William Huestis, Bridport
 Francis A. LaClair, Barton

VIRGINIA (14)

Joseph Bryan Andes, Fort Defiance
 Albert Harrington Carter, Appomattox
 Bennie Nathan Cabbage, Luray
 William P. Edwards, Ivor
 Samuel Joe Fariss, Gladys
 Monte Grante Keatts, Cascade
 Russell L. Marsh, Crockett
 James Francis Orrock, Woodford
 Dwight M. Paulette, Jr., Appomattox
 J. Wayne Pence, Port Republic
 Harold G. Shockley, Hillsville
 Dale Eugene Simmons, Harrisonburg
 Ray Shilris Terrell, Ruther Glen
 Henry Edward Wood, Jr., New Canton

WASHINGTON (7)

Ray L. Bosler, Castle Rock
 Jim W. Brown, Wenatchee
 Dwight A. Johnson, Battle Ground
 Jeffrey R. Keane, Wenatchee
 William Joseph Smith, Cashmere
 James Louis Wedam, Silver Creek
 Gary D. Winegar, Ellensburg

WEST VIRGINIA (6)

James G. Davis, Masontown
 Kenneth Ray Keebaugh, Ravenswood
 Thomas R. McConnell, Terra Alta
 Rodney M. Wallbrown, Letherbark
 Ralph Johnson Warren, Jr., Lewisburg
 Ervin O. Wilkins, Jr., Baker

WISCONSIN (16)

Walter Ben Bauman, Monroe
 David Norbert Buchner, Colfax
 William E. Deininger, Monroe
 James Louis Dittman, New Richmond
 Rodney Dix, Chili
 John W. Erickson, Darien
 Ralph J. Frei, Markesan
 Alan D. Frisbie, Juneau
 Dennis Edwin Hubbard, Norwalk
 Richard Kyle, Whitewater
 Michael V. Lindow, Chili
 Robert L. Quick, Jr., Bagley
 William L. Schlomann, Tony
 Gary P. Tuschy, Suring
 Cedric Allen Veum, Westby
 Earl Robert Zech, North Freedom

WYOMING (3)

Troy Wesley Freeburg, Albin
 Russell Marlatt, Hawk Springs
 Dennis Charles Stickley, Laramie

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1968

Evening Session

The fourth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony by President Bamford at seven thirty-five o'clock.

A concert was held by the National FFA Band.

Stewart Huber presented the National FFA Organization with a portrait of Ray Cuff, life-long supporter of the FFA, to be hung in the national office.

Paul Diehl assumed the chair. An explanation of the Public Speaking Contest was given and speakers were introduced. After drawing for speaking order the contest followed.

The Kansas City Advisory Council was recognized and the FFA Chorus honored them with a special song entitled "Kansas City."

A special recognition ceremony for past leaders of the FFA was presented where a large number of individuals were honored for their contributions to the organization. H. S. Brunner, who organized the first FFA Band, led the band in a musical number.

All past National FFA Officers in attendance were introduced and recognized for their contributions to the organization.

A pageant was presented entitled "Our Forty Years." Following the introduction of Miss Pamela Anne Brackett, Queen of the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show, winners of the Public Speaking Contest were announced and awards presented.

Carter of Tennessee moved that Mr. Gray be commended for his work in preparing the pageant; motion seconded by Deiter of Wisconsin and carried.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1968

Morning Session

The fifth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at nine o'clock by President Bamford. Vice President Boehm assumed the chair.

Miss Lynn Aaron, National Grange Princess, and Miss Sandra Meissner, Miss Rural Electrification, were introduced, after which each brought brief greetings to those in attendance.

Presentation of the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards in the National Chapter Safety Awards Program was made by the national officers.

Vice President Jones presented an address on "The Gift of God." It was moved by Shinn of New Jersey, seconded by Wallenbrown of West Virginia and carried that Vice President Jones be commended for his leadership during the past year.

Smith of New York presented the report of the National Foundation and Awards Committee. It was moved by Pierson of North Carolina, seconded by Arnsperger of Missouri and carried that this report be approved.

Dietz of Oregon presented the Report of the Program of Activities (Local Guide) Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Dooley of California and carried.

Presentation of the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Chapter Awards was made by the national officers.

Following organ music by Dennis Martin, President Bamford resumed the chair.

Vice President Gemmill presented an address on "Cast Down Your Bucket." It was moved by Mabery of Arizona, seconded by Myers of Louisiana and carried that Vice President Gemmill be commended for his speech and his outstanding year as a Future Farmer.

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

Everett Rains, Florida Association, addressed the convention. It was moved by Lesky of New Mexico, seconded by Witt of North Dakota and carried that Everett be commended for encouraging FFA members to rededicate themselves to the aims and the ideals upon which the FFA was built, and the aims and ideals on which our country was strongly based.

A special presentation was made to Honorable Frank Carlson upon his retirement as United States Senator from Kansas.

President Bamford then presented Special Service Citations to the American Association of Teacher Educators in Agriculture, Distributive Education Clubs of America, National Association of Secondary-School Principals, National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education and the Ruritan National.

Brief greetings were then brought to the delegates by representatives of the following youth organizations in vocational education: Future Homemakers of America, Distributive Education Clubs of America, Office Education Association and Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. President Bamford then presented each representative with a memento of appreciation.

Dr. Leon P. Minear, Director of the Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, addressed the convention, after which a special citation was presented to him.

The Distinguished Service Awards were presented to those individuals recommended by the delegates at the first session.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1968

Afternoon Session

The sixth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at two o'clock by President Bamford. Vice President Jones assumed the chair.

Lehmann of Illinois presented the report of the Leadership Training Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Wallenbrown of West Virginia and carried.

Linville of Indiana presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Cofield of Alabama and carried.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, gave an explanation of the 1968-69 budget. Dietz of Oregon moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Boyd of Arkansas and carried.

A discussion followed on the 1969-70 National FFA Budget, after which President Bamford resumed the chair.

Shinn of New Jersey moved that the national dues be raised from \$.50 per member to \$1.00, including a subscription to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine; motion seconded by Lesky of New Mexico and carried.

The next item of business was proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution.

It was moved by Shinn of New Jersey that Article IV, Membership, Section B, Active Membership be amended to read as follows: "Any student who is regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA Chapter"; motion seconded by Posthumus of Michigan. After some discussion the motion was defeated.

Schrinar of Wyoming moved that each State appoint a committee within its State association to explore girl membership; motion seconded by Bridges of Massachusetts. Motion was defeated.

Bridges of Massachusetts moved to amend Article IX, Section A, by striking out the name "Future Farmers of America" and inserting "FFA." Objection to consideration was offered by Christensen of Idaho. The objection passed and there was no further discussion.

It was moved by Bailey of Virginia to amend Article XI, Section B, to read "Each State association is entitled to send two delegates from its active membership to the national convention, plus one additional delegate for each 10,000 members or major fraction thereof above the first 10,000, such delegates to be selected as provided in the State Constitution or Bylaws. Fifty-one per cent of the delegate body from at least twenty-six States shall constitute a quorum." Motion seconded by Lehman of Illinois and defeated.

Kaney of California moved that the national organization be granted the privilege of continuing to explore and develop plans for a National Leadership Center; motion seconded by Shelly of South Carolina and carried.

The report of the Future Farmers Supply Service given during the Wednesday morning session was approved. Alvin Woods of Mississippi, moved; Wayne Pence of Virginia, seconded.

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



Donors to the National FFA Foundation are recognized on stage during the National Convention. Over 400 companies, organizations and individuals contribute annually to the National FFA Foundation to provide a program of incentive awards that encourages FFA members to develop their proficiency in agriculture, to extend their training in leadership, to continue their education, and to practice good citizenship.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1968

Evening Session

(At seven o'clock the FFA Talent Show, directed by Don Erickson, of Rugby, North Dakota, was held.)

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

Donors to the FFA Foundation, Inc. were called to the platform and introduced. Special plaques were then presented to the fifteen and twenty-five year donors to the Foundation.

15 YEAR DONORS

Automotive Safety Foundation
 Continental Can Company, Inc.
 Danly Machine Foundation
 First National Bank of Tampa
 General Tire Foundation
 The Hertz Corporation
 The Jennison Hardware Company
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L. W. Davis, Vice President, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company and 1968 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee was introduced and presented with a special plaque in appreciation of his services as Chairman of the Sponsoring

Committee. After a brief address, the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him. Mr. Donald Danforth, Jr., Executive Vice President, Ralston Purina Company, was introduced and gave a brief greeting. Mr. Danforth will serve as the 1969 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

The 1968 Regional Star American Farmers were introduced and the movie "The 1968 Star Farmers" was shown.

Following the Massing of State Flags by the Star State Farmers, the Regional Star American Farmer Awards were presented. The parents and wives of the Star Farmers were appropriately recognized. After the introduction of the Star Farmer judges, the 1968 Star Farmer of America was announced.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1968

Morning Session

The eighth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at eight thirty-five o'clock by President Bamford.

The Thursday afternoon business session was continued.

It was moved by Heath of New Hampshire, seconded by Smith of New York and carried to reconsider the amendment to the Constitution on reapportionment, Article XI, Section B.

It was moved by Rogers of Ohio, seconded by Deiter of Wisconsin and carried that Article XI, Section B, be amended to read "Each State association is entitled to send two delegates from its active membership to the national convention, plus one additional delegate for each 10,000 members or major fraction thereof above the first 10,000, such delegates to be selected as provided in the State Constitution or Bylaws. Fifty-one per cent of the delegate body from at least twenty-six States shall constitute a quorum."

It was moved by Pilkinton of Tennessee, seconded by Heath of New Hampshire and carried that the delegates recommend that the royalties paid to the FFA by the Future Farmers Supply Service be lowered from seven per cent to five per cent, starting with the fiscal year July 1, 1969.

It was moved by Bailey of Virginia, seconded by Pence of Virginia and carried that the Boards of National Officers and Directors study the rearrangement of regions and report back to the next convention.

It was moved by Scott of Indiana, seconded by Gallagher of Nevada and carried that the committee that is to look into the development and economic feasibility of the National FFA Center report at the next national convention and that consideration of its report be given by the delegate body.

It was moved by Birdwell of Oklahoma and seconded by Lesky of New Mexico that the delegate body go on record as favoring a \$2.00 registration fee for the 1969 national convention. Motion failed.

Vice President Gemmill assumed the chair.

John Lacey, Program Officer, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, announced the national judging winners in livestock, dairy, poultry, meats and dairy products.

Secretary Diehl addressed the convention on "The Half that Counts." It was moved by Arnsperger of Missouri, seconded by Smeenk of South Dakota and carried that Paul Diehl be commended for his year as National Secretary and for his many years of work in the FFA.

Lennie Gamage, Advertising Manager of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, introduced several foreign guests who were in attendance at the convention.

Gary Swan, National FFA President, 1966-67, gave a report on his experience in Brazil where he represented the FFA last summer.

Gray of Kentucky gave the report of the International Program of Activities Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Kuntz of Montana and carried.

Following music by the National Band and Chorus, it was moved by Bradley of Iowa, seconded by Deiter of Wisconsin and carried that the delegates go on record as commending the Band and Chorus for their excellent work.

W. T. Johnson, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Greensboro, North Carolina, was presented with a special plaque in appreciation for his inspirational leadership, wise counsel and dedicated service to the NFA and continued leadership to the FFA.

Marilyn Van Derbur, former Miss America, addressed the convention, after which she was presented a trophy in appreciation of her contribution to the convention.

Schrinar of Wyoming gave the report of the Official Manual Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Holt of Missouri and carried.

Schrinar of Wyoming moved that the Boards of National Officers and Directors be given authority to edit all committee reports and to transact other business that may occur during the interim between conventions; motion seconded by Lopes of Rhode Island and carried.

Dechenne of Washington presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Frith of North Dakota and carried. There being no further nominations from the floor, it was moved by Kerr of New Jersey, seconded by Bean of West Virginia and carried that the slate of candidates submitted by the committee be elected by acclamation from the delegate body.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1968

Evening Session

(At 6:15 p.m., the FFA Talent Show was held.)

The final session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at six forty-five o'clock by President Bamford. Vice President Rish assumed the chair.

Dieter of Wisconsin presented the report of the National Convention Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Postles of Delaware and carried.

Reid of Colorado presented the report of the Convention Proceedings Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Gray of Kentucky and carried.

Birdwell of Oklahoma presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Muneoka of Hawaii and carried.

President Bamford presented an address on "The Time is Now." Smith of New York moved that President Bamford be commended for his outstanding leadership as National President; motion seconded by Bradley of Iowa and carried.

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

The newly elected officers were installed in a very impressive and colorful ceremony. National officer pins were presented to each of the past officers. Jeff Hanlon, newly elected president, presented Greg Bamford with the gavel he used to open the convention. The new president extended greetings.

"Hail the FFA" was presented by the National Band and Chorus.

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

Following the closing ceremony, an enjoyable and inspiring program of special entertainment was furnished by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

National Officers' Addresses

THE TIME IS NOW!!

GREG BAMFORD, National President

Tonight as this 40th Anniversary Convention nears its close, I am filled with a rare and electric combination of inspiration and determination that I have never experienced before. This has been a grand and glorious event injecting into all of us the highest spirits and excitement. The excitement stems from drawing into crisper focus the vast opportunities and privileges that lie before us as young partners in developing a more prosperous agriculture that will better serve a growing America and an increasingly complex world. We have observed recognition and tribute bestowed upon individuals and groups who have attained and maintained the highest ideals of American life, many of whom have devoted a large share of themselves for the FFA and vocational agricultural education. They have justly earned every measure of our thanks. We have heard and witnessed some of the finest spokesmen of our day.



In nearly every speech we have been praised for the accomplishment of our first 40 years and at the same time solemnly charged with the most awesome task of doubling, tripling or multiplying indefinitely our achievements during the next 40 years and beyond. This is a big assignment, and it requires a magnitude of comprehension that very few possess, but it admittedly must occur if we are to continue to progress and flourish.

However, before **anyone** can conquer the battle of starvation halfway around the globe or even increase the profitability of farming and ranching in this country, he must first conquer the battle within himself. This is the urgent calling that rings to every FFA member and every citizen tonight.

There is no better time to start than NOW!!

Timing and timeliness are unquestionably important. As the Bible describes in Ecclesiastes, "To everything there is a season, a time to every purpose under the Heaven: A time to be born—a time to die; A time to plant—a time to reap; . . . A time to break down—a time to build up; A time to weep—a time to laugh; . . . A time to keep silence and a time to speak; A time to love—a time to hate; A time for war—a time for peace." I suggest that this is NOT the time for hate, NOT the time to weep, and NOT the time to break down; but rather the time for love, for job and for building up!

We are fortunate that the FFA is a place to build, create and enjoy this business we call the "game of life." We must full well realize and understand that the FFA has not risen to its respected position haphazardly or by accident. It has become one of the world's most successful youth organizations through progress by design and it will continue in similar manner. Only you can push the FFA to new and yet unattained heights because you ARE the FFA.

As an individual, the time is now to believe in yourself. Do not wish for self-confidence; build it from within. Nobody can give it to you. It is one of the greatest of all possessions. It comes to you every time you are knocked down and get up. A youngster was once asked how he learned to skate so well: "Oh, by getting up every time I fell down," was his reply.

The time is NOW to think and to use common sense. The most successful State FFA Officers, chapter officers, advisors and FFA members in general that I came in contact with this past year were those who were thinkers! They used their heads as did a young man I recently heard about. He had read a job offering in the newspaper and wanted to fill it. (Contrary to popular belief, there are still a few young people who want to work; many among them are FFA members.) He arrived at the designated place to make application for this job a few minutes ahead of schedule only to find that there were twenty others ahead of him. Now an ordinary boy probably would have thought, "Well look, any one of these other twenty fellows can get this job. I give up. I am going to try somewhere else." But this young man had heard someplace that you should use your head. So he proceeded to think. He finally took a piece of paper, wrote something on it, walked up to the receptionist's desk, bowed politely and said, "Miss, this is a very important message for your boss. He must receive it immediately. Will you kindly deliver it to him?" After reading the note and frowning to keep from smiling, she immediately took the note to her boss and laid it on his desk. He look at it and grinned, thinking of the apparent ingenuity of this lad. Here is what the note said: "Dear Sir: I am the twenty-first kid in line. Don't do anything until you see me." Did he or did he not get the job? Was he or was he not created with power in him? That's the way to handle things when the going gets tough—THINK!

This young fellow undoubtedly soon learned that in his new job he had to put forth some effort as well as be a clever thinker. The time is NOW for all to realize that the "ladder of success" we so often speak of in the FFA is not an escalator. Success is the direct result of effort and sacrifice—not luck nor daydreaming. Nothing worth having was ever achieved without singleness of purpose, dedication, and plain hard work.

There are many in the FFA who have experienced the rich reward of rising and adventuring, of tackling a big job and then seeing it through to completion. They have relied heavily on their vocational agriculture training and FFA activities. Literally hundreds of these winners have come to me saying, "I only wish I could repay the FFA for all it has done for me." I answer these ambitious members by saying this: There **is** a way to repay the debt that you have established with the FFA, and that is by first realizing that you owe no one as much as you owe yourself. You owe to yourself the action that opens for you the doors to the goodness, the variety and the excitement of exertion and success; of battle and victory. Making payment on this debt to yourself is the exact opposite of selfishness. You can pay your debt to the FFA, to your parents, your teachers and classmates, and all others who have made you what you are by being just yourself with all your might and as a matter of course. That is all they expect and that is the supreme beckoning of God. It is just that simple; and it applies whether you are a greenhand, a mom or dad, chapter sweetheart or president, or Star Farmer of America. Examples will always speak louder than words.

"I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day . . . I would rather one should walk with me than merely show the way . . . The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear . . . Fine counsel is confusing but example is always clear . . . And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds . . . For to see good put into action is what everybody needs."

Anon.

Three hundred seventy-one nights ago at this very spot, I promised to "work intelligently and seriously to ably discharge the duties and responsibilities of this office." I promised to "put good into action." During the days which have passed since that night, my fellow officers and I have joined together in upholding that pledge and in so doing have served and been served by as fine a group as ever existed among young people. Tonight marks the official end of my responsibility to

that promise and yet the high ideals and principles of the FFA that I have been taught to strive for, that I have both defended and advanced, I now take with me wherever the morrow may lead.

Certainly I am thankful for the opportunities that have been mine in the FFA; but they are not all gone! Every FFA member within earshot of my voice and beyond faces equal and greater challenges than have ever been known before. The stakes have never been higher, the call has never been more urgent. **THE TIME IS NOW!**

"THE HALF THAT COUNTS"

PAUL DIEHL, National Secretary

At this moment you are looking at one of the most grateful people in the world. I am thankful to you for making this past year the greatest one of my life.

It has been great because it has been filled with discoveries. One discovery I have made during the year is that there are two types of people—those who find excuses and those who find solutions. The ones who find excuses are normally failures in life, but the ones who find solutions are the truly great men. They are "the half that counts."



That's why I am so proud of the past year. It has given me the opportunity to know many great individuals, and I have found that most FFA'ers are in "the half that counts."

When I first began my career in the FFA, I had two thoughts about National Officers. I thought they were definitely the most outstanding individuals in the FFA, and secondly I felt sure that they had reached the top rung of the ladder to success in life. Since that time I have served as one of these National Officers, and I have found that both of my thoughts were false.

As I have traveled the width and breadth of this great nation, I have discovered that there are many, many FFA members who are more outstanding than I am. I have found members just like you in "the half that counts." I have found many who were more dynamic, more inspirational, and more intelligent than I could ever hope to be. I have seen why FFA is successful by watching you and other members study, judge, speak, work, sing, and play together. In fact, I have met many members who would be more deserving of these experiences than I am.

I have had these wonderful opportunities, and that is why my second thoughts about National Officers are also false. This year was tremendous, but it should not be the top one in my life. It is merely a stepping stone and a time of preparation for the real challenges of life. You have given me this year, and thus, I feel compelled to return a successful life to the FFA.

It is like the story of two men who owned cabins on the same secluded lake. One of these men led a worthless life. This man lived in his cabin all year, and he spent all of his time in idle recreation. The second man was a noted doctor who specialized in respiration. He used his cabin for occasional relaxation and quiet study and experimentation. It so happened that a part of his equipment in the cabin was an artificial resuscitator.

One afternoon the worthless man was overcome by exhaust fumes from his automobile. As luck would have it, he was found by some neighbors and immediately taken to the doctor's house. The doctor was not in so they began using the artificial resuscitator on this seemingly worthless man.

Call it what you want, but at that same time the doctor was swimming in the lake. He was suddenly taken by a cramp and he was pulled unconscious from the water by some friends. They rushed him to his cabin where they found his only hope for life was already in use.

They waited a few moments as the worthless man regained his senses. But as each second went by, the doctor was moving closer to death. When the first man was finally revived, he numbly watched as the resuscitator was quickly applied to the doctor. The seconds stretched into minutes, the minutes into hours, and then the people in the cabin were forced to admit that the great doctor would never breathe again.

The worthless man then made up his mind to work hard and do the work of two men. He felt compelled to do this because the world was now deprived of this doctor. This is my attitude and it should be yours. Let us double our efforts—do our best—because we have been fortunate enough to receive FFA training while others have not had this opportunity. I challenge you to lead a dedicated and productive life. In other words, do your best. Join the “half that counts.”

There is a story told of Charles, a football player, who was about to play his last college game. He was a third string player, and this was the rival game of the year, so it was doubtful that the coach would even put him in the game. It was an important game, and it would determine the championship.

Just before the game, this player went up to the coach and asked him if he would start him. The coach was amazed, but when he saw the determined look in his eyes, he agreed to let him play. After all, the coach thought, “If he plays poorly, I can take him out. Besides, this is his last game.”

The other team took the kick-off, and Charles viciously made the first tackle. As a matter of fact, he made several key tackles, and he made many sizeable gains. He played an All-American game.

After the game was over, the coach had to find out how he was able to play such an outstanding game. Therefore, he asked the young man why he had never played like that in past games.

Charles looked him in the eye and asked, “Coach, you knew my father was blind, didn't you?”

“Yes,” replied the coach, “I saw you leading him around campus after the homecoming game.”

“Well,” Charles said, “You knew my father died last week?”

“Yes,” said the coach, “In fact, I brought the telegram to your dormitory.”

With tears in his eyes, the young man said, “Coach, this was the first game my father ever saw me play.”

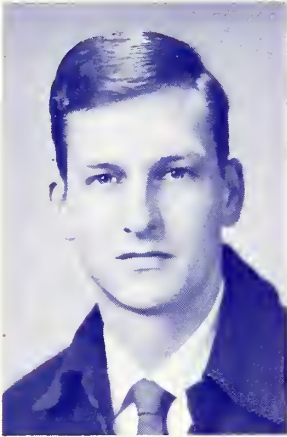
Just think, your father, mother, friends, teachers, and your God see you play the game of life every day! Are you striving to find solutions or are you content to merely find excuses. I urge you to belong to the “Half that Counts.”

WHY BUILD THE WORLD

WILLIAM BOEHM, National Vice President, Central Region

One year has passed since the day I stood on this very stage to accept the duties and responsibilities associated with my election to a national officer position in this, the greatest youth organization in all the world. I accepted then what I thought was to be a year of service to the FFA. But, now as I look back I see that once again the FFA has given more than I.

I have traveled all across America. I have seen her magnificent cities, her fabulous farms, her nobility and strength, her might and distinction and yes, her humility in the hearts of all those I have been privileged to meet. I have seen her Flag, representing the spirit of two hundred million people, flying at midnight from atop her Capitol Building in Washington, D. C. And, always I have seen her people; men, women and young people at work, building a nation.



In New York City, I watched as a gang of men erected a beautiful skyscraper from crude stone, steel and concrete. In Chicago, Illinois, at the Board of Trade, I watched men at work attempting to stabilize the price of corn and soybeans for the farmers of the Midwest. And, in Phoenix, Arizona, I visited with a small group of men who controlled the water resources of that great city; water that man has captured, for his use in the middle of a desert.

In all of these people, in all these places, in all that they were doing it seemed as though something even more important was happening than just the building of a nation. And so, I ask "Why? Why build the world?"

God said to me, "Your job is to build a better world."

I answered "How? The world is such a large and vast place. So complicated now, and I'm so small and useless. There's nothing I can do."

But God, in all His wisdom, only smiled and said, "Just build a better you."

And I thought, how true. For, why build these cities and let the man unbuilt go. "In vain we build the world, unless the builder also grows."

Yes, in all these people, in all these places, in all that they were doing something more was happening. For as each contributed his share to the building of a nation, to the building of a world; each man was building himself, body, mind and soul, to his fullest potential.

The FFA was organized 40 years ago by young men who somehow understood that in order to build the world, in order to build agriculture, they had to begin within themselves. They had to begin by developing their leadership abilities and an understanding of these two wonderful virtues of service and cooperation. As FFA members in October of 1968, this still remains our challenge today. We are challenged to be the best of whatever we are. Challenged to become whatever we are capable of becoming. If our organization is to mean anything today then it becomes a personal responsibility for each of us to accept this challenge with wholehearted enthusiasm and support.

Walking in the Army and wearing a uniform doesn't make a man a soldier. Simply wearing a blue and gold corduroy jacket and paying your dues won't really make you an FFA member either. No, there is hard work and discipline ahead if you're ever going to build a better you and you can begin now by taking advantage of all the opportunities you are presented merely as a result of membership in this organization.

For example, you can accept the challenge to write and then deliver a speech so that you will be able to express ideas as well as words. You can become a master of parliamentary procedure so that you will be able to preside effectively over any kind of a meeting. You can participate in chapter activities and in so

doing, learn that a leader's great goal is simply to be of service to his fellow man. You must accept the challenge to develop yourself, body, mind and soul, to its fullest potential if an organization, offering an "opportunity for youth," is going to have any real significance at all.

An old saying that I am quite fond of reads simply "A man at his best/You are not so born. So you must strive daily to develop yourself, in your person, in your being, until perfection is attained." This simply means that God has given each of us those three precious gifts, our body, mind and soul, as raw materials to work with, to mold, to build to perfection. And what better way is there for any of us to build than by doing something little each day in the FFA. Each of us has the ability to become whatever we would desire. But each of us also has the responsibility to recognize our worth and then make the decision needed to begin action. For every man is the architect of his own life.

I remember a story about a ragged, unkempt man who is said to have walked into a London music shop late one rainy night with a violin under his arm. Because the man was starving and because he needed money for food, he sold the old violin for a guinea, worth about five dollars at that time. Later, the owner of the shop out of curiosity drew a bow across the strings of the dusty old violin. The result was a wonderful tone. A tone so beautiful that it stirred his heart. Using the light of a candle, the shopkeeper looked inside the violin. There he could see carved in the wood, according to the master's custom, the magic name "Antonio Stradivari—1704." He knew at once that this was the famous Stradivarius that had been missing for over 100 years and was later sold for over \$100,000. The penniless man did not know what he possessed. He did not realize the value of the instrument he had in his hand.

I wonder how many there are like that penniless, unkempt man. How many there are who will live their entire lives in sadness and want only because they don't realize the true value of the talents they have. There are many who will never be able to experience the joy that comes with building the world because they will not have taken the time necessary to first build themselves.

As members of the FFA, we have in our possession a priceless tool that can, if we use it right, make the building of our lives much more meaningful and exciting. But, as was experienced by the old man, merely having possession of a priceless tool is not enough. We must understand its worth and then begin to use it to its fullest.

A great man once said to his gardener, "Next week we shall plant a tree." The gardener replied, "Why master, don't you know that a tree takes one hundred or more years to grow." "In that case," said the great man, "We have no time to lose. We shall plant the tree this afternoon."

I have a world to build. I have no time to lose. I shall begin today.

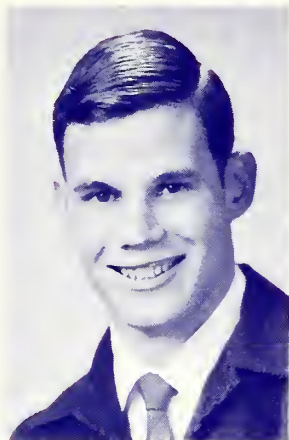
As young responsible, American citizens interested in agriculture, we all have a world to build, we all have a nation to build, indeed, we all have a life to build. Let's begin today and waste no time, for this work, if well done, takes a lifetime to complete.

"CAST DOWN YOUR BUCKET!"

JOHN GEMMILL, National Vice President, Pacific Region

I want you to know that this is a moment which I will always cherish. This convention marks the end of my active membership in the FFA and this is my final speech as a Future Farmer of America. Although I will no longer be a part of FFA, FFA will always be a part of me!

When I joined this organization six years ago, I didn't even begin to realize how many valuable opportunities we have as FFA members. But now, if you were to ask me to describe our organization with just one word, that one word would be



"opportunity." Not opportunity for some of us, but for each of us! Not opportunity next year or the year after, but right now! Not far away opportunity which we must search for, but opportunity right here, if we will but recognize and reach for it! !

I am reminded of the story of the sailing ship which was lost at sea. After many days of sailing, the crew finally sighted a friendly vessel. From the mast of the unfortunate ship was seen a signal, "Water, water: we die of thirst!" The answer from the friendly vessel came back at once, "Cast down your bucket where you are!" A second time the signal, "Water, water: send us water!" ran up from the distressed ship, and was answered, "Cast down your bucket where you are!" Receiving the same answer for the third time, the desperate captain ordered a bucket cast down into the sea. Imagine the surprise and joy aboard when the bucket contained not undrinkable salt water, but sparkling fresh

water . . . water which was flowing far out to sea from the mouth of the Amazon River where the ship had unknowingly sailed!

Just as the captain of the lost ship—without knowing it—was sailing in fresh water, and had only to cast down his bucket, so we in the FFA are sailing in a sea of opportunity. Let us recognize this and cast down our buckets where we are! Recognize and use these opportunities which surround us!

For example, each of us can improve our farming programs and strive for higher degrees. We can learn about the world of assets, liabilities, profits and losses. We can learn that to have a profitable program we must be willing to work and sacrifice. As Booker T. Washington, the great Negro educator who was born a slave, pointed out, "Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work!" A farming program or occupational experience program requiring hard work helps a member build a healthy bank account, and what is more, a healthy character and a sense of responsibility.

Each of us can prepare for and compete in judging contests. And while learning valuable agricultural knowledge, we can also learn that self-confidence gained through hard work and preparation wins more judging contests than mere ability. Maybe you think you can't be on a winning judging team. . . . I didn't think I could . . . but trying, I found that I could and you can too! When you cast down your bucket into FFA waters, remember that success can come to each of us if we will use our God-given power to work hard, to dream, and to believe in ourselves. But we must believe! !

Yes, we Future Farmers have the opportunity to develop our public speaking abilities and our knowledge of parliamentary procedure, to improve our leadership qualities, to serve others, and in general to learn the knowledge, skills and attitudes which we will need in order to be active, contributing citizens of America. Just as the founders of our country recognized the importance of individual fulfillment, so the founders of the FFA created an organization that provides each member with abundant opportunities to develop his fullest potential.

The Bible says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." It is a thrill and a privilege to cooperate with nature in the production of food and fiber and we should be proud of the part we can play in the noble industry of agriculture. And so, when you are choosing your future occupation, once again I say to you, "Cast down your bucket where you are!" I believe in the future of farming and ranching, and I also believe in the future of agribusiness. Agriculture is still far and away the biggest single industry in this country. And it is getting bigger, not smaller. So long

as people keep eating three times a day, and so long as we in this country seat nearly 10,000 more people at the breakfast table every morning, American agriculture is a growing, dynamic industry if there ever was one! Cast down your bucket and you can draw it up full of sparkling, fresh opportunities in agriculture!

I challenge you to think positive thoughts about your future. Be an optimist! You not only can decide your life's journey, but you will decide it. And you must decide it! Remember, we can never succeed while thinking thoughts of failure and we can never really fail if we think thoughts of success.

It is true that we are surrounded by opportunities in FFA and in agriculture, but those opportunities are meaningless if we don't recognize and grasp them! The strength of our efforts will be the measure of our results. As the Bible says, "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap!" And so, Future Farmers, I hope that you have gained from this convention the inspiration and the desire to become more dedicated, more involved in the activities of the FFA. I also hope that you have gained, as I have, a renewed faith in yourself, in our great country, and in God.

"Through hard work and prayer and the faith to believe,

All things worth having are yours to achieve!"

Fellow Future Farmers, may God bless you always!

THE GIFT OF GOD

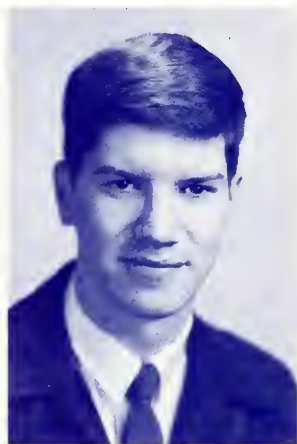
RICHARD JONES, National Vice President, North Atlantic Region

We often look to many sources for inspiration and guidance. The greatest of these is God. The inspiration of God is passed to us in the form of a gift of the attitudes that we should have. He gives these attitudes to children. Children, then, are the example of the attitudes that we should possess.

If there is anything that will endure,
The eye of God, because it is still pure;
It is the spirit of a little child,
Fresh from his hand and therefore undefiled.

R. H. Stodard

Children are fascinating. If you have ever been around them very much, I am sure you realize how many virtues they have. These virtues are so ideal and make them so easy to love. Children have an unending enthusiasm for the things around them. You never see a child worry about anything. They look forward to tomorrow. They seem to find joy in all they do. Their imagination is greater than all the inventors of the world. They have a curiosity that brings them new and different experiences and a tolerance to forget their differences. They possess a courage to face the unknown. Children trust and love all people as people. You very seldom see a child that cannot get along with other children.



Did you ever watch a child playing with blocks? He may stack five blocks on top of each other but he is not satisfied with that. He builds higher. The stack may fall several times, but he keeps on building. If you stop him and ask him how high he wants to build them, he replies that he wants to build them to the sky.

Sometime watch a child as he climbs a ladder. He does not rush up the ladder foolishly nor does he hang back and become fearful of rising to the top. He climbs confidently. He keeps one eye on each rung as he places each foot firmly but he keeps the other eye on the top as if to remind him of his ambition to reach the top.

It takes a child nearly a year before he is able to walk but after he learns he runs all the time. He seems untiring in his activities. He runs fast in all he does.

These virtues of children are the gift of God, a gift to all of us to begin our life. Somehow as we grow and accept greater responsibilities, we forget these attitudes that we once had. We now seem to be struggling toward success, when didn't we really start out with the virtues of success? Success is really determined by what we do with the gift that was given to us. The great Huxley once said that the secret of genius is to carry the spirit of a child into old age.

I am not saying to be a child, but keep these heavenly virtues that are so important, that God gave to us. Realize that it is great to be alive. Be happy and find joy in the things that you do as a child would do. Overcome pessimism with an unending enthusiasm and an optimism and a confidence in tomorrow. Dare to be different, new, and challenging but only in a way that will build and improve on what we have and will not tear it down. Respect others and their ideas and have the courage to face the unknown.

You have heard many talks on the opportunities that await you in the FFA. This is so true and the opportunity to improve yourself is here if you are willing to "kick yourself in gear." The FFA can't make you a success but what it can do is make you want to be a success. I have found from my experiences that after I have made some achievement in the FFA, I found another in sight and I set my goal on that. As a small child is not satisfied with a small stack of blocks, don't you be satisfied with your present accomplishments. Strive for higher goals but seek to do a good job in your present position. The child plants his feet carefully as he climbs. You be sure and build your foundation firmly by doing your best. Be as active as you can. Run fast as a child runs. Let the future know that you are coming through.

Now that you realize the attitudes that you should repossess, begin to activate a change that will mold child-like but heavenly attitudes into enthusiastic, dynamic leaders of tomorrow.

I wish to share with you a bit of anonymous verse and a dash at my own attempt at poetry:

One ship sails east, another west;
By the self-same winds that blow.
Tis the set of the sail, not the gale;
That determines the way they go.

A ship is given to each of us:
All driven by the same guiding force.
The sail snaps and the ship runs fast.
Tis up to us to set our course.

As we journey our ship from ocean
To ocean, through that sea of life,
Tis the set of the soul that determines the goal
Not the calm or the strife.

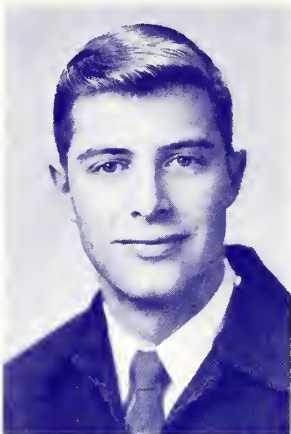
TOMORROW IS HIGH NOON

ROBERT RISH, National Vice President, Southern Region

As I think back to the dawn of my career in the FFA, I remember being told that there were joys to be had and defeats to be met—but if I were to work with purpose that the sun would shine as if it were high noon. As an entering freshman

in vocational agriculture, I gave the thought only a fleeting moment of my time, for what did I care how the sun shown?

So I went about my busy little way, interested in the normal things for an emerging young tyke. One period of study hall and another of physical education and I was ready for school to let out. Somehow, though, this just didn't seem right, and I found out that no matter where I turned there seemed to be someone interested in seeing me do well.



My agriculture teacher convinced me that I should become an FFA member, and I bought a pig expecting to show her in the State Fair. This endeavor brought me to face defeat quite early, for she broke her leg. But there were others. My parents encouraging me to study algebra, biology and chemistry; and teachers coaxing me to do my homework and improve my grades. It made no difference where I looked—there was a pat on the back and an encouraging word to prod me along.

But still I was experiencing none of the joys that had been referred to. I wanted to spend afternoons playing ball with my brother, James; my father thought we both should be doing chores. I longed to be a member of the baseball team; the coach was sure that I needed more practice. But I still felt those prods, and so I continued to do as these suggested.

Then as a junior I began to realize that somebody knew what he was talking about. That year I won a trip to the national convention, and with the soil judging team, a trip to Oklahoma City. I began to understand: "All the days seem alike as they come to us, but each day comes with its own opportunities, its own calls to duty, its own privileges—holding out hands offering us radiant gifts. The day passes and never comes again. Other days as bright may come, but that day never comes a second time. If we do not take just then the gifts that it offers, we shall never have another chance to get them and shall always be poorer for what we have missed." (J. R. Miller)

The following summer I became a candidate for State office in my home State of South Carolina. But I found that there had been truth in all the statements that I'd heard as a freshman. I wasn't even called in to talk with the nominating committee after that first pitiful interview when I didn't even know who our national executive secretary was. Surely there were defeats to be met.

I had felt the sunlight of the morning and it felt good. Now I could begin to make sense of the age old advice: Walk on the sunny side of the street. And when a cloud of defeat would blot out the sunshine, I found a poem to boost my spirits that I would like to share with you.

If you strike a thorn or rose,
Keep a'goin'
If it hails or snows,
Keep a'goin'
Tain't no use to sit and whine
When the fish ain't on the line.
Bait your hook and keep on tryin'
Keep a'goin'

When the weather kills your crop,
Keep a'goin'
Tho' it's work to reach the top
Keep a'goin'
S'pose you're out of every dime
Gettin' broke ain't any crime.
Tell the world you're feeling prime!
Keep a'goin'

When it looks like all is up,
Keep a'goin'
Drain the sweetness from the cup
Keep a'goin'
See the wild birds on the wing.
Hear the bells that sweetly ring.
When you feel like singing, sing.
Keep a'goin'

And keep a'goin' I did! For now there was the incentive; I could see the opportunities of the day. And all the time the sun rose higher.

That's all history for me now. My life as an FFA member rapidly is reaching a climax and end. I will soon be able to look back and be thankful for the opportunities that came my way while a member. But not so for you! The sun for each of you is rising higher above the horizon. Is it hidden behind an overcast of little interest? Or can you feel the warming rays of joy in the tasks that you encounter? Every day it bids you to take advantage of a single opportunity that is waiting to be used.

Don't be ridden by indecision for it may then be with you as Charles Dickens said in the TALE OF TWO CITIES: "The sun rose; it rose upon no sadder sight than a man of good abilities and good emotions, incapable of their directed exercise, incapable of his own help and his own happiness, sensible of the blight upon him, and resigning himself to let it eat him away."

Yes, Future Farmers, for some of us it is coming sooner than for others, and when it arrives some will be better prepared. Why don't you begin preparation now so that you will be ready when for you—TOMORROW IS HIGH NOON.

NATIONAL OFFICERS' SUMMARY

PAUL DIEHL, National Secretary, 1967-68

Friday, the 13th, carries an unlucky meaning for most people, but for your six national officers this year, it is now one of the luckiest days of our lives. For it was Friday, October 13, 1967, that we were elected and began the most rewarding year of our lives. Since we could not have had an enriching year without your confidence and support, it seems only fair that we stop at this time and share a few of the highlights with you.

First, it is very appropriate at this point to extend a sincere "thank you" to many. We are thankful to God for watching over us during our thousands of miles of travel. We thank you as FFA members because you have made us proud to represent you, and we realize our year would not have been possible without you. We are grateful for the guidance and inspiration that was given to us by William Paul Gray, national executive-secretary. We know now why he is rightfully called "FFA's Most Dedicated Servant." Also, we are grateful for having the opportunity to work with H. N. Hunsicker, our national advisor. We found him to be a sincere, loyal, and optimistic champion of vocational agriculture and the FFA. The national

staff and board of directors helped us make our year a success, and to them we extend our thanks. We owe so much to so many, and thus we resolve ourselves to living lives that will be a credit to our great organization.

We were filled with thrills and excitement as we were installed into our offices. After being briefed by the past officers, we embarked on our year of activities by leading the AMERICAN ROYAL PARADE.

Many national meetings were attended between October and January. Greg represented the FFA at the AVA CONVENTION in Cleveland, THE NATIONAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE FOR RURAL YOUTH, and THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NATURAL BEAUTY AND CONSERVATION in Washington, D. C. Dick spoke out for FFA at the KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL CONFERENCE in Washington and THE GRANGE CENTENNIAL in Syracuse, New York. Bill, in turn, carried the FFA story to the AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION MEETING in Chicago and gained honors for us by serving as chairman of the Youth Steering Committee at the NATIONAL SAFETY CONGRESS in Chicago.

In January, we all met in Washington for board meetings and leadership training. While there we met with Vice President Humphrey, Secretary Freeman, and several senators and congressmen. We then left on a six weeks' good will tour which took us to 17 major cities in 12 states. On this educational excursion, we visited with many of the truly outstanding business and industrial leaders. We spoke to countless people as we concentrated on our theme, "FFA—Challenging Youth in Agriculture."

Next, we went our separate ways and proudly attended all 50 state conventions. We were blessed with the pleasure of meeting and working with many FFA'ers. The only casualty we had during this period was Robert Rish, who suffered an attack of the mumps.

Robert managed to get well in time to represent the FFA nobly at the NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION in Miami and the SOUTHERN REGION AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE. During this same time, John attended the NATIONAL VICA CONVENTION in Oklahoma City, and Bill went to the LAND O' LAKES MEETING in Minneapolis and the OEA CONVENTION in Des Moines. Greg, too, was kept busy by attending the BLUEGRASS FAIR in Kentucky, the NATIONAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION in St. Louis, and the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FARM BROADCASTERS in Denver.

In July, we all met again in Washington for the board meetings and the NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE, which was attended by 57 outstanding FFA members from 47 states. It was an eventful meeting, and we met with President Johnson, Speaker McCormack, and many of our country's greatest leaders. It was a very inspirational week.

Regional leadership training meetings were held for 30 states, and 10 other states were reached by some members of our national officer team. These were excellent leadership endeavors, and it was a great chance for us to help state leaders in spreading the FFA story.

Since July, we have been involved in several meetings of significance. Greg represented the FFA at the NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL YOUTH INSTITUTE in Nebraska, the FARM AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE held in Atlanta, the NATIONAL PLOWING CONTEST, and the EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION. Greg and Dick went on a New England tour, and Greg teamed up with the Four Star Farmers to tour business and industry in the midwestern states.

Dick attended the NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE in Washington, and he joined Bill in taking part in AIC at Virginia and CAMP MINIWANCA. Bill also managed to find time to attend the WORLD FOOD EXPOSITION in Madison, Wisconsin.

Robert attended the MID-SOUTH FAIR and served as co-chairman of AIC. I went to Indiana to attend the NATIONAL JUNIOR ACHIEVERS CONFERENCE and then to Washington, D. C., as a member of the Planning Committee for the NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON YOUTH AND THE INSTITUTIONS.

Also, over 50 service clubs were spoken to, and we attended over 100 chapter meetings and banquets during the course of the year.

As you can tell, it has been a busy year. These are just some of the high points. These are just a few of the places we visited. However, as of yet I have not mentioned the most important memories that we have of this past year. These really important treasures are all of the people we met and grew to know and respect.

In three short days, you will honor six other young men by allowing them to represent **you** for one glorious year. Greg, Robert, Bill, Dick, John, and I have tried to tell the wonderful FFA story. We will always be grateful for the opportunity you have given us. We hope that our performance has not disappointed you.

Remember, there is a big story to be told. You have heard the saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Therein lies the secret for you, me, all of us. For a good example and a good leadership ability is worth more than a dictionary of words in telling others about the FFA. **We** challenge **you** to develop those abilities and remain ever diligent in keeping the FFA the greatest organization in the world!



The Agricultural Career Show is an important part of each National FFA Convention. Over forty Agricultural Professional Societies and Trade Associations make exhibits to tell FFA members and advisors of the career opportunities in Agriculture.

Committee Reports

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Office for the year 1968-69. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....JEFF HANLON, Oregon
Secretary.....JERRY BATTS, Alabama
Central Vice President.....TOM JOHNSON, Illinois
No. Atlantic Vice President.....GLENN WEBER, Pennsylvania
Pacific Vice President.....JOE MARTINEZ, California
Southern Vice President.....LOWELL CATLETT, Texas

Respectfully submitted,

TOM DECHENNE, Washington,
Chairman
RICHARD E. POSTHUMUS, Michigan
STEVE ZUMBACH, Iowa
KENNETH CHRISTENSEN, Idaho

CHARLES S. POSTLES, Jr., Delaware
RICHARD M. REDMOND, Maryland
KENNETH L. MILSTEAD, Louisiana
TIM KELLY, Florida
RON DALLEY, Utah

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have reviewed and inspected the general records and financial statements of the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America. We found that the accounts kept by our National Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Campbell, and his secretary, Mrs. Pauline Coiner, for the fiscal year July 1, 1967 through June 30, 1968, were true and correct in every respect and that our organization was in sound financial condition.

We also reviewed the audit of Lybrand, Ross Bros. and Montgomery, and the consolidated audit of Stoy, Malone and Company, Certified Public Accountants.

We wish to commend Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Coiner for their fine job of keeping the FFA accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVE LINVILL, Indiana, Chairman
DAVID BEAROR, Vermont
RON BRADLEY, Iowa

DONALD BRIDGES, Massachusetts
JOE CARMICHAEL, Alabama
THOMAS JOHNSON, New Hampshire

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Convention Proceedings for 1968, do hereby recommend the following for the 40th Anniversary Convention Proceedings:

1. That the same general format be used except that a list of the band, chorus, and talent show participants be inserted after the minutes, reports and addresses.
2. Eliminate pictures not directly related to the convention.
3. Place pictures in positions in order that they relate to the materials in that section of the proceedings.
4. Add a brief sketch about the Star Farmers and their farming programs.

5. Add a short statement from the new president along with his picture to be located near the end of the proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN REID, Colorado, Chairman
CHARLES CARTER, Tennessee
MIKE GOLDMAN, Arkansas
TOM MOORMAN, Kentucky

WAYNE PENCE, Virginia
DONALD SHINN, New Jersey
MERLYN SMEENK, South Dakota

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Supply Service Committee reviewed the 1968 Future Farmers Supply Service catalogue, and discussed in detail all phases of the Supply Service operation, and makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Supply Service provide FFA jackets for girl members identical in appearance and price to boys' jackets. FFA jewelry for girls should also be provided.
2. Raise dues of members and lower royalties paid by the Supply Service to the National FFA Organization. This would help absorb price increases and would help spread the cost of operating the national organization evenly among all members.
3. That the Supply Service make available personalized calling cards for national, state and chapter officers in small quantities.
4. That the Supply Service attend State conventions with samples, and/or merchandise for sale when possible.
5. That the Supply Service expand lettering facilities in order to expedite delivery of jackets in the fall.
6. That the Supply Service make available an Official Handbook for Chapter Reporters.
7. That a standardized Handbook of Parliamentary Procedure be made available.
8. That a handbook similar to the one for national officers be made available for chapter officers.
9. That an officer pin similar to existing officer pins be provided for the office of Junior Advisor.
10. That the Supply Service charge a handling fee on all rush orders.
11. That the Future Farmers of America commend the management and staff of the Supply Service for their prompt and dedicated service to the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. ST. JOHN, Arkansas, Chairman
LARRY A. PERRY, Maine
GREGORY HANDS, Kansas

RUSSEL PEACOCK, Nevada
JIM BARNES, Idaho

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

We, the International Program of Activities Committee for 1968, submit the following recommendation for consideration:

That there be established an International Activities Department on a national level with staff and financing to promote and conduct programs and coordinate activities with State associations and local chapters.

We suggest that the objectives of the Department be to:

1. Involve as many FFA members as possible in the study of problems, needs, and concerns of youth in other countries in planned international programs.

2. Promote agriculture and improve its status in the world.
3. Assist in strengthening and enriching instruction of agriculture in vocational schools in the U. S. and foreign countries.
4. Help youth develop technical knowledge, skills and mechanical ability in agriculture.
5. Help motivate youth to develop leadership abilities.
6. Help instill confidence in youth and others in foreign countries as it relates to agriculture.
7. Strengthen our own educational program through study of economic geography.
8. Provide for an exchange of ideas, not particularly an exchange of an organization.
9. Reach leaders of business and industry in other countries and enlist their full support in these programs.
10. Cooperate with youth organizations in other countries to further our mutual goals in agricultural education.

The recommended activities are:

1. Four study tours of forty persons each to Europe, South America and the Far East.
2. An exchange program with Young Farmer Clubs of England, Scotland, and New Zealand—(3 delegates).
3. An international work exchange program for FFA members, approximately 40 participants to Europe and 15 participants to Australia and New Zealand.
4. An international work exchange program for youth from foreign countries; approximately 25 participants to the United States from Europe and 15 from New Zealand.
5. An international member to member exchange program between families.
6. To provide assistance to youth organizations in developing countries through operation "Helping Hand."
7. An FFA member chapter exchange program with 20 exchanges within the U. S.

Respectfully submitted,

BRENT GRAY, Kentucky, Chairman
BEN COKER, South Carolina
JUSTIN LESKY, New Mexico
GEORGE MUNEOKA, Hawaii

FREDRIC PEARSALL, Connecticut
EARL WEAVER, Pennsylvania
ALBERT WILDES, Georgia
ALVIN WOODS, Mississippi

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

We, the members of the 1968 National Convention Committee, wish to make the following recommendations to the National Board of Directors and Board of National Officers for their consideration in the hope of improving the 1969 National Convention.

1. Each State Association should give instruction and supervision to FFA members from their respective States to assure proper FFA dress, good conduct, strict adherence to the Code of Ethics, and attendance at all sessions during the convention.
2. We suggest that the official use of the FFA jacket be placed in the convention pamphlet which was distributed to those in attendance prior to coming to Kansas City. We encourage each State Officer team to thoroughly discuss this pamphlet with the convention participants from their respective States either before or after arriving at the convention.

3. We recommend that the delegates and other FFA members be on time and prepared for all sessions or functions of which they are a part.
4. We recommend that the time for the Pacific and Central Regional Public Speaking Contests be changed from Tuesday morning to Monday night, thus avoiding conflicts brought about by those speakers who are delegates.
5. We recommend that all committees and chairmen be selected and notified at least two weeks prior to the convention in order for each delegate to have sufficient time to prepare for committee work; that the Nominating Committee be selected at the time of the national convention; and that convention information in the delegate folders be sent to the State Executive Secretaries along with a letter explaining the distribution of the delegate folders as has been done in the past.
6. We encourage participation in the tours to points of interest.
7. We urge that the Municipal Auditorium be decorated in the future as effectively as it has been this year, and also that an appropriate backdrop to the stage be used again.
8. We urge the National Organization to use more State Associations throughout the convention.
9. We recommend that the National Convention Committee continue to give its report on Friday evening.
10. We encourage more States to have booths on display, and we wish to commend all of those who were responsible for the display of Career Booths and urge that they continue to have such exhibits in the future.
11. We recommend that the Vespers Service be continued.
12. We encourage emphasis on the relationship of the FFA as an intra-curricular program of vocational agriculture.
13. We encourage photographers to respect delegates and other members of the audience by not obstructing the view of the stage while taking pictures.
14. We recommend that the Courtesy Corps be composed of as many State Officers as possible, especially during the Sponsors' Recognition Session.
15. We encourage members to follow official dress code rules, especially those who have a part in the convention program.

We wish to commend the National Officers for their outstanding performance in conducting a dynamic, impressive, and very inspiring 40th Anniversary Convention. We truly feel that this convention has been the climax of an outstanding year in FFA, which will undoubtedly go down as one of the most important in our long and illustrious history.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD DEITER, Wisconsin,
Chairman
JED CHRISTENSON, Utah
JAMES KERR, New Jersey

KENNETH MILSTEAD, Louisiana
DANNY SCOTT, Kansas
MARVIN WITT, North Dakota

NATIONAL FFA CALENDAR COMMITTEE

We commend the FFA Calendar staff, under the direction of Mr. Jack Pitzer, for the excellent manner in which the calendar program is being developed and promoted, and encourage them to seek new ideas for continued improvements.

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

1. To bring about increased participation on the chapter, State, and national levels we suggest:

- a. That the local chapters and State associations through their official FFA Calendar Committee inform the chapter members concerning the calendar program as a public relations activity.
 - b. That all State Officers and/or State officials stress the importance of the official calendar program at all State Leadership Camps and officer training sessions, preferably during public relations sessions; and that State Officers be encouraged to include brief comments about the calendar program during chapter visits.
 - c. That all National Officers stress the importance of the calendar in public relations at their State Convention and chapter visits.
 - d. That State Advisors and Executive Secretaries assist in providing information and material to the new State Officers and calendar committee to emphasize the opportunities in the National FFA Calendar Program.
 - e. That the calendar department provide appropriate, informative articles to be included in the National and the State FFA publications to familiarize each chapter with the plans of the calendar program.
 - f. That chapters be encouraged to give calendars as a token of appreciation to supporters and friends of the FFA.
 - g. That all chapters be encouraged to provide quality "color" action pictures for possible publication on the FFA Calendar and in the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
2. To increase the number of calendars being distributed we suggest:
 - a. Chapters impress upon prospective sponsors the benefits and advertising values of the calendar to their business.
 - b. Chapters and sponsors be encouraged to include non-FFA homes in calendar distribution.
 - c. Chapters provide the Official FFA Calendar as the room calendar for all classrooms in their local school system.
 - d. Local chapters and State Calendar Committees be familiar with Plans A, B, and C of the official calendar programs and encourage participation in the public relations plans compared to less emphasis on the fund-raising plan.
 3. To encourage the distribution of the folding poster, and home and office calendar styles, we propose a study of the feasibility of the desk style calendar, as to its economic and public relations value.
 4. Chapters should be encouraged to place all orders by October 1 of the preceding year, to facilitate a more efficient calendar program.
 5. Calendars should be distributed where they will accomplish the greatest public relations benefits for the FFA.
 6. The Official Calendar Program be included in the National, State, and local Programs of Activities.
 7. The FFA Calendar also include notice of other important dates of the FFA year besides the National FFA Week. Examples of other activities to be listed on the calendar include:
 - a. National Convention
 - b. National Leadership Conference, and
 - c. Other national FFA events deemed deserving of recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

RICK KUNTZ, Montana, Chairman
ROGENE BONNESEN, Nebraska
JIM JOHNSON, Illinois
RICK MABERY, Arizona

CARY SCOTT, Wisconsin
DALE SHELLEY, South Carolina
ROBERT C. YOUNG, Vermont

NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the National FFA Organization, we, the National FFA Foundation Committee at the 40th Anniversary Convention, wish to express our sincere and most humble gratitude to all the donors for their most gracious support to our organization.

We extend a most sincere thanks to Mr. L. W. Davis, General Manager, Farm Equipment Division, and Vice President, Allis-Chalmers, who is chairman of the 1968 Sponsoring Committee; and to Mr. John C. Foltz, Coordinator between the FFA and the Foundation, for their untiring dedication to the FFA Foundation Program.

We submit the following recommendations to the Board of Directors and the National Officers for their review and consideration.

1. Give appropriate recognition to the National FFA Foundation at the local level by:
 - a. Inviting local donors of National FFA Foundation and company branches of donors to the FFA Banquets and Convention.
 - b. Providing local branch companies and donors with a yearly report and a sticker or plaque for public review in their stores and display cases stating that they are strong supporters of the National FFA Foundation and the FFA.
 - c. Recognizing the Foundation donors during FFA Week.
2. Recognize the National FFA Foundation on the State level by:
 - a. Providing a list of all donors and branch companies to States so that State officers are fully aware in order that more recognition might be given.
 - b. Having available to all State officers a complete set of FFA Foundation award medals so that they can be shown to FFA members during chapter visits.
 - c. Inviting all donors and branch companies within your State to State Convention and other State Association activities.
3. Give more recognition to the FFA Foundation on the national level by:
 - a. Having a list of donors who will be present at the donor reception available to all delegates. Donors should be listed by States so that delegates will not miss the chance to meet the donors from their State.
 - b. Suggesting to the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine to print more success stories—stories of FFA Foundation winners.
 - c. Expanding publication of these success stories to other agricultural magazines so that more people will be aware of the success stories of the **true** American youth.
4. That all national awards and contests be continued and publicized to the maximum potential.
5. That a Farm Mechanics Contest be started dealing with:
 - a. Trouble shooting.
 - b. Assembly.
 - c. Basic knowledge of engine and machine.
6. That FFA work closer with the NVATA to emphasize the importance of contests and awards at the local level.
7. That a committee be appointed to analyze the point system of national applications regarding their fairness to students who specialize in one field of endeavor and/or those entering college immediately after high school.

8. That a committee be set up to fully survey and analyze exact numbers and percentages on a (a) National and (b) State level as to:
 - (1) Number of students enrolled in vocational agriculture.
 - (2) Number of students who are active members in FFA.
 - (3) Number of students in various courses: production, mechanics, horticulture, natural resources, and agribusiness.

The purpose of this study would be to give direction to the National FFA Board of Directors regarding new contests and awards.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS SMITH, New York,
Chairman

JERRY ALEXANDER, Mississippi
MIKE COLLINS, Georgia

GREG DRANEY, Wyoming
DALE LEE HOOVER, Pennsylvania
FELIPE BORGES, Puerto Rico
STEVEN HOLT, Missouri

NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER COMMITTEE

We, the members of the National FFA Magazine Committee for 1968, submit the following for consideration:

1. Encourage local chapters to accurately submit names and addresses on the chapter membership roster for subscriptions to the magazine.
2. Encourage the publication of articles informing readers of broadening careers in the agribusiness industry.
3. Encourage inspirational and informative articles concerning successes of past and present FFA members.
4. Inform and recommend that pictures of interest be sent in for possible printing in The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
5. Encourage chapters to submit articles on boys with unusual projects that would be of interest to other FFA members.
6. Encourage chapter members and advisors to submit inspirational articles on outstanding chapter members and on unusual chapter projects.
7. Publish an article in the magazine informing State associations and chapters of the type of article needed and encouraging chapters to submit articles.
8. Award certificates to chapters and members whose submitted articles have been published by the magazine.
9. Write articles periodically informing the readers of items of business to be discussed and acted upon at the National FFA Convention.
10. Initiate an "opinion page" where readers could submit their views on controversial topics and items to be acted upon at the national convention.
11. Publish a schedule in one issue of the magazine listing the time and location of all State conventions.
12. Encourage chapters to send extra or complimentary subscriptions to friends of and donors to the FFA. It is recommended that copies be sent to establishments where they are readily available to the public (barber shops, doctors' offices, public libraries, etc.).
13. Recommend issuing the magazine six times from September through May to correspond with the school year, and to issue one publication during the summer months in the form of a yearbook, highlighting the FFA on a national level.
14. Initiate a feature article written by the national officers to be submitted in each issue concerning their activities.

15. Suggest that this committee report be published in the next issue of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine to inform every member of the FFA of our recommendations and how each individual can contribute to the improvement of the magazine.

We, as members of the FFA, are proud of our national magazine and are deeply appreciative of the inspiration and general knowledge that we have gained from it. We feel that Mr. Carnes and the entire magazine staff are to be commended for an excellent job. We wish them every success in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

TOM MEIUM, Minnesota, Chairman
 BILL SARPALIUS, Texas
 STEVEN LEVEILLE, Rhode Island
 RICHARD FRITH, North Dakota

DAVID HERMAN, Montana
 BOBBY WALLS, North Carolina
 CHARLES CABILIN, Hawaii
 JIM BEARD, Oklahoma

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Leadership Training Committee for 1968, recommend the following as a means of developing leadership on the local, State and National levels:

1. That all State Associations refer to the 1967 Leadership Training Committee's report printed in the **40th Convention Proceedings** for ideas on leadership development.
2. That a National Leadership and Citizenship Conference for State Presidents and one additional state representative be held in 1969.
 The goals of the conference should be to exchange ideas between States, learn about our national FFA organization, develop leadership abilities and a better understanding of our role as an American citizen.
3. That the number of sub-regional leadership training conferences be increased to serve every State Association.
 The primary aim of these conferences should be to develop State officers who can inspire and instruct members of their Association. It is recommended that two National Officers be in attendance at each of these conferences.
4. That the proposal for the National Leadership and Citizenship Conference for Chapter Presidents be accepted and that an evaluation be made to determine the value of such a conference on the National level.
5. That we support the present proposal for a Workshop for State FFA Executive Secretaries on the National level.
6. That we accept the present proposal for a post-secondary Agriculture Students Leadership Workshop. It is recommended that it be thoroughly evaluated.
7. That an Officers Handbook be prepared and distributed through the National Future Farmer Supply Service for all State and chapter officers.
8. That each State set up a workshop with other vocational youth organizations to exchange ideas and gain a better understanding of other organizations.
9. That a committee be appointed, with Mr. Coleman Harris as advisor, at the 1969 Leadership and Citizenship Conference for State Presidents, to organize a program to recognize State association leadership promotional activities.
10. That actions taken on recommendations of all National committees be reported in **41st Convention Proceedings** or in a report sent to all State Officers and State offices.

Respectfully submitted,

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 BARRY COFIELD, Alabama
 ANDREW JENSEN, Nebraska
 ROGER KINGSTROM, Minnesota

RICHARD KINNEY, Florida
 BILL ROGERS, Ohio
 JIM SCOTT, Indiana
 RON WILKINSON, Oregon

OFFICIAL MANUAL COMMITTEE

After reviewing the 1968 Official FFA Manual and the report of the 1967 committee, we recommend the following for the 1969 edition:

1. Update to concur with changes in the Constitution, Creed, Aim and Purposes, or other articles or documents.
2. Change the cover paper to a gloss finish or plastic coat, or something similar to that of the Convention Program and add necessary color to the emblem.
3. Use the ten building stones of the Future Farmers of America on the back cover.
4. Pictures be updated in terms of style, quality, and period of time.
 - a. Actual picture of National FFA Center.
 - b. Highlights of 1968 Convention inserted after Convention Hall on page 85 (picture).
 - c. Update Greenhand picture page 77.
 - d. New chapter banquet picture page 95.
5. A list of national presidents should be included in the manual, preferably inside back cover.
6. That a list of further revisions to the manual be forwarded to the national office.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD SCHRINAR, Wyoming,
Chairman
DAN DOOLEY, California
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PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES (LOCAL GUIDE) COMMITTEE

After studying the guide for local chapters to use in developing a program of activities, the committee feels that the present guide as printed in the 1968 Official FFA Manual is complete and accurate, except for recommendations in the following divisions:

1. Division I, add Activity 6 to read "Promoting agricultural related work-experience," and add Goal to read "Encourage agricultural related work-experience projects for members without production agricultural projects," and add a, b, and c under Ways and Means to read:
 - a. Have local businessmen sponsor job opportunities.
 - b. Select and honor member(s) in the field of agri-business.
 - c. Require each member to show by record that he has invested 50% of his spare time in this project area.
2. Division II, Activity 2, add e under Ways and Means to read "Invite foreign exchange students to chapter meetings."
3. Division III, add Activity 3 to read "Becoming trained in first aid skills," also add Goal "Chapter sponsor first aid classes for members and community citizens." Under Ways and Means, add a, b, c, d, and e:
 - a. Contact local Red Cross Chapter, county medical society, or county health department for assistance in arranging for first aid classes.
 - b. Have Chapter first aid committee arrange for standard Red Cross first aid classes for members and community citizens.
 - c. Devote one chapter meeting to first aid instruction.
 - d. Encourage members to enroll in advanced Red Cross first aid training.
 - e. Train demonstration teams in first aid skills.

4. Division IV, Activity 1, under Goal 1 cross out "75%" and insert "100%." In that same section add c to the Ways and Means of Goal 5 to read "Test the members' knowledge of FFA."
5. Division V, Activity 1, Goal 1, under Ways and Means add: "Members on work experience projects have their earnings invested wisely."
6. Division VII, Activity 1, Goal, add g under Ways and Means to read, "Honor the member with the most improved grade point average."
7. Division VIII, Activity 1, under Goal, add g and h to Ways and Means:
 - g. Encourage members to try out for state and national band and chorus.
 - h. Send talented FFA members to perform at State Convention.
8. Division IX, Activity 1, under Goal 2 cross out "e" of the Ways and Means which reads "Hold during National FFA Week."

Division IX, under Activity 3 to read "Cooperate with Civil Defense," add Goal to read "Encourage chapters to cooperate with local civil defense authorities," and add a, b, c, to Ways and Means which read:

 - a. Send for free publications sponsored by Civil Defense Administration.
 - b. Participate in community Civil Defense Activities.
 - c. Have one chapter meeting per year devoted to civil defense and invite the public to attend.

It is the feeling of this committee that each of these recommendations is important enough to receive consideration as notable additions and changes to our Program of Activities—Local Guide.

Respectfully submitted,

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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We the Public Relations Committee for 1968-69 recommend:

1. Continue and expand the public relations programs on the local, State and national levels with emphasis on mass media, officer exposure, FFA Week, Good-Will Tours and FFA calendars.
2. National Officers be a highlight of a State convention and every State Association encourage the exchange of officers at State Conventions.
3. Stress good personal appearance and conduct for every FFA member.
4. Initiate a weekly national FFA radio broadcast and try to get a national TV special.
5. That local chapters select outstanding representatives to speak before farm organizations, business, civic and youth groups. That cooperative activities with other vocational youth organizations be encouraged at all levels.
6. National FFA Theme be used not only during FFA Week but during the entire year.
7. More effective use of "Children's Barnyard" at local and State fairs by providing more educational material explaining the FFA program.
8. That the public relations staff prepare a plan for an annual publicity campaign.
9. That every member keep in mind that Public Relations is doing good and telling about it.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BAILEY, Virginia, Chairman
 RON FRIEND, Ohio
 LARRY KING, Texas
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GARY MAINE, Delaware
 GLEN MELTON, Louisiana
 JIM SUSTACHA, Nevada

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

In celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Future Farmers of America, the 41st National FFA Convention has certainly been a never to be forgotten experience in the lives of the Future Farmers in attendance. We recognize the contributions of the many individuals who have made this convention a momentous and noteworthy occasion in the life of FFA.

By this report, submitted for approval to the voting delegates of the 41st National FFA Convention, we the Convention Resolutions Committee do recommend that the Future Farmers of America extend our sincere appreciation to the following persons who have made this convention a magnificent success:

1. To the members of the National Board of Directors, staff of the National FFA Organization, FFA Fellowship Students, and State Staffs for their conscientious effort and continuing assistance to the Future Farmers of America members.
2. To the 1967-68 National Officers who have dedicated themselves to our organization and have done an excellent job in directing this convention.
3. To Mr. L. W. Davis, 1968 Chairman of the FFA Foundation, Inc., Sponsoring Committee for his outstanding service to Future Farmers.
4. To Richard M. Nixon, former Vice President of the United States, for his timely and inspiring address to the convention.
5. To Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and the residents of Kansas City for their hospitality and warm welcome.
6. To the Kansas City FFA Convention Advisory Committee, the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Management and Staff of the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium for their willingness to serve the FFA.
7. To the American Royal for their cooperation with FFA.
8. To Senator Carlson and former Senator Darby, both from Kansas, for their outstanding presentation of the first five "Outstanding Agriculturalists" to be admitted to the "Agricultural Hall of Fame."
9. To all members of the National FFA Band, National FFA Chorus, Courtesy Corps, to those presenting the Talent Show, Ushers, and Stage Crew.
10. To Mr. William Paul Gray, National Executive Secretary of the FFA, for writing the pageant "Our Forty Years" and to the State Associations who participated in the pageant.
11. To the outstanding Guest Speakers who appeared on our program: Everett Rains, David Thomas, Dr. Leon P. Minear, Donald N. McDowell, and Marilyn Van Derbur.
12. To R. Cedric Anderson, Marvin Myers, Don Erickson and their assistants for their outstanding work with the National Band, Chorus, Courtesy Corps, Talent, Ushers and Stage Crew.
13. To the Wurlitzer Organ Company for again generously loaning us an organ for the Convention and to Dennis Martin of the Illinois Association for his outstanding service as National Convention Organist.
14. To all the individuals, companies, and civic clubs who sponsored the many meal functions and other activities for our members.
15. To the Trade and Professional Associations for the dynamic Agricultural Career Exhibits, and all State Associations for their informative exhibits.
16. To all respected officials and participants who took part in the various contests and awards programs and other special events.
17. To the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for an extremely entertaining evening program.

18. To all honored guests and distinguished visitors from foreign countries, and exchange students for their contributions to our Convention.
19. To the Armed Services for posting our National Colors Ceremony.
20. To all organizations of the press, TV and radio that have publicized this convention so well, and to those representatives of the agriculture communications media who extended greetings to the convention.
21. To Stuart Hubert, nephew of the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cuff, for presenting on behalf of the Cuff family the portrait of Mr. Cuff.
22. To the Past National Officers, the builders and former leaders for their inspiration during our convention.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY BIRDWELL, Oklahoma,
Chairman
DON ARNSPERGER, Missouri
DAVID FROST, South Dakota

MIKE WEST, New Mexico
MIKE KANEY, California
BLAIR BURBAR, Maine



The FFA is an integral part of vocational education in agriculture. Dr. Leon P. Minear, Director of Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C., is honored by the FFA.

Report of the National Executive Secretary

WM. PAUL GRAY

Agricultural history has been written the past four decades because of vocational agriculture and the FFA. From 1928 until about ten years ago, vocational agriculture was blessed with a homogeneous group with both students and teachers coming from the farm. Teaching was based entirely upon production agriculture; there was a firm belief that farming was a way of life and the FFA was an organization of, by and for farm boys. We can be proud that today's successful farmer has been taught how to meet the complexity of greater production, to emphasize efficient management, to apply sound financing and at the same time be frugal, be practical in soil and water management and in the maintenance of farm machinery and equipment. The FFA has helped prepare members to live and compete in a complex society and a competitive agriculture that is undergoing great changes today.

The "audience" is also changing considerably. There is an increasingly greater emphasis on agri-business; that agriculture is dynamic—and more than farming! This change has expanded the high school vocational agriculture curriculum to provide training to students preparing for off-farm as well as production careers in agriculture.

There is an increasing number of FFA members becoming established in hundreds of different agricultural occupations related to farming; the vocational agriculture training, together with the leadership learned through the FFA, have enabled them to contribute to the greatness of agriculture. Many have moved into positions of influence affecting the trends and policies in agriculture. Their contribution has greatly increased the importance of American agriculture and the security of the free world. Yet, if we look to the rising sun we see the day is just beginning; the task is incomplete and much is to be done. The FFA is challenged to make the correct decisions that will enable it to be more effective in preparing youth for tomorrow's employment in agriculture and to help members become responsible, useful citizens.

In January, 1963, in an article in the Agricultural Education Magazine, I wrote, "Agriculture will continue to change in the future as it has in the past and there is no doubt but what the instructional program in vocational agriculture will continue to be modified to fit the training needs of students. Therefore, the FFA will need to change and continue to improve in quality." It is not unreasonable to state that the FFA has received the impact of the changes in agriculture and is challenged to project an image "in step" with modern agriculture, as well as legislation relating to the vocational agricultural instructional program.

Since the article was written there have been two national ad-hoc committees on the FFA Constitution and modifications. These committees, composed of State supervisors, teacher educators, executive secretaries, teachers and national officers, devoted over two weeks effort to recommend changes in the best interest of FFA membership, and some changes were adopted.

Last May 6-9, in St. Louis, the National Outlook Seminar on Agricultural Education was attended by State supervisors, teacher educators and executive secretaries. Your national president participated in the conference. This group agreed on goals for modifying the FFA, which provide the basis for the proposals your Board of National Officers and Board of Directors have provided you. The suggested goals were:

1. Adopt the philosophy that **all** students should be members of the FFA; that it no longer remain a "voluntary" organization for farm boys.

2. Continue to strengthen the FFA as an integral part of the agricultural education program (a current proposal relating to certain changes in PL 740 could easily separate FFA from the instructional program).
3. Make adjustments in the FFA so it will **properly serve** all students. The FFA should be modified in terminology, degrees, ceremonies and activities so that if a student in agri-business desires to be a member of the FFA it becomes his organization as well as the student in production agriculture.
4. Place greater emphasis on the name of "FFA" rather than Future Farmers to keep "in step" with the instructional program. Many organizations have changed the name emphasis without losing identity; for instance, the Radio Corporation of America is now commonly known as "RCA." Let us agree on an appropriate name that will "turn members on" and project the correct image for the organization—yet the basic name (for legal purposes) should remain "Future Farmers of America."
5. Develop flexibility of operation to enable the FFA to be used effectively in multi-teacher departments with large student enrollment, such as, permitting "sub-chapters" made up of mutual interest groups (such as, agri-business or horticulture) to function as a unit which will provide greater FFA participation to more youth. Competition between sub-chapters can determine which members will be the official school chapter officers (or leaders).
6. Give less emphasis to economic success in selecting State and American Farmers, because of the changing opportunities for employment in agriculture that have affected the instructional program. The off-farm work experience program, the partnership or farm placement might restrict capital earning opportunities as compared to production agriculture.
7. Place greater emphasis on leadership achievement in eligibility requirements for holding a national office. Each year there are fewer national officers going into farming. The major responsibility of an officer is to understand the FFA so that he can use his **leadership** talents to improve the program through inspiring others. Many opportunities for leadership development and contribution to the FFA by outstanding members **end** at the State level because of the American Farmer Degree requirement relating to work experience. There is need for some regions to give greater emphasis to encouraging—and running—members for National Office.
8. Establish a post high school organization **in harmony with** and **supplementary to** the FFA. Recent legislation makes it **clear** that **greater emphasis** on vocational education in the future will be at the post high school level. Our friends in DECA have not only recognized this but DE is giving greater training opportunities to their members preparing for careers in Distribution. It would not seem unreasonable to begin planning **how** a post high school organization should work with the FFA, to prevent competition in awards or other activities.

To meet the challenges facing the FFA and also to fulfill the demands of tomorrow's training program in agriculture, your national organization is planning its most extensive National Program of Activities. The Boards of National Officers and Directors have authorized the national office to initiate a national operational program with the assistance of State staffs, teachers and other consultants. You, as delegates, have a most important part in the initial planning of this program through committee work. This information and material will be "pulled together" and made available prior to all State FFA Conventions each year. It is anticipated that State staffs, teachers' conferences, State and national leadership programs will make extensive use of this material.

Your State officers participated in an outstanding conference last July. Others are planned next year and you will hear more about them when the Committee on

Leadership reports. We hope you were impressed by the outstanding public relations and news coverage you received at the conference, as this demonstrated what can be done.

Since 1948, the FFA has made an impact on many developing countries, especially Japan and the Philippines. Programs are underway in Brazil, Panama and Thailand. There are now four chapters in South Vietnam, and the future looks good. If the FFA should do more in International Education Activities, members should accept the challenge, and the Committee on International Education Activities should also present to the delegate body the scope of the program, plans for operation and how the program will be financed.

FFA members benefit from the inspiration provided by the national officers, but a need still exists to schedule them into additional activities to work with more members. Many requests are received each year from State associations for FFA program reviews by the national office staff. We desire to "give assistance where needed" because this will help us keep "in step" with the program.

Two years ago the national officers expressed a desire to have a National Leadership Conference Center that would belong to and be extensively used by the FFA in self-development programs. Considerable study has been done but **no final plans have been made**. If the leadership center is to be built you must make the decision. Your approval will allow the FFA to begin work to develop plans for your center, which must be appropriate and in keeping with the high prestige of the FFA. Financing such a center will require thorough planning and great dedicated effort.

At least one, and preferably two, regional leadership and citizenship conferences for State officers should be held in each region, and each one receive more financial assistance from the national organization. It should also seem reasonable for State executive secretaries to meet with national staff members during the national convention to plan a general format and program that will aid in coordinating the conference which will result in more effective use of the national officers.

The National FUTURE FARMER has continued to be a magazine which we can be justly proud of. The staff is providing greater service in many needed areas to the national organization. However, with increased costs in postage, paper and labor, action is needed on how to raise additional revenue for the magazine.

The FFA first operated the national office budget on 10 cents per year membership dues. However, today this is not realistic, especially with a budget of \$413,925.00. For the past 20 years additional money for operating the national organization has been derived from a 7% royalty of gross receipts of the Future Farmers Supply Service. Because of increased operating costs and expanding service to members and States, it has been necessary each of the past two years to appropriate approximately \$30,000.00 from the FFA reserve fund to balance the budget. During these two years the increased costs of items purchased from the Supply Service have **not** been passed on to the members and State associations. The Boards desire to continue to keep these prices at a moderate level to members, resulting in less revenue expected from the Supply Service to operate the national organization. In attempting to finance the organization from the Supply Service, the largest share of the cost is borne by those members who purchase most heavily from the Supply Service. From the standpoint of fairness, you should establish national membership dues so that every member will share equally in the cost of operating the national organization. But most important the National FFA Office budget will be balanced, operate within its income, and all members will be assured of receiving benefits of the new broadened National Program of Activities outlined above.

The many pressing problems confronting the FFA are indeed challenging, but solving them can become opportunities to be of greater service. The problems must

be considered with keen foresight, a deep understanding on the part of the members and advisors working in cooperation with national officers, and State and national staffs. You must consider the problems in an unbiased and fair manner. One thing is certain: the outcome of your decision should be in the best interest of the broad field of agriculture, the improvement of the FFA and must have a desirable effect on the welfare of the majority of members **now** and in the **future**.

The time for action is now! Let us use foresight, experience and good judgment as we cooperate with other members, teachers, State staffs and others to make decisions that will move the organization forward.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL STATE REPORTS

A new year always brings a clean slate on which to plan FFA activities for the coming year. Each annual convention of the FFA brings us an opportunity to stop-look-listen and analyze our progress and then plan another year's work to provide greater opportunities for youth to serve. In attempting to peer into the future, it is always well to recount the experiences of the past year and determine to what extent we have reached our objectives. No life is worthwhile without some real controlling purposes to guide its action. No organization can long endure without a program of purposeful activities in which all members have a part.

The cooperation received from each State Association this year in submitting the annual reports was excellent. We have compiled these for your review and to compare your state with others.

A. ORGANIZATION

1. Total number of departments of vocational agriculture.....	8,725
2. Total number of chartered, active local chapters.....	8,592
3. Total active membership in FFA.....	443,041

B. CHAPTER PROGRAM OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I. Supervised Agricultural Occupation Experience

1. Number of members owning one or more productive enterprises	346,475
2. Placement of members for supervised agricultural occupational experience:	
a. Farm	39,820
b. Other	38,624
3. Number of chapters operating:	
a. School Farm	1,950
b. Greenhouse	737
c. Nursery	655
d. Forestry Lab (or farm).....	1,173
e. Land Laboratory	1,266

II. Cooperative Activities

1. Number of chapters that provided definite planned group activities	6,848
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III. Community Service

1. Number of chapters that conducted a community-wide safety campaign	3,460
2. Number of chapters that conducted an organized conservation program, such as reforestation, protecting wildlife, and prevention of forest fires.....	4,100

IV. Leadership

1. Number of chapters that held a public speaking contest.....	5,986
2. Number of State Associations that provided leadership training schools or conferences for chapter officers.....	47
a. Chapter participation	5,235
b. Member participation	34,059

V. Earnings and Savings

1. State Association Budgets:	
a. High	\$89,000.00
b. Low	\$ 1,118.00

VI. Conduct of Meetings

1. Number of chapters that had a State officer participate in at least one meeting	3,553
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VII. Scholarship

1. Number of States that sponsored a scholarship improvement program	25
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VIII. Recreation

1. Number of State Associations owning or operating a State camp or other leadership development center.....	18
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IX. Public Relations

1. Number of chapters that conducted a recognition and awards banquet that included the parents of the members....	5,740
2. Number of State Associations having a State FFA Foundation	14
3. Number of State Associations conducting a Goodwill Tour by the State Officers	25

X. Participation in State and National Activities

1. Number of chapters that nominated candidates for:	
a. State Farmer Degree	5,111
b. American Farmer Degree	897
2. Number of Farm Proficiency applications submitted by States for regional recognition	471
3. Number of chapters that rated SUPERIOR in the chapter award program	2,745
4. State Conventions:	
a. Total attendance	52,936
b. Chapters represented	7,384

C. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

1. Number of collegiate chapters.....	42
2. Total membership in collegiate chapters.....	1,273

Report of the National FFA Treasurer

JULIAN CAMPBELL

As National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, I have the privilege of bringing you a report concerning the financial status of your Organization. Mimeographed material has been distributed in the delegates' section, including a statement of receipts and expenditures of the FFA for the fiscal year ended June 30, a report on the FFA Foundation for the period January 1 through September 30 of this year, and a summary of the financial status of the total Organization. You may review these reports at your convenience.

Inasmuch as time does not permit my going into detail concerning the entire program, I would like to give you a brief summary of the financial picture and operation of the FFA Organization, as it pertains to the Treasurer's office.

As you probably know, the total FFA program has four major divisions—

1. The Future Farmers of America—General Operations
2. Future Farmers Supply Service
3. The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine
4. The Future Farmers of America Foundation

Dues of FFA members, royalties on merchandise bearing the FFA emblem, and rent of your FFA Building (which houses the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the National FFA Magazine) contribute to the income of the Future Farmers of America. We also have certain reserve funds in savings accounts drawing interest which adds to our total income. This income is used to pay for travel of your national officers and Board of Directors, for expense in connection with the national office, maintenance of the FFA Building, and your national convention expenses.

I would like to call your attention to the fact that in the past two years our income has not been adequate to meet expenses, and it has been necessary to appropriate money from our reserve fund in order to meet our budget.

At the Board meetings last July it was necessary to substantially reduce the proposed budget in order to stay within reasonable bounds of the income. Most of the national officers and Board of Directors felt at that time that the Organization should have more operating income.

The FFA Foundation receives its income primarily from the contributions of business organizations and individuals. The Foundation operates on a calendar year basis. From January 1 through September 30 of this year, we had received a total of \$223,740.70 from some 428 donors, about 80 of them contributing for the first time this year.

This genuine interest in your organization which is demonstrated from year to year by the various organizations and individuals through their contributions to your program is something of which you can be very proud. Since 1944, when the FFA Foundation was organized, more than \$3,878,000.00 has been received in contributions.

The greater part of the FFA Foundation budget is expended in connection with our incentive awards program, recognizing Vocational Agriculture student members of the FFA for outstanding achievement in agricultural and leadership activities. Considerably more than 2½ million dollars has been expended in incentive awards through the Foundation since its beginning.

The Future Farmers Supply Service revenue comes from the sale of merchandise to FFA members. The cost of the merchandise, operation of the Supply Service, rent of the FFA Building, and royalties to the Future Farmers of America are included in its expenses.

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine's income is derived from advertising and subscriptions. Its expenses consists of editing, printing, mailing of the magazine, and rental of space in the FFA Building.

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

The total net worth of your Organization, including the FFA, the FFA Foundation, the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, is well over two million dollars.

My job is Supervisor of Agricultural Education with the Virginia State Board of Education, with an office in Richmond, Virginia. The FFA Treasurer's office is located in Woodstock, Virginia, where the books and records of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are kept by Mrs. Pauline Coiner.

A separate set of account books is kept for the FFA and the FFA Foundation. A large portion of the funds is maintained in separate accounts in the Shenandoah Valley National Bank in Winchester, Virginia. At present we have in this bank and other banks and savings associations a total of \$259,748.97 of FFA funds and \$351,998.13 of Foundation funds, drawing interest. We also have \$150,771.01 of FFA Foundation funds in Government Bonds.

Both Mrs. Coiner and I are bonded to assure protection of the funds in our care. A separate audit of each account is made annually by Certified Public Accountants—Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery. The Boards of National Officers, Directors and Trustees of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are furnished with copies of the audits which are reviewed in detail during Board meetings. The records are also reviewed by your FFA Auditing Committee, and are available for review by any individual member. Every safeguard is exercised in handling the funds of your Organization.

Your Organization is in sound financial condition which is a tribute to the program and policies as directed by your Boards of National Officers, Directors, and Trustees, and the guidance of Mr. H. N. Hunsicker, National Advisor, and Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, National Executive Secretary.

STAR AMERICAN FARMERS 1968



Left to right: Jack Gibbons, Joe Spencer, DeLane Ruess and Michel Oakley.

The American Farmer Degree is presented annually to approximately one in one thousand of the total FFA membership. Each of the 484 American Farmers started as Greenhands with a small supervised experience program and desire to develop themselves and know more about agriculture. With the cooperation and assistance of their parents and instructors of vocational agriculture, these FFA members have expanded their supervised experience programs and developed their leadership abilities.

Each year since 1929 the Star Farmer from each region (the Southern, North Atlantic, Pacific and Central) has been selected from the American Farmer candidates. One of these four Regional Star Farmers is named Star Farmer of America at the National FFA Convention. The 1968 **Star Farmer of America** was **Boyd Joe Spencer**, Albert, Oklahoma.

The three Regional Star Farmers are:

Jack W. Gibbons, Clymer, New York
DeLane Ruess, Owosso, Michigan
Michel L. Oakley, Scio, Oregon



STAR FARMER OF AMERICA—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA JUDGES 1968

Left to right, seated: — John A. Banning, General Operations Manager, Tractor & Implement Operations (U. S.), Ford Motor Company, Birmingham, Michigan; Lyle Rader, 1959 Star Farmer of America, Tacoma, Washington; Roger Fleming, Secretary-Treasurer, American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, D. C.; Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture, Tallahassee, Florida; W. T. Spanton, Former National FFA Advisor, Clearwater, Florida; Honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas; John A. Morgan, Chairman of the Board, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri; and James B. Prendergast, President, Agricultural Division, Allied Chemical Corporation, New York, New York.

Left to right, standing: — H. N. Hunsicker, National FFA Advisor, Washington, D. C. (Chairman of the Group); R. W. Batts, Vice President, Industrial Relations, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois; George R. Ferguson, President, Agricultural Chemicals Division, Geigy Chemical Corporation, Ardsley, New York; E. W. Ukkelberg, Senior Vice President, Deere & Company, Moline, Illinois; Roderick Turnbull, Agricultural Editor, KANSAS CITY STAR, Kansas City, Missouri; L. W. Davis, Vice President, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; W. W. Keeler, Chairman of the Board, Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Edward R. Kane, General Manager, Industrial and Biochemicals Department, E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; L. H. Skromme, Vice President for Engineering, New Holland Division, Sperry-Rand Corporation, New Holland, Pennsylvania; Tom L. Devin, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Dumas, Texas; and Wallace E. Wilson, Vice President, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

The National FFA Chapter Awards Program, conducted annually by the national organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and encourage improvement in local chapter programs of activities. The awards program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort, and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile activities.

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

The top "Gold Emblem" rating was awarded to 58 local chapters. "Silver Emblem" ratings went to 49 chapters and "Bronze Emblem" ratings to 40 chapters.

The winning chapters are as follows:

- ALABAMA**.....Section Chapter, Section, silver emblem; Fairhope Chapter, Fairhope, bronze emblem; Pell City Chapter, Pell City, bronze emblem; Sparkman Chapter, Toney, bronze emblem.
- ARIZONA**.....Willcox Chapter, Willcox, silver emblem; Douglas Chapter, Douglas, bronze emblem.
- ARKANSAS**.....Mansfield Chapter, Mansfield, gold emblem; Leachville Chapter, Leachville, silver emblem; County Line Chapter, Ratcliff, bronze emblem; Harrison Chapter, Harrison, bronze emblem.
- CALIFORNIA**.....Modesto Chapter, Modesto, gold emblem; Chowchilla Chapter, Chowchilla, bronze emblem; Escalon Chapter, Escalon, bronze emblem; Tracy Chapter, Tracy, bronze emblem.
- COLORADO**.....Eaton Chapter, Eaton, gold emblem; Platte Valley Chapter, Kersey, gold emblem.
- CONNECTICUT**.....Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, gold emblem; Woodbury Chapter, Woodbury, gold emblem.
- FLORIDA**.....Bartow Chapter, Bartow, gold emblem; Santa Fe "Senior" Chapter, Alachua, gold emblem; South Sumter Chapter, Bushnell, gold emblem; Fort Meade Chapter, Fort Meade, silver emblem.
- GEORGIA**.....Early County Chapter, Blakely, gold emblem; Patterson Chapter, Patterson, gold emblem; Perry Chapter, Perry, gold emblem; Ringgold Chapter, Ringgold, silver emblem; Ware County Chapter, Waycross, silver emblem; Bainbridge Chapter, Bainbridge, bronze emblem.
- HAWAII**.....Kaneohe Chapter, Honolulu, silver emblem; Kau Chapter, Pahala, Kau, bronze emblem.
- IDAHO**.....Fruitland Chapter, Fruitland, silver emblem; Shoshone Chapter, Shoshone, bronze emblem.
- ILLINOIS**.....Sycamore Chapter, Sycamore, gold emblem; Warren Chapter, Monmouth, gold emblem; Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, silver emblem; Paxton Chapter, Paxton, silver emblem.
- INDIANA**.....Crothersville Chapter, Crothersville, gold emblem; Brownstown Central Chapter, Brownstown, silver emblem; Clinton Central Chapter, Michigantown, silver emblem.
- IOWA**.....Audubon Chapter, Audubon, gold emblem; Bloomfield Chapter, Bloomfield, silver emblem; Manchester Chapter, Manchester, silver emblem.
- KANSAS**.....Garden City Chapter, Garden City, gold emblem; Council Grove Chapter, Council Grove, silver emblem.
- KENTUCKY**.....Memorial Chapter, Waynesburg, gold emblem; Metcalfe County Chapter, Edmon-ton, gold emblem; Lone Oak Chapter, Paducah, silver emblem; Cuba Chapter, Mayfield, bronze emblem.
- LOUISIANA**.....Saline Chapter, Saline, gold emblem; Slidell Chapter, Slidell, gold emblem; Sulphur Chapter, Sulphur, silver emblem.
- MAINE**.....Mars Hill Chapter, Mars Hill, gold emblem; Presque Isle Chapter, Presque Isle, silver emblem.
- MARYLAND**.....Gaithersburg Chapter, Gaithersburg, gold emblem; Poolesville Chapter, Poolesville, bronze emblem.
- MASSACHUSETTS**.....Wachusett Chapter, Holden, gold emblem; Silver Lake Chapter, Kingston, bronze emblem.
- MICHIGAN**.....Ovid-Elsie Chapter, Elsie, gold emblem; Cassopolis Chapter, Cassopolis, silver emblem; Corunna Chapter, Corunna, silver emblem.
- MINNESOTA**.....Faribault Chapter, Faribault, gold emblem; Jackson Chapter, Jackson, gold emblem; Stillwater Chapter, Stillwater, gold emblem; Forest Lake Chapter, Forest Lake, silver emblem.
- MISSISSIPPI**.....Morton Chapter, Morton, gold emblem; Collins Chapter, Collins, bronze emblem; Inverness Chapter, Inverness, bronze emblem; Scott Central Chapter, Forest, bronze emblem.
- MISSOURI**.....Francis Howell Chapter, St. Charles, silver emblem; Perryville Chapter, Perryville, silver emblem; Wellsville Chapter, Wellsville, bronze emblem.

- MONTANA**.....Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, gold emblem; Fergus of Lewistown Chapter, Lewistown, silver emblem.
- NEBRASKA**.....Ainsworth Chapter, Ainsworth, gold emblem; Waverly Chapter, Waverly, silver emblem.
- NEVADA**.....Ruby Mountain Chapter, Elko, gold emblem; Churchill County Chapter, Fallon, bronze emblem.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE**.....Colebrook Chapter, Colebrook, silver emblem.
- NEW JERSEY**.....Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, gold emblem; Newton Chapter, Newton, silver emblem.
- NEW MEXICO**.....Clovis Chapter, Clovis, gold emblem; Artesia Chapter, Artesia, silver emblem.
- NEW YORK**.....Barker Chapter, Barker, gold emblem; Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, silver emblem.
- NORTH CAROLINA**.....Central Chapter, Fayetteville, gold emblem; Fuquay-Varina Chapter, Fuquay-Varina, gold emblem; South Iredell Chapter, Barium Springs, silver emblem; Beaver Creek Chapter, West Jefferson, bronze emblem; Bertie Chapter, Windsor, bronze emblem; Chicod Chapter, Greenville, bronze emblem; Sun Valley Chapter, Monroe, bronze emblem.
- NORTH DAKOTA**.....A. S. Gibbens Chapter, Maddock, gold emblem; Minot Chapter, Minot, silver emblem.
- OHIO**.....Buckeye Valley Chapter, Delaware, gold emblem; Elgin Chapter, Marion, gold emblem; Indian Valley Chapter, Gnadenhutten, silver emblem; Northwestern Clark Chapter, Springfield, silver emblem.
- OKLAHOMA**.....Clinton Chapter, Clinton, gold emblem; Collinsville Chapter, Collinsville, gold emblem; Stillwater Chapter, Stillwater, gold emblem; Burlington Chapter, Burlington, silver emblem.
- OREGON**.....Albany Chapter, Albany, silver emblem; Corvallis Chapter, Corvallis, bronze emblem.
- PENNSYLVANIA**.....Lower Dauphin Chapter, Hummelstown, gold emblem; Mifflinburg Chapter, Mifflinburg, gold emblem; Chestnut Ridge Chapter, Fishertown, silver emblem.
- RHODE ISLAND**.....Scituate Chapter, Scituate, silver emblem; Chariho Chapter, Charlestown, bronze emblem.
- SOUTH CAROLINA**.....Woodruff Chapter, Woodruff, gold emblem; James F. Byrnes Chapter, Duncan, bronze emblem; Dorman Chapter, Dorman, bronze emblem; Loris Chapter, Loris, bronze emblem.
- SOUTH DAKOTA**.....Wessington Springs Chapter, Wessington Springs, silver emblem; Scotland Chapter, Scotland, bronze emblem.
- TENNESSEE**.....Bradley Central Chapter, Cleveland, gold emblem; Calhoun Chapter, Calhoun, gold emblem; Dayton Chapter, Dayton, silver emblem; Meigs County Chapter, Decatur, silver emblem; McMinn Chapter, Athens, bronze emblem.
- TEXAS**.....Azle Chapter, Azle, gold emblem; Tatum Chapter, Tatum, gold emblem; Nacogdoches Chapter, Nacogdoches, silver emblem; New Braunfels Chapter, New Braunfels, silver emblem; Sulphur Springs Chapter, Sulphur Springs, silver emblem; Fredericksburg Chapter, Fredericksburg, bronze emblem; Hearne Chapter, Hearne, bronze emblem; Midway Chapter, Midway, bronze emblem; Pleasanton Chapter, Pleasanton, bronze emblem; Weatherford Chapter, Weatherford, bronze emblem.
- UTAH**.....Springville Chapter, Springville, gold emblem; Box Elder Chapter, Brigham City, bronze emblem.
- VERMONT**.....North Country Chapter, Newport, silver emblem; Brattleboro Chapter, Brattleboro, bronze emblem.
- VIRGINIA**.....Montevideo Chapter, Penn Laird, gold emblem; Robert E. Lee Chapter, Appomattox, gold emblem; Turner Ashby Chapter, Dayton, gold emblem; C. T. Smith Chapter, Ladysmith, silver emblem.
- WASHINGTON**.....Kelso Chapter, Kelso, silver emblem; Battle Ground Chapter, Battle Ground, bronze emblem.
- WEST VIRGINIA**.....Terra Alta Chapter, Terra Alta, gold emblem; Ripley Chapter, Ripley, silver emblem.
- WISCONSIN**.....Delavan-Darien Chapter, Delavan, gold emblem; Monroe Chapter, Monroe, gold emblem; Granton Chapter, Granton, silver emblem; Marshfield Chapter, Marshfield, bronze emblem.
- WYOMING**.....Frontier Chapter, Cheyenne, gold emblem; Buffalo Bill Chapter, Cody, silver emblem.

NATIONAL CHAPTER SAFETY AWARDS

The National Chapter Safety Awards Program is designed to stimulate activities by local chapters which will result in the more widespread use of safety rules, thus lessening the tremendous suffering and loss of life, time and property that is caused each year by preventable farm accidents and fires.

The best applications from each State on the basis of one chapter per 5,000 members or major fraction thereof, were sent to their various regional offices where a panel of experts ranked them in the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem awards.

There were 22 Gold Emblem Chapters, 21 Silver Emblem Chapters and 19 Bronze Emblem Chapters.

The winning chapters are as follows:

ALABAMA.....Jasper Chapter, Jasper, silver emblem; Citronelle Chapter, Citronelle, bronze emblem; Gurley Chapter, Gurley, bronze emblem; Pell City Chapter, Pell City, bronze emblem; Section Chapter, Section, bronze emblem.

ARKANSAS.....Mansfield Chapter, Mansfield, bronze emblem.

CALIFORNIA.....Tulare Chapter, Tulare, bronze emblem.

COLORADO.....Eaton Chapter, Eaton, gold emblem.

FLORIDA.....Santa Fe "Senior" Chapter, Alachua, gold emblem; South Sumter Chapter, Bushnell, gold emblem; Bartow Chapter, Bartow, silver emblem.

GEORGIA.....Calhoun County Chapter, Edison, silver emblem.

ILLINOIS.....Bluffs Chapter, Bluffs, gold emblem; Tonica Chapter, Tonica, gold emblem; Unity Chapter, Mendon, silver emblem.

INDIANA.....Brownstown Central Chapter, Brownstown, gold emblem; Martinsville Chapter, Martinsville, silver emblem.

IOWA.....Audubon Chapter, Audubon, gold emblem; Belle Plaine Chapter, Belle Plaine, gold emblem.

KANSAS.....Garden City Chapter, Garden City, silver emblem.

KENTUCKY.....Anderson County Chapter, Lawrenceburg, bronze emblem.

LOUISIANA.....Saline Chapter, Saline, gold emblem; Cloutierville Chapter, Cloutierville, silver emblem; Oak Grove Chapter, Oak Grove, silver emblem.

MAINE.....Mars Hill Chapter, Mars Hill, silver emblem.

MICHIGAN.....Ovid-Elsie Chapter, Elsie, gold emblem.

MINNESOTA.....Faribault Chapter, Faribault, gold emblem; New Ulm Chapter, New Ulm, silver emblem; Ortonville Nature Builders Chapter, Ortonville, bronze emblem.

MISSISSIPPI.....Grenada Chapter, Grenada, bronze emblem; Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, bronze emblem; Scott Central Chapter, Forest, bronze emblem; Stone Chapter, Wiggins, bronze emblem.

MISSOURI.....Francis Howell Chapter, St. Charles, gold emblem; Perryville Chapter, Perryville, gold emblem.

MONTANA.....Three Forks Chapter, Three Forks, bronze emblem.

NEBRASKA.....Ainsworth Chapter, Ainsworth, silver emblem.

NEW JERSEY.....North Hunterdon Chapter, Annandale, gold emblem.

NEW YORK.....Afton Aggies Chapter, FFA; Afton, gold emblem; Penn Yan Chapter, Penn Yan, bronze emblem.

NORTH CAROLINA.....Fuquay-Varina Chapter, Fuquay-Varina, bronze emblem.

NORTH DAKOTA.....Minot Chapter, Minot, gold emblem.

OHIO.....Big Walnut Chapter, Sunbury, gold emblem; Northwestern-Clark Chapter, Springfield, silver emblem; Ashland Chapter, Ashland, bronze emblem.

OREGON.....Umapine Chapter, Milton-Freewater, silver emblem.

PENNSYLVANIA.....Middleburg Chapter, Middleburg, gold emblem.

SOUTH CAROLINA.....Bowman Chapter, Bowman, silver emblem.

SOUTH DAKOTA.....Hoven Chapter, Hoven, silver emblem.

TENNESSEE.....Greenback Chapter, Greenback, silver emblem.

TEXAS.....Trent Independent Chapter, Trent, bronze emblem.

UTAH.....Gunnison Valley Chapter, Gunnison, gold emblem.

VIRGINIA.....C. T. Smith Chapter, Ladysmith, gold emblem; Louisa Chapter, Mineral, silver emblem; Tunstall Chapter, Dry Fork, silver emblem.

WASHINGTON.....Castle Rock Chapter, Castle Rock, silver emblem; Reardan Chapter, Reardan, bronze emblem.

WEST VIRGINIA.....Milton Chapter, Milton, silver emblem.

WISCONSIN.....Cochrane-Fountain City Chapter, Fountain City, gold emblem; Brookwood Chapter, Ontario, silver emblem; Wisconsin Dells Chapter, Wisconsin Dells, bronze emblem.

WYOMING.....Buffalo Bill Chapter, Cody, gold emblem.

NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

An important part of each National FFA Convention is the National FFA Judging Contests. This year for the first time all five National Contests, including Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products which were originally held in Waterloo, Iowa, were conducted in Kansas City. The winning teams received a special trophy. The contests and the national winners are listed below:

LIVESTOCK JUDGING—45 State Teams Participated

First Place—KANSAS. Team composed of Jerald Bohn, Melvin Falk, Mike McDiffett, all of Alta Vista; coached by Darrell L. Stites, vocational agriculture instructor in the Alta Vista High School.

POULTRY AND EGG JUDGING—33 State Teams Participated

First Place—KANSAS. Team composed of Ray Prestwood, Tapley Kent, Jerry Russell, all of Manhattan; coached by Dean Prochaska, vocational agriculture instructor in the Manhattan Senior High School at Manhattan.

DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING—43 State Teams Participated

First Place—IOWA. Team composed of Dennis Reisner, Bill Schwendinger, Bob Feldmann, all of Epworth; coached by Simon A. Ossian, vocational agriculture instructor in the Western Dubuque County Community High School at Epworth.

DAIRY PRODUCTS JUDGING—32 State Teams Participated

First Place—MISSOURI. Team composed of Steve Blaylock, Lonnie Mace, Larry Parker, all of Licking; coached by Melvin E. Barnes, vocational agriculture instructor in the Licking High School at Licking.

MEATS JUDGING—31 State Teams Participated

First Place—OKLAHOMA. Team composed of Bob Evans, Mike Manke, Steve Bouy, all of Perkins; coached by Paul Evans, vocational agriculture instructor in the Perkins High School at Perkins.

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

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

Each of the four boys who participated in the national contest already had won a medal at the local chapter level and a \$100 prize at the State level. The winner of the national contest received \$300. Other awards are \$275 for second, \$250 for third, and \$225 for fourth. All awards and travel funds are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation. The FFA Foundation provided \$4,044.44 to help pay the travel expenses of State winners to regional contests.

Each contestant spoke from 6 to 8 minutes on an agricultural subject of his own choosing, then was subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges. Scoring was done on the basis of speech delivery, manuscript, and answers to questions.

JUDGES:

John M. Haid, Senior Vice President, Pilgrim Seed Mills, Inc., Pittsburg, Texas; (National FFA President, 1956-57)

J. O. Hill, Director, Dairy Extension, Carnation Company, Los Angeles, California

Gene Schilick, Vice President, Danforth Foundation, St. Louis, Missouri

TIMEKEEPERS:

Wheeler Holmes, Manager, Product Publicity, Hercules, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware

Keith Weber, Assistant Manager, Public Relations, Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri



Left to right: — Richard Crone, Illinois; Charles Hannum, West Virginia; Donald Pilkinton, Tennessee; Rodney McCall, Washington.

WINNERS IN NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

First Place —Donald Pilkinton, Waverly, Tennessee—"EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE".....	\$300.00
Second Place —Richard Crone, Harvard, Illinois—"HUNGER ALLOWS NO CHOICE".....	275.00
Third Place —Charles Hannum, Ravenswood, West Virginia—"THE FARMER'S DILEMMA".....	250.00
Fourth Place —Rodney McCall, Endicott Washington—"PESTICIDE RESIDUES: A PROBLEM TO PONDER"	225.00

EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE

By DONALD PILKINTON

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Have you taken a close look at the opportunities of today's agriculture? You'll find thousands of jobs in hundreds of careers—many of which were relatively unknown a few years ago.

I would like to explore some of these opportunities with you, but first, let's define agriculture.

Agriculture is science at work for the well being of the world. It is production of food and fiber on a large scale. It is business and industry furnishing supplies and equipment to producers. It is buying crops and livestock and turning these products by mechanized magic into appealing packages on the store shelf.

This is a fairly broad definition, but agriculture is a broad field, with fascinating new opportunities.

The future in agriculture is tremendous, and it is growing every day. Agriculture is actively seeking recruits for jobs more often in the city than on the farm. It constantly asks for more college graduates—both men and women—who are ready to devote their full energies to the basic task of today's agriculture.

There are twice as many job opportunities in agriculture business every year as there are college trained graduates to fill them. Agriculture employs two out of every five workers in the United States today. So you can begin to imagine the opportunities which await a person with an agricultural education.

A high school graduate interested in a job in agriculture would do well to consider entering college and majoring in agriculture. With the continual decline in the number of farms, one might think this very poor advice. But majoring in agriculture does not mean only studying to be a farmer.

In referring back to my definition of agriculture you will notice that only one small portion of the definition pertained to the farmer. This was where agriculture was defined as production of food and fiber. However, the definition also stated that agriculture was science, business, industry, the purchasing and selling of products, and the furnishing of supplies to farmers. The great operation of agriculture requires engineers, scientists, technologists, production men and salesmen, all with specialized knowledge. As you can see, the farmer has many assistants. Most of their jobs require a background in farming and a good basic knowledge of agriculture. A pamphlet composed by agricultural teachers all over the country entitled AGRICULTURE IS MORE THAN FARMING has this to say,

The farm boy, with his rich experience of rural life and work on the farm, has a built in advantage for gainful occupation in the broad field of agriculture. The opportunities are there, and they will remain in the future. The farm boy is limited only by (1) his willingness and ability for self-advancement; and (2) the educational opportunities that are available to him.

The opportunities are unlimited for a farm boy with a good education.

For a young man who wants to become a farmer, a college education is advisable. In this country only the best prepared and most efficient farmers will survive the competition. We have been fond of saying that the farmer's raw materials are the soil, the sun, the air, the rain, and the seed; but our poetic phrases do not take into account all that farmers must know, and have, and do in order to convert the raw materials into finished agricultural products and to market them in prime condition at the right time. After all, farming is big business. Operating a successful farm today requires a man who can run a \$100,000 a year business. This farmer must have the ability to look his banker in the eye and ask for a \$50,000 operating loan—and have the records to back up his request. He must be well established in life, and must be able to make decisions.

However, all cannot become full time farmers. Less than one-third of the working force in today's agriculture is required to produce our food supply. Agribusiness places greater demands every day. Agriculture demands the best available. A college education is already required to fill many jobs in agriculture, and it is becoming increasingly harder to get a good job in any industry without a college education. The education which one receives in a lifetime will be largely responsible for determining the kind of life he will live, his future happiness, and his usefulness to society. One owes it to himself to get a good education.

In advising everyone to continue his agricultural education by going to college, one must stop and think that perhaps it is not advisable for all high school graduates to go to college. Some have "loafed" in elementary and high school, and therefore, have not sufficiently prepared themselves for college.

What is to be done with those who are unprepared? Many of them will realize too late the need for an education. Some of these people will go into farming, unprepared to compete with modern technology and farming methods. These people will need an agricultural education to become a successful farmer. An agricultural education is a continuing process. Much progress is being made toward instruction in agriculture beyond the high school. For those who are unable to

spend the time to obtain a college degree there are many briefer courses of study offered in most agricultural colleges across the nation. These courses of study vary in length from a few weeks to two years and can be very valuable. Taking advantage of any of these opportunities can lead to gainful employment in an agricultural occupation.

But, we need to face this fact. More and more young people are going to college. Some forty years ago, about 10% of the high school graduates pursued college work. Now about 50% of the high school graduates are going to college. A good education is becoming more and more essential to a person entering the broad field of agriculture. Yes, as in any other industry, there is no place in modern agriculture for the unskilled and untrained worker.

AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

This year, FFA members received more than \$230,000 in awards that were provided by the National Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Approximately 100,000 members receive medals. These awards are given to encourage FFA members toward the goals of Establishment in Agricultural Occupations, Development of Leadership and the Practice of Good Citizenship. Following are National Proficiency Award Winners who were recognized at the 1968 National FFA Convention:

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

WILLIAM B. THOMASON, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Southern Region and National Winner	\$250.00
STEVEN SHIVE, Edmonton, Kentucky, Central Region.....	200.00
DALE WELLING, Given, West Virginia, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00
BEN AVERY, Lander, Wyoming, Pacific Region.....	200.00

FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION

JIMMY ZITTROUER, Springfield, Georgia, Southern Region and National Winner	250.00
JOHN P. ASSEL, Kearney, Missouri, Central Region.....	200.00
LARRY NELSON, Hamilton, New York, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00
RON WEBER, Lander, Wyoming, Pacific Region.....	200.00

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

J. DARRELL BREEDEN, Jefferson City, Tennessee, Southern Region and National Winner	250.00
KEITH AMSTUTZ, Bloomfield, Iowa, Central Region.....	200.00
JACK MICKEY BURKETT, Dora, New Mexico, Pacific Region.....	200.00
JOHN B. MILLER, Lowville, New York, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00

CROP FARMING

JOHN E. SCHARF, Perrydale, Oregon, Pacific Region and National Winner	250.00
GARY DENSFORD, Crothersville, Indiana, Central Region.....	200.00
WILLIAM J. MULLEN, JR., Holden, Massachusetts, North Atlantic Region	200.00
SAM OTT, Burlington, Oklahoma, Southern Region.....	200.00

LIVESTOCK FARMING

HIX Y. PUGH, Sugar Grove, Virginia, Southern Region and National Winner	250.00
KENNETH MESAROS, Great Falls, Montana, Pacific Region.....	200.00
GARY WAYNE LEACH, Ainsworth, Nebraska, Central Region.....	200.00
BOB TEETS, Terra Alta, West Virginia, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00

FORESTRY

BAB BRAND, Wetumpka, Alabama, Southern Region and National Winner	250.00
PAT HEAPS, Perryville, Missouri, Central Region.....	200.00
TOM WESTERGREEN, Sumas, Washington, Pacific Region.....	200.00
VERNON HAMRIC, Gassaway, West Virginia, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00

DAIRY FARMING

JUDSON MITCHELL, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, Central Region and National Winner	250.00
DENNIS DUGAN, Chandler, Arizona, Pacific Region.....	200.00
JAMES R. SNAVELY, III, Marion, Virginia, Southern Region.....	200.00
JAMES G. DAVIS, Masontown, West Virginia, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00

POULTRY FARMING

MERLE GAULRAPP, Rock Falls, Illinois, Central Region and National Winner	250.00
RALPH PIUSER, Molalla, Oregon, Pacific Region.....	200.00
WILLIAM HENRY CLINE, Winchester, Virginia, Southern Region.....	200.00
SAMUEL BEAN, Moorefield, West Virginia, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00

HOME IMPROVEMENT

GLEN MORRIS, Indianola, Iowa, Central Region and National Winner.....	250.00
JIM BARNES, Emmett, Idaho, Pacific Region.....	200.00
THOMAS L. BROWN, Morton, Mississippi, Southern Region.....	200.00
RANDOLPH HOFFMAN, Middleburg, Pennsylvania, North Atlantic Region	200.00

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

ROBERT HILDITCH, Glastonbury, Connecticut, North Atlantic and National Winner	250.00
ROBERT CAGLE, Biscoe, North Carolina, Southern Region.....	200.00
WILLIAM PAUL ZMICH, Cleveland, Ohio, Central Region.....	200.00
LEON TRAFELET, Kelso, Washington, Pacific Region.....	200.00

NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

TIM HAMILTON, Satsop, Washington, Pacific Region and National Winner	250.00
DONALD RAY EDWARDS, Forest, Mississippi, Southern Region.....	200.00
OLIN SHOCKEY, Ravenswood, West Virginia, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00
KELLY MYERS, Arkansaw, Wisconsin, Central Region.....	200.00

PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

LENNIE BARKER, Chowchilla, California, Pacific Region and National Winner	250.00
ROBERT CHARLES MARTIN, McDavid, Florida, Southern Region.....	200.00
ROBERT ROY, Hudson, New Hampshire, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00
DAVID ALLEN WRIGHT, Scio, Ohio, Central Region.....	200.00

AGRIBUSINESS

ROGER PHELPS, Marysville, Ohio, Central Region and National Winner....	250.00
JERRY WILLIAMSON, Jacksonville, Florida, Southern Region.....	200.00
EDDIE MILLER, Biglerville, Pennsylvania, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00
BILL HANS, Grandview, Washington, Pacific Region.....	200.00

The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds—achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so—for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

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

The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adapted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. (Revised at the 38th Convention.)



The FFA Motto . . .

Learning to Do

Doing to Learn

Earning to Live

Living to Serve