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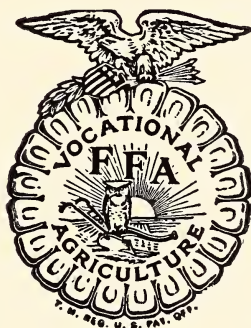
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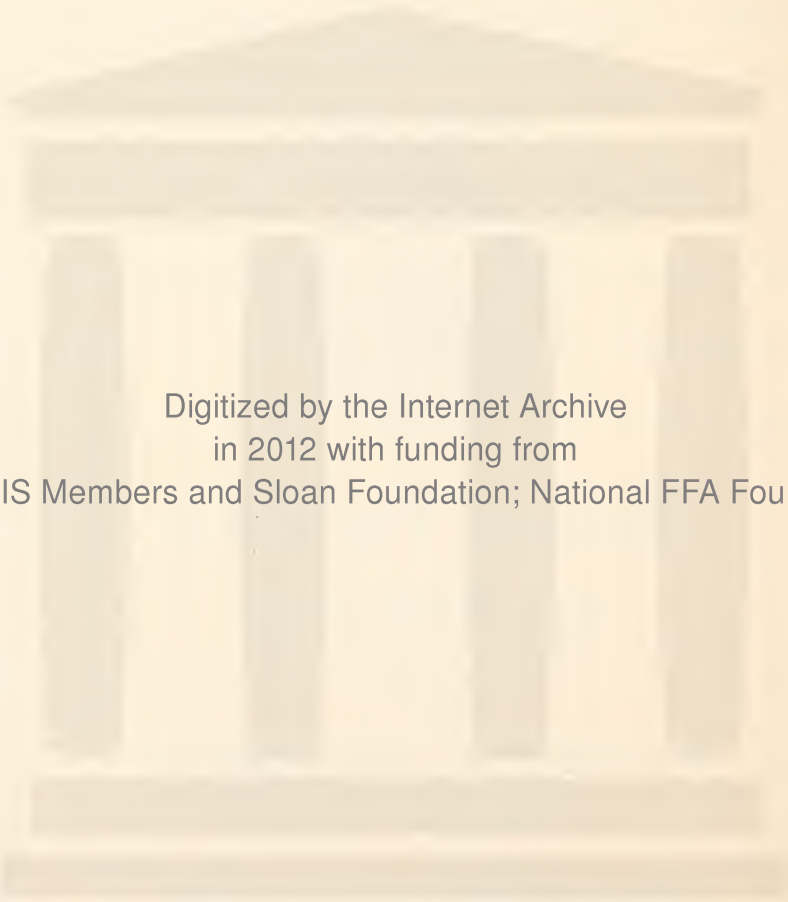
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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November, 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1949, the active membership totaled 280,111 in 7,250 chapters of 48 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

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

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

The Twenty-Second National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 10 through 13, 1949. Delegates were present from 50 chartered associations. More than 6,000 individuals attended the convention.

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

A. W. TENNEY

National Executive Secretary.

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South Carolina.....	James K. Willis.....	William C. Jordan Clio, S. C.
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Tennessee.....	O. J. Brewer.....	Billy Flatt Rt. 4, Cleveland, Tenn.
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Vermont.....	Dale Darling.....	Douglas Wheeler Groton, Vt.
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Washington.....	Rav Turner.....	Michael Schultheis Toledo, Wash.
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Wisconsin.....	Richard Rossmiller.....	Ronald Jenkins Rt. 2, Burlington, Wisc.
Wyoming.....	Walter Carlson.....	Bob Busch Powell, Wyo.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Meetings National Board of Trustees

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Joint Meetings of National Board of
Trustees and National Advisory Council

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 7:30 P. M.—Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony
Band Concert—National F.F.A. Band, Henry S. Brunner,
Pennsylvania State College, conducting.
Group Singing
Invocation—Ervin Martin, Past National F.F.A. President
Report on Delegate Credentials
Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates
Address of Welcome—William E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas
City, Missouri
Minutes of Twenty-First Convention—Max Cobble, National
Student Secretary
Appointment of Constitutional Committees
Nomination of Honorary American Farmers—W. T. Spanton
Music—National F.F.A. Chorus, James W. Hatch, State De-
partment of Education, New York, conducting.
Creed Pageant—New York State Association
Music—National F.F.A. Band and Chorus
Closing Ceremony

NATIONAL F.F.A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

SECOND SESSION

MAIN ARENA, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 A. M.

CHAIRMAN

DOYLE CONNER, National President of F.F.A.

Opening Ceremony
Music—National F.F.A. Band.
Explanation of Contest
Drawing for Speaking Order

SPEAKERS

LARRY SIDDALL, Laurens, Iowa
"A Hook Or A Hand"
BURTON BOSCH, Chinook, Mont.
"Foul, But You Can Eat and Drink It"
MARVIN KAPAKU, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii
"Future Farmers, Why Are We Here?"
JOHN BANAS, Whitesboro, New York
"The World Food Crisis"
ROBERT BLALOCK, Rabun Gap, Georgia
"Let's Face A Problem"

JUDGES

CLAUDE W. GIFFORD, Associate Editor, *Farm Journal*, Philadelphia, Pa.

THOMAS D. BAILEY, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tallahassee, Fla.

DANA BENNETT, Special Consultant, Foundation For American Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

TIMEKEEPERS

C. N. HINKLE, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Chicago, Illinois

CLARENCE B. HOFF, Director, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri

TREASURER'S REPORT—Dowell J. Howard, Acting State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Richmond, Va.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT—A. W. Tenney, Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Closing Ceremony

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

2:00 P. M.—Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony

Music—Corydon, Kentucky, Chapter Orchestra

Greetings from Past National F.F.A. Officers

American Farmer Degree Ceremony

Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees

Presentation of Awards In National Chapter Contest

Closing Ceremony

7:30 P. M.—Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony

Music—National F.F.A. Band

Massing of State Flags—State Star Farmers

Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards

Recessional

Closing Ceremony

Grand Ole Opry—Courtesy, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 A. M.—Fifth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony

Music—National F.F.A. Chorus

Unfinished Business

New Business

Presentation of Charter to Rhode Island Ass'n.

Interviews of F.F.A. Boys Who Visited Great Britain

Interviews of Guests from National Federation of Young
Farmers Clubs of Great Britain

Music—National F.F.A. Band

Leadership Film—F.F.A. Creed

Closing Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

1:00 P. M.—Tours to Points of Interest

2:00 P. M.—Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony

Appointment of Committees

Recess for Committee Work

Closing Ceremony

8:00 P. M.—Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony
Music—National F.F.A. Band and Chorus
Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
Introduction of Platform Guests
Presentation of Farm Mechanics Awards on Behalf of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Paul Lindholm, National 1st Vice President.
Music
Presentation of Farm and Home Electrification Awards on Behalf of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Alton Brazell, National 4th Vice President.
Presentation of Star Dairy Farmer Awards on Behalf of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Max Cobble, National Student Secretary.
Presentation of Soil and Water Management Awards on Behalf of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Dale Hess, National 2nd Vice President.
Music
Closing Ceremony
New Horizons In Communication, Dr. J. O. Perrine, American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 A. M.—Eighth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony
Music—National F.F.A. Band
New Business
Committee Reports
Report On National Camp—A. W. Tenney
Music—National F.F.A. Chorus
Closing Ceremony

2:00 P. M.—Ninth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony
Music—Corydon, Kentucky, Chapter Orchestra
Committee Reports
Presentation of Budget for 1950-51
Annual Dues for 1950-51
New Business (continued)
Addresses of Retiring Officers
Report of Nominating Committee
Election of Officers
Greetings from Incoming Officers
Closing Ceremony

8:00 P. M.—Final Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony
Music—National F.F.A. Band and Chorus
Installation of New Officers
Presentation of Past Officers' Pins and Certificates by New President
Closing Ceremony by New Officers
Special "Kansas City Night" Presentation, Courtesy, Saddle and Sirlain Club, American Royal Association and Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

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22 NO. NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION
HARRIS CITY, MO., OCTOBER 1911

Minutes of the Convention

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Evening Session

The Future Farmers of America twenty-second national convention convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri at seven-thirty o'clock, National President Doyle Conner, of Starke, Florida, presiding. First Vice-President Paul Lindholm; Second Vice-President Dale Hess; Third Vice-President Bill Michael; Fourth Vice-President Alton Brazell; Student Secretary Max Cobble; Adviser W. T. Spanton; Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney and Treasurer D. J. Howard were present.

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

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

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

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

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

James T. Bingham, Associate Editor, "Country Gentleman Magazine," Independence Square, Philadelphia, Pa.

H. E. Boning, Jr., Manager, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri.

M. E. Coleman, Educational Director, American Turpentine Farmers Association, 108 West Hill Avenue, Valdosta, Georgia.

Harry Darby, President, Darby Corporation, 1st and Walker, Kansas City, Kansas.

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

E. S. Estel, Secretary-Manager, The Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa.

Kenneth W. Hinshaw, Information Service, Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, Inc., West Springfield, Massachusetts.

Frank W. Jenks, Vice President, International Harvester Company, 180 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

C. L. Mast, Jr., Editor, "Agricultural Leaders' Digest," 139 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

John McDonald, Farm Director, Radio Station WSM, Nashville, Tennessee.
Horace Millhone, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

A. M. Field, Assistant State Supervisor Agricultural Education, 488 Wabasha Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

E. P. Hilton, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Frankfort, Kentucky.

A. H. Hollenberg, Specialist in Agricultural Education (Farm Mechanics), Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Byron J. McMahon, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California.

R. E. Naugher, Specialist in Agricultural Education (Part-Time and Evening Schools) Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

James W. Hatch, Assistant State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Albany 1, New York.

Leon Conner, Route 2, Box 123, Starke, Florida.

David E. Lindholm, Ortonville, Minnesota.

Eugene Hess, Fallston, Maryland.

William G. Michael, Route 3, Billings, Montana.

W. M. Brazell, Route 3, Lubbock, Texas.

Thomas A. Cobble, Midway, Tennessee.

Willis B. England, Chandler, Arizona.

Roy King, Dadeville, Missouri.

Robert S. Stevens, Rustburg, Virginia.

Albert Castroginni, Montrose, Pennsylvania.

John E. Baldwin, Adviser, Paxton Florida Chapter, Florala, Alabama.

G. R. Brown, Adviser, Lanark Chapter, Lanark, Illinois.

Ben A. Burns, Adviser, Daviess County Chapter, Owensboro, Ky.

E. H. Cheek, Adviser, Blakely Union Chapter, Blakely, Georgia.

H. I. Deloney, Adviser, Sidney Lanier Chapter, Montgomery, Alabama.

Otto A. Dillon, Adviser, Tucumcari Chapter, Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Ralph Dreessen, Adviser, Guthrie Chapter, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

J. C. Falkenstein, Adviser, Weston Chapter, Weston, West Virginia.

W. A. Hall, Adviser, Ridgefield Chapter, Ridgefield, Washington.

A. C. Jones, Adviser, Chester County Chapter, Henderson, Tennessee.

Byrl L. Law, Adviser, Circleville Chapter, Circleville, West Virginia.

John H. Leonard, Adviser, Van Wert Marsh Chapter, Van Wert, Ohio.

J. E. Lockhart, Adviser, Clifton Chapter, Clifton, Texas.

Marven J. Ogden, Adviser, Delta Chapter, Delta, Utah.

R. A. Olson, Adviser, Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, Montana.

E. T. Robertson, Adviser, Eagle Rock Chapter, Eagle Rock, Virginia.

Horace E. Short, Adviser, Saddle and Grate Chapter, Camden-Wyoming, Delaware.

Leo H. Smith, Adviser, Christiansburg Chapter, Christiansburg, Virginia.

E. G. Standefer, Adviser, Conway Chapter, Conway, Arkansas.

I. L. Stivers, Adviser, Lakeside Chapter, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

E. L. Tiner, Adviser, Alpine Chapter, Alpine, Texas.

Harland H. Veal, Adviser, Nicholasville Chapter, Nicholasville, Ky.

P. D. Wickline, Adviser, Xenia Chapter, Xenia, Ohio.

J. D. Wigley, Adviser, Riverton Chapter, Huntsville, Alabama.

The National F.F.A. Chorus rendered a few selections, after which the New York Association presented the Creed Pageant. The New York Association dedicated this Pageant to Mr. E. M. Tiffany of Wisconsin, author of the Creed. Mr. Tiffany passed away during the past year.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Morning Session

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

Following a concert by the National F.F.A. Band, the address of welcome was given by the Honorable William E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

An explanation of the National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was given by President Conner. The speakers then drew for speaking order. Following the speeches, the National Band presented a few selections while the judges conferred. Results of the contest were announced by Mr. Claude W. Gifford, Associate Editor, "Farm Journal," and awards were presented on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. by Bill Michael, National Third Vice President.

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

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Afternoon Session

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

The Corydon, Kentucky, Chapter Orchestra played a few numbers.

President Conner asked all past national officers and all past Regional and Star Farmers of America to come to the platform and introduce themselves, and tell the delegates and audience something about their present programs. Those present were: Joseph Espey; Walter Carlin; Bob Taylor; Gus Douglass, Jr.; and Ervin Martin.

The American Farmer Degree was conferred by the National Officers upon the following candidates:

Alabama

Horis G. Beason, Ashville
John Thomas Berry, Route No. 2,
New Market
Philip Daniel Brown, Owassa
Billy Gene Davis, Lexington
John W. Hartley, Matthews

Matt D. Holmes II, Letohatchie
Irvin E. Koon, Route No. 2, Salem
Murray D. Langford, Route No. 3,
Opp
Bobby Ralph Mims, Vida
Dwight Harold Tilley, Route No. 4,
Cullman

Arizona

Kenneth England, Route No. 1, Box
213-A, Chandler

Arkansas

James Matthew Cox, Route No. 8,
Box 230, Texarkana
Bobbie Dean Cumbie, Route No. 1,
Mansfield
Billie Gene Hudson, Valley Springs
Bill Joe Villines, Route No. 1,
Harrison
Harold Norwood Willmuth, Straw-
berry

California

James Metcalf Bell, P.O. Box 800,
Crestline
Robert A. Henry, 2410 Macy Street,
San Bernardino
Albert Khan, Route No. 5, Box 407,
Fresno
Joseph B. King, Jr., Route No. 3, Box
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Perry Murray, Windsor
Kenneth D. Rairden, Star Route,
Box 110, Modesto
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1, Box 272, Santa Paula
Robert Stalnaker, P.O. Box 355,
Dixon
Edward Elmer Thiel, P.O. Box 57,
Chowchilla

Colorado

Frederick August Bellgradt, Route
No. 4, Box 199, Montrose
John David Laber, R.R. No. 2, Long-
mont

Connecticut

Richard M. Burdick, Hampton

Florida

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Box 88, Plant City
Thomas Franklin McIntosh, Stella
Route, Florida, Alabama
Lloyd Bruce Monroe, Summerfield
Bill Norris, Route No. 3, Jasper
E. Lynn Ward, Trenton

Georgia

Calvin Brown, Route 1, Sycamore
William N. Clark, Route No. 4,
Americus

Carlton "Pete" Cook, Colquitt
Jessie C. Cowart, Route No. 2,
Hahira
Joe Dickson Cross, Colquitt
Allman Hogsed, R.F.D. No. 1, Box
40, Plains
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Glenwood
Alton V. Leard, R.F.D. No. 2, La-
vonnia
Lanier Mercer, R.F.D. No. 2, Glen-
wood
Jake Sumner, Route No. 1, Sycam-
ore
Clyde Swain Waddell, Iron City

Idaho

Kenneth J. Kaphammer, R.F.D. No.
1, Lorenzo
Clyde Adrian Neibaur, Box 81, New-
dale

Illinois

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rison
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Alvin Ray Henninger, Kirkland
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Sandwich
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Greenville
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Waterloo
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Maurice Soucie, Peotone
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Indiana

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Floyd Lee Riggs, Evansville
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Leland A. Denburger, R.R. No. 6,
Oskaloosa
Robert John Evans, Brooklyn
Donald G. Henik, R.R. No. 1, Mt.
Vernon
Donald Jorgensen, Lake City
Richard Dean Richardson, Lamoni

Kansas

Lon Dean Crosson, Minneapolis
 John Gigstad, Nortonville
 Tim Hale, Alton
 Robert Knott, Hesston

Kentucky

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 Harry Brumley, Jr., Route No. 5,
 Owensboro
 Roger William Bryant, Jr., La-
 Grange
 Jimmy Cox, Jr., Versailles
 Henry L. Graff, Jr., Route No. 2,
 Jeffersonton
 Joe S. Greathouse, Jr., R.F.D. No. 1,
 Lewisport
 Jack Pickerill, Hodgenville
 James S. Wilson, Brandenburg

Maine

Allan Veda Dickey, R.F.D. No. 1,
 Fairfield

Maryland

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 Ralph William Shank, Route No. 3,
 Hagerstown

Massachusetts

Russell Maurice Davenport, Shel-
 burne Falls

Michigan

Harry Lee Densmore, Elwell
 John Bennett Heim, Traverse City
 Jerry Ira Jorgensen, Webberville
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Donald F. Bakehouse, Owatonna
 Donald E. Drescher, R.R. 1, Alden
 Ernest Ralph Knudson, Hartland
 Stanley D. Lindholm, Ortonville
 Eugene M. Nelson, Ortonville

Mississippi

Merril Tyson Cartwright, Booneville
 James Harmon Caver, Booneville
 John William Jennings, Booneville
 Dewey Wayne King, Inverness
 Raymon Lee Murphree, Route No. 3,
 Vardaman
 Homer O'Neil Parker, Booneville

Missouri

James Winton Allison, Flemington
 James Harold Baile, R.R. 5, War-
 rensburg
 William Edward Cannon, Milan
 Harold W. Harvey, Malta Bend
 Jack Hailey King, Dadeville
 Ray Edwin Reis, Route No. 1, Box
 88, Carl Junction
 Joe Bill Sneed, Route No. 1, Willard
 James D. Wells, Butler

Montana

Lewis H. Hammermeister, Conrad
 Harold James Reiter, Huntley

Nebraska

Russell Creston Baldwin, Plainview
 Gus Bremer, Jr., Stanton
 Jerald D. Loseke, Route No. 3,
 Columbus
 James M. Standerford, Humboldt

Nevada

Leroy Cyril Schank, East Star
 Route, Fallon

New Hampshire

Harry Clinton Tenney, R.F.D. 2,
 Keene

New Jersey

Frank S. Swartz, R.F.D. 1, Sussex

New Mexico

Jimmie Ned Medlock, Route No. 1,
 Portales

New York

Guy L. Haviland, Jr., R.F.D. No. 1,
 Middleburgh
 George Raymond Jennings, East
 Durham
 Edward John Reynolds, Corfu
 Howard K. Rich, Hobart
 Carlton W. Tubbs, Lockwood
 Benjamin Lewis Wells, South New
 Berlin

North Carolina

James Harvey Corriher, Route No.
 1, China Grove
 Robert Ellis Everhart, Route No. 1,
 Lexington
 R. Glen Hardin, Olin
 William Mack Payne, Route No. 6,
 Statesville
 Kennedy H. Sharpe, Hiddenite
 Giles Ervin Stallings, Jamesville
 Charles Fisher Ward, Route No. 2,
 Lexington
 Eugene Younts, Route No. 2, Lex-
 ington

North Dakota

Howard LuVern Brown, Blanchard
Robert Weed, R.R. 1, Devils Lake

Ohio

Marvin Lynn Baker, R.R. 1, St. Paris
(Deceased)
William M. Hofmann, Jr., R.R. 2,
Box 46, Ohio City
Donald Kindell, R.R. 1, Laura
Glenn F. Lackey, R.F.D. 4, Delaware
John F. Moneysmith, R.F.D. 1, Ash-
land
James E. Reese, Pandora
Charles F. Wright, Lyndon
Edgar Paul Young, R.F.D. No. 4,
Van Wert

Oklahoma

Jack Dreessen, Box 13, Moore
Donald Elwell, Fairview
Orvin L. Hicks, R.F.D. 2, Blackwell
Bobby Johnston, Box 221, Cushing
John Clyde Johnson, Garber
Donald Kirsch, R.R. 2, Kingfisher
Claude Millwee, Route No. 3, Fort
Cobb
Donald Eugene Pierce, Billings
Charles D. Smith, Omega Star
Route, Kingfisher
Maurice Frederick Wyatt, R.R. 3,
Lawton

Oregon

Robert Lee Barnes, Route No. 3,
Box 96, Silverton
Lawrence Ellis Fisher, Route No. 1,
Sublimity
Daryl E. Van Cleave, Route No. 7,
Box 251, Salem

Pennsylvania

Donald Bogart, R.F.D. 4, Muncy
Kenneth Paul Brice, R.F.D. 2, Day-
ton
Robert Clark Campbell, R.F.D. 2,
Saegertown
John Castroginni, Montrose
Marlin Houser Hitz, R.F.D. 1, Ann-
ville
Norman G. McDowell, Stewartstown
Lawrence L. Rider, R.F.D. 2, Me-
chanicsburg
Lee S. Walker, R.F.D. 3, Somerset
Lee E. Walp, R.F.D. 3, Saegertown

Puerto Rico

Rafael del Valle Ramos, General
Delivery, Toa Alta, c/o Felipe
Diaz Gonzalez

South Carolina

William Cavitt Jordan, Route No. 1,
Kershaw

South Dakota

William C. Busk, Jr., Twin Brooks
Lawrence H. Lutz, Webster

Tennessee

James E. Clemons, Elmwood
Graham D. Cooper, Jr., R.F.D. No.
1, Greenback
Leon Nixon Denney, Lebanon
C. E. Hackett, Riddleton
Keith Stanley Harrison, Route No.
10, Greenville
Willard Edward Lankford, Route
No. 1, Carthage
Rollin J. Lightfoot, Route No. 5,
Cleveland
Joel M. Meredith, Eagle Bend Road,
Clinton
Eugene Harmon Patton, Route No.
1, Pikeville
Harry A. Scott, Jr., R.F.D. No. 1,
Henderson
Richard Daniel Smith, Route No. 6,
Lebanon
Roy Clay Turner, Route No. 4, Cov-
ington

Texas

Nathan Alders, Woden Route, Na-
cogdoches
Lambert Clarence Baron, Star
Route, La Grange
Jerry C. Carter, Route No. 2, East-
land
David K. Dahl, Clifton
Marion F. Deans, Voca
Gene Easley, P.O. Box 61, Jasper
Bill N. Gilbreath, Box 85, Ralls
J. T. Glasgow, Route No. 2, Coman-
che
Ernest P. Grote, Route No. 1, Fred-
ericksburg
Gaylon Jones, Route No. 2, Edge-
wood
Finley Laufer, R.F.D. No. 3, La
Grange
Blaine Lutheringer, Route No. 1,
Beeville
Martin Lewis Miller, Route 1, Valley
View
Josie Fred Oppermann, Star Route,
La Grange
George Payne, Route No. 1, Mt.
Pleasant
Warren Peck, Katy
Ernest Ramm, Muleshoe

Olen R. Ricketts, Route No. 3, Gatesville

Howard Dale Salge, R.F.D. 2, Box 100, Mathis

Wendell Keith Sansing, Route No. 1, Roxton

John A. Smith, Route No. 2, Snyder
Melvin Smith, Route No. 1, Box 59, Orange Grove

Leroy E. Thornburg, Box 216, White Deer

Andy Dale Young, Route No. 1, Burkett

Utah

Clinton W. Burt, R.F.D. 1, Brigham

J. Cecil Chlarson, Honeyville

Frank Neil Jensen, R.F.D. 1, Brigham City

Vermont

Richard Edwin Cassidy, Highgate Center

Virginia

W. Henry Groseclose, Nebo

Albert F. Heishman, Mt. Jackson

Dallas H. Johnson, Palmyra

George H. Peery, Jr., Ceres

William L. Simmons, Bridgewater

Robert Samuel Stevens, Jr., Route No. 2, Box 84, Lynchburg

Riley Jay Stewart, Evergreen

Washington

John Myers, Jr., Genesse, Idaho

Dan G. Sparks, Mossyrock

Peter Van Soest, Route No. 2, Snohomish

West Virginia

Robert S. Butler, R.F.D. 1, Martinsburg

Dewey Bert Durrett, Belington

J. Rogers Fike, Eglon

Wayne R. Staritt, R.F.D. 1, Catawba

Wisconsin

John E. Butterbrodt, Route No. 1, Burnett

Robert C. Friedemann, Route No. 3, West Bend

Marvin P. Heck, Route No. 1, Mondovi

Donald Arthur Keith, Dalton

Elmer Silas Meyer, Hillpoint

Hubert Joseph Mocadlo, Stevens Point

Albin Junior Peterson, Route No. 2, Box 42, Viroqua

James Duaine Scholz, Route No. 1, Hilbert

Anthony Van Someren, Baldwin

Wyoming

Charles William Scott, Jr., Powell

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

The presentation of awards in the National Chapter Contest was made by Mr. Bert Brown, Mr. Ralph Howard and Mr. Earl Little, all members of the F.F.A. Advisory Council.

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

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

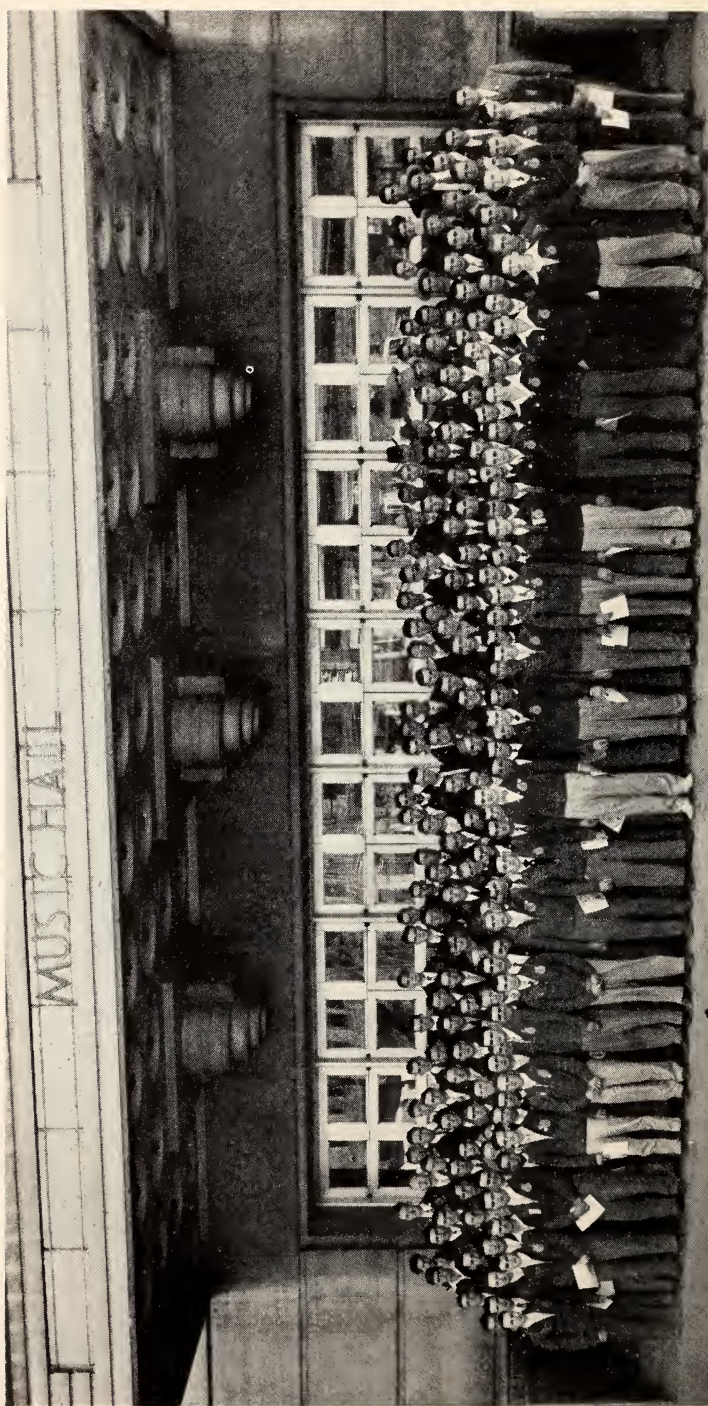
Evening Session

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

Musical selections were presented by the National Band.

The Massing of State Flags by the State Star Farmers was presented, after which the National Vice Presidents presented the Star Farmer Awards for 1949.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.



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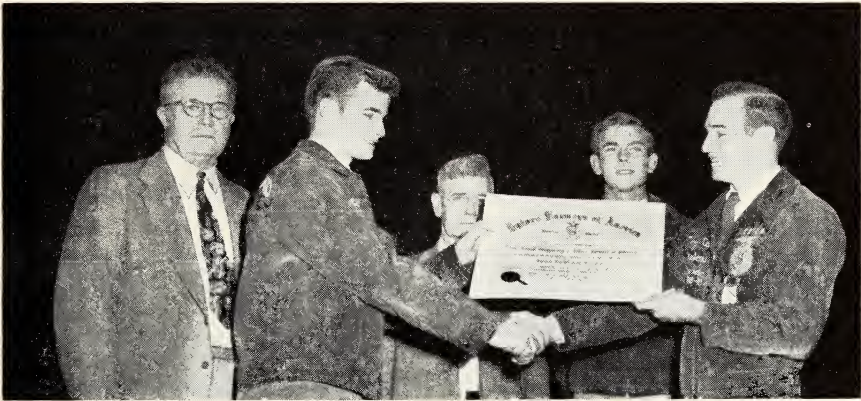
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12
Morning Session

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

After a few selections by the National Chorus, President Conner conferred the Honorary American Farmer degree upon Dr. James W. Hatch, Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in New York. Dr. Hatch has been Director of the National Chorus for the past two years.

Thornburg, of Texas, moved that flowers be sent by the delegates at this national convention to the parents of Junior Mitchell of Tucumcari, New Mexico, who lost his life in a train wreck while en route to Kansas City to attend the convention; motion seconded by Schank of Nevada and carried.

The presentation of the Rhode Island State Association charter was then made by President Conner to Thomas Poland, Rhode Island State President.



THOMAS POLAND, RHODE ISLAND STATE F.F.F. PRESIDENT (*left*), RECEIVES THE STATE CHARTER FOR HIS ASSOCIATION FROM DOYLE CONNER, NATIONAL F.F.A. PRESIDENT (*right*), DURING THE 22ND NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Flatt of Tennessee moved that honorary membership in the F.F.A. be conferred upon Neil Cotton, Michael Gifford, Robert Rupp and Chris Long, representatives of the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs of Great Britain; motion seconded by Staheli of Utah and carried.

Interviews were then held with the F.F.A. boys who visited Great Britain and the guests from the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs of Great Britain.

A film on the F.F.A. Creed was shown.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**Afternoon Session**

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

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

The meeting recessed for committee work.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**Evening Session**

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

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

Vice President Lindholm presented the Farm Mechanics Awards for 1949 on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.



REPRESENTATIVES TO DONORS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED.

Vice President Brazell presented the Farm Electrification Awards for 1949 on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

Student Secretary Cobble presented the Star Dairy Farmer Awards for 1949 on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

Vice President Hess presented the Soil and Water Management Awards for 1949 on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Morning Session

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

The first item of business was the F.F.A. calendar. Executive Secretary Tenney introduced Mr. Frederick S. Wilson, whose company has agreed to produce the calendar. Mr. Wilson discussed the production of this calendar at some length. Meron of Massachusetts moved to accept the idea of adopting an F.F.A. calendar; motion seconded by Burch of Florida and carried.

The next item of business was the international exchange of English and American boys. After a brief discussion on this matter Student Secretary Cobble read the following recommendation from the National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council:

It was moved that it be recommended that the international exchange of F.F.A. members be continued, and a committee be appointed to draw up recommendations for the selection of exchange youth and report at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council.

Robertson of Oregon moved to accept the recommendation as read; motion seconded by Cummins of Oklahoma and carried.

After much discussion it was moved by Pierce of Alabama that the National Board of Trustees be given authority to dispose of the National F.F.A. Camp; motion seconded by High of Ohio and carried.

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

Amend Section B—Article VII of the National Constitution by striking out all of the last sentence and substituting the following: "Fifty-two delegates from at least twenty-six (26) States shall constitute a quorum."

This amendment becomes necessary since the Rhode Island Association of F.F.A. has recently become a member of the National organization. Lackey of Ohio moved to adopt the recommendation; motion seconded by Penrod of Indiana and carried.

It was recommended by the National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council that:

Amend Article VII—Section A of the By-Laws so that the first sentence will read as follows: "A State Association may submit, annually, one candidate for the American Farmer Degree for each 1,000 active members in the association or major fraction thereof computed on the basis of national dues received in the office of the national treasurer by midnight of June 30 or shown by postmark or other reliable evidence, to have been mailed to the National Treasurer on or before June 15."

Staritt of West Virginia moved to adopt the recommendation; motion seconded by Dalzell of North Dakota and carried.

Amend Article VII—Section C of the By-Laws so that the first sentence will read as follows: "Applications for the Degree approved by the State Adviser, must be in the National F.F.A. Office not later than midnight of June 30, or shown, by postmark or other reliable evidence, to have been mailed to the National F.F.A. Office on or before June 15, prior to the national convention at which the application will be considered."

Jenkins of Colorado moved to adopt the recommendation; motion seconded by Farr of Arizona and carried.

It was recommended by the Idaho Association that:

Amend Article IV—Section D, Item 9, of the Constitution, by deleting the first sentence and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "Each state shall be entitled to elect as many chapter farmers to the degree of State Farmer as are able to meet at least the minimum qualifications as set forth for the State Farmer Degree."

Adams of Kentucky moved to reject the amendment; motion seconded by Staheli of Utah and carried.

Amend Article VII—Section A of the By-Laws by deleting all of the entire section as it now reads, and substituting the following in lieu thereof: "Each State Association that has paid its dues to the National treasurer on or before June 30 may submit annually as many candidates for the American Farmer Degree as are fully qualified for the degree as shown by their applications and supporting evidence submitted therewith."

Grossenbacher of Connecticut moved to reject the amendment; motion seconded by Body of Iowa and carried.

The next item of business was committee reports. Blalock of Georgia presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Howard of Georgia and carried.

Schank of Nevada presented the report of the F.F.A. Foundation Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Beckham of Mississippi and carried.

Schugel of Minnesota moved that the Foundation Committee recommend that each state association make a contribution to the Foundation in the amount of \$1.00 for each chapter in the state; motion seconded by Norton of Michigan and carried.

Penrod of Indiana presented the report of the Committee on Proceedings and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Willis of South Carolina and carried.

Moyer of Pennsylvania presented the report of the National Chapter Contest Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Weddington of North Carolina and rejected. Lewis of Illinois moved that each state be given the privilege of entering two chapters in the National Chapter Contest each year; that the awarding of Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblems on the national level be continued; that the national organization pick from these Gold Emblem Chapters the Star American and Star Regional Chapters; motion seconded by Jenkins of Colorado and carried. Schugel of Minnesota moved to amend the motion, that the Star Regional and Star American chapter contest winners not be allowed to succeed themselves; motion seconded by Penrod of Indiana and carried.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Afternoon Session

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

After a few selections by the Corydon, Kentucky, Chapter Orchestra, President Conner resumed the chair.

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

Mr. Tenney then presented a brief report on the Future Farmers Supply Service.

Howand of North Carolina moved that the National Advisory Council and Board of Trustees take under consideration the possibility of having a parliamentary procedure contest on a national basis and give a report at the 1950 convention favorable or unfavorable for the approval of the delegates; motion seconded by Meron of Massachusetts and carried.

Myer of New York presented the report of the American Farmer Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Lamb of New Hampshire and carried.

Kapaku of Hawaii presented the report of the Official Manual Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Vassey of Nebraska and carried.

Schnelle of Missouri presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Jenkins of Wisconsin and carried.

Meron of Massachusetts presented the report of the Public Speaking Contest Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Cummins of Oklahoma and carried.

Jordon of South Carolina presented the Report of the Program of Work Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Willis of South Carolina and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the budget for 1949-50 and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Shark of Maryland and carried.



DOYLE CONNER, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, 1948-49, TURNS THE GAVEL OVER TO GEORGE LEWIS, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, 1949-50.

National F.F.A. Budget

JULY 1, 1949 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1950

Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues.....	\$28,500.00
Royalties	10,000.00
Camp and Old Mill.....	3,050.00
Supply Service rent.....	1,500.00
Grant from Supply Service.....	7,500.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
To be appropriated from Surplus.....	3,954.63

Total anticipated revenue..... \$54,804.63

Estimated Disbursements:

I. Travel	\$15,200.00
II. Convention	12,100.00
III. American Farmer Keys.....	2,550.00
IV. Printing	3,800.00
V. National Office Expense.....	15,154.63
VI. National Camp and Old Mill.....	5,700.00
VII. Judging Expenses.....	300.00

Total estimated disbursements..... \$54,804.63

Chuchuru of Colorado moved that the dues for 1950-51 remain the same as the past year; motion seconded by Dalzell of North Dakota and carried.

Cross of Georgia moved to give the Board of Trustees authority to edit all committee reports; motion seconded by Hironaka of Hawaii and carried.

Rossmiller of Wisconsin moved to give the Board of Trustees power to take action on unfinished business and to have full power to act in interim between conventions; motion seconded by Robinson of Virginia and carried.

Arnold of New York presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Hernandez of Puerto Rico and carried.

The next item of business was National Officers' reports. First Vice-President Lindholm assumed the chair while President Conner presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Vassey of Nebraska and carried. The President resumed the chair.

First Vice-President Lindholm presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Schugel of Minnesota and carried.

Second Vice-President Hess presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Shark of Maryland and carried.

Third Vice-President Michael presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Hammermeister of Montana and carried.

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

Student Secretary Cobble presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by O. J. Brewer of Tennessee and carried.

Stevens of Virginia presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Farr of Arizona moved to accept the nominations as read by the chairman of the Nominating Committee; motion seconded by Grossenbacher of Connecticut and carried.

The following Student Officers were declared elected as the National Officers for 1949-50:

President—George Lewis, Hersmon, Illinois.

First Vice-President—Rogers Fike, Eglon, West Virginia.

Second Vice-President—Joe King, Petaluma, California.

Third Vice-President—Merril Cartwright, Booneville, Mississippi.

Fourth Vice-President—Glenn Lackey, Delaware, Ohio.

Student Secretary—Donald Bakehouse, Owatonna, Minnesota.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.



1949-50 NATIONAL F.F.A. STUDENT OFFICERS

(Left to right)—Seated: GEORGE LEWIS, *President*; DONALD BAKEHOUSE, *Student Secretary*; JOE KING, *Second Vice President*. Standing: ROGERS FIKE, *First Vice President*; MERRIL CARTWRIGHT, *Third Vice President* and GLENN LACKEY, *Fourth Vice President*.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1949

Evening Session

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

The National Band and Chorus rendered a few selections.

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

The new officers took their stations.

The convention was adjourned sine die at 10:00 o'clock with the regular closing ceremony.

Committee Reports

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN FARMER APPLICATIONS

We, the committee on the 1949-50 American Farmer Degree Applications, having duly examined the application recommend that it be carried on as in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD MYER, New Mexico, *Chairman*
 TWAIN BLACK, Arizona
 MAURICE GROSSENBACHER, Connecticut
 ERNEST CHUCHURU, Colorado
 JIM GIFFORD, JR., Illinois
 WILLIAM HOWLETT, Delaware
 WILLIAM WOODS, Indiana
 DEVOE HAMEL, Arkansas
 ELTON PIERCE, Alabama

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have reviewed the books kept by the National Treasurer and find that they are accurate and in the proper order. We find further that the accounts have been audited for the period July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949 by Leach, Calkins & Scott, Certified Public Accountants.

Respectfully submitted,

BOB BLALOCK, Georgia, *Chairman*
 DINO PETRUCCI, California
 DANIEL HIRONAKA, Hawaii
 WALTER LABORDE, Louisiana
 JOE BECKHAM, Mississippi
 MAX RICE, Maryland
 GILBERT J. GASTON, Massachusetts
 HARRY DENSMORE, Michigan
 GLENN LACKEY, Ohio

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

The committee recommends the following change to the rules and regulations for the Star Chapter of America Contest proposed and sponsored by the F.F.A. Foundation, Inc.

That the winner of the Gold Emblem in the State, or the Star State Chapter be awarded \$100.00 to be taken from the F.F.A. Foundation, Inc. Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN MOYER, JR., Pennsylvania, *Chairman*
BILLY FLATT, Tennessee
DALLAS M. HIGH, Ohio
KENNETH GREGG, Texas
SAMUEL GARRISON
CLIFFORD STEVENS, South Dakota
CHESTER MACBERRY, New Mexico
RAY TURNER, Washington

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON F.F.A. FOUNDATION

The committee wishes to express their appreciation to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. for their splendid cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRIL SCHANK, Nevada, *Chairman*
REED JENKINS, Colorado
FRED PUTNAM, New Hampshire
HARVEY TOLLISON, Alabama
BOB HERRIOTT, Illinois
ALLAN DICKEY, Maine
RALPH BOYD, California
LAVERNE SCHUGEL, Minnesota
RICHARD HUDSON, Arkansas

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL MANUAL

We, the official manual committee, have carefully reviewed the contents of the 1949 official manual and recommend that the following changes be made:

1. Add the State of Rhode Island to the list of State Associations in the order in which they were chartered.
2. Add all amendments passed in the 22nd annual convention to the new manual.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN KAPAKU, Hawaii, *Chairman*
WALTER CUMMINS, JR., Oklahoma
JOHN GIGSTAD, Kansas
GERALD DUNAWAY, Kentucky
DARREL DEAN, South Dakota
LOUIS HAMMERMEISTER, Montana
ALLEN CLOUSE, Pennsylvania
BOYD M. COOK, Delaware

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for national F.F.A. officers for the year 1949-50. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....George Lewis, Illinois
 First Vice-President.....J. Rogers Fike, West Virginia
 Second Vice-President.....Joe King, California
 Third Vice-President.....Merril Cartwright, Mississippi
 Fourth Vice-President.....Glenn F. Lackey, Ohio
 Student Secretary.....Donald Bakehouse, Minnesota
 Treasurer.....D. J. Howard, Virginia
 Executive Secretary.....A. W. Tenney, Washington, D. C.
 Adviser.....W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. STEVENS, JR., Virginia, *Chairman*
 FRANK S. SWARTS, New Jersey
 JESS W. BROMLEY, Utah
 RICHARD A. ROSSMILLER, Wisconsin
 BOBBY JUNE HALL, Mississippi
 DALE DARLING, Vermont
 JIMMY WILLIS, South Carolina
 CLYDE R. FARR, Arizona
 BOB VASEY, Nebraska

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROCEEDINGS

We, the Committee on Proceedings for 1949 hereby submit the following report:

We recommend that this year's Proceedings, taking into consideration the addition of Rhode Island to our organization, follow the general outline of last year's Proceedings with the following changes or additions:

1. Include the following pictures:
 - a. Individual pictures of past national officers by their reports.
 - b. Rhode Island charter presentation ceremony.
 - c. Star Farmer Ceremony, including the massing of flags.
 - d. All other outstanding pictures of the convention.
2. We suggest that the cover be designed similar to that of the Twenty-Second National Convention Program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER J. PENROD, Indiana, *Chairman*
MAYNARD KRAUSE, North Dakota
ROBERT ESTOUP, Oregon
DONALD JORGENSEN, Iowa
DONALD BURCH, Florida
MAHLON CAMPBELL, New York
THOMAS POLAND, Rhode Island
RALPH WEDDINGTON, North Carolina
WALTER CARLSON, Wyoming

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 1950-51 PROGRAM OF WORK

We, the Committee on 1950-51 Program of Work, recommend the following activities, goals and ways and means for 1950-51:

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

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Urge members to harvest and to market crops more efficiently to prevent losses. f. Urge treatment of seeds to prevent disease. g. Encourage improvement of soil fertility. h. Urge members to carry crops and livestock insurance for self protection. a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Urge humane and practical stock devices made as farm mechanics projects. c. When necessary urge vaccination of livestock to prevent disease. d. Urge strict sanitation practices.
II. COOPERATION		
1. Cooperating with other groups on readjustment	100% chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assist where possible with all governmental agencies in readjustment effort. b. Cooperate with other organizations in the community.
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities. b. Urge members to buy and sell cooperatively. c. Urge chapters to promote cooperative enterprises.
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery	100% members and chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chapters assist in repair of machinery in community. b. Encourage members to offer their services to farmers. c. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from wear, weather, etc. d. Assist agriculture instructors in farm machinery repair courses for farmers.
2. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State associations with safety programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperate with agencies promoting safety. b. Encourage books on first aid and safety in chapter libraries. c. Encourage chapter discussions and demonstrations on fire prevention.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Encourage members to enroll in first aid courses. e. Secure and distribute material on farm fire prevention. f. Encourage safety campaigns at home, on highways, in the shop, and in fields against fire and other destructive forces. g. Urge every chapter to have available first aid measures. h. Publicize safety programs. i. Urge that safety devices be kept in place on farm machines.
3. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge cooperation with various conservation agencies. b. Emphasize the need for conservation to both chapters and individuals. c. Soil conservation by crop rotation and cover crops.
4. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage all members and chapters to discover needed repairs and undertake same. b. Encourage chapters to provide cooperatively available materials needed for home maintenance.

IV. LEADERSHIP

1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge careful and early explanation of progressive features of degree work to Green Hands and members and plan long time farming programs. b. Encourage members to keep scrap book records of their achievements. c. Urge each State to provide uniform State Farmer application blank. d. Emphasize early submission of American Farmer Degree applications. e. Urge adherence to chapter farmer qualifications and carry out Official Ceremony.
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Activity	Goals	Activity
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F. F.A. books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare and distribute suggested list of books for F.F.A. chapters. b. Send out suggestions on establishing and maintaining libraries. c. Suggest discussion of chapter libraries at leadership training schools and conferences.
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage every chapter to hold a contest with a high percentage of members participating. b. Stress the value of participation to the individuals regardless of prizes or honors. c. Encourage district to participate in State contests. d. Encourage all States to participate in regional contests.
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge individual members to study parliamentary procedure. b. Encourage chapter discussion of parliamentary procedure. c. Encourage local and state parliamentary procedure demonstrations and contests. d. Urge chapters to include at least one book on parliamentary procedure in chapter library. e. Each chapter to have a Parliamentarian.
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to re-conversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage more carefully built programs and closer attention to them. b. Urge special emphasis on program building in leadership schools. c. Print and distribute the national program of work immediately following the National Convention. d. Encourage more chapters to compete in National Chapter Contest. e. Revise program of work each year.

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

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Each chapter sponsor at least one local display per year. h. Keep in touch with former F.F.A. members. i. Encourage the use of official F.F.A. uniforms by members. j. National organization put on F.F.A. exhibits.
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Buying Security bonds and stamps	100% of chapters participating in Security Bond Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Send out U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to make purchases. b. Suggest member savings and chapter accumulations be used for purchases. c. Urge State associations and chapters to put on drives to encourage members and others to buy Security bonds and stamps. d. Recommend Security bonds and stamps as awards in the F.F.A. contests.
2. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stimulate interest in regular systematic savings for all. b. Encourage chapter members to earn money cooperatively to help finance chapter activities. c. Urge every State Association and chapter to have a budget and safeguard its funds. d. Encourage members to invest in productive enterprises and Security bonds. e. Urge every chapter to operate a thrift bank or some other means of systematic savings. f. Encourage local chapters to earn and deposit money in their chapter treasury for loans to members desiring to borrow money for the development of supervised farming programs.
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Using Official Manual	100% of members having access to official Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge State associations to secure Manuals in quantities for distribution and sale to chapters.

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

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
5. Planning State Conventions	100% of State associations hold Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Urge practice on unison parts, especially Flag salute. a. Plan in ample time. b. 100% of all chapters sending delegates. c. Urge all State Farmer candidates to attend. d. Secure outstanding speakers and entertainers.
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have at least two regular meeting dates per month scheduled in school calendar. b. Special meetings for emergencies. c. Prepare well-planned program beforehand. d. Have one good entertainment feature for 100% participation at each regular meeting. e. Urge 100% chapter attendance at federation or district meetings.

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

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

1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Organize athletic teams and encourage chapter and district competition. b. Sponsor parent and son banquets. c. Cooperate with F. H. A. departments and all related school organizations. d. Organize supervised camping trips and encourage establishment of State camps. e. Cooperate with the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency. f. Sponsor recreation programs in local community.
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Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Week	100% of State associations participating	a. Set aside week of George Washington's Birthday as National F.F.A. Week. b. Send out suggested materials for F.F.A. Week programs.
3. Maintaining National Camp	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition	a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp. b. Urge eligible members to attend National Camp.
IX. GENERAL		
1. Maintaining membership	300,000 active members	a. Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture. b. 100% membership in F.F.A. of boys enrolled in all-day classes. c. Urge full payment of national dues on the part of all associations on or before June 30. d. Encourage establishment of collegiate chapter in every recognized teacher training department.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM JORDAN, South Carolina, *Chairman*
 JERALD LOSEKE, Nebraska
 CHARLES BROWN, Oklahoma
 DONALD STAHELI, Utah
 RONALD JENKINS, Wisconsin
 J. ROGERS FIKE, West Virginia
 BILLY HOWARD, North Carolina
 RICHARD SCHULTHEIS, Washington
 LEONARD DALZELL, North Dakota

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

1. That an appropriation of \$10,000.00 by the National F.F.A. Organization be budgeted the same as last year.
2. That the National F.F.A. Organization continue to employ a Director of Public Relations and Information.
3. Every local chapter and State Association be encouraged to work in every way possible in making contacts with local papers, magazines and radios in their areas in furnishing them with information for publicizing their respective programs, accomplishments and activities.



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4. Encourage State organizations, and especially local papers, to aid in putting on radio programs.
5. The national office prepare a public relations guide for use by State associations and local chapters.
6. That each district and local chapter be encouraged to publish an F.F.A. newsletter.
7. That each State officer be encouraged to write a column in his respective State newspaper or similar publication.
8. Encourage local chapters to observe National F.F.A. Week.
9. Encourage every chapter to have a public relations committee to submit items to newspapers and magazines, present radio programs, put on window displays and similar activities in order to win more recognition from the public.
10. Encourage local chapters to confer the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree to deserving individuals in the local community.
11. To encourage chapters to present films such as: "That Inspiring Task," "The F.F.A. Creed," "The Greenhand," and other F.F.A. films to local farm groups, service organizations and civic clubs.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE SCHNELLE, Missouri, *Chairman*

PAUL MUGLER, Kansas

HERBERT LAMB, New Hampshire

WALTER C. HARRISON, Connecticut

L. C. VAUGHN, Florida

JOHN DAVID LEWIS, Nevada

WENDELL BODY, Iowa

GENE FINDLAY, Idaho

O. J. BREWER, Tennessee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

We, the members of the committee on the Public Speaking Contest recommend the following:

Amend Article V by adding Section IX to read:
"Public speaker will not use stand, but will have public address system."

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON MERON, Massachusetts, *Chairman*

LEROY THORNBURG, Texas

MERLON E. WIGGIN, Maine

THURLO SCHINDLER, Montana

JOHN NORTON, Michigan

JIM GROSECLOSE, Idaho

RALPH SHANK, Maryland

DONALD BAKEHOUSE, Minnesota

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the committee on resolutions for 1949, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following persons and organizations and especially to the 22nd national convention thereof:

1. To the 1948-49 national officers and the 22nd national convention committees for their excellent efforts in making this year and this convention the most successful.
2. To the members of the National Advisory Council for their able supervision and help in advancing the F.F.A.
3. To the members of the Kansas City Advisory Council for their splendid work in making this year another historic milestone in the progress of the F.F.A.
4. To all railroads and their official representatives who are encouraging F.F.A. efforts and valuable educational awards.
5. To Mr. W. E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City for his most hearty and warming welcome.
6. To all donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. and those persons who contributed to the success of the convention.
7. To the businessmen and officials, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City for their efforts in making this a most enjoyable trip to Kansas City and for the various services rendered.
8. To the states and Hawaii visited by our national officers for their assistance in making these trips possible.
9. To all states supplying members to the National F.F.A. Band and to Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State College, for his able conducting, and also the well organized national chorus and to their director, Dr. James W. Hatch, Asst. State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Albany, New York.
10. To all companies, who assisted in supplying general merchandise, banners, rings, emblems, stationery, etc.
11. To all companies and organizations who participated in furnishing entertainment to the members of the F.F.A.
12. To all judges and members of the F.F.A. who participated in the Public Speaking Contest and the National Chapter Contest.
13. To all organizations and companies from which this 1948-49 national convention has benefited.

14. To all honor guests of the 22nd National Convention.
15. To all the magazines who have devoted space to the F.F.A.
16. To all hotels and other housing facilities who have accommodated our F.F.A. representatives.
17. To all donors of prizes not previously mentioned and to all other individuals serving the F.F.A. and assisting with the 22nd National Convention.
18. That we show appreciation to the representatives taking part in the massing of the state flag ceremony.
19. To the Alabama Quartet from Sidney Lanier Chapter, Montgomery, Alabama.
20. To the Texas String Band, from Midland Chapter, Texas.
21. To the Corydon, Kentucky band for their fine music during the convention.
22. To our friends from the Young Farmers Clubs of Great Britain who were our guests at the convention.
23. To all the people who attended the 22nd National Convention.
24. To the New York State Association for presenting the "Creed Pageant."
25. To the Illinois State Association for presenting the F.F.A. Creed film.
26. To the Kansas City Night Presentation courtesy of the Saddle and Sirloin Club, American Royal Association, and the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.
27. To the Regional Representatives who made the trip to Great Britain.
28. To the companies who were hosts to the F.F.A. boys at their plants.

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

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK ARNOLD, JR., New York, *Chairman*

STEPHEN ELLIOTT, Missouri

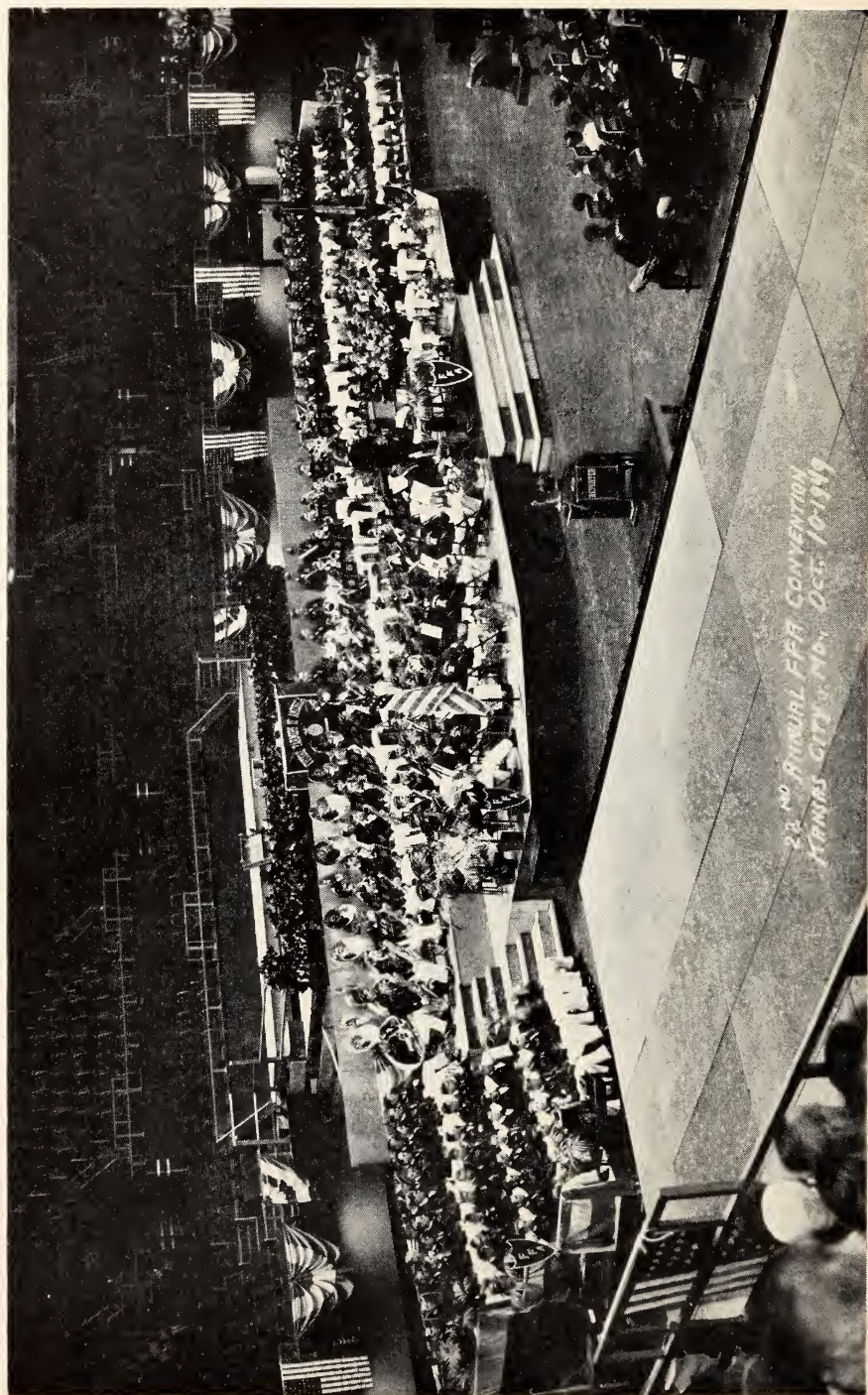
BILLY HOWARD, Georgia

RAY ADAMS, Kentucky

BOB SUSCH, Wyoming

BOB BAINES, Oregon

GENE FIRMIN, Louisiana



NATIONAL F.F.A. BAND AND CHORUS DURING OPENING SESSION OF 22ND NATIONAL CONVENTION

Special Convention Report

Report on National F.F.A. Camp

The delegates at the Eleventh National Convention held in 1939, authorized the purchase of land for a National F.F.A. Camp. Since that date approximately 30 acres of land have been purchased near Mount Vernon. Facilities available at the camp include a seven-room dwelling house, a barracks building containing bunks, kitchen, dining room, another small building which is used as a bunk house and an office and storage building for the Future Farmers Supply Service. This organization has approximately \$30,000 invested in the land, buildings and equipment. The camp was first opened during the summer of 1941. It was closed during the war years.

The camp was opened on June 1 and was kept open until September 10. During the year ending June 30, 1949, 465 F.F.A. members from 18 chapters stayed at the camp. A total of \$761.50 was received from chapters staying at the camp. A charge of 50 cents per member per night is made at the camp.

The national camp is managed by Mr. Lloyd Clayton. He lives on the camp property and devotes the necessary time to maintaining and improving the camp.

The national organization of F.F.A. leased the George Washington Grist Mill which is located on property adjoining the F.F.A. Camp. The Mill was kept open during the past year and an admission charge of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children was made. Mr. George Scott is serving as caretaker and guide. During the past year 14,022 people went through the Mill. An income of \$2,864.06 was received at the Mill. Income from the Camp and Mill totaled \$3,625.56 for the year ending June 30, 1949.

A number of improvements have been made at the camp. The kitchen and dining room have been moved to one end of the main barracks building. This makes cooking and eating facilities available in the same building where boys sleep. The building formerly used for an office has been equipped as a bunk house. A rest room has been installed so that it is possible to accommodate wives of chapter advisers at the camp. The buildings and grounds are being kept in first-class condition at all times.

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

No recommendations are made for major improvements at the camp. Let us strive to maintain it in good condition so that we can provide satisfactory facilities for F.F.A. chapters that visit the camp.

Respectfully submitted,

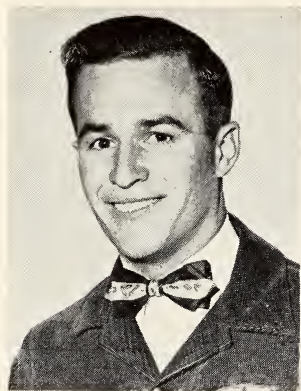
A. W. TENNEY,

National Executive Secretary.

National Student Officer Reports

Report of the National President

In 1943 I became a charter member of the Starke Chapter of Future Farmers of America. Little did I realize the many pleasant experiences that lay ahead. It seems a dream came true when I received my American Farmer Degree last year at the National Convention. I had hopefully looked forward to this occasion since the days when I was a Green Hand in the Starke Chapter. Today, after six years of active membership in the F.F.A. I can truthfully say that every experience has been pleasant as well as challenging.



DOYLE CONNER
President

My official F.F.A. duties began immediately following our last National Convention. Before leaving, I appeared on a nation-wide radio broadcast with Kenneth Cheatham, 1948 Star Farmer of America, William Poff, National Public Speaking winner, and Miss Shirley Osborne, National President of the Future Homemakers of America.

Upon my return to Florida I found numerous invitations to appear before high school student bodies and various civic clubs. I was fortunate to be made an honorary member of the Starke Rotary Club, County Fairs, local F.F.A. banquets and meetings, and civic club meetings consumed most of my time between November and January 29 when I attended the Board of Trustees Meeting and Officers' Training School in Washington, D. C.

Most of our time in Washington was devoted to officer training and board meetings. We found time, however, to meet with several Governmental officials and agricultural leaders. I shall long remember our informal meeting with Mr. Albert Goss, Master of the National Grange. We were also dinner guests of the National Institute of Farmer Cooperatives and Mr. Dana Bennett, who is with the Foundation for American Agriculture. The week ended on Saturday when Bill Michael and I appeared on a CBS radio broadcast. By this time the glory of being a national officer was beginning to grow into long hours and hard work.

Saturday evening, February 5, found your national officers, Mr. Tenney and Mr. Farrar leaving for a two week visit with the donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation. In New York we appeared on a radio broadcast with Tom Page and later visited the Sinclair Oil Company. Mr. Smith and other officials of

U. S. Rubber Company gave us a luncheon and showed us points of interest in New York City. That evening we were dinner guests of the Grocery Manufacturers of America. Before leaving New York we had a radio broadcast with Phil Alampi and lunch with the Boy Scouts of America. After lunch we left for Philadelphia. While there we visited the Curtis Publishing Company and had dinner with Bob Reed of Country Gentleman Magazine. Next we visited Akron, Ohio where we spent most of the following day with Mr. Harvey Firestone, President of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. We then left for Cleveland where we were dinner guests of the Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation through the courtesy of the Cleveland Farm Club. We next visited the Ferguson Tractor Company, Dearborn Motors, General Motors, and Great Lakes Steel Corporation at Detroit.

In Chicago we visited Quaker Oats Co., Swift and Co., and Armour. Again we appeared on several radio broadcasts, including the R.F.D. America program. We then travelled to Milwaukee where we were guests of Mr. Roberts of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company. We also had dinner with the J. I. Case Co. in Racine. Then returning to Chicago we visited International Harvester Company, Kraft Food Company, Sears Roebuck, and Standard Oil of Indiana. While we were in Illinois we also visited the American Farm Youth and Mid-States Steel and Wire Co. Our final visit on the tour was in Louisville, Ky. where we were guests of Standard Oil Company of Kentucky.

Before I had an opportunity to visit industry, I considered agriculture and industry as separate and apart from each other. Now, after having the opportunity to meet outstanding leaders in industry, I realize that our objectives are mutual.

On returning home I was busy with various meetings and farm work until April 1 when I began my longest trip. I was scheduled to attend the Hawaiian Convention. While en route to the West Coast I had the pleasure of visiting Future Farmers in New Mexico and Arizona. While in Arizona it was my pleasure to work with Bob Taylor, former National 1st Vice President.

The big day came when I boarded a plane in San Francisco, California for Honolulu. I spent twenty of the most exciting days of my life visiting the Future Farmers in Hawaii. After attending the well conducted convention which was presided over by Mitsuo Murashige. I visited most of the local chapters in the Territory. My only regret is that time prevents my telling you about the wonderful hospitality of the people of Hawaii. I shall always remember Mr. Coulter, Hawaiian Supervisor and Mr. Ewing, Executive Secretary for making the trip to Hawaii one of the most pleasant of my entire life.

After returning to the West Coast I visited Future Farmers in California and Utah and attended the Pacific Regional Conference in Reno. I returned home on May 7.

From June 6-8 I attended the Louisiana State Convention. This was a most excellent convention.

After leaving Louisiana I attended the Alabama State Convention at Auburn. This convention was conducted in a very efficient manner.

June 13-18 I attended my own State Convention at Daytona Beach. One of the highlights of this convention was the formulating of plans for a special train to bring 200 to 300 Florida Future Farmers to the National Convention.

From Daytona Beach I went to Starkeville, Mississippi where I attended their State Convention. While there I had the pleasure of associating with Harold Prichard, former National President, who is now with the Mississippi F.F.A. Association. I was honored to receive the Mississippi State Farmer Degree.

In July I again went to Washington, D. C. for the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council Meetings. Most of our time was spent reviewing American Farmer applications. On July 26 we were luncheon guests of Senator Pepper of Florida. Attending the luncheon were Vice President Alben W. Barkley, Commissioner of Education Earl McGrath, Secretary of Agriculture Brannon, the Senators from each of the officers home States and members of the Office of Education staff. Before leaving Washington, Alton Brazell and I appeared on a CBS broadcast.

Max, Alton and I then attended the Georgia State Convention. This convention was conducted very efficiently with almost 100 per cent boy participation. After leaving Georgia, Max and Alton spent a few days with me at my home.

August 10 and 11 I attended the South Carolina Convention at Clemson College. The officers there turned in a fine performance.

I attended my final F.F.A. convention in Raleigh, North Carolina, August 15-18. The North Carolina Association had a well-planned convention. While in Raleigh I attended a luncheon given by R. N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester for Seaboard Railroad.

The following is a summary of my activities during the past year.

Miles traveled (approx.)	60,000
Days spent in interest of F.F.A.	283
Letters received	1,075
Letters sent	450
Telephone calls received	58
Telephone calls made	30
Telegrams received	55
Telegrams sent	63
Radio broadcasts	47
Speeches made (F.F.A. groups & others)	225
Total people addressed (approx.)	200,000
Articles written	16
State conventions attended	8
Local F.F.A. Banquets	35

Local Chapter meetings attended.....	106
Civic Clubs addressed.....	25
Student bodies addressed.....	35
Board of Trustees meetings attended.....	3
Expenses to F.F.A.....	\$1,701.80

Last November when the delegates elected me to serve as your president I pledged myself to serve you to the best of my ability. I dropped out of college at the University of Florida, where I was studying vocational agriculture and devoted practically all of my time to the duties of my office. I shall never forget the many pleasant associations when I met with many of you at your State conventions.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to those who helped make my term of office a success. To Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney and the entire staff, my sincere thanks for their cooperation and untiring efforts. To my State Adviser, Mr. Wood, my high school principal, Mr. Smith, and my local adviser, Mr. Ferguson.

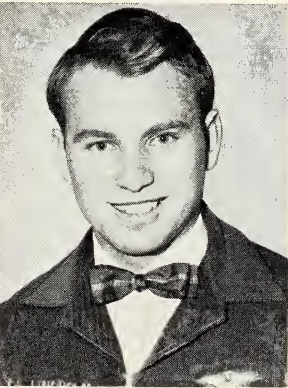
Words are inadequate to express my appreciation for their cooperation through the years. To my parents I just say thanks. To you Future Farmers, the future of our organization is in your hands.

May God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
DOYLE CONNER, *National President.*

Report of the National First Vice President

My wish expressed from this platform eleven months ago, after being elected National First Vice President, was, "God grant that I may worthily serve an organization to which I owe so much."



PAUL LINDHOLM
First Vice-President

Today, after serving a year as your national officer, I am indebted even more to the F.F.A. This debt I can never repay, but I shall always continue to work for the benefit of American agriculture through promoting the Future Farmers of America.

It was my first official trip for the F.F.A. and my first flight on commercial airlines that took me from Minnesota to Washington, D. C. for the Leadership Training School and good-will tour. Three eventful weeks later Ruth and I moved into our own home on the farm.

On March 21, I flew to Lansing, Michigan, and was inspired by attending my first state convention as a national officer.

On March 30, I drove through a bad spring snow storm down to Lincoln, Nebraska and spoke to the

school superintendents and University representatives from twelve mid-western states.

April 10 found me in Nebraska again for the state convention at Ah-Sar-Ben Field, in Omaha.

The week of April 20, took me to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for the Iowa state convention and to Brookings, South Dakota for the South Dakota state convention.

The next week, I attended the Kansas State Convention at Manhattan. Through the courtesy of Kansas State College, it was my privilege to see the good purebred Hereford herds near Manhattan, and also see the college experiments on feeding cattle.

The next week again found me at a state convention. Our own Minnesota F.F.A. was celebrating its twentieth anniversary, and I was honored to speak to the eleven hundred guests present at the anniversary banquet. My father was presented with the Honorary Minnesota Farmer degree. My brother, Stanley, was also elected State Treasurer at this convention.

On June 22, I drove up to Fargo, North Dakota for their State Convention.

All of the eight state conventions that I attended were well conducted and highly successful.

It was a privilege in July to fly again to our Nation's Capital and see Doyle, Dale, Bill, Alton, Max and Ervin Martin. We all went out to Fallston, Maryland to have dinner with Dale's wife and his folks. Dale and his father showed us their large fields of tomatoes and string beans. This was all very interesting to a Minnesota farmer.

August 21 to 25 I attended the American Institute of Cooperation meeting at Madison, Wisconsin. I spoke to the general assembly and acted as Chairman for the North Central Regional Public Speaking Contest.

The night of October 3, Dr. Spanton called from Waterloo, Iowa and requested that I be toastmaster of the banquet given by the Carnation Company for the F.F.A. judging teams at the National Dairy Cattle Congress. The afternoon of October 6, I took a plane to Waterloo, presided over the banquet, and then boarded a pullman for Kansas City.

The following is an outline of my activities as a national officer:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.....	123
Miles travelled	19,650
Letters received	195
Letters sent	143
Long distance telephone calls received.....	15
Long distance telephone calls sent.....	13
Telegrams received	1
Telegrams sent	2

State Conventions attended.....	8
Board of Trustees meetings attended.....	3
Radio broadcasts	41
Speeches	72
Total people addressed (approx.).....	28,750
Expense to National Organization.....	\$1,135.00

It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney and their staffs. My sincere appreciation to my local adviser, Mr. Hoberg, who has always encouraged me in F.F.A. work, and also to Mr. Cochran, Adviser, and Mr. Kortesmaki, Executive Secretary, of the Minnesota F.F.A. To my parents and brothers for their extra work in my absence from the farm and to my wife, Ruth, for being such an efficient secretary and a help in many ways. I shall always be grateful.

Our fellowship together at state and national conventions will indeed be a cherished memory.

God bless each of you in as much as you live a life of service to God, to country, and to agriculture.

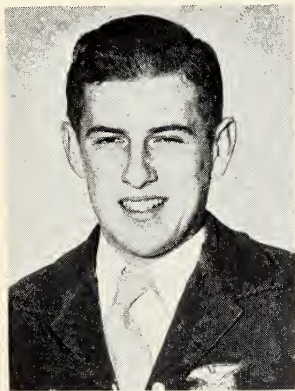
Respectfully submitted,

PAUL LINDHOLM,
National 1st Vice President.

Report of the National Second Vice President

Delegates to the 22nd National Convention:

On Thursday, November 18, 1948, I received the honor and privilege of being elected to the office of National Second Vice President of the Future Farmers of America.



DALE HESS
Second Vice-President

It seems as if it were only yesterday that I was a freshman enrolled in vocational agriculture, and through these years I have found by practical experience that the Future Farmers of America is the greatest farm boy organization in the world. I am sure that through the efforts of the members and advisors the organization will continue to grow and prosper.

Soon after I returned home from Kansas City, I began making talks at various chapter banquets and civic club meetings throughout the state. From January 1st, I was very busy attending three outstanding farm conventions; State Farm Bureau Convention, State Milk Producers Convention and the Mardelva Machinery Dealers Convention.

My official duties started on January 31, when I attended the National Board of Trustees meeting in Washington, D. C., and the

Public Relations Tour which the National President has already told you about. Returning home from one of the greatest experiences of a lifetime, I was busy again on the farm preparing for a busy year.

On May 12, I flew to Buffalo, New York where I met Robert Harrington, State President, and we motored on to Madena to attend a well organized convention. At this time I also had the pleasure of meeting Dr. James W. Hatch, National Chorus Leader.

On June 3, I boarded a train to attend the Ohio State Convention where I had the pleasure of meeting Phil Shober, past National Student Secretary, who showed me a very pleasant time during my stay in Columbus. I wish to compliment Glenn Lackey on the manner in which he and his State Officers conducted the convention.

On June 8, I drove to my neighboring state to attend the Pennsylvania State F.F.A. Convention at Pennsylvania State University. While there I had the pleasure of watching and participating in a most outstanding convention and I also had the pleasure of meeting our capable band leader, Dr. Henry S. Brunner.

On June 20, I drove to the University of Maryland to attend my own state convention. I wish to compliment the past officers of Maryland on the way they conducted the convention which they presented in 1949 and for the enjoyable time which they showed me.

On June 23, I left my own convention and drove to New Jersey, where I was greeted by the State Officers and had the honor of witnessing an outstanding Public Speaking Contest.

Returning home, I tried to help my dad on the farm and get caught up with most of the work for the next few weeks, at which time I was preparing to leave for the National Executive Committee meeting in July in Washington, D. C. At this time I had the pleasure of the National Officers visiting my home.

During the month of August, I was very busy attending state fairs and farm meetings throughout the state.

On September 20, I went to Springfield, Massachusetts to attend the Eastern States Exposition. Besides making radio broadcasts and helping with part of the work, I acted as Toastmaster in behalf of the F.F.A. at the banquet and Public Speaking Contest which was held for the North Atlantic Region. I had the privilege of meeting Neil Cotton and Mike Gifford, two outstanding boys who were guests of the F.F.A. from Great Britain.

On October 4, I flew to Kansas City to attend the National Board of Trustees Meeting and participate in the National Convention which was my last official trip.

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

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.	104
Letters received	94
Letters written	62
Telegrams sent	11
Telegrams received	4

State conventions attended.....	6
Miles travelled (approx.).....	16,000
Speeches made	41
Radio broadcasts	16
Meetings of National Board of Trustees attended...	3
Total expenses	\$480.00

This has been a great year and it will always stand out in my mind as the greatest year of my life. At this time I want to thank my parents for their guiding hand and influence, and especially for carrying on the great farm responsibilities for the past year while I was away on F.F.A. activities.

My deepest appreciation to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Naugher, Mr. Clements, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Swanson and members of the Advisory Council for the willing aid and assistance to me during the past year.

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

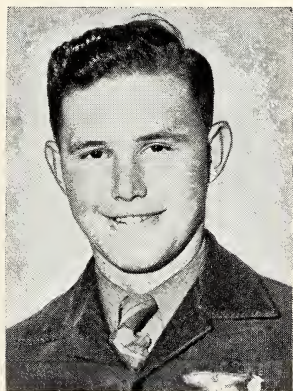
God bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted,

DALE HESS,
National 2nd Vice President.

Report of the National Third Vice President

About six years ago on a warm spring afternoon as I was working the dry, dusty fields on our Montana farm it occurred to me that I was indeed fortunate to be a farmer; with the blue clear skies above and clean, fresh air around me and as I watched the harrow stir the soil I decided agriculture was to be my future.

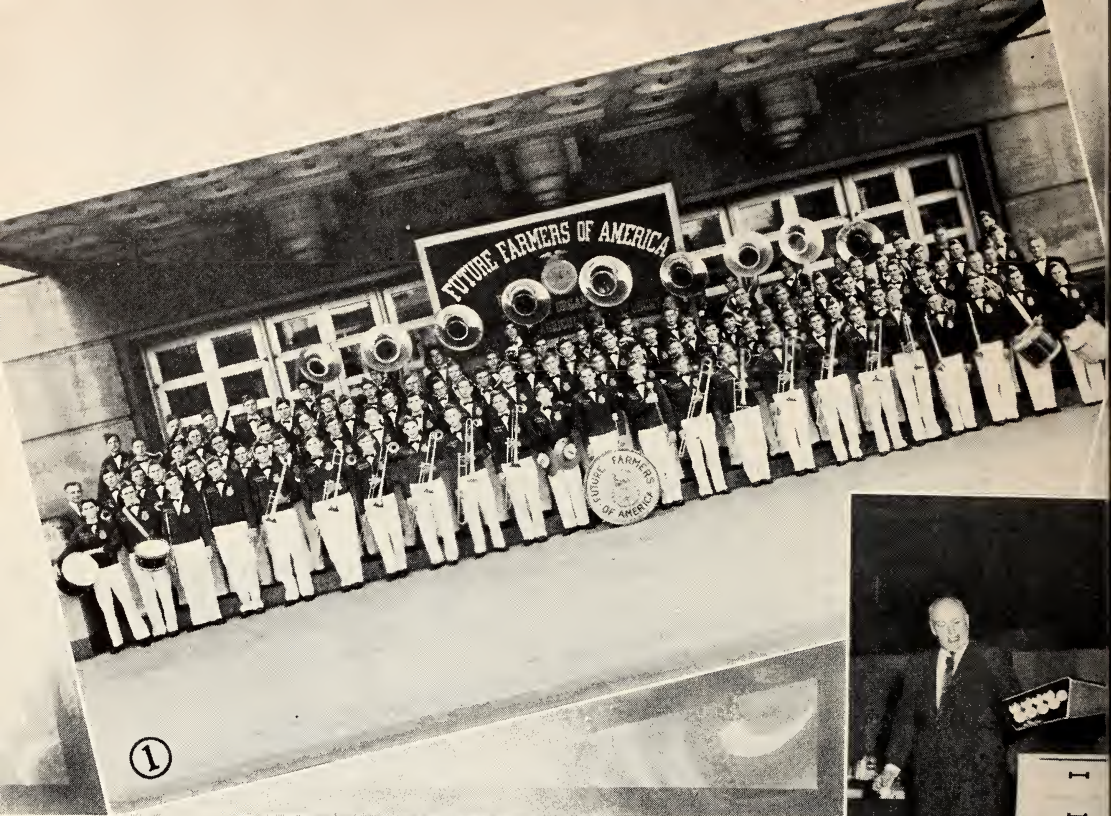


BILL MICHAEL
Third Vice-President

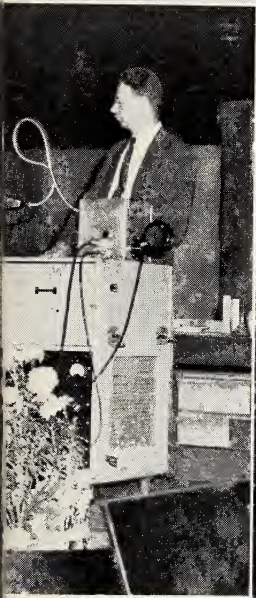
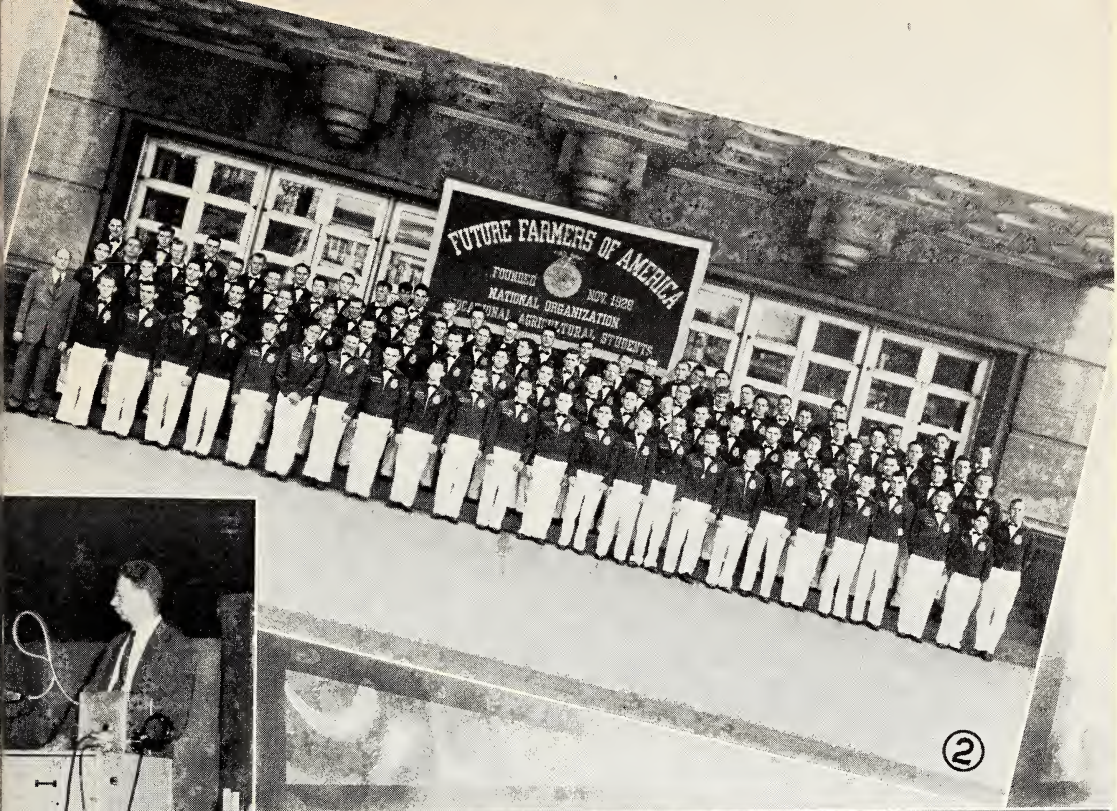
That next fall when I went back to school, vo-ag was on my schedule of subjects and then as I came up through the ranks as a Future Farmer I attended the National F.F.A. Convention and I left dreaming that perhaps some day I, too, could be a national officer. Well, last November I saw that dream come true when I was elected to the office of Third Vice President.

The following is a brief report of my activities as a national officer.

After arriving home from the convention, I spent considerable time attending local chapter meetings and meetings in our districts. On December 6, I attended a special Kiwanis Club meeting as featured speaker. On December 11 through 14, I at-



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 FARMERS OF AMERICA, PRESENTED A SPECIAL PROGRAM AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION THROUGH

tended the Montana State Officers' meeting in Bozeman and on December 15, I attended the Montana State Grange Convention as featured speaker on their program.

On January 10, I attended a meeting of the Midland Credit Production Association as a speaker in Billings, and on January 15, I attended and addressed the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Fair Association. On January 20, I attended and addressed the annual meeting of the Montana Woolgrowers Association at Missoula.

On January 31, I left Billings for Washington, D. C. for the National Officers' Training School and the Public Relations Tour to follow. I arrived home on February 22. During the next month I spent my time visiting chapters and attending chapter banquets throughout the state.

On February 27, I appeared as guest speaker along with another group of Future Farmers before the Montana State Legislature. Then, on March 23, I visited my first State Convention at Pullman, Washington. The three-day meeting was indeed an excellent example of F.F.A. work. On March 31, I attended the Idaho State Convention at Boise, and on April 22 visited the Oregon State Convention. Both of these conventions were certainly well conducted.

April 6-9 found me attending the Montana State Convention, which was handled in excellent form. April 14-16 found me attending the very well conducted Nevada Convention at Reno. I also had a very pleasant stay at the home of Louis Venturacci, former State President of Nevada and an American Farmer.

On June 18, I was married to Miss Shirley Ann Schroder.

My next official trip was on July 18, when I flew to Washington, D. C. for an officers' meeting. I arrived home on July 26 and found myself buried with urgent farm work. My regrets to Bob Taylor and the Arizona Association for, because of heavy farm work and the illness of my father, I could not attend their leadership training school, August 17-19.

On September 24, I attended a Leadership Training School at Worden, Montana, and September 26-28 found me attending the well conducted California convention. And, on October 4, I came to Kansas City for the National Convention and Board of Trustees meeting.

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

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.....	85
Letters received	139
Letters sent	105
Speeches made	41
Telegrams sent	8
Radio broadcasts	10
Total expenses (approx.)	\$1,033.21
Miles travelled	13,572

It has indeed been an honor and a privilege to serve as a national officer. I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers, the entire staff of the Office of Education and you Future Farmers for making this, one of the greatest years of my life, possible. May the future see an even greater F.F.A. with a stronger more prosperous agriculture.

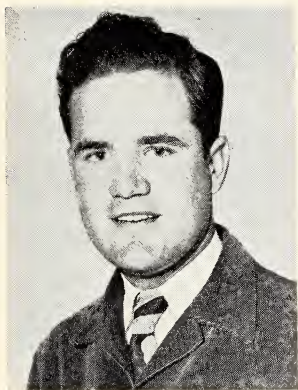
Respectfully submitted,

BILL MICHAEL, JR.,
National Third Vice President.

Report of the National Fourth Vice President

Fellow Future Farmers:

If the old saying, "Experience is the best teacher," is true, I feel that I have received an education within itself in the eleven months I have served as your National Fourth Vice President. I will always remember the many associations I have had with Future Farmers over the nation and will do all I can to serve the F.F.A. in the Future.



ALTON BRAZELL
Fourth Vice-President

After being elected in Kansas City last November, I returned home and attended a few local and district F.F.A. banquets in West Texas before Christmas.

In January, I attended a few banquets in West Texas; and visited chapters in East Texas just prior to going to the Officers' Training School in Washington, D. C. and the Public Relations Tour which President Conner has told you about.

I returned to Texas just in time to spend F.F.A. Week in South Texas, visiting chapters and banquets. Most of March was spent attending more local banquets, livestock shows, and visiting F.F.A. chapters.

March 23-26, I attended the Texas State F.F.A. Executive Committee meetings at Huntsville, Texas. While in East Texas I also had the opportunity of attending the annual convention of the Texas Association of the New Farmers of America at Prairie View.

The first State F.F.A. Convention I attended was the very well conducted convention of the Utah Association at Salt Lake City, March 31 to April 1. April 1, I flew from Salt Lake City to Casper, Wyoming for the Wyoming State Convention. The convention was well planned and the state officers did an excellent job of carrying it out.

After a tour of chapters and banquets in West Texas in April and May, I left Lubbock on May 29 to attend the State F.F.A. Convention of the Arkansas Association at Russellville. I returned

home from Arkansas and went to Colorado for their State Convention held in beautiful Estes Park in the Rocky Mountains. From Colorado I went to the New Mexico State Convention at Camp Inlow. All three of these conventions showed a lot of planning and the boys attending received good training in the leadership conferences held in conjunction with the conventions.

Most of June was spent working on the farm. July 11, I left for East Texas for appearances before several civic clubs. July 18, I was in Dallas attending State F.F.A. Committee meetings just prior to the Texas State Convention held in Dallas, June 20-22. This was the first large F.F.A. Convention held in Texas since the war and the Future Farmers did a very commendable job of carrying out the all-boy program. Immediately after this convention, I flew to Washington for the meetings of the National Board of Trustees.

August 1-3 was spent with Doyle Conner and Max Cobble at the Georgia State Convention at the State F.F.A. Camp. After the convention, Max and I spent a short vacation in Florida with Doyle.

My last State convention was at Prescott, Arizona, where I attended the Arizona Convention. The Leadership Conference was the outstanding part of their convention.

Attending fairs and banquets in West Texas in September concluded my work before coming to this convention.

The following is a brief summary of my F.F.A. activities:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.....	162
Miles travelled	56,000
Letters received	284
Letters sent	272
Telephone calls received.....	22
Telephone calls made.....	35
Telegrams received	6
Telegrams sent	8
Radio broadcasts	31
State F.F.A. Conventions attended.....	8
Other State meetings attended.....	5
National Board of Trustees meetings attended.....	3
Speeches made (local, state & national)	93
Total people addressed.....	48,000
Expenses to F.F.A.....	\$1,427.81

I take this opportunity to say thanks to all the Future Farmers who have helped make this a successful year. I especially appreciate the help given me by Mr. Tenney, Dr. Spanton, Mr. Lano Barron, my state adviser, Mr. N. J. Robnett, my local adviser, my parents, and Doyle, Max, Bill, Dale and Paul, fellow National F.F.A. Officers.

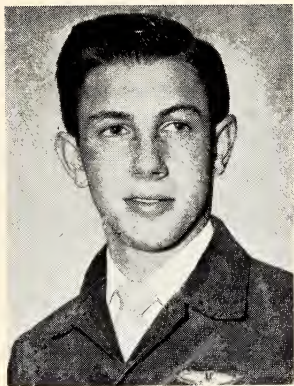
Best of luck to the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,

ALTON BRAZELL,
National 4th Vice President.

Report of National Student Secretary

Like most farm boys, I have done my part in day dreaming. Such dreams, as a rule prove to be only a waste of time. However, one of my dreams became a reality last November 18. That was the day that you elected me to serve our organization as National Student Secretary. That day plus the past eleven months has been a period of outstanding experience for me.



MAX COBBLE
Student Secretary

After the convention I returned to the University of Tennessee where I finished my fall quarter. I didn't enroll for the following quarter due to my F.F.A. work.

My first official trip was to Memphis, Tennessee where I attended the national convention of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. While attending the convention, I had the privilege of meeting Mr. John Davis, Executive Secretary of the Council.

The first state convention I attended was held in Lafayette, Indiana. While attending this outstanding convention I renewed acquaintance with Ervin Martin, Past National President.

On April 20th, I left for Columbia, Missouri where I took part in their very inspiring convention. After three days of making new friends and visiting with Missouri Future Farmers, I returned home.

In the early part of May I took part in my own State Association by working with the state officers, speaking to civic clubs and parent and son banquets.

It was on June 15th that I had the privilege of addressing the Southern Regional Convention of the Future Homemakers of America. I will remember the outstanding manner in which Miss Shirley Osborne and other F.H.A. members conducted that convention.

On June 20th, I set out to visit more state conventions. This trip took me to Blacksburg, Virginia where I witnessed one day of their well conducted convention. The following day I flew to Illinois where I visited with Future Farmers in their convention. While there I renewed acquaintance with Glyndon Stuff, past National President, and Kenneth Cheatham, past Star American Farmer.

On July 24th, I left home for Washington, D. C. to attend our second Board of Trustees meeting. After a week in Washington, I flew to Louisville, Kentucky to take part in their very interesting convention. At that meeting I renewed friendship with Paul Smart, Past National 3rd Vice President.

The following week Doyle, Alton and I attended the Georgia state convention together. After leaving Georgia, Alton and I spent three enjoyable days with Doyle and his family.

Following is a summary of my activities:

Days spent in the interest of the F.F.A.....	85
Miles travelled	19,000
Letters received	132
Letters sent	63
Telegrams received	1
Telegrams sent	3
State conventions attended.....	7
Radio broadcasts	21
Speeches made	57
Number of people addressed (approx.)	25,000
Number of Board of Trustee meetings attended.....	3
Total expenses to the F.F.A.....	\$1,057.01

My thanks go out to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney and their staff for the kind aid that they have given me during the past year. Thanks to my mother and father, my agriculture instructor, Mr. Elmo Johnson, for their outstanding cooperation, to Mr. F. E. Freeman, my State Supervisor, and to Mr. Louis Carpenter, my District Supervisor for help they have rendered in my behalf.

As I conclude my activities as a Future Farmer, this gives me a greater incentive than ever to become an F.F.A. advisor that I may help other farm boys as I have been helped. God bless our organization and may His guiding hand continue to rest over the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,

MAX COBBLE,
National Student Secretary.

Report of National Executive Secretary

A. W. Tenney

This is the Twenty-Second National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. Twenty-one years ago a small group of State Supervisors, Teacher Trainers and students of vocational agriculture met in the old Baltimore Hotel and organized the F.F.A. We are all proud of the rapid growth in membership and of the significant accomplishments of the organization. The service rendered the two million boys who have belonged to the F.F.A. and by them to rural America will ever stand as a monument to the farm boys of our nation.

During the past year you have broken all records in membership and a number of other achievements. Last year you adopted a challenging Program of Work. The following Report on Accomplishments for the year ended June 30, 1949 is indicative of the type and scope of work accomplished by our local chapters.

REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for post-war demands	100% member participation	81.2%
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	53.0%
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	51.16% improved livestock 53.00% improved crops
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	95.57%
II. COOPERATION		
1. Cooperating with other groups on re-adjustment	100% chapter participation	50.41%
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	69.67%
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Assisting returning servicemen	100% member and chapter participation	43.87%
2. Stress repairing and reconditioning of machinery	100% member and chapter participation	42.90% members 65.70% chapters
3. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State Associations with safety programs	80.00%
4. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	46.38% members 74.92% chapters
5. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	45.79%

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	74.00%
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books	84.50%
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	98.00% States 83.45% chapters
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	93.76%
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	100% States 79.63% chapters
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	83.67%
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	91.83%
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does	19.88% chapters issued news sheets or news letters 65.19% chapters prepared publicity material regularly 67.34% States sponsored radio series 39.85% chapters prepared and gave broadcasts
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Buying Government Bonds and Stamps	100% of chapters participating in Government Bond Drive	09.30% chapters 10.00% members
2. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	19.73% members 55.64% chapters
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Using Official Manual	100% of members having access to official manual	90.10%
2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	100% of chapters using both books	82.93% secretary's 86.62% treasurer's
3. Providing Official meeting paraphernalia equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	93.87% States 88.21% chapters

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
4. Using Official ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	97.40%
5. Planning State Conventions	100% of State associations hold conventions	100%
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings	91.48% chapters held regular meetings 46.67% members attended

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	81.31% chapters helped members improve their scholarship
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VIII. RECREATION

1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	68.44%
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Week	100% of State associations participating	83.61%
3. Maintaining National Camp	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition	(See Special Report)

IX. GENERAL

1. Maintaining membership	300,000 active members	280,111 members
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OFFICER TRAVEL

Your National F.F.A. Officers have rendered outstanding service to the national organization during the past year. All of these young men are actively engaged in farming. This has made it difficult for them to be away from the farm during the year. They will report to you on their activities on Thursday afternoon. You will be interested to learn of the amount of time they have spent in F.F.A. activities and the contributions they have made.

STATE CONVENTIONS

I am pleased to inform you that all state associations including the newly organized Rhode Island Association held State conventions. The National F.F.A. Officers attended 40 of these conventions. Their reports have indicated good attendance and interesting achievements at these conventions.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Forty-five State associations held special leadership schools for local chapters and members. More than 41,000 members attended the leadership schools.

CAMPS

The National F.F.A. Camp was open on May 15 and closed September 10. A complete report will be made on the camp during the convention. Twenty-one Associations operated camps for members during the summer. This is an increase of two over last year. A number of other State associations are developing State camps.

NATIONAL CONTEST AND AWARDS

We received 77 reports on accomplishments in the National Chapter Contest for the year ended June 30, 1949. The reports indicate a continual improvement in the quality of work done by our F.F.A. chapters. This is shown by the increase in the number of Gold Emblem Awards that will be given this year. The accomplishment reports of a number of our chapters are on exhibit in the Little Theater. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to review these outstanding reports.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. is continuing to sponsor a number of awards for the F.F.A. In addition to the usual awards which the Foundation has presented, an award has been offered in Soil and Water Management and also one in Dairy Farming. Appropriate State awards are being continued by the Foundation.

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

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE

In compliance with authorization of the delegates at the National Convention, the Future Farmers Supply Service has been organized and is now in operation at the National F.F.A. Camp. A complete report on the Supply Service will be made during the convention.

SUMMARY

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1949, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters.....	7,250
Total number white departments of vocational agriculture without F.F.A. chapters.....	157
Total active membership in chartered chapters.....	280,111

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree	131,357
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree.....	139,853
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree	7,141
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree.....	358
Total active membership.....	280,111
Total number of Associate members (local)	175,678
Total number of Honorary members (local)	23,798
Total number of Honorary members (state)	3,385
Grand total membership.....	469,670

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who participated in production of food	227,433
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs	148,614
Numbers of members who used improved livestock practices	153,329
Number of members who used improved crop production practices	148,495
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work.....	6,968

II. COOPERATION

Number of chapters cooperating with other groups.	3,676
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort	195,155

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number of chapters that assisted returning servicemen to become readjusted to farm life.....	3,198
Number of servicemen assisted by chapters to become readjusted to farm life.....	49,455
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	120,326
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	4,797
Number of State Associations having a safety program in operation.....	35
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work	129,935

Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work	5,462
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment	128,275
IV. LEADERSHIP	
Number of State Associations that nominated full quota of American Farmers.....	37
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more F.F.A. books	6,128
Number of State Associations that held a public speaking contest	48
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest	6,084
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings	6,835
Number of State Associations having a written continuing program of work.....	49
Number of chapters having a definite continuing written program of work.....	5,806
Number of State Associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheets regularly.....	41
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters	2,184
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly	4,753
Number of State Associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members.....	45
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences.....	5,902
Number of State Associations sponsoring radio broadcast series	33
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs.....	2,176
Number of Association members attending last National F.F.A. Convention.....	5,705
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS	
Number of members who purchased U. S. Government Bonds and Stamps.....	26,330
Number of chapters that purchased U. S. Government Bonds and Stamps.....	737
Number of State Associations purchasing U. S. Government Bonds and Stamps.....	10
Number of members carrying out definite thrift practices	55,336
Number of chapters participating in thrift practices	4,057

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of members who have access to the official Manual	252,133
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book	6,047
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book	5,732
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	5,789
Number of State Associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	46
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings	6,431
Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	6,669
Number of State Associations holding a convention	49
Number of members who have attended at least 100% of chapter meetings.....	130,738

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship.....	5,928
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VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation	6,198
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities	191,721
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year.....	21
Number of members attending State camp.....	15,852
Number of chapters represented.....	1,390
Number of State Associations participating in National F.F.A. Week.....	41

C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by active members, as of January 1 of this year.....	\$50,221,977.60
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D. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Number of recognized teacher-training departments operating Collegiate F.F.A. chapters.....	27
Reported membership in Collegiate Chapters.....	2,605

WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Each year it seems that the Future Farmers of America break a number of records. We have done it again this year in member-

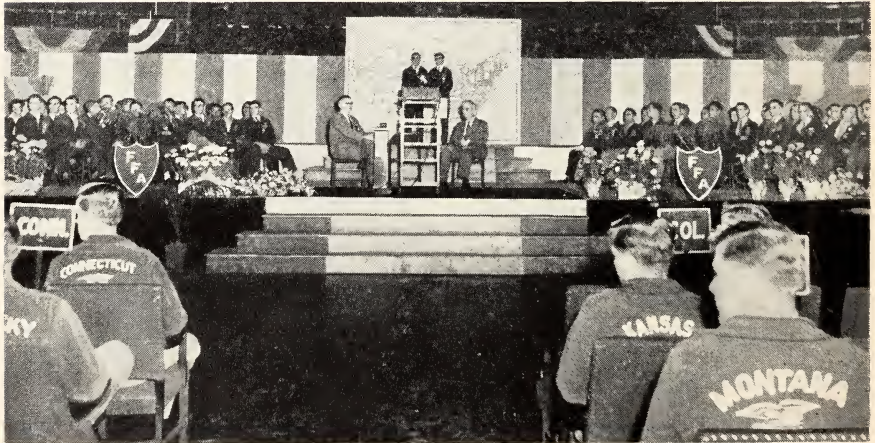
ship. Our membership as of June 30, 1949 was 280,111. We may look forward to a continued growth during the present year. Let us strive to enlist all of the boys who are enrolled in high school classes in vocational agriculture in the F.F.A.

We are all pleased this year to have the Rhode Island Association become affiliated with the national organization. For the first time all of the States, the Territory of Hawaii and the Island of Puerto Rico are now affiliated with the National Future Farmers of America organization.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. TENNEY,
National Executive Secretary.



PRESENTATION OF CHARTER TO RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION
OF F.F.A.

Report of the National Treasurer

D. J. Howard

July 25, 1949

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

Gentlemen:

We have made an examination of the books of account and record of D. J. Howard, Treasurer, Future Farmers of America, Richmond, Virginia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1949, and have submitted a detailed report thereon.

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

In our opinion, the statements herewith submitted, subject to the comments contained in our detailed report referred to above, present fairly the position of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1949, and the results of its operation for the year, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT,

Certified Public Accountants,

Richmond, Virginia.

BALANCE SHEET**June 30, 1949**

EXHIBIT "A"

A S S E T S**CASH IN BANK:**

Shenandoah Valley National Bank (Exhibit "C")	\$13,224.91
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INVESTMENTS:

U. S. Savings Bonds, Series F:		
Maturity Value	\$50,000.00	
Less: Reserve for Unearned Interest	9,420.00	40,580.00
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TRADEMARK	500.00
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FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp:

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

Furniture and Equipment.. \$	510.37		
Color Plates and Engravings	1,626.20	2,136.57	32,459.89
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			\$86,764.80
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LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS**INCOME TAX WITHHELD****FROM EMPLOYEES:**

On Salaries for the Second Quarter of 1949.....	\$ 315.90
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SURPLUS:

Balance—July 1, 1948.....	\$92,971.24
Deduct:	
Excess of Expenditures over Revenue (Exhibit "B")) ...	6,522.34
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Balance—June 30, 1949.....	86,448.90
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	\$86,764.80
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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1949**

EXHIBIT "B"

REVENUE:	Revenue		Budget Estimate	Excess Over Estimate
	Detail	Total		
Membership Dues				
(Schedule 1).....		\$28,010.60	\$27,000.00	\$ 1,010.60
Royalties:				
L. G. Balfour Company.....	\$8,368.41			
Chapter Supply Company....	387.26			
The Fair Publishing House...	211.90			
French-Bray Printing Co....	735.72			
The Osborne Company.....	248.44			
St. Louis Button Company...	199.70			
Staunton Novelty Company..	1,059.82			
Totals—Royalties		11,211.25	12,000.00	(788.75)
Other Revenue:				
National Camp and Old Mill..	\$2,366.16			
Convention Cot Concession...	350.00			
Tours	128.21			
Sale of "F.F.A. In Action"...	30.00			
Interest on U. S. Savings				
Bonds	1,020.00			
Miscellaneous	48.50			
Rent	750.00			
Totals—Other Revenue		4,692.87	3,300.00	1,392.87
Total Revenue		\$43,914.72	\$42,300.00	\$ 1,614.72
Appropriated from Surplus to				
 Balance Budget.....			4,943.87	(4,943.87)
Totals		\$43,914.72	\$47,243.87	\$(3,329.15)
EXPENDITURES:				
	Expended		Appro- priations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Travel:				
National Officers.....	\$9,843.22			
Advisory Council.....	57.35			
Past Officers, Star Farmer, etc.	1,369.97			
Totals—Travel.....		\$11,270.54	\$10,000.00	\$(1,270.54)

	Expended		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Convention:				
Delegate Expense.....	\$3,885.91		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 114.09
Entertainment	2,363.40		2,500.00	136.60
Buttons, Badges, and Programs	548.74		1,000.00	451.26
Stenotypist	272.25		175.00	(97.25)
Photographs and Publicity...	281.50		500.00	218.50
Decorations	864.47		500.00	(364.47)
Equipment Rental.....	560.23		125.00	(435.23)
Building Service.....	72.00		75.00	3.00
Exhibits			100.00	100.00
Communications	67.89		200.00	132.11
Secretarial Travel.....	769.95		600.00	(169.95)
Awards and Certificates....	1,468.01		1,100.00	(368.01)
Miscellaneous	683.03		200.00	(483.03)
Totals—Convention		\$11,837.38	\$11,075.00	\$ (762.38)
“American Farmer” Keys:				
Total Expenditures.....		2,301.68	\$ 2,250.00	\$ (51.68)
Printing:				
Literature and Proceedings..	\$3,414.83		\$ 3,000.00	\$ (414.83)
Stationery, Forms, etc.....	650.90		700.00	49.10
Exhibits and Publicity.....			100.00	100.00
Totals—Printing		\$ 4,065.73	\$ 3,800.00	\$ (265.73)
National Office Expense:				
Secretarial Salaries:				
Executive Secretary’s Office	\$2,799.37		\$ 2,798.71	\$ (.66)
National Treasurer’s Office.	1,545.10		1,545.52	.42
Director of Public Relations:				
Salary	4,962.01		4,936.00	(26.01)
Travel	835.73		1,500.00	664.27
Secretary	2,495.25		2,493.64	(1.61)
Telephone and Telegraph....	363.10		300.00	(63.10)
Postage, Express, etc.....	200.00		300.00	100.00
Bond Premiums and Taxes...	75.00		100.00	25.00
Supplies	1,303.35		500.00	(803.35)
Auditing	125.00		200.00	75.00
Miscellaneous	666.39		250.00	(416.39)
Totals—National Office....		\$15,370.30	\$14,923.87	\$ (446.43)

	Expended		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
National Camp and Old Mill:				
Salaries:				
Supervisor	\$1,778.82		\$ 1,920.00	\$ 141.18
Attendant	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Insurance	346.54		450.00	103.46
Light and Power.....	96.57		150.00	53.43
Fuel and Oil.....	46.83		100.00	53.17
Telephone	136.69		75.00	(61.69)
Maintenance	1,685.98		1,000.00	(685.98)
Totals—National Camp....		\$ 5,591.43	\$ 5,195.00	\$ (396.43)
Total Expenditures.....		\$50,437.06	\$47,243.87	\$(3,193.19)
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE		\$ (6,522.34)	\$	\$(6,522.34)

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1949****EXHIBIT "C"**

BALANCE—July 1, 1948..... \$20,796.95

RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues (Schedule 1)	\$28,010.60	
Royalties (Exhibit "B")	11,211.25	
National Camp and Old Mill..	2,366.16	
Convention Cot Concession...	350.00	
Tours	128.21	
Sale of "F.F.A. In Action"...	30.00	
Rent	750.00	
Miscellaneous	48.50	
Loan Repaid by Future Farmers Supply Service.....	10,000.00	
Loan from F.F.A. Foundation, Inc.	5,000.00	
Income Tax Withheld from Employees	1,407.50	
Expense Refunds:		
Travel	\$ 796.70	
Convention	67.16	
National Office	35.23	
National Camp	60.63	
Printing	209.25	1,168.97

TOTAL RECEIPTS .. 60,471.19

\$81,268.14**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Travel	\$12,067.24
Convention	11,904.54
"American Farmer" Keys....	2,301.68
Printing	4,274.98
National Office Expense.....	15,405.53
National Camp and Old Mill..	5,652.06
Withholding Tax Remitted to Federal Government	1,437.20
Repayment of Loans from F.F.A. Foundation, Inc.....	15,000.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 68,043.23**BALANCE—**June 30, 1949 (Exhibit "A") . \$13,224.91

MEMBERSHIP DUES COLLECTED
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1949

SCHEDULE 1

<u>Association</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,052.70	New Hampshire	24.30
Arizona	76.50	New Jersey	82.10
Arkansas	1,081.80	New Mexico	143.60
California	1,000.20	New York	631.60
Colorado	164.50	North Carolina	1,621.80
Connecticut	40.00	North Dakota	157.60
Delaware	52.00	Ohio	764.60
Florida	611.50	Oklahoma	1,015.90
Georgia	1,205.30	Oregon	285.10
Hawaii	127.70	Pennsylvania	885.70
Idaho	223.20	Puerto Rico	434.20
Illinois	1,519.10	Rhode Island	8.20
Indiana	436.60	South Carolina	596.20
Iowa	600.70	South Dakota	159.40
Kansas	548.20	Tennessee	1,297.20
Kentucky	890.00	Texas	2,420.50
Louisiana	654.30	Utah	302.90
Maine	115.90	Vermont	57.90
Maryland	164.00	Virginia	735.60
Massachusetts	93.50	Washington	488.90
Michigan	781.60	West Virginia	405.50
Minnesota	558.10	Wisconsin	1,052.90
Mississippi	850.00	Wyoming	93.30
Missouri	946.80		
Montana	156.00		
Nebraska	367.60		
Nevada	27.80		
		TOTAL DUES	
		COLLECTED	
		(Exhibits "B"	
		and "C")	\$28,010.60



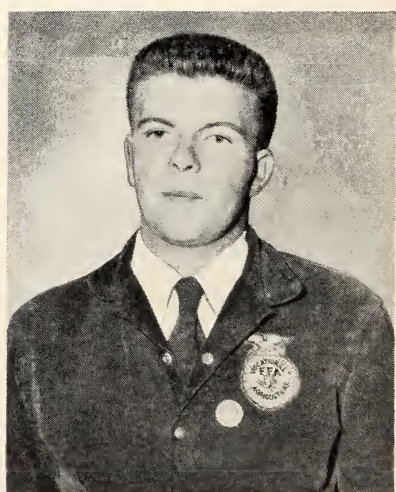
WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK, Ohio
First Place—Farm Mechanics



WAYNE WIGLEY, Texas
Southern Region—Farm Mechanics



ODELL HATCH, Utah
Pacific Region—Farm Mechanics



ROBERT H. WOOD, Vermont
No. Atlantic Region—Farm Mechanics

Awards and Contests

On Tuesday evening, October 11, the Star Farmer Awards were presented by the National Vice-Presidents from the respective regions, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. The winners were as follows.

Star Farmer of America—Kenneth England, Chandler, Arizona.

Star Farmer, Pacific Region—Jack Hailey King, Dadeville, Missouri.

Star Farmer, Southern Region—Robert Samuel Stevens, Jr., Lynchburg, Virginia.

Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region—John Castroginni, Montrose, Pennsylvania.

A check for \$1000.00 went to England and checks for \$500.00 were given the other three Star Farmers named.

Other National Awards were presented Wednesday evening, October 12, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Farm Mechanics Award winners were introduced by Paul Lindholm, National First Vice President, Ortonville, Minnesota. Winners in this contest were given checks by Lindholm from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated as follows:

1st Place—William Kirkpatrick, Worthington, Ohio	\$250.00
No. Atlantic Region—Robert H. Wood, Brandon, Vermont	200.00
Pacific Region—Odell Hatch, Brigham, Utah	200.00
Southern Region—Wayne Wigley, Jasper, Texas	200.00

Farm Electrification Award winners were introduced by Alton Brazell, National Fourth Vice President, Lubbock, Texas. Each of the winners received a check given in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Billy Watson, Forest, Virginia	\$250.00
No. Atlantic Region—Kenneth W. Marron, Newton, N. J.	200.00
Pacific Region—Irvin Soiland, Big Timber, Montana . . .	200.00
Central Region—Marvin R. Eckhoff, Benson, Illinois . . .	200.00

Soil and Water Management Award winners were introduced by Dale Hess, National Second Vice President, Fallston, Maryland. Each of the winners received a check in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Marvin Gummersheimer, Waterloo, Illinois .	\$250.00
No. Atlantic Region—Kenneth Gifford Medusa, New York	200.00
Pacific Region—Anthony R. Ivins, Lund, Nevada	200.00
Southern Region—George R. Hamilton, Holston, Va. . . .	200.00

Star Dairy Farmer Award winners were introduced by Max Cobble, National Student Secretary, Midway, Tennessee. Each of the winners received a check in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—L. D. Davis, Lumberton, Mississippi	\$250.00
No. Atlantic Region—Richard Niblett, Bear, Delaware . .	200.00
Central Region—Marvin L. Nelson, Brainerd, Minnesota	200.00
Pacific Region—Leslie J. Christian, Bayside, California . .	200.00

Farm Mechanics

William Kirkpatrick, 18 year old Ohio farm boy, received a \$250 cash award at the twenty-second annual Future Farmers of America national convention in Kansas City as winner of the organization's national award in farm mechanics.

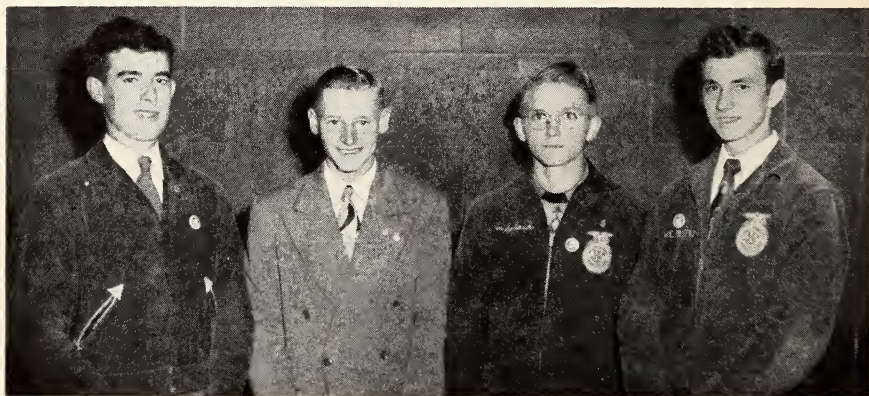
Young Kirkpatrick is a three-year member of the F.F.A. from Westerville High School. He lives with his parents on Rural Route 1, Worthington, Ohio.

Three other Future Farmers were presented \$200 checks as regional winners in the farm mechanics contest. They are Robert H. Wood, 18, Route 3, Brandon, Vermont, North Atlantic Region; Odell Hatch, 18, Route 1, Brigham, Utah, Pacific Region and Wayne Wigley, 20, Route 2, Jasper, Texas, Southern Region.

Their awards were provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. which budgets \$6,000 annually for state and national awards to stimulate interest in farm mechanics work by F.F.A. members. Each of the four national award recipients had previously won local chapter and state eliminations.

Farm Electrification

Billy Watson, 17 year old farm boy from Forest, Virginia, was named national winner of the Future Farmers of America 1949



WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM ELECTRIFICATION AWARDS
Pictured left to right—BILLY WATSON, Virginia, 1st Place; MARVIN R. ECKHOFF, Illinois, Central Regional winner; IRVIN SOILAND, Montana, Pacific Regional winner; and KENNETH MARRON, New Jersey, No. Atlantic Regional winner.

Farm Electrification award. The award was presented during the evening session of the twenty-second annual national F.F.A. convention in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium.

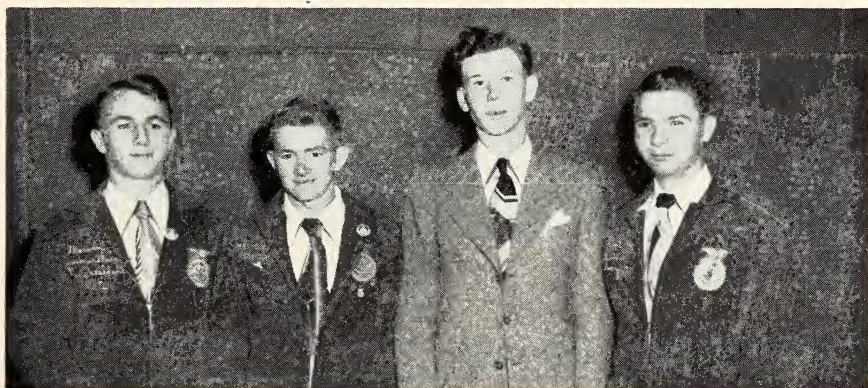
Young Watson received a \$250 cash award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., as his national prize.

Joining him on the stage for the award were three other boys named regional winners and presented checks for \$200 each. They are Kenneth Walter Marron, 17, Route 3, Newton, New Jersey, North Atlantic Region; Marvin R. Eckhoff, 18, Benson, Illinois, Central Region; and Irvin Soiland, 16, Big Timber, Montana, Pacific Region.

Each of the four Future Farmers had qualified for the national contest by winning out over other farm boys in his local F.F.A. chapter and state F.F.A. association.

Soil and Water Management

Marvin Gummertsheimer, 19 year old Waterloo, Illinois, farm boy was named winner of the Future Farmers of America's first national award for Soil and Water Management at the organization's 22nd annual national convention in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri.



WINNERS OF THE SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT AWARDS
Pictured left to right—MARVIN GUMMERTSHEIMER, Illinois, 1st Place; KENNETH GIFFORD, New York, North Atlantic Regional winner; GEORGE R. HAMILTON, Virginia, Southern Regional winner; and ANTHONY R. IVINS, Nevada, Pacific Regional winner.

Young Gummertsheimer received a \$250 cash award for first place in the national contest. Three other Future Farmers named regional winners received \$200 each.

They are Kenneth Gifford, 18, Medusa, New York, North Atlantic Region; Anthony R. Ivins, 19, Lund, Nevada, Pacific Region, and George R. Hamilton, 16, Holston, Virginia, Southern Region. Each of the award recipients had previously received \$100 as winner of his state contest.

Records showing their own achievements in soil and water management were submitted by the farm youths for national judg-

ing. The awards were provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., which receives its funds from grants made by business firms, organizations and individuals who are interested in promoting F.F.A. work. The Soil and Water Management award is the latest established by the Foundation and this is the first year it has been presented.

Dairy Farming

L. D. Davis, 19 year old Future Farmers of America member from Route 3, Lumberton, Mississippi, was named winner of the F.F.A.'s national Dairy Farming award. He was presented a \$250 check during the twenty-second annual national F.F.A. convention in Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City.



WINNERS OF THE STAR DAIRY FARMER AWARDS

Pictured left to right—L. D. DAVIS, Mississippi, 1st Place; MARVIN L. NELSON, Minnesota, Central Regional winner; RICHARD NIBLETT, Delaware, No. Atlantic Regional winner; and LESLIE J. CHRISTIAN, California, Pacific Regional winner.

Regional Dairy Farming award winners were Richard Niblett, 18, Route 1, Bear, Delaware, North Atlantic Region; Marvin L. Nelson, 18, Route 2, Brainerd, Minnesota, Central Region, and Leslie J. Christian, 17, Bayside, California, Pacific Region. Each of the regional winners received cash awards of \$200. All awards are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., and each of the national winners had previously received \$100 from the Foundation for placing first in his state contest.

It was the second year for presentation of Dairy Farming awards to deserving F.F.A. members. Records showing their own achievements in dairying were submitted by the farm youths for national judging.

The Chapter Contest

Seventy-seven Future Farmers of America local chapters were honored at the twenty-second national F.F.A. convention in Kansas City during the presentation of awards in the organization's national chapter contest.

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

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

Each chapter in the contest had been selected locally as one of two from the state to be entered in the national competition. Emblem winners received plaques designating their award, and the Honorable Mention group received certificates. The seventy-seven chapters in the national contest represent the best from the Future Farmers of America's 7,250 local chapters. The 1949 winners were:

Gold Emblem Classification

Sidney Lanier Chapter, Montgomery, Ala.	Delphi Chapter, Delphi, Ind.
Riverton Chapter, Huntsville, Ala.	Daviess County Chapter, Owensboro, Ky.
Conway Chapter, Conway, Ark.	Nicholasville Chapter, Nicholasville, Ky.
Lakeside Chapter, Hot Springs, Ark.	Binford Chapter, Duck Hill, Miss.
Saddle & Grate Chapter, Camden-Woyming, Delaware	Inverness Chapter, Inverness, Miss.
Paxton, Florida, Chapter, Florala, Ala.	Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, Mont.
Deland Chapter, Deland, Fla.	Huntley Project Chapter, Worden, Mont.
Blakely Union Chapter, Blakely, Ga.	Tucumcari Chapter, Tucumcari, N. Mex.
Glenwood Chapter, Glenwood, Ga.	Rugby Chapter, Rugby, N. D.
Fairbury Chapter, Fairbury, Ill.	Velva Chapter, Velva, N. D.
Lanark Chapter, Lanark, Ill.	

Van Wert Marsh Chapter,
 Van Wert, Ohio
 Xenia Chapter, Xenia, Ohio
 Guthrie Chapter, Guthrie, Okla.
 Chester County Chapter,
 Henderson, Tenn.
 Smith County Chapter,
 Carthage, Tenn.
 Alpine Chapter, Alpine, Texas
 Clifton Chapter, Clifton, Texas

Delta Chapter, Delta, Utah
 Christiansburg Chapter,
 Christiansburg, Va.
 Eagle Rock Chapter,
 Eagle Rock, Va.
 Ridgefield Chapter,
 Ridgefield, Wash.
 Circleville Chapter,
 Circleville, W. Va.
 Weston Chapter, Weston, W. Va.

Silver Emblem Classification

Mesa Chapter, Mesa, Ariz.
 Yuma Chapter, Yuma, Ariz.
 Madera Chapter, Madera, Calif.
 Modesto Chapter,
 Modesto, Calif.
 Eaton Chapter, Eaton, Colo.
 Falls Village Chapter,
 Falls Village, Conn.
 Olathe Chapter, Olathe, Kan.
 Evergreen Chapter,
 Evergreen, La.
 Limestone Chapter,
 Limestone, Maine
 Clarksville Chapter,
 Clarkesville, Md.
 Alma Chapter, Alma, Mich.
 Midland Chapter,
 Midland, Mich.

Brainerd Chapter,
 Brainerd, Minn.
 Mountain Lake Chapter,
 Mountain Lake, Minn.
 California Chapter,
 California, Mo.
 Fairbury Chapter,
 Fairbury, Nebr.
 Kearney Chapter,
 Kearney, Nebr.
 Deming Chapter,
 Deming, N. Mex.
 Greenville Chapter,
 Greenville, N. Y.
 Mansfield Chapter,
 Mansfield, Pa.

Bronze Emblem Classification

Bent Chapter, Bent, Colo.
 Tri Ag Chapter,
 Willimantic, Conn.
 Pahoia Chapter, Pahoia, Hawaii
 Rigby Chapter, Rigby, Idaho
 Mt. Ayr Chapter, Mt. Ayr, Iowa
 Slidell Chapter, Slidell, La.
 Gorham Chapter,
 Gorham, Maine

Boonsboro Chapter,
 Boonsboro, Md.
 Newton Chapter, Newton, N. J.
 Sussex Chapter, Sussex, N. J.
 Camden Chapter, Camden, S. C.
 Westville Chapter,
 Westville, S. C.
 Eastern Chapter, Madison, S. D.
 Lovell Chapter, Lovell, Wyo.

Honorable Mention

Stephen Babcock,
 Middleton, Dela.
 Stafford Austin Chapter,
 Wailuku, Hawaii

Agawam Chapter,
 Agawam, Mass.
 Stockbridge Chapter,
 Stockbridge, Mass.

South Kortright Chapter,
South Kortright, N. Y.
Unionville Chapter,
Unionville, Pa.
Sundstrom Chapter,
Lennox, S. Dak.

Mt. Baker Chapter,
Deming, Wash.
Gate City Chapter,
Pinebluffs, Wyo.

Judges for the 1949 Chapter Contest were: W. N. Elam, Specialist, Agricultural Education, Program Planning, Office of Education; A. H. Hollenberg, Specialist, Agricultural Education, Farm Mechanics, Office of Education; Silas M. Ransopher, Field Representative, Office of Education.

Star Farmer Awards

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates receiving the Degree at the time of the national F.F.A. convention. The records of outstanding candidates were reviewed by the following individuals. John Collins, Editor, The "Weekly Kansas City Star," Kansas City, Missouri;



- (1)—KENNETH ENGLAND
Chandler, Arizona
1949 Star Farmer of America.
- (2)—ROBERT S. STEVENS, JR.
Lynchburg, Virginia
1949 Star Farmer of Southern
Region.

- (3)—JACK HAILEY KING
Dadeville, Missouri
1949 Star Farmer of Central
Region.
- (4)—JOHN CASTROGINNI
Montrose, Pennsylvania
1949 Star Farmer of North
Atlantic Region.

John L. Collyer, President, The B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio; and Harry A. Bullis, Chairman of the Board, General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

KENNETH ENGLAND
Star Farmer of America

England, the nation's top farm boy, combined an outstanding farming program with leadership and cooperative activities to win F.F.A.'s highest award. It was his second trip to a national convention to be honored. Last year he won the organization's national Dairy Farming award of \$250 for the high school boy submitting the best record of achievement in dairying.

His 50-cow dairy herd is valued at more than \$7,000 and he owns other livestock, buildings, farm machinery and other assets to bring his net worth up past the \$20,000 mark. Kenneth owns fifty percent interest in 20 acres of land that is devoted to alfalfa and barley, and he rents 126 acres of pasture land.

His entire farming program has been built up through his own efforts from a beginning with one Jersey heifer while he was in grade school. Kenneth's financial records show that during his four years of vocational agriculture study in Chandler High School he made a labor income of \$19,021 from his supervised farming projects, with most of the money coming from dairy cattle. In 1948, his last year of complete records and his first year out of high school, his labor income was \$13,870. Actual cash profits during the entire five years totaled \$18,494, with the remaining labor income being accounted for in increased inventory.

Kenneth has been one of Arizona's most active F.F.A. leaders. He held offices as secretary and vice president of the Chandler chapter, president of his area F.F.A. federation; was third vice president of the Arizona state F.F.A. association in 1947-48 and state secretary for 1948-49. He has won many honors in livestock and dairy judging contests, placed second in the state Farm Electrification contest, was president of the local, federation and state parliamentary procedure teams and for two years was co-captain of the Chandler High School track team.

He is a member of Farm Bureau, the local Dairy Herd Improvement Association and American Jersey Cattle Club. He drives 15 miles to study agriculture at Arizona State College at Tempe and is president of the Aggie Club at that school.

ROBERT S. STEVENS, JR.
Star Farmer—Southern Region

Selected from 99 American Farmer degree candidates from 12 southern states, Robert S. Stevens is the first Virginian to receive an F.F.A. Star Farmer award since 1938 when Hunter Greenlaw of Fredericksburg was named Star Farmer of America.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stevens, Route 2, Lynchburg, Robert attended Rustburg High School where he completed three years of vocational agriculture study in 1947. He is now farming in 50-50 partnership with his father, is married and has two children, Robert Stevens, III, two years old, and Deborah, four months.

Young Stevens has the major responsibility for the 167-acre farming operation. His program includes 60 head of registered Aberdeen Angus cattle with bloodlines ranking among the best in the nation. Crops, of hay, grain and pasture provide feed for the livestock and give him a balanced farming program that allows crop rotations. He practices contour and strip-crop farming for conservation and is diversifying his farm through the addition of an orchard enterprise.

His 1948-49 farming program included 23 veal calves, 7 acres of corn, 59 acres of hay, 9 acres of wheat, two and a half acres of orchard and garden, 100 broilers, a brood sow and two beef cattle.

He has a particularly outstanding record in leadership. In the opinion of F. B. Cale, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture for Virginia and State F.F.A. Adviser, Robert is "the most outstanding of any State F.F.A. President in the history of the Association." He held the offices of secretary and president of the Rustburg F.F.A. chapter, in 1947-48 was Hub-Federation F.F.A. president, and was elected president for the Virginia State F.F.A. Association for 1948-49.

His schoolmates elected him president of the freshman class, he was vice president of the Literary Society, editor-in-chief of the High School Annual, and captained his school's baseball, softball and volleyball teams. Young Stevens is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Providence Methodist Church, for two years was president and assistant pianist for the Methodist Youth Fellowship and taught the Intermediate class in Sunday School one year.

His high school transcript shows a grade average for four years of 95.3 points, placing him second in scholarship for the entire school.

JOHN CASTROGINNI

Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region

John Castroginni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Castroginni, owns 180 acres of land and rents an additional 140 acres for his farming operations out of Montrose, Pa. He specializes in dairy production and owns 51 Holstein cattle valued at \$9,800.

John was graduated from Montrose High School in 1946 after the completion of four years study of vocational agriculture. He has spent two full years in farming since his graduation, continuing his working relationship with the high school vocational agriculture department and his membership in the Future Farmers of America.

His supervised farming program was begun in 1942 with 200 broilers and five hogs from which he netted \$164.49. In his sophomore year he expanded the farming activities to raise 600 broilers, 82 hens, three dairy cattle, five hogs, 28 acres of small grains and 16 acres of corn, and profits went up to \$756. As a junior he netted \$1,207 from farming, and as a senior \$3,108. In his first year out of school his profits from farming were \$3,564 and last year he netted \$5,031 giving him, in six years, a total income of \$13,833 from supervised farming projects.

John's father is in poor health and the parents have deeded the home farm to him in return for a \$10,000 bond providing that he will provide a home for both of them for as long as they live, pay them \$30 per month for life and at their death pay each of his four sisters \$100 and his one brother \$500. The farm is valued at \$12,000 and he owns other assets, such as livestock, farm machinery, and equipment, worth \$17,000.

John was an outstanding student of vocational agriculture throughout his high school work and has been called on several times to work as substitute vocational agriculture teacher. He held the offices of reporter, vice president and president of the Montrose F.F.A. chapter and in 1947 was sentinel of the Pennsylvania State F.F.A. association.

He is vice president of the local Young Cooperators organization, member of the National Executive Committee of Young Cooperators, and secretary of the Dairymen's League local. His record of scholarship in high school reveals that he was valedictorian of his senior class in 1946.

JACK HAILEY KING

Star Farmer—Central Region

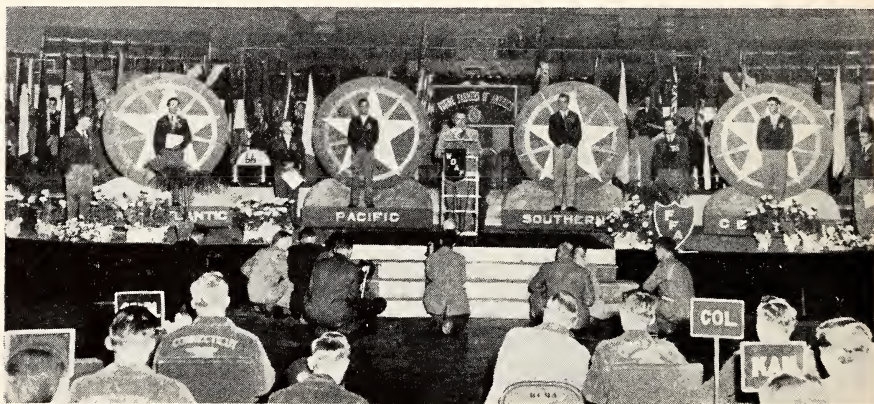
Jack King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy King, was graduated from Dadeville High School in 1947 after four years of vocational agriculture instruction and membership in the Future Farmers of America.

Jack's freshman projects in vocational agriculture consisted of a sow and seven pigs, a beef cow and calf, five sheep, three acres of corn and three acres of oats, from which he netted \$220 profit, money which he immediately turned back into an expanded farming program. By his senior year of high school he had progressed well enough that he was able to buy most of the equipment on the home farm when his father's health became too poor to allow him the full activities a farmer needs. He now works in cooperation with Mr. King, splitting expenses on crop production, sharing the yields. Their livestock is kept separately with Jack doing the work in return for his home on the farm and use of the land. In addition, Jack operates another 115 acres of good bottom land on a crop rent basis.

Jack owns assets valued at \$19,235, against which he has notes totalling \$5,650, giving him a net worth of \$13,585. Most of his assets are in livestock, equipment and buildings. He owns 28 dairy cattle, 47 hogs, 4 horses and 105 poultry.

He was married in 1947 to Miss Bebe Rea Gibberson. They are making their home on the family farm and they have a baby daughter nine months old.

Young King held offices of secretary and president of the Dadeville F.F.A. chapter and in 1947-48 was vice-president of the State F.F.A. Association. He was president of his freshman class, captain of the school's baseball team and a member of the Boy Scouts.



STAR FARMER CEREMONY—1949 STAR FARMERS STANDING IN FRONT OF STARS.

Citations for Honorary American Farmers

JAMES W. HATCH

We are all proud of the excellent musical organizations we have had at our conventions. Last year we were all thrilled to see and listen to the great National F.F.A. Chorus. James W. Hatch, Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Albany, New York, has cooperated with the national organization for years in connection with the convention. Several years ago he directed the Building of the Emblem Ceremony at our Convention. During the past two years he has served as director of the National F.F.A. Chorus. In appreciation for his assistance it is a privilege to confer upon him the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

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

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

H. E. Boning, Jr., Manager, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri.

M. E. Coleman, Educational Director, American Turpentine Farmers Association, Valdosta, Georgia.

Harry Darby, President, Darby Corporation, Kansas City, Kansas.

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

E. S. Estel, Secretary-Manager, The Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa.

Kenneth W. Hinshaw, Information Service, Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, Inc., West Springfield, Massachusetts.

Frank W. Jenks, Vice President, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois.

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

John McDonald, Farm Director, Radio Station WSM, Nashville, Tennessee.

Horace Millhone, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

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

A. M. Field, Assistant State Supervisor Agricultural Education, St. Paul, Minnesota.

E. P. Hilton, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Frankfort, Kentucky.

A. H. Hollenberg, Specialist in Agricultural Education, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Byron J. McMahon, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, San Luis Obispo, California.

R. E. Naugher, Specialist in Agricultural Education, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

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

John E. Baldwin, Adviser, Paxton Florida Chapter, Florala, Alabama.

G. R. Brown, Adviser, Lanark Chapter, Lanark, Illinois.

Ben A. Burns, Adviser, Daviess County Chapter, Owensboro, Kentucky.

E. H. Cheek, Adviser, Blakely Union Chapter, Blakely, Georgia.

H. I. Deloney, Adviser, Sidney Lanier Chapter, Montgomery, Alabama.

Otto A. Dillon, Adviser, Tucumcari Chapter, Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Ralph Dreessen, Adviser, Guthrie Chapter, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

J. C. Falkenstien, Adviser, Weston Chapter, Weston, West Virginia.

W. A. Hall, Adviser, Ridgefield Chapter, Ridgefield, Washington.

A. C. Jones, Adviser, Chester County Chapter, Henderson, Tennessee.

Byrl L. Law, Adviser, Circleville Chapter, Circleville, West Virginia.

John H. Leonard, Adviser, Van Wert-Marsh Chapter, Van Wert, Ohio.

J. E. Lockhart, Adviser, Clifton Chapter, Clifton, Texas.

Marven J. Ogden, Adviser, Delta Chapter, Delta, Utah.

R. A. Olson, Adviser, Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, Montana.

E. T. Robertson, Adviser, Eagle Rock Chapter, Eagle Rock, Virginia.

Horace E. Short, Adviser, Saddle and Grate Chapter, Camden-Wyoming, Delaware.

Leo H. Smith, Adviser, Christiansburg Chapter, Christiansburg, Virginia.

E. G. Standefer, Adviser, Conway Chapter, Conway, Arkansas.

I. L. Stivers, Adviser, Lakeside Chapter, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

E. L. Tiner, Adviser, Alpine Chapter, Alpine, Texas.

Harland H. Veal, Adviser, Nicholasville Chapter, Nicholasville, Kentucky.

P. D. Wickline, Adviser, Xenia Chapter, Xenia, Ohio.

J. D. Wigley, Adviser, Riverton Chapter, Huntsville, Alabama.

For many years members of the F.F.A. have been recognized for their achievements. Very few of the fathers and mothers, however, have been given just credit for the part they have played in the success of their boys. The other past national officers will agree that it would have been impossible for us to have been away from the farm so much this year and to have done many other things without the wholehearted support and cooperation of our parents. The delegates at this convention voted to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the fathers of the 1948-49 National Officers and also to present a special citation to their mothers. It is a special privilege to have the opportunity to officially confer this degree and present these citations.

Leon Conner, Starke, Florida.

David E. Lindholm, Ortonville, Minnesota.

Eugene Hess, Fallston, Maryland.

William G. Michael, Billings, Montana.

W. M. Brazell, Lubbock, Texas.

Thomas A. Cobble, Midway, Tennessee.

Mrs. Leon Conner, Starke, Florida.

Helen A. Lindholm, Ortonville, Minnesota.

Anita Hess, Fallston, Maryland.

Evelyn Grace Michael, Billings, Montana.

Mrs. W. M. Brazell, Lubbock, Texas.

Atha Cobble, Midway, Tennessee.

The records of our Star Farmers speak for themselves. They will agree, I am sure, that much of their success is due to the guidance and assistance they have received from their parents. The delegates at the national convention have voted to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree, our highest degree, upon the fathers of the 1949 Star Farmers and also present to their mothers a special citation.

Willis B. England, Chandler, Arizona.

Roy King, Dadeville, Missouri.

Robert S. Stevens, Rustburg, Virginia.

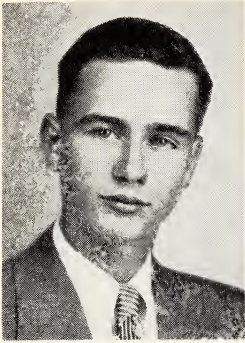
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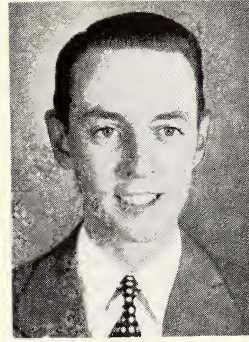
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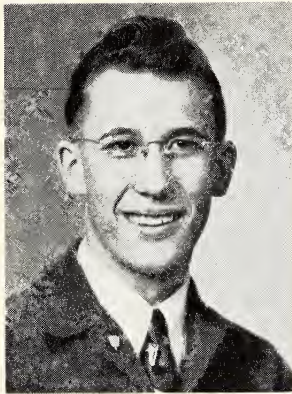
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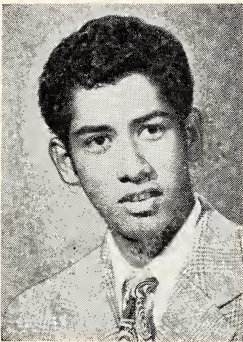
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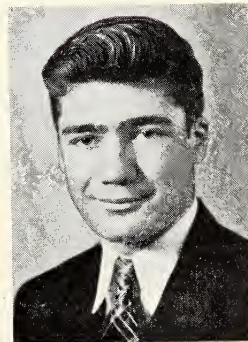
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Public Speaking Contest

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

The Twentieth National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest took place in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Tuesday, October 11. The five finalists placing in the order indicated were:

1. Burton Bosch, Chinook, Montana—"Foul, But You Can Eat and Drink It."
2. Larry Siddall, Laurens, Iowa—"A Hook Or A Hand."
3. Robert Lewis Blalock, Rabun Gap, Georgia—"Let's Face A Problem."
4. Marvin Kapaku, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii—"Future Farmers, Why Are We Here?"
5. John Banas, Whitesboro, New York—"The World Food Crisis."

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

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

The judges were:

Claude W. Gifford, Associate Editor, "Farm Journal," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dana Bennett, Special Consultant, Foundation for American Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The timekeepers were:

C. N. Hinkle, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Chicago, Illinois.

Clarence B. Hoff, Director, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri.

FOUL, BUT YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK IT

by Burton Bosch, Chinook, Montana

Honorable judges, worthy opponents, members of the F.F.A., advisors and guests.

My topic for this evening is "Foul, but you can eat and drink it."

When the word water is mentioned, immediately a great number of meanings come to different peoples minds.

To a housewife, it means the substance that comes from a faucet or well, with which she cooks meals, washes dishes and clothes, and generally keeps the house clean.

To a young boy, it means the swimming hole in the heat of summer, or the skating and hockey rink in the winter time.

To a merchant, it is waterways, a means of transportation by which his goods are sent to all parts of this country and the world.

To a manufacturer, it means swift streams and rivers, as sources of hydro-electric power to turn his machines.

To a chemist, it is the so-called universal solvent.

Then to a farmer, it is the thing that comes from the sky or irrigation ditches and gives his crops life in the spring, or gives them new life in the summer. For to a farmer, water is all essential and the sustenance of plant life. It forms approximately ten percent of all the common grains, seventy-nine percent of potatoes and eighty-seven percent of fresh milk, the so-called perfect food.

Now all these people have different ideas of water and yet they are all essentially correct. For water is necessary for animal and plant survival, forming about sixty-five percent of the human body and also playing an important part in the process of making starch in plants. Then too, water is a source of transportation, power, and also recreation.

Yet, even though our water supply is so important and serves in so many capacities, its pollution is becoming greater as time goes on.

Pollution of our water is of two kinds: industrial and human. First I shall discuss industrial pollution. Manufacturing in our country increased at a rapid rate during the last decade and especially during the last war. Along with this increase of manufacturing, naturally, came an increase of waste and refuse to be disposed of. Wastes from iron and steel mills, refuse from oil refineries and paper mills are dumped into rivers and streams. It has been estimated that sixty percent of pollution, amounting to three and three-fourths billion gallons daily is by industries.

The second kind is human pollution by garbage and sewage disposal. Americans like to boast of modern plumbing and clean bathrooms but we do not think of the two and one-half billion gallons of raw sewage discharged daily. As former Surgeon General Thomas Parran once said, "Flushing a toilet does not end the problem of disposal of waste. It is only the first step." When we do stop to think, however, that cities like Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and Louisville dump raw sewage into inland rivers, and that New York City and Los Angeles dump the majority of their sewage "au naturel" into harbor waters, you can see why we must start looking past that first step.

Industrial pollution is usually not harmful to human health, but it does kill fish, create smells and tastes, and also deprives the stream of the most important power that nature gave it, that of purifying itself. When too much waste material is in the stream, oxygen is used up rapidly, and the oxygen loving bacteria die off. Their places are taken by bacteria which cause decomposition, foul smells and sometimes products toxic to both animals and plants. As an example of this, the oyster industry of our country has decreased to one-fourth its former size in the last decade because of industrial pollution.

American tourists and visitors to China are warned against eating raw vegetables because the thrifty Chinese farmer uses human sewage as fertilizer. Now we consider this to be a dirty old Chinese custom. What we're not told, however, is that with the pollution in western rivers used for irrigation increasing, this is rapidly becoming a new American custom. For instance, an educational film called "Clean Waters" was to be shown in a community near Denver, Colorado. Several farm organizations objected, because they thought it would be bad publicity for their crops, grown on land irrigated by water taken from polluted western streams and rivers. It is the same in many other communities. Crops are being irrigated by water taken from rivers into which sewage from many towns has been dumped. As proof of this: in a recent health investigation, a shipment of lettuce was checked and as many as half the crates opened from one refrigerator car were found to contain sewage organisms. This discovery explained the sudden outbreaks of intestinal disorders in the vicinity. In recent years, also, the infantile paralysis virus has been isolated in sewage wastes. It is significant to note that "polio" is prevalent in children and becomes the worst in summer when a lot of swimming is done in polluted rivers and streams. From the years 1940 to 1946, seventy communities had outbreaks of water-borne diseases in which seventy-five thousand people became ill. Now seventy-five thousand people as compared to our total population is not a large figure, but it does serve as this grim warning; if it happened in seventy communities, it can happen in seven hundred or seven thousand others. At the present time, fifty million Americans depend on drinking water from polluted lakes and rivers. As an example of this I would like to take the Milk River Valley, the valley in which

I live. The city of Havre, with its population of over ten thousand people, dumps raw sewage into Milk River. We in Chinook, twenty-two miles downstream from Havre, pump out that water for drinking purposes, run it through our water system, and in turn dump our raw sewage into the river so that it can be used by Harlem, another twenty miles downstream from Chinook.

Not only is this water used for drinking purposes, but it is taken out of the river and used for irrigation to produce fresh fruits, vegetables and other crops, which may help spread disease. I say it is high time we start to do something about foul, unsanitary conditions like this that exist all over the nation.

Four agencies, working together in harmony and cooperation, are needed to combat and control water pollution. They are the municipality, the industry, the state, and the Federal government. Then four steps are needed in the control and correction of the pollution situation. They are: the start or education, the financing, the engineering and the operation of the plant.

Of these four steps the first or the start is probably the most important. But regardless of how the process is started two things are essential for its ultimate success. First, the facts must be secured, and secondly, the public must be informed of their importance. We as future farmers must do our part in attempting to educate the public, both rural and urban, as to the importance of sewage disposal plants. It is our duty to inform the people in regard to the dangers of sewage in causing disease, both in the city and in the country. This can best be done through the use of film strips on pollution and its remedies provided by the Public Health Department in cooperation with public-minded companies.

In conclusion: I have tried to give you an idea of the importance of water through its commercial, recreational and life giving value.

Its pollution is of two kinds, industrial and human.

Industrial pollution strikes mainly at the commercial and recreational side of water by killing fish and oysters, making the streams unfit for swimming, and sometimes even closing the streams to transportation.

On the other hand, human pollution strikes directly at the health or life giving value of water. Pollution through sewage and garbage disposal, makes a stream the spreader of diseases and epidemics. Swimming facilities often are closed because of the menace to human health spread by human pollution. If polluted water is used for irrigation, there is even a greater chance that disease and epidemics will become more widespread because vegetables and root crops often take sewage organisms out of polluted water.

So let us protect the health of ourselves and our children and reclaim our great natural resource—water. In the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes, "A river is more than an amenity, it is a treasure. It offers a necessity of life that must be rationed among those who have power over it."

A HOOK OR A HAND

by Larry Siddall, Laurens, Iowa

Honorable Judges, Ladies, Gentlemen, and Friends:

If I told you that we were to talk over the solving of the Farm Safety problem, you would settle back serenely in your seats so that the fellow to right or left of you would get the benefit of the message. It would not occur to you that the Farm Safety problem would be your own individual personal problem, because it seems to be human nature to think that the accident always happens to the other fellow. So it was with Erb, a husky junior in high school who waved goodbye to his chums as he stepped off the school bus and hurried home to help his dad run a mechanical cornpicker. As the cornpicker had been giving trouble Erb removed a safety shield and apron so he could clean out the husking rolls more easily when they clogged. At this particular time Erb was running the mechanical cornpicker and his brother was hauling in loads for his dad to elevate the corn into the corn crib. Everything was going perfect for Erb until he stopped to unclog the husking rolls. Erb hurriedly jumped off the tractor leaving the power take-off running. Although he knew accidents had happened that way he did not think an accident could possibly happen to him. The result was not pleasing because one of Erb's two thumb mittens caught in the husking rolls and ground off his arm above the wrist. Today Erb wears a hook hand and is listed as one of the 55,000 permanently disabled for life due to farm accidents. It never pays to take a chance! Accidents do not always happen to the other fellow!

Like most accidents, this accident could have been prevented. Now, what can we do to help the farmer in the solving of the Farm Safety problem so that he will prevent farm accidents? It seems that the farmer is doing a bad job of the accident situation and he will need more help to solve it. When, according to the National Safety Council, the cost of farm accidents, including fire, reaches over one billion dollars for 12 months, it is your problem and mine. And when 19,500 lives are taken by the accident toll each year, it is time you and I did our bit to help.

Let us consider what help may be given the farmer to solve this problem because it is a problem every individual farmer faces and must work out on his own farm with his own family.

Let's give: 1. Effective education; 2. More extensive and closer knit Farm Safety organization; 3. More scientific research and safety testing to give safer and more standardized equipment; 4. Necessary Safety Legislation.

Effective education—Educate the general public so that it may understand the problem and co-operate in solving it. Perhaps the general public does not know that the night Erb lost his hand it was a cold fall night with a raw wind blowing dirt and corn stalk leaves across his face and that it was getting dark and it was about supper

time. Perhaps the public does not know that the deafening noise of the mechanical cornpicker and tractor tend to distract the attention of the farmer. It is very hard for the general public to understand the actual conditions under which the farmer works.

We must educate most of all the farmer so that he may do his work and live safely. This is not an easy job, but it must be done because the consequences are too great if Farm Safety is not stressed. There are too many deaths and too many Erb's. Many farm accidents are caused by carelessness. We must do a better job of education to overcome this carelessness.

To educate the 26 million farm residents in the United States is not easy. It will take every possible means of communication that science has perfected from television, radio, movies, contests, public school instruction, talks, demonstrations, adult night school, more car driving classes, better news articles, and college Farm Safety courses to train students to live safely and to teach Farm Safety.

The message must be clear, simple, and helpful. It must be practical and impressive. It must teach the farmer of the dangers about him and how to eliminate them or control them. It must teach the farmer to respect himself as a valuable worker and so manage his farm work that he has proper time to rest and relax. Fatigue, emotional upset, hurriedness, and ill health help cause many accidents. The farmer must be taught how to deal with an accident or a fire if it does come. There are many more things to teach the farmer, but it would take an unlimited time to mention them all.

The second point of helps is a good Farm Safety organization that can reach out to every individual farmer to help him. It must be an organization skilled in Farm Safety work. Iowa, like many other states, has a good Farm Safety set up. It includes a state Farm Safety committee which is a division of the Iowa State Safety Council. Among those serving on this state Farm Safety committee are such men as a representative of the Iowa State Highway Safety Department and N. J. Wardle, the Iowa State Farm Safety specialist. He is a member of the Iowa Extension Service Department at Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa. In an organization like this, Farm Safety reaches out into every country through the county agent's office in the extension work and touches the 4-H Clubs, Rural Youth Groups, Young Married Couples, and Farm Bureau Groups. Such an organization as this is permanent so that the farmer may turn to it for help during any time of the year.

Not only do we need effective education and more extensive and closer knit Farm Safety organization, but we need more research and safety testing, to give the farmer safer and more standardized equipment. We do not always appreciate the scientific testing and research necessary for our health and safety. With the flood of new chemicals such as weed sprays and insect sprays comes the need of much more research and safety testing. The testing of

consumers' goods by the Consumers' Union has gone a long ways in rating goods that are unable to meet the safety test as being unacceptable. We need more unbiased ratings such as this.

The agricultural engineers, farm equipment institute and the manufacturers co-operated to give the farmer a standard safety shield. This is the kind of help the farmer needs. Could we have more of it? Who knows? Perhaps, the safety workers will find many ways to combat accidents by the use of safety devices revolutionizing farm equipment. Perhaps an award to the individual contributing the best safety device or idea would help.

The fourth point of our program is necessary safety legislation. It will be a great task to check and make laws to protect the farm people. Laws should be kept at a minimum. As the safety workers attack this phase of the problem, we may expect some new safety laws in the future.

A farm safety program is never complete unless one point is left for you and me to write. What help will you add to this program of education, more extensive farm safety organization, more research, and necessary safety testing to give safer and more standardized equipment, and safety legislation? Your support begins now with the realization that accidents do not always happen to the other fellow. That carelessness must be overcome. That you must check and eliminate hazards wherever you find them. Your duty does not end until you have done your best to solve this problem. May your contribution help some Erb to keep both those hands to wave to his chums and while you are helping others may you keep both your own fine hands waving.

"LET'S FACE A PROBLEM"

by Robert Lewis Blalock, Rabun Gap, Georgia

During recent months prices on farm commodities have shown a definite decline. A few weeks ago a leading newspaper published a chart prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which showed that in January, 1949, the prices of farm products were down since January, 1947, while goods the farmers buy had advanced in price. This drop in farm prices can continue until the result will be disastrous. The average farmer now has no sure method of determining the market value of the products he will produce in the future.

In view of the fact that there are grave possibilities of low prices, does it not behoove each of us who are interested in agriculture to seek a solution to the situation, which will, no doubt, bring dire results if the problem is not faced promptly and properly?

In almost every epoch making period of the United States there has been a great war followed by a depression. In almost every depression it has been the farmer who has had to bear the brunt of disaster. The days immediately following the war between the

States were trying for the South. She had found that she was unable to cope with the industries of the North in war. Consequently, at the end of the struggle, she found her buildings dilapidated and her farm lands depleted. The South must bear her share of the responsibility because there was a lack of balance between agriculture and industry, and because of the one crop system she was employing at that time.

After these perilous times, agriculture gradually regained its position as the backbone of our nation. Farmers could feel more confident of being able to sell their products at a fair price. Farm income was on a more even keel with the income of other groups. Our nation began to prosper. Great industries sprang up . . . industries which were dependent upon the products of the soil. Agriculture supplied a large part of the raw materials which were processed by these factories. The finished products were sold on a world market.

But after World War I agriculture was again plunged from prosperity into depression. Farmers continued production on a war-time basis. European nations curtailed their purchases. This created a surplus of farm commodities which continued to suppress farm prices from year to year. The farmers' share of the national income fell to less than six per cent. At that time the farmers comprised 25 per cent of our population. This crisis continued through the winter of 1932 and 1933. Farm mortgages were foreclosed, thus throwing thousands of our farmers into the W. P. A. breadlines.

We have recently emerged from World War II, which exceeded in immensity all previous struggles. Will the farmer again find himself in the deplorable state which has been characteristic of similar intervals in the history of our nation? Will supply again catch up with demand? Shall we, in addition, lose some of our present foreign trade? Shall we again have no definite farm program to insure stability in prices of farm products? Will the farmer hide behind the petty theory of isolation and fail to realize that people in many parts of the world are beginning to feed themselves? Will those who predict the inevitable result of booming prosperity be called prophets of gloom and disaster? The lessons that were taught during the recession years were cruel, long, and enduring . . . shall we forget? If we continue at the present rate, the inevitable result will be a replica of what has transpired, except that it could be more drastic and telling in effect. Mr. Stuart Stirling, Past President of the National Association of County Agents, made the statement, "We thought we had all the answers to control prices before the last depression came;" but when the depression came, he said, "We had neither the answers nor the solution."

A well known economist of the Agricultural Extension Service, gives the following as pillars or supports for profitable farming: "High yields; production of sufficient food and feed on the farm, well distributed labor; proper distribution of income; using resources of land to the best advantage; necessary capital to carry on

a given farming business; operate economically; buy wisely and sell wisely; have an adequate reserve and keep accurate records." Does it not seem logical that these pillars also form an ideal standard for protection and guidance of farming interests during a time of recession in prices? No one can argue the fact that the farmer must play a vital part in his own protection. These pillars should be his responsibility.

In addition to these, farmers co-operatives should be established on a broader plane to enable farmers to buy and sell to the best advantage. From the purchasing angle alone farmers in my home state require annually better than fifty million dollars worth of supplies for production purposes, while only a few years ago they purchased less than two per cent of this amount through co-operatives.

An added asset, primarily to people of the South, would be more industry. This would also have advantages during a time of low prices. Even though manufacturing has been on the increase in this region for the past few years, there is room for considerable expansion.

Our government should also take a part, as it has done before, in aiding the farmer. There should be legislation calling for firmer parity prices. To be sure, no sooner than such a request is made, certain groups will begin to howl and call the farmers inflationists, gimmie boys and treasury raiders. How this attitude could develop toward the farmer is beyond comprehension, when it is upon his success the prosperity of the very ones who will do the loudest shouting depends. The government should also take such steps as may be necessary to control the production of crops and livestock to prevent surpluses.

New demands for agricultural products should be created by finding new uses for them. To do this, more scientific experimentation must be carried on. Opening new trade areas would bring about a greater demand for farm products. To this end special consideration should be given to the Latin-American Countries. Better marketing facilities would aid materially.

Why should we be so concerned about this man called the farmer? Specifically—the prosperity of all other trades and industries is dependent upon the prosperity of the farmer. Food is the first essential for the existence of men and animals. Food, directly and indirectly, through the efforts of the farmer comes from the soil. Mr. Ralph A. Hayne in his recent bulletin, "Make the Soil Productive," comments that towns surrounded by productive farms are hustling towns—have good buildings—have prosperous trading and banking centers. Towns surrounded by farms of poor soil, bare fields, little scraggy crops, and stoop-shouldered, poverty stricken people are like the farms—the dingy buildings, like the dwarfy crops—don't grow very tall. That statement rings true. The proper conservation of the soil is one of the greatest factors in the progress

of agriculture. When we lose sight of this, other remedies will avail us nothing.

The great challenge before the American farmer today is to find new ways to process food and distribute it among more people. I am not talking about sharing the wealth. I am talking about new wealth to share. What goes for the farmer goes for the industrialist and business man as well. If we work for this as effectively as we work for production and quality products, we'll spread the benefits of our system among other nations and broaden their confidence in us.

FUTURE FARMERS, WHY ARE WE HERE?

by Marvin Kapaku, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii

Future Farmers why are we here?

Two hundred sixty thousand Future Farmers of 47 states, Puerto Rico, and my own Hawaii have risen at the sound of the gavel at our meetings and repeated in unison this challenging answer: "To practice brotherhood, honor rural opportunities and responsibilities and develop those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess."

In these 20 simple words are embodied the whole working philosophy of our great organization. The very fact that you have assembled here today and that I have the opportunity to speak to you, proves that we Future Farmers not only believe in this creed but we have answered its challenge.

Only 21 years ago, the first Future Farmer of America convention was held in Kansas City, Missouri. It was small, only a handful of delegates from 18 states was present. It elected 10 American Farmers and at the completion of the convention was \$191.00 in debt.

Today we have 15,000 people attending our convention. We annually elect over 200 American Farmers. We have a net worth of approximately \$100,000.00. We have a Future Farmer of America Foundation fund of \$80,000.00. We have a national band, glee club and camp.

We have come a long way since the year 1928. These figures prove that our organization has been built on sound American principles.

We believe in practicing brotherhood. Not the type that is based on various ideological "isms," but that which has made America the greatest nation in the world. To quote part of our creed, "I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the abilities of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our toil."

This brotherhood is not founded on "the world owes me a living" creed, nor is it based on jealousy of one individual towards another, nor as one group expecting to profit at another's expense. No—it simply promises that a Future Farmer believes in himself. He believes in cooperation among one another.

Here are some figures that prove that our brotherhood is a working cooperative.

During the last War the Future Farmers of America united in conducting a vast campaign to produce more food for our armed forces. 4,849 chapters cooperated with other groups in war time effort. 3,839 Future Farmer chapters assisted with the farm labor shortage. Over 114,000 farm machines were repaired or reconditioned. In addition, 134,356 members participated in salvaging needed war materials. These figures were for the year 1944 to 1945.

Today, though our country is not at war, there is still a gigantic task before us. With much of the world still in chaos, food for the unfortunate must still be produced beyond our own demands. To meet this important world need, over 125,000 members in the year 1948 increased the size of their farming program. They used improved livestock and crop practices. They organized conservation programs. They practiced farm safety. This was all organized effort starting with individuals in the chapter, between chapters, between states, and all united into one national program.

We speak of honoring rural opportunities. Have we done so? I think that our achievements as summarized in our National Program of Work will verify that we have. Never before in the history of our nation has the farm boy a greater chance to profit by his agricultural training than he has today. The field of agriculture is large and varied. It is not limited to production farming. Whatever the aims of the agricultural student, the farm world offers a variety of work from which he can choose. If he is interested in the medical field, he can become a veterinary; teaching, an agriculture teacher; farm service, a county agent; radio, a farm news broadcaster; journalism, farm reporting; merchandizing, selling farm machinery or supplies; mechanics, farm repair work.

Future Farmers, we must recognize that with our agricultural background, we are especially fitted for these various jobs. I believe that we must honor these opportunities by determining what part of the agricultural picture that we are best suited for and work to achieve one of them.

In our response to the president, the words opportunity and responsibility are linked together. They form a strong chain forged with the heat of generations of farmers, who by their efforts provide us today with a rural life rich in opportunities. It is our responsibility to see that this chain is not broken.

One of the specific purposes for which the Future Farmers of America was formed is to develop competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership.

Our organization, with its well outlined objectives, trains the boy for this leadership. As a Greenhand, he must learn the creed. This in itself is valuable training, for its words are meaningful and inspiring. As a Greenhand, he is taught that every loyal member should assume any responsibility of leadership for which he may be chosen.

All of us remember our first meeting after our Greenhand initiation. We were silent in the presence of other advanced students, who seemed to have qualities of leadership which we thought we did not possess. We felt pride when we saw our name listed on a committee. We felt a nervous tug as we bashfully arose to second a motion. Yes, these emotions, I am sure all of us have experienced. As we progressed upward, our confidence increased. Some of us became officers. We found ourselves with new responsibilities of leadership.

Those who have received the Golden Key of the American Farmer, have heard these words, which are a challenge for all Future Farmers. "Boundaries within our country exist only in name. The true American citizen is interested in and loyal to his local community and state, but his greatest devotion is to his country. The true American Farmer in the F.F.A. sees beyond the horizon of Greenhand, Chapter Farmer and State Farmer. He concerns himself not only with the affairs of his local chapter and State associations but also with the national organization, working for the upbuilding of agriculture throughout the land, which, in turn, upbuilds his State and local community."

That, Future Farmers, is the ultimate aim of the leadership expected from each of us. It is a big order. It is a real challenge to our farm youth. We must work to the best of our abilities to achieve this goal.

As I stand before you today, I humbly realize all that I owe to this great organization. I hope that I may be equal to the challenge that it offers.

I am sure that today, tomorrow and always, I will consider it a privilege and honor to say: "I AM A FUTURE FARMER OF AMERICA."

THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS

by John Banas, Whitesboro, New York

The scene is a small bare hut in India. A doctor is examining a sick man. "It's no use," he murmurs. "They are so undernourished they can't fight disease."

A farmer in Georgia gazes bitterly at his gully-ruined land. "I'm through," he mutters. "I'm getting out before I starve."

A small Kansas boy stares excitably at a titanic dust storm which rolls over the horizon like a black tidal wave. "The whole world must be blowing away," he gasps.

These three cases are typical of millions of others.

The human race is facing a major food crisis, which will affect every man, woman, and child on this earth. Sir John Orr, former director of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the U. N. has said, "It is not the atomic bomb, but the food crisis, which may destroy us." Mr. Orr is in a position to know the facts, and the conclusions one can draw are alarming. Unless the common people become alert to this crisis that is creeping upon the world and do some hard thinking about it, mankind will be doomed to a low standard of living and mass hunger.

This food crisis can readily be visualized if two incontestable facts are considered:

1. The population of the earth is rapidly increasing.
2. The food producing capacity of the world is steadily decreasing.

This means that every day more people are being born while every day our soil resources are being depleted. Every year twenty million human beings are added to this planet's population while every year enough land to feed ten million is ruined. Increase in population, decrease in soil—the process keeps going on as steadily as time itself. Sooner or later, there are going to be more people than there will be food to feed them, and the result will be world-wide famine.

You may think that this food crisis is far in the future. You may argue that it can never affect us, that American science and ingenuity can lick anything in the way of a food shortage. Let me point out the fallacy of this reasoning. First, the food crisis is already here in such places as India and China, where malnutrition is the rule rather than the exception. Second, though America can handle all her own food needs, the rest of the world cannot. With an increase in population, conditions in already overpopulated areas will become unbearable. Hungry men are desperate. Fanatics like Hitler will rise and lead them to wars. In this age of highly destructive weapons, such war will be disastrous. Every person everywhere will be involved in this "fight for food."

It is sad to think that our grandchildren will have to endure this sort of thing. Naturally, we want them to enjoy the fruits of the earth as much as we do without being haunted by the spectre of hunger. But to prevent this situation we must begin to act. The answer can and must be found.

At first thought an ideal solution seems to be control of the population rate—cut down on the number of people being born. The population of the world has doubled to a total of over two billion in one hundred years. Experts say it may double again within ninety years if present-day rates keep up. However, population control is not as simple as it sounds because of the complicated problems involved. To do an effective job the program must be world-wide, and to do something which will affect every family on earth will require a centralized world government. Looking at the

present state of the world, most people do not consider it likely that there will be any world federation with the tensions and hostilities now in existence. On the contrary, the present situation aggravates the problem because many countries are striving to increase population to provide soldiers and workers for the future. Although control of the population rate may be an ultimate necessity, it will not relieve the immediate problem.

The only other way to answer the food crisis is to produce more food. Some people think that science can solve the problem. And, if recent reports are reliable, they may be right. Discovery of new methods of quantity food production may provide a vitally needed surplus. One recent project is concerned with producing food from yeast. In Jamaica, a factory using molasses is said to be turning out five tons of "yeast meat" a day. This material has more protein than meat has. Another group of scientists is working on sea-food. This experiment is concerned with marine farming, and it is claimed that large quantities of food at low cost can be produced from the sea. Still another scientific experiment has to do with hydroponics, the growing of vegetables and fruits in tanks of mineralized water. This method offers large amounts of food from comparatively small areas. These new methods of food production can be a major factor in the world's food supply, but it will take years to develop them. Another suggestion for relieving the food shortage is to find more cropland. There are 35 billion acres of land area in the world, but only 4 billion are farmland. Only certain areas have the right combination of climate and environment for successful food production. More irrigation will not work because all the easily irrigated sections have long been used. One fourth of the world's food today is provided from irrigated land. Farming in the tropics is likewise hindered by too much rainfall with the resulting leaching. It seems unlikely that the food crisis will be solved by developing more farmland. All usable areas are already occupied.

With such scientific production of food still some time ahead, and with no new frontiers to open up, the major source of food will still be the soil. In connection with this comes the problem of conservation. Millions of years ago, nature provided a fertile layer of topsoil. But down through the centuries, man has misused this priceless heritage. Everybody is familiar with reports of dust storms and disastrous floods, which result from mismanagement. Our soil must be saved, for if it goes, man goes with it. Intelligent farming can lick soil erosion and produce more food. Widespread practices such as contour plowing and strip cropping can virtually halt soil loss; likewise, use of fertilizer and new plant varieties can raise production. There seems to be no limit to what trained agriculturists can do with the soil. Eroded land has staged a brilliant comeback under trained conservation workers, and agricultural scientists have raised yields on some farms to unbelievable heights. The indications are that Mother Earth can produce a lot more than

she is now producing if farmers will use their heads and cooperate with nature.

The answer to the food crisis can be found. It may be any one or a combination of the ways mentioned. But more than anything else, the answer will depend on the reactions of individuals to the problem. With intelligent thinking and organized action, we cannot fail. No problem, however great, can withstand the united efforts of a people who seek to solve it. It is up to us to solve this problem. It is up to everyone to add his voice to the ever-growing multitude who are seeking the answer. We are standing at the crossroads of civilization. We can rise to new, unparalleled heights, or we can enter another Dark Age. The outcome will depend on us.

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