

NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-TWO

PROCEEDINGS  
*of the*  
FIFTEENTH NATIONAL  
CONVENTION



FUTURE FARMERS  
*of* AMERICA

*Held at*

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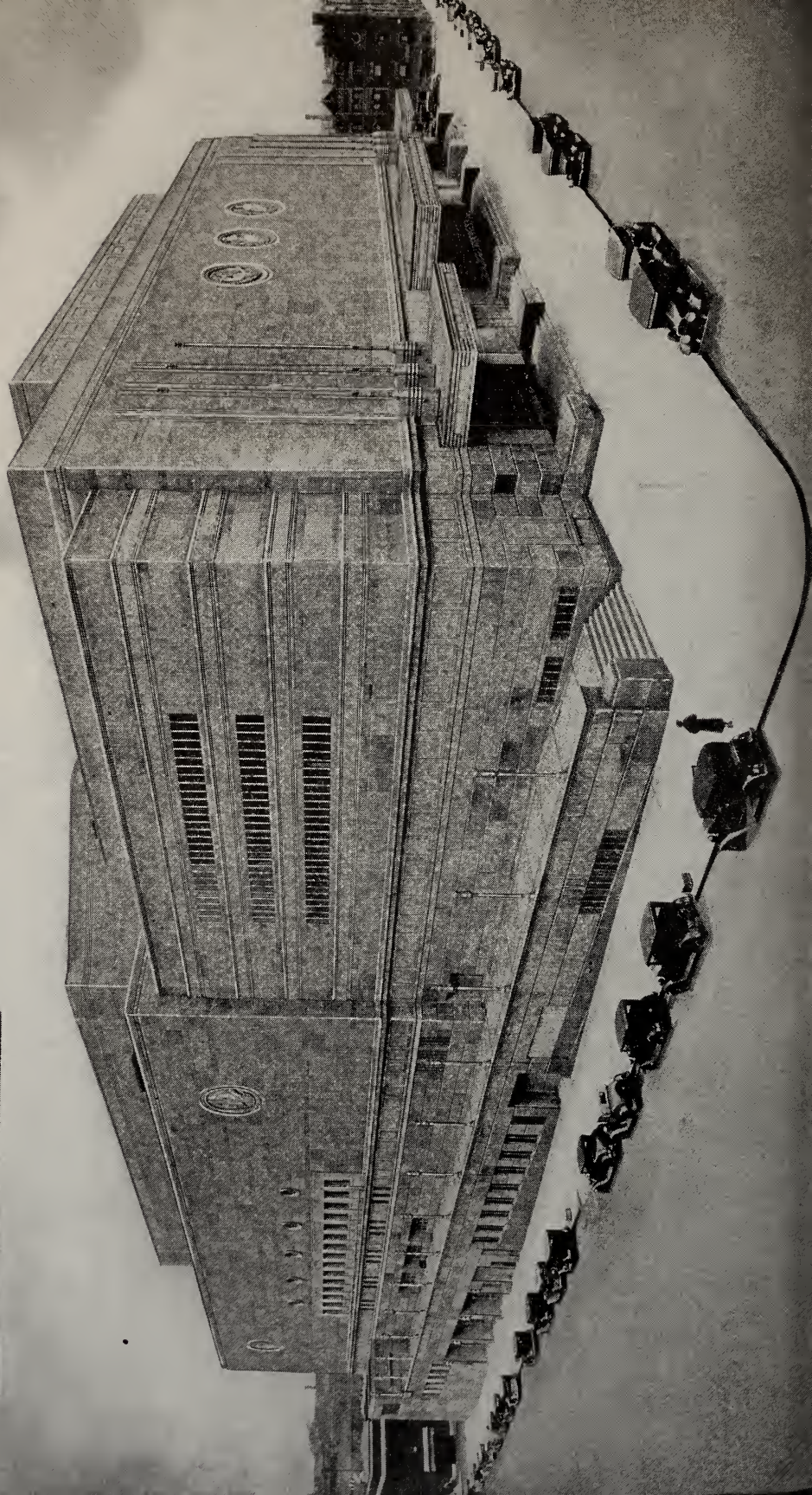
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CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS





## INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November of 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1942, the active membership totaled 245,822 in 7,542 local Chapters of 47 States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

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

The Future Farmers of America organization of voluntary membership has taken its place with other agencies interested in the up-building of agriculture, the improvement of country life, *and the winning of the war*. National Headquarters of the Future Farmers of America is located in the U. S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C. National conventions are held annually at Kansas City, Missouri.

The "streamlined" Fifteenth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 26, 27, and 28, 1942. Delegates were present from all chartered associations except Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The total registration was only 217 as compared to over 6,000 in 1941. This voluntary decrease was made in the interests of relieving transportation facilities, as well as saving tires, gasoline, and money during wartime.

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 of the Convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due Mr. S. C. Hulslander, Miss Dorothy Souder, and Mr. Penn Isaacs for their assistance in the preparation of material for this publication.

W. A. ROSS,  
*National Executive Secretary.*

## OFFICIAL DELEGATES

(as submitted by State associations)

Alabama	Dan Easterling Clio, Ala.	Hilton Register Graceville, Fla., R. 3
Arizona	Joe Lamb Gilbert, Ariz.	Robert McCreight Tolleson, Ariz.
Arkansas	Jack Hogins Dover, Ark.	John Hughen Joiner, Ark.
California	Robert Bowman Bakersfield, Calif.	James Ahlgren Ripon, Calif.
Colorado	Wendell Ottoson Rt. 3, Box 7, Eaton, Colo.	Wayne Hobson Yuma, Colo.
Connecticut	Benjamin F. Cleaveland Lakeville, Conn.	Leonard Robinson Columbia, Conn.
Delaware	Robert W. Davidson Georgetown, Del.	Cecil W. Carpenter Ellendale, Del.
Florida	Claude Jones Pahokee, Fla.	Frank Henry Reams Aucilla, Fla.
Georgia	Warren Luckey Harlem, Ga.	Henley Vansant Douglasville, Ga.
Idaho	Merrill Stucki R.D. No. 2, Idaho Falls, Idaho	Herman Joachim R. D. No. 2, Boise, Idaho
Illinois	Ralph Salzman Ashton, Ill.	Joe Lynn Stonington, Ill.
Indiana	Paul Appel Evansville, Ind.	William Prather Martinsville, Ind.
Iowa	Herbert Hoover Oskaloosa, Iowa	David Noller Sigourney, Iowa
Kansas	George Stelter Abilene, Kan.	Erwin Thalmann Haven, Kan.
Kentucky	James Bean Finchville, Ky.	Alex. Veech, Jr. Adairville, Ky.
Louisiana	Vernon Shirley Kentwood, La.	Nelson Stelly Sunset, La.
Maine	Charles E. Cunningham Washburn, Me.	Winston W. Beane East Corinth, Me.
Maryland	Donald McKnight Street, Md.	William I. King Gaithersburg, Md.
Massachusetts	Harold A. Keyes South Ashfield, Mass.	Donald Fuller Ashfield, Mass.
Michigan	Paul Wolf Dansville, Mich.	Dorwin Williams Webberville, Mich.
Minnesota	Howard Tyrrell Browerville, Minn.	David Rubis Jackson, Minn.
Mississippi	Joe K. Laird Bassfield, Miss.	Granville Hough State College, Miss.
Missouri	Virgil Bachtel Brunswick, Mo.	Wilbur Todd Independence, Mo. c/o Drumm Institute
Montana	Elmer Severson Worden, Mont.	Roy D. Meyer Fairfield, Mont.
Nebraska	Paul Hofmann Sutton, Nebr.	Willard Visek Elyria, Nebr.



Nevada	Amilio Bell Fallon, Nev.	Verl Hendrix Fallon, Nev.
New Hampshire	Robert Ballentine Center Sandwich, N. H.	Donald Wood Walpole, N. H.
New Jersey	John Metz Springfield, N. J.	John Pew, Jr. Mount Holly, N. J.
New Mexico	Guy Dean State College, N. Mex.	Nathan Mulloy Anthony, N. Mex.
New York	Ronald Burrows Briar Hill, N. Y.	Bruce Widger Churchville, N. Y.
North Carolina	Bill Austin Peachland, N. C.	Bob Harris Newell, N. C.
North Dakota	Kyle Miller 1136 Broadway, Fargo, North Dakota	John Schmitz 1148—9th St., No., Fargo, N. D.
Ohio	Eugene Junkin Shreve, Ohio	Richard Dawson Route 2, Delaware, Ohio
Oklahoma	Wilbourn Waller Weatherford, Okla.	Wayne Boothe Cordell, Okla.
Oregon	Elvan Pitney Junction City, Ore.	Lawrence Johnson Scappoose, Ore.
Pennsylvania	Melvin U. Burkhart Willow St., R.D. 1, Pa.	Edward C. Hopkins Clarks Summit, Pa., Rt. 2
South Carolina	Gilbert Hardee Loris, S. C.	Johnnie Farris Norris Box 262, Rt. 2, Branchville, S. C.
South Dakota	Donald Davis Milbank, S. D.	Robert Moorman Wessington Springs, S. D.
Tennessee	James Crumley R.F.D. No. 1, Bluff City, Tenn.	John A. Yates Lexington, R. No. 3, Tenn.
Texas	Dixon Manly Cotulla, Texas	Henry Ford Abel Bellville, Texas
Utah	Ross Hendrickson Payson, Utah	Calvin Webb Hinckley, Utah
Vermont	Chester W. Watters Brandon, Vt.	Francis B. Hathorne Woodstock, Vt.
Virginia	Beverley Roller Weyers Cave, Va.	David Walker Farmville, Va.
Washington	Stanley Maiden Walla Walla, Wash.	
West Virginia	Harold Gum c/o State Dairy Farm Morgantown, W. Va.	R. Gibson Fair 658 Spruce St., Morgantown, W. Va.
Wisconsin	Dale Huffman Yuba, Wis.	Lelon R. Lange Columbus, Wis.
Wyoming	Milton Turner Afton, Wyo.	Clarence Reed Powell, Wyo.

## **CONVENTION PROGRAM**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**Executive Sessions, F. F. A. National Board of Trustees, President Hotel**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

8:00 A. M.—Executive Session, F. F. A. National Advisory Council, President Hotel.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

8:00 A. M.—Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium.

10:45 A. M.—Attend church of your choice.

2:00 P. M.—Meeting of F. F. A. State Advisers, President Hotel.

6:30 P. M.—Get-together Dinner for National F. F. A. Officers and Delegates.  
Aztec Room, President Hotel.

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 26**

#### **National F. F. A. Day**

8:00 A. M.—Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium.

9:00 A. M.—Opening Session, 15th National Convention of F. F. A., Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

Opening ceremony  
Invocation  
Music or entertainment  
Report on delegate credentials  
Roll call of States and seating of delegates  
Address of Welcome  
Minutes of the 14th Convention

#### **Officers' reports—**

President  
Vice Presidents (in order of seniority)  
Student Secretary  
Treasurer  
Executive Secretary  
Adviser

Nominations for the American Farmer Degree  
Appointment of constitutional committees  
Announcements

1:30 P. M.—Second Session, F. F. A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

Call to order  
Music or entertainment  
Special reports  
Greetings from guests  
Unfinished business  
Election of active and Honorary American Farmers. Raising  
of active members to Degree of American Farmer  
Announcements  
Closing ceremony

8:00 P. M.—F. F. A. National Public Speaking Contest, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.



## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

9:00 A. M.—Third Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony
- Music or entertainment
- Address
- Announcements
- Reports (continued)
- Unfinished business (continued)
- New business

1:30 P. M.—Fourth Session, F. F. A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

- Call to order
- Music or entertainment
- Appointment of special committees
- Committee work

6:00 P. M.—Banquet for Vocational Agriculture Livestock Exhibitors, The Kansas City, Kansas, Chamber of Commerce host.

8:00 P. M.—“Award Night” Program, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

- Special American Farmer Awards
- Star Farmer Awards
- Conferring Honorary American Farmer Degrees
- Chapter Contest Awards
- State Association Awards
- J. A. Linke Award
- Entertainment

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

9:00 A. M.—Fifth Session, F. F. A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony
- Music or entertainment
- Address
- Committee reports
- New business (continued)

1:30 P. M.—Closing Session, F. F. A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

- Call to order
- New business (continued)
- State reports
- Address by retiring president
- Election of officers
- Signing of scroll by new officers
- Greetings by incoming officers
- Presentation of past officers' pins and certificates
- Closing ceremony and convention adjournment

4:30 P. M.—Joint Executive Session, 1941-42 and 1942-43 F. F. A. National Boards of Trustees.

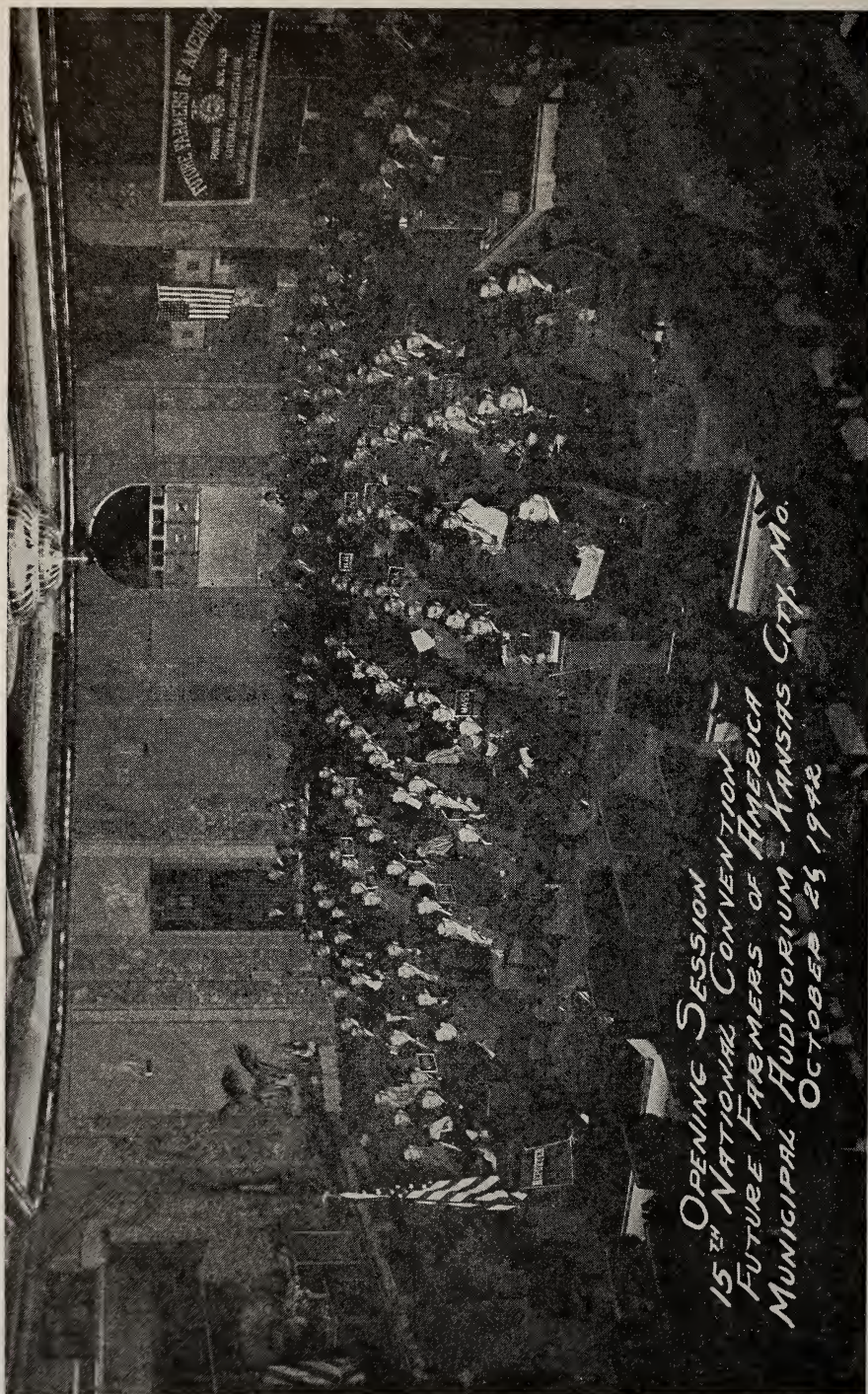
6:30 P. M.—Annual Banquet. Guests of Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce, Hotel President.





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OPENING SESSION  
15<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION  
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OCTOBER 25, 1942



# Minutes of Convention Sessions

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1942**

## **Morning Session**

The Fifteenth National Convention of Future Farmers of America was called to order at 9:05 a. m. in the Little Theater of the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium, with First Vice President Carl A. Fought presiding. Third Vice President, George Sisk; National Student Secretary, S. Pennewill Isaacs; Adviser, W. T. Spanton; Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross; Treasurer, D. J. Howard; and Past President, Harold Prichard were at the other stations. President Irvin J. Schenk, due to the illness of his father and pressing farm work, was unable to attend the Convention. Second Vice President, Joseph Giacomini was absent due to his enlistment in the United States Navy in August, and Fourth Vice President, LaRoy Duvall was also unable to be present because of his college work and employment in a Detroit defense plant.

Following the regular opening ceremony, Vice President Fought called upon Past President D. Harold Prichard to pronounce the invocation.

Milton Turner of Wyoming rendered several accordion selections.

The Report of the Committee on Credentials was then called for and Student Secretary Pennewill Isaacs reported 93 official delegates present from 47 chartered associations. The roll call and seating of the delegates followed.

The address of welcome was given by the Mayor of Kansas City, The Honorable John B. Gage.

The minutes of the Fourteenth National Convention as read by Student Secretary Isaacs were approved unanimously in their entirety.

The next order of business was officer reports. The reports of Vice Presidents Fought, Giacomini, Sisk, Duvall, and Student Secretary Isaacs were approved as read. The reports of Treasurer Howard and Executive Secretary Ross were adopted as read.

Vice President Sisk asked that the rules be suspended and that the delegates stand in one minute of silent tribute to those members who had lost their lives in the war.

The rules were suspended and letters were read by Carl Fought from Past President Bob Elwell and Vice President Joe Giacomini.

Vissek of Nebraska moved that a telegram be sent to each of the national officers who were unable to be present for the Convention. Motion seconded and carried.

Adviser Spanton presented a brief report and concluded by read-

ing the list of those recommended to receive the Degree of American Farmer. Those nominated were as follows:

(From the Active Membership)

**Alabama**

A. F. Caley, Jr., Marion Junction  
Bennett Bolton Grace, Garland  
Francis Nicholas, Frisco City  
James J. Payne, Ozark  
Charles Zinner, Summerdale

**Arkansas**

T. W. McDaniel, Route 3, Paragould  
Delter Cook, Bismarck  
Charles Hicks, Luxora  
Bruce Choate, Route 1, Paragould  
Lyndell Ducker, Pineville  
Robert L. Smith, Jr., Rt. 1, Fordyce

**California**

Lee Crane, Jr., Santa Rosa  
Bob Dickson, Route 3, Bakersfield  
Manuel Joseph Dutra, Jr., Rt. 1, Tracy  
Forrest Harris, Jr., Rt. 1, Modesto  
Harold Stanley Johnstone, Route 2, Petaluma  
Irvin V. Nahmens, Rt. 3, Sebastopol  
Walter H. Nock, Live Oak  
William Schroer, Route 3, Orland

**Colorado**

Louden Buster, Longmont

**Delaware**

William Cecil Carpenter, Ellendale

**Florida**

Alton Clemmons, Route 3, Chipley  
Claude Sidney Jones, Pahokee  
Oliver Fleming McKeown,  
Chattahoochee  
William Monroe Pope, Canal Point

**Georgia**

Henley Adams Vansant, Douglasville  
Albert L. Morris, Jr., Grovetown

**Illinois**

Howard Cook, Paxton  
Richard Elliott, Greenview  
Richard F. Hartnell, Salem, Wis.  
J. Nelson Kessinger, Rt. 2, Carlinville  
Wayne W. Meng, Rt. 1, Belleville  
Ralph Meyer, Route 4, Dixon  
William B. Murry, Tamaroa  
Ralph H. Salzman, Ashton  
Arthur Schneider, Route 1, Belleville  
Merrill L. Upp, Yates City  
Roy E. Wax, Route 3, Newman

**Indiana**

William P. Davis, Route 3, Columbus

**Iowa**

Raymond Baxter, Sac City  
George Albert Helmers, Sibley  
Herbert F. Hoover, Rt. 4, Oskaloosa  
Robert K. McCreary, Mount Ayr  
Marvin Paul, Osceola

**Kansas**

Maurice Black, Jr., Route 1, Tonganoxie  
Leonard D. Sharp, Rt. 2, Great Bend  
George Schlickau, Haven  
George W. Stelter, Route 1, Abilene

**Kentucky**

Robert Ballingal, Mt. Olivet  
Joe W. Beck, Alexandria  
John Burrier, Route 2, Lexington  
George N. Busey, Bagdad  
William Bush, Route 2, Winchester  
David Cleveland, Pleasureville  
Charles Eckford Eastin, Route 4, Lexington  
William Richard LeGrand, Route 3, Philpott

**Louisiana**

Ned L. Lofton, Gilbert  
Watson Teer, Robeline

**Maine**

Norman A. Martin, Jr., Gorham

**Maryland**

William I. King, Gaithersburg  
Donald McKnight, Street

**Michigan**

Elwood Mellinger, Ithaca  
Paul Wolf, Williamston

**Minnesota**

Wendell R. Brown, Spirit Lake, Iowa  
Williams C. Gablenz, Little Falls  
Gerald Oehler, Milbank, S. Dak.  
David D. Rubis, Jackson

**Mississippi**

L. L. Branscome, Jr., Duck Hill  
Clyde Dunn Hamer, Big Black  
Charles Heath, Winona  
Ernest Clyde Lindsey, Rt. 2, Cleveland  
Richard B. Prichard, Booneville  
Kermit Reynolds, Harpersville  
Ellis R. Watson, Lauderdale

**Missouri**

Harold A. Edwards, Keytesville  
Lyle Fitzgerald, Hamilton  
John Leonard Kukal, Bolivar  
Harry Leimkuehler, Rt. 2, Marshall  
Winston Lee Livingston, Iberia  
Victor Ousley, Brunswick  
Richard E. Spellman, Salisbury  
Buell L. Tesereau, Campbell  
Ernest Eugene Ward, Route 1, Fredericktown

**Montana**

Elmer Severson, Huntley  
Roy Dee Meyer, Fairfield

**Nebraska**

Robert Osler, Elsie  
Willard James Visek, Elyria  
Charles Leland Warner, Waverly

**Nevada**

Verl Hendrix, Fallon

**New Jersey**

John Pew, Jr., Mt. Holly

**New York**

Robert Lewis Banta, Unadilla  
Charles B. Burtless, Rt. 4, Auburn  
Gerald Ford Cady, Route 2, Pine City  
Richard H. Call, Andover

**North Carolina**

Bill Austin, Route 1, Marshville  
R. Donald Beard, Rt. 1, Fayetteville  
James K. Boone, Rt. 1, Waynesville  
James Mack Butler, Rowland  
Charles T. Cone, Route 2, Middlesex  
Valentine Everhart, Rt. 1, Lexington  
Billie Justice, Route 2, Pittsboro  
Pruitt Martin, Route 1, Mayodan  
Edd McCracken, Route 1, Clyde  
Paul V. Price, Route 1, Mayodan  
M. P. Rupard, Rt. 5, Statesville  
David McCollum, Rt. 5, Reidsville

**North Dakota**

M. Wayne Rowe, Cavalier

**Ohio**

Vincent Kaufman Bordner,  
Montpelier  
James Richard Dawson, Rt. 2,  
Delaware  
John Dietz, Canal Winchester  
Richard Graham, Adam Mills  
Richard E. Granly, Rt. 2, Mansfield  
Kenneth E. Iles, Logan  
Eugene H. Junkin, Jr., Big Prairie  
Giles Koehler, Mt. Victory  
Wendell Ryder, Route 1, Sunbury  
Neal F. Schirm, Canal Winchester  
Frank von Seggern, Rt. 4, Wauseon

**Oklahoma**

Charles William Bowman, Ames  
Tracey Hunsecker, Jr., Route 2,  
Broken Arrow  
Tommy Moore, Clinton  
Jene Mungle, Route 5, Atoka  
Howard Watson, Verden  
Lloyd Wright, Roosevelt

**Oregon**

Lawrence E. Johnson, Box 242,  
Warren  
James H. Thompson, Rt. 5, Salem

**Pennsylvania**

Howard C. Allis, Route 2, Athens

Melvin U. Burkhart, Willow Street  
Gerald H. Clark, Rt. 2, Mifflintown  
Edward C. Hopkins, Route 2,  
Clarks Summit  
Robert G. Naylor, Route 2,  
Factoryville  
Howard Post, Route 2, North East  
Raymond R. Ranck, Honey Brook

**Puerto Rico**

Lidy Lopez, Naranjito  
Natividad Zayas, Orocovis

**South Carolina**

Gilbert Hardee, Loris  
Franklin Rivers, Hampton

**South Dakota**

Donald Davis, Milbank  
Lowell Johnson, Alcester

**Tennessee**

G. L. Carter, Jr., Morristown  
Haskell Ray Cruise, Sparta, Route 4  
Philip Ashbel Grandey, McMinnville,  
Route 5  
Ernest Haywood Lumpkin, Route 1,  
Rutherford  
Clarence Safley, Laurelburg

**Texas**

Weldon Diers, La Grange  
Erwin A. Sladek, Fayetteville  
Ernest G. McClure, Jr., Bonham  
Ernest Haskovec, Route 2, Ennis  
J. C. Clark, Jr., Woodville  
Raymond A. Landrum, Artesia Wells  
L. W. Blackmon, Jr., Rt. 4, Sulphur  
Springs  
Kenneth Barnes, Roby  
Carl Ware, Route 1, Alvin  
Albert F. Wuthrich, Wharton  
Alfred Emil Jesse, Eden  
William Elliott Scott, Mertzon  
Ross Foster, Sterling City  
Pete Dowell, Quail  
Robert Farrell, Spur  
Marion Mayes, Anton  
Jack Earl Creel, Seagraves  
Tolbert Coleman, Route 4, Lubbock  
James Hutchins, Estelline  
Ray Sawyer, Route 1, Hillsboro  
Joe Herring, Whitney  
Larry Barton, Stephenville  
C. G. Scruggs, McGregor

**Utah**

Keith H. Anderson, Rt. 2, Tremonton  
Ted Burt, Brigham City  
James Alan Thomas, Spanish Fork

**Vermont**

George W. Foster, Middlebury



**Virginia**

Charles Bristow, New Upton  
 James Vincent Garland III, Village  
 Norman Griffin Lankford, Rt. 2,  
 Franklin  
 Joseph Austin Nelson, Rt. 1, Victoria  
 Tom W. Pemberton, Doswell  
 William David Walker, Jr., Route 1,  
 Farmville

**Washington**

Arthur Jackson, Sequim  
 Owen Koller, Colfax  
 Robert Thomas Griffin, Rt. 3, Pullman

**West Virginia**

Harold H. Gum, Arbovale  
 Paul F. McElroy, Brandonville  
 Albert K. Reeder, Flemington  
 Donald Oris Rousch, New Haven

**Wisconsin**

Harlan Arnold Falde, Baldwin  
 Charles L. Foote, Jr., Route 1, Omro  
 Robert Edward Guptill, Route 1,  
 Menomonie  
 Charles Francis Helwig, Eau Claire  
 Corliss Hendrickson, Beldenville  
 Dale Huffman, Yuba  
 Harland Chester Schaefer, Route 1,  
 Whitehall

**(Honorary American Farmer Candidates)**

Don Critchfield, Manager, Agricultural Service Division, Lead Industries Association, Lincoln, Nebraska.

E. D. Tyler, Jr., Manager, National F. F. A. Camp, Sanford, Florida.

Tom Chase, Agricultural Research, Swift & Company, Chicago, Illinois.

C. W. Lane, Assistant to the President, Santa Fe Railroad, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Karl Hubner, Assistant Leader, U. S. Army Band, Washington, D. C.

E. L. DeAlton, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Fargo, North Dakota.

J. B. Perky, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

J. M. Lowe, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Charleston, West Va.

W. C. Montgomery, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Stamping Ground, Kentucky.

T. O. Parker, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Temple, Oklahoma.

B. A. Beeghly, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Ripley, West Virginia.

Dr. Spanton moved that his report as submitted be adopted by the delegates; motion seconded and carried.

The rules were suspended and telegrams from Bill Drips and J. Lester Poucher were read.

Vice President Fought announced the appointment of the following Constitutional Committees: Auditing, Program of Work, and Nominating.

Upon motion of Miller of North Dakota, the convention recessed at 11:50 a. m. to reconvene at 1:30 p. m.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1942****Afternoon Session**

The convention was called to order at 1:40 p. m., First Vice President Fought presiding.

Mr. Eric H. Marks of the General Salvage Section, War Production Board, Washington, D. C. presented a short address on the National Scrap Harvest, complimenting the F. F. A. members on their participation.

At this time Executive Secretary Ross presented a very complete



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report on the National F. F. A. Camp, moving its adoption; motion seconded and carried.

Mr. A. W. Turner of the International Harvester Company was introduced and he spoke a few words of encouragement to the delegates.

The session was then declared open under the heading of unfinished business. Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Johnson of Oregon that no national F. F. A. motion picture films be made for the duration; motion seconded and carried.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Harris of North Carolina that no other national F. F. A. exhibits be made for the duration; motion seconded and carried.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Fair of West Virginia that no fireplace be built at the National F. F. A. Camp for the duration; motion seconded and carried.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Hardee of South Carolina that the purchase of a new set of State flags for the convention hall be postponed for the duration; motion seconded and carried.

It was announced by Executive Secretary Ross that a national F.F.A. plaque had been secured and properly engraved to be presented to the officials of the Municipal Auditorium on Award Night as a token of the organization's appreciation for courtesies extended during annual national conventions.

Student Secretary Isaacs read a telegram of greeting from the Secretary of the Vermont Association of F. F. A. and also one from Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kindschi.

It was moved by Burrows of New York that the delegates take a ten minute recess; motion seconded and carried. Recess was followed by musical entertainment presented by the Central High School Orchestra.

The meeting was declared open under the heading of new business. Delegate Fair of West Virginia moved to go into committee of the whole for fifteen minutes to discuss the possibilities of the national organization buying a bomber; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Sisk assumed the chair and the entire period was spent in discussing the proposition. Vice President Fought then took the chair. It was moved by Hendrix of Nevada that the Chairman appoint a committee of five members to look into the matter thoroughly and report back to the convention as soon as possible; motion seconded and carried.

Bean of Kentucky moved that the convention go into committee of the whole to discuss the matter of giving large "V's" to place on farm gates of outstanding individual members and the giving of service stripes to F. F. A. boys for the years they have been active members; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Sisk assumed the chair and the entire time was spent in spirited discussion. Vice President Fought then returned to the chair. Fair of West Virginia



moved that the matter of merit awards be left up to the respective State associations; motion seconded and carried.

The rules were suspended and a telegram from Mr. Duane Munter, 1941 Star Farmer of America, was read.

The next order of business was the election and raising of successful candidates from the active membership to the Degree of American Farmer. The candidates and officers took their places and the regular Fourth Degree Ceremony was carried through.

Following the closing ceremony, the convention adjourned at 3:50 p. m. to reconvene at 9 a. m. the following morning.

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1942**

### **Morning Session**

The convention was called to order at 9:10 a. m. with the opening ceremony and roll call.

The convention was declared open under the heading of new business. It was moved by Harris of North Carolina that no new national contests be added; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Gum of West Virginia that the matter of American Farmer applications be referred to a committee; motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Bean of Kentucky, seconded and carried, that the matter of the Star Farmer Awards be referred to a committee.

Moved by Reams of Florida, seconded and carried, that the matter of the 1942-43 State association awards be referred to a committee.

Moved by Huffman of Wisconsin, seconded and carried, that the matter of the 1942-43 National Chapter Contest rules be referred to a committee.

Moved by Jagels of Idaho, seconded and carried, that the matter of the 1942-43 Public Speaking Contest rules be referred to a committee.

Moved by Veech of Kentucky that the official manual be referred to a committee; motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Fair of West Virginia that the 1942 Proceedings be referred to a committee; motion seconded and carried.

The rules were suspended and a telegram from President Irvin J. Schenk was read.

Lange of Wisconsin moved that the matter of the 1942-43 National Radio Program be referred to a committee; motion seconded and carried.

Roller of Virginia moved that the matter of resolutions be referred to a committee; motion seconded and carried.

Hoover of Iowa moved that the convention go into a committee of the whole for ten minutes to discuss the possible adoption of a papier-mache emblem prepared by the Interstate Company to be added to the present list of official merchandise; motion seconded and

carried. Vice President Sisk assumed the chair and the entire time was spent in discussion. Vice President Fought then resumed the chair. Harris of North Carolina moved that the convention not give the Interstate Company approval to make the emblem until after the duration; motion was seconded. The question was called for and the motion was lost. Pitney of Oregon then moved that the national organization adopt the large papier-mache emblems displayed; motion was seconded and carried.

Lange of Wisconsin moved that the convention go into committee of the whole for twenty minutes to discuss official jewelry; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Sisk assumed the chair. The privileges of the floor were extended to Mr. W. B. Anderson of the L. G. Balfour Company who explained the jewelry situation to the delegates. The entire time was spent in discussion. Vice President Fought resumed the chair. Harris of North Carolina moved that the L. G. Balfour Company be given authority to manufacture a sterling silver plaque and carry on as well as possible under the circumstances; motion seconded and carried.

The convention stood at ease for five minutes. Mr. Everett C. Cunningham, vocational agriculture instructor at the Washburn High School in Maine and his son, Charles Cunningham, president of the State of Maine Association of F. F. A. were introduced. Mr. John Stinson, Agricultural Agent of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad and an Honorary American Farmer, was introduced and spoke briefly. Mr. Cassen of the Milwaukee Railroad was introduced.

Moved by Harris of North Carolina that authority be given the Board of Trustees to make two-year blanket contracts with the present manufacturing companies for official merchandise and that the quality of the merchandise be left up to the decision of a company representative and representatives of the national organization; motion seconded and carried. Fair of West Virginia moved that the Board of Trustees be authorized to designate one company for each type of merchandise; motion seconded and carried.

Executive Secretary Ross presented his special report on the Constitution and moved its adoption; motion seconded and carried. (See page 50.)

Mr. Lloyd E. Partain, Principal Defense Securities Specialist, War Savings Staff, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., presented a splendid address, complimenting the organization on the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps.

The next order of business was the revision of the national constitution. It was agreed that the constitution would be read section by section, the changes explained, and that ample time for discussion would be provided before adoption or rejection.

Moved by Stucki of Idaho that the proposed new arrangement of the sections be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Harris of North Carolina that Article I of the proposed constitution be accepted as read; motion seconded and carried. Bur-

rows of New York moved that the convention discuss and adopt the entire Article rather than a section at a time; motion seconded and carried. Hofmann of Nebraska moved that Article II be adopted as read; motion seconded and carried. Student Secretary Isaacs read Article III. Bowman of California submitted a written amendment to Article III which was read to the delegates. Walker of Virginia moved that the convention accept Article III as originally read by the Secretary; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Sisk assumed the chair. Student Secretary Isaacs read new Article IV. By unanimous action the minimum requirements for all active degrees were restored to Article IV. Jagels of Idaho moved that Article IV be considered section by section; motion seconded and carried. Harris of North Carolina moved that the convention accept Section 1, changing the words, "State Organization" to "National Organization." Motion was seconded and a lengthy discussion followed. The question was called for and the motion carried. Hough of Mississippi moved that new Section A, be adopted; motion seconded and carried. Boothe of Oklahoma moved that new Section B, be adopted; motion was seconded. Wolf of Michigan moved the previous question; motion seconded and lost. Discussion ensued. Reams of Florida moved to amend the second part of new Section B, Article IV by striking out the words "Have been out of high school for at least 12 months prior to the convention at which the degree is granted;" motion was seconded. Hendrix of Nevada moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words, "must have held the State Farmer Degree for 12 months." Motion was withdrawn. The amendment to the original motion made by Boothe of Oklahoma was voted on and carried. The entire motion was voted on and lost. Walker of Virginia then moved that the convention accept new Sections B, C, D, and E of Article IV as read; seconded and carried by a 2/3 vote.

Hopkins of Pennsylvania moved that the convention recess until 1:30 P. M.; motion seconded and carried. The convention recessed at 12 noon.

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1942**

### **Afternoon Session**

The convention was called to order at 2 p. m. Vice President Fought presiding.

The assembled delegates and guests listened to the radio Navy Day Victory Corps Program.

The meeting was continued under the heading of committee work. Vice President Fought appointed various special committees and the convention recessed for committee work.

The meeting reconvened at approximately 4:05 p.m. Announcements were made. Reams of Florida moved to reconsider the motion accepting Section B of Article IV of the national constitution. Vice President Fought ruled him out of order and Parliamentarian Howard sustained the chair. Parliamentarian Howard then read from Robert's Rules of Order a clarification on a delegate's motion.



The closing ceremony was held. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p. m. until 9 a. m. the following morning.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1942

#### Morning Session

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a. m. with Vice President Fought presiding, using the official opening ceremony. The Student Secretary called the roll of delegates by States. The convention continued under new business.

Mr. Roy Turner, head of the Turner Hereford Ranch in Oklahoma, was introduced and said a few encouraging words. Mr. Frank L. Love of Armour Company in Chicago was introduced and gave a short speech on the National Bruise and Parasite Campaign. Mr. Ray L. Cuff, Livestock Commissioner of the Kansas City Livestock Exchange, was introduced and presented an interesting address on Livestock Loss Prevention.

The convention was declared open under the heading of committee reports.

Turner of Wyoming presented the report of the Committee on the 1942-43 American Farmer applications and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Lamb of Arizona presented the report of the Committee on the 1942-43 Star Farmer Awards and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Robinson of Connecticut presented the report of the Committee on the 1942-43 State Association Awards and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Dawson of Ohio presented the report of the Committee on the 1942-43 National Chapter Contest Rules and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Register of Alabama presented the report of the Committee on the 1942-43 Public Speaking Contest Rules and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded. The question was called for and Harris of North Carolina called for a division of the house. The motion was carried.

Maiden of Washington presented the report of the Committee on the Official Manual and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Hogins of Arkansas presented the report of the Committee on the 1942 Proceedings and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Huffman of Wisconsin presented the report of the Committee on the 1942-43 National Radio Program and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Gum of West Virginia presented the report of the Committee on Buying a Bomber and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Ottoson of Colorado presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Vansant of Georgia presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Bowman of California presented the report of the Committee on Program of Work and moved that the report be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Jagels of Idaho moved that the convention take a five minute recess; motion seconded and carried. The convention then continued under the heading of new business. The session was called to order and business proceeded on Article V, Section A of the proposed new national constitution.

Moved by Austin of North Carolina that Article V be accepted as read; motion seconded and carried.

Crumley of Tennessee moved that Article VI be accepted, with the addition of the last sentences of the last section in order to make the constitution consistent; motion seconded and carried.

Fair of West Virginia moved the adoption of Article VII as read; motion seconded and carried.

Schmitz of North Dakota moved the adoption of Article VIII as read; motion seconded and carried.

Abel of Texas moved the adoption of Article IX as read; motion seconded and carried.

Boothe of Oklahoma moved that Article X be accepted as read; motion seconded and carried.

Harris of North Carolina moved that the delegates merely take up the sections of the By-Laws where changes in meaning had been made and skip those where the wording has been changed but not the meaning; motion seconded and carried.

Widger of New York moved the adoption of Article I of the By-Laws as read; motion seconded and carried.

Griffin of Washington moved the adoption of Article II as read; motion seconded and carried.

Lange of Wisconsin moved the adoption of Article III as read; motion seconded and carried.

Harris of North Carolina moved that Executive Secretary Ross read Article IV in total; motion seconded and carried. Pitney of Oregon moved the adoption of Article IV as read; motion seconded and carried.

Burrows of New York moved the adoption of Article V as read; motion seconded and carried.

Griffin of Washington moved that Executive Secretary Ross read Article VI in total; motion seconded and carried. Turner of Wyoming moved the adoption of Article VI as read; motion seconded and carried.

Register of Alabama moved that Student Secretary Isaacs read Article VII in total; motion seconded and carried. Hathorne of Vermont moved the adoption of Article VII as read; motion seconded and carried.

Walker of Virginia moved the adoption of Article VIII as read; motion seconded and carried.

Dawson of Ohio moved the adoption of the constitution and its by-laws, with the provision that two suggested changes not yet reviewed by the Board of Trustees be discussed in the afternoon session, and that the constitution go into effect January 1, 1943; motion seconded and carried.

Upon motion by Todd of Missouri, the convention recessed at 11:45 a. m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1942**

#### **Afternoon Session**

The convention convened at 1:35 p.m., Vice President Fought presiding, and continued under new business.

Bowman of California moved that the convention go into a committee of the whole for 15 minutes to discuss a proposed amendment to the Constitution; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Sisk assumed the chair. The entire time was spent in discussion. Vice President Fought resumed the chair. Dean of New Mexico moved the acceptance of the amendment proposed by the California delegation, to be made a part of Article III, Section B of the constitution; motion seconded and carried.

Hogins of Arkansas moved that the matter of getting the National Program of Work out to the States sooner and the setting of a uniform standard for the number of members qualifying in chapters in good standing be referred to the National Board of Trustees with power to act; motion seconded and carried.

The privileges of the floor were extended to Mr. E. J. Bray, President of the French-Bray Printing Company, official merchandiser, to explain the printing situation to the delegates. King of Maryland moved that authority be given the French-Bray Printing Company to put printed copies of the new Constitution, in the front of the manuals they have on hand, instead of discarding them entirely; motion seconded and carried.

The privileges of the floor were extended to Mr. W. M. Tolan of the Universal Uniform Company, official merchandiser, to discuss the uniform situation.

Student Secretary Isaacs read a letter of greeting from the Arkansas Association of F. F. A.



Dean of New Mexico moved that some sort of a message be sent to the Hawaiian and Puerto Rican Associations of F. F. A., expressing regret that delegates from the two associations were unable to be present; motion seconded and carried.

Hendrickson of Utah moved that the convention go into a committee of the whole for ten minutes to discuss the payment of delegate expenses to the national convention; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Sisk assumed the chair and the entire period was spent in discussion. Vice President Fought then resumed the chair. Moorman of South Dakota moved that the national organization continue to pay the blanket sum to the States for delegates coming to national conventions regardless of any other income on delegate expense a State may have; motion seconded and carried.

At this time several songs were sung by the delegates.

It was moved by Harris of North Carolina that the national organization should not provide pictures of the Great Horned Owl to be used at the Adviser's station; motion seconded and carried.

Stelter of Kansas moved that the national organization not accept any more songs at the present time due to the present conditions; motion seconded and carried.

Boothe of Oklahoma moved that a metal emblem of appropriate size, suitable for fastening on auto license plates not be adopted; motion seconded and carried.

Executive Secretary Ross read the budget proposed by the Board of Trustees and moved its adoption; motion seconded and carried. The budget is as follows:

### NATIONAL F. F. A. BUDGET

November 1, 1942 through October 31, 1943

#### Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues .....	\$20,000.00
Royalties .....	2,500.00
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	\$22,500.00

#### Estimated Disbursements:

I. Travel expense .....	\$ 4,400.00
II. Convention .....	4,000.00
III. American Farmer Keys .....	1,400.00
IV. Prizes, Awards, Exhibits, etc. ....	1,500.00
V. Printing .....	2,500.00
VI. National Radio Programs .....	500.00
VII. National Office .....	900.00
VIII. Clerical Assistance .....	3,000.00
IX. National Camp and Old Mill .....	3,500.00
X. Contingent Fund .....	800.00
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	\$22,500.00

Lange of Wisconsin moved to leave the national dues the same as they have been for the last fifteen years (10c per member); motion seconded and carried.

Dr. Spanton read a telegram from Mr. E. G. Reed of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Hardee of South Carolina moved that the Board of Trustees be authorized to edit all committee reports; motion seconded and carried.

Maiden of Washington moved that authority be given the Board of Trustees to act on any business coming up between the conventions; motion seconded and carried.

Dean of New Mexico encouraged the members of the F. F. A. to correspond with as many States as possible in order to keep the national organization closely knit, since transportation facilities are so difficult to secure.



#### NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1942-43

*First Row—Left to right: D. J. HOWARD, Treasurer; W. T. SPANTON, Adviser; W. A. ROSS, Executive Secretary. Second Row—Left to right: MARVIN JAGELS, First Vice-President; VERL HENDRIX, Student Secretary; W. DAVID WALKER, Second Vice-President; HAROLD H. GUM, President; NORMAN A. MARTIN, JR., Fourth Vice-President; WILLARD VISEK, Third Vice-President.*

Salzman of Illinois presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved the adoption of the report; motion seconded and carried. Nominations from the floor were called for; there being none, Metz of New Jersey moved that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the names submitted; motion seconded and carried. The

following Student Officers were declared elected as the National Officers for 1942-43:

PRESIDENT—Harold H. Gum, Arbovale, West Virginia.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT—Marvin Jagels, Buhl, Idaho.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT—W. David Walker, Farmville, Virginia.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT—Willard J. Visek, Elyria, Nebraska.

FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT—Norman A. Martin, Jr., Gorham, Maine.

STUDENT SECRETARY—Verl Hendrix, Fallon, Nevada.

The incoming national student officers were brought to the stage, introduced and made brief talks.

The new officers then signed the scroll and Vice President Fought turned the gavel over to the new President, Harold H. Gum.

As his first official act, President-elect Gum presented each of the retiring officers who were present with the official past national officer pins and they, in turn, gave short farewell talks.

Past national president Prichard led the convention in singing "God Bless America" while the new officers took their stations.

The convention was adjourned at 3:25 p. m. with the regular closing ceremony.





## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

(As revised and amended at the Fifteenth National Convention  
October 1942 — effective January 1, 1943)

### *Constitution*

#### ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSES

SECTION A. The name of this organization shall be "The Future Farmers of America." Members are hereinafter referred to as "Future Farmers of America." The letters "F.F.A." may be officially used to designate the organization, its units, or members thereof.

SECTION B. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
3. To strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work.
4. To encourage intelligent choice of farming occupations.
5. To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs and establishment in farming.
6. To encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To participate in cooperative effort.
10. To encourage and practice thrift.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide and encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.

#### ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

SECTION A. The Future Farmers of America is the national organization for students of vocational agriculture. It shall consist of chartered State associations\* which, in turn, are composed of local chapters chartered by the State association concerned. Collegiate chapters may also be organized and chartered under the direct jurisdiction of the respective State associations.

SECTION B. Active chapters of the Future Farmers of America for students enrolled in schools of less than college grade shall be chartered only in such schools where recognized systematic instruction in vocational agriculture of the all-day or day-unit type is offered under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

SECTION C. Collegiate chapters, designed primarily for training prospective teachers of vocational agriculture in their duties as local advisers of the F.F.A., may be established only in institutions officially recognized in State plans for vocational education approved by the U. S. Office of Education for the training of teachers of vocational agriculture.

SECTION D. Delegates from active chapters shall meet in State convention, organize, adopt a constitution not in conflict with the national constitution, elect officers, set up a program of work, and then apply to

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\* The designation "State association" as hereinafter used in this constitution is understood to include also Territorial and Insular associations, and the District of Columbia.

the National Executive Secretary for membership in the national organization. Upon receipt of a charter from the national organization, the members of a State association in the various chartered chapters thereof will be recognized as Future Farmers of America.

SECTION E. The general plan for the provisions under which collegiate chapters operate shall be included in the by-laws attached to this constitution.

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Membership in this organization shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Associate; (3) Collegiate; and (4) Honorary.

SECTION B. *Active membership.* Any male student not over 25 years of age who is regularly enrolled in an all-day or day-unit class in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any chartered F.F.A. chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership continuously throughout his entire high school career and for three years after the first national convention following graduation from, or leaving high school. No individual, however, may retain his active membership beyond his 25th birthday.

A member who is in good standing at the time he is inducted into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of his induction without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of three years after the first national convention following completion of high school vocational agriculture class room instruction or leaving school. Members making use of this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for

application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings.

SECTION C. *Associate membership.* Following the termination of active membership status, a member automatically becomes an associate member.

SECTION D. *Collegiate membership.* This may include all trainees preparing to teach vocational agriculture, and former active F.F.A. members of chartered local chapters who may be enrolled in the institution concerned.

SECTION E. *Honorary membership.* Supervisors, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, instructors, teachers of agriculture, business men, farmers, and others, who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and the F.F.A., and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or convention.

Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree in the local chapter, Honorary State Farmer Degree in the State association, and the Honorary American Farmer Degree in the national organization.

### ARTICLE IV. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

SECTION A. There shall be only four degrees of active membership based upon achievement. These are: (1) Green Hand; (2) Chapter Farmer; (3) State Farmer; and (4) American Farmer. The national organization shall set the standards for the Green Hand, Chapter Farmer, State Farmer, and American Farmer Degrees.

SECTION B. *Green Hand Degree.* Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture and

have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming.

2. Be familiar with the purposes of the F.F.A. and the program of work of the local chapter.

3. Recite from memory the Creed of the Future Farmers of America.

4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of a local chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

#### SECTION C. Chapter Farmer Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Must have held the Degree of Green Hand for at least one year immediately preceding election to the Degree of Chapter Farmer and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an improved supervised farming program, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.

3. Be familiar with the purposes and programs of work of the State association and national organization.

4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the local chapter.

5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.

6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes.

7. Must have earned by his own efforts from his supervised farming program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$25.

8. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting.

#### SECTION D. State Farmer Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Must have held the Degree of Chapter Farmer for at least one

year immediately preceding election to the Degree of State Farmer, have been an active member of the F.F.A. for at least two years, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class (or have completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school attended).

3. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the State association and national organization.

4. Demonstrate proficiency in parliamentary procedure.

5. Be able to lead a group discussion for forty minutes and pass some occupational or F.F.A. test provided by the State executive committee.

6. Must have earned by his own efforts from farming or other agricultural work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$250 (at least two-thirds of the amount must be derived from his supervised farming program).

7. Show leadership ability by having held responsible positions in connection with student, chapter, or community activities and as a member of the school judging team, debating team, or some other team representing the school.

8. Be in the upper 40% of the class in scholarship in all school subjects during the entire period of secondary school instruction completed at the time of application for the State Farmer Degree.

9. Must have participated in an outstanding way in activities for community improvement and the development of agriculture.

10. Each State shall be entitled to elect ten qualified individuals annually, but where State membership



exceeds 500, not more than 2% of the total State membership shall be elected (fractions counted to the nearest whole number). Written records of achievement verified by the local adviser shall be submitted to the State adviser by the local executive committee at least one month prior to the State convention. The State adviser will then review the records, prepare briefs, and submit his recommendations to the State executive committee. This committee will nominate at the regular State convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. Briefs of the records shall be made available to the delegates when the candidates are nominated. The delegates shall then proceed to elect to the Third Degree the candidates found most worthy.

**SECTION E. American Farmer Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:**

1. Must have held each of the three prerequisite degrees prior to election to the Degree of American Farmer, have been an active member of the F.F.A. continuously for at least 36 months, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State association.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least three school years of instruction in vocational agriculture, or have completed all of the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended, have been out of high school for at least 12 months prior to the convention at which the degree is granted, and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming. Productive projects must show comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope as substantiated by complete, accurate, and neat records.

3. During the period covered by his application, the candidate must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work

and have deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$500, provided that at least two-thirds of this amount is derived from his supervised farming program. In the cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.

4. Show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation.

5. Be in the upper 40% of his class in all school subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction.

**ARTICLE V. EMBLEM**

**SECTION A.** The emblem of the Future Farmers of America shall be made up of five symbols, namely:

(1) the plow, representing the tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the rising sun, representing progress; (4) a cross-section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and is grown in every State; and (5) an American eagle surmounting the cross-section of the ear of corn indicating the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also carry the three letters "F.F.A." and the words "Vocational Agriculture."

**SECTION B.** Emblems shall be uniform in all associations and recognized units thereof. All members are entitled to wear the emblem.

**SECTION C.** "Green Hands" are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem degree pin; "Chapter Farmers" are entitled to wear the regulation silver emblem degree pin; "State Farmers" are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm; and "American Farmers" are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

**SECTION D.** "Honorary Chapter Farmers" are entitled to wear either the regulation silver emblem degree

pin or a similar pin in gold; "Honorary State Farmers" are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm; "Honorary American Farmers" are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

SECTION E. Collegiate chapter members and advisers are entitled to wear an owl pin of special design.

#### ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

SECTION A. The officers of the national organization shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents (one from each administrative region of the United States), a Student Secretary, an Executive Secretary, a Treasurer, a National Adviser, and four Regional Advisers (one from each of the four administrative regions). These officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

The student officers, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and National Adviser, together with the outgoing National President, shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the national organization. The Board of Trustees shall have full authority and control over the organization subject only to such regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the national organization of F.F.A.

The officers of the national organization shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in annual national convention, except that the National Adviser shall be the Chief of the Agricultural Education Service of the U. S. Office of Education, and the four Regional Advisers and the Executive Secretary shall be members of that Service.

SECTION B. The officers of the State associations shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Adviser, and Reporter. State Supervisors of agricultural education shall assume the responsibilities of State advisers. Other officers and a State advisory council may be named if desirable. An Ex-

ecutive Secretary or Executive Adviser from the State professional staff may also be named, where necessary, by the State adviser subject to the approval of the State executive committee. All student officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular State convention of Future Farmers of America.

SECTION C. Chapter officers shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Adviser. Other officers may also be designated if desirable. The local teacher of vocational agriculture shall assume the responsibilities of local adviser. Officers of the local chapter shall be elected annually or semi-annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

SECTION D. Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office except that of Adviser in the local chapter, that of Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Adviser in the State association, and that of Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Advisers in the national organization.

SECTION E. Only members who have been elected to the Degree of American Farmer are eligible to hold national office. Two years after the State association has been chartered, all State officers shall have attained the State Farmer Degree. Officers in the local chapter must not rank lower than the grade of Chapter Farmer after the chapter has been established in any given school for one year or longer.

#### ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

SECTION A. A national convention of Future Farmers of America shall be held annually, except in case of an extreme emergency declared by the National Board of Trustees with the approval of the National Advisory Council. The time and place of meeting shall be determined by the National Board of Trustees.

SECTION B. Each State association is entitled to send two delegates from the active membership to the national convention. Fifty delegates from at least 25 States shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION C. State associations shall determine the number of delegates to State conventions not to exceed two delegates from any one local chapter.

SECTION D. The several State conventions shall, except in case of extreme emergency, be held annually and should be at least 45 days prior to the national convention at a time and place to be determined by the State executive committee.

SECTION E. Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or more often throughout the calendar year and at a time and place to be determined by the executive committee of the local chapter.

#### ARTICLE VIII. NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

SECTION A. There shall be a National Advisory Council of the Future Farmers of America composed of four State Supervisors of agricultural education (one from each of the four administrative regions) elected annually, the four Regional Agents for Agricultural Education of the U. S. Office of Education, and the National Adviser.

SECTION B. The National Advisory Council shall cooperate with and serve in an advisory capacity to the National Adviser of the F.F.A., assist with the administrative direction of the organization, and interpret the national constitution of the F.F.A. The National Adviser shall act as Chairman of the Council.

SECTION C. The National Advisory Council shall possess the power to approve actions of the National

Board of Trustees and the delegates to national conventions.

#### ARTICLE IX. DUES

SECTION A. Annual membership dues in the national organization shall be fixed by the National Board of Trustees on the basis of a budget submitted by said Trustees and approved by a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of Future Farmers of America. The F.F.A. year for the payment of national dues shall be July 1 to June 30.

SECTION B. Annual membership dues in State associations shall be fixed by the State executive committee, subject to approval by a majority vote of the delegates present at the State convention of Future Farmers of America.

SECTION C. The dues of any chapter shall be fixed by the Chapter executive committee subject to a majority vote of the membership of that chapter.

#### ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

SECTION A. Proposed amendments or by-laws to the national constitution may be submitted in writing by authorized representatives of State associations at any annual national convention of Future Farmers of America. These proposed changes must be reviewed by the National Board of Trustees and submitted to the delegates in national convention with recommendations. Amendments may be adopted or revisions made in the national constitution at any national convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, providing they represent a quorum.

SECTION B. By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of any unit of the national organization, providing they are not in conflict with the national constitution.



## *By-Laws*

### ARTICLE I. DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

SECTION A. *The President.* It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the national convention of Future Farmers of America and over meetings of the National Board of Trustees. The President shall call one national convention each year on such date and at such place as shall be fixed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. The President shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees.

SECTION B. *Vice-Presidents.* It shall be the duty of the four Vice-Presidents, acting under the direction of the President, to look after the welfare of the F.F.A. organization in the four administrative regions of the country. In case the office of President becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise, the first Vice-President shall assume his duties, followed in turn, if occasion demands, by the Second, Third, and Fourth Vice-Presidents in the order named.

SECTION C. *The Student Secretary.* The Student Secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, such as keeping an accurate record of the sessions of the national convention and of the meetings of the Board of Trustees, one copy of which shall be given to the Executive Secretary for the permanent files and one copy kept for his own files. He shall perform such other duties as he is directed to perform by the Board of Trustees or by the Executive Secretary.

SECTION D. *The National Adviser.* The National Adviser is an ex-officio member of all committees and Chairman of the National Advisory Council. It is also his duty to advise the Board of Trustees, delegates and committees on matters of policy and assist the national officers in conducting meetings and carrying

out programs. The National Adviser reviews all applications for the American Farmer Degree as submitted by States to be submitted, in turn, to the National Board of Trustees with his recommendations.

SECTION E. *The Regional Advisers.* The Regional Advisers shall assist the National Adviser.

SECTION F. *The Executive Secretary.* The Executive Secretary shall act as agent of the National Board of Trustees. He shall issue charters to associations when ordered to do so by the Board and shall act as agent for the organization which shall include the keeping of records of membership and progress. He shall receive all reports from associations, review them, and inform the National Board of Trustees of any proceedings which appear to be in conflict with the provisions of the national constitution. He shall submit a budget of proposed expenditures to the Board of Trustees annually covering the same period as that covered in the annual report of the National Treasurer. He shall keep the permanent records of the meetings of the National Board of Trustees, National Advisory Council, and national convention. Copies of same shall be supplied to the members. He shall be in charge of arrangements for the annual national convention and may perform such other duties as directed by the National Board of Trustees.

SECTION G. *The Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall act as custodian of the funds of the organization; collect national dues; keep an accurate record of all receipts, bank deposits, and disbursements; and make an annual report on such matters at the national convention and such other supplementary reports as may be directed by the Board of Trustees. He shall pay out of the treasury such funds as are ordered paid by the Board of Trustees on checks

countersigned by the President. He shall furnish a complete audit to be reviewed by the Auditing Committee along with an annual bank statement signed by an officer of the bank in which the funds are kept. He shall furnish a suitable bond, the amount to be fixed by the Board of Trustees. The National Treasurer's annual report on receipts and expenditures and the audit of the same, shall be for the period starting the first day of the month following the close of an annual national convention to the last day of the month in which the next succeeding annual national convention is held.

#### ARTICLE II. COMMITTEES

The President of the Future Farmers of America shall appoint three regular committees annually: The Nominating Committee; the Auditing Committee; and the Committee on Program of Work. Other special committees may be appointed as necessary.

The Nominating Committee shall, after careful consideration of the Future Farmers of America personnel, place in nomination the candidates for the various national offices.

The Auditing Committee shall examine the books of the Treasurer.

The Committee on Program of Work shall set up the annual objectives and goals of the national organization and suggest ways and means of attaining them.

#### ARTICLE III. REPORTS TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Each State association shall submit the following information to the National Executive Secretary:

1. A list of the newly elected association officers immediately following each State convention.

2. A report on any changes in, or amendments to, the association constitution and by-laws immediately following each association convention.

3. A list of official delegates to the national convention at least two weeks prior to the convention.

4. An annual association report on forms furnished by the National Executive Secretary, giving such data on status, activities, and progress as may be deemed advisable and called for by the National Board of Trustees.

#### ARTICLE IV. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING NATIONAL OFFICERS

A Nominating Committee, consisting of two members from each of the four administrative regions and one at large, shall study and review the qualifications of all members who are eligible for consideration for national office. This committee shall report during the national convention. Election of officers shall require a majority vote.

The President and the Student Secretary shall be elected from the membership at large, but shall not be elected from the same administrative region for two successive years.

The election of Vice-Presidents shall follow a seniority cycle. The region from which the Second Vice-President comes during the current year shall be entitled to a First Vice-President the succeeding year and so on for the other regions.

National student officers shall be elected to serve from one national convention through the next succeeding national convention and shall not be re-elected. If, in case of extreme emergency a national convention is not held in any given year, the student officers already serving shall continue to hold office through the next national convention. The National Board of Trustees shall have the power to appoint temporary officers to fill any offices declared vacant between national conventions, with the approval of the National Advisory Council.

#### ARTICLE V. PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING CHARTERS TO ASSOCIATIONS

States shall apply through the National Executive Secretary for affiliation with the Future Farmers of America organization, using the form available. Such application shall be signed by the State President, Secre-

tary, and Adviser. The following materials shall accompany the application for an association charter:

1. A copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws.

2. A copy of the annual program of work.

3. A complete list of local chapters, with statement of active membership of each.

4. A list of the association officers, with name, grade of membership, and address of each.

5. A remittance of \$5 to cover cost of charter and engraving.

A charter shall be granted by the National Board of Trustees upon the receipt of such application, provided that the proposed association constitution is not in conflict with the national constitution of the Future Farmers of America. The charter will be signed by the National President and by the National Executive Secretary.

The delegates at any annual national convention shall have the power to suspend association charters upon receipt of evidence of infringement on provisions of the national constitution.

#### ARTICLE VI. PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING STANDING OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS, CHAPTERS, AND MEMBERS

A State association of F. F. A. shall be considered in good standing with the national organization of Future Farmers of America when the following general conditions are met:

1. All current annual national dues paid into the national treasury on or before June 30.

2. All current reports submitted to the National Executive Secretary as requested.

3. State association constitution not in conflict with the national constitution in any of its provisions. Activities in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the national organization.

In case any association is not in good standing for a period of 12

months prior to a national convention, the delegates in national convention shall have the power, upon recommendation of the National Board of Trustees, to withdraw or suspend the charter and refuse such association official representation at the annual national convention. When, and if, such action is taken, the association in question and chapters and members thereof shall be denied the regular privileges of the organization. By meeting the requirements for good standing, a State association may be reinstated at any time by action of the National Board of Trustees.

Whenever this constitution is found to be in conflict with State law and constitutional provisions of any of the States, the Board of Trustees is empowered to make adjustments found necessary, to the end that no State association or local member be barred by reason thereof from the enjoyment of his rights and privileges.

A local chapter shall be considered in good standing with a State association when the following general conditions are met:

1. All current State and national dues paid by a date to be specified by each association.

2. All reports submitted as requested.

3. Chapter constitution not in conflict with the State and national constitutions in any of its provisions. Activities in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the national organization.

In case any local chapter is not in good standing with a State association for a period of 12 months prior to a State convention, the delegates in State convention shall have the power, upon recommendation of the State Executive Committee, to withdraw or suspend the charter and refuse such chapter official representation at the State convention. When, and if, such action is taken, the chapter in question and members thereof shall be denied the regular privileges of the organization.



By meeting the requirements for good standing, a chapter may be reinstated at any time by action of the State executive committee.

In case a local department of vocational agriculture in which a chartered chapter of F. F. A. is located is discontinued, the chapter so involved may be permitted to operate officially for a period not to exceed 12 months from date of the discontinuance of the department in the school concerned, providing proper supervision and guidance can be given to the chapter work by a member of a school faculty having the approval of the State adviser. Local chapter charters must be surrendered to the State Adviser at the end of the 12-month period indicated if vocational agriculture is not in operation again at that time.

An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity while enrolled in the school where the local chapter is established.
2. He shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter.
3. He pays his dues regularly and conducts himself in a manner becoming a member of the organization.

#### ARTICLE VII. PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

SECTION A. 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. Each State association in good standing shall be entitled to submit at least one American Farmer candidate.

SECTION B. Election to the Degree of American Farmer shall be from the candidates at large.

SECTION C. 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, prior to the national convention at which the application will be considered. No additions or corrections will be accepted after that date, and the application as received will be considered as the final basis for selection. Applications not in the national office on June 30 or received from States from which all national dues for the fiscal year have not been received by the National Treasurer on or before June 30 will be rejected.

SECTION D. Neatly compiled applications conforming to regulation guide forms prepared and distributed by the National Executive Secretary must be submitted.

SECTION E. American Farmer candidates must be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of F. F. A.

#### ARTICLE VIII. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Collegiate chapters of the Future Farmers of America may be organized in institutions recognized for training teachers of vocational agriculture under provisions of State plans for vocational education approved by the U. S. Office of Education.

Membership may include trainees preparing to teach vocational agriculture and former active F. F. A. members who are enrolled in the institution.

The general plans for collegiate chapter work shall be developed by the National Board of Trustees but may be approved, altered, and revised by the delegates assembled in national convention.

All activities of collegiate chapters of Future Farmers of America and members thereof shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles, and ideals of the Future Farmers of America organization.

Each collegiate chapter shall submit to the State adviser an annual report covering program of work and achievements for the current school year.

Collegiate chapters shall be chartered by, and be under the authority of State associations of Future Farmers of America in the State concerned.

The work of collegiate chapters shall be carried on with the regular equipment and paraphernalia of the Future Farmers of America, except that members of collegiate chapters who were not F. F. A. members in high school shall not be entitled to wear the regular insignia of the Future Farmers of America.

## Committee Reports

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN FARMER APPLICATIONS

We, the Committee on American Farmer Applications, do hereby recommend the following changes in the American Farmer Application Blank:

1. We wish to uphold the suggestions of the Advisory Council on page 19 to the effect that the space at the bottom of the page referring to equipment and buildings be set up similar to the section on the middle of page referring to livestock.

2. We also wish to recommend that some form of caution be printed on, or attached to, the application blank warning prospective applicants to study the application carefully before filling it out, and also giving further definitions and possibly examples of the terms, "Improvement Projects" and "Supplementary Practices."

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON M. TURNER, Wyoming, Chairman  
HENRY FORD ABEL, Texas  
GILBERT HARDEE, South Carolina  
R. GIBSON FAIR, West Virginia  
PAUL WOLF, Michigan  
JOHN PEW, JR., New Jersey  
WAYNE BOOTHE, Oklahoma  
HERMAN JOACHIM, Idaho

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### REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have thoroughly reviewed and examined the National F. F. A. Treasurer's books as kept by the Treasurer, Mr. D. J. Howard.

His records have been found to be an accurate statement of the receipts and disbursements for the year 1941-42 of the national organization of Future Farmers of America. The statement is in good order and in excellent condition to be examined by a qualified accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

WENDELL OTTOSON, Colorado, Chairman  
DAVID D. RUBIS, Minnesota  
VERNON SHIRLEY, Louisiana



### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PURCHASING A BOMBER

We, the Committee on Purchasing a Bomber, recommend that we do not undertake the task of buying a bomber in the name of the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,  
 HAROLD H. GUM, West Virginia, Chairman  
 WILBOURN WALLER, Oklahoma  
 JOHN HUGHEN, Arkansas  
 VERL HENDRIX, Nevada  
 PAUL APPEL, Indiana

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

We, the Committee on the National Chapter Contest, recommend the adoption of the changes proposed by the Board of Trustees—that we revise Section E. and F. of Article II on Eligibility in order to do away with the official scrapbook in the Contest.

Respectfully submitted,  
 RICHARD DAWSON, Ohio, Chairman  
 GUY DEAN, New Mexico  
 AMILIO BELL, Nevada  
 JAMES AHLGREN, California  
 BOB HARRIS, North Carolina  
 DONALD DAVIS, South Dakota  
 NELSON STELLY, Louisiana  
 FRANCIS B. HATHORNE, Vermont

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL MANUAL

We find the Official Manual very complete in such ways as ironing out problems of chapters concerning finances, giving advice and information concerning parliamentary procedure, conducting banquets, and many other worth-while undertakings.

However, we do suggest the following changes:

1. Adding the revised Constitution.
2. Wherever, throughout the Manual, the word "Future Farmer" is used referring to the degree, the word "Chapter Farmer" should be substituted.
3. On page 10, "The Aims and Purposes," shall be changed to read as Article I, Section B of the revised Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,  
 STANLEY B. MAIDEN, Washington, Chairman  
 BEVERLEY ROLLER, Virginia  
 JIMMIE BEAN, Kentucky  
 JAMES CRUMLEY, Tennessee  
 BEN CLEAVELAND, Connecticut  
 JOHN SCHMITZ, North Dakota  
 FRED S. WITTY, New Mexico  
 HOWARD TYRRELL, Minnesota

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for national F. F. A. offices for the year 1942-43. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....Harold Gum, West Virginia  
 First Vice President.....Marvin Jagels, Idaho  
 Second Vice President.....David Walker, Virginia  
 Third Vice President.....Willard Visek, Nebraska  
 Fourth Vice President.....Norman Martin, Maine  
 Student Secretary.....Verl Hendrix, Nevada  
 Executive Secretary.....W. A. Ross, Washington, D. C.  
 Treasurer.....D. J. Howard, Richmond, Virginia  
 Adviser .....W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH H. SALZMAN, Illinois, Chairman  
 HAROLD A. KEYES, Massachusetts  
 EUGENE JUNKIN, JR., Ohio  
 ROBERT McCREIGHT, Arizona  
 VIRGIL BACHTEL, Missouri  
 DAN EASTERLING, Alabama  
 ROBERT DAVIDSON, Delaware  
 JOHN A. YATES, Tennessee  
 CLARENCE REED, Wyoming

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROCEEDINGS

We, the Committee on the National Proceedings for 1942, hereby submit the following report:

Because of the small convention this year and wartime conditions, we recommend that the Fifteenth National Convention Proceedings be reduced in size. We, therefore, feel that only the following should be included in this year's proceedings:

1. National Directory.
2. Official delegate list, alternates excluded.
3. Minutes of the Fifteenth Convention.
4. Committee reports.
5. National Student officer reports.
6. Report of National Treasurer.
7. Report of the National Executive Secretary.
8. Star Farmer pictures and a brief summary of their achievements (4).
9. A list of Gold State Association awards and very brief report of them.

10. The Chapter Contest Gold Emblem winners.
11. A picture of the National Public Speakers and a copy of winning speech only.
12. A picture of Municipal Auditorium.
13. A picture of the American Farmers, together with a list of all successful candidates.
14. A picture of the Convention assembly.
15. Introductory remarks by the National Executive Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK HOGINS, Arkansas, Chairman

DIXON MANLY, Texas

LAWRENCE JOHNSON, Oregon

MERRILL STUCKI, Idaho

JOE K. LAIRD, Mississippi

PAUL HOFMANN, Nebraska

DONALD McKNIGHT, Maryland

ROBERT H. BALLENTINE, New Hampshire

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM OF WORK

We, the Committee on Program of Work, recommend the following activities, goals and ways and means for 1942-43:

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
1. Producing food for victory	100% member participation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Assist in increasing production of food commodities as recommended by Secretary of Agriculture.</li> <li>b. Use improved farming methods.</li> <li>c. Arrange for adequate credit in order to achieve these goals.</li> <li>d. Produce more agricultural products for home consumption.</li> <li>e. Develop home victory gardens and wherever possible on F.F.A. plots of ground.</li> </ol>
2. Salvaging needed war materials	100% member and chapter participation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cooperate actively with W.P.B. and other wartime agencies.</li> <li>b. Arrange chapter campaigns for systematic collection of rubber, paper, rags, metals, and the like.</li> <li>c. Impress members and chapters with seriousness of situation.</li> <li>d. Urge every State to set up definite goals.</li> </ol>



Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
3. <b>Assisting with farm labor shortage</b>	100% chapter participation	e. Discourage the hoarding of scrap in a community.  a. Chapters assist in the training of inexperienced city youth to do farm work. b. Cooperate with U. S. Employment Service in registration and placement of farm help. c. Encourage members to make the best possible use of machinery and labor. d. Urge exchange of machinery as well as labor among neighbors.
4. <b>Repairing and reconditioning farm machinery</b>	100% member and chapter participation	a. Chapters assist in repair of machinery in the community. b. Encourage members to offer their services to farmers. c. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from wear, weather, etc.
5. <b>Buying war bonds and stamps</b>	100% of members, chapters, and associations participating \$3,500,000 investment by October 1, 1943	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 in buying bonds and stamps.
6. <b>Guarding and protecting life and property</b>	100% of State Associations with safety programs	a. Cooperate with agencies promoting safety. b. Encourage books on first aid and safety in chapter libraries. c. Encourage members to enroll in first aid courses. d. Encourage chapter discussions and demonstrations on fire prevention. e. Secure and distribute material on farm fire prevention. f. Encourage safety campaigns at home, on highway, in the shop, and in fields against fire, saboteurs, and other destructive forces.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
7. Conserving re-sources	100% of chapters and members participating	a. Urge cooperation with various conservation agencies. b. Emphasize the need for conservation on both chapters and individuals. c. Discourage unnecessary use of gasoline, rubber, metals, and other vital war materials.
8. Cooperating with other groups on wartime effort	100% chapter cooperation	a. Assist where possible with the W.P.B., U. S. Treasury, and O. C. D. and other governmental agencies in war effort. b. Cooperate with High School Victory Corps.
9. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	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.
10. Improving live-stock and crop production	100% member participation	a. Use improved breeding practices. b. Urge chapters and members to use improved sires. c. Urge higher quality foundation animals. d. Urge members to use improved strains of seeds. e. Urge members to market crops more efficiently to prevent losses.
11. Preventing live-stock losses	100% chapter participation	a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Urge humane and practical stock devices made as farm mechanics projects. c. Encourage survey work on livestock loss prevention to help reduce livestock losses.
12. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	a. Encourage all members to discover needed repairs and undertake same. b. Encourage chapters to provide cooperatively available materials needed for home maintenance.
13. Maintaining membership	250,000 active members	a. Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
14. Using Official Manuals	100% of members having access to official Manuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Encourage increased membership in established chapters.</li> <li>c. Encourage retaining of active membership during three-year period following high school.</li> <li>d. Urge full payment of national dues on the part of all associations on or before June 30.</li> <li>e. Encourage establishment of collegiate chapter in every recognized teacher training department.</li> </ul>
15. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer books	100% of chapters using both books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge State associations to secure Manuals in quantities for distribution and sale to chapters.</li> <li>b. Emphasize the need for having up-to-date Manuals with which to work.</li> <li>c. Urge that new Manuals be included in every chapter library.</li> <li>d. Urge discussion of revised 1942 constitution at chapter meetings and conventions.</li> <li>e. Urge study of Manual as phase of leadership training schools and conferences.</li> <li>a. Call further attention to the value of these books.</li> <li>b. Urge filing copies of completed books as permanent chapter records.</li> <li>c. Urge discussion of both books at chapter meetings and at leadership training schools and conferences.</li> </ul>
16. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge early and careful explanation of the progressive features of degree work to members and systematic advancement in chapter degrees.</li> <li>b. Encourage members to keep scrap book records of their achievements.</li> <li>c. Urge each State to provide uniform State Farmer application blank.</li> </ul>
17. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prepare and distribute suggested list of books for F.F.A. chapters.</li> <li>b. Send out suggestions on establishing and maintaining libraries.</li> </ul>



Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
<b>18. Practicing thrift</b>	100% of chapters and members participating	<p>c. Suggest discussion of chapter libraries at leadership training schools and conferences.</p> <p>a. Stimulate interest in regular systematic savings for all.</p> <p>b. Encourage chapter members to earn money co-operatively to help finance chapter activities.</p> <p>c. Urge individuals to buy and sell cooperatively.</p> <p>d. Urge every State association and chapter to have a budget and safeguard its funds.</p> <p>e. Encourage members to invest earnings in productive enterprises, war stamps, and bonds.</p>
<b>19. Participating in public speaking</b>	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	<p>a. Encourage every chapter to hold a contest with a high percentage of members participating.</p> <p>b. Stress the value of participation to the individual regardless of prizes or honors.</p>
<b>20. Providing Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies</b>	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	<p>a. Send out lists with information on how and where to obtain.</p> <p>b. Stress loyalty to the national organization and urge the use of official materials.</p> <p>c. Urge discussion of standard materials at leadership training schools.</p> <p>d. Point out advantages in patronizing official companies.</p>
<b>21. Using Official ceremonies</b>	100% of the chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the official Manual	<p>a. Urge that all officers learn their parts and that ceremonies be rehearsed.</p> <p>b. Suggest special training on ceremonies for new officers.</p> <p>c. Recommend discussing the meaning and significance of ceremonies at chapter meetings and leadership schools.</p> <p>d. Urge practice on unison parts, especially Flag salute.</p>

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
<b>22. Following parliamentary procedure</b>	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge individual members to study parliamentary procedure.</li> <li>b. Encourage chapter discussion of parliamentary procedure.</li> <li>c. Encourage local parliamentary procedure demonstrations and contests.</li> <li>d. Urge chapters to include at least one book on parliamentary procedure in chapter library.</li> </ul>
<b>23. Building programs of work</b>	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to war effort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage more carefully built programs and closer attention to them.</li> <li>b. Urge special emphasis on program building in leadership schools.</li> <li>c. Print and distribute the national program of work immediately following the National Convention.</li> <li>d. Encourage more chapters to compete in National Chapter Contest.</li> <li>e. Adapt programs of work to war needs.</li> </ul>
<b>24. Holding meetings and conventions</b>	Regular meetings and conventions held by chapters and State associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Arrange chapter meetings to keep travel to a minimum.</li> <li>b. "Streamline" State, district and federation meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>25. Providing State publications</b>	100% of States with an official publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage the maintenance of State F.F.A. publications.</li> <li>b. Encourage exchange of State publications with other associations as far as possible.</li> <li>c. Offer constructive suggestions on improving present publications.</li> </ul>
<b>26. Providing leadership training</b>	100% State participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage State and district leadership training schools and conferences.</li> <li>b. Encourage States to provide leadership training in connection with State meetings.</li> <li>c. Encourage all chapters to provide at least one leadership school or conference during the year.</li> </ul>

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		d. Urge special leadership training for State officers. e. Provide special leadership training school for national officers.
<b>27. Continuing National F. F. A. Day</b>	100% of State associations participating	a. Set aside Monday of National Convention week, 1943 as National F. F. A. Day. b. Send out suggested materials for F.F.A. Day programs.
<b>28. Maintaining National Camp</b>	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition during war	a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp.
<b>29. Maintaining public relations</b>	Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does	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 and their use as illustrations. d. Continue National F. F. A. Radio Program and encourage States and chapters to provide similar 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.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT BOWMAN, California, Chairman  
 WILLIAM I. KING, Maryland  
 HERBERT HOOVER, Iowa  
 GRANVILLE HOUGH, Mississippi  
 KYLE MILLER, North Dakota



**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

We, the Committee on the National Public Speaking Contest, have thoroughly considered the present rules and regulations governing this event and wish to recommend the following changes from last year:

Article II, Section 4.—All boys who participated in any previous national F. F. A. public speaking contest are ineligible to compete in the 1943 National Contest.

Article V, Section 2.—Three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the contest, each judge formulating, asking, and scoring his own question.

The other rules are to remain as they were.

Respectfully submitted,  
HILTON REGISTER, Alabama, Chairman  
DAVID RUBIS, Minnesota  
LELON R. LANGE, Wisconsin  
ROSS K. HENDRICKSON, Utah  
WAYNE HOBSON, Colorado  
JOHN METZ, New Jersey  
DONALD WOOD, New Hampshire

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM**

We, the Committee on the National Radio Program, recommend the following changes:

1. That the theme for the year 1942-43 be "The Future Farmers and the War Effort," and that the future development of this theme be kept in close harmony with the F. F. A. principles.

2. That the traveling expenses of State representatives participating be paid by the national organization of F. F. A., the expenses not to exceed \$50.00 per State, per broadcast. The broadcasts are to be arranged in such a way as to cut down the distance of travel as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
DALE HUFFMAN, Wisconsin, Chairman  
DORWIN WILLIAMS, Michigan  
BRUCE WIDGER, New York  
ROBERT MOORMAN, South Dakota  
WILBUR TODD, Missouri  
WILLIAM DAVIS, Indiana  
CALVIN WEBB, Utah

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

We, the Committee on Resolutions for 1942, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following organizations, groups, and individuals contributing to the success of our organization, and especially to the Fifteenth National Convention thereof:

1. To "Dad" Linke for his untiring efforts, devotions, and special award to Future Farmers.

2. To the 1941-42 National Officers of the F. F. A. and the Fifteenth National Convention committees for their brilliant and individual effort in making this year and this convention the best in the history of the organization.
3. To the members of the Advisory Council and the Kansas City Advisory Committee for their splendid work in making this year another historic milestone in the progress of F. F. A.
4. To the business men, city officials, and management of the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City for their efforts in making this the most enjoyable trip possible to Kansas City, and for the various services rendered.
5. To Harold Prichard for giving his time and effort in connection with the Fifteenth National Convention.
6. To the Kansas City, Missouri Chamber of Commerce for the courtesies provided and especially for the general banquet.
7. To the Agricultural Education Magazine, The Agricultural Leader's Digest, American Farm Youth, and other magazines maintaining sections devoted to F. F. A. activities.
8. To Swift & Company for the continued donation of pictures of Washington and Jefferson to local chapters and for their splendid banquet.
9. To the John Deere Company for their continued donation of miniature plows to local chapters, and for the Future Farmer publicity in *The Furrow*.
10. To the various railroads encouraging F. F. A. efforts and offering valuable educational awards.
11. To the Central High School, Junior College and other groups and individuals for their splendid entertainment at the Fifteenth National Convention.
12. To Mr. W. A. Cochel and *The Weekly Kansas City Star* for their liberal support in providing appropriate prizes to "Star Farmers."
13. To the States visited by our national officers for their assistance in making possible these trips.
14. To the donors of equipment and material for construction and maintenance of the National F. F. A. Camp.
15. To the Shawnee-Mission Chapter for various duties performed during National Convention Week.
16. To the judges of the National Public Speaking Contest.
17. To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cuff for their donation of flowers.
18. To the Hawaiian and Puerto Rican Associations we express our deepest regrets that their representatives were unable to attend this, the Fifteenth National Convention.
19. To N. A. Holmer and the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company for the cash awards to the American Farmers.
20. To the judges of the National Chapter Contest.
21. To the judges on the State Association Awards.

22. To other donors of prizes not previously mentioned.
23. To other publications not previously mentioned.
24. To the members of all committees not previously mentioned.
25. To all other individuals serving the F. F. A. and assisting with the Fifteenth National Convention.
26. To all Future Farmers of America who are in the various branches of the Armed Forces, who are fighting for the standards on which our organization is built.

Respectfully submitted,  
 HENLEY VANSANT, Georgia, Chairman  
 ANDREW FORD, Delaware  
 JOE LYNN, Illinois  
 GEORGE W. STELTER, Kansas  
 DAVID NOLLER, Iowa  
 ERWIN THALMANN, Kansas  
 W. DAVID WALKER, Virginia  
 LAWRENCE JENNI, Montana

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STAR FARMER AWARDS

The Committee met and discussed each article thoroughly. We recommend the same procedure in selecting Star Farmers as was used last year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 JOE LAMB, Arizona, Chairman  
 ELMER SEVERSON, Montana  
 CLAUDE JONES, Florida  
 RUTLEDGE MURRAY, South Carolina  
 MELVIN U. BURKHART, Pennsylvania  
 WARREN LUCKEY, Georgia  
 CHESTER WATTERS, Vermont  
 RONALD BURROWS, New York

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE ASSOCIATION AWARDS

We, the Committee on State Association Awards, recommend the discontinuation of this award until the war is over because it requires so much work to select the State winners and the basis for selection is not entirely satisfactory to many States. This is the advice of the National Advisory Council and National Board of Trustees. The State Advisers are also willing to discontinue the award for the duration.

Respectfully submitted,  
 LEONARD ROBINSON, Connecticut, Chairman  
 SAM ARRINGTON, North Carolina  
 WILLARD VISEK, Nebraska  
 F. H. REAMS, Florida  
 A. B. VEECH, JR., Kentucky  
 EDWARD C. HOPKINS, Pennsylvania  
 WINSTON BEANE, Maine  
 ELVAN PITNEY, Oregon



## Special Convention Reports

### REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION

by W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary

Since the 1940 National Convention, the Board of Trustees, designated as the Committee on Constitution, has been at work on suggested changes, revisions, and additions. An honest attempt has been made to bring this document up to date and in tune with the fast-moving times. Even before the war was upon us certain desirable changes were rather evident. Furthermore, since December 7, it appears highly desirable that we consider carefully certain other additions which will enable both the chartered State associations and the local chapters thereof to continue their work in an effective manner.

In my opinion no organization's constitution should continue unchanged for any great length of time if that organization to which it is a guide is to serve adequately. This is especially true under present-day conditions. On the other hand, an organization that makes changes too often will find itself in a position of confusion and uncertainty because the members are unable to keep up with a constitution which is "fluid" and vacillating. Important and far-reaching changes without due deliberation are ill-advised and are bound to cause trouble. No changes have been made in the national constitution since October 1939. The constitutional changes which will be suggested at this convention have been carefully considered. At this time I shall attempt to point out a few of those which are greatest in importance.

1. The designation "State association" has been broadened to include not only Territorial and Insular possessions but also the District of Columbia since vocational education has now been extended to the District.
2. The name of the second degree of active membership which, heretofore, has been known as the Degree of Future Farmer has been renamed the "Degree of Chapter Farmer." State associations are to be delegated the entire responsibility for degree advancement below the level of American Farmer. This was done because of lack of agreement among the States as to just what the minimum qualifications for the first three degrees should be. You may not agree with this suggested change.

Over a period of years there has been no little confusion between holding the Future Farmer Degree and being a "Future Farmer" member. While all members are "Future Farmers," only a certain number actually hold the Future Farmer Degree at any one time. The wording "Chapter Farmer," seems, therefore, more typical of the membership status of those involved and more appropriate and descriptive compared to the titles used for the other degrees of active membership.

3. Old Article V has been transposed in the order it occurs in the National constitution so that it now becomes Article IV, re-

worded, "Active Membership Degrees and Privileges." This article now logically follows Article III which deals with membership.

4. Old Article IV, Emblem, now becomes Article V following the description of degree requirements and includes all material dealing with the national emblem and insignia worn by the members who hold the various degrees of membership.
5. In Article VII some much needed additions have been made. Instead of *requiring* each State to be represented at the State Convention by two delegates from each local chapter, it now leaves this to the discretion of the State association by inserting the wording "not to exceed two delegates from any one local chapter." This should be especially helpful to large States with scattered membership and to all States in conducting conventions under emergencies.
6. It is interesting to note that since 1928, when the organization was founded, a quorum to conduct business at the national convention has never been prescribed. Up to today, under a strict interpretation of the constitution, one delegate from any State could have constituted the entire convention. The heading of Article VII has now been changed to read, "Meetings and Conventions" and Section B now states that "Fifty delegates from at least 25 States shall constitute a quorum." It seems incredible that this provision has been overlooked for 15 years.
7. Regional Advisers for the national organization have now been provided for in Section E of Article I in the By-Laws.
8. Old Article II of the By-Laws covering the National Advisory Council becomes Article VIII of the constitution.
9. An addition has been made to Article IV of the By-Laws. It reads as follows: "If in case of extreme emergency a national convention is not held in any given year, the student officers already serving shall continue to hold office through the next convention. The National Board of Trustees shall have the power to appoint temporary officers to fill any offices vacated between national conventions, with the approval of the National Advisory Council."

This makes it possible for the national organization to continue its work in the face of emergencies which may occur.

10. Article VI in the By-Laws has been changed to include "Procedure for Determining Standing of State associations, chapters, and members." Perhaps the most important new section in the whole constitution occurs here:  
"In case a local department of vocational agriculture in which a chartered chapter of F. F. A. is located is discontinued, the chapter so involved may be permitted to operate officially for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date of discontinu-

ance of the vocational agriculture department in the school concerned, providing proper supervision and guidance can be given to the chapter work by a member of a school faculty having the approval of the State Adviser. Local chapter charters must be surrendered to the State Adviser at the end of the 12 month period indicated if vocational agriculture is not in operation again at that time."

You are all aware that during the past few months and for months to come there have been and will be many changes in teachers and departments of vocational agriculture. Such a provision as the one just indicated will make it possible for a chapter to either "bridge over" a period when the school may be without a teacher of vocational agriculture or if the department is dropped from the State list, the chapter concerned will have an opportunity to close up its affairs in an orderly, businesslike manner.

Part-time members have been excluded from active membership in the new constitution. While this is not to be construed in any way as a discrimination against these boys, it seems to be the feeling of the Board of Trustees, State Advisers, and the Advisory Council that the F. F. A. should be definitely a high school organization, and that there is no satisfactory way to compare the work of part-time students who desire to be raised to the higher active degrees in the organization with the work of all-day students. Part-time chapters, as such, were excluded in the 1939 revision of the constitution.

There are other minor changes in wording which will come to your attention at the time the constitution is read, section by section, for your consideration and action. There is no need of taking further time on them just now.

As a Committee on Constitution, the National Board of Trustees has had the advice and help of many State and local advisers. There may be differences of opinion. Any changes suggested are made honestly and unselfishly with but one purpose in mind—the future welfare of the *entire* organization of Future Farmers of America. No attempt has been made to either favor or penalize any State, section of the country, or region.

Conditions made it absolutely impossible to have this proposed revision ready in its present form so that it could be mimeographed and sent to each State for consideration prior to this convention. The revision, however, has been in process for the past three years and progress reports were made at the last two conventions. Certain suggested changes are very new due to developments since December 7, 1941.

May I suggest that you read the whole proposed constitution carefully, think about each sectional change, discuss the "pros" and "cons" and act to the best of your judgment. Our responsibility was to put something before you for your consideration. This responsibility has been carried out to the best of our ability.



# REPORT ON NATIONAL F. F. A. CAMP

## By W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary

The national program of work for 1941-42 carried as item 28 the following:

Activity	Goal	Ways and Means
Developing National Camp	Further develop both Camp and Mill and have ready for use by April 1, 1942.	Follow National Executive Secretary's report on the Camp.

Since a full report on developments to October 1, 1941, (See pages 47-53 of the Proceedings of the 14th National Convention) was made to the delegates assembled here last year, it seems appropriate that we begin with the recommendations made and accepted at that time and discuss what has been accomplished up to October 1, 1942.

To begin with, a budget of \$6,000 was allotted to the Camp for the year 1941-42 which was to include overhead, maintenance, and permanent improvements. First of all, may I call to your attention the fact that the total Camp expenditure according to the figures furnished me by Mr. Howard, our Treasurer, was approximately \$3,400, which represents a saving of approximately \$2,600 out of the \$6,000 set aside for the Camp in the budget for 1941-42.

You are all aware that in addition to the Camp grounds comprising almost 30 acres, the national organization of F. F. A. also has under lease George Washington's Old Grist Mill comprising about 6 acres of additional land adjoining the Camp. The plan calls for operating the Camp for F. F. A. visitors and keeping the Old Mill open to the public during the summer months.

For the amount expended, we took care of the salary of one man all of the time and another man for a part of the time, and accomplished the following things with that labor:

1. Completed the painting of the barracks building and dining hall (3 coats), as well as the window frames of the Old Mill and the Miller's House.
2. Provided 13 sets of double window frames and windows setting them in the barracks to replace the shutters and wire screens with which the building was originally equipped. Available funds would not permit windows being included when the building was constructed over a year ago.
3. Placed a plywood ceiling in the dining hall and provided plywood walls for the kitchen. The ceiling was carefully stripped and painted thus making a very attractive interior. Through Mr. Harry Steidel, Washington representative of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, 109 sheets of 8' x 4' plywood were secured to do this job at no cost to the organization except the freight from Baltimore to the Camp amounting to about \$34.
4. Put a plywood ceiling in the washroom of the barracks building.
5. Repaired, reconditioned, and painted the kitchen of the Camp manager's home, built in improved kitchen cabinets, provided linoleum for the floor, moved the water heater, and cut in new kitchen windows. Much scrap lumber and scrap plywood were used on this project.

6. Removed partitions over the kitchen in the Camp manager's house in order to enlarge and improve the second upstairs bedroom. This room was also painted and properly finished. Considerable scrap lumber was also used on this development.
7. A rustic gate was constructed at the Camp entrance on U. S. Highway No. 1.
8. Using the tractor we already have, along with a scoop and bulldozer attachments which were purchased at a very reasonable figure, we have a large area of the land back of the dining hall leveled preparatory to laying out athletic fields for Camp users. What has been done by our man with a tractor using 8-10 gallons of gas per day for a limited period would have cost hundreds of dollars if the work had been done by a contractor. We planned this work so that it would be accomplished slowly but satisfactorily and at the least expense to the organization.
9. Before the land was leveled, every usable tree and shrub was moved from the area affected and the Camp grounds partially landscaped with our own plantings. Rows of cedars graduated in size from 18" to 10' in height were used in this development. Very few were lost in the hot summer weather due to an abundance of rain.
10. Grass was seeded in the yards and on the terrace in front of the Camp buildings. Sod was cut from near the creek on our own land and with it terraces were covered, and grassed waterways constructed along the buildings to lead off excess water thus keeping it from going under the new camp buildings.
11. Bunks in the barracks were strengthened with about 2,000 screws and fastened permanently to the floor with angle irons. All beds were given a light brown stain.
12. The floors of both barracks and dining hall were oiled.
13. A pipeline was laid from the new well, drilled last year, to the Camp manager's house thus improving the house water supply. Repeated tests showed that the old well at the house was contaminated and that the water was unfit for human consumption. The pipeline from Dogue Creek which formerly provided an auxiliary water supply for the manager's house was abandoned.
14. The office at the Camp was finished and historical records in steel filing cases were moved into it from Washington.

The swift succession of events after December 7, 1941, indicated clearly by April 1942 that it would not be advisable to attempt to keep the Camp open during the past summer. The only practical and patriotic thing to do was to close it as a conservation measure from the standpoint of saving tires and gasoline and to help in reducing the number of visitors along the eastern seaboard in war times. So on April 20, after discussing the matter with members of the Board of Trustees and the National Advisory Council, notification was sent to the States that the Camp would be closed during the summer of 1942.

In line with this policy, and due to the fact that F. F. A. travelers would not be using the Camp, several contemplated improvement items were eliminated from the list. Among them were:

1. Extra storage tank and water heater for barracks.
2. Covers for mattresses.
3. Flagpole.
4. Reading lamp and bookshelves in the dining hall.
5. Fireplace in dining hall.
6. Further improvements to the Old Mill.
7. Remodeling of Jack the Miller's House at the Old Mill.
8. Construction of an amphitheater.

Our feeling was that these items might be delayed slightly without impairing the ultimate efficiency of the Camp. A tidy sum of money was also saved.

The organization cooperated in a very splendid manner. Not a single F. F. A. group from near or far appeared at the Camp all summer. The time of the two men employed there was spent as indicated previously in this report—on developments which required little material but considerable labor. Priorities made this advisable, of course.

A trip to the county seat at Fairfax, Va., was made in company with Dr. Spanton, National Adviser. Working with the officials in that county where the Camp is located, we succeeded in having it removed from the property tax rolls and henceforth such tax will not be assessed and collected, provided that the Camp continues to be operated along the lines that it is now operated. We are very grateful for the consideration shown the organization in this connection.

On September 16, E. D. Tyler, who has been our Camp manager since the beginning two years ago, was called to the service and reported at Sanford, Fla. It was necessary to close up the residence, store certain equipment, and place George Scott, our second man, in charge. We have no thought of replacing Mr. Tyler at the present time. Mr. Scott is now acting as caretaker for both the Camp and Old Mill doing some maintenance and development work.

Under the circumstances, I suggest the following plan for the year 1942-43 in connection with the National F. F. A. Camp:

1. Continue to employ one man to serve primarily as caretaker and maintenance man.
2. Undertake the least expensive of the developments planned for and included in last year's list.
3. Cut Camp budget from \$6,000 to \$3,500.
4. Keep the Camp closed during the summer of 1943 unless the war comes to a close and national conditions improve.
5. Use the Camp land for agricultural purposes insofar as possible—perhaps plant a considerable portion of it to crops in connection with the Food for Victory campaign.

Our Camp will not run away. The land and the buildings are there. It all belongs to you boys and it is paid for completely—every cent of it. The thing to do is wait for the "thunder on the horizon" to pass and the dawn to break into a new day. Then we will develop a camp which will be larger, more comfortable, and more beautiful than, perhaps some of us had dreamed about in the beginning.





1941-1942 NATIONAL STUDENT OFFICERS, Seated (left to right) : CARL FOUGHT, Lindsey, Ohio, *First Vice-President*; IRVIN SCHENK, Evansville, Indiana, *President*; JOE GIACOMINI, Fortuna, California, *Second Vice-President*. Standing (left to right) : PENN ISAACS, Lincoln, Delaware, *Student Secretary*; LARoy DUVALL, Lamar, Missouri, *Fourth Vice-President*; GEORGE SISK, Joiner, Arkansas, *Third Vice-President*.

## National Student Officer Reports

### Report of the First Vice-President

Delegates of the 15th National F. F. A. Convention:

The time has now arrived all too soon for me to close my active membership as a "Future Farmer." This year, serving as one of your national vice presidents, has been the richest and most challenging year of my life. The experiences and pleasures that I have had of meeting the grandest bunch of fellows in the whole world will forever linger in my mind as the true spirit of "Future Farmers" wherever they be—on the farm—in the city—or in the armed forces of our country. I only wish that more "Future Farmers" could have the experiences that I have had this past year. The report which follows will give you a rough conception of my activities as a national officer.

Besides being a national officer, I was also serving as a member of the State executive committee of the Ohio Association during part

of the past year. After my return from Kansas City last year, I continued my studies at Ohio State University.

From December 20-23 I visited the State F. F. A. camps of Kentucky and Tennessee getting ideas for our first State F. F. A. camp in Ohio. January brought the usual amount of correspondence.

February 9-17 was spent at Washington, D. C., attending the national officers training school. This week of training under the inspiring and capable leadership of Mr. W. A. Ross, our National Executive Secretary, benefited me more than any one other meeting during the year. I also became better acquainted with my fellow officers.

March found me attending a number of parent and son banquets and visiting several chapters in my home State. On March 17 I dropped my studies at Ohio State and devoted all my time to the interests of the F. F. A. On March 20-21 I helped conduct the State leadership training school for local chapter officers in Ohio.

It was my pleasure and privilege to participate in the Michigan convention held at the Michigan State College, East Lansing, on April 30. May 14-15-16 found me attending the State executive committee meeting of the Ohio Association where we made plans for our State convention. Following this meeting I journeyed to Washington, D. C., for a meeting of the National Board of Trustees. From May 18-24 we spent a very busy week reviewing American Farmer applications, making plans for the 15th National Convention and transacting other official business. During the last week of May I had a very enjoyable time visiting with Penn Isaacs, your National Student Secretary. While I was in Delaware, Penn and I visited seven local chapters.

June 4-6 I spent attending my home State convention held at the Ohio State University, Columbus. I then made a quick trip to the Northwest where I participated in the large and well-conducted North Dakota convention from June 7-16. While I was in North Dakota I had the pleasure of staying with Earl Walter, past National Student Secretary.

During the last week of July I attended the Virginia convention which was held at their State camp near Smithfield. While at the convention I had the honor and privilege of meeting and being entertained by Mr. Henry C. Groseclose, the Father of the F. F. A.

I had the privilege of being at the opening of the first State camp in Ohio during the week of August 2-8. The last two weeks of August I spent in the invigorating camp life at Camp Miniwanca, Shelby, Michigan. This trip was made possible through a scholarship offered to national F. F. A. officers by the Danforth Foundation.

My year's activities will come to an end with the conclusion of

this national convention. Statistics for the year can be summed up as follows:

Letters written .....	62
Letters received .....	134
Telegrams sent .....	7
Telegrams received .....	4
National radio broadcasts.....	2
Local radio broadcasts.....	5
Miles traveled (approximate).....	10,500
States passed through.....	15
States visited .....	5
Total people addressed (approximate).....	6,000
Speeches made .....	38
Total expenditures (up to the time of the national convention) .....	\$283.42

The past year has been one of the most valuable years of my life. The contacts, travel, speaking experiences, and friendships that I have made are of immeasurable value. I thank you for the wonderful opportunity I have had as serving as your National First Vice-President.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. FOUGHT

National First Vice-President

### Report of the Second Vice-President

First of all I wish to thank each and every "Future Farmer" in the entire organization for giving me the opportunity to serve them as a national officer during the past ten months. It is with great satisfaction on my part that I submit this report to you. However, I regret that I will be unable to present it to you myself. I shall cherish my memories of working with the Future Farmers of America, and hope that when we have attained ultimate Victory that I will be able to again attend the national convention of Future Farmers of America in a world of peace.

During the past ten months I have traveled approximately 35,000 miles in the interest of the F. F. A. I have passed through a total of thirty-three States. I have given a total of forty-eight speeches before service clubs, State conventions, chapter meetings, banquets, and Grange meetings. I appeared on three radio programs, one a national hook-up. I received a total of ten telegrams and sent eight. I received approximately 175 letters and sent 93. I wrote one magazine article of 400 words. I was away from home a total of 75 days. The rest of the time has been spent working on the ranch at home. Total amount received for travel to date, \$875.00.

I wish to again say that the past ten months will stand out constantly as one of the most cherished experiences of my life. I treas-



ure deeply the acquaintances, contacts and the many friendships I have made during the past few months.

Again my humble thanks to each and every "Future Farmer." May God bless you and bring about a speedy victory for the United States and her Allies.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

JOE GIACOMINI

National Second Vice President

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### **Report of the Third Vice-President**

Delegates of the 15th National F. F. A. Convention:

The time has come when I must report to you on the most enjoyable year's work I have ever done. I say work, but fellow "Future Farmers," anything as enjoyable as the past year's activities can never be truly classified as work. You made me at your last National Convention about the happiest boy in this country, and for the opportunity and privilege to serve the organization that has done so much for me, I am truly grateful.

The National F. F. A. Convention is the climax of the past year's F. F. A. activities, a time when representatives of our great organization throughout the United States meet together to hear what has been accomplished in the past year and to make definite plans for the year ahead.

To me this is a near climax to my "Future Farmer" career. I say near climax because I have one more year of active membership. Even though circumstances may prohibit my taking an active part in the activities of the F. F. A., I assure you my thoughts and best wishes will be with the organization.

Following is a brief summary of my activities during the past year:

46 days spent on official national F. F. A. business.

5 State conventions attended.

2 executive meetings of the National Board of Trustees attended.

1 national radio program.

2 State broadcasts.

135 letters written.

165 letters received.

7 telegrams sent.

5 telegrams received.

13,500 miles traveled.

\$444.78 spent.

In closing, may I again say that this has been the most enjoyable year I have ever spent and I sincerely hope that we can make our organization the leader of all in the war effort.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE SISK

National Third Vice President

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### **Report of the Fourth Vice-President**

Delegates to the 15th National F. F. A. Convention:

This convention terminates the year that I have served as your National Fourth Vice-President. The past year has been the most important in my life. It has been a year of excellent fellowship with you—of hard work, of enjoyable recollections, and of valuable experiences.

Following is a brief summary of the principal activities engaged in by your National Fourth Vice-President during the past year:

1. National F. F. A. Travel

February 6-18—Washington, D. C.

April 4-18—Wyoming Convention

April 28-May 3—Iowa Convention

May 15-28—Washington, D. C.

June 12-14—Missouri Convention

July 5-11—Arkansas Convention

I have attended these State conventions in three of the four F.F.A. regions and have passed through 18 States on F. F. A. travel.

2. State Travel

I visited F. F. A. chapters in Wyoming and in Missouri.

3. Special Events Attended

National F. F. A. Leadership Training School

August 16-30—American Youth Foundation, Camp Minnawanka, Shelby, Michigan. This was made possible through National Officer Scholarship awarded by William H. Danforth.

4. Total miles traveled during the year in interests of F. F. A.—11,950

5. Total days spent in F. F. A. travel and work outside my home State—51

6. Total days spent in F. F. A. travel and in F. F. A. work—78

7. Speeches given—62

- 8. Radio broadcasts—5
- 9. Correspondence :
  - Letters written—106
  - Letters received—147
  - Telegrams sent—5
  - Telegrams received—3

Also prepared articles for newspapers and State F. F. A. publications.

I'll never forget the friendship, the hearty welcome, and cooperation that you "Future Farmers" have shown wherever I have gone.

Another year brings many new problems with which we must deal, and as "Future Farmers" we will do our best in solving these problems. In the years to come I know that each of you will be a credit to yourself, our organization, and to this great Country of ours.

Respectfully submitted,

LaROY DUVALL, JR.

National Fourth Vice-President

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## REPORT OF THE STUDENT SECRETARY

Delegates to the 15th National Convention :

Another year has passed and we are again gathered here in Kansas City for another great convention of the Future Farmers of America organization. The time has come for me to present my report covering my year's stewardship.

At the time of my election to the office of National Student Secretary, I was a sophomore in the school of agriculture at the University of Delaware. At the close of the first semester on January 28th, I discontinued college to devote all the time required to F. F. A. activities.

On February 7, I left my home in lower Delaware for Washington, D. C., to attend the national officers' leadership conference. During my ten days in Washington we all became very well acquainted and learned a lot of things we had never known before.

Upon my return from Washington the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Delaware asked me to act as a substitute teacher of agriculture in one of the State's schools. This kept me from home five weeks.

March 26th found me attending the very smoothly conducted, streamlined convention of my own State. On April 20th I was notified to attend the Vermont State F. F. A. convention in Burling-



ton on April 25-26. This was a very enjoyable journey for me as it was the first time I had ever been in the Green Mountain State.

On May 16th I again left home for Washington, D. C., to attend the National Board of Trustees meeting. While we were in Washington we worked very hard and were entertained royally by the members of the U. S. Office of Education staff. First Vice-President Carl Fought returned to Delaware with me and along with Mr. Paul Hodgson, State Adviser, we visited approximately 50% of the chapters in the State. Carl also helped me harvest a small crop of strawberries.

It was not long until June 19th came and that date found me starting for Orono, Maine, to attend their State convention. On the train I was very fortunate to meet Dr. Lane, the North Atlantic Regional Adviser, and we made the remainder of the trip together. The Maine Convention was somewhat streamlined, but very well planned and carried out. The Maine Association showed me an excellent time. They gave me a trip to the great potato growing county of Arroostook and although I didn't have a birth certificate, some of the members of the group did such a "wicked" piece of talking to the Canadian Customs that we were permitted to enter the province of New Brunswick, Canada. While in Maine I visited ten chapters, traveled approximately 1,000 miles in the State, spent four nights in various F. F. A. members' homes, had dinner and spent several hours with Bob Elwell, Past National President, at his home town of Gorham. Bob is now "Ensign Elwell of the U. S. Navy." Upon leaving Maine I was presented with several souvenirs.

Until September 10th I was kept very busy on the farm. At this time I did take two days to go to New Brunswick, New Jersey, to attend the North Atlantic Regional Public Speaking Contest.

On October 19th I again left home to attend my last meeting in the capacity of a national officer.

During the past year I have devoted 47 days to the F. F. A., delivered 19 speeches, appeared on two radio broadcasts, sent 154 letters, sent 6 telegrams, made one long-distance phone call, and have traveled 7,335 miles going through 21 States and a province of Canada. My expenses for the year were \$355.15.

For me, the past year has been very enjoyable and educational. I only hope the organization has received half as much benefit from me as I have from it. Whether I return to the farm, whether I return to college, or I enter some branch of the armed services, my faith will always be in the soil, and I will always remain a friend and close follower of the F. F. A.

Respectfully submitted,

S. PENNEWILL ISAACS,

National Student Secretary

## Report of National Executive Secretary

### W. A. ROSS

Today marks the 13th consecutive year I have stood before the F. F. A. delegates assembled in national convention to render a report as National Executive Secretary. Conditions are so vastly different this year that it is hard to realize that we are actually holding our regular national meeting. There is no difference, from year to year however, in the quality and sincerity of you delegates. "Future Farmers," I find, are much the same in any section of the country in times of war or in times of peace. The reason—they live forward-looking, outward-looking, useful lives and the patriotic organization to which they belong leaves its stamp upon them.

A year ago here in this same auditorium a national program of work was adopted by the delegates who preceded you at the 14th National Convention. Bravely the organization started forward to carry out that program. Within a little over a month's time, however, came Pearl Harbor and the dark clouds of war settled over this land as they already had in certain countries on other parts of the globe. Under such circumstances there was but one thing to do—change and adapt our national program of work to fit the times. This was done and word sent to the various State associations suggesting that a similar procedure be followed. Quickly and effectively the Future Farmers of America organization swung into action to do its part in an all-out war effort designed to help bring ultimate Victory.

In accomplishing this purpose, it should be borne in mind that the regular program as adopted was not abandoned. It was a matter of re-adjusting activities, re-directing energies, and re-doubling effort in terms of both the program of work and the 1941-42 budget which it covered.

Naturally, accomplishment in connection with certain items adopted in times of peace is somewhat distorted in times of war. The report which has been compiled, therefore, reflects the abnormal conditions under which the membership has been operating for the past 11 months. The following results are submitted at this time on the 1941-42 national program of work:

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
1. Increasing Membership	250,000 active members	245,822 in 7,542 local chapters
2. Using Official Manuals	100% chapters using 100% State officers using 100% members having access to	72% 72% 81%
3. Using Official Secretary's and Treasurer's Books	100% of chapters using both	74% Secretary's 67% Treasurer's
4. Providing Official Meeting Equipment	100% chapters and States with standard materials	80%

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
5. Using Official Uniforms	100% national and State officers 75% chapter officers 100% delegates to State conventions 100% delegates to national convention	10% 75% 26% 60%
6. Using Official Ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing ceremonies	90%
7. Following Parliamentary Procedure	100% of chapters	89%
8. Building Programs of Work	100% of State and chapters with definite continuing programs	79%
9. Advancing Members to Higher Degrees	100% of States naming full quota of American Farmers	80%
10. Providing Chapter Libraries	100% of chapters with libraries 5 or more F.F.A. books	68%
11. Practicing Thrift	100% of chapters and members with thrift accounts	(Report incomplete)
12. Participating in Public Speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	100% States 46% Chapters
13. Taking Tours and Trips	75% of chapters taking educational trips	(Abandoned)
14. Making Home Improvements	100% of members doing some improvement	75%
15. Preventing Farm Fires	100% of chapter participation	34%
16. Conserving Natural Resources	100% chapter and member participation	64%
17. Preventing Livestock Losses	100% chapter participation	47%
18. Improving State Conventions	Well planned conventions in every State with 100% chapter representation	52%
19. Increasing State Officer Travel	100% of States making some provision for visits to local chapters	76%
20. Increasing State Musical Organization	75% State participation	41%
21. Providing State Publications	100% of States with official publications	86%
22. Providing Leadership Training	100% State participation	80%



Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
23. Providing State Camps and other State-wide Recreation Activities	100% of State participation	49%
24. Practicing Safety	100% State participation	59%
25. Distributing Proceedings of 14th National Convention	Completed by February 1	Completed March 27
26. Continuing National F. F. A. Day	100% State participation	Monday, October 26 Designated
27. Providing National Officer Travel	100% State associations visited as requested	95%
28. Developing National Camp	Have ready for use April 1	(Deferred)
29. Informing the Public		
30. Maintaining Relationship with Kindred Organizations	Assist where possible	Cooperated with N. F. A.
31. Assist with National Defense Program	100% of States participating and cooperating	100%

With the total 1941-42 program and accomplishments in mind now I wish to emphasize and discuss certain points. In general, I think the organization has done well to carry through this year's program. Item 31 grew and expanded far more than any other. Born as a defense item, it became a war item and as such dominated the entire program of work and we are extremely proud of what F. F. A. members have done and are doing to help win the war.

### HELPING TO WIN THE WAR

The annual report for the year ended June 30, 1942 sent in by all State associations of F. F. A. included a special section on wartime activities. The State officers were especially cooperative in securing this information. Here are the results:

1. War bonds purchased by State associations.....	\$ 44,530.00
2. War bonds and stamps purchased by local chapters and individual members .....	1,541,479.38
Total.....	\$1,586,009.38
3. Pounds of scrap metal collected.....	77,018,762
4. Pounds of paper collected.....	30,606,875
5. Pounds of rubber collected.....	2,767,821
6. Pounds of rags collected.....	605,949
7. Number of members (associate and active) now serving in the armed forces.....	49,408

During the year, the F. F. A. has received direct recognition from such government agencies as the W. P. B., the U. S. Treasury, the O. C. D., and other agencies in connection with bond campaigns, scrap metal drives, and the rubber drive of a few months ago. No youth organization in this country I am sure has a better record on the response made than your organization, the F. F. A.

Outstanding records in the purchase of war bonds were made by the Hawaiian Association with \$9,500 invested; by California with \$8,000; Mississippi and Tennessee with \$3,000 each; and Arkansas, Florida, and Texas with \$2,000 to the credit of their State associations. States which seem to deserve special mention on bonds and stamps purchased by individual members and local chapters are:

Texas .....	\$206,000
North Carolina .....	120,000
Oklahoma .....	91,000
Illinois .....	71,000
Kentucky .....	67,000

In scrap metal collections Texas had a record of 27,260,000 lbs.; Illinois 7,179,000 lbs.; and Oklahoma reported 6,400,000 lbs. Michigan had a most unusual record in the collection of paper. This association reported 20,577,000 lbs. which was 2/3 of the total amount collected by F. F. A. members for the nation as a whole.

Of the F. F. A. members serving in the armed forces, I have heard from many in recent months. They all speak of how much the F. F. A. means and has meant to them. The following are typical of the services being rendered:

Joe Giacomini, one of our vice-presidents this year, is in Naval Training School at Norman, Oklahoma. LaRoy Duvall, another of our vice-presidents, is working 56 hours a week in a defense plant.

Ensign Bob Elwell, Past National President, is in the Navy Supply Corps at Harvard University.

Past President Lester Poucher is an Ensign in the Navy.

Past President Joe Black got his wings at Moffat Field in California last April.

Irvin Schenk, our president, was so busy on the farm he could not get away for this convention.

E. D. Tyler, our manager at the National F. F. A. Camp for the past two years, went into the army this month.

Perhaps you will be interested in a few of the unusual and outstanding war accomplishments of some of your fellow members:

Among the United States and Filipino troops at the fall of Bataan were 8 former active "Future Farmers"—all from Harrodsburg, Kentucky—all members of the 192d Tank Battalion—all members of the McAfee F. F. A. Chapter. Among this group

was Lieut. William Gentry who is credited with leading the first tank battle on U. S. soil (Dec. 31, 1941) when ten U. S. tanks destroyed six Japanese tanks and a Filipino village.

Melvin Jordan, former active F. F. A. member from Oklahoma, was with Jimmy Doolittle over Tokyo.

Robert M. Gray, former "Future Farmer" at Killeen, Texas, participated in the raid on Tokyo April 18 and, with the others, has received the Distinguished Service Cross.

Chesley Gordon Peterson of Santaquin, Utah, a former F. F. A. member who won the State public speaking contest a few years ago and now a member of the Royal Air Force, has been advanced to squadron leader. Chesley was one of the eight original members of the first American Eagle squadron.

"Future Farmers" in California were elated to learn that one of their own State Farmers, Travis Hoover of Riverside was the Lieut. Travis Hoover who flew with the Doolittle squadron in the bombing of Toyko and other Japanese cities April 18.

Much could be said about the work of F. F. A. members on the home front—producing food for victory, protecting civilian life and property, helping to relieve the farm labor shortage, repairing and reconditioning farm machinery and cooperating with a host of war-time agencies. But you are all more or less familiar with these things.

## OFFICER TRAVEL

Requests were not quite so numerous this year for the services of national officers. They have each told of their travels. Only in a few instances were we unable to comply with a request for State service.

## STATE CONVENTIONS

With but a few exceptions the various State associations went ahead with their plans to hold annual conventions. Most of them were smaller than usual for reasons you well know but the necessary business was transacted in meetings adjusted to times and conditions.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This important phase of our work suffered to some extent due to travel restrictions but a good many States were able to continue the programs already established. National officers spent 8 days in Washington just after the first of the year, the entire time being devoted to leadership training work.

## CAMPS

Here again the travel restrictions and farm work kept some F. F. A. camps from opening and shortened the length of the season



for others. A special report will be brought to you on the National Camp. (See page 53.)

## RADIO

The second Monday of the month is still F. F. A. Day on the Farm and Home Hour. The theme this year was "Future Farmer Families." During the past 12 months a number of F. F. A. boys who have done an outstanding job of establishing farm homes, told their stories before the microphone; their wives appeared with them.

## NATIONAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS

The Public Speaking Contest still appears to be the most valuable and the most popular national event in this classification. Slight adjustments are necessary in the rules.

The Chapter Contest entries increased slightly over last year. There is some sentiment in favor of eliminating the scrap books next year.

Regional Star Farmer awards were slightly reduced.

The State association award may have to be eliminated.

## PUBLICATIONS

Many compliments were received on the Proceedings of the 14th National Convention. One well-known magazine carried an editorial on this particular publication. "What the Future Farmers of America are Doing to Help Win the War" is the title of a special publication, copies of which still are available. There was a real demand for this release.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Speaking very frankly the F. F. A. organization will see some rather trying times in the years ahead. Our membership will likely decrease and with it there will be lost a certain amount of revenue. We must keep the organization going by making such adjustments as are necessary. Although we cannot do things just as we did them before December 7, we must do them as best we can. When good times return there will then be less of a job of "building-back" than if we allow ourselves to become easily turned aside in honest effort, or "lean" too heavily on the present situation as an excuse for not doing things that really can and should be done.

In closing I wish to compliment the student officers for their accomplishments this year. Their work has been done under trying circumstances. I wish to express to Dr. Spanton and Mr. Howard my appreciation for their cooperation as well as to all State Advisers and State Executive Secretaries. To Miss Dorothy Souder, my secretary, I also express appreciation for her faithful service.

# Report of the National Treasurer

D. J. HOWARD

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December 3, 1942.

The Officers and Directors,  
Future Farmers of America,  
Winchester, Virginia

Gentlemen:

We have made an examination of the books of account and record of  
D. J. HOWARD, Treasurer, Future Farmers of America,  
Winchester, Virginia

for the year ended October 31, 1942, 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 organiza-  
tion 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 ap-  
propriate.

In our opinion, the statements herewith submitted, subject to  
the comments contained in our detailed report above referred to, pre-  
sent fairly the position of Future Farmers of America at October  
31, 1942, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in  
conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on  
a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, RINDFLEISCH & SCOTT

Certified Public Accountants

Richmond, Virginia.

**BALANCE SHEET****October 31, 1942**

EXHIBIT "A"

## ASSETS:

## CASH IN BANK:

## Savings Accounts:

Farmers & Merchants National Bank .....	\$ 5,181.06	
Commercial & Savings Bank .....	1,535.41	\$ 6,716.47
Commercial Account:		
Shenandoah Valley National Bank .....		10,610.73
		<u>\$17,327.20</u>

## INVESTMENTS:

U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "F", Dated 1-1-42 .....	\$10,000.00	
Less: Reserve for unearned Interest .....	2,600.00	7,400.00
		<u>500.00</u>

## TRADE MARK .....

500.00

## FIXED ASSETS:

## National Camp:

Land .....	\$12,343.23	
Buildings .....	15,317.16	
Equipment .....	2,283.43	\$29,943.82
		<u>30,043.82</u>

Office Furniture & Equipment .....	100.00	30,043.82
		<u>\$55,271.02</u>

## TOTAL ASSETS .....

\$55,271.02

## NET WORTH:

## SURPLUS:

Balance—November 1, 1941....	43,534.14
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## Additions:

Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures (Exhibit "B") .....	7,190.57
Bond Purchased from Revenue (Exhibit "B")....	3,700.00
Camp Improvements from Revenue (Exhibit "B")....	833.48
Net Prior Year's Revenue Collected (Exhibit "C")....	12.83
	<u>11,726.88</u>

BALANCE—OCTOBER 31, 1942

\$55,271.02



**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES****For the Year Ended October 31, 1942**

EXHIBIT "B"

## REVENUE:

	<u>Revenue Detail</u>	<u>Collected Total</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance</u>
Membership Dues (Schedule 1)		\$24,582.20	\$25,000.00	\$ 417.80
Royalties:				
L. G. Balfour Company .....	\$2,437.59			
Chapter Supply Company .....	27.45			
French-Bray Printing Company .....	663.69			
Staunton Novelty Company .....	501.28			
U. S. Recording Company .....	1.69			
Universal Uniform Company .....	1,230.41			
Totals—Royalties .....		4,862.11	4,500.00	(362.11)
Camp and Mill .....			2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest on Savings Accounts .....		124.87		(124.87)
National Grange .....		200.00	200.00	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE .....</b>		<b>\$29,769.18</b>	<b>\$31,700.00</b>	<b>\$1,930.82</b>

## EXPENDITURES:

	<u>Expended Detail</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Appro- priations</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance</u>
Traveling:				
National Officers .....	\$3,526.80		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 973.20
Advisory Committee .....	344.99		800.00	455.01
Totals—Traveling .....		\$ 3,871.79	\$ 5,300.00	\$1,428.21
Convention:				
Delegate Expense .....	\$2,040.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 460.00
Entertainment .....	277.95		800.00	522.05
Buttons, Badges, Programs .....	57.17		500.00	442.83
Miscellaneous .....	666.03		1,000.00	333.97
Totals—Convention .....		3,041.15	\$ 4,800.00	\$1,758.85
American Farmer Keys:				
Net Disbursement .....		742.50	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 557.50
Prizes, Awards, & Exhibits:				
Public Speaking Contests .....	\$ 752.88		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 297.12
Livestock Judging .....			50.00	50.00
Placques, Pins, Emblems .....	233.49		580.00	346.51
Miscellaneous .....	1.50		520.00	518.50
Totals—Prizes .....		987.87	\$ 2,200.00	\$1,212.13
Printing:				
Literature .....	\$1,795.90		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 4.10
Stationery, Forms, etc. ....	522.96		700.00	177.04
Totals—Printing .....		\$ 2,318.86	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 181.14

Radio Program:			
Net Expenditure .....	303.74	\$ 600.00	\$ 296.26
National Office:			
Telephone & Telegraph .....	\$ 257.73	\$ 200.00	\$(57.73)
Postage & Express .....	79.81	75.00	( 4.81)
Bond Premium & Taxes .....	63.00	75.00	12.00
Publicity Materials .....	36.25	75.00	38.75
Supplies & Equipment .....	37.73	150.00	112.27
Miscellaneous .....	131.41	325.00	193.59
Totals—National Office .....	605.93	\$ 900.00	\$ 294.07
Clerical Assistance:			
Regular Salaries .....	\$3,220.00	\$ 3,220.00	\$
Extra Help .....		280.00	280.00
Totals—Clerical .....	3,220.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 280.00
National Camp:			
Maintenance:			
Salaries & Wages .....	\$1,512.50	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 187.50
Insurance & Taxes .....	204.72	400.00	195.28
Light & Power .....	161.65	200.00	38.35
Fuel & Oil .....	95.42	150.00	54.58
Telephone .....	57.83	60.00	2.17
Miscellaneous .....	585.90	1,000.00	414.10
Totals—Maintenance .....	\$2,618.02	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 891.98
Improvements (Exhibit "A"):			
New Buildings .....	\$ 540.11	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 959.89
New Equipment .....	293.37	990.00	696.63
Totals—Improvements .....	\$ 833.48	\$ 2,490.00	\$1,656.52
Totals—Camp .....	3,451.50	\$ 6,000.00	\$2,548.50
Exhibits:			
Net Expenditure .....		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Contingent:			
U. S. Savings Bonds			
(Exhibit "A") .....	\$3,700.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$(100.00)
Audit .....	125.00	125.00	
Bookkeeping System .....	100.00	100.00	
Miscellaneous .....	110.27	275.00	164.73
Totals—Contingent .....	4,035.27	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 64.73
TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....	\$22,578.61	\$31,700.00	\$9,121.39
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER			
EXPENDITURES .....	\$ 7,190.57	\$ —	\$7,190.57
	(Exh. "A")		

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

For the Year Ended October 31, 1942

## EXHIBIT "C"

BALANCE—November 1, 1941 \$15,260.10

## RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues (Schedule 1).....	\$24,582.20	
Royalties .....	4,862.11	
Prior Year's Revenue Collected:		
Accrued at 11-1-41 .....	\$ 478.64	
Other—Net (Exhibit "A").....	12.83	491.47
Interest on Savings Accounts ....		124.87
Total Receipts .....		30,060.65
		\$45,320.75

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Traveling Expense .....	\$ 3,871.79	
Convention Expense .....	3,041.15	
American Farmer Keys .....	742.50	
Prizes, Awards, and Exhibits ....	987.87	
Printing .....	2,318.86	
National Radio Program .....	303.74	
National Office Expense .....	605.93	
Clerical Assistance .....	3,220.00	
National Camp:		
Maintenance .....	\$2,618.02	
New Buildings .....	540.11	
New Equipment .....	293.37	3,451.50
U.S. Savings Bonds (\$10,000.00) '	7,400.00	
Audit and Bookkeeping System....	225.00	
Miscellaneous Expense .....	110.27	
Payment of Prior Year's Bills....	1,714.94	
Total Disbursements .....		27,993.55
		\$17,327.20

BALANCE—October 31, 1942 (Exhibit "A")

**MEMBERSHIP DUES COLLECTED**

For the Year Ended October 31, 1942

Schedule 1

Association	Amount	Association	Amount
Alabama .....	\$ 615.90	New Hampshire .....	\$ 24.30
Arizona .....	72.00	New Jersey .....	98.90
Arkansas .....	783.40	New Mexico .....	112.70
California .....	851.60	New York .....	731.50
Colorado .....	148.00	North Carolina .....	1,253.50
Connecticut .....	31.00	North Dakota .....	140.40
Delaware .....	40.00	Ohio .....	1,073.40
Florida .....	356.00	Oklahoma .....	781.30
Georgia .....	1,102.40	Oregon .....	207.70
Hawaii .....	178.10	Pennsylvania .....	758.60
Idaho .....	196.30	Puerto Rico .....	341.70
Illinois .....	1,160.00	South Carolina .....	531.60
Indiana .....	154.00	South Dakota .....	215.80
Iowa .....	538.20	Tennessee .....	956.30
Kansas .....	532.10	Texas .....	2,813.40
Kentucky .....	804.60	Utah .....	276.10
Louisiana .....	732.80	Vermont .....	63.60
Maine .....	129.40	Virginia .....	775.80
Maryland .....	178.80	Washington .....	362.70
Massachusetts .....	54.60	West Virginia .....	390.90
Michigan .....	529.00	Wisconsin .....	815.10
Minnesota .....	440.70	Wyoming .....	116.00
Mississippi .....	707.60		
Missouri .....	879.50		
Montana .....	182.10		
Nebraska .....	309.80		
Nevada .....	33.00		
		<b>TOTAL DUES</b>	
		<b>COLLECTED (Exhibits</b>	
		<b>"B" and "C")</b> .....	<b>\$24,582.20</b>



## Awards and Contests

Tuesday evening, October 27, was designated as "Award Night" of Convention week. Delegates, guests, and friends of the F. F. A. organization gathered in the Little Theater and listened attentively for it was here that the results of competition for the year, on a national basis, were revealed.

The first event of the evening was the presentation of \$25.00 checks to successful American Farmer candidates by Mr. N. A. Holmer, General Sales Manager for the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company of Crawfordsville, Indiana, on behalf of his Company.

Following this Mr. W. A. Cochel, Editor of the "Weekly Kansas City Star," announced the winners of the "Star Farmer" awards for 1942. They were as follows:

Star Farmer of America—James Thompson, Salem, Oregon.

Star Farmer, Southern Region—Tracey Hunsecker, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Star Farmer, North Central Region—Lyle Fitzgerald, Hamilton, Missouri.

Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region—Norman A. Martin, Jr., Gorham, Maine.

A check for \$500.00 went to Thompson and checks for \$100.00 were given to each of the other three Star Farmers named.

Honorary American Farmer Keys were presented by Adviser W. T. Spanton to Tom Chase, C. W. Lane, F. L. DeAlton, J. B. Perky, W. C. Montgomery, and T. O. Parker, who were present. It was announced that Keys would be sent to the other Honorary American Farmers who had been elected to this Degree on Monday.

Chapter Contest and State Association winners were announced by Vice-President Sisk and Student Secretary Isaacs, the results being as shown on pages 82 and 88.

As evidence of appreciation for the courtesies shown the F. F. A. over a period of six years, a national plaque appropriately inscribed was presented to the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City. The plaque was accepted by Louis Lower and C. A. Mook.

The J. A. Linke Award in the form of a native cherry plaque made by Past National Adviser, J. A. Linke, went to the Salem, Oregon Chapter where James Thompson, Star American Farmer for 1942 held membership. This special award made its appearance for the first time, thus giving recognition to the "home" chapter of the Star American Farmer.



(1)—JAMES THOMPSON,  
Salem, Oregon,  
1942 Star Farmer of America.

(3)—LYLE FITZGERALD,  
Hamilton, Missouri,  
1942 Star Farmer of North Central  
Region.

(2)—NORMAN A. MARTIN, JR.,  
Gorham, Maine,  
1942 Star Farmer of North Atlantic  
Region.

(4)—TRACEY HUNSECKER,  
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma,  
1942 Star Farmer of Southern  
Region.

## 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 are reviewed by a committee acting for the *Weekly Kansas City Star*. The records of the four winners follow.



## **JAMES THOMPSON**

### **Star Farmer of America**

With an eye to the future and a firm faith in agriculture as a life's work, James Thompson has earned for himself the honor of becoming the "Star Farmer of America" for 1942.

James, who is 20 years old and married, hails from Salem, Oregon, and is a graduate in vocational agriculture of the Salem Senior High School.

His supervised farming program presents real evidence of long-time planning. In 1930 his father gave him a registered Shropshire ewe lamb. He saved all of the ewe lambs from this foundation animal and built up a flock of 25 head of sheep. During these early years James became an ardent showman of his sheep at the county and State fairs, from which he earned nearly \$200.00 in prize money.

With this start in farming operations, James entered the vocational agriculture department at Salem in 1936. During his first year in vocational agriculture he was able to purchase two registered Berkshire gilts as foundation stock for a swine project, with the money which he had saved from his sheep. During this first year he also leased six acres of land from his father, on which he conducted a corn project. His labor income from his first vocational agriculture supervised farming amounted to \$114.62.

In 1937, with the money he had earned and saved from his previous projects and fair premiums, James purchased four grade Guernsey heifer calves from dams with a production record exceeding 350 pounds of butterfat.

Continuing to expand and reinvest his earnings in farming activities, he completed his in-school supervised farming program with a total of \$750.80 in labor income.

In retrospect, the following projects were conducted during his three-year in-school program: First year—6 acres corn, 11 head sheep, 2 gilts; second year—10 head swine, 5 acres wheat, 7 head sheep, 4 dairy calves,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  acres oats, 2 acres vetch, 10 acres corn; third year—20 acres wheat, 26 acres oats, 8 acres vetch, 20 head sheep, 4 dairy heifers, 4 acres walnuts, 5 sows, 7 acres corn. To make available enough land for his expanding crop projects, he leased his uncle's farm of 50 acres during his second year in vocational agriculture. On October 20, 1941, he purchased this farm. Continuing his farming operations after graduation, he rented additional land until at the present he is owning or renting 160 acres. His present farming enterprises consist of 8 acres wheat,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  acres walnuts, 19 acres vetch, 67 acres oats, 20 head sheep, and 9 head dairy cows. At the present time he has an agreement for renting most of his farm equipment and machinery from his father. This is a brief story of James' farming program—from an investment of one Shropshire ewe lamb in 1930 to a present total farming investment of \$6,076.25.

James has been active in the activities of the F. F. A., serving as a reporter, vice president and president of his local chapter, vice

president and executive committee member of the Oregon association, and chairman of the alumni association of his local chapter. He was a member of many local and State F. F. A. teams. His consistent exhibiting at the local and State fairs has won for him numerous high ranking awards.

James is a strong believer in cooperative effort. While in school he purchased feeds, dairy animals and seeds through the F. F. A. chapter and was president of three of the F. F. A. cooperatives. He is at present affiliated with the Valley Farmers Cooperative, County Soil Conservation Association, of which he is secretary and field man, Bethel Farmers Union, and the Mount Angel Cooperative Creamery.

He is a regular member of the Salem part-time education class.

His leadership and cooperative activities have not been confined entirely to the F. F. A. He is a member of the American Berkshire Association, National Honor Society, several church organizations, and vice president of the Pratum Community Club.

James has followed a plan which provided for a continuous growth in the occupation of his choice and which included training in leadership and cooperation. He has not completed his plan but in the present accomplishments he is definitely established in farming, is in possession of a home of his own, and is an integral part of the community in which he resides.

### **NORMAN A. MARTIN, JR.**

#### **Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region**

From "way down East" comes the 1942 Star Farmer winner for the North Atlantic Region. Norman A. Martin, aged 18, of Gorham, Maine, tells in his own words the story which led him to achieve this outstanding distinction. "When I was eight years old, my father gave me a heifer calf. I bought another heifer calf with money I had earned pulling weeds. I fed these calves, with money I earned, until they started producing milk. I then added more calves as I earned the money to buy and raise them. When I was 12 years old my father died. I was left in possession of eight head of dairy animals. From that time on, my mother and I were partners on the farm."

Norman has had the full responsibility of this farm of 100 acres and has developed a purebred Ayrshire herd of 20 cows. Milk from these cows, which are fed vitaminized yeast, is sold as special baby milk at 17 cents per quart. Other enterprises on his farm include 5 brood sows, 500 baby chicks, 250 laying hens, 4 acres sweet corn, 12 acres oats, 8 acres silage corn, and 18 acres of clover.

Dairying was his principal project each year during his supervised, in-school, farming program. His present group of enterprises are a continuation of his high school program. His total labor income derived from his in-school supervised practice work amounted to \$5,657.00. At the present time his assets amount to \$9,302.96. Norman has been active in maintaining the appearance and fertility of the



farm. The farmstead, which is attractive and typically New England in style, is well kept and in good repair.

In the F. F. A. he served as president of his local chapter, secretary and president of the State association, and as the reporter for the North Atlantic Region. He also served on 15 F. F. A. judging teams in the District, State and North Atlantic Regional Contests. He has served as president of the F. F. A. Swine Cooperative, as manager of a 2500 group broiler project, as captain of the F. F. A. basketball team, and as manager of a fertilizer and seed cooperative.

His activities outside the F. F. A. have clearly demonstrated his cooperative and leadership qualities. He was one of three dairymen of the State of Maine selected to buy an Ayrshire bull for the Androscoggin Valley Artificial Breeders Association. He has held offices in several of his high school organizations. For the past several years he has been a member of the Cumberland County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, the Farm Bureau, and the Ayrshire Breeders Association. He also buys all grain, seed, and fertilizer cooperatively through an organization of which he is manager.

In the six fairs which Norman had entries, he received \$550.00 in prize money.

### **LYLE FITZGERALD**

#### **Star Farmer—North Central Region**

An outstanding supervised farming program, including a well balanced, man-size group of high quality projects, plus extensive participation in leadership and cooperative activities, gave Lyle Fitzgerald, 19-year-old lad of Hamilton, Missouri, the distinction of becoming the 1942 Star Farmer for the North Central Region.

Borrowing \$85.00 in 1937 to inaugurate his supervised program, Lyle purchased two gilts and financed his first-year crop projects, consisting of 21 acres of oats, 2 acres of sorghum, 15 acres of corn, and 1 acre of barley pasture.

During his sophomore year he purchased a 120-acre farm, adjacent to his father's farm, for \$2,100.00. He was able to finance this by making a \$200.00 down payment, earned from the previous year's projects, plus a mortgage on the remaining principal. Lyle borrowed \$750.00 from the Hamilton Bank to purchase 23 head of Angus calves, and \$200.00 from his father to finance the poultry and crop projects in his second-year program. Since his sophomore year he has been able to finance all projects, has paid off \$750.00 on the bank note and \$500.00 on the mortgage.

At the present time he owns 35 head of beef cattle, 3 sows and litters, one mare and colt, 48 sheep, 75 laying hens, 25 acres of pasture, 11 acres of oats, 16 acres of alfalfa, 5 acres of corn, 5 acres of Kaffir, and the 120-acre farm.

The labor income from his in-school farming program amounted to \$5,386.35. On March 1, 1942, he possessed total assets of \$7,200.75 and liabilities of \$1,900.00, leaving him a net worth of \$5,300.75.

He has been an extensive and consistent showman and exhibitor at the Mid-West, Hamilton and American Royal Livestock Shows. His 29 exhibits of swine earned for him \$180.20 in prize money, 4 grand championships, and 4 championships. In his 8 exhibits of steers netting \$96.50 in awards, he was the recipient of two grand champion and one champion placings. He showed 6 exhibits of sheep, winning \$63.00, and 4 exhibits of corn with awards totaling \$16.00. His total awards for his exhibits during this three-year period amounted to \$355.70.

Lyle was very active in the Future Farmers of America. He has held the office of secretary in his local and State associations. He also served as chairman of the leadership conference of his district, secretary of the Parliamentary Procedure Team, chairman of the Executive Committee, and president of the Parliamentary Procedure Team of his local chapter. In 1940 he was the Missouri delegate and member of the National Auditing Committee at the National F. F. A. Convention. He served on 12 major F. F. A. committees, participated in 5 radio broadcasts, and was a member of 7 judging teams.

He purchased cooperatively through the chapter 9 bushels of hybrid seed corn. Through the Mid-West Wool Growers Cooperative he sold 256 pounds of wool. His leadership and cooperative activities were not confined to the F. F. A. He was president of the Caldwell County Seniors Association, president of the Young Peoples Society, member of the Missouri Horse and Mule Breeders Association, the Berkshire Registry Association, Caldwell County Farm Bureau, Hampshire Swine Registry Association, Missouri Farmer Association, Missouri Poultry Improvement Association, and vice president of the Caldwell County Colt Club. Lyle was also an active member in many high school organizations.

He was the winner of the Sears Roebuck Agricultural Foundation and the Alpha Tau Alpha scholarships amounting to \$175.00.

At the present time he is continuing his studies in agriculture at Missouri University. He is hiring a man to operate his farm business until his return.

### **TRACEY HUNSECKER** **Star Farmer—Southern Region**

Successfully solving challenging farm problems while developing his supervised farming program into an established progressive farm business gave Tracey Hunsecker the necessary "evidence of proof" to obtain the Star Farmer Award for the Southern Region.

Tracey, twenty-year-old son of a merchant of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, enrolled in vocational agriculture and joined the ranks of the F. F. A. in 1937. Manifesting an unusual interest in agriculture, he early envisioned the great possibilities of a farming future for himself. Reared in a community in which livestock farming predominated, he acquired a desire to become a producer of livestock.

His purchase of a Shorthorn calf during his first school year marked the beginning of Tracey's career as a breeder of fine Shorthorn cattle.

Tracey's father, in possession of an 80-acre farm of eroded, low-fertility soil was not satisfied with the cash rental basis on which it was operated. Noting the intense interest of his son in agriculture, he purchased an additional 200 acres, combined them with the original 80 acres and turned the management of this new 280-acre farm over to his son in 1938. When Tracey assumed the management of this farm there was one small barn, two A-type hog houses, a small poultry house, a tenant house without modern conveniences, and depleted land caused by a poor cropping system.

The expansion of his productive enterprises and improvement projects started when Tracey took charge of this farm. During his three years of vocational agriculture he carried 10 projects in beef cattle, swine, and poultry production, resulting in a total labor income of \$1,772.90.

He has continued these projects as enterprises on his farm since his graduation from high school. The labor income from his three-year out-of-school program amounted to \$7,437.88. At the present time he possesses 50 percent ownership in the following: 92 head of beef cattle, 2 show steers, 4 feeder steers, 21 shoats, 3 sows, 1 boar, 100 chicks, 18 acres sorgo, 25 acres alfalfa, 25 acres of cotton, and all farm land and equipment. Tracey participates 50 percent in all increase of cattle and in half of all profits after expenses are paid. His father provides all the finances for the operation of the farm while Tracey provides all labor and lives on the farm in the capacity of sole manager. Through his efficient management, including conservation practices, proper crop rotation and good livestock-crop balance, the farm is rapidly returning to a productive state.

Tracey is a very active member of the F. F. A. He has served on many committees and has been president of his local chapter. During the year 1940-41, he was vice president of the Oklahoma Association. On many occasions he represented the F. F. A. on radio programs and at civic club meetings. He has been a consistent showman at local, district, and State fairs where he has received high placing with his entries of steers and poultry.

Early evidences of his cooperative spirit were manifested when he assumed important responsibilities in the Broken Arrow and neighboring chapters of the F. F. A. He aided the Tulsa County Breeders Association in conducting a poultry show and with the Northeast Oklahoma Breeders Association in purchasing outstanding Shorthorns for herd improvement. He is now a director of the American Shorthorn Breeders Association and vice president of the Eastern Oklahoma Shorthorn Breeders Association.

Tracey is truly an established farmer. Recently married and now settled in a very attractive remodeled home on the farm, his thoughts still are to the future, toward the further improvement of his Shorthorn cattle.

## State Association Awards

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In order to stimulate interest in continuous improvement on the part of State associations and to encourage, and reward effort put forth in the building of well-organized and efficient State units of F. F. A., the National Board of Trustees, working as a committee, reviews and scores each association's annual report. Neat, accurate, complete, understandable reports giving the requested information and supplemented with appropriate substantiating material received first consideration.

The system of awards followed in connection with the State association classifications include Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, and Honorable Mention levels of recognition. Standings determined for 1941-42 were as follows:

### Gold Emblem Classification

Texas	West Virginia
Oklahoma	North Dakota

### Silver Emblem Classification

Oregon	Florida
Utah	Wisconsin
Wyoming	Kentucky
Montana	

### Bronze Emblem Classification

Mississippi	Tennessee
Louisiana	Minnesota
Virginia	California

### Honorable Mention

Arkansas	Vermont
Nevada	Pennsylvania
Maine	Ohio
Missouri	New Mexico
New York	Georgia
North Carolina	Illinois

### NORTH DAKOTA (Gold Emblem)

Outstanding achievements of the North Dakota F. F. A. Association won for them one of the Gold Emblem classifications for 1942. Under the direction of President Kirk Bellows and Adviser Ernest L. DeAlton, the 1,355 members located in 45 chapters carried out to successful completion a comprehensive program of work. The enrollment in the 45 agricultural department was 1,449, of which 1,430 were all-day and 19 part-time students. During the year, 569 held Green Hand degrees; 749, the Future Farmer degree; 35, the State



Farmer degree; and 2, the American Farmer degree. In addition to their active members, there were 99 local, and 34 State, honorary members.

There were 247 chapter officers and 8 State officers who possessed the official manuals. Forty-three chapters used the official chapter secretary's book and 41 chapters kept their accounts in the official chapter treasurer's book. Forty-two chapters possessed full meeting equipment as listed in the manual. All chapters used the official ceremonies of the F. F. A., practiced the accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings, and had definite written programs of work. Fourteen chapters held a public speaking contest, 10 entered the National Chapter Contest, and 29 engaged in organized home improvement work. In 18 chapters there was organized conservation work. Thirty-eight chapters had organized cooperatively for the financing of chapter activities and to derive financial benefits for chapter members. Organized livestock loss prevention work was included in the programs of 15 of the chapters.

Under the direction of the State association, 1 State and 6 district leadership training schools were held with 200 members from 41 chapters attending the district meetings and 126 members from 36 chapters attending the State meeting. The State association sponsored two radio broadcast series for a total of 5 broadcasts. Nineteen chapters were represented in the 33-piece, State-wide, F. F. A. band. There were 2 printed and 6 mimeographed issues of their State F. F. A. paper.

One hundred percent of the State officers and 70 percent of the delegates were attired in official uniform jackets at the five-day State convention held at the North Dakota Agricultural College. The 86 delegates and 450 persons present at this convention represented 96 percent of the chapters. During the year the State officers visited all chapters within the State. Nineteen members and three advisers attended the 1941 National Convention where they prepared an F.F.A. exhibit and witnessed the election of one of their members to the American Farmer degree.

Active members' investment in farming amounted to \$182,836.63.

A total face value of War Bonds amounting to \$400.00 was purchased by the State association while the members' purchases amounted to \$13,785.20. The chapter members collected 2,303,051 pounds of scrap metal, 50,433 pounds of paper, 2,251 pounds of rags, and 119,478 pounds of rubber. Nine active and 305 associate members are serving in the armed forces of the United States.

### **OKLAHOMA (Gold Emblem)**

As one of the Gold Emblem winners for 1942, the Oklahoma Association, composed of 171 chapters and 7,813 active members, made an excellent record under the leadership of President Wilbourn Waller and Adviser J. B. Perky.

Their State membership consisted of 3,376 members holding the Green Hand degree, 4,218 holding the Future Farmer degree, 210 holding State Farmer degree, and 8 American Farmers. There were also 601 associate members, 1,229 local honorary members, and 161 State honorary members, making a grand total of 9,804 members in the Oklahoma Association.

Nine hundred twenty local chapter officers and 7 State officers were provided with the official manual, and 7,813 members had access to these manuals. One hundred sixty-five chapters possessed full meeting equipment as listed in the manual. All chapters used the official opening and closing ceremonies and practised the accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings. One hundred fifty-eight chapters had definite continuing written programs of work. Public speaking contests were conducted by 46 chapters while 66 chapters were responsible for one or more radio programs. One hundred eighteen chapters entered the National Chapter Contest; 154 engaged in organized conservation work; 153 participated in organized cooperative effort for financing chapter activities and to derive financial benefit for their individual members; and 142 engaged in organized livestock loss prevention work.

The State Association provided for 45 leadership-training schools which were attended by 1,630 F. F. A. members from 105 participating chapters. Six hundred seventy-five boys from 58 chapters attended the State Camp operated by the State Association.

Twenty-one chapters were represented in the 120-piece State-wide F. F. A. band. A printed periodical, with a circulation of 8,500, was published quarterly by the State Association.

One thousand thirty-eight persons, including 258 delegates, were in attendance at the two-day State F. F. A. Convention held at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Four hundred nineteen members attended the 1941 National F. F. A. Convention, where they entered an exhibit and witnessed the advancement of eight of their members to the American Farmer Degree.

Investments in farming by active members amounted to \$1,064,186.98.

War effort activities included the purchase of a \$1,000 War Bond by the State Association and the purchase of \$91,036.70 worth of War Bonds and Stamps by members. Chapter members collected 6,417,375 pounds of scrap metal, 352,329 pounds of paper, 5,416 pounds of rags, 68,903 pounds of rubber, and 19,393 burlap bags. The F. F. A. chapters, active in the farm machinery repair program, repaired 5,042 machines, thereby increasing the actual cash value of implements and equipment within the State by \$100,221.85. There were 1,895 members serving in the armed forces.

## TEXAS

### (Gold Emblem)

For the fourth consecutive year the Texas Association, under the able leadership of their president, Roy Hermann of Caldwell, Texas, and adviser, J. B. Rutland of Austin, Texas, has won Gold Medal recognition for outstanding accomplishments in its program of work.

There were 686 chapters with a membership of 28,134, making a Future Farmer chapter in every department of vocational agriculture within the State. Of this total membership, 17,171 were Green Hands; 10,534, Future Farmers; 371, State Farmers; and 58 American Farmers.

All State officers and 4,340 chapter officers possessed the official manual. There were 457 chapters using the official chapter secretary's book, 445 the official chapter treasurer's book, 630 possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the manual, and 626 using the official opening and closing ceremonies. All chapters used parliamentary procedure and had definite continuing plans of work, 557 chapters held a public speaking contest, and 35 entered the National Chapter Contest.

Five hundred forty-eight chapters engaged in organized cooperative effort for financing chapter activities and to derive financial benefit for individual members. Three hundred seventy-seven chapters engaged in organized livestock loss prevention work.

The State Association provided for leadership-training schools, in which 137 chapters participated. Fifty-two chapters were represented in the 100-piece State F. F. A. Band. The Association printed six copies of the "Lone Star Farmer" and mimeographed six News Letters.

The three-day State convention was held at New Braunfels with 300 delegates, representing 20 percent of the chapters, present. All State officers and 40 percent of the chapter delegates owned official uniforms.

Each State officer visited a majority of chapters in his area and the president and secretary visited many outside chapters. Traveling 16,150 miles in 19 States, the State President made 95 speeches. Four hundred chapters were visited by State officers.

There were 309 members present at the 1941 National F. F. A. Convention, where they displayed a grapefruit and Texas peas exhibit. Texas nominated its full quota of 28 candidates for the American Farmer degree and all were elected.

The total investment in farming by active members amounted to \$1,480,034.48. There were four collegiate chapters with a membership of 118.

Wartime activities included the purchasing of War Bonds in the name of the State association to the amount of \$2,000.00, and the purchase of Bond and Stamps by members amounting to \$206,252.38.



Chapters collected 27,233,449 pounds of scrap metal, 1,169,955 pounds of paper, 107,597 pounds of rags, 122,297 pounds of rubber, and 33,968 burlap bags. Additional activities included the planting of 455 acres in Victory Gardens, 3,680 fruit trees, and the canning of 18,755 cans of meats and vegetables. One thousand six hundred twenty-five active members and 1,672 associate members are serving in the armed forces of the United States.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### (Gold Emblem)

Included among the four Gold Emblem winners for 1942 is the West Virginia Association. The officers and members under the able leadership of Harold Gum, President and John M. Lowe, Adviser were able to achieve this distinction by the many successful accomplishments of their well-prepared program of work.

In their 94 departments of vocational agriculture in which 4,243 boys were enrolled, there were 94 F. F. A. chapters with 3,909 members. Included in this membership were 1,996 Greenhands, 1,867 Future Farmers and 2 American Farmers. There were also 412 associate members, 271 local Honorary members, and 22 State Honorary members.

Seven hundred and thirty-four chapter officers and 11 State officers were provided with official manuals, while 3,909 members had access to these manuals. The official secretary's book was used in 90 chapters and the official treasurer's book contained the financial accounts of 88 chapters. Full meeting equipment, as listed in the manual, was owned by 83 chapters. All chapters used the official opening, closing, and degree ceremonies, practiced the accepted form of parliamentary procedure, and had definite continuing written programs of work. All chapters entered the National Chapter Contest and engaged in organized home improvement work. Eighty-one chapters held a public speaking contest; 85 engaged in organized conservation work; 90 were organized cooperatively to finance chapter activities and to derive financial benefit for individual members; 46 engaged in organized livestock loss prevention programs; 51 prepared and gave one or more radio programs; and 34 issued news sheets or news letters.

Two State and four district leadership training schools were conducted by the State Association. At the State school 416 boys from 86 chapters were enrolled, while the attendance at the district schools totaled 1,200 boys from 87 chapters. Sixty-four radio broadcasts were sponsored by the State Association. Other activities included a State-wide band of 31 pieces, a glee club of 28 voices, and a string band of 6 members, making a total participation in musical organization of 65 members, representing 45 chapters.

One printed and 6 mimeographed papers were published during the year.

At the 3½ day State convention, 94% of the chapters were represented by 172 delegates. The 416 persons who attended witnessed



all officers and 64% of the delegates attired in the official uniform jackets. Eighty-six chapters were visited by the State president. Fifty members attended the 1941 National F. F. A. Convention, where they won the Gold Ribbon placing on their F. F. A. exhibit and saw four of their members advanced to American Farmers.

Three hundred and one thousand seven hundred forty-nine dollars was invested in farming by the active members.

Special wartime activities included the purchase of a \$500 war bond by the State Association and the purchase of war bonds and stamps by members amounting to \$43,514.00. Their scrap collections consisted of: 1,089,901 pounds of metal, 114,208 pounds of paper, 4,228 pounds of rags, 87,452 pounds of rubber, and 5,400 burlap bags.

Seventy chapters, representing 74% of the total chapters in the State, repaired and re-conditioned 1,068 pieces of farm machinery and equipment.

Eighty-four active members and 1,346 former members of the F. F. A. are in the armed forces of the United States.



## The Chapter Contest

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

In scoring a chapter's program, consideration was given to: (1) the importance and appropriateness of the items included; (2) the goals of accomplishment set; and (3) the methods and devices used to attain the goals. This applied to each item on the score card.

Four levels of achievement were recognized as follows: Gold Emblem Chapters; Silver Emblem Chapters; Bronze Emblem Chapters; and Honorable Mention Chapters. All competing chapters were classified by a committee on this basis in terms of the program of work and final report submitted, using the score card shown above. The 1942 high-ranking chapters were:

### Gold Emblem Classification

Stamping Ground, Kentucky	Temple, Oklahoma
Ripley, West Virginia	

### Silver Emblem Classification

Albany, Oregon	Toheca, Pennsylvania
Chataignier, Louisiana	Flathead, Montana
Bruceton Mills, West Virginia	

### Bronze Emblem Classification

Hamilton, Missouri	Sunset, Louisiana
Bagdad, Kentucky	

### Honorable Mention

Esco, Minnesota	Carson Valley, Nevada
Shoshone, Wyoming	Sulphur Springs, Texas
Albion, New York	

A total of 1,042 chapters filed entries and 55 State winners reached the finals. The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Emblem Classification winners received an appropriately inscribed certificate as well as national plaques or miniature gold, silver, or bronze emblems for plaques previously won. All awards were provided by the national organization of Future Farmers of America.

Judges for the 1942 Chapter Contest were: Don Critchfield, Manager Agricultural Service Division, Lead Industries Association; S. C.

Hulslander, Specialist in Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education; and Dr. Frank W. Lathrop, Research Specialist in Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education. Accounts of the Gold Emblem Chapters follow:

### **STAMPING GROUND, KENTUCKY** **(Gold Emblem)**

The efficient and complete execution of a carefully developed comprehensive plan of work enabled the 35 members of the Stamping Ground, Kentucky, Chapter, under the direction of their president, Jack Lancaster, and adviser, W. C. Montgomery, to capture one of the Gold Medal placings.

Averaging 3 productive projects and 22 supplementary farming practices per member, the boys completed a supervised farming program consisting of enterprises in tobacco, dairying, sheep, beef, swine, poultry, corn, hotbeds, potatoes, strawberries and home beautification. These projects, which were 100 percent owned by the boys, were a part of the long-time planning of 89 percent of the members. In order to stimulate interest in farm work, the chapter awarded a trophy cup to the member who conducted the most outstanding program.

Realizing that in cooperation there is efficiency and power, the chapter carried out a comprehensive cooperative program. They purchased and sold 3,000 pounds of certified seed potatoes, 336 pounds of hybrid corn, 1 ounce of certified tobacco seed, 43,000 pounds of feed, 1,000 pounds of minerals, 35,000 pounds of fertilizer, 100 pounds of Rotenone, 5 pounds of bluestone, 100 feet of vibro-fabric, and 1,000 baby chicks. The chapter aided needy members in their supervised farming work through a loan fund in which the borrower paid the regular rate of six percent interest on the principal. Three thousand pounds of seed potatoes were treated with corrosive sublimate for scab and black surf. All members participated in the construction of a livestock pavilion on the fair grounds. Cooperating with the homemaking department, the F. F. A. boys served the annual mother-and-daughter banquet.

A real act of service was performed when the chapter assumed the sponsorship of an orphan boy. Money raised by member subscription was used to purchase clothing and toys for this ten-year-old boy.

Five thousand people attended the three-day free fair sponsored by the F. F. A. chapter and viewed the many exhibits on which \$1,000.00 in prize money was paid.

Realizing the importance of better-livestock, the Stamping Ground Chapter developed a plan for the purchase of a purebred Jersey bull for use by the members and farmers of the Stamping Ground community. To finance the purchase of this bull, the boys collected 356 pounds of tobacco and marketed it for \$132.70. The

bull was purchased from the University of Kentucky and is now being kept by one of the chapter members.

As a group the boys collected and helped to repair 15 mowing machines, 4 cultivators, 2 plows, 4 trucks, 1 steam engine, 1 tractor, and 4 tobacco setters.

A contest to control pests on the farm was organized and resulted in the destruction of: 335 sparrows, 96 cow-birds, 5 hawks, 34 blackbirds, 847 mice, 224 rats, 37 moles, and 7 groundhogs.

To beautify the school grounds, the members reseeded thin spots on the lawn, built a waste-paper container, and cleaned up all rubbish and debris. A contest was also organized in home beautification for the members of the chapter.

Leadership training was one of the emphasized phases of the activities at Stamping Ground. Three members were promoted to the State Farmer degree and one boy received the Star Farmer Award for Kentucky. All of the officers of the chapter attended a district officers training school where they received instruction and experience enabling them to better qualify for their respective positions. All members participated in a public speaking contest. Stamping Ground Chapter entered the District F. F. A. Field Day and placed second in this 24-competing chapter contest. A silver trophy cup was awarded to the outstanding F. F. A. member, who was selected by secret ballot. One of the members, Dale Johnson, who was trained and nominated by the chapter, received his American Farmer degree at the National F. F. A. Convention last year.

Total purchases of War Bonds and Stamps by the chapter and members amounted to \$199.75. From the sale of feed fertilizer, seed corn, tobacco and a few small items, the chapter made a net profit of \$349.68 for working capital. Member earnings and savings showed an average labor income from farming activities of \$311.50, an average investment in farming of \$691.16, and an average savings per member amounting to \$67.43. Operation of a thrift bank account resulted in a total of \$181.00 on savings by 100 percent of the members.

Twelve regular and four special meetings of the chapter were held during the year. The regular ceremonies were memorized by the officers and used at each meeting. In spite of the frequent bad weather and high water, the average attendance was 85 percent of the members at these meetings.

As an aid to promote better scholarship among the members, 40 new books were added to the library, 2,900 bulletins were obtained and placed on the reference shelf, and three scholarship medals and a silver loving cup were awarded to members with the highest scholastic grades. The average scholarship for the boys in the chapter was C. Seventy-one percent of the membership were in the upper half of the class.

Realizing that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," the boys at Stamping Ground included in their program a variety of recreational activities. Foremost among these activities were six



chapter parties, two weiner roasts, and a father-and-son banquet. As a group the boys played five games of softball in the County F. F. A. Softball League. Four members attended the State F. F. A. Camp for one week.

### **TEMPLE, OKLAHOMA**

#### **(Gold Emblem)**

Under the direction of their president, Pete Gunn, and adviser, T. O. Parker, the 110 members of the Temple, Oklahoma, F. F. A. Chapter planned and carried out a program of work of such extent and quality as to win for them one of the Gold Medal placings.

Each member conducted an average of 5.2 productive projects, 25.8 improvement projects, and 27.1 supplementary projects in his supervised farming program. All members had long-time programs with full ownership of their projects. The 572 projects conducted by the members netted them \$27,012.44 in labor income. Their diversified program included 1,356 acres of field crops, 2,896 baby chicks, 1,286 laying hens, 5,030 turkeys, 98 head of sheep, 352 head of swine, 76 head of beeves, and 146 dairy cows.

In their program of cooperative activities an F. F. A. demonstration farm was operated by the members. This gave the boys actual experiences with the many problems encountered in the operation and management of a farm. They purchased 18,000 tons of cottonseed meal, 40,000 pounds of corn, barley and oats, 5 tons of tankage, 3 tons of wheat bran, and 3,290 baby chicks. Ninety-six thousand pounds of feed was mixed by the group for their livestock and poultry projects. Other cooperative activities included conservation practices, wheat insurance, construction of general purpose barn and swine pens, and buying and selling farm commodities. To improve their livestock they operated a breeding improvement program. In their plant-breeding work 12 acres were under wheat variety tests, 6 acres with barley variety tests, and 8 acres devoted to oat variety tests. Cooperating in the war emergency, the members organized a "penny for plane" campaign and raised \$24.35 toward the purchase of a plane.

To improve their community, eight rural school and 12 evening class programs were conducted. The group assisted farmers in selecting desirable livestock and certified seed. As an aid to farm and home improvement, contests were conducted in cleaning and maintaining yards; repairing and painting buildings; repairing and constructing driveways, gates, and fences. Seventy-eight percent of the members arranged for a farm shop and purchased 50 percent of the necessary tools for the repair and maintenance of their farm equipment. The boys culled 11,263 hens and sold to the farmers of the community 48 R. O. P. cockerels and 4,000 approved eggs. They also distributed 500 plans on poultry houses, resulting in 14 new houses being built. Cooperating in the disease and parasite control program, 1,189 head of livestock and 3,268 birds were treated by the F. F. A. Marking

livestock and poultry for identification, providing food for the needy, conservation of natural resources, and Red Cross and infantile paralysis donations were activities of their community service program.

All members received leadership training by participating in leadership-training conferences conducted by the chapter. Every boy served on at least one committee where he was afforded an opportunity to put his practice to work. To help coordinate the F. F. A. program with the general school program, the F. F. A. members elected scholastic, program, entertainment, and athletic committees to work with school committees. A project show for exhibiting livestock and crops projects was planned and conducted by the chapter. At their county fair a collective exhibit arranged by a special committee of the chapter, placed first. The group conducted four school assembly, one open house and four civic programs during the year. As a group the chapter members were twice in attendance at church.

Returns from the F. F. A. farm and the sale of scrap iron collected by members were the principal sources of the \$649.38 net profit designed to create working capital for the chapter. From an average investment in farming of \$463.62 each member averaged \$245.00 of labor income and \$39.40 in savings.

To aid in the war effort, the chapter purchased a \$100 War Bond, and 100 percent of the members made a pledge to buy War Stamps weekly in an amount that would total at least \$18.75 before the close of school.

Parliamentary procedure was emphasized in the chapter's plan. Sixty-eight percent of the members became proficient in this by following a plan devised by an F. F. A. committee and the high school principal, by studying and by practising drills in executing the ten abilities in parliamentary procedure.

There was 83 percent average attendance of members at the 24 meetings of the chapter during the year. The possession of complete chapter equipment was very helpful in making the meetings interesting and successful.

During the year 64 books were added to the reference library. In an effort to improve the scholastic standings of the members, an honor roll was established, and a joint system to determine achievement in agriculture was devised. Each of the older members assisted his "buddy" in the freshman and sophomore classes to attain good grades through conscientious work. Sixty percent of the members were in the upper half of the class while the average scholarship of all members was 82 percent.

Notwithstanding all of their business and scholastic activities the boys did not forget that recreation has an important part in their lives. Intra-chapter tournaments in ping-pong, croquet, horseshoes, and badminton, and inter-chapter tournaments in softball, baseball, volley-ball, horseshoes, and croquet were held during the year. A 'possum hunt was greatly enjoyed by the group. Other activities included a hidden talent hunt, an F. F. A. Queen race, and a swim

party. One hundred percent of the members participated in the parent-and-son banquet which was attended by 352 persons.

The boys at Temple realize that their F. F. A. is a real power in their lives. They do not drop out at the end of their high school training because their records indicate that they have 31 out-of-school members.

### **RIPLEY, WEST VIRGINIA** **(Gold Emblem)**

An excellent organization, for all member participation, in a diversity of successfully accomplished major activities, under the leadership of their president, George Jordan, and adviser, Blaine A. Beeghly, made possible the Gold Medal recognition of the 82 members of the Ripley chapter at Ripley, West Virginia.

Their group was organized into the following committees for planning and carrying out their annual program of work: Executive, Budget, Conservation, Enterprise, Finance, Award, Thrift Bank, Fair, Pig Co-op, Purchasing-Marketing, Defense Stamps and Bonds, Activity Contest, Scrap Book, Scrap Iron and Paper, Subscription, Livestock, Mutual Insurance, Soil Testing, Livestock Loss Prevention, Potato Growers Association, Essay Contest, and Disease, Pest and Insect Control.

To aid in the improvement of supervised farming, a chapter loan fund of \$100,000.00 was established by organizing a separate committee group to work with the board of directors of the local bank. More than \$1,500 has been loaned to members for the purchase of purebred livestock and certified seed. The chapter has organized purebred pig, purebred beef cattle, and purebred sheep cooperative rings for the purpose of improving livestock in the county. On an individual basis each member averaged 3 productive projects, 4 improvement projects, and 5.5 supplementary practices. Every boy who remained in school carried a long-time program with 100 percent ownership. On June 1, 1942, there were 76 members with long-time programs.

As a chapter, the Ripley boys bought and sold 6 tons of poultry and swine feed, 23,383 pounds of corn, soybean, clover, oats, rye, potatoes, garden seeds, and 6,700 pounds of fertilizer. Seventy-six members of the chapter are affiliated with the Jackson County Purchasing and Marketing Association.

One of the highlights of their activities was the sponsoring and managing of the Jackson County Fair. In cooperation with 10 other chapters of F. F. A. (Spencer Federation), the boys assumed all responsibilities of a fair which had 3,000 exhibits and an attendance of 14,000 persons. Other activities of their community service work included the establishing of a vegetable marketing association, a soil-testing service for farmers, two soil erosion control demonstration farms, and the maintenance of a 1167-acre wildlife reserve.



Thirty members attended a leadership-training school with a view to becoming better prepared to carry on the work of the chapter. Fifteen members participated on four radio programs. The group published three issues of their local papers and carried out an extensive publicity program, resulting in the winning of the State Publicity Contest. The chapter had one State officer, five State Farmers and one Honorary State Farmer. The group won the 1942 State Better Chapter Contest.

The Ripley boys employed a variety of money-making devices to create a net profit of \$1,500.00 of working capital for their chapter. A profit of \$950.00 from the Jackson County Fair constituted the most important source of income. Other important sources included subscription sales, sale of peanuts, commissions on sale of seeds, prizes, and annual chapter dues. In their thrift bank account 522 individual deposits, amounting to \$138.00, were made by 51 members. The members each averaged \$170.00 of labor income derived from farming activities, \$174.00 of investment in farming, and savings of \$52.00. The chapter increased its permanent assets to more than \$500.00 by investing in 2 dusting machines, 9 purebred Berkshire pigs, 2 productive enterprises, 2 chick brooders, 10 loans to members, 500 pounds of unsold potato dust, and \$50.00 of unsold seed.

The chapter organization is divided into two sections. Each section held a meeting every week. There were 16 regular meetings held during the year with an average attendance of 90 percent of the members. Three sets of officers were trained and kept available at all times in order that all meetings would be in the hands of a trained leadership. Emphasis was given to parliamentary procedure on the programs of eight of the chapter meetings. Members were also assigned special work outside of school hours in connection with parliamentary procedure.

As an aid to better scholarship, the Scholarship Committee maintained an honor roll list, every six weeks, showing all grades of the vocational agriculture students. Five members received the State Farmer degree. An average grade of B— was maintained by the chapter members. Sixty-five percent of the boys were in the upper half of the class.

For recreation the chapter held two weiner roasts and two special parties. At their father-and-son banquet, the entire Rotary Club was invited to attend. The chapter organized a basketball and a softball team.

The chapter emphasized wartime activities in their program. Members purchased a total of \$1,658.30 of Defense Bonds and Stamps. The group sponsored Defense Bond and Stamp selling campaign for a six-week period, resulting in the sale of \$2,253.50 of bonds and stamps. Scrap materials collected by the chapter amounted to 40,000 pounds of iron, 10,000 pounds of paper, 1,000 pounds of rags, 8,000 pounds of rubber, and 50 pounds of burlap bags. The members planted 40 Victory Gardens, totaling 15 acres. One hundred farm machines were repaired in the chapter's farm machinery repair program.



## Public Speaking Contest

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The Annual National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest was first made possible in 1930 through the interest and generosity of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas who, for two years, sponsored the event and offered prizes. From that time on, however, the national organization of Future Farmers of America has been the sponsor.

The Thirteenth National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest took place in the Little Theater of the Municipal Auditorium on Monday evening, October 26. The four finalists placing in the order indicated representing four administrative regions were:

1. Kenneth Engle, Abilene, Kansas—"Food Our Weapon."
2. Thomas Griffin, Pullman, Washington—"Farm Chemurgy."
3. Douglas Oswald, Marianna, Florida—"Food for Freedom."
4. Gerald Billups, Kenova, West Virginia—"Farm for Defense."

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. Questions were asked by the judges on delivery to test each contestant on his ability to think on his feet and on general knowledge of his subject.

Two groups of judges had a part in the scoring process which resulted in the final decision as to the contestants' placings previously indicated. The first group of three judges scored the contestant's manuscript on which 300 points were allowed. The second group of judges scored delivery for which 600 points were allowed. The judges were:

### On Manuscript

Tom G. Chase, Agricultural Research, Swift & Company.

William E. Drips, Director of Public Service, Central Division, The Blue Network.

Cecil Johnson, Farm Credit Administration.

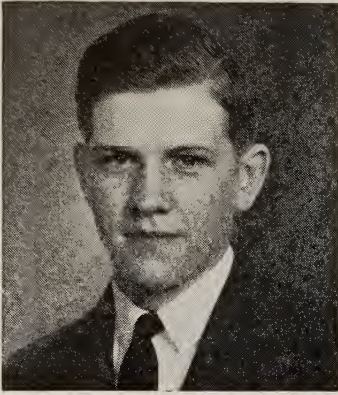
### On Delivery

E. J. Condon, Assistant to the President, Sears, Roebuck and Company.

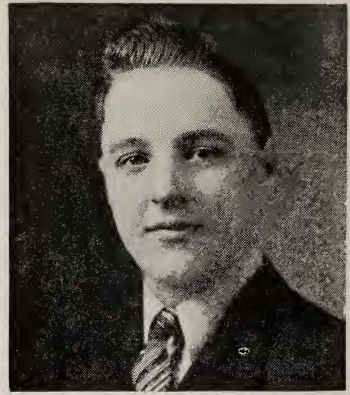
Herold C. Hunt, Superintendent of Schools, Kansas City, Missouri.

Hugh Curtis, Associate Editor, Meredith Publishing Company.

The speech of the winning contestant follows:



(1) KENNETH ENGLE  
Abilene, Kansas



(2) ROBERT THOMAS GRIFFIN  
Pullman, Washington



(3) DOUGLAS H. OSWALD  
Marianna, Florida



(4) GERALD BILLUPS  
Kenova, W. Va.

CONTESTANTS IN THE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

## Food Our Weapon

By **Kenneth Engle, Abilene, Kansas**

"Food will win the war and write the peace," states Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Claude R. Wickard. True,—and the lack of food will lose the war.

England, our co-helper in this fight against the Axis, even in normal times, imports two-thirds of her food supply. Today the English people are receiving what the cold-blooded scientist calls an "adequate meal." What he means is a "minimum requirement." In other words, the English man or woman rarely gets up from the table with his hunger satisfied. Thousands of people in central Europe are starving to death under the ruthless rationing of the Nazi war machine. In the Far East, in Japan and China, where even in normal times, starvation is not an uncommon thing, conditions are unimaginable.

Food has always been important in war time. But the United States government had not realized the necessary part played by the farmer in producing this food until the last two wars. In the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 we thought, almost to the exclusion of all else, of having trained men on the fighting line. In these wars, the importance of the part of the "man behind the man behind the gun," was not realized. In the Civil War the United States recognized that the man on the equipment production line was important. During the first two years of the war the Confederate army won almost every battle because it was ready. However, the factories in the north finally out-produced the factories in the Confederate states. In the first World War our government discovered the essential "man behind the man behind the gun," the farmer. In the few months that we have been in this war, the War of Survival, the American farmer has quickly accepted the challenge of necessity and is producing more eggs, pork, and dairy products than ever before.

The United States must not only feed her own forces wherever stationed, but also take care of our Allies in every corner of the globe. Cargo ships are taking life sustaining meats and fats to our Allies, the English. We are sending food to the Russian, Dutch, Chinese, and Australian forces. It is indeed an enormous task that our farmers have undertaken.

Future Farmers of America, as we look at that enormous task, we may wonder whether we can solve the problem. We are just at the age when we are not quite old enough for the army but are essential to our farmer fathers. During these years before we go into the army, it is our part to help produce the food that is necessary. If we go into other work and try to make high wages, soon we will be without farm help. Then inadequate labor will have to do the



work ineffectively. Since we are the most vitally interested and best trained, it is only logical that we should be the ones for this work.

Let's glance over the Englishman's menu for a moment and see how much less he gets than we. Also let's see if more food would help him produce more war materials. A person in England gets two eggs a month, no more no matter who he is. King George VI gets two eggs a month. The rations in England allow two ounces of butter a week per person. The average American eats three times that much. As for meat, the Englishman gets as much each week as he can buy for one shilling and tuppence or about twenty-five cents in our money. If he has four in his family he can have a roast on Sunday and scraps on Monday, and that is all the meat for the week.

Call that an adequate ration or what you will, but if the Englishman had more food he could do much more work and do it better. In other words, conservatively speaking, production could be increased fifteen to twenty per cent. This means that every 600 English Spitfires might just as well be increased to 700, and that extra food would "keep 'em flying" in greater numbers. This is an example of how food will win the war.

As Future Farmers of America we should not only see the problems of people in other countries but also in our own homes and on our own farms. With the shortage of tires the farmer is going to have to be more and more self-sufficient. That is going to give the Future Farmers' mothers more work to do. Bread, butter, and cheese, all things we have been buying at the store can all be made at home. This means more work, but it will save the tires, which are going to be necessary for taking the grain to market.

The farmer also will be doing more butchering and curing of meat. These are tasks that the Future Farmer should be learning to do. Expensive luxuries in the food field will have to be discarded. In order to win we must deny ourselves. And victory is worth the sacrifice.

More fruits should be grown on our farms. If we are to take care of the future it would be a good idea for Future Farmers to plant fruit trees. Larger victory gardens will also help produce the food for our families. Purebred livestock will establish its reason for being during war time. Purebred milk cows that will eat the same feed and yet give more milk than a grade herd will prove their merits. Purebred beef cattle that put on more pounds than grade for the same amount of feed will also help in the food for victory campaign.

The farmer is the very hub of the wheel of war. Not only because of what he does but because of the patriotic, tireless, self-sacrificing spirit with which he performs every daily task. I know of no finer statement of the farmer's point of view than that made in the 1942 Kansas F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest by my friend and competitor, Albert VanWalleghan, who has kindly permitted me to quote him. He said, "The all night vigils at farrowing time will



be our sentry duty; the tractors we guide along contour rows will be our tanks; the seeds we plant will be our inland ocean mines; farm machinery we repair will convert our farm shops into our own ground crew work; agricultural information we use will be our own intelligence work; our neighbors will be our Allies in a common cause. We will regard every dead pig, every missing hill of corn, every smutted wheat head, every scrub animal, every cull hen, and every bit of wasted material and effort as being of aid and comfort to our enemies."

As Future Farmers we will not only have to produce for our Allies but we must still take care of our own needs. It, of course, will mean longer hours in the field. The man in the factory is going to have to work extra hours so it is no more than fair that we as Future Farmers should put more time in producing this food. Everyone in the nation is going to have to put in more hours and work harder. These hours spent in producing food for an otherwise starving people ought to make us glad we can do this much to help. The Future Farmer of today confronts the biggest task that any generation of Future Farmers has ever had to face. However, he is better educated for the farm and for our products, but we are going to have many bottlenecks to contend with in this fight to Victory. We are going to have trouble getting tires, we are going to have difficulty getting machinery or even repairs for the machinery we now have. The farmer is going to be handicapped by not having enough help to harvest his crops. He will not be stopped, but rather will be spurred to action by these difficulties. He will produce more of the vital foodstuffs than ever before. The Future Farmer is facing forward. He is vitalizing the Future Farmer Creed; "I believe in the future of farming—in the promise of better days through better ways—I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life." It can be done. It must be done. It will be done. Future Farmers will do it. "Food will win the war and write the peace."





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