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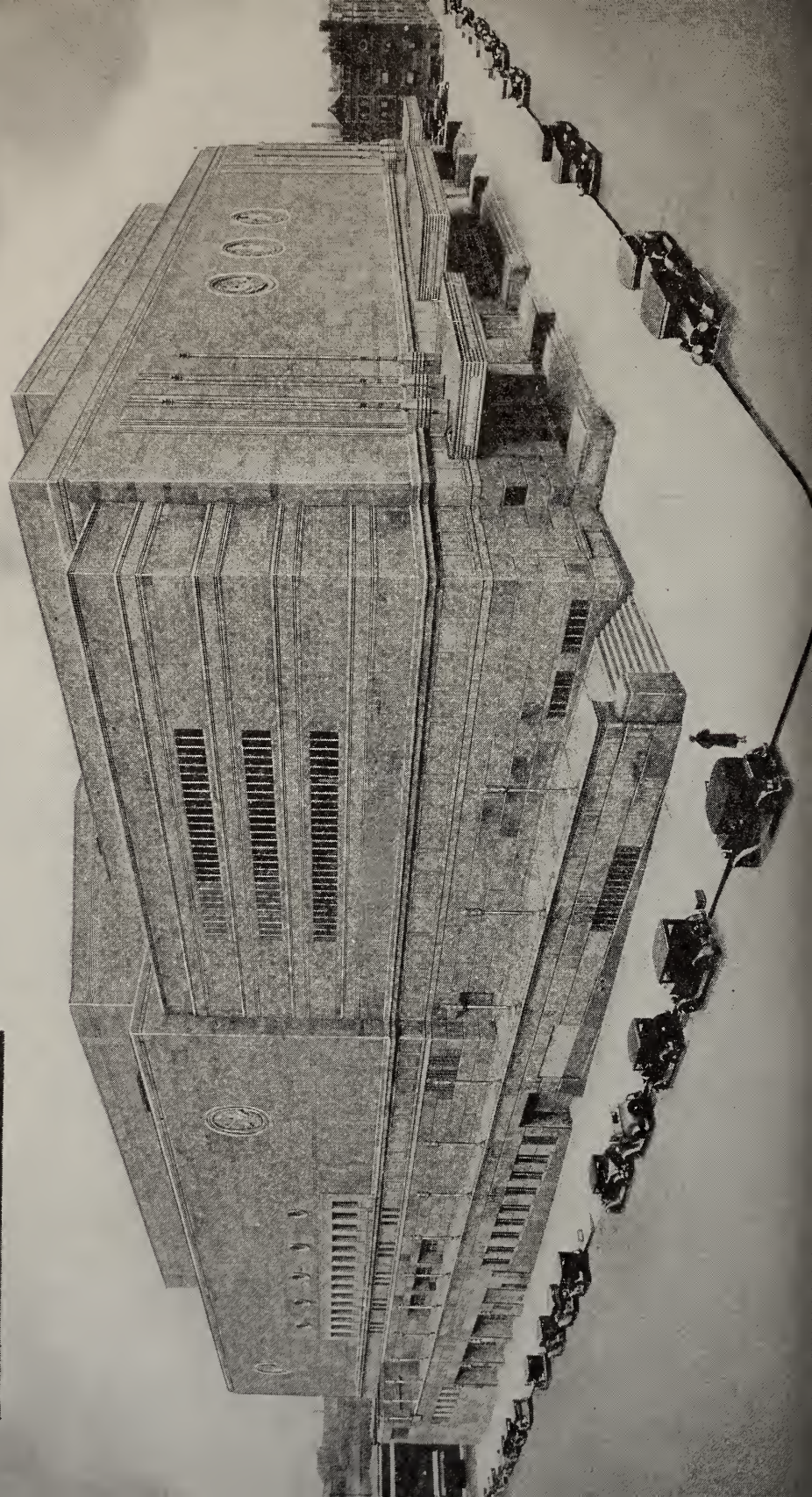
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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November, 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1946, the active membership totaled 206,039 in 6,000 chapters of 47 States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

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

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

The National Victory Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 21 to 24, 1946. Delegates were present from 48 chartered associations. The total registration was 12,500.

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. William J. Huff, Director of Public Relations and Information for the F.F.A., Miss Irene R. Worth, and Mrs. Dorothy S. Easterly for their assistance in the preparation of material for this publication.

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CONVENTION PROGRAM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 THROUGH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Meetings National Board of Trustees

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 THROUGH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Joint Meetings of National Board of
Trustees and National Advisory Council

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 8:00 A. M.—Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium.
2:00 P. M.—Meeting of State Advisers, Hotel President.
6:30 P. M.—Officer-Delegate Dinner, Aztec Room, Hotel President.
8:00 P. M.—Band Concert—Utah F. F. A. Band, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 8:00 A. M.—Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium.
9:00 A. M.—Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.
Band Concert—Pennsylvania F. F. A. Band
Opening Ceremony
Invocation—Oliver H. Kinzie, Past National F.F.A. President
Report on Delegate Credentials
Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates
Address of Welcome—William E. Kemp, Mayor of
Kansas City, Missouri
Minutes of 18th Convention—Virgil Getto, National
Student Secretary
Treasurer's Report—Dowell J. Howard, State Director of
Vocational Education, Richmond, Virginia
Executive Secretary's Report—A. W. Tenney, Agricultural
Education Service, U. S. Office of Education,
Washington, D. C.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

- Music—Utah F. F. A. Band
Massing of Colors
Recognition of Armed Services
Unveiling of Service Flag
Greetings from F. F. A. Members in Armed Forces
A Tribute to Parents of Service Members
"Roger Young"—Wisconsin F. F. A. Chorus
Recognition of F. F. A. Members Who Served in
Armed Forces
"God Bless America"—Audience
Recessional
2:00 P. M.—Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.
Opening Ceremony
Music—Mississippi F. F. A. String Band
Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to the
Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated
Introduction of Platform Guests

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated—
W. T. Spanton, Chief, Agricultural Education Service,
U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Address—J. L. McCaffrey, President, International Harvester
Company, representing donors to F. F. A. Foundation

Response—Virgil Getto

Music—Utah F. F. A. Band

Nomination of American Farmers—W. T. Spanton

American Farmer Degree Ceremony

Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees

Closing Ceremony

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

Opening Ceremony

Music—Albany, Oregon F. F. A. Orchestra

Address—R. W. Gregory, Assistant Commissioner of Voca-
tional Education, U. S. Office of Education, Washington,
D. C.

Unfinished Business

New Business

"The Buffalo Grass Dance"—Browning, Montana F. F. A.
Chapter

Greetings from Farm Organizations

The American Farm Bureau Federation—H. E. Slusher,
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National Council of Farmer Cooperatives—Quentin Rey-
nolds, National President

The Farmers Union—E. K. Dean, President, Kansas Farm-
ers Union

The National Grange—Carl S. Cogswell, Master, Kansas
State Grange

Closing Ceremony

1:30 P. M.—Parade, American Royal Arena

2:00 P. M.—Presentation of Star Farmer Awards—W. A. Cochel, former
Editor, The Weekly Kansas City Star.

2:15 P. M.—Horse Show.

8:00 P. M.—Talent Night.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

Band Concert—Utah F. F. A. Band

Opening Ceremony

New Business (continued)

Special Reports

Music—Pennsylvania F. F. A. Band

Victory Pageant

Address—L. H. Dennis, Executive Secretary, American Voca-
tional Association, Washington, D. C.

Closing Ceremony

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

Opening Ceremony
Appointment of Committees
Recess for Committee Work
Closing Ceremony

8:00 P. M.—Award Night, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

Group Singing
Farm Mechanics Awards
Farm and Home Electrification Awards
Music—Mississippi F. F. A. String Band
National Chapter Contest Awards
J. A. Linke Award

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 A. M.—Sixth Session, Music Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

Opening Ceremony
Music
New Business (continued)
Committee Reports
Music—Mississippi F. F. A. String Band
Wisconsin F. F. A. Chorus
Greetings from Future Homemakers of America—Jacqueline
Brown, National President, Westminster, Maryland

2:00 P. M.—Seventh Session, Music Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

Call to Order
Music
Committee Reports
Presentation of Budget for 1946-47
Annual Dues for 1946-47
New Business (continued)
Addresses of Retiring Officers
Report of Nominating Committee
Election of Officers
Greetings from Incoming Officers
Installation of New Officers
Presentation of Past Officers' Pins and Certificates by New
President
Closing Ceremony by New Officers
Joint Meeting of Boards of Trustees

6:30 P. M.—Annual Banquet, Guests of Kansas City, Missouri Chamber of
Commerce, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

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Mr. J. C. Mohler, Secretary
State Board of Agriculture,
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Mr. Tom Douglass, Secretary
State Board of Agriculture,
Jefferson City, Missouri

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Missouri Chain Store Council,
Columbia, Missouri

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Al McGee, Associate Editor
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Agricultural Representative
Missouri Chain Store Council,
Columbia, Missouri

Mr. Walter H. Atzenweiler
Agricultural Commissioner
Chamber of Commerce
Kansas City, Missouri

COMMENTS ABOUT THE CONVENTION FROM OUR HONOR GUESTS

"Attendance at the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City was truly an inspiration. Nothing could fill one with greater optimism, faith, and hopes for great things in agriculture than to see that fine group of young men earnestly discussing, debating and deciding the way they should go. No exhibition of leadership training was ever more realistic and forceful among the occasions that it has been my privilege to attend.

J. C. NISBET
Executive Secretary
The American Jersey Cattle Club"

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"I was much impressed by the businesslike manner in which the Future Farmers of America conducted themselves at their Kansas City Convention. I am certain that American agriculture, and the Nation in general, will be greatly enriched when these young men step into positions of adult leadership and make full use of their training in agriculture, citizenship and patriotism. I am proud that the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company is privileged to co-operate in the promotion of the good work of the Future Farmers of America.

RUSSELL A. FIRESTONE
Assistant Treasurer
The Firestone Tire and Rubber
Company"

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"Never have enough sound leaders stood up before this nation—or before the human race. The best ones have usually come from the countryside. The Future Farmers of America is bringing boy leaders forward and giving them actual experience. Who could fail to support that kind of work?

WHEELER McMILLEN
Editor-in-Chief
'Farm Journal' "

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"I want to congratulate you on the fine Victory Convention at Kansas City for Future Farmers of America members. You certainly had an excellent turnout and the part of the program I saw was exceptionally good.

W. FLOYD KEEPERS
Secretary
Barn Equipment Association"

* * *

"I want to congratulate you on the splendid convention you held in Kansas City commemorating the victory celebration of the Future Farmers of America. You certainly did an outstanding job in handling so many boys in one convention. Thank you for the opportunity of meeting with this fine organization of young men fresh from the farms.

H. E. SLUSHER
President
Missouri Farm Bureau Federation"

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"I came home from the F.F.A. convention with a new faith in American agriculture. If our farming of the future is to be in the hands of the boys who

came to Kansas City, and their fellow students who remained at home, then we have little cause for anxiety. The 1946 F.F.A. convention was a potent answer to the occasional pessimist who argues that agriculture is a lost cause. These boys surely do not believe it is a lost cause.

"The mental maturity of these boys, their ability to run their convention without slip or pause, impressed all of us who sat on the sidelines.

"All America, urban and rural, owes these Future Farmers a vote of confidence and of gratitude.

ROBERT H. REED

Editor

'Country Gentleman'

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"It will be many a day I feel sure before I'll enjoy anything quite as much as I did your recently completed National F.F.A. Victory Convention in Kansas City. The program was excellent—well planned and equally as well executed. Congratulations to you, your able staff, and to the boys themselves. The occasion was one that thousands of us will long remember and from which we will draw inspiration for years to come.

J. T. BINGHAM

Associate Editor

'Country Gentleman'

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"I cannot find words to express my sincere pleasure at being at the Convention, or to use fitting words in congratulating President J. Glyndon Stuff, and the other boys who handled the meeting. Naturally, I know fellows like yourself were sitting on the sidelines pulling the strings, and at the same time I think the boys acquitted themselves splendidly. More power to them, and to their organization.

C. M. ADAMS

District Sales Manager

The DeLaval Separator Company"

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"The recent annual convention of the Future Farmers of America was undoubtedly one of the finest, most wholesome and most instructive youth meetings ever held anywhere in the world. These young men believe in democracy and are already helping democracy to function in rural America. Ideals and standards in this group are of the finest. These young men in their organization are training themselves to become successful farmers and to take their places as community leaders wherever they may happen to live and serve.

L. H. DENNIS

Executive Secretary

*American Vocational Association,
Inc."*

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"I was amazed and delighted at the large attendance, the masterful way in which the officers of F.F.A. conducted their meetings, and the very great progress which has been made by this rather new organization. I came away with the conviction that this organization is going to continue to grow and to contribute substantially in a constructive way to our economy; also, that it will aid greatly in putting agriculture on the high plane it deserves.

EARL O. SHREVE

Vice President

General Electric Company"

"It was a real inspiration to watch these lads carry on their meetings, to listen to their speeches, their deliberations, and their arguments. Their sincerity of purpose and earnest desire to accomplish something worthwhile, accompanied by the proper amount of good fun revives one's faith in human nature.

F. M. CALL
Agricultural Commission
The American Bankers Association"

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"I wish that all businessmen who are perplexed with doubts about the future of America could have attended the Victory Convention of the Future Farmers of America. Their doubts would be resolved. Their pessimism would vanish. The F.F.A. boys are like a breath of fresh air. They are invigorating and inspiring.

"I would not have believed it possible, by any method of training, to develop in teen-age youngsters the clear thinking and qualities of leadership demonstrated by the F.F.A. delegates in Kansas City. Truly these boys are the leaven which will leaven the whole body politic in the generation ahead! Their sponsors are to be congratulated. Their advisers should be crowned with laurel.

HENRY V. GAINES
Committee Executive
Committee on Cooperation with
Agriculture
National Association of
Manufacturers"

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"We heartily congratulate each of you on the success of your Victory Convention. We were greatly honored with the privilege of attending. We returned to our jobs in industry with a renewed feeling of confidence, that the future of our country's agriculture is in able hands, in those of the Future Farmers of America.

P. W. STANSFIELD
Manager, Sales
Farm Service Tires
and

E. C. SHINGLETON
Manager, Sales Promotion
Farm Service Tires
The B. F. Goodrich Company

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"My impression of your Victory Convention was one of real enthusiasm. I've never attended a meeting where a big crowd was on hand that operated as smoothly. You people have done an excellent job all the way down the line in training the boys too, to do their job in the right manner. I know it was a big task to set up the accommodations and arrangements to handle the affair, and yet by and large everything operated very smoothly.

"I can truly say that I probably got the biggest thrill of my life watching the convention in action. I would have felt very badly had I missed it. I have attended a lot of F.F.A. conventions over the years and I want to congratulate your staff and the Future Farmers in general for the fine showing you all made in Kansas City. Agriculture need not worry if we can just get a lot more boys trained the Future Farmers way.

WILLIAM E. DRIPS
Director of Agriculture
National Broadcasting Company,
Inc."

"It was indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity to attend the Victory Convention of the Future Farmers of America. I was particularly impressed by the participation of the delegates in the operation of their organization. This type of training in practical democracy is of inestimable value to the boys and the general well being of our entire society. To see these young men in action, who will soon be the leaders of our rural organization, gives me confidence for the future of rural America.

RAYMOND W. MILLER

President

American Institute of Cooperation."

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"This is the first opportunity I have had to write you since my return from Kansas City, where I had the rare privilege of attending sessions of the Future Farmers of America Victory Convention on October 21st and 22nd.

"It was an inspiring experience to see the members of the F.F.A. handle themselves so well in carrying out the program. Especially was I impressed with the manner in which the entries in the public speaking contest discussed their subjects and answered the questions later. As one of the three judges of this contest, I would like to say that it was no easy task to rank the five young men who had spent so much time in preparation, knew their subjects so well, and presented their speeches in a manner which most older men would envy.

"The Future Farmers of America have already contributed much to the welfare of this country. I believe they will contribute even more in the future, as F.F.A. members graduate into their life's calling.

W. L. CLARK

Vice President

J. I. Case Company"

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"Mr. O'Connell and I had the pleasure of attending a number of the sessions of the Future Farmers of America convention in Kansas City. We were impressed with the splendid businesslike manner in which the national officials of the F.F.A. handled the program. I was particularly impressed with the response of Virgil Getto to the address made by Mr. McCaffrey representing the donors to the F.F.A. Foundation. It is good to know that the future of our country is in the hands of such fine representative young American citizens.

JOHN F. DANEKE

Department of Public Relations

General Motors Corporation"

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"Ever since I attended the Future Farmers convention in Kansas City, I have been trying to write and express my appreciation of the splendid job which you did in organizing it and carrying it through. It seems to me that this type of activity will go a long way toward making education more effective and making people more aware of the educational program which is being carried on.

FRANK W. CYR

Professor of Education

Teachers College

Columbia University

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"I have attended a great many conventions of various kinds for a great number of years, but never have I been so impressed with any convention as I was with the one for the Future Farmers of America, in Kansas City. Here were many thousands of young Americans who had already made up their

minds that their future was in the land. These young men were not only interested in their work, but they knew what they were doing and how to do it. It was one of the outstanding indications that I have seen for the life of free enterprise in our country. I think that groups of this kind will preserve the future of America from any isms or ideologies, other than true Americanism.

J. L. MCCAFFREY

President

International Harvester Company"

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"It was a pleasure and a privilege for me to attend this Victory Convention, the greatest in the history of the F.F.A. The fact that the convention was held in Kansas City, 'The Heart of America' reminds me that in a true sense the delegates and all other Future Farmers represent 'The Hope of America'.

"The future of our nation depends upon a stable, prosperous agriculture, and such an agriculture can flourish only when farmers and farm leaders have an abundance of those qualities of leadership, cooperation, unselfish service and better citizenship which are developed by the F.F.A.

E. J. CONDON

Assistant to the President

Sears, Roebuck and Co."

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"I am always impressed by the spirit of accomplishment and self-reliance that runs through any F.F.A. affair—the Victory Convention was no exception. While the boys have a world of good fun together and broaden their appreciation of city men and city living on trips such as these, they are nowhere very far from the realities of hard work and self government as they affect the farm and its place in the national economy. I don't know where we could turn for better agricultural citizens today than to the rosters of F.F.A. students. One cannot be among these delegates to Kansas City without sensing that and without wishing to do all he can to uphold their belief in the future of farming.

HUGH CURTIS

Managing Editor

'Successful Farming' "

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"Congratulations on the excellent F.F.A. convention held in Kansas City last week. It was a great inspiration to see all those fine boys in action. Your department certainly did an outstanding job of planning and directing the whole program.

"Our Institute is greatly interested in the Future Farmers of America organization, and the constructive program which it stands for. Feel free to call on us whenever we can be of service to you.

W. H. COULTAS

Agricultural Relations

American Meat Institute"

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"May I please thank you for one of the most enjoyable and educational experiences of my life. The opportunity afforded me through your invitation to attend your officers' meeting and Victory Convention will be of inestimable value to the F.H.A. The things you did for your boys at the convention and the way you did them will have a lasting influence on the plan we make for our girls in the years to come.

"I can think of no nicer gesture from one organization to another than that which you have just extended the Future Homemakers of America, and the representatives of our organization, who were privileged to attend the F.F.A. convention, and I are deeply appreciative and pledge our loyalty and any support we may have to your program.

HAZEL FROST

National Adviser

Future Homemakers of America"

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GET TOGETHER DINNER
VICTORY CONVENTION
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
HOTEL PRESIDENT KENNEDY CITY, MO. OCT 29, 1946

Minutes of the Convention

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1946

Morning Session

The Future Farmers of America Victory Convention, the nineteenth annual convention, convened in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri at nine o'clock, National President J. Glyndon Stuff of Dixon, Illinois, presiding. First Vice President Sherman C. Beard; Second Vice President Clifford E. Bailey, Third Vice President Marion F. Baumgardner; Fourth Vice President Joseph E. Espey; Student Secretary Virgil Getto; Adviser W. T. Spanton; Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney; and Treasurer D. J. Howard were present.

The Pennsylvania State F.F.A. Band presented a concert.

Following the regular opening ceremony, President Stuff called upon Past President Oliver H. Kinzie to pronounce the invocation.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was then called for and Student Secretary Getto reported 94 official delegates present from 47 chartered associations. The roll call and seating of the delegates followed.

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

President Stuff gave instructions to the delegates and read a telegram from Mr. and Mrs. David B. Jameson of New Castle, Pennsylvania. David served as a national officer in 1944-45.

Eugene E. Starkey of Orland, California was elected as National 2nd Vice President at the 18th National Convention. He entered the armed services in February. Since he was unable to attend the Victory Convention he sent the following wire: "Although I cannot be present, my best wishes are with you on this great occasion. May this be the beginning of another successful year, with God's richest blessing upon our organization."

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

Mr. Dowell J. Howard, National F.F.A. Treasurer, presented his report and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Gus Douglass of West Virginia and carried. Mr. A. W. Tenney, National F.F.A. Executive Secretary, presented his report and

moved its adoption; motion seconded by Robert Jones of Kansas and carried.

The rules were suspended and Adviser Spanton presented several announcements.

The Utah State F.F.A. Band presented a short concert which was followed by the Memorial Service.

Memorial Service

As the audience of Future Farmers of America and guests stood in silence, a procession of F.F.A. representatives bearing the Flag of the United States and the flags of the United Nations entered the Arena and massed on the platform. Following them were four members each of the Navy, Army, Marines, and Air Corps (all members or former members of the Shawnee-Mission, Kansas F.F.A. Chapter). Mr. and Mrs. Alben Borgstrom of Thatcher, Utah were escorted to the platform by Mark Nichols, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Utah, and Eugene Hansen, Utah State F.F.A. President. Four former members of the F.F.A., representing four branches of the services, completed the processional.

The Unveiling of the Service Flag was under the direction of Third Vice President Marion F. Baumgardner. Before the unveiling he made the following statement:

“He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure’. Isaiah 33:15, 16.

“We now come to one of the most important ceremonies of our National Victory Convention, one in which we shall honor those young men who served so gallantly and courageously in the armed forces of our nation. Today, many of these young men have returned home, some more fortunate than others. There are those who left our country to defend our precious heritage who shall never return. It is with humbleness of spirit and sacredness of heart that we honor these young men today.

“Members of our organization have served in every branch of the service. They have served well. They have fought gallantly. They have brought honor to our organization and they have brought peace to our nation. Sacrifices such as these young men have made have brought liberty and freedom to the nations of the world.

“We can best honor these young men today by rededicating our lives to the ideals for which they fought. May we have the courage and ability to protect and insure the peace they have won. God grant that they shall not have fought in vain.

"At this convention we are displaying a Service Flag of the Future Farmers of America. Certain representatives of the armed forces have been requested to assist in the unveiling ceremony at this time."

The lights dimmed and as the Utah State Band played "Our Country 'Tis of Thee" the servicemen unveiled the Service Flag.

The audience rose and reverently bowed their heads in honor of the 260,450 Future Farmers of America who fought so courageously, and those 7,188 members who paid the supreme sacrifice.



THE WISCONSIN F.F.A. CHORUS SINGING AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The bugler sounded Taps, which were echoed, and the band played "Abide With Me."

Following the unveiling President Stuff called on four former members of the F.F.A. who presented short addresses. As these former members were introduced, President Stuff made the following statements:

"Sergeant John T. Flehmer of Pierce City, Missouri was inducted into the Army on October 12, 1944. He received basic training at Camp Fannin in Texas and then went to Infantry Replacement Training Camp. John went overseas March 16, 1945. He landed at Morilla on April 6 and joined the 25th Infantry Division May 1. He took part in the battles for Balet Pass and was wounded

May 15 and May 22. He was awarded the Purple Heart on May 22, 1945. After spending three months in the hospital he rejoined his outfit and went to Japan, September 27, 1945. He came back home to the United States, September 27, 1946, and left the separation center September 16, his birthday, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, arriving home September 17.

"Roy Martin, past State and National Officer in 1936-37, Cotulla, Texas, made an outstanding record during the war. He left the ranch to volunteer in the Air Corps. He piloted the famous 'Boomerang' Liberty on fifty-three missions over enemy territory. The 'Boomerang' is credited with dropping a third of a million pounds of explosives and shooting down 12 fighters. The crew led the first Poleski Raid and returned with cornstalks clinging to the bomb bay. Roy made the rank of Lieutenant Colonel at the age of twenty-five and became operations officer of the oldest Liberator group in the European Theater.

"First Lieutenant Donald Dickey was with the 4th Marine Division on Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. It was on Iwo, that hotly contested but vitally strategic island, that he lost an arm in his country's service.

"Donald now is twenty-five years old. He was an outstanding member of the Oklahoma F.F.A. Association as a livestock breeder and judging team member. He was a Junior Master Farmer in 1937, and in 1938 he was president of the Oklahoma Association.

"In his senior year at Oklahoma A. & M. College he enlisted in the Marines, and later went to officer candidate school at Quantico, Virginia. He spent forty-two months in service. He now is serving as State Insurance Commissioner of Oklahoma, by appointment of the Governor.

"George Stelter, past National Third Vice President, was inducted into the Navy and attached to the Underwater Demolition Team No. 18 of Task Force 51, Third Fleet. After intensive training he was sent overseas and was in the first group to land in Tokyo Bay, just two days before the Japanese surrendered."

Following the addresses President Stuff introduced Mr. and Mrs. Alben Borgstrom. "Out on the northern shores of the Great Salt Lake in Utah is a little farming community called Thatcher, where stands a farm house with five stars in the window. Four of them are gold. The four Borgstrom brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alben Borgstrom, all of them former Future Farmers of the Bear River Chapter, lost their lives in the service of their country. Clyde was killed in the Solomons; Leroy in Italy, Rulon in France, and Roland, his twin brother, in England of injuries received in battle. Boyd, the fifth, served in the Marine Corps. Few families in American history have been called upon to make such a tremendous sacrifice for the cause of freedom and liberty." The Future Farmers of America presented a lovely bouquet of red roses to the Borgstroms

as an expression of their gratitude to them and to the parents of all members who served during the war years.

The Wisconsin F.F.A. Chorus sang "Roger Young", which was written about a former Ohio F.F.A. member.

All members and former members of the organization who served in the armed forces were asked to rise. The audience then sang "God Bless America" and following the recessional of flags and platform guests, the session adjourned at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1946

Afternoon Session

The second session of the convention was called to order at 2 o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Stuff presiding.

Musical selections were rendered by the Mississippi F.F.A.



REPRESENTATIVES OF DONORS TO THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED ARE PLATFORM GUESTS AT A SPECIAL PROGRAM HONORING THEM

String Band which consisted of six boys from the Cathage Vocational School and three boys from the Pine Grove School.

For the first time in the history of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated a representative from each of the donors was present. These men were called to the platform and introduced. They were:

C. L. Mast, Editor, "Agricultural Leader's Digest."

Reuben L. Smith, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company.

O. A. Hanke, Editor, "Better Farming Methods."

William L. Clark, Vice President, J. I. Case Company.

Durward G. DeWitt, Youth Director, Consumers Cooperative Association.

Robert H. Reed, Editor, "Country Gentleman."

C. L. Oheim, Member Board of Directors and Vice President and General Manager, Kansas City Branch, Deere & Company.

Wheeler McMillen, Editor-in-Chief, "Farm Journal and Farmer's Wife."

Russell A. Firestone, Assistant Treasurer, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

Earl O. Shreve, Vice President, General Electric Company.

T. A. Erickson, General Mills, Incorporated.

John Daneke, Director, Community Relations, Public Relations Department, General Motors Corporation.

Albert A. Thornbrau, Ferguson Foundation, Incorporated.

J. L. McCaffrey, President, International Harvester Company.

H. E. Nickloy, Mid-States Steel & Wire Company.

William C. LaRue, Associate Editor, "Progressive Farmer."

J. W. Wilson, District Manager, Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

Dean Bedford, Farm Service Marketing Department, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Hugh Curtis, Editor, "Successful Farming".

C. G. Rousch, Manager, Kansas City, Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Individual donor, Mr. Ray Cuff, Kansas City.

Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Adviser of the Future Farmers of America and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation presented an address on the Foundation.

Mr. J. L. McCaffrey, President of the International Harvester Company presented an address on behalf of all the donors to the Foundation. His talk was followed by a response from Virgil Getto, representing the 200,000 members of the Future Farmers of America.

The Utah F.F.A. Band presented several selections.

Adviser Spanton presented the following list of persons to receive the American Farmer and Honorary American Farmer Degree.

Alabama

William Collins, Pine Apple
George A. Dawson, Loachapoka

Arkansas

Lindy Verdell Bollen, Vilonia
Byron F. Boyd, Rt. No. 1, Mansfield
Calvin C. Burroughs, Bismarck
Doyle E. Gates, Jersey
John Mark Little, Rt. 3, Paragould
Robert W. Miller, Rt. No. 1, Paragould
James Rowland, Rt. No. 1, Harrison

California

Robert Amarel, Rt. No. 1, Yuba City
Sam Avila, Jr., King City
Ernest B. Giacomini, Box 232, RFD, Ferndale
Jesse A. Jennings, Box 560, Rt. No. 1, Reedley
Francis H. Johnson, Box 402, Rt. No. 5, Visalia
Joe Landolt, Box 202, Rt. No. 1, Turlock
Manuel Frank Tristao, Box 532, Rt. No. 4, Visalia
Richard William Weening, 697 Waterman Ave., San Bernardino

Connecticut

Stanley E. Gilnack, Manchester Rd., R.F.D., Glastonbury

Florida

Buford O'Farrell, Box 148, Rt. 1, Atmore

Georgia

Billy Emerson Ash, Oliver
Ralph Crawford, Jr., Rayle
Dan Allen Dixon, Star Rte., Clarkesville
Franklin Walker, Milan
Jack E. Webb, R.F.D. No. 2, Boston

Idaho

Heber Avon Packard, Box 605, Meridian

Illinois

John S. Fisher, R.F.D. No. 2, Aledo
Fred Frank, R.R. No. 3, Springfield
Robert H. Gillis, R.R. No. 4, Bloomington
William G. McDonald, R.R. No. 1, Winnebago
Harold Lee Miller, Box 69, R.R. No. 1, Belleville
John Murray, R.R. No. 4, Champaign
Keith F. Schertz, R.F.D., Benson
Gerald S. Stuff, Hillcrest Farm, Dixon
Bill Williams, Pawnee
Robert G. Willrett, Malta

Indiana

Francis Reed Howell, R.R. No. 2, Salem
Charles Ellis Wilson, R.R. No. 2, Peru

Iowa

Melvin Dale Dreessen, Sibley
Wendall Arlo Nilson, Hawarden
Vincent A. Otis, Forest City
Kenneth R. Parrett, R.R. No. 2, Batavia

Kansas

Frederick Kissinger, R.R. No. 2, Ottawa
Allen Windhorst, Wells

Kentucky

G. W. Bryant, Rt. No. 2, Anchorage
Joseph Brown Edelen, Vine Grove
Harry C. Emmick, R.F.D. No. 1, Lewisport
Guy S. Howard, Calhoun
Randall Miller, Ekron
Paul H. Smart, R.F.D. No. 4, Versailles

Louisiana

Harold Benoit, Opelousas
 Gustave R. Breaux, Jr., R.F.D. No. 1, Port Barre
 Ewell Paul Roy, Box 6317, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

Maine

Rodney O. Martin, Gorham

Michigan

Leonard Johnson, Jr., R.F.D., Charlotte
 Edward A. Poole, Deckerville
 Harold Herman Rindfleisch, Rt. No. 1, Williamston
 Dale Rosel, R.R. No. 2, Conklin
 Merlyn R. Swab, Rt. No. 4, Mason
 Wendell Lynwood Wilk, 821 Wright Ave., Alma

Minnesota

Kernel Knudson, Hartland
 Earl William Lenz, Renville
 William P. Schafer, R.F.D. No. 1, Stillwater

Mississippi

Marvin Latrelle Bush, Rt. No. 1, Laurel
 James Clark, Rt. No. 2, Sweatman
 William Henry Morgan, Jr., Morgan City
 Joe B. Thompson, Bassfield
 Dalton Windham, Duck Hill

Missouri

Herbert Arthur Covey, Princeton
 Ben Wood Jones, Dawn
 Robert E. King, R.F.D. No. 2, Warrenton
 Richard Larson, Rt. No. 1, Carl Junction
 Hubert L. Shouse, Weston
 Jerry Earl Stephens, Lutesville
 Jack Lynn Taylor, Rt. No. 2, Spickard

Montana

George Herbert Fisser, Sidney
 Bob French, Medicine Lake

Nebraska

Robert E. Beck, Rt. No. 2, Fremont
 Bernard Dale Laue, Rt. No. 4, Kearney
 Howard R. Vogel, R.F.D. No. 1, Nebraska City

Nevada

Dennis O. Heitman, Gardnerville

New Hampshire

Leander E. Hardy, R.F.D. No. 1, Derry Village

New Jersey

Edward C. Flitcraft, Box 606, Woodstown

New Mexico

Elton Kirchmeier, McAlister

New York

J. Carl Barbic, Dorloo
 William H. Bates, New Hampton
 Ralph Edwin Bowerman, Macedon
 Roger Gleason, Groton
 Glenn W. Olney, Victor

North Carolina

Burris Collins Blake, Box 158, Rt. No. 1, Stedman
 James Robertson Hobson, Boonville
 Charles Don Koontz, Rt. No. 4, Lexington
 George Willard Sledge, Rt. No. 2, Nashville
 John Bruce Stinson, Rt. No. 1, Boonville
 Russell Linville Taylor, Rutherfordton
 Jack Neal Williams, Barnardsville
 George Robert Wilson, R.F.D. No. 5, Dunn
 Homer Younts, Rt. No. 2, Lexington

North Dakota

Harvey Dean Tallackson, Grafton

Ohio

Edward E. Behm, R.R. No. 2, Bloomville
 James Lawrence Dittman, Elmore
 Tim Evans, Gallipolis
 Lloyd E. Householder, R.R. No. 1, Bremen
 Lawrence Howard McClarren, R.R. No. 1, Delta
 Philip Shober, R.R. No. 1, McCutchenville
 Cloyd P. Waltz, Van Wert

Oklahoma

Don Hutcheson Dennis, Grady
 Richard Every, Kingfisher
 Gene Fillmore, Rt. No. 1, Cushing

Emil Lee Grieser, R.R. No. 1, Hobart
 Ralph Hansens, Kingfisher
 Kenneth Richard Pults, Rt. No. 5, Shawnee
 Fred Taylor, Kingfisher

Oregon

John F. Grenz, Rt. No. 2, Albany
 Bob E. Taylor, Grants Pass

Pennsylvania

Joseph Brown, Fawn Grove
 William G. Carlin, R.D. No. 4, Coatesville
 Robert Coleman, R.D., Birchardville
 Frank McClellan Cooper, R.D. No. 2 Slipperry Rock
 Paul Raymond Everett, Kunkletown
 Elwood F. Keefer, R.D. No. 2, Lewisburg
 Edward Julius Keller, R.D. No. 1, Clark's Summit

South Carolina

Jesse Adams, Jr., Rt. No. 1, McColl
 W. Kent Brockman, Woodruff
 Charles Oscar Pepper, Rt. No. 4, Easley
 Billie Phillips, Rt. No. 1, Woodruff

South Dakota

William Canfield Buller, Brookings

Tennessee

Lelyette Bryan, Rt. No. 1, Norene
 Hugh Brown Gwynn, Martha
 William Douglas Harris, Chapel Hill
 Harold L. Nitzschke, Burrville
 John V. Snodgrass, Jr., Sparta
 Jack Warren Thompson, Watertown
 Billie Wilson, Rt. No. 2, Hickman

Texas

Marvin L. Adcock, Victoria
 Doyle Curry, Rt. No. 1, Ropesville
 Durward Feaster, Rt. No. 1, Italy
 Charles Fehler, Jr., Clifton
 George Allen Holekamp, Kerrville
 Roy E. Hranicky, Orange Grove
 George Willis Hughes, Rt. No. 1, Loraine
 Billy Alvin Johnson, Rt. No. 4, Kaufman
 Dwane Jones, Spring Lake
 Keesey Hal Kimball, Box 597, Alpine
 Brody Lee Koon, Brashear
 Joe T. Lane, Box 509, Alpine

A. L. Lyde, Jr., Rt. B, Henrietta
 John McDowell, Rt. No. 2, Shamrock
 Harold Norvell, Burnet
 Clarence Oswalt, Rt. No. 5, Lubbock
 Aime Frank Real, Kerrville
 Ernest Wayne Summers, Bellevue
 Charles W. Upton, Tokio

Utah

James H. Day, Draper
 Louis Hart Gardner, Venice
 Theo McKean, Birdseye

Vermont

Frederick Cornelius Kinsey, Jr., Box 411, Barton

Virginia

Joseph Alexander Barlow, Jr., Shumansville
 David S. Farmer, Jr., R.F.D. No. 1, Box 314, Halifax
 Galen Flora, Boones Mill
 Edward Goode, Ferrum
 J. L. Hopkins, McGaheysville
 William Robert Perrow, Concord Depot
 J. Claude Whitmore, Jr., Wakefield

Washington

E. Eugene Barnhart, Rt. No. 3, Ellensburg
 Blaine W. Hinderer, Rt. No. 2, Pullman
 Donald Edward Kane, Box 40-A, Rt. No. 1, Ridgefield

West Virginia

Gus Ruben Douglass, Jr., Grimms Landing
 Dan F. Folk, R.F.D. No. 3, Martinsburg
 Burl Swisher, Rt. No. 1, Jane Lew

Wisconsin

Laurence Harold Bradley, Box 17, R.R. No. 1, Pickett
 Elmer H. Marth, R.R. No. 1, Jackson
 Vernon S. Miller, Lodi
 Charles F. North, Box 441, Rt. No. 1, Burlington
 Burt Edward Posorske, Rt. No. 1, Berlin
 Victor F. Rehr, Rt. No. 1, Ableman
 Donald Henry Schnell, Forest Junction
 Henry P. Voigtlander, Jr., Curtiss

Wyoming

Clifton R. Smith, Powell

(Honorary American Farmer Candidates)

Russell A. Firestone, Assistant Treasurer, Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

Walter F. George, Member of the United States Senate, Vienna, Georgia.

John L. McCaffrey, President, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Wheeler McMillen, Editor-in-Chief, The "Farm Journal," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

M. D. Mobley, State Director of Vocational Education, Atlanta, Georgia.

Robert H. Reed, Editor, "Country Gentleman," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Roy J. Turner, President, American Hereford Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

H. L. Fagan, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, DeLand, Florida.

Charles O. Neel, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Versailles, Kentucky.

K. D. Chandler, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Jasper, Texas.

Robert Dahle, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Ferron, Utah.

The American Farmer Ceremony was presented by the National Officers. It was moved by Higbee of Illinois that the candidates be unanimously accepted as American Farmers; motion seconded by Lynn of Wyoming and carried. Executive Secretary Tenney read the list of American Farmers, a total of 178, as each came forward for his key and certificate, together with a \$25.00 check as a gift from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 o'clock with the closing ceremony.

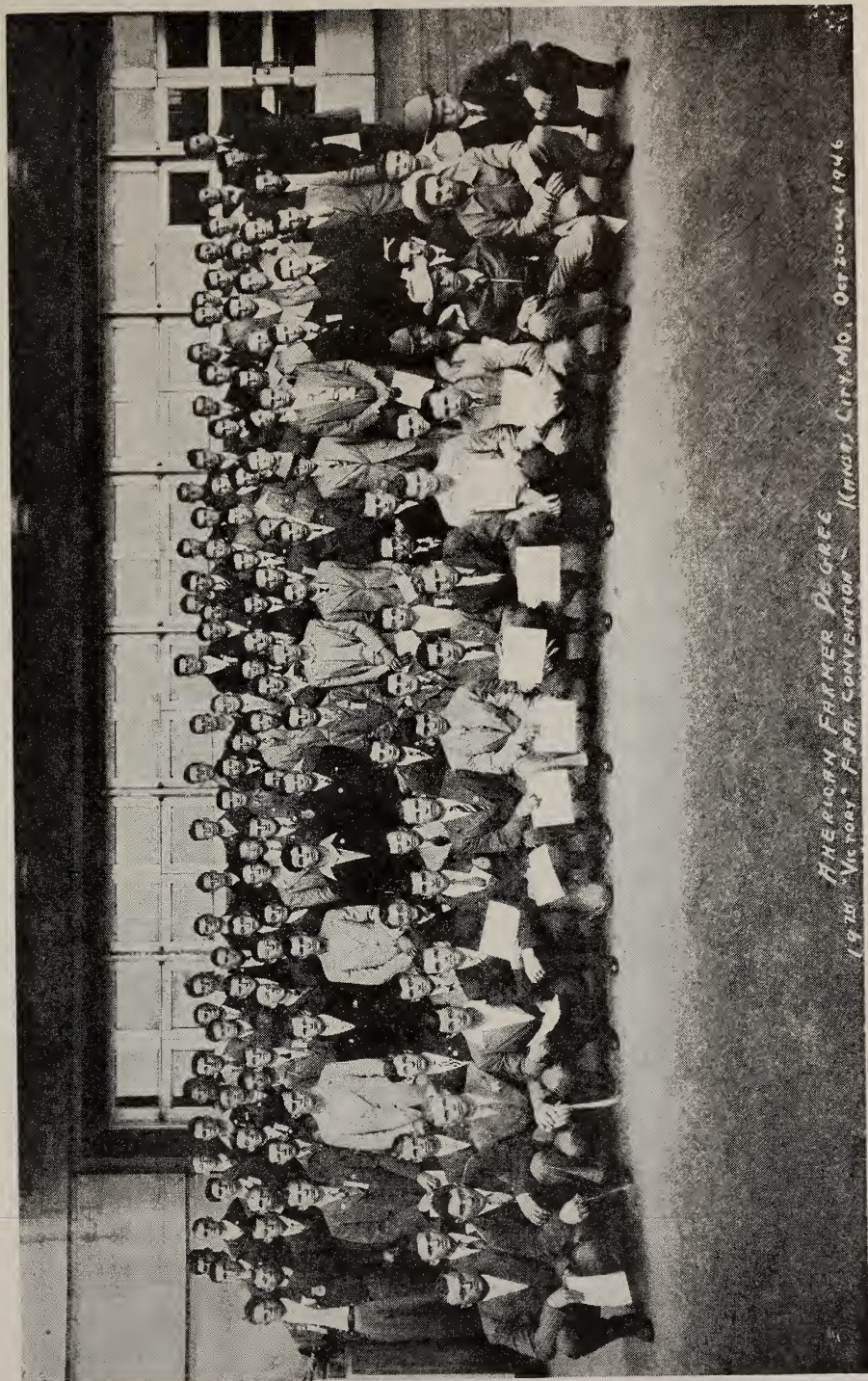
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1946**Morning Session**

The third session of the convention was called to order at 9 o'clock by President Stuff. Following the opening ceremony the Albany, Oregon F.F.A. Chapter orchestra presented several numbers.

Dr. R. W. Gregory, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational Education of the U. S. Office of Education, presented a very inspiring address.

The next order of business was amendments to the national constitution and by-laws. Driggers of South Carolina moved to amend Article III, Membership, Section B, "Active Membership" to read as follows:

"Any male student not over twenty-five 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



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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; *or until he may become twenty-one years of age, whichever length of time is grèater.* No individual, however, may retain his active membership beyond his twenty-fifth birthday." Motion was seconded by Ajifu of Hawaii and carried.

It was moved by Tart of North Carolina to amend the By-Laws, Article 1. Duties of the National Officers, Section G. "The Treasurer" by striking out the last sentence entirely and substituting the following: "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 July of each year and ending the following thirtieth day of June of the next succeeding year"; motion seconded by Buren Jackson of Arkansas and carried.

The Browning, Montana F.F.A. Chapter, composed almost entirely of Blackfeet Indians presented a most interesting Tribal Dance—the Buffalo Grass Dance.

At this time representatives of three major farm organizations were presented and each gave an interesting talk. These men were: Mr. H. E. Slusher, President, Missouri Farm Bureau, representing the American Farm Bureau Federation; Mr. Quentin Reynolds, National President, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; and Mr. Carl S. Cogswell, Master, Kansas State Grange, representing the National Grange. Mr. E. K. Dean, President, Kansas Farmers Union, was unable to be present.

President Stuff asked all Past National F.F.A. Officers in the audience to come to the platform, introduce themselves, and tell the delegates and audience something about their present programs. Those present were: Ivan Kindschi, Marshall, Wisconsin, National President in 1940; Byron Freeman, Westboro, Missouri, National Student Secretary in 1944; Robert Barthelmess, Olive, Montana, National 4th Vice President in 1944; Arthur Clifford, Bristol, Vermont, National 3rd Vice President in 1944; Beverley Roller, Weyers Cave, Virginia, National 1st Vice President in 1944; Bill Stiers, Alexandria, Ohio, National 1st Vice President in 1938; Elmer Johnson, Winchester, New Hampshire, National 4th Vice President in 1939; D. Harold Prichard, Boonville, Mississippi, National President in 1941; Sigvald Sandberg, Ortonville, Minnesota, National 1st Vice President in 1945; Julius Black, Ames, Iowa, National Student Secretary in 1936; and Edgar Spiekerman, Goldendale, Washington, National 4th Vice President in 1940. The past officers introduced their wives who were in the audience.

Following the closing ceremony, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

(NOTE: Tuesday afternoon was spent at the American Royal Livestock Show.)

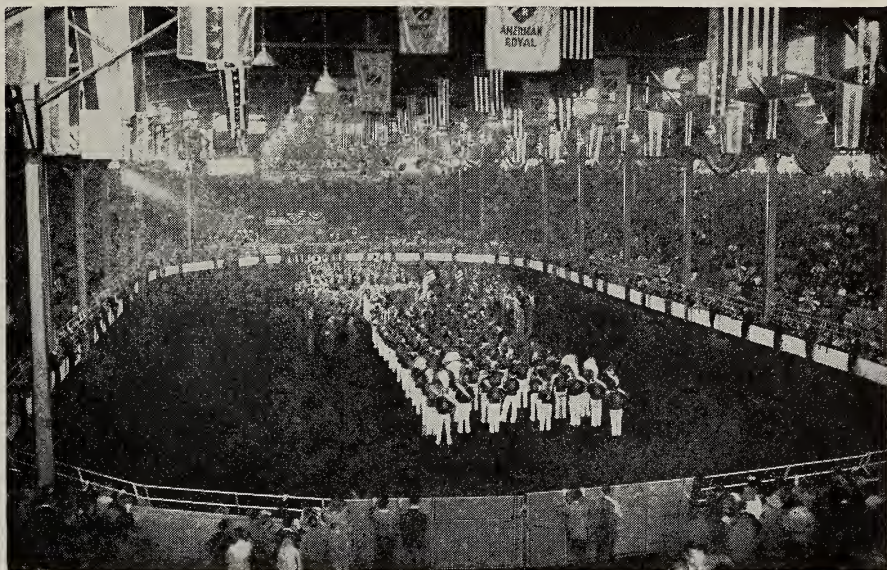
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1946**Morning Session**

The fourth session was called to order at 9 A. M. by President Stuff.

The Utah State F.F.A. Band presented a concert.

Following the opening ceremony telegrams were read from Marvin A. Jagels; East Aurora, New York Future Homemakers of America; Earl Dean; and the Executive Board, Western New York, Home Economics Association. President Stuff extended a greeting to the convention from Past National Executive Secretary W. A. Ross.

The first item of business was amendments to the By-Laws. Jensen of Missouri moved to amend Article VI, "Procedure for Determining Standing of State Associations, Chapters, and Members," paragraph 3, by striking out all of the second part of the paragraph and substituting the following: "In case any association is not in



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good standing at the time of the opening of 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 by action of the National Board of Trustees not earlier than ten days after the close of the national convention during which it was not in good standing"; motion seconded by Meggitt of Ohio and carried.

It was moved by Taylor of Oregon to amend paragraph 3 of Article VI by striking out all of the second part of the paragraph and substituting the following: "In case any local chapter is not in good standing with a State association at the time of the opening of 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 re-instated by action of the State executive committee not earlier than ten days after the closing date of the State convention during which it was not in good standing"; motion seconded by Jackson of Arkansas and carried.

It was moved by Hansen of Nevada to reject the amendment to Article VII, "Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the American Farmer Degree", Section A, which stated that State associations may submit annually two candidates for each 1,000 active members of the Association; motion seconded by Cinnamon of Oklahoma. Following a lengthy discussion Fisser of Montana moved the previous question; motion seconded by Schertz of Illinois and carried. The motion was put to a vote and rejected by a vote of 72 to 18.

The next order of business was the preparation of a small F.F.A. exhibit. It was moved by Morgan of Mississippi that a proper exhibit be made, to be in possession of the national organization for use wherever it is requested; motion seconded by Douglass of West Virginia. It was moved by Heitman of Nevada to amend the motion by adding that the Board of Trustees have the power to appropriate any amount of money they see fit for this exhibit; motion seconded by Vogel of Nebraska and carried. The motion as amended was voted on and carried.

It was moved by Jackson of Arkansas that records of the convention highlights be made for sale to State associations and local chapters; motion seconded by Cinnamon of Oklahoma and carried.

It was moved by Cook of West Virginia that a national F.F.A. band, composed of two boys from each State association, be organized; motion seconded by Lewis of Vermont and carried.

It was moved by Douglass of West Virginia that the F.F.A. continue to support the F.F.A. Foundation; motion seconded by Blake of Washington. Following a discussion it was moved by Johnson of Florida to amend that motion by saying that the national

organization contribute \$1,000 to the Foundation and that the delegates recommend that State Associations collect and contribute \$1.00 per chapter for the Foundation; motion seconded by Taylor of Oregon and carried. The motion as amended was put to a vote and carried.

First Vice President Beard took the chair and President Stuff asked for a special privilege. The delegates arose as President Stuff escorted his parents to the platform. Following their introduction President Stuff resumed the chair.

The next order of business was a discussion of official F.F.A. merchandise by representatives of various companies. Mr. Walter B. Anderson of the L. G. Balfour Company; Mr. Gerald Bray of the French-Bray Printing Company; Mr. W. M. Tolan of the Universal Uniform Company; and Mr. M. T. Warner of the Staunton Novelty Company were present and addressed the delegates.

Band selections were played by the Pennsylvania State F.F.A. Band.

President Stuff announced to the delegates that President Harry S. Truman had been invited to the Victory Convention but because of pressing business was unable to attend. The following letter was received by Stuff:

"The White House
Washington, D. C.
October 10, 1946

"To the Future Farmers of America:

"I regret not being able to visit your national Victory Convention as I had planned. Your work is closely associated in my mind with the Victory your convention is celebrating and with the Nation's continuing effort to bridge the gap between world food supplies and requirements.

"As students and leaders of scientific agriculture, I am sure you will contribute much to the fulfillment of our National objective—good nutrition for all.

"There is a special need now for all concerned with agriculture to devote an increasing amount of attention to the improvement of markets and the maintenance of economic health so that our distribution system can match our expanding productivity. Let us work not only for full production, but also a balance between production and demand.

"The Nation continues to place great faith in the Future Farmers of America."

(Signed) Harry S. Truman

At this time the Victory Pageant was presented. The Future Farmers of America's contribution to the war effort was depicted in this Pageant as representatives of all 49 State associations came forward with samples of their State's outstanding agricultural product, told of the production of that product during the war years, and placed the sample on the huge "V" on the stage. Ray Tucker of Antlers, Oklahoma played the part of "Uncle Sam" and O. Beverley Roller, Past National Officer, played the part of the farm boy.

Dr. L. H. Dennis, Executive Secretary of the American Vocational Association presented a very inspiring address.

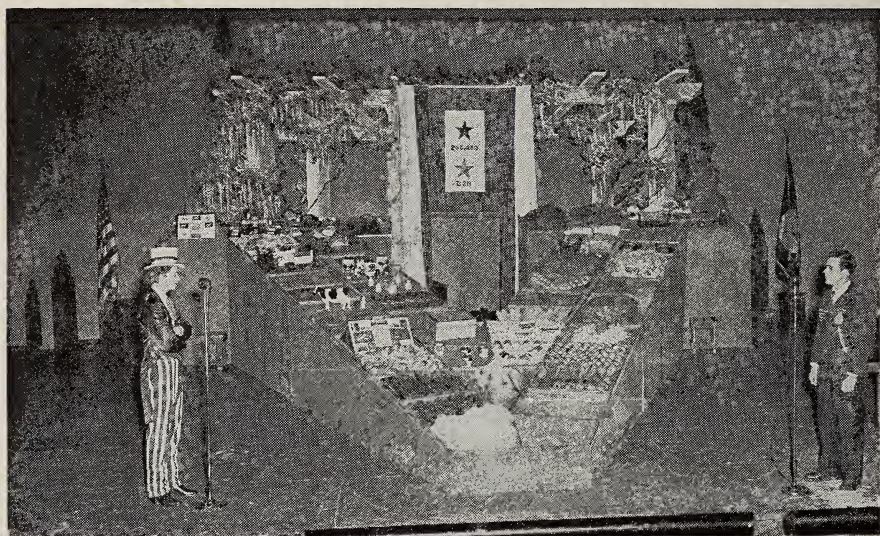
Following the closing ceremony, the meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock.

(NOTE: The afternoon session was spent in committee work.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1946

Morning Session

The sixth session of the Future Farmers of America Victory Convention was called to order at 9:15 A. M., President Stuff presiding. Following the opening ceremony President Stuff introduced Mr. E. L. Bakken, National Director of Rural Scouting, Boy Scouts of America, who presented an interesting address.



THE VICTORY F.F.A. PAGEANT

RAY TUCKER of Antlers, Oklahoma played the part of "Uncle Sam" and O. BEVERLEY ROLLER, Weyers Cave, Virginia, *National 1st Vice President* in 1943-44, served as interlocutor.

The first order of business for the day was committee reports. Sessions of Idaho presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Johnson of Arizona and carried.

Johnson of Florida presented the report of the Committee on Proceedings and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Manley of Kentucky and carried.

Morgan of Mississippi presented the report of the Committee on 1946-47 National Program of Work and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Higbee of Illinois and carried.

The rules were suspended and Johnson of Arizona extended an invitation to all members and chapters to visit Arizona on their summer trips. The Arizona Association will plan tours for F.F.A. members.

The next item of business was special reports. Executive Secretary Tenney presented a report on the National F.F.A. Camp and moved its adoption; motion was seconded by Sessions of Idaho and carried.

The rules were suspended and Executive Secretary Tenney presented Mr. William J. Huff, Director of Public Relations and Information for the Future Farmers of America to the delegates. Mr. Huff said a few words of greeting.

Secretary Getto read a telegram from W. David Walker, past National First Vice President, who is now at West Point, United States Military Academy.

Johnson of Arizona presented the report of the Committee on Famine Emergency and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Driggers of South Carolina and carried. President Stuff, Vice President Baumgardner, and Student Secretary Getto gave a brief report on their attendance at the Youth United for Famine Relief Committee meeting, which was held in Washington, D. C.

William H. Morgan, Jr., of Mississippi presented a most inspiring address on his trip to Greece. Bill was selected as one of the representatives of Mississippi to help deliver a boat load of cattle, donated by Mississippians, to the starving peoples of Greece.

Hansen of Utah presented the report of the Committee on 1946-47 American Farmer applications and moved its adoption; motion seconded by McAmis of Tennessee and carried.

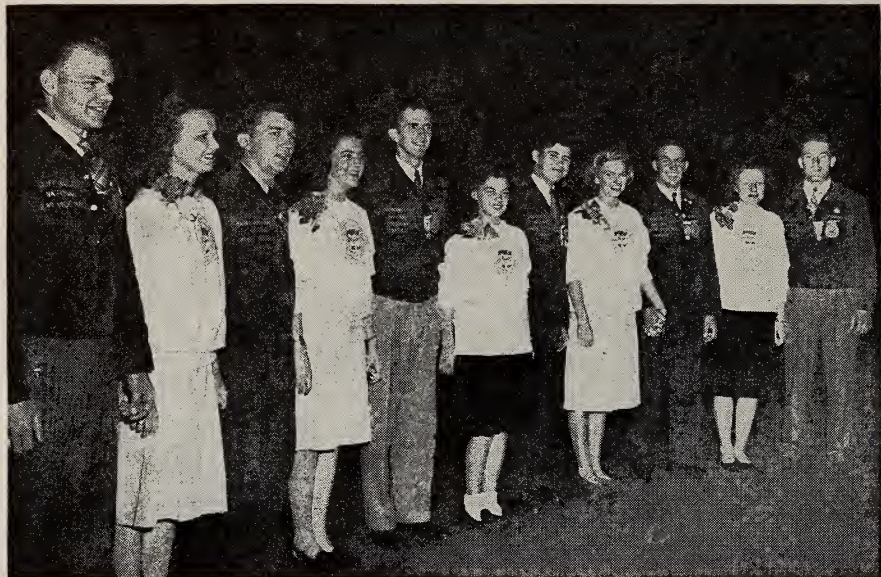
Bruhn of North Dakota presented the report of the Committee on the 1946-47 National Public Speaking Contest and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Emmett of Wyoming and carried.

Tapley of Maine presented the report of the Committee on 1946-47 National Chapter Contest and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Goode of Virginia. Branch of Mississippi moved to amend the report by striking out the words: "No chapter can be awarded a gold emblem for more than two consecutive years"; motion seconded by Harper of Louisiana. After a short discussion Branch of Mississippi moved the previous question; motion seconded by Meggitt of Ohio and carried. The amendment to the report was carried by a vote of 48 to 33. Branch of Mississippi moved to lay the motion as it stands on the table; motion seconded by Meggitt of Ohio and carried.

The Mississippi F.F.A. String Band played several musical selections.

The Future Homemakers of America were introduced to the delegates and red rose corsages were presented to each of the five

girls. They were: Mary Schnell, Vice President of the Central Region; Raye Virginia McCreary, President of the Texas Association; Pat Randolph, Vice President of the Southern Region; Wanda Elliott, President of the Illinois Association; and Jacqueline Brown, National President of the Future Homemakers of America. As the girls were escorted to the platform, the Wisconsin F.F.A. Chorus sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." The girls then sang "Always." Miss Brown delivered greetings from the F.H.A. to the F.F.A.



**NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
AND FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA**

Left to Right—CLIFFORD E. BAILEY, 2nd Vice President; WANDA ELLET, President, Illinois FHA Association; MARION F. BAUMGARDNER, 3rd Vice President; JACQUELINE BROWN, National FHA President; J. GLYNDON STUFF, President; PAT RANDOLPH, Vice President, Southern Region, F.H.A.; JOSEPH E. ESPEY, 4th Vice President; RAYE VIRGINIA MCCREARY, President, Texas FHA Association; VIRGIL GETTO, Student Secretary; MARY SCHNELL, Vice President, Central Region, FHA; and, SHERMAN C. BEARD, Jr., 1st Vice President.

Dr. Hazel Frost, National Adviser and Executive Secretary of the Future Homemakers of America was introduced to the delegates.

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1946
Afternoon Session**

The final session of the Victory Convention was called to order at 2 o'clock, President Stuff presiding.

Following the opening ceremony, the Wisconsin F.F.A. Chorus sang several selections.

Cinnamon of Oklahoma moved to send a token of appreciation to Professor A. P. Davidson of Kansas for all the work he has done for the F.F.A. Due to a serious operation this was the first convention in the history of the organization that Professor Davidson was unable to attend. Motion seconded by Cassidy of Vermont and carried.

Branch of Mississippi moved that the motion on the Chapter Contest be brought from the table; motion seconded by Daggett of Maine and carried. Branch of Mississippi moved the previous question; motion seconded by Schertz of Illinois and carried. The report as amended was put to a vote and carried. Hancock of Texas called for a division of the house. The vote was 62 to 19 for the motion.

Mannon of Virginia presented the report of the Committee on F.F.A. Foundation and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Bellamy of Arkansas and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the budget for 1946-47 and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Mannon of Virginia and carried.

National F.F.A. Budget

NOVEMBER 1, 1946 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1947

Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues	\$21,000.00
Royalties	9,000.00
Camp and Old Mill	1,000.00

Total anticipated revenue \$31,000.00

Estimated Disbursements:

I. Travel	\$ 5,000.00
II. Convention	8,850.00
III. American Farmer Keys	1,800.00
IV. Printing	3,700.00
V. National Office Expense	12,548.00
VI. National Camp and Old Mill	4,210.00

Total estimated disbursements \$36,108.00

Cassidy of Vermont moved that the national dues remain at 10c per member; motion seconded by Lynn of Wyoming and carried.

The rules were suspended and Adviser Spanton introduced Mr. C. L. Greiber, State Director of Vocational Education of Wisconsin and President of the American Vocational Association.

Denman of New Jersey moved that the Board of Trustees be

given authority to act on any business coming between conventions; motion seconded by Turba of Wisconsin and carried.

Lynn of Wyoming moved that the Board of Trustees be given permission to edit all committee reports; motion seconded by Lust of Washington and carried.

Denman of New Jersey presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Fisser of Montana and carried.

Tallackson of North Dakota presented the report of the Committee on Official Merchandise and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Tart of North Carolina and carried.

The next order of business was National Officers' reports and farewell addresses. Vice President Beard assumed the chair. President Stuff presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Jones of Kansas and carried. The President resumed the chair.

First Vice President Beard presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Cassidy of Vermont and carried.

Third Vice President Baumgardner presented his report. It was moved by Mannon of Virginia that the report be accepted; motion seconded by Lewis of Vermont and carried.

Fourth Vice President Espey presented his report. It was moved by Hansen of Nevada that the report be accepted; motion seconded by Sessions of Idaho and carried.

Student Secretary Getto's report was read by President Stuff. Bellamy of Arkansas moved that the report be accepted; motion seconded by Thomas of Kentucky and carried.

The audience arose and heartily applauded the officers who had conducted the Victory Convention so well.

Hamilton of Ohio presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Cassidy of Vermont. Roy of Louisiana presented the name of John Tart of North Carolina as a candidate for Second Vice President. Denman of New Jersey moved that all further nominations for officers be closed; motion seconded by Lewis of Vermont and carried. Denman of New Jersey moved that the committee's report be accepted; motion seconded. After considerable discussion Wirth of Oregon moved the previous question; motion seconded by Johnson of Florida and carried. The motion to accept the report was put to a vote and carried. Denman of New Jersey moved that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for all candidates except the two for Second Vice President; motion seconded by Flitcraft of New Jersey and carried. A lengthy discussion followed until Mannon of Virginia moved that all discussion stop and voting take place; motion seconded by Johnson of Florida and carried. A vote was taken on the two candidates and William H. Morgan, Jr., of Mississippi was elected as National Second Vice President.

The following Student Officers were declared elected as the National Officers for 1946-1947:

PRESIDENT—Gus R. Douglass, Jr., Grimms Landing, West Virginia.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT—Bob E. Taylor, Grants Pass, Oregon.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT—William H. Morgan, Jr., Morgan City, Miss.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT—Paul H. Smart, Versailles, Kentucky.

FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT—J. Carl Barbic, Dorloo, New York.

STUDENT SECRETARY—Philip Shoher, McCutchenville, Ohio.

Past President Stuff turned the gavel over to the new President, Gus R. Douglass, Jr., who introduced his officers and, follow-



1946-47 NATIONAL F.F.A. OFFICERS

Left to Right—W. T. SPANTON, Adviser; A. W. TENNEY, Executive Secretary; PAUL H. SMART, Third Vice-President; WILLIAM H. MORGAN, JR., Second Vice-President; PHILIP SHOHER, Student Secretary; GUS R. DOUGLASS, JR., President; ROBERT E. TAYLOR, First Vice-President; J. CARL BARBIC, Fourth Vice-President; and D. J. HOWARD, Treasurer.

ing their acceptance speeches, he presented each of the past officers with official national officer pins and certificates.

The new officers took their stations.

It was moved by Cassidy of Vermont that a letter of appreciation be sent to the past national officers; motion seconded by Jensen of Missouri and carried.

Lynn of Wyoming moved that a message be sent to Puerto Rico expressing regrets that their delegates and their rhumba band could not be present; motion seconded by Emmett of Wyoming and carried.

The convention was adjourned sine die at 5 o'clock with the regular closing ceremony.

Committee Reports

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN FARMER APPLICATIONS

We, the Committee on 1946-47 American Farmer applications, recommend a number of changes in the American Farmer application blank. For several years the National Advisory Council has interpreted the requirements for the American Farmer Degree. These interpretations have been mimeographed and distributed to the States separate from the American Farmer application blanks. We believe it to be advisable this year to include the interpretations in the application so the candidate will have available all the necessary information as he completes his application. Most of these additions are to be included on page "C".

The Committee further recommends a few minor changes in paging.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE HANSEN, Utah, *Chairman*
WAYNE LYNN, Wyoming
JOE M. BROWN, Pennsylvania
BILLY T. MANLEY, Kentucky
HOWARD VOGEL, Nebraska
BENNIE BOWMAN, Georgia

REPORT OF 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, D. J. Howard.

The committee, in checking over Mr. Howard's records, found that they are complete and in neat order from October 1, 1945 through September 30, 1946; and are in fine shape to be audited by a qualified accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY SESSIONS, Idaho, *Chairman*
EARL E. CROUSE, JR., Massachusetts
JOHN D. LABER, Colorado
RAY GENE CINNAMON, Oklahoma
RALPH AJIFU, Hawaii
JAMES A. GATCHEL, Iowa
RICHARD CASSIDY, Vermont
WILLIAM G. CARLIN, Pennsylvania

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

The National Chapter Contest Committee recommends that the 1946-47 rules and regulations for the National Chapter Contest shall be the same as 1945-46.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN DICKEY, Maine, *Chairman*
BILL EDWARDS, Kansas
DONALD LEWIS, Vermont
FRANCIS VAN SAMBEEK, South Dakota
JOHN ANDREW LANIER, Louisiana
WALTER D. ZALENSKI, Massachusetts
RICHARD STINNETT, Colorado
FRED HANSEN, Nevada

REPORT OF F.F.A. FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

We, the Future Farmers of America Foundation Committee, met Wednesday, October 23, 1946, and carefully and accurately studied and discussed the By-Laws, Program, and Policies of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

We, the Committee, hereby recommend the approval by the assembly of the further development of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

Our further recommendations are:

1. More complete and descriptive literature on the operation and development of the Foundation be presented to F.F.A. chapters, State associations, and other organizations that might be interested.
2. Members receiving Foundation awards should extend their appreciation for such awards to the Foundation donors.

Respectfully submitted,

CARNICE E. MANNON, Virginia, *Chairman*
GORDON BRIGGS, Michigan
D. R. BRANCH, Mississippi
LOYD G. MINOR, South Dakota
QUENTIN BORBA, Oregon
JACKIE BISHOP, New Mexico
KENNETH PULTS, Oklahoma

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FAMINE EMERGENCY

We, the Famine Emergency Committee, go on record as recommending that the delegates and members of State associations and

local chapters organize Youth Famine Emergency Committees in local communities composed of all youth organizations in the community to:

1. *Promote Home Gardens.* By planting crops for home use and canning.
2. *Promote pest eradication campaigns.*
3. *Stress food preservation.* This may be done by more home canning and also by using the facilities of canning centers in the community.
4. *Collect and promote the collection of fats.* This may be done by collecting waste fats in community and sending to local dealers.

Respectfully submitted,
 MARVIN D. JOHNSON, Arizona, *Chairman*
 HAROLD COELHO, California
 E. H. CALL, Idaho
 HAROLD WALDEN, Connecticut
 EDWARD FLITCRAFT, New Jersey
 TED MOE, Michigan
 WILFRID TURBA, Wisconsin
 EDESEL THOMASTON, Alabama
 ALTON DRIGGERS, South Carolina

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

The Official Merchandise Committee wishes to submit the following report for the consideration of the delegates.

After conferring with Mr. W. B. Anderson of the L. G. Balfour Company we recommend:

1. That Green Hand pins be made of bronze.
2. That the type of catch be of former style.
3. That Chapter Farmer pins be silver plate.
4. That hollow ware with F.F.A. emblem be recommended for use as awards or gifts.

After conferring with the representative of the Universal Uniform Company and the representative of the Staunton Novelty Company, we recommend:

1. That the Board of Trustees of the F.F.A. look into the price list of these companies and grant price increases or changes when necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
 HARVEY TALLACKSON, North Dakota, *Chairman*
 JOE BLAKE, Washington
 BUREN JACKSON, Arkansas
 JAMES HANCOCK, Texas
 KEITH F. SCHERTZ, Illinois
 CHARLES WELCH, New Hampshire

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for national F.F.A. offices for the year 1946-47. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....Gus R. Douglass, West Virginia
 First Vice President.....Robert Taylor, Oregon
 Second Vice President...William H. Morgan, Jr., Mississippi
 Third Vice President.....Paul H. Smart, Kentucky
 Fourth Vice President.....Carl Barbic, New York
 Student Secretary.....Philip Shober, Ohio
 Treasurer.....D. J. Howard, Virginia
 Executive Secretary.....A. W. Tenney, Washington, D. C.
 Adviser.....W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH L. HAMILTON, Ohio, *Chairman*

BOB F. JONES, Kansas

RICHARD MORGAN, South Carolina

WILLIAM P. SCHAFER, Minnesota

MARVIN KRULL, Wisconsin

BILLY BELLAMY, Arkansas

GEORGE WILLIAM REITER, Montana

CHARLES LUST, Washington

WENDELL PURINGTON, New Hampshire

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROCEEDINGS

We, the Committee on Proceedings, for 1946, hereby submit the following report:

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

1. Include these pictures:
 Victory Pageant
 Memorial Service
 All Award winners
 Parade at American Royal
 State Bands and Chorus
2. Include the stories of all award winners and of the Borgstrom family.
3. Design the cover to fit the theme "Victory Convention".

We also give the Board of Trustees the power to make any

changes that they see fit.

Respectfully submitted,
 SANDY JOHNSON, Florida, *Chairman*
 JOHN GARRETT, Arizona
 DON CHAMBERS, California
 GEORGE BORSOTTI, Connecticut
 FLOYD VOORHEES, New York
 DICK HIGBEE, Illinois
 FRED SIELING, Minnesota
 CARL WATSON, Alabama
 TOM MCAMIS, Tennessee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 1946-47 PROGRAM OF WORK

We, the Committee on 1946-47 Program of Work, being fully aware of the absolute necessity for keeping the F.F.A. a live and active organization contributing the utmost in the reconversion, recommend the following activities, goals and ways and means for 1946-47:

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for post-war demands	100% member participation	a. Assist in increasing production of food commodities as recommended by the Secretary of Agriculture. b. Use improved farming methods. c. Arrange for adequate credits in order to achieve these goals. d. Produce more agricultural products for home consumption.
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	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.
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	a. Use improved breeding and feeding practices. b. Urge 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.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	f. Urge treatment of seeds to prevent diseases. g. Encourage improvement of soil fertility. a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Urge humane and practical stock devices made as farm mechanics projects. c. When necessary urge vaccination of livestock to prevent diseases.

II. COOPERATION

1. Cooperating with other groups on readjustment	100% chapter participation	a. Assist where possible with all governmental agencies in readjustment effort. b. Cooperate with other organizations in the community.
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities. b. Urge members to buy and sell cooperatively. c. Urge chapters to promote cooperative enterprises.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Assisting returning servicemen	100% member and chapter participation	a. Help organize part-time classes and evening schools. b. Secure information concerning Government aid for returning veterans. c. Encourage veterans to attend F.F.A. meetings. d. Encourage eligible veterans to resume active membership. e. Every chapter post an honor scroll of members that have been, or are, in the armed forces.
2. Assisting with farm labor shortage	100% chapter participation	a. Chapters assist in the training of inexperienced laborers to do farm work. b. Encourage members to make the best possible use of machinery and labor.
3. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery	100% 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.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
4. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State associations with safety programs	<p>d. Assist agriculture instructors in farm machinery repair courses for farmers.</p> <p>a. Cooperate with agencies promoting safety.</p> <p>b. Encourage books on first aid and safety in chapter libraries.</p> <p>c. Encourage chapter discussions and demonstrations on fire prevention.</p> <p>d. Encourage members to enroll in first aid courses.</p> <p>e. Secure and distribute material on farm fire prevention.</p> <p>f. Encourage safety campaigns at home, on highways, in the shop, and in fields against fire and other destructive forces.</p> <p>g. Urge every chapter to have available first aid measures.</p> <p>h. Publicize safety programs.</p> <p>i. Urge that safety devices be kept in place on farm machines.</p>
5. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	<p>a. Urge cooperation with various conservation agencies.</p> <p>b. Emphasize the need for conservation on both chapters and individuals.</p> <p>c. Discourage unnecessary use of rubber, metals, and other vital materials.</p> <p>d. Soil conservation by crop rotation and cover crops.</p>
6. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	<p>a. Encourage all members and chapters to discover needed repairs and undertake same.</p> <p>b. Encourage chapters to provide cooperatively available materials needed for home maintenance.</p>
7. Salvaging needed materials	100% member and chapter participation	<p>a. Arrange chapter campaigns for systematic collection of needed materials.</p> <p>b. Impress members and chapters to encourage conservation.</p> <p>c. Urge every State to set up definite goals.</p>

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge careful and early explanation of progressive features of degree work to Green Hands and members and plan long-time farming programs. b. Encourage members to keep scrap book records of their achievements. c. Urge each State to provide uniform State Farmer application blank. d. Emphasize early submission of American Farmer Degree applications.
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare and distribute suggested list of books for F.F.A. chapters. b. Send out suggestions on establishing and maintaining libraries. c. Suggest discussion of chapter libraries at leadership training schools and conferences.
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage every chapter to hold a contest with a high percentage of members participating. b. Stress the value of participation to the individuals regardless of prizes or honors. c. Encourage districts to participate in State contest. d. Encourage all States to participate in regional contest.
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge individual members to study parliamentary procedure. b. Encourage chapter discussion of parliamentary procedure. c. Encourage local parliamentary procedure demonstrations and contests. d. Urge chapters to include at least one book on parliamentary procedure in chapter library. e. Recommend parliamentary procedure contest be set up on national basis.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage more carefully built programs and closer attention to them. b. Urge special emphasis on program building in leadership schools. c. Print and distribute the national program of work immediately following the National Convention. d. Encourage more chapters to compete in National Chapter Contest. e. Adapt programs of work to reconversion.
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage the maintenance of State F.F.A. publications. b. Encourage exchange of State publications with other associations. c. Offer constructive suggestions on improving present publications. d. Include in publications copies of winning State and national F.F.A. speeches of the year. e. Serve as media of information of national organization activities. f. Include helpful agricultural hints.
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage State and district leadership training schools and conferences. b. Encourage States to provide leadership training in connection with State meetings. c. Encourage all chapters to provide at least one leadership school or conference during the year. d. Urge special leadership training school for State officers. e. Provide special leadership training school for national officers.
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage more extensive and regular use of local, county, and State newspapers by chapters and State associations. b. Secure more articles in national magazines.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Buying Victory bonds and stamps	100% of chapters participating in Victory Bond Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Urge taking of more and better pictures of F.F.A. work for use as illustrations. d. Encourage States and chapters to provide radio broadcasts where possible. e. Encourage wider use of windshield stickers. f. Continue to maintain contact with such organizations as the New Farmers of America and other organizations patterned after the F.F.A. g. Each chapter sponsor at least one decorated window display per year in a downtown section. h. Keep in touch with former F.F.A. members. i. Encourage the use of official F.F.A. uniforms by members. j. National organization put on F.F.A. exhibits.
2. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Send out U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to make purchases. b. Suggest member savings and chapter accumulations be used for purchases. c. Urge State associations and chapters to put on drives to encourage members and others to buy Victory bonds and stamps. d. Recommend Victory bonds and stamps as awards in the F.F.A. contests. e. Stimulate interest in regular systematic savings for all. f. Encourage chapter members to earn money cooperatively to help finance chapter activities. g. Urge every State association and chapter to have a budget and safeguard its funds. h. Encourage members to invest earnings in productive enterprises, Victory stamps and bonds. i. Urge every chapter to operate a thrift bank. j. Encourage individuals to earn and save money.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Using Official Manuals	100% of members having access to Official Manuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge State associations to secure Manuals in quantities for distribution and sale to chapters. b. Emphasize the need for having up-to-date Manuals with which to work. c. Urge that new Manuals be included in every chapter library. d. Urge discussion of revised 1946 constitution at chapter meetings and conventions. e. Urge each Green Hand to own a Manual. f. Urge study of Manual as phase of leadership training schools and conferences. g. Urge individual members to study and be familiar with Official Manual.
2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer books	100% of chapters using both books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Call further attention to the value of these books. b. Urge filing copies of completed books as permanent chapter records. c. Urge discussion of both books at chapter meetings and at leadership training schools and conferences. d. Urge well kept books. e. Encourage each chapter to keep a scrap book.
3. Providing official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Send out lists with information on how and where to obtain. b. Stress loyalty to the national organization and urge the use of official materials. c. Urge discussion of standard materials at leadership training schools. d. Point out advantages in patronizing official companies.
4. Using Official ceremonies	100% of the chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge that all officers learn their parts and that ceremonies be rehearsed. b. Suggest special training on ceremonies for new officers. c. Recommend discussing the meaning and significance of ceremonies at chapter meetings and leadership schools.

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

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

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

1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Organize athletic teams and encourage chapter and district competition. b. Sponsor parent and son banquets. c. Cooperate with home economics department and all related school organizations. d. Organize supervised camping trips and encourage establishment of State camps. e. Cooperate with the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency.
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Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Day	100% of State associations participating	f. Sponsor recreation programs in local community. a. Set aside first day of convention as National F.F.A. Day. b. Send out suggested materials for F.F.A. Day programs.
3. Maintaining National Camp	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition	a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp. b. Urge eligible members to attend National Camp.
IX. GENERAL		
1. Maintaining membership	250,000 active members	a. Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture. b. 100% membership in F.F.A. of boys enrolled in all-day classes. c. Retain 75% of graduated members for three years after graduation. d. Urge full payment of national dues on the part of all associations on or before June 30. e. Encourage establishment of collegiate chapter in every recognized teacher training department.

Respectfully submitted,
 WILLIAM H. MORGAN, JR., Mississippi, *Chairman*
 HERBERT FISSER, Montana
 DENNIS HEITMAN, Nevada
 JACK WEBB, Delaware
 WESLEY JENSEN, Missouri
 MAX COBBLE, Tennessee
 JAMES WILFORD SPIVEY, Louisiana

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

1. That an appropriation of \$10,000 by the National F.F.A. organization be budgeted the same as last year.
2. Every local chapter and State association be encouraged to work in every way possible in making contacts with local papers and magazines in their areas in furnishing them with information for publications of their respective programs, accomplishments and activities.

3. The national office prepare a public relations guide for use by State associations and local chapters.
4. Encourage State associations, and especially local papers, to put on and sponsor radio programs.
5. It is recommended that a committee be appointed to look into possibilities of publishing a national magazine and report on it at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees and then to the National Convention delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

BILLY JOE THOMAS, Kentucky, *Chairman*

LEWIS J. RASHFORD, New York

PHILIP W. PIERSON, Delaware

JIMMIE N. MEDLOCK, New Mexico

BOB TAYLOR, Oregon

CHARLES WILSON, Indiana

CHARLEY BRIDGES, Missouri

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

We, the Committee on the National Public Speaking Contest, having carefully reviewed the present rules and regulations can see no need for immediate changes, additions, or alterations.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY BRUHN, North Dakota, *Chairman*

TED GREEN, Iowa

WILLIAM MEGGITT, Ohio

WILLIAM READ PORTER, Georgia

CHARLES W. MOUNCE, Hawaii

ELWOOD EMMETT, Wyoming

GUS DOUGLASS, West Virginia

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions for 1946, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following persons and organizations and especially to the 19th Convention thereof:

1. To the 1945-46 National Officers and the 19th National Convention Committees for their excellent efforts in making this year and this convention the most successful.
2. To the members of the Kansas City Advisory Committee for their splendid work in making this year another historic milestone in the progress of the F.F.A.
3. To Mr. W. A. Cochel, and the *Weekly Kansas City Star* for their liberal support in providing appropriate prizes

to Star Farmers.

4. To Mr. J. A. Linke for his special award to the chapter from which the Star Farmer of America was chosen.
5. To all railroads and their representatives who are encouraging F.F.A. efforts and offering valuable educational awards.
6. To Mr. W. E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City, for his most hearty and warming welcome.
7. To the businessmen and officials, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City for their efforts in making this a most enjoyable trip to Kansas City and for various services rendered.
8. To the States visited by our National Officers for their assistance in making these trips possible.
9. To all companies who assisted in supplying general merchandise, banners, rings, emblems, stationery, etc.
10. To all companies and organizations who participated in furnishing entertainment to members of our F.F.A.
11. To all judges and members of the F.F.A. who participated in the Public Speaking Contest and National Chapter Contest.
12. To the Utah State Band, Pennsylvania State Band, Mississippi String Band, Wisconsin Chorus, Browning, Montana Chapter, Albany, Oregon Chapter, Shawnee-Mission Kansas Chapter, and all people who participated in talent shows and Victory Pageant.
13. To all organizations and companies from whom this 1945-46 National Convention has benefited.
14. To all magazines who have devoted space to the F.F.A.
15. To all hotels and other housing facilities who have accommodated our F.F.A. representatives.
16. To all secretaries who have assisted in our 1945-46 convention.
17. To all honor guests to the Victory Convention.
18. To those Future Farmers of America who are in the armed forces and those who have made the supreme sacrifice, our hearts' most sincere thanks for keeping up the standards of the F.F.A.
19. To all donors of prizes not previously mentioned and to

all other individuals serving the F.F.A. and assisting with the Nineteenth National Convention.

The committee gives the Board of Trustees the right to add any resolutions they see fitting.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER T. DENMAN, New Jersey, *Chairman*

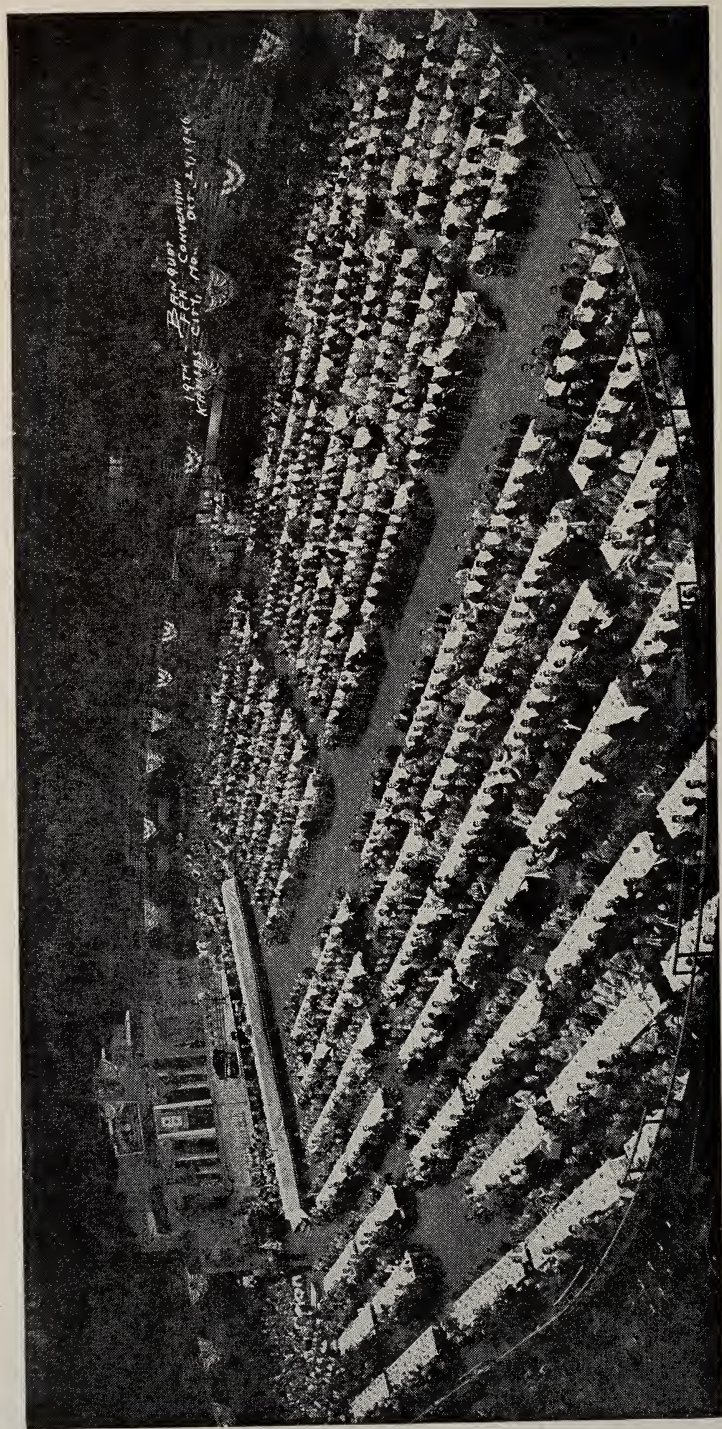
DENNIS ATKIN, Utah

MERVIN WELCH, Maine

FRANCIS REED HOWELL, Indiana

DOYLE CONNER, Florida

EDWARD GOODE, Virginia



THE ANNUAL CONVENTION BANQUET WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 1800 F. F. A. MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

Special Convention Report

Report on National F. F. A. Camp

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

The camp was opened during the summer of 1941. It was kept closed during the war years.

The national program of work for 1945-46 carried as item 3, under Recreation, the following:

Activity		Goals	Ways and Means
Maintaining Camp	National	Keep camp buildings grounds in good condition	a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp.
			b. Urge eligible members to attend the camp.

The report of the Executive Secretary concerning the camp, which was approved at the 18th National Convention, contained the following recommendations pertaining to the maintenance and improvement of the camp:

1. Open the camp next spring in time to provide accommodations for F.F.A. chapters that wish to use the camp.
2. Open George Washington's Old Grist Mill by April 15th.
3. Continue to employ a man to serve as caretaker and guide for the mill.
4. Employ a man to serve as caretaker and manager of the camp.
5. Make necessary minor improvements needed before the camp and mill are opened.
6. Mow lespedeza often enough to keep weeds down and allow blue grass to grow on the area where lespedeza is now planted.
7. Open a new entrance to the camp. The present entrance is from highway No. 1 and due to the amount of traffic on that highway it is difficult to enter the camp that way. Plans call for an entrance on the Mount Vernon highway. This would be more satisfactory and should be available when the camp is opened next spring.

8. No major additions or improvements should be made to the camp until we have had an opportunity to use it for a few years. This will provide us with further information concerning the needs for such a camp.

The camp was opened on May 26 and was closed on September 10. Two hundred and ninety-four members from 17 chapters stayed at the camp during the summer. The chapters were from the following States: Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Jack Ferver, a student majoring in agricultural education at the University of Maryland, was employed as camp manager during the summer. Mr. E. D. Tyler, former manager of the camp returned from the Army on September 10 and will again be in charge. He will make a number of improvements in the camp before it is opened next spring.

The national organization of F.F.A. leased George Washington's Grist Mill, which is located on property adjoining the F.F.A. camp. The Virginia Conservation Commission spent \$60,000 restoring the old mill. The mill was kept open during the summer of 1941 and an admission of 10 cents was charged. The mill was kept closed during the war.

The mill was reopened last April. Mr. George Scott is serving as caretaker and guide. A number of improvements were made in the mill. The old well was cleaned and a water system was installed. Rest rooms were completed in the Miller's Cottage for use by the public. Refreshments and souvenirs were placed on sale in the Mill. Souvenirs include postcards, a large etching of the mill, an historical pamphlet on the mill, and bracelets, necklaces, and pins bearing the seal of the old mill. Souvenirs and refreshments have proven to be a good source of income at the mill.

A total income of \$2,048.28 was received at the camp and old mill through September 30. Of that amount \$612.30 was received from mill admissions, \$429.50 from admissions to the camp, and \$1,006.48 from the sale of souvenirs and refreshments.

Based upon present conditions I recommend the following plan for maintaining and developing the National F.F.A. Camp and the George Washington Grist Mill for the year 1946-47:

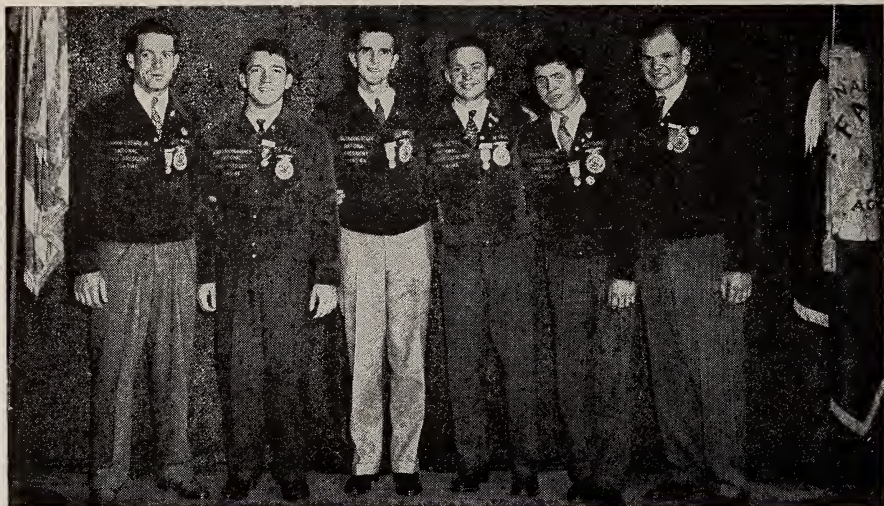
1. Open the camp on May 15th, 1947 and keep it open until September 10th.
2. Keep the old Grist Mill open this fall as long as public demand justifies. Open the mill again in the spring.
3. Continue to employ two men, one to serve as caretaker and guide for the mill and the other to manage the camp.

4. Make the following improvements at the camp and mill:
 - a. Repair old water wheel at mill.
 - b. Construct an incinerator at camp.
 - c. Building storage cabinets in kitchen for use of visiting chapters.
 - d. Build an antiseptic foot bath at entrance to shower room.
 - e. Lay stepping stones between barracks and dining room.
 - f. Complete new entrance to camp.
 - g. Have a large sign built for camp entrance.

Let us use our camp for a few years before we make any major improvements in it. In the meantime we will strive to provide satisfactory facilities for F.F.A. chapters that visit the camp.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. TENNEY



1945-46 NATIONAL F.F.A. STUDENT OFFICERS

Left to Right—SHERMAN C. BEARD, JR., Gerrardstown, West Virginia, 1st Vice President; MARION F. BAUMGARDNER, Wellington, Texas, 3rd Vice President; J. GLYNDON STUFF, Dixon, Illinois, President; VIRGIL GETTO, Fallon, Nevada, Student Secretary; JOSEPH E. ESPEY, Maryville, Missouri, 4th Vice President; and, CLIFFORD E. BAILEY, Snohomish, Washington, 2nd Vice President.

National Student Officer Reports

Report of National President

October 10, 1945 stands out just as vividly in my mind as December 7, 1941, or as either VE or VJ Day. It was October 10, 1945 that opened a broad, fascinating, new future for me, for it was the date of my election as National President of the Future Farmers of America. I, as my fellow national officers, pledged to do my utmost in building a stronger national organization that has been expanding so rapidly the past year. We were willing and wanted to aid young members in our organization just as we had been helped and guided in our first years with the Future Farmers of America.

Almost every day, as I pause and reflect back, this past year brings forth a vivid memory that makes it seem as if it were only yesterday.

I shall try to give you a concise and brief report of my travels and activities this past year, although it will be difficult to be brief.

Arriving home from the 18th National Convention last fall, I spoke to several community groups on and about the national organization. The first trip came November 16-19 when I flew to Kansas City to attend the annual convention of the National Grange in the Little Theater of this Municipal Auditorium. I was graciously accepted, spoke to the delegate body about our national organization and its accomplishments the past year, and later met with the Youth Committee on relationships between the Grange and the Future Farmers.

From that time until the first of the year, I attended the celebrations for the Byron and Chenoa, Illinois, Chapters, which achieved the Gold Emblem ratings in the National Chapter Contest at the 18th National Convention. It was my pleasure to present Mr. D. A. Parish, Byron, and Mr. Robert J. Walker, Chenoa, with their Honorary American Farmer Keys and certificates.

A transcription made for WROK, Rockford, Illinois, December 28th, closed the calendar year of 1945.

January came forth with much to do and many places to visit. The 8th and 9th I attended the meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. At their banquet the evening of the 9th, it was my privilege to speak to the delegate body about our organization. It was an honor to meet and have a short visit with the Secretary of Agriculture, Honorable Clinton P. Anderson. Representing the U. S. Office of Education at this meeting were Dr. Spanton and Mr. Pearson. The next day Dr. Spanton, Mr. Pearson, and I visited Dr. Robert E. Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Standard Oil Com-

pany of Indiana, to thank him for his company's donation to our F.F.A. Foundation. We had lunch with Mr. Conger Reynolds, Director of Public Relations of Standard Oil of Indiana at the Stevens Hotel, after which we visited officials of another Foundation donor, the International Harvester Company.

January 13th I started on my first trip to our Nation's Capital, to meet with the other national officers, excepting Sherman Beard who was ill and could not be present. We were honored with dinners given us by the National Grange, by Mr. Wheeler McMillen, Editor of "Farm Journal" and his Associate Editor John Rholf, and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives with Dr. John H. Davis, their National Executive Secretary, Mr. Earl Benjamin, and Mr. D. L. MacDonald, Vocational Director of the American Institute of Cooperation. A transcription for Chuck Worcester was made by three of us at Columbia Broadcasting Company's affiliated station WTOP, Washington. These were in addition to the most valuable leadership training given us under the able direction of Mr. Tenney.

Friday, January 18th was another red letter day for all of us. We National Officers, along with Dr. Spanton and Mr. Tenney, visited Dr. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, in the U. S. Office of Education. Dr. Studebaker joined us and drove over to the Federal Security Agency where we met Mr. Watson Miller, Administrator of the Agency. We had a most pleasant visit with both of these notable men. Mr. Miller joined us, and we drove over to the White House, where, at 11 o'clock, we personally met and shook hands with the President of the United States, the Honorable Harry S. Truman. We had a 10-minute visit with the President during which we issued him an invitation to attend this National Victory Convention. Pictures were taken by the White House photographers of which there must have been 25 or 30. I am sure that you must have seen one of those pictures for it seems they found their way into almost every Future Farmer magazine and the public newspapers. Truly this was a memorable day for each of us.

Saturday, January 19th, Mr. Tenney took us out to Mount Vernon and the F.F.A. Camp. We also visited George Washington's Old Grist Mill, which our organization has under lease, and viewed the possibilities of opening it to the public for sightseeing purposes.

Monday, January 21st, we met the members of the Federal Board of Vocational Education, at their meeting in the U. S. Office of Education. Through arrangements made by Mr. E. H. Bakken, National Director of Rural Scouting, we traveled to New York City the afternoon of the 21st where we were met and were most graciously entertained by six of the Boy Scouts of Greater New York. The following day Mr. Bakken had arranged a banquet, bringing together for the first time representatives from several

youth organizations. It was my privilege to speak on behalf of the youth represented there, and the pageant presented by the Boy Scouts and the Future Farmers was nothing short of outstanding. Needless to say we—the Scouts and Future Farmers—visited many of the sights of New York City.

A three-hour trip on American Airlines, January 24th put me back in Chicago in time to catch a fast train home and be able to do chores that same evening of the 24th.

More local banquets, F.F.A., Youth Organizations, Rotary, and Kiwanis.

March 18-20 I spent in the Statler Hotel, St. Louis, attending the National Farm Chemurgic Council meetings, where I was the guest of Mr. Wheeler McMillen, National President, and other members of the Chemurgic Council. I presented a fifteen-minute paper about our Future Farmers of America the evening of the Council's annual banquet. Dr. Arthur Compton, Chancellor and President of Washington University, St. Louis, was also a speaker at this meeting. Another F.F.A. member, Leonard Perlich, Secretary of the Oregon Association, was also present. Traveling back through central Illinois I stopped off to address three more local banquets.

April 4-6 I spent at Purdue University attending a well-planned Indiana Convention and one that had a great amount of boy participation. After an 18-hour train ride I was nearing New York City to spend the 7th and 8th as guests of Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. Monday noon a 4-H representative and I were honored guests of Mr. Russell A. Firestone at the Ritz Carlton. That evening we broadcast over the National Broadcasting Company in Radio City on the "Voice of Firestone" program.

Tuesday, April 9th, I went to Washington, D. C. to prepare to appear before the House Committee on Education, which was holding hearings on the Vocational Education Bill. My father joined me in Washington where we visited many of the sights. The 11th Mr. Clements, Mr. Tenney, my Dad and I journeyed to the New House Office Building where, at the request of Congressman Barden, North Carolina, Chairman of the House Committee studying and holding hearings on the Vocational Education Bill, I appeared about an hour before the committee, telling them about our Future Farmers organization—its functions, set-up, and operations. An airplane trip home that evening, and the next morning bright and early my brother and I drove to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for another well-planned and interesting convention. Governor Blue of Iowa attended their annual banquet and received the Honorary Iowa Farmer Degree.

April 22 and 23 I attended the South Dakota State Convention at Brookings; May 3 and 4, Illinois Convention at Springfield, the 9th-11th the Minnesota Convention, St. Paul, at the University



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2. ALBANY, OREGON F.F.A. ORCHES

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of Minnesota Farm School; the following week-end May 17 and 18, Wausau for the Wisconsin Convention; the 31st, Columbus, Ohio for the Ohio convention. After having streamlined conventions during the war years, the Future Farmers at these conventions were on their toes carrying on sound business and planning a prosperous, outstanding year ahead of them. Great accomplishments had been achieved by all Future Farmers as reported at these meetings. The Minnesota and Ohio boys were honored by having their governors attend one of their night sessions, Governor Thye, Minnesota, and Governor Lauche, Ohio.

An air flight to Fargo, North Dakota on June 18th to spend the following three days with the boys of the North Dakota Association and attend their top-notch Victory Convention. At this convention I was made an Honorary North Dakota State Farmer. Boarding a plane at Fargo, the morning of the 22nd found me in Chicago and at home that evening in time for chores, after having covered over 800 miles.

On the evening of July 2nd my father and I drove to Chicago to the Museum of Science and Industry where I attended the banquet of the International Harvester Company as an invited guest at the presentation of their large model farm to the Museum. It was my pleasure to be introduced by Dr. Spanton to Mr. McCaffrey, President of International Harvester, and Mr. Fowler McCormick, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

July 14-22 I was again in Washington, D. C. for the second National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council Meetings. The 15th Marion and Virgil represented our organization, and I served as Chairman of the Youth Committee for Famine Relief. The morning sessions were held in the President's Theater of the White House. President Truman, Assistant Secretary of State, Will Clayton, Undersecretary of Agriculture N. E. Dodd, Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, National Famine Committee members—Dr. Courtney C. Brown, Vice Chairman of the committee and Consultant Miss Fleur Fenton spoke to 34 representatives of the 17 youth serving organizations and their advisers. It was my pleasure to preside at the noon luncheon and at the afternoon discussion period at the Mayflower Hotel.

The remainder of the week was spent in the National F.F.A. Office reviewing American Farmer Applications and making plans for this National Convention. We were honored with courtesies from Mr. Anderson, representative of Balfour Company, and a representative of the French-Bray Printing Company.

August 14-16 I was in Louisville, Kentucky attending my last State Victory Convention. They portrayed the contributions of their State association to the war effort in a Victory Pageant.

August 26 I was again in Purdue to attend the Central Regional Public Speaking Contest. While there I attended some of the meet-

ings of the American Institute of Cooperation which was in session.

The remainder of time was spent attending various meetings—the Illinois Association Future Homemakers Convention, visits to local chapters, and sectional leadership training meetings near home. I spent an enjoyable day as a guest of one of our Foundation donors, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois, with Mr. Herman F. Linde as host.

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.....	135
Miles traveled	25,000
Letters received	425
Letters sent	290
Telegrams received	18
Telegrams sent	11
Telephone calls received	15
Telephone calls sent	12
Conventions attended	9
Radio Programs	30
Speeches made	63
Total addressed	27,500
Articles written	15
Illinois chapters contacted	61
National Board of Trustees Meetings attended	3
Expenses to F.F.A.	\$1,125.00
Amount received from other sources	332.14

Today at the close of this Victory Convention it is with deep regret that I not only pass the gavel to my successor, but my career as a Future Farmer of America will end. You can be assured that I will always be a staunch supporter and promoter of the greatest and largest farm boy organization in the entire world—the Future Farmers of America. I am most grateful to you for this great opportunity to serve you and the powers you vested in me as your National President.

I wish to thank each and every one for the kindnesses shown me wherever I have been. I am truly grateful to all those who made this year so enjoyable. The many friendships gained will always be valued highly. My experiences could never be measured by dollars and cents.

My regrets to Tennessee and West Virginia that I was unable to attend their respective State conventions, and I am sorry that the Mississippi Convention, which I was to attend, was cancelled due to the polio epidemic.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Spanton, his staff off Regional Agents, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Huff, Mr. Howard and the

other National Officers, to Mr. Clyde E. Fry, my one and only Agriculture Instructor, and also to the members of the Illinois Association of F.F.A. for their support and encouragement.

May this splendid organization continue to grow and render that type of service so closely associated with it. I hope in the future, as it has been my aim the past year, to encourage other boys to carry on this great work of enriching the lives of other farm boys through the Future Farmers of America organization. Future Farmers are an integral part of every community.

Again I say THANK YOU to each and every one.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GLYNDON STUFF,
National President

Mr. Chairman, I move this report be adopted.

Report of National First Vice President

Delegates to the 19th National Convention:

On October 10, 1945, I was elected to the office of National 1st Vice President of the Future Farmers of America. At this time, I, like all the other national officers, promised to perform the duties and assume the responsibilities connected with my office to the best of my ability.

My plans were to spend as much time as I could in the interest of the F.F.A. I traveled about in my own State and to as many States in the North Atlantic Region as my farm work would permit. I shall never forget the experiences and acquaintances made while visiting other States. I regret that I cannot repay the Future Farmers of America organization for what it has done for me.

On January 14-24 I was scheduled to attend the first National Board of Trustees meeting in Washington, D. C. At this time I had an unexpected illness which confined me to bed for four weeks. Following my illness I traveled to Washington to visit the national office and talk with Mr. A. W. Tenney and Dr. Spanton concerning matters that were discussed during the Board of Trustees meeting.

April 25-26 I drove to Dover, Delaware to attend the State Convention, which was the first convention held there since the war. I had the privilege of awarding 10 State Farmer Degrees and was one of the main speakers at the annual banquet.

June 19 and 20 I attended the Vermont State Convention held at Burlington. It was a well-planned streamlined convention. I presided over the Public Speaking Contest and gave an address at the association's banquet.

June 21 and 22 I traveled to Maine for the State Convention held at Orono. Here, too, I was asked to act as chairman for the

State Public Speaking Contest and I spoke at their annual banquet. July 1 and 2 I drove to New Brunswick, New Jersey to attend their State Convention. This was carried on in a very effective manner.

On July 15-19 I drove to Washington, D. C. to attend a Board of Trustees and Advisory Council Meeting. The main business was reviewing American Farmer credentials and making plans for the National Victory Convention.

August 3-7 I traveled to Jackson's Mill, Weston, West Virginia to preside over my own State Victory Convention. During the convention we were fortunate in having Mr. Tenney and Mr. Huff visit us from the national office in Washington. This convention was one of the best ever held.

September 5 and 6 I attended the North Atlantic Regional Public Speaking Contest, held at the Log Cabin in New Brunswick, New Jersey, at which time I served as chairman of the contest.

These were a few of the State Conventions that my farm work would allow me to attend. I received many invitations from other States but it was impossible for me to attend. The following will summarize my activities:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.	47
Letters written	112
Letters received	136
Appearances on radio programs	2
Long-distance phone calls made	1
State conventions attended	5
National Board of Trustees meetings attended	2
Total miles traveled	10,000
Total expenses	\$400.00

I have enjoyed the opportunity you delegates presented me when you elected me as National First Vice President. Words cannot express my feelings deep down in my heart when I attempt to say "thanks".

Again, let me say, it has been swell serving you. I shall carry the relationships and experiences of this past year in my heart as long as I live.

Respectfully submitted,
SHERMAN C. BEARD, JR.,
National First Vice President

Report of National Second Vice President

The 19th National Convention is drawing to its end—this Victory Convention will soon be over; its purpose of paying tribute

and honor to those members who served in the Armed Forces and to those who served on the home front has been reiterated to you many times—but let me again make its message clear to all. We are in debt to those who served so gallantly in battle and in the production of food at home. Let us hope that such sacrifices may never again be necessary.

My term of office began in April when Eugene Starkey of California enlisted in the Army.

In my official capacity I attended the Washington State Convention at Pullman. It was a great source of inspiration, being well-planned and carried through in good order.

From July 15 to July 20 I attended the meeting of the National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council in Washington, D. C. We reviewed American Farmer applications and made tentative plans for the National Convention at this meeting. While there I gained a fuller and better knowledge of the manner in which our national organization is operated.

I wish to report the following in my 7 months as your National Second Vice President:

Days spent in the interest of F.F.A.	34
Letters received	56
Letters sent	39
Telegrams received	2
Telegrams sent	2
Appearances on radio programs	3
Speeches made	16
Total people addressed (approximately)	3,000
Miles traveled	11,000
Total expenses	\$527.00

I have thoroughly enjoyed my opportunity to travel in the interest of the F.F.A. I am convinced that our organization can stand and improve only so long as its principles, objectives and purposes guide us in our many activities. I am in sincere accord with the objectives of this farm organization.

It takes more than just a group of boys to build an organization such as ours—it also takes men like Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, and their associates to keep it growing. So, hats off to these men, fellows! I have enjoyed my association with them as well as my association with you fellows.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD E. BAILEY,

National Second Vice President

Report of National Second Vice President

Gorizia, Italy

When I accepted the office of National 2nd Vice President, I had no idea that I would be entering the Army before completing my term of office. The brief time I served as a national officer was one of the greatest experiences of my life.

Immediately after returning from the National Convention, I presided at the California State Convention, which completed my term of office as president of the California Association, Future Farmers of America.

During November and December I had the opportunity of speaking to a number of civic groups and adult farm organizations, such as the California State Grange.

The first week in January I left California for our Nation's Capital, where I joined the other national officers for a Leadership Training Conference. For two weeks Mr. Tenney worked with us in preparation for our job as National Officers, preparing us for our visits to the state conventions and planning for the Giant Victory Convention.

While we were in Washington, D.C. we were honored by being the guests of a number of our nation's leaders. These included such men as Albert S. Goss, National Grange Master; Wheeler McMillian, editor-in-chief of the Farm Journal; Dr. John W. Studebaker, Commissioner of the U. S. Office of Education and Mr. Watson Miller, Administrator of the Federal Security Agency. However, the highlight of our stay in Washington was our visit to the White House to personally invite the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman to our Victory Convention.

In April I had planned to fly to Utah and back to Oregon to attend the state conventions. However, on March 21st I received my notice to report for active duty, which made it impossible for me to attend the state Conventions and complete my term as a national officer.

I am unable to express in writing just how much the Future Farmers of America means to me and how much I enjoyed serving as a National Officer. I enjoy my work now as a cashier in an Army Finance Office, but I am looking forward to that day when I can go back to my farm and continue my farming enterprise, which I developed as a Future Farmer of America.

EUGENE E. STARKEY
National 2nd Vice President

Report of National Third Vice President

Delegates to the National Victory Convention:

In October 1943 I was named an alternate delegate to attend the National Convention in Kansas City. When I attended the

opening session of that convention, I was thrilled by the manner in which the meeting was conducted. It immediately became my desire to meet a national officer. I could only dream that I might some day be honored by election to such an office.

My first National Convention experience inspired me to strive for advancement—to become an American Farmer.

Last Fall after having received this coveted American Farmer Degree, I received the thrill of my life when I was elected to serve you as National Third Vice President. It, indeed, was a dream come true.

On January 12, I left home and began my first major trip as a national officer. I set out on my first plane flight, with Washington as my destination. As the plane circled Washington at night from the air I captured my first glimpse of the illuminated Capitol dome. This thrilling experience gave me renewed strength and confidence in the greatness of our democracy.

In Washington the other national officers and I attended the National Officers Leadership Training School, conducted by Mr. Tenney. During our stay in Washington we were honored many times with courtesies and opportunities extended to us by friends of our organization. The climax of our visit to Washington came when we had an appointment with the President and visited Mr. Truman in his White House office.

Before leaving the east we were honored by the Boy Scouts of the Greater New York Council. We were their guests on a trip to New York. Among the interesting sights we visited were the Boy Scout headquarters, Empire State Building, and Radio City.

On January 24 I was back in Texas feeding my sheep.

Two weeks after I returned from Washington I spent a week down in Central Texas visiting chapters, speaking at chapter meetings and banquets.

I first represented the national organization at a State convention when I flew to Casper, Wyoming on April 3 to attend the Wyoming State Convention, which lasted through April 6th.

I was greatly honored when their association conferred upon me the Honorary Wyoming State Farmer Degree.

The next week after the Wyoming Convention I spent in Las Cruces, New Mexico, with the Future Farmers of that State during their annual State convention.

My next convention appearance came in June when I drove to Sweetwater, Texas, where the Texas convention was held.

On June 24, I left home and journeyed to Lafayette, Louisiana where the Louisiana State convention was held. During this meeting I was presented the Honorary Louisiana State Farmer Degree. While I was in Louisiana I had the pleasure of visiting the na-

tionally known Jungle Gardens on Avery Island, down in the swamps of Southwestern Louisiana.

Harvest and cultivation of row crops kept me busy until July 12, on which date I left the weeds to fight it out, as I took a plane to Kansas City. In Kansas City I was joined by Joe Espey. Since we did not get enough of the big city in January, Joe and I flew to New York where we spent a day before taking a train on in to Washington for meetings of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council.

While we were in Washington I was privileged to serve with Virgil Getto as a representative of the F.F.A. on the Youth Famine Relief Committee, of which our National President, Glyndon Stuff, served as chairman. This committee met in the President's Theater in the East Wing of the White House, where we were addressed by the Honorable Harry S. Truman, and other distinguished leaders.

During the Board of Trustees meeting we transacted business and reviewed American Farmer Degree applications.

Again, friends of our organization extended many kindnesses to the national officers. Our week in Washington was climaxed when members of the staff, together with their families, gave a picnic at the National F.F.A. Camp in honor of the national officers.

On July 22 I flew from Washington to Jacksonville, Florida. From there I journeyed to Gainesville, thence to Camp O'Leno, where the Florida Association was holding its convention in connection with a two-weeks Forestry Training School. This Forestry training was most fascinating to a West Texan. I suppose the nearest I came to feeling like a Green Hand this year was when I had the pleasure of drinking from the Fountain of Youth at St. Augustine.

When I left Florida I went to Richmond, Virginia, where I joined Mr. R. E. Bass, Assistant State Supervisor of Virginia, and rode with him to Blacksburg, where the Virginia boys met for their convention.

I finally started back to Texas during the first week in August. I flew to Houston where James Hancock, Texas State President, and I, on a radio broadcast, conferred Honorary State Farmer Degrees upon 3 outstanding citizens of Houston.

I appeared before two area teachers conferences before I reached home on August 8.

The last two State conventions I attended came late in August. They were the Arkansas Convention, held at their State camp near Hot Springs, and the Alabama Convention, held in Auburn. While I was in Arkansas I had the privilege of meeting the honorable Governor Ben Laney. My last official trip before I came to this convention took me to Galveston. Since I am enrolled in the agricultural division at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, Texas,

I flew from there to Galveston where I appeared before the Texas State Board for Vocational Education.

These highlights among my activities and many other appearances before local chapters, civic groups, and other meetings have been immensely enjoyable and educational to me.

Following is a summary of my activities:

Miles traveled (approximately)	20,000
Days spent in interest of F.F.A.	97
Expenditures	\$972.48
Letters written	195
Letters received	210
Speeches made	46
Telegrams sent	7
Telegrams received	3
Radio broadcasts	11
State conventions attended	8

This past year has offered me invaluable opportunities and experiences which shall long live in my memory. Wherever I have appeared before Future Farmers I have sincerely endeavored to uphold the high ideals of our organization. However, I shall never be able to repay you Future Farmers for what you have done for me.

The untiring efforts of Mr. Tenney, Dr. Spanton, the Regional Agents, and many others, to make the Future Farmers of America an even greater organization have inspired me to strive for greater achievement.

An interesting fact is that I had never traveled on a bus, train, or plane until I became a national officer.

In conclusion, I wish to express from the bottom of my heart my sincere gratitude and appreciation to you as individuals for the cooperation you have given and for the splendid work you have done during the past year in carrying out our national program of work.

Let us continue to develop a philosophy of unselfish service. May we continue to work and take advantage of the splendid opportunities offered us by the F.F.A.

God bless the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION F. BAUMGARDNER

Report of National Fourth Vice President

As this, the 19th Annual Convention of the Future Farmers of America, draws to a close, so do my activities as your National 4th Vice President. It was a great honor to me last fall when you elected me to this office and I am very grateful to you fellow Future Farmers for giving this honor and privilege to me. However, I realized there would be a great responsibility on my part to carry out the activities and perform the duties of this office. It is my sincere hope that I have satisfactorily rendered my services to help uphold the high ideals and standards of the largest and greatest farm boy organization in the world.

The following is a brief report of my activities during the past year. After returning home from our Convention last fall I made several appearances before local civic organizations and local F.F.A. chapters to discuss the national organization of Future Farmers of America.

On January 13, I made my first official trip to Washington, D. C. to attend a meeting of the National Board of Trustees. This was the most educational and enjoyable week of my life as it was my first trip to our Nation's Capital, and it was made by plane. The meeting was under the direction of Mr. A. W. Tenney, our National Executive Secretary. It was very carefully planned so that we might transact official business and also have a chance to visit many interesting places to acquire the equivalent of a semester of education in a school. We were entertained by a number of notable organizations and by Mr. Wheeler McMillen, Editor-in-Chief of the "Farm Journal and Farmer's Wife". The highlight of the trip was our meeting with the Honorable Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, in his White House office.

The last two days of this meeting were spent in New York City as guests of the Greater New York Council of Boy Scouts, where we were entertained in a gracious manner. The friends made during this trip will never be forgotten and will be a treasure of pleasant memories.

On March 16 I left by train for Lansing, Michigan, where I attended a well-conducted and most worthwhile Victory Convention.

On April 11 and 12 I attended the Victory Convention of the Nebraska Association at Lincoln. It was a very impressive affair and I am sure that all the boys derived a lot of education and enjoyment from it.

On April 24 I left by train for St. Charles, Missouri where I was guest speaker at the local Rotary Club luncheon and also a guest speaker at the Father-and-Son Banquet held by the St. Charles F.F.A. Chapter. This was a very enjoyable trip and I was entertained in an hospitable manner.

The morning of April 26 I went to Columbia, Missouri to at-

tend my home State Convention, which was attended by a large number of boys and was a very successful meeting.

I was the speaker at our local chapter Parent-and-Son Banquet which was an elaborate affair and proved to be very successful.

I was scheduled to attend the Kansas State Convention on April 29 and 30 but was unable to go due to an excessive amount of farm work.

I was invited to attend the Minnesota State Convention on May 9, 10, and 11 but due to continued pressing farm work I was unable to be there. I regret very much that I was unable to participate in the meetings in Kansas and Minnesota.

On July 12 I left again for Washington, D. C., by plane to attend the meetings of the National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council. At this meeting we reviewed the American Farmer applications, made plans for this convention, and also enjoyed a big league baseball game through the courtesy of Mr. Walter Anderson of the L. G. Balfour Company. We were also honored at several dinners by leading farm organizations and at the close of the meeting we were given a picnic at the National F.F.A. Camp by the staff of the Agricultural Education Service of the Office of Education and their wives. This was a gathering that will always be remembered above all through the years.

On October 15, I came to Kansas City to attend the third meeting of the National Board of Trustees and to bring to a close my active duties as a national officer.

The following is an outline of my activities:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.	51
Letters received	205
Letters sent	156
Speeches made	18
Telegrams received	1
Appearances on radio programs	4
State Conventions attended	3
Miles traveled (approximately)	8,750
National Board of Trustees meetings attended ..	3
Total expenses	\$590.00

Fellow Future Farmers this has been a most educational and enjoyable year and I want to thank Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, the Regional Agents, the State Associations, and my local advisor from the bottom of my heart for giving this opportunity to me. I well

remember when I became a "Green Hand" and from that day until this, I sincerely and truthfully say that the Future Farmers of America has done more for me than anything else in this whole world! As my active duties draw to a close I want to say that I will always carry a place in my heart for the F.F.A. and will be a loyal supporter. Fellow Future Farmers let us continue in the future to keep the goals and standards of our organization strong!

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. ESPEY,
National Fourth Vice President

Report of National Student Secretary

Delegates to the National Victory Convention:

It seems as though it were but yesterday that I walked into a vocational agriculture classroom for the first time in my life, a backward, bashful gawky-looking farm boy, unacquainted with the Future Farmers of America and wondering what it had in store for me. I did not know that some day I would be elected a national officer of this great organization. With the continual guidance and encouragement of my adviser I soon gained self confidence and began to realize the golden opportunities the Future Farmers of America held in store for me. I began to strive to push myself upward toward the ultimate goal of an American Farmer. After six full and enjoyable years of work with the Future Farmers I had climbed up the ladder to my goal. On October 9, 1945 my dreams came true, as I received the American Farmer degree. Surely I thought this was the climax of my Future Farmer career.

On October 10, 1945 a greater honor was bestowed upon me, that of National Student Secretary. Truly this was one of the greatest moments of my life. It was the beginning of a year of enjoyable work serving Future Farmers all over the United States. Soon after the convention I returned to my farm with another job to spur me on, to do everything possible to encourage Future Farmers to take advantage of the golden opportunities that were theirs to be had. As I worked on the farm I looked forward to the trip to Washington, D. C. and the Leadership Training School under the able direction of Mr. Tenney. In the meantime I began to receive invitations to visit chapters and schools and to talk before service clubs, meetings of farmer organizations and other public gatherings.

On January 10th I left the farm to journey to Washington, D. C. to attend the Leadership Training School and the Board of Trustees meetings from January 14th to the 22nd. As I look back I can say that these were among the most educational and enjoyable days of my career as a National Officer of the F.F.A.

On January 18th came another great day of my life—this was the day that the National Officers were to meet Honorable Harry S. Truman, President of the United States. Truly this was a great honor and it shall live on in my memories.

The National Officers also received many other kind courtesies from great men and leaders of our Nation, such as Wheeler McMillen, Editor of the Farm Journal and Farmer's Wife, Dr. Studebaker, Commissioner of Education, Watson Miller, Administrator of the Federal Security Agency, Mr. Goss, Master of the National Grange, the national leaders of some cooperative organizations and many others.

It should be an inspiration to each and every Future Farmer to know that such great men are interested enough in our organization to give us some of their valuable time.

On January 20th the "National Officer Family" traveled to New York to be the guests of the Boy Scouts of the greater New York Council. The two days that we spent in New York were interesting and educational with many interesting places to visit, such as Radio City, National Boy Scout Headquarters, New York City Hall and furthermore we were fortunate enough to be given a trip to the top of the Empire State Building. I wish to express my gratitude to the Scouts for such a grand time.

On January 28th I arrived home and waited anxiously for my first appearance at a State Convention as a National Officer. The first convention that I attended was the Idaho State Convention on March 28th to 30th. This convention was very impressive and well attended.

The next convention that I was scheduled to attend was the Wyoming State Convention but with the conflicting of dates I was unable to attend and went instead to the Nevada State Convention on April 4th, 5th, and 6th. The Nevada Convention was small but the accomplishments were great. Marion Baumgardner attended the Wyoming convention in my place. I'm sure that the National Organization was well represented with Marion's enthusiastic work.

The Oregon State President, Bob Taylor, wrote to me advising that he was very sorry that I could not attend the Oregon State Convention on April 11th and 12th. I also regretted very much that I could not be present at their convention but I wished them the best of luck. On April 11th, 12th and 13th I was scheduled to attend the Montana State Convention, therefore, on April 10th I stepped into an airplane for the first time in my life, and headed for Bozeman, Montana. Truly this convention was very well attended and I found Montana F.F.A. members very active. At their annual banquet I was honored to be elevated to an Honorary State Farmer of Montana. While there I was able to enjoy the

companionship of Bob Barthelmess, former National Vice-President. He contributed greatly to the delegates and convention.

Mr. Bert L. Brown wired me to see if I could possibly attend the Washington State Convention held at Pullman, but due to the shortage of labor and the spring work coming on, it was impossible to attend. It was with regret that I wired Mr. Brown of this situation.

From Montana I returned home to the farm which sorely needed my attention. During the summer, again I was called upon to talk before service clubs and other civic organizations.

On July 13th I went by airplane to Washington, D. C. to attend the meetings of the National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council. As I came into Washington, D. C. I felt again that grand feeling to be in the Nation's Capital on a worthy mission for my fellow Future Farmers.

During this meeting it was the pleasure of the National Officers to review the American Farmer Degree applications and pass on considerable business.

On July 19th we were fortunate enough to be the guests of Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, and the rest of the staff and their wives at a picnic held at the National F.F.A. Camp, which was very enjoyable.

On July 21st I left Washington, D. C. As I looked out of the window of the plane, I wondered if this would be the last time that I was to gaze upon the Capital and inside I felt an empty feeling, wishing that I were still in Washington. From here I was to fly to the Arizona State Leadership Training School at Prescott. On the way I stopped off in Indiana to see relatives I had never seen. I arrived in Prescott on the evening of July 24th. This meeting was held to stress leadership and a great deal was accomplished.

On July 27th it was my pleasure when leaving the Arizona Convention to ride in a school bus with the Yuma Chapter and their adviser, Mr. Felton. We left Prescott and traveled down to the Grand Canyon. This was my first glimpse of this great wonder of Mother Nature and I stood there with my mouth open and gasped as I gazed at its beauty and immensity. This is something I shall never forget. From the Grand Canyon we traveled to the Boulder Dam near Las Vegas, Nevada. From here the Yuma Chapter turned back toward Arizona and I caught a bus for home. I am grateful for the grand trip the Yuma Chapter made possible for me.

On September 30th I left home once more and this time to travel to Sacramento, California. Here I met Mr. Chappell, a Regional Supervisor in California. He picked me up in his car and we drove to different chapter and sectional meetings which I had the honor of addressing. The last chapter group I met with was in Fresno and from here we drove to the California State Conven-

tion at San Luis Obispo. This was the largest convention that I had the pleasure of addressing. I was very impressed with the business that was transacted at this meeting, and I realized the greatness of this State Association. I left San Luis Obispo with past State President Harold Fualo who drove me to his home. From there I caught a bus for Nevada.

This was the last State Convention that I attended. I can sincerely say that I enjoyed working with Future Farmers of the different States.

My other activities and duties of the year in condensed form are as follows:

Days spent in the interest of F.F.A.	87
Letters received	187
Letters sent	148
Telegrams sent	7
Telegrams received	5
Long distance telephone calls sent	6
Long distance telephone calls received	3
State conventions attended	5
Miles traveled (approximately)	17,500
Speeches made	32
People addressed	6,500
Radio programs	5
National Board of Trustees meetings	3
Total expenses	\$1,080.96

FAREWELL

Fellow Future Farmers, I realize that my term as your National Student Secretary is drawing to a close and that my participation as an active member will end with these parting words. I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the opportunities that you have made possible for me and for the many acquaintances and privileges that have been mine. Deep down in my heart I am grateful to my parents for the continual assistance they have given to me even through the hours of discouragement; to my adviser, Mr. Schank, for the encouragement and guidance that he has bestowed upon me; to my State Association for their support and backing; to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Howard and Mr. Huff and to the Regional Agents and the en-

tire advisory staff for their able guidance and everlasting assistance.

I wish to also thank Mrs. Easterly, Miss Dick and Miss Worth for their willingness to help us at all times and for their cheerful friendship which was deeply appreciated by all of us.

I shall always be closely associated with the Future Farmers of America and shall be interested in their activities whatever they may be. I shall always remain a loyal supporter and willing servant of your organization. Fellow Future Farmers, from here on I shall be a figure of the past but let us look not into the past but into a bright future. Be it your goal to take advantage of all of the golden opportunities that lie before you.

"We are all looking forward to the time when the cries of envy and anger will change to the songs of cheer. For the toiling age forgets its rage as the Prince of Peace draws near. This is the gospel of labor, ring it ye bells of kirk. The Lord of love comes down from above to live with the men who work. This is the rose that he planted, here on this thorn cursed soil. Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil."

Never before have I found it so difficult to express my feelings and as I search for a way to show my sincere appreciation, I am completely at a loss for words and can only give you my humble thanks. May God bless each and every one of you and guide you on into a new and bright future to achieve higher and more worthy laurels as a result of your unselfish labors.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGIL GETTO,
National Student Secretary

Report of National Executive Secretary

The national organization of Future Farmers of America was founded in Kansas City, Missouri in the fall of 1928. Each year since that date we have held a national convention in this city. This is our nineteenth annual convention. During the past eighteen years our organization has increased its membership from 16,217 in 1928 to more than 200,000 in 1946. There has been a corresponding increase in the breadth of our program and the scope of our accomplishments. More than one million boys have enjoyed the privilege of membership in the Future Farmers of America.

The records for the past year indicate that members, chapters, and State associations have been very busy. Your efforts have been of material assistance to our Nation as we change from a war economy to an economy of peace.

Members of the Future Farmers of America played a vital part in our war effort. It is fitting and proper, therefore, for us to hold this great Victory F.F.A. Convention to recognize some of their achievements. From 1941 up to the present time members of the F.F.A. performed many types of activities that helped with the war and reconversion efforts. The following national summaries show the scope of these activities for the past five years:

1. Total maturity value of war and Victory bonds purchased in the name of the State associations \$ 97,861.00
2. Total maturity value of war and Victory bonds and stamps purchased by chapters and individual members 17,023,566.26
3. Total maturity value of war and Victory bonds and stamps sold by chapters and individual members 18,415,126.53
4. Pounds of scrap metal collected by chapters 352,885,162
5. Pounds of paper collected by chapters..... 65,187,206
6. Bushels of rags collected by chapters 5,884,630
7. Number of burlap bags collected by chapters 1,694,767
8. Pounds of rubber collected by chapters 6,394,766
9. Number of members who served in the armed forces of the United States (Active and Associate) 260,450
10. Number of members who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces of our Country 7,188

11. Number of Victory Gardens grown by F.F.A. members	221,314
Total acreage	111,261½
Number of Victory Gardens grown by F.F.A. Chapters	15,151
Total acreage	10,589
12. Number of farm workers placed on farms through the aid of the F.F.A.....	50,218
13. Number of F.F.A. members who helped Victory Farm Volunteers to become acquainted with farm life	32,316
14. Number of Victory Farm Volunteers helped by F.F.A. members to become acquainted with farm life	41,804
15. Number of farm machines repaired by F.F.A. members	621,900
16. Number of pieces of farm equipment constructed	292,369
17. Number of food conservation centers constructed and equipped with the assistance of F.F.A. chapters	2,352
18. Number of No. 2 cans of food processed by F.F.A. chapters	12,233,033
19. Number of No. 2 cans of food processed and sent to other Nations to assist in the alleviation of famine	1,000,000

These achievements have been recognized by your Government. Last year the U. S. Treasury Department presented a special citation to the F.F.A., which read as follows: "For distinguished services rendered in behalf of the War Finance Program this citation is awarded to the Future Farmers of America." The War Production Board gave a similar citation a few years ago for services rendered in behalf of the national scrap harvest. At our national convention in 1943 we were all thrilled to receive a telegram from our late president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, in which he said, "Congratulations to Future Farmers of America. Your work on the farm front is vital to our success on the battle fronts of the world."

State associations made many outstanding records during the war years. Hawaii has purchased \$11,000 worth of bonds in the name of the association; California, \$9,000; Alabama, \$14,000; Texas, \$10,000; Mississippi, \$7,000; and Virginia, \$5,700. Impressive records have been made by F.F.A. chapters and members in many States in the purchase of war bonds and stamps. The fol-

lowing States have made significant contributions in this respect: Texas, \$2,807,230.57; Illinois, \$1,530,981.00; Kentucky, \$1,335,600.00; Oklahoma, \$1,044,994.92; Minnesota, \$928,997.00; and, Arkansas, \$633,735.00. Many State associations have been active in the sale of war bonds and stamps. Kentucky sold \$3,450,000.00; Virginia, \$1,687,041.66; Louisiana, \$1,516,986.25; and Texas, \$1,280,401.90.

In scrap metal collections Texas reported 47,628,752 pounds; Oklahoma, 20,975,575; Michigan, 10,758,448; and Alabama, 5,962,003.

Members of the Texas Association repaired 165,380 farm machines during the war years; Arkansas repaired 61,239.

Members of the Georgia Association processed 3,828,278 No. 2 cans of food; Texas canned 2,111,381.

We have received many thrilling stories concerning the service rendered by members of the F.F.A. who served in the armed forces of our Country.

Andrew King, a member of the Oregon Association was one of the first men to lose his life in the Navy at Pearl Harbor. An American Legion Post in the Hawaiian Islands has been named for him. Captain D. W. Hedrick, former State President of the Washington Association and American Farmer received a Silver Star while flying with Chenault's Flying Tigers in China. Let us not forget that Roger Young whose fame has been recorded in song, was an F.F.A. member from Ohio; that the first Yank soldier to enter Berlin, Germany was Harvey Natchees of the Toyock, Utah, F.F.A. Chapter and that at least two of our members received the Congressional Medal of Honor. These two were Jacob Lindsey of the Rocky Creek, Mississippi, Chapter and Bob E. Bush of Valley High School Chapter in Washington. We are happy because many of our members have returned home. Today, however, we have members throughout the world helping to maintain peace. Bob Bowman, former National President of the F.F.A., is in Tokyo. Marvin Jagels, former National President, is on his way to Manila. Eugene Starkey, who served you as Vice President for several months this year, is now in the Army. He came by my office last month and told me he was being sent to Europe.

We are proud of the records made by members of the F.F.A. You have served well on the farm front and on the battlefronts of the world. You have helped to win the Victory. Let us continue to work together and help maintain a just and lasting peace.

The following report of accomplishments, for the year 1945-46, is based on the National Program of Work adopted at the national convention last year:

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for post-war demands	100 % member participation	85.4 %
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100 % member participation	54.0 %
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100 % member participation	54.4 % improved livestock 49.6 % improved crops
4. Preventing livestock losses	100 % chapter participation	91.1 %
II. COOPERATION		
1. Cooperating with other groups on re-adjustment	100 % chapter participation	87.4 %
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100 % member participation	66.0 %
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Assisting returning servicemen	100 % member and chapter participation	52.5 % chapters
2. Assisting with farm labor shortage	100 % chapter participation	
3. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery	100 % member and chapter participation	51.4 % members 75.6 % chapters
4. Guarding and protecting life and property	100 % of State associations with safety programs	63.3 % associations
5. Conserving resources	100 % of chapters and members participating	46.7 % members 66.6 % chapters
6. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100 % member participation	44.1 % members
7. Salvaging needed materials	100 % member and chapter participation	
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100 % of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	69.4 %
2. Providing chapter libraries	100 % of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books	83.6 %
3. Participating in public speaking	100 % of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	98 States 44.3 % chapters
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100 % of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	92.4 %

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	100% States 79.1% chapters
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	75.5%
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	77.6%
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does	28.5% chapters issued news sheets and newsletters 60.5% chapters prepared publicity regularly 51.0% States sponsored radio series 15.8% chapters prepared and gave broadcasts

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Buying Victory bonds and stamps	100% of chapters participating in Victory Bond Drive	47.6% members purchased bonds and stamps 35.2% chapters
2. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	44.9% members 58.4% chapters

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. Using official manuals	100% of members having access to official Manuals	84.9%
2. Using official secretary and treasurer books	100% of chapters using both books	76.5% secretary's book 72.7% treasurer's book
3. Providing official meeting paraphernalia equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	78.2% chapters 89.8% associations
4. Using official ceremonies	100% of the chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	89.2% chapters
5. Planning State Victory conventions	100% of State associations holding Victory conventions	95.9%
6. Meetings	Every member attend at least 80% of chapter meetings	87.3% chapters held regular meetings 71.3% members

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
VII. SCHOLARSHIP		
1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	88.2% chapters helped members improve scholarship
VIII. RECREATION		
1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	66.9%
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Day	100% of State associations participating	53.0%
3. Maintaining National Camp	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition	(See Special Report)
IX. GENERAL		
1. Maintaining membership	204,000 active members	206,104 members

OFFICER TRAVEL

Our national officers have been kept unusually busy during the past year. We are grateful for their devoted interest and the time they have given to attending meetings of the National Board of Trustees and State F.F.A. Conventions. I wish to remind you that our officers are conducting unusually large farming programs and that it has been difficult for them to serve.

I am sure that you will look forward to hearing them report on their activities.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Most F.F.A. State associations held a convention during the past year. Some of these were of pre-war quality. Most State conventions were forced to limit attendance because of housing difficulties. Let us hope that all State associations will be permitted to hold an enlarged convention next year.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Much progress has been made in the development of special leadership training programs for F.F.A. officers. We must strive to provide leadership training for our State officers and for all of the officers of our local chapters during the year ahead.

CAMPS

The National F.F.A. Camp was operated during the past year. A complete report will be made on the national camp later during the week. Twelve State associations operated a camp for members during the summer. A number of associations are making plans to obtain a camp and start a camping program.

NATIONAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS

We received 57 reports in the National Chapter Contest in 1945-46. The quality of work done by F.F.A. chapters that submitted final reports is unusually high this year. For several years we have noted significant improvement in the work being done by our local chapters. Keep up the good work.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated is sponsoring two new national awards. These awards are Farm Mechanics and Farm and Home Electrification. American Farmer awards and prizes for winners in the National Public Speaking Contest will again be given by the Foundation. The Foundation also provides appropriate State awards.

SUMMARY

The summary of the work done by the various State associations for the year ending June 30, 1946, based on information obtained from their annual reports, is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters.....	6,000
Total number white departments of vocational agriculture without F.F.A. chapters.....	543
Total active membership in chartered chapters.....	206,104

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree	98,015
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree	99,651
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree	4,860
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree	296
Total active membership	204,547
Total number of Associate members (local)	167,478
Total number of Honorary members (local)	19,940
Total number of Honorary members (State)	2,546
Grand total membership	381,980

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who participated in production of food	175,958
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs	111,374

Number of members who used improved livestock practices	112,057
Number of members who used improved crop production practices	102,205
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work	5,466
II. COOPERATION	
Number of chapters cooperating with other groups..	5,241
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort	136,114
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE	
Number of chapters that assisted returning servicemen to become readjusted to farm life.....	3,149
Number of servicemen assisted by chapters to become readjusted to farm life	27,796
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery	105,876
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery	4,533
Number of State associations having a safety program in operation	31
Number of members engaging in organized conservation work	96,290
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work	3,998
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment	90,861
IV. LEADERSHIP	
Number of State associations that nominated their full quota of American Farmers	34
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more F.F.A. books	5,015
Number of State associations that held a public speaking contest	48
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest	2,659
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings	5,545
Number of State associations having a written continuing program of work	49
Number of chapters having definite continuing written program of work	4,747
Number of State associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheet regularly.....	37

Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters	1,710
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly	3,628
Number of State associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members	38
Number of leadership training schools or conferences provided	408
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences	4,174
Number of members participating in leadership training schools or conferences	29,988
Number of State associations sponsoring radio broadcast series	25
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs	946
Number of chapters within the State visited by State boy officers during the past year.....	1,133
Number of members attending last National F.F.A. convention	351
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS	
Number of members who purchased Victory bonds and stamps	98,195
Number of chapters that purchased Victory bonds and stamps	2,112
Number of State associations purchasing Victory bonds and stamps	23
Number of members carrying out definite thrift practices	92,472
Number of chapters participating in thrift practices	3,501
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS	
Number of members who have access to the Official Manual	174,895
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book	4,589
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book	4,361
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	4,690
Number of State associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	44
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings	5,351

Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	5,240
Number of State associations holding a convention..	47
Number of members who have attended at least 80% of chapter meetings	146,953

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to im- prove their scholarship	5,289
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VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation	4,723
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities	137,819
Number of State associations having a State camp in operation during the year	12
Number of members attending State camps.....	9,828
Number of chapters represented	1,022
Number of State associations participating in Na- tional F.F.A. Day program	26

C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by active members, as of January 1 of this year.....	\$26,605,066.32
Number of collegiate chapters of F.F.A. reported in operation	16
Reported membership in collegiate chapters.....	366

WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

I am glad to report that membership in the F.F.A. increased during the past year. We have 8,922 more members than we had a year ago. Departments of vocational agriculture closed during the war are being reopened. Many new departments are being established. We are on the threshold of an era of great advancement in the F.F.A. We must have a strong chapter of Future Farmers of America in each department of vocational agriculture and enroll all eligible boys as members. Let us work together in building a stronger and greater F.F.A.

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

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

Report of the National Treasurer

November 18, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:

We have made an examination of the books of account and record of

D. J. HOWARD, TREASURER, FUTURE FARMERS OF
AMERICA,

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

for the year ended October 31, 1946, and have submitted a detailed report thereon.

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

In our opinion, the statements herewith submitted, subject to the comments contained in our detailed report referred to above, present fairly the position of Future Farmers of America at October 31, 1946, and the results of its operations for the year, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT,
Certified Public Accountants
Richmond, Virginia.

BALANCE SHEET
October 31, 1946

EXHIBIT "A"

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

Shenandoah Valley National Bank (Exhibit "C")	\$10,453.30
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INVESTMENTS:

U.S. Savings Bonds, Series F:		
Maturity Value	\$50,000.00	
Less: Reserve for Unearned Interest	11,850.00	38,150.00

TRADEMARK	500.00
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FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp:		
Land	\$12,343.23	
Buildings	15,317.16	
Equipment	2,283.43	29,943.82
Office Furniture and Equipment	212.90	30,156.72
		\$79,260.02

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

INCOME TAX WITHHELD
FROM EMPLOYEES:

On October Salaries	\$ 125.40
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SURPLUS:

Balance—Nov. 1, 1945	\$81,623.12	
Deduct:		
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenue (Exhibit "B")	2,488.50	
Balance—October 31, 1946...		79,134.62
		\$79,260.02

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
For the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 1946

EXHIBIT "B"

REVENUE:

	Revenue Collected		Budget Estimate	Excess Over Estimate
	Detail	Total		
Membership Dues				
(Schedule 1).....		\$20,603.90	\$20,000.00	\$ 603.90
Royalties:				
L. G. Balfour Company.....	\$6,314.20			
Chapter Supply Company.....	218.51			
The Fair Publishing House...	12.52			
French-Bray Printing Com- pany	579.02			
Staunton Novelty Company...	549.23			
Universal Uniform Company..	858.60			
Totals—Royalties		8,532.08	9,000.00	(467.92)
Miscellaneous:				
Sale of Magazine Articles....	\$ 10.00			
Interest on U.S. Savings Bonds	580.00			
National Camp and Mill.....	1,000.00			
Totals—Miscellaneous		1,590.00	500.00	1,090.00
Total Revenue		\$30,725.98	\$29,500.00	\$ 1,225.98

EXPENDITURES:

	Expended		Appro- priations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Traveling:				
National Officers.....	\$4,846.44		\$ 4,000.00	\$ (846.44)
Advisory Council.....	243 68		500.00	256.32
Totals—Traveling		\$ 5,090.12	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (590.12)
Convention:				
Delegate Expense.....	\$2,524.74		\$ 2,500.00	\$ (24.74)
Entertainment	3,149.57		6,250.00	3,100.43
Buttons, Badges, Programs....	1,055.25		700.00	(355.25)
Stenotypist			150.00	150.00
Photographs and Publicity....	320.42		500.00	178.58
Decorations	521.74		500.00	(21.74)
Exhibits			100.00	100.00
Equipment Rental.....	179.10		100.00	(79.10)
Building Service.....	79.00		50.00	(29.00)
Communications	138.45		500.00	361.55
Secretarial Expense.....	585.11		550.00	(35.11)
Award Certificates	63.50		150.00	86.50
Miscellaneous	2,892.59			(2,892.59)
Totals—Convention		\$11,509.47	\$12,050.00	\$ 540.53

EXPENDITURES (Continued):

	Expended		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
American Farmer Keys:				
Total Expenditures.....		1,539.65	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (39.65)
Printing:				
Literature and Proceedings....	\$2,482.79		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 17.21
Stationery, Forms, etc.....	315.75		1,000.00	684.25
Exhibit and Publicity.....			300.00	300.00
Totals—Printing		2,798.54	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 1,001.46
National Office:				
Secretary to Executive Secretary—Salary	\$2,566.48		\$ 2,540.00	\$ (26.48)
Secretary to National Treasurer—Salary	1,283.12		1,270.00	(13.12)
Director of Public Relations—Salary	1,125.00		5,660.00	4,535.00
Director of Public Relations—Travel	217.76		1,500.00	1,282.24
Director of Public Relations—Secretary	2,288.08		2,273.00	(15.08)
Telephone and Telegraph....	337.68		200.00	(137.68)
Postage, Express, etc.....	116.23		500.00	383.77
Bond Premiums and Taxes....	105.00		200.00	95.00
Supplies	230.12		125.00	(105.12)
Auditing	100.00		150.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	148.34			(148.34)
Extra Help	183.34		450.00	266.66
Totals—National Office		\$ 8,701.15	\$14,868.00	\$ 6,166.85
National Camp and Old Mill:				
Camp Supervisor—Salary	738.33		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 761.67
Attendant—Salary	1,260.00		1,260.00	
Insurance	337.72		200.00	(137.72)
Light and Power	100.25		100.00	(.25)
Fuel and Oil	10.11		100.00	89.89
Telephone	26.35		50.00	23.65
Maintenance	1,035.93		500.00	(535.93)
Totals—Camp		\$ 3,508.69	\$ 3,710.00	\$ 201.31
Contingent:				
Public Speaking Medals		66.86	\$ 2,072.00	\$ 2,005.14
Total Expenditures		\$33,214.48	\$42,500.00	\$ 9,285.52
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE		\$ 2,488.50	\$13,000.00	\$10,511.50

(Exh. "A")

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**For the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 1946****EXHIBIT "C"**

BALANCE—November 1, 1945..... \$13,599.40

RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues (Schedule 1)	\$20,603.90
Royalties (Exhibit "B")	8,532.08
Camp and Mill	1,000.00
Sale of Pictures and Stories to "South- ern Agriculturist"	10.00
Income Tax Withheld from Salaries— October	125.40

TOTAL RECEIPTS	30,271.38
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 \$43,870.78
DISBURSEMENTS:

Traveling Expense	\$ 5,090.12
Convention	11,509.47
American Farmer Keys	1,539.65
Printing	2,798.54
National Office Expense	8,701.15
National Camp and Old Mill	3,508.69
Medals	66.86
Payment of Withholding Tax Accrued at October 31, 1945	203.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	33,417.48
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 BALANCE—Oct. 31, 1946 (Exhibit "A"). \$10,453.30

MEMBERSHIP DUES COLLECTED**For the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 1946****SCHEDULE 1**

Association	Amount	Association	Amount
Alabama	\$ 735.40	New Hampshire	23.80
Arizona	39.90	New Jersey	99.60
Arkansas	668.40	New Mexico	108.30
California	772.50	New York	529.40
Colorado	115.30	North Carolina	1,000.50
Connecticut	37.10	North Dakota	97.40
Delaware	32.50	Ohio	727.70
Florida	426.90	Oklahoma	733.50
Georgia	905.30	Oregon	192.00
Hawaii	84.70	Pennsylvania	709.30
Idaho	137.10	Puerto Rico	387.00
Illinois	1,142.60	South Carolina	426.90
Indiana	219.20	South Dakota	71.30
Iowa	406.10	Tennessee	817.00
Kansas	440.00	Texas	2,054.80
Kentucky	565.00	Utah	250.70
Louisiana	472.30	Vermont	37.00
Maine	89.10	Virginia	664.20
Maryland	119.80	Washington	366.40
Massachusetts	63.30	West Virginia	267.20
Michigan	609.30	Wisconsin	752.00
Minnesota	307.20	Wyoming	61.00
Mississippi	682.90		
Missouri	731.30		
Montana	150.30		
Nebraska	260.80		
Nevada	12.60		
		TOTAL DUES	
		COLLECTED	
		(Exhibits "B"	
		and "C")	<u>\$20,603.90</u>

Awards and Contests

On Tuesday afternoon, October 22, the Star Farmer Awards were presented by Mr. W. A. Cochel, former Editor of the *Weekly Kansas City Star*, in the Arena of the American Royal Livestock Show. The winners were as follows:

Star Farmer of America — William G. Carlin, Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

Star Farmer, Southern Region — Brody Lee Koon, Brashear, Texas.

Star Farmer, Central Region — Paul H. Smart, Versailles, Kentucky.

Star Farmer, Pacific Region — Dennis O. Heitman, Gardnerville, Nevada.

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

Other National Awards were presented on Award Night, which was held Wednesday evening, October 23, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Farm Mechanics Award winners were introduced by Mr. Mark Nichols, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Utah. Winners in this contest were given checks by Mr. Nichols from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, as follows:

- 1st Place — Lee Bennington, Park River, North Dakota..\$250.00
- 2nd Place — Robert K. Barclay, Yuma, Arizona..... 225.00
- 3rd Place — Bert Gibbs, Justin, Texas 200.00
- 4th Place — Howard Morton, Harrington, Delaware 175.00

Farm and Home Electrification Award winners were introduced by Mr. Harry E. Nesman, Chief, Agricultural Education in Michigan. Each of the winners received a check given by Mr. Nesman in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

- 1st Place — Alan J. McCoy, Lonepine, Montana.....\$250.00
- 2nd Place — Hubert Pratt, Spencer, Virginia 225.00
- 3rd Place — Eugene T. Merriam, Scio, New York 200.00
- 4th Place — Kyle L. Doss, Kewanee, Illinois 175.00

Winners in the National Chapter Contest were announced by National 2nd Vice President Clifford E. Bailey and National 4th Vice President Joseph E. Espey. The results are shown on page 101.

The J. A. Linke Award, in the form of a native cherry plaque made by Past National Adviser, J. A. Linke, went to the Downingtown Chester County Chapter where William G. Carlin, Star American Farmer for 1946, held membership.

A special citation was given to Mr. W. A. Cochel, former Editor of the *Weekly Kansas City Star* in recognition of the outstanding service he has rendered to the F.F.A.

The Chapter Contest

The National F.F.A. Chapter Contest, conducted annually by the organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work. Both the interest shown and the actual accomplishments over a period of years give ample evidence of the effectiveness of this event. The Chapter Contest has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and co-operative 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 1946 high-ranking chapters were:

Gold Emblem Classification

DeLand, Florida	Flathead, Montana
Talbotton-Woodland, Georgia	Neligh, Nebraska
Byron, Illinois	Norman, Oklahoma
Chenoa, Illinois	Albany, Oregon
Buhler, Kansas	Alpine, Texas
Lafayette-Bryan Station, Kentucky	Jasper, Texas
Versailles, Kentucky	South Emery, Utah
Alma, Michigan	Unidis, West Virginia

Silver Emblem Classification

Mary Persons, Georgia	Velva, North Dakota
Sunset, Louisiana	Canal-Winchester, Ohio
Limestone, Maine	Hilliards, Ohio
Midland, Michigan	Lake View, Oregon
Binford, Mississippi	Emmaus, Pennsylvania
Las Cruces, New Mexico	Draper's Valley, Virginia
Tucumcari, New Mexico	Magnolia, West Virginia
Rugby, North Dakota	Shoshone, Wyoming

Bronze Emblem Classification

Yuma, Arizona	Benton, Mississippi
Conway, Arkansas	Maryville, Missouri
Lakeside, Arkansas	Medicine Lake, Montana

Holyoke, Colorado
 Housatonic Valley, Connecticut
 Malad, Idaho
 Mount Ayr, Iowa
 Slidell, Louisiana
 Crescent, Maine

Clinton, New York
 Woodruff, South Carolina
 Canton, South Dakota
 Smith County, Tennessee
 North River, Virginia

Honorable Mention

Coolidge, Arizona
 Emmitsburg, Maryland
 Sherwood, Maryland
 Neosho, Missouri

Nebraska City, Nebraska
 Bledsoe, Tennessee
 Blaney, South Carolina
 Brookings, South Dakota

A total of 642 chapters filed entries and 57 State winners reached the finals. The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Emblem Classification winners received an appropriately inscribed certificate as well as national plaques of miniature gold, silver, or bronze emblems, for plaques previously won. All awards were provided by the national organization of Future Farmers of America.

Judges for the 1946 Chapter Contest were: Dr. F. W. Lathrop, Research Specialist in Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education; Mr. R. E. Naugher, Specialist in Part-time and Evening Schools, U. S. Office of Education, and Mr. William J. Huff, Director of Public Relations and Information, Future Farmers of America, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C. Accounts of the Gold Emblem Chapters follow:

DELAND, FLORIDA (Gold Emblem)

The DeLand Chapter received the award for an outstanding program of cooperative effort in the operation of a chapter farm on 23 acres of land owned by the country school board. Taken over several years ago by the FFA boys, the land has been turned into a productive project with a citrus grove and nursery, a wood lot, sheds and shops and the necessary irrigation. The farm today has over \$13,000 worth of equipment and improvements.

Chapter members have conducted an average of 3.7 productive farming enterprises, made an average of 4.8 improvement projects, and completed an average of 10.3 supplementary farm jobs. The members went on several project tours during the year on which they saw new and improved farming activities being practiced.

The FFA boys participated in the cooperative purchase of feed, seed, fertilizer, equipment, livestock and fruit trees, and cooperatively sold their harvests.

As a service to farmers of the community they repaired machinery in their school shop and offered demonstrations of improved farming practices on the chapter's farm.

Fulmer Armstrong was President of the chapter during the past year with high school vocational agriculture teacher H. L. Fagan acting as Adviser to the chapter.

TALBOTTON-WOODLAND, GEORGIA**(Gold Emblem)**

Talbotton-Woodland Chapter's well-planned and well executed program of work under the leadership of President Clyde Phillips and Adviser C. E. Boggs, teacher of vocational agriculture, brought the award to the chapter for the second successive year.

Twenty-nine active members each averaged 4.2 production projects, 6 improvement projects and 8 supplementary jobs on the home farms. All of the members have 100% ownership of long-time farming programs.

Cooperative projects included the purchase of baby chicks, feed, garden plants, fruit trees and seed corn. Chapter members sponsored community programs in soil conservation and protection of wild life. As a service to the farmers of the community they tested seed corn, repaired machinery and equipment in the school shop and sponsored demonstrations in improved agricultural practices.

BYRON, ILLINOIS**(Gold Emblem)**

The Byron Chapter received the "Gold Emblem" award for the second successive year. Under the supervised farming program each boy completed an average of 1.9 productive projects, 4.0 improvement projects and 18.7 supplementary farm jobs. Over 86 per cent of the members have long-time farming programs.

Outstanding in cooperative activities, chapter members cooperatively purchased three tons of superphosphate, 23,600 pounds of certified seed potatoes and a number of purebred animals. The chapter maintained a project of 100 broilers, with all members taking part.

As a service to farmers in the community, the FFA boys tested over 700 acres of soil, tested seed for germination for 35 farmers, and conducted educational demonstrations and exhibits.

James Hendee was President of the Chapter during the past year, with vocational agriculture teacher Donald A. Parish acting as chapter adviser.

CHENOA, ILLINOIS**(Gold Emblem)**

The Chenoa Chapter maintained its "Gold Emblem" rating for the second straight year, all members participating in a broad program of activities. With special emphasis on their supervised farming programs, 34 chapter members produced during the year 96,200 pounds of pork, 8,329 pounds of beef, 5,795 dozen eggs and

14,504 bushels of corn. The FFA boys averaged 2.5 productive projects, 8.3 improvement projects and 33.6 supplementary farm jobs completed.

The chapter has four organized business cooperatives which did a gross business of over \$5,000 during the year. Cooperative purchases by the members included 36 head of steers, seed, fertilizers and insecticides.

As a project in its community service program the chapter tested farm wells for contamination. Immediate plans for the safeguarding of the water supplies were made on farms where wells proved to be contaminated. Other community services included sheep-dipping, simple veterinary service and educational exhibits and demonstrations.

Chapter President during the past year was Myron Erdman, with R. J. Walker, high school teacher of vocational agriculture, acting as chapter adviser.

BUHLER, KANSAS

(Gold Emblem)

The Buhler Chapter previously received the "Gold Emblem" recognition in 1944. With major emphasis on food production, chapter members this year produced 50,581 pounds of meat and poultry, as well as 88,403 pounds of milk, 5,484 dozen eggs and 500 pounds of wool. Average number of productive projects completed per member was 3.2, with an average of 2.7 improvement projects per boy.

Cooperative activities of the chapter included buying and selling pigs, purebred sheep, minerals, seeds, butterfat, mutton and wool. The chapter has been instrumental in establishing the use of certified seed in the community.

As a service to farmers in the community the FFA boys destroyed 4,765 pests during the year and repaired 75 pieces of farm equipment in the school shop.

Raymond Dick was President of the chapter during the past year with vocational agriculture teacher J. A. Johnson acting as chapter adviser.

LAFAYETTE-BRYAN STATION, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

(Gold Emblem)

A well-planned and well-executed program of work brought the "Gold Emblem" award to the Lafayette-Bryan Station Chapter for the second successive year. Highlight of the work was the supervised farming program of the members averaging 3.1 productive projects, 1 improvement project, and 22 supplementary farm jobs per boy. Total labor income from the projects was over \$44,000.

Cooperative activities of the chapter included the purchase of 175,000 pounds of feed, 3,300 baby chicks, 22 bushels of hybrid seed corn and 94 head of beef cattle, sheep and hogs during the year. The chapter holds membership in the Central Kentucky Milk Producers Association and in a Purebred Livestock Breeders Organization.

Community services rendered by the chapter were numerous. Members collected and canned 415 pints of food and collected 500 pounds of old clothing for foreign relief. Eighty-five pieces of farm machinery were built or repaired in the school shop during the year.

Tinnie Carr was President of the chapter during the past year, with vocational agriculture teachers J. P. Truitt and W. C. Montgomery acting as chapter advisers.

VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY

(Gold Emblem)

The Versailles Chapter won its first "Gold Emblem" award for an outstanding supervised farming program by its members that included 76 acres in burley tobacco, 91 in hay, 89 in corn, 81 in lespedeza, 11 beef cattle, 32 baby beeves, 29 head of dairy cows, and 2,300 head of poultry. Productive projects averaged 4.6 per member, improvement projects 1.4, and supplementary farm jobs 18.2.

As a cooperative activity under the chapter's supervised farming committee, members raised 5,000 pounds of tobacco on land rented by the chapter. Four varieties of tobacco were used in test plots to determine the best varieties for the local community.

As part of their community service program members have sponsored fire prevention drives and wild life preservation projects. The FFA boys have constructed many pieces of equipment and cared for the maintenance of the community cannery located in the school building.

President of the chapter during the past year was Raymond Anderson. C. O. Neel, high school teacher of vocational agriculture, was chapter adviser.

ALMA, MICHIGAN

(Gold Emblem)

A well-planned and well-executed program of work brought the award to the Alma Chapter for the second successive year. Members averaged 2.8 production projects and 1.3 improvement projects completed on their home farms.

Cooperative activities of the chapter included the purchase of 64 bushels of certified seed potatoes, spray materials, and livestock.

The chapter owns a truck-mounted sprayer which was used in the orchards of the community. A 50 tree apple orchard is owned by the chapter and was used for demonstrations in good orchard management.

As a service to the farms of the community two soil fertility demonstrations were presented in cooperation with Michigan State College. Members collected over 8 tons of paper and scrap metal.

President of the chapter during the past year was Alfred Silhavy, with high school teacher of vocational agriculture Graydon Blank acting as chapter adviser.

FLATHEAD CHAPTER, KALISPELL, MONTANA

(Gold Emblem)

An extensive program of work brought the "Gold Emblem" award to the Flathead Chapter for the fourth successive year. Each boy completed an average of 3.4 productive enterprises on his home farm, 7.8 improvement practices and 15.9 supplementary farm jobs.

A livestock improvement project was stressed in the program, with 49 per cent of the projects being registered animals. They included swine, dairy and beef cattle, sheep and poultry. The chapter aided members in becoming established in farming through its \$1,100 loan fund.

As a service to farmers in the community the chapter repaired 24 pieces of machinery in the school shop. A chapter-owned tractor is rented out to members and farmers for custom work. Over 6,000 pine seedlings were planted by members in their forest conservation program.

Chapter President during the past year was Walter Patterson, with vocational agriculture teacher H. E. Robinson acting as chapter adviser.

NELIGH, NEBRASKA

(Gold Emblem)

An extensive program of work brought the award to the Neligh Chapter for the second successive year. Members averaged 2.8 production projects and 2.6 improvement projects completed on their home farms. Eighty-four per cent of the boys had full ownership of one or more production projects, with 83 percent having long-time farming programs.

As a service to the farmers of the community the FFA boys conducted a pest drive, culled two flocks of chickens, tested seed for 10 farmers and tested 29 cows for butterfat content.

Richard Peterson was chapter President during the past year, with high school teacher of vocational agriculture R. A. Pilster acting as chapter adviser.

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA**(Gold Emblem)**

The Norman Chapter received its award for a program that included many services offered to the farmers of the community. FFA members culled 6,725 head of poultry on 83 farms, blood tested 2,950 head on 42 farms, ran soil test on 74 farms, tested 1,130 cows for butterfat, pruned 3,200 trees, started a farmers' market and repaired over 1,500 pieces of farm equipment in the school shop.

Fifty chapter members under the leadership of President Robert Bates and Adviser E. F. Foreman completed an average of 6.7 farming projects per boy, 13 farm improvements per boy and 27 supplementary farm jobs per boy. All members have full ownership of one or more productive projects in long-time farming programs. The average investment per member in farming is \$601.

Cooperative activities carried out by the members included the hatching of 8,750 chicks in the chapter owned incubator, the raising and marketing of 500 broilers as chapter project and the raising of 15,000 tomato plants in a chapter hotbed.

ALBANY, OREGON**(Gold Emblem)**

Working through well selected committees, the Albany Chapter carried out a successful program of work and won the "Gold Emblem" award for the third successive year.

Each member completed an average of 5.4 productive enterprises, 13.8 improvement projects and 12.9 supplementary jobs on the home farms. Many of the enterprises were financed by the chapter loan bank.

To aid the labor shortage, all of the FFA boys worked on farms during the harvest season. Over 11,000 trees and shrubs were planted in the community by the chapter members. Cooperative projects included the purchase of 1,400 chicks, 13 calves, 44 tons of feed and 225 pounds of seed corn, and the cooperative marketing of 2,746 pounds of wool.

President of the chapter during the past year was Harold Whitaker, with vocational agriculture teacher John Welbes serving as chapter adviser.

ALPINE, TEXAS**(Gold Emblem)**

With livestock raising and poultry production as the major projects in their farming programs, members of the Alpine Chapter completed an active year under the guidance of President Ernest Teague and Adviser R. C. Mitchell, teacher of vocational agricul-

ture in the high school. The chapter received the award for the third successive year.

All of the boys have full ownership in long-time production programs with an average of 4.2 farming projects and 4 improvement projects completed by each boy on his home farm.

Cooperative activities of the chapter included the hatching of 2,150 chicks in a chapter-owned incubator and the cooperative purchase of 120,000 pounds of grain and 31,000 pounds of hay.

As a service to the farming community chapter members killed nearly 4,000 harmful pests and rodents during the year. They assisted in the gathering of clothes for shipment to foreign countries and collected scrap metal and paper.

JASPER, TEXAS

(Gold Emblem)

Seventy members of the Jasper Chapter completed an extensive program of work with a record of 4.5 production projects, 3.5 improvement projects and 20 supplementary farm jobs per boy. All of the members have full ownership of long-time farming projects.

Cooperative activities of the chapter included the purchase of seed and livestock and the operation of a chapter hotbed and brooder. The chapter members have worked closely with civic clubs in sponsoring programs for community beautification, soil conservation and rodent control.

They repaired over 675 pieces of farm machinery and equipment in the school shop for farmers in the community, tested dairy herds and assisted in making farm surveys.

Jack Jefferson was President of the chapter during the past year, with vocational agriculture teacher K. D. Chandler acting as adviser.

SOUTH EMERY CHAPTER, FERRON, UTAH

(Gold Emblem)

Accomplishments of the South Emery Chapter included the improvement of seed crops, purchase of purebred boars, chapter demonstration crop plots, improved farm record keeping and the testing of all cows owned by chapter members. Productive farming enterprises carried out average 1.9 per boy, improvement projects 16 each and supplementary farm jobs 20 each. All members have full ownership of long-time farming programs.

The chapter carried out community-wide programs in soil improvement, weed eradication and increased egg production. Members cooperatively purchased over 2,000 tomato plants and 21 tons of grain.

Chapter President during the past year was Conrad Nelson, with vocational agriculture teacher Robert Dahle acting as chapter adviser.

UNIDIS, WEST MILFORD, WEST VIRGINIA

(Gold Emblem)

Under the guidance of President Robert Adams and Adviser L. F. Hutton, 37 active members of the Unidis Chapter completed an outstanding program of work to receive the "Gold Emblem" award for the second successive year.

The supervised farming program of the chapter members has been unusual as indicated by the fact that each member averaged 5.1 productive farming enterprises. In addition the members completed an average of 5.7 improvement projects and 11.7 supplementary farm practices. All of the boys have full ownership of one or more productive farming projects which are conducted on a long-time farming program basis. Each chapter member has established a home farm workshop and has reconditioned his farm machinery.

The chapter conducted an extensive program of community service, soliciting funds for the Red Cross, canning food for UNRRA and conducting a safety program. For the seventh straight year the chapter sponsored a community fair which drew 219 exhibitors placing 1,607 entries.



(1)—WILLIAM G. CARLIN
Coatesville, Pennsylvania,
1946 Star Farmer of America.

(2)—PAUL H. SMART
Versailles, Kentucky,
1946 Star Farmer of Central
Region.

(3)—BRODY LEE KOON
Brashear, Texas,
1946 Star Farmer of Southern
Region.

(4)—DENNIS O. HEITMAN
Gardnerville, Nevada,
1946 Star Farmer of Pacific
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 were reviewed by the following individuals for the *Weekly*

Kansas City Star: Mr. Victor Emmanuel, Chairman of the Board, The Aviation Corporation; Mr. C. D. Meltabarger, Assistant Manager, Sales Promotion Division, The Texas Company; and Mr. George Heller, Manager, Agricultural Promotion Division, E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company (Inc.). The records of the four winners follow.

WILLIAM G. CARLIN

Star Farmer of America

William G. Carlin, 20, of RD No. 4, Coatesville, Pennsylvania, is the "Star Farmer of America" for 1946. He received the award at the National Victory Convention at Kansas City, Missouri, in a special afternoon program before 10,000 spectators at the American Royal Livestock Show.

The son of a city-bred family that moved to a farm less than 10 years ago, Bill is half of a brother team which owns a farming business that had a gross income of approximately \$30,000 last year. The other half of the partnership is 22-year-old Walter D. Carlin, Jr., who last year was chosen Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region.

Bill also received the regional title, keeping the award in the family for the second straight year. The region includes all States north of Virginia and east of Ohio. Both boys are members of the Downingtown (Pa.) High School F.F.A. Chapter.

With the top honor went a check of \$500.00 from the Weekly Kansas City Star.

Farming in partnership with his brother on 190 acres of land, Bill has made an outstanding record in bringing run-down farm land back into production. His accomplishments in soil rehabilitation are cited as examples for farmers throughout the country.

In 1940 the Carlin brothers took over a farm owned by their father and previously operated by tenants. Through the years the land had been literally "farmed out," with severe gully erosion present and with the soil in poor condition. Much of the topsoil had been removed from the fields to be used in the growing of mushrooms inside buildings.

Through their classes in vocational agriculture in high school these boys learned what had to be done to bring such land back into good production. With the advice of their teacher they planned a long-range program using the latest-known methods of soil rehabilitation. Crop and pasture land was spread with ground limestone; meadows were topdressed and corps turned under for green manure; commercial fertilizer was used to remedy soil deficiencies.

It took only two short years for the results of this program to become apparent. Land that had produced only 25 bushels of corn to the acre in 1939 brought a yield of 55 bushels in 1942. Fields that had produced only 29 bushels of oats to the acre increased to 52.

Bill's farming program soon began to grow in both quantity and quality. His first farming venture began in 1938 with 25 chickens and 2 dairy heifers. Gradual expansion of his program added pigs, sheep, beef cattle and crop lands in wheat, corn, rye, oats and soybeans.

Profits from his program have been good, with a labor income over seven years amounting to over ten thousand dollars. Nearly all of this money has been reinvested in the business of farming. In 1940 the brothers purchased a tractor and the most necessary items of equipment to begin an active farming program on the land rented from their father. By 1944 they had accumulated enough profits to buy 90 acres of the land with a house and farm buildings.

Today the farm is a going business. The program includes 145 head of beef cattle, 15,000 chickens, 50 market hogs, 50 acres of corn, 65 acres of hay and 25 acres of oats and barley.

In addition to conducting an extensive farming program through the years, the young farmer has been active in the affairs of his community. He is a member of the Chester County Farm Bureau, the Eastern States Farmer's Exchange, the Producers' Cooperative Exchange, and the Grange, having served as a delegate to the State Grange convention last year.

In 1944-45 Bill was President of the Pennsylvania Association of the Future Farmers of America, which has a membership of over 7,000 farm boys, having previously been Secretary and Vice President of his local FFA Chapter. He was one of the two Pennsylvania delegates to this year's National FFA Convention.

BRODY LEE KOON
Star Farmer—Southern Region

Brody Lee Koon, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Koon of Bra-shear, Hopkins County, is the fourth Texas boy in the 19-year history of the F.F.A. to be named "Star Farmer" of the Southern Region.

A graduate of Sulphur Springs High School in 1944, Brody is considered one of the outstanding dairymen of Northeast Texas. A program that began with one Jersey cow seven years ago has been expanded into a herd of 55 registered Jerseys, along with a general crop program of 225 acres which he bought last year from profits on his projects.

The dairy business has come naturally to the young farmer, for he was raised on a 400 acre farm which had a herd of over 100 high-producing dairy cattle. Ever since he entered high school Koon has had an important part in running this farm in partnership with his father. During this time he realized a net profit of over \$16,000 from his own projects, nearly all of which he has re-invested in expanding his program.

Outstanding as a community leader as well as in farming, Koon has served as a director of the Northeast Texas Dairy Association,

as a director of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and is a member of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club.

In 1945 he was Vice President of the Texas FFA Association and served as one of the two Texas delegates to the 1946 National Convention.

DENNIS O. HEITMAN

Star Farmer—Pacific Region

Dennis O. Heitman, 20, of Gardnerville, Douglas County, Nevada, was named "Star Farmer" of the Pacific Region.

A graduate of Douglas County High School in 1944, Heitman is well established in farming, having the complete responsibility for the management of a 1,500 acre cattle ranch owned by his mother.

Heitman began his first farming program with four heifers and a quarter acre of corn when he entered high school in 1940. From this small beginning the program has been expanded from annual profits on projects. Today his enterprises include 30 head of beef cattle, 60 swine, 40 sheep and some 20 acres of growing crops.

Active in his local community as well as in farming, he is a member of the Farm Bureau, the Cattlemen's Association and the West Fork Water Association.

Heitman served as President of the Nevada FFA Association in 1945, and at the same time acted as adviser to the local Carson Valley Chapter in the absence of the school's vocational agriculture teacher, guiding the chapter through a successful year.

PAUL H. SMART

Star Farmer—Central Region

Paul H. Smart, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smart of RFD No. 4, Versailles, Woodford County, was the second Kentucky boy to receive the title "Star Farmer" of the Central Region. Lewis Kelley, Jr., Lexington, was the regional winner in 1940.

A graduate of Versailles High School in 1944, Smart is already well established in farming, working in partnership with his father on a 160-acre general farm. His first farming program began six years ago with four lambs and a small crop of tobacco. From this small beginning the program has annually been expanded from profits on the projects. Today his enterprises include 20 head of beef cattle, 70 head of sheep and extensive crop acreage in tobacco, corn, soybeans and lespedeza.

Active in his local community as well as in farming, Smart has served as a director of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, as a delegate to the Farm Bureau national convention and as a Director of the Purebred Livestock Breeders Association.

He was twice President of his local F.F.A. chapter and in 1944 held the office of President of the State F.F.A. Association.

Citations For Honorary American Farmers

RUSSELL A. FIRESTONE

Assistant Treasurer, Firestone Tire & Rubber Company

Akron, Ohio

Mr. Firestone is one of the Directors of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. Ever since his company was founded, nearly half a century ago, it has worked closely with the farmers of America to provide products which have helped make their work more efficient and more productive. In addition, Firestone has fostered and encouraged improved farming methods through its support of many farm organizations, including the Future Farmers of America.

WALTER F. GEORGE

Member of the United States Senate from Georgia

Vienna, Georgia

Senator George was elected to the United States Senate in 1922 and has served continuously, having been re-elected to the senate four times. During all of these years he has been a leading advocate of a strong program of vocational agriculture. He is the co-author of the George-Reed Act of 1929, George-Ellzey Act of 1933, the George-Deen Act of 1936, and the George-Barden Act of 1946, all of which advanced the program of vocational agriculture in this country.

Senator George has taken a real interest in the activities of the Future Farmers of America and has been an inspiration to its members.

JOHN L. McCaffrey

President, International Harvester Company

Chicago, Illinois

Mr. McCaffrey and the International Harvester Company have cooperated with the Future Farmers of America and the program of vocational agriculture for many years. They have rendered invaluable assistance in preparing teaching aids beneficial to students and young farmers. As one of the initial donors to the F.F.A. Foundation, the International Harvester Company again evidenced its long-standing support of the program in vocational agriculture.

WHEELER McMILLEN**Editor-in-Chief, The "Farm Journal"****Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Mr. McMillen is Editor-in-Chief of the "Farm Journal." As a pioneer in advocating industrial uses for farm products, he was one of the founders of the National Farm Chemurgic Council, organized to promote research in this field, and has been its president since 1937. For many years he has maintained an active interest in the Future Farmers of America and has frequently met with the national F.F.A. officers to discuss with them important agricultural questions.

M. D. MOBLEY**State Director of Vocational Education****Atlanta, Georgia**

Mr. Mobley is Director of Vocational Education in Georgia and Past President of the American Vocational Association. After graduation from the University of Georgia in 1923, he taught vocational agriculture for a year, then successively became Associate Professor of Agricultural Education at the University, Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education and Assistant State Director of Vocational Education.

Mr. Mobley was instrumental in the founding of the Georgia Association of the Future Farmers of America in 1928 and has served continuously since that time as State Adviser.

ROBERT H. REED**Editor, "Country Gentleman"****Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Mr. Reed, the Editor of "Country Gentleman," was born and reared on a Kansas farm. Money earned from farming sent him through the University of Kansas and started him on to a successful career in agricultural journalism.

Mr. Reed has long been a supporter of the Future Farmers of America and the pages of "Country Gentleman" have mirrored his interest with articles and features on the F.F.A. and vocational agriculture.

ROY J. TURNER**President, American Hereford Association****Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Roy J. Turner, rancher and independent oil producer, of Oklahoma City is serving his third term as President of the American

Hereford Association. He has established and maintained one of America's outstanding breeding herds of cattle. For a number of years he has evidenced a keen interest in the Future Farmers of America, by establishing a field day for young stockmen, providing facilities and prize money and furnishing potential show calves of recognized standing in breeding and exhibition circles to F.F.A. members.

The following teachers of vocational agriculture were awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree in recognition of their F.F.A. chapters winning the Gold Emblem award:

H. L. FAGAN, DeLand, Florida

CHARLES O. NEEL, Versailles, Kentucky

K. D. CHANDLER, Jasper, Texas

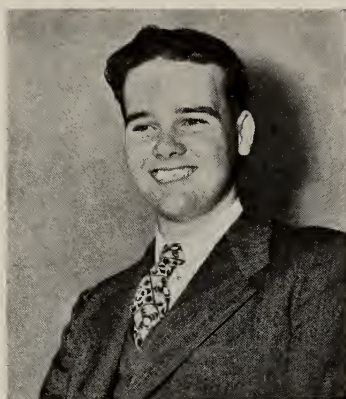
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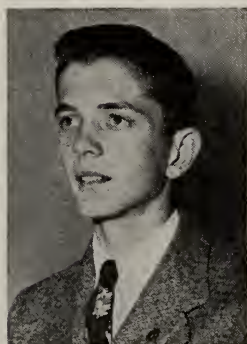
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Public Speaking Contest

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

The Seventeenth National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest took place in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Monday, October 21. The five finalists placing in the order indicated were:

1. Marshall Schirer, Newton, Kansas — "Soil — Our Wasted Heritage."
2. Lester Demmin, Hillsboro, Oregon—"Anchor Our Soil."
3. Charles Mounce, Hamakuapoko, Maui, Hawaii — "Future Farmers of Hawaii Look to the West."
4. Bobby Porterfield, Powder Springs, Georgia—"A New Day For the American Farmer."
5. Theodore L. White, Jr., Madison, Connecticut—"The Backbone of Poultry Husbandry."

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

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

The judges were:

Raymond W. Miller, President and General Counsel, American Institute of Cooperation, Washington, D. C.

Wheeler McMillen, Editor-in-Chief, "Farm Journal and Farmer's Wife," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

W. L. Clark, Vice President, J. I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin.

The speeches of the four contestants follow:

SOIL: OUR WASTED HERITAGE

by Marshall Schirer, Newton, Kansas

Man has been called the great disturber of nature. Restless in his habits, he has moved over the surface of our globe bending all life to his will; but leaving scars in his wake. Nowhere perhaps, have his activities been more destructive than to our soils. Everywhere we see the results of thoughtless, careless, or exploitive methods of farming. Gullied and eroded hillsides, thin soil, where only the hardier crops have a chance to survive, and abandoned farmsteads are markers that indicate the burial of our once productive farm land. Ours has been an exploitive type of agriculture and therefore dangerous to the public welfare.

A study of our land conservation policy shows that much of our land has been exploited. In the South and here in the Middle West where some of the best land in the world was and is located, there has been an awakening to the tremendous soil losses occurring constantly. Once fertile land is now marginal or abandoned; land under cultivation today will be unfit for cultivation in another decade or two, unless something is done to correct our destructive tillage practices.

In the solution of any problem it is well to determine our position. In 1932 a prominent soil specialist was called to survey a field in Jewell County, Kansas. He was discouraged to find only three to four inches of yellowish brown, silty, clay loam surface soil, low in organic matter, and poor in tilth and water retention ability. As the specialist examined the field he began to feel that he had surveyed that same tract before. Suddenly the previous experience came back to him. In 1912, 20 years earlier, he had surveyed the same field. At that time it carried 10 to 12 inches of dark brown silt loam surface soil, high in organic matter and having excellent tilth and water holding capacity. Throughout the 20 years this field had been farmed without regard to a 2% slope, and in that time had been changed from rich, productive farm land to a worn-out community liability.

This field is not an isolated case. In the United States we have 50 million acres of land no longer suited for cultivation; 30 million acres are in the process of abandonment; 10 million acres whose fertility has been seriously depleted; and 11 million acres that are in need of corrective measures to restore them to proper productivity.

Every farmer should be aware of soil losses and their causes.

What are they? Water and wind. Water erosion, due to excessive rainfall, perhaps causes the greater damage. A lack of rainfall, the cause of wind erosion resulting in the "black blizzards" of the mid-30's, is a more spectacular though less destructive cause of loss. Together water and wind remove not less than 3 billion tons of our nation's farm land each year. This eroded soil contains the equivalent of 43 million tons of phosphorus, potassium, and nitrogen. This is 60 times the amount of these elements purchased by farmers in the United States for use as commercial fertilizer in the year 1943. If we continue to use farming methods which allow erosion to get out of control, water and wind can remove in a few years, topsoil that it took centuries to build. We must prevent this loss if we are to retain our position as a leader among nations.

From our soils, plants take a tremendous toll of soil nutrients. Yet do you know that run-off water takes 20 times as much soil nutrients as do the plants for their growth? Why, you may ask, this tremendous emphasis on soil nutrients? These soil nutrients are essential to life itself. A very emphatic reason why we should maintain our land at a high level of fertility is to maintain the health of man and of our farm animals. There is an old adage which states, "You can't make something from nothing." Land in a poor state of fertility cannot produce crops with a high nutritive value nor can we expect animals fed such feed to make satisfactory economic gains or to yield products with a high degree of nutritive value. Dr. William A. Albrecht, noted soil scientist, substantiates this in an article, "The Four Haystacks," written in the 1945 spring edition of *The Land*.

There are many ways that we can conserve our soil. Probably the most publicized is terracing. The terrace plan is to convert running water into slowly moving water so it will not take so much soil and tear so many runways while moving. It is better if terracing is supported by contour farming, strip cropping, and other conservation practices.

Contour farming provides us with a plan of making all the rows go around instead of over the hill. Each row, being farmed on the level, becomes a miniature terrace thus causing the depositing of soil and the retarding of run-off water.

Strip cropping works in much the same way as contour farming. The only difference being that strips of some permanent crop such as sweet clover, alfalfa, or grass are spaced on the contour to prevent soil and water losses.

Sod and cover crops are also soil savers, and have not been fully appreciated. They have been the "poor relation" in many of our farming programs. Too frequently they have been relegated to land too poor for tillage. Consequently, they have not yielded their maximum. However, progressive farmers now consider legumes and grasses as a valuable asset in checking erosion, rebuilding land to profitable production, and achieving a balanced farming program.

All these practices enter into a sound land conservation policy. All can be put into operation by practical "dirt" farmers without seriously disrupting their farming programs. In 1928 Wesley Fundis purchased a badly eroded, fertility depleted farm near LeRoy, Kansas. By the use of contouring, the erection of terraces with proper outlets, a cropping system that included grasses and legumes, and the use of lime and phosphate, Mr. Fundis has increased the production of his tilled field to more than twice the average for the county, has practically eliminated erosion, and has increased the number of animal units on the farm. He has achieved results in conservation that could be typical. Wesley Fundis is "Mr. Typical Farmer" of America. Upon such achievement as his rests the future of our nation. Upon such achievement we can retain and rebuild the foundation of America's greatness.

This is a challenge to all Future Farmers of America. We must defend our land with the forces of conservation. America has always had faith in its tomorrow. When government first subsidized agricultural education it placed an increasing responsibility on all future farmers. It will take a lot of work and planning to maintain our Nation's soils; but when success is achieved we shall be rewarded. The reward will not come in the form of medals, cups, or plaques. It will come in the form of more contented, fuller farm life that will guarantee the future of the America of tomorrow. And only when the farmers of our America of today and of tomorrow have fulfilled their obligations will the soil no longer be Our Wasted Heritage.

ANCHOR OUR SOIL

by Lester Demmin, Cornelius, Oregon

Can you imagine our nation existing on a bit less than one third our present area of cultivated land?

Can you realize how our living standard would be lowered if this situation becomes a fact?

At this time we are approaching the brink of such a chaotic condition. This approach is being accelerated every year by a pressing national problem—erosion of our soil.

The rise and fall of the Roman Empire can be told in relation to this topic, for Rome started as an agricultural country and left many writings on the subject of husbandry. It was apparent that at the beginning her farmers practiced erosion control to a considerable extent. As time went on the urge to conquest prevailed and the men were taken from the farms and the tillage of the soil was left to the care of the unskilled slaves.

Gradually the land suffered a decline in productive power and Rome became easy prey for the vigorous barbarians from the North. The extent the degeneration of Roman agriculture played in her downfall is not known but we can realize that it was a large contributing factor.

Since the dawn of time, soil has been on the move. Rain and wind have scoured away at the earth's surface and carried soil particles from place to place. In this way stream channels have been cut out, river deltas built, and entire landscapes transformed.

Ordinarily, however, under the protective cover of grass, trees or other vegetation, this movement of soil is slow, no faster than the normal rate of soil creation. But under unfavorable conditions brought about by man's abuse of the soil this movement is speeded up, often to a rate that removes much productive soil in a very few years.

Erosion was first given a foothold in the United States immediately after the settlement of the Atlantic seaboard. Intensive farming of the Southeastern parts of the country to raise cotton, rice, and tobacco is considered the cause of this start.

By the time of the Revolution, erosion had become so serious that national leaders such as Washington and Jefferson became aroused. But with the opening of the Northwest territory new land was available to move onto, thus causing the anti-erosion movement to die out.

It was this Northwest territory that was the scene of waste unparalleled in world history! Forests were slashed and prairie grasses were plowed under with no thought of long-time cultivation and no consideration for the generations of the future.

Farmers, it seems, have done everything possible to speed up the impoverishment of our land. Steep hillsides have been plowed up and down the slope, ranges and pasture have been overburdened with huge herds of livestock, crop rotation has been ignored and plowed grasslands have been exposed to the force of the wind.

In 1934 the Soil Erosion Service made a survey to determine the extent of erosion in our country, and here is what they found: In our country, with a total area of slightly less than two billion acres, 14 per cent or about 280 million acres, have been essentially ruined for immediate use. To make this acreage more clear, imagine four times the state of Oregon a barren wasteland! This gives you a picture of the land damage achieved by the combined forces of man and nature in the past. What about the present and future?

At present in America, over and above this 14 per cent of ground ruined in the past, there is 35 per cent more of all types of land on the move. These acres are not yet ruined, but all over the United States this soil is now slipping away from beneath our feet. Altogether, over a billion acres, the 14 per cent already ruined and the 35 per cent being ruined, one half of America, have been and are being destroyed.

Much of the land in the West had not been broken to the plow until the present century, but in this short time we have lost 14 per cent of all our land and put another 35 per cent on the move, not by a natural catastrophe, but by outright abuse. As far as historical records show, the United States has wasted her land resources

faster than any other nation or race that ever attempted to practice agriculture on an extensive scale.

Considering cropland alone, with all other land excluded, we now have about 351 million acres that can be classed as really suitable to cultivation. Already we have lost 50 million acres of cultivated land by erosion and another 50 million have been reduced to poor condition by the same process—erosion. Actually, there are only 62 million acres that are both good and non-erodible. By undertaking costly projects of irrigation, drainage, and clearing, we could develop about 70 million more. Add this up, and the result is 132 million acres—one acre for every man, woman and child in the United States, one third of what we now have.

Unless we adequately safeguard our present area of good soil we may eventually face a serious land shortage. This shortage will affect every person in America, either through increased taxes, higher cost of living, or more drastic, a change in diet.

Yes, right now we have a monster devouring the soil from under us. But I've given only the dark side of the story. There is another and lighter side—erosion can be controlled.

There are various methods whereby this monster can be controlled. I shall mention and explain contour cultivation, terrace farming, plowing under cover crops, permanent cover crops and tile drainage.

Under the system of contour cultivation the farmers till the soil along the contour of the land, plowing around the hills instead of over them, thus the furrows form numerous miniature dams, preventing excess rainfall from rushing down the slope carrying with it much valuable topsoil. Together with contour cultivation, terrace farming is used to check and prevent the erosion of soil on slopes by running water.

The plowing under of cover crops increases the humus content of the soil. This humus tends to absorb water and hold it until it is needed by vegetation or until it evaporates. A permanent cover crop works in a similar fashion in that it also absorbs water. If the water is not all taken up, the plants hold down the soil while the great excesses of water run over the crops washing a negligible amount of top soil.

Tile drainage systems properly installed on cultivated hill land will carry off excess water without washing the topsoil.

Here I have presented five methods which have proven themselves effective in halting erosion. The methods have been developed—all that remains is for the farmers to adopt them.

I hope that I have awakened you to the fact that our soil is now disappearing at a fast rate. In not too many decades, if conservation methods are not used to anchor our soil, we will be short, so short in fact that our living standard will have to be lowered. Then our country will be materially weakened and we may become easy prey for some powerful nation just as Rome did many centuries ago.

FUTURE FARMERS OF HAWAII LOOK TO THE WEST

by Charles Mounce, Hamakuapoko, Maui, Hawaii

In these days of unrest and insecurity many high school boys are wondering about their future. High school boys, forgetting the grim aspects of war, are lamenting the fact that their friends and older brothers have had a chance to see the world, to go places, to do things, while they stayed at home. These high school boys are restless, dissatisfied. They want to travel. They look forward to doing something different, something exciting. For those boys who are Future Farmers, there is a thrilling opportunity ahead—a chance to travel and to contribute to the reconstruction of world economy. I refer to the part that we can play in the great problem of agricultural rehabilitation of the islands to the south and west of us.

Let us examine the situation briefly.

At the end of World War I, many strategic islands of the Pacific, including the Marshalls, Marianas, and Carolines, were mandated to Japan. From that time until our fighting forces fairly blasted them out of the sea, their people were under the powerful control of the Japanese government.

We in Hawaii remember so well the days when our friends of the valiant 4th Marine Division left our peaceful shores to carry out the operations which resulted in the capture of Saipan, Tinian, and later of Iwo Jima. They are over, but we can never forget those campaigns. Those missions are completed, we hope, forever. The question of the future control of those islands rests with the statesmen of the United Nations. What happens, as far as government, education, and similar problems are concerned, is not the worry of Hawaii's Future Farmers, but we are concerned with the possibilities of making those islands self-sustaining, and we believe the answer has been found. Our American agricultural experts discovered during the war that those islands could be made to produce farm products by applying scientific farming methods, and I believe that a continuation of this program is the answer to the security of the future.

Throughout the war, the Forward Area Division of the Foreign Economic Administration carried on a tremendous project producing fresh fruit and vegetables for our fighting men in the South Pacific.

So closely was the work of this group co-ordinated with the armed forces that troops had hardly landed when the Foreign Economic Administration, now known as the United States Commercial Corporation, was on the scene. The primary purpose of their project was to satisfy the craving of our troops for fresh food. Their interest, then, was not in the civilian population. In many instances, food was produced only for our hospitalized men. This project covered many islands and presented interesting problems, some of which I want to review for you briefly.

Because of the nature of the soil on many of those Pacific islands, ordinary methods of farming could not be used. Volcanic ash is very different from the kind of soil to which farmers almost anywhere are accustomed. Therefore, it was necessary to employ a most fascinating, but as yet little publicized type of farming, known as hydroponics: farming with only cinders for soil and an elaborate irrigation system of chemicals for fertilizer. All the nourishment required comes to the plants in chemical form through the pipes of an irrigation system that floods the cinder beds twice a day. Everything else the plants need they extract from the air with the aid of sunlight. On Iwo Jima at one time army C rations for five thousand men were supplemented by fresh tomatoes; on Guadalcanal six hospitals were kept supplied with fresh vegetables.

On one of the islands they found vast level plains covered shoulder high with kangaroo grass. Here they were able to farm right up to the edge of the jungle. Here they found rich black soil, entirely devoid of weed seeds. Cultivation was no problem at all. The grass was easily killed with one plowing and disking. Good crops were produced, and fertilizer was not needed. Except for the mention of jungles and kangaroo grass, that sounds almost like farming at home! Yet, *no such efforts to farm that land had ever been made before*. Our men were turning over that soil for the first time in history!

On Saipan and Tinian, corn, tomatoes, beans, onions, radishes, melons, and cucumbers were grown successfully. After a time, on request from the armed forces, the Foreign Economic Administration expanded many of its operations to include, not only fresh vegetables, but also poultry, swine, and dairy cows.

Thirty days after the invasion of Guam, agricultural experimentation was underway. In six months, 350 acres had been cleared and were under cultivation by 800 specially trained navy men most of whom were chosen for the job because of their previous farming experience.

Midway presented another soil problem. There, with a complete absence of natural soil, it was necessary to bring in every ounce of top soil used. Yet, once this was done, corn fifteen feet high was soon growing, and other vegetables were making the same comparative growth.

Those are but a few examples of the work done in this highly successful program.

Two great undertakings have already been accomplished. First, Uncle Sam's fighting men have secured these strategic islands which most military men feel should remain under our jurisdiction. Second, our agricultural experts have shown that by using proper farming methods those islands can be made self-sustaining.

Fellow Future Farmers, the need now is for trained individuals to help the vast civilian population in the work of agricultural rehabilitation. Those people must live. They must be given every

opportunity to learn up-to-date methods of farming. For the sake of health and the economic welfare of their communities, they must raise quantities of fruit and vegetables. Dairies must be established.

Fellow Future Farmers, we can have a share in this third great enterprise. Men have already been called to help with this work. It's our job now to prepare ourselves for the day when we may be needed. Meanwhile, we must keep informed and accumulate experience through our agricultural training program. This opportunity for service is real and it is immediate. The Pacific islanders must be taught to farm, and no one is better able to understand and cope with the problems of coral and volcanic islands than Hawaii's trained farmers. The farmer who is growing gigantic cabbage on the cinder slopes of Haleakala can furnish valuable information to the farmer of Iwo Jima. Among the Future Farmers of Hawaii are many who have the added advantage of being able to speak the same language as do the people of those islands. However, the language of the hoe, the rake, and the plow is the same the world over. All of us can teach by example what needs to be taught.

Every island presents problems to be studied and to be solved. Let us make use of every opportunity to equip ourselves to be of value in this great program of rehabilitation so essential to the continued peace and prosperity of our country.

Fellow Future Farmers, we don't need to wonder what we are going to do in the future. It may be that our soldiers, sailors, and marines were carving our destiny, when they wrenched the Pacific islands from the autocratic hand of the Nipponese and made them America's responsibility—maybe made them our responsibility, yours and mine. We need not plan to spend the rest of our lives in those islands, but, to satisfy that immediate desire to go somewhere and to be useful, let's be ready for the third landing on those islands when the password will be Progress and the progress will be peaceful.

A NEW DAY FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER

by Bobby Porterfield, Powder Springs, Georgia

Today the American Farmer stands within the door-way of a new day. A day of Chemurgy and advance technology, of improved production and distribution techniques, of high labor efficiency through improved farm machinery, of quick-freezing canning and dehydration of farm products, of expanded cooperation between rural and urban populations; and finally a world of more skilled, more progressive and more highly educated farmers than has ever been known. Under stimulus of these advantages he has been able to help feed the nations of the world.

Our surpluses and more have disappeared with the unrelenting demand of war. Yet if we judge the future by the past, no intelligent farmer thinks prices and demands for his products will endure

more than a few years. We had surpluses before the war and we shall have them again when the nations of the world are able to feed themselves.

Our farm boys who have returned from the battle fronts of Europe and Asia are asking these questions: "Where do we go from here?" "As a new day dawns in agriculture, must farmers face reduction, regimentation and parity payments?" "Can this be the only remedy for the great producing power of American Agriculture?"

My friends, Science and Industry tell us there is a solution, a better way of life. Yes, there is another answer. Scientists and chemists, cooperating with industry, are converting the farmers' products of the soil into materials of commerce. This, in a word, is "chemurgy." Chemurgy is the "Atomic Bomb of Agriculture." It is chemistry at work—at work for the farmer and industry, devising thousands of things for better living.

We can tell this magic story with three gallons of milk, nature's most perfect food. The first gallon we drink, eat as cheese, or spread on bread as butter. Chemurgy makes a gay-knitted suit, a sweater, a dress or felt hat from the second gallon. The third gallon becomes a can of paint, a tube of glue, bathroom and kitchen fixtures, lamp shades, billiard balls, or piano keys.

Henry Ford has been a pioneer in the development of the soybean, once used only for food, which is now being processed for its plastic use in the electric and mechanical field. The distribution bases and plug of that electric light switch over there, the panels on your automobile and airplane dashboard, your timing gears, are all made from this miracle bean.

Chemist Charles H. Hertzy has found a use for vast areas of fast-growing Southern pine. Through ten years of tireless effort he has perfected the process of converting worthless slash pine into paper and thus a new industry was born which has transformed many sections of the southland.

A Negro Chemist, George Washington Carver, saw peanuts and sweet potatoes rotting in the fields. As a result, he derived from them more than two hundred useful products, including oils, rubber, and alcohol.

Through Chemurgy we have found a way to convert a greater portion of things farmers raise into things people use. From farm chemurgy come many things: oils for enamel, paints, waterproof goods, glycerine and explosives and numerous plastic goods.

Coming to pass before our very eyes is the chemist's claim that alcohol will afford the cheapest source of synthetic rubber, at a price even lower than natural rubber. Blended with gasoline this alcohol can be used as a fuel to run our farm tractors, trucks, and cars, and as super fuel for the increasing swarm of airplanes. Dr. William Hale says, "Ethyl alcohol is the chemical agent with which man will banish idle hands and idle acres."

Another outstanding example of Chemurgy is the utilization of the by-product, bageese, the fiber left from sugar cane after being crushed in the mill, for a tough hard plastic panel called kanex and celotex insulation board. Cotton fabric membrane to be used on road beds in post war years offers a potential market for seven to ten million bales of cotton. Chicken feathers are being used to make cloth, fabric and thread from which ladies' finest dresses are made.

Chemurgy is not a new idea. It was envisioned by our great chemists more than a decade ago, and has only begun to multiply the blessings of mankind. Henry Ford says, "The time is coming when the farmer in addition to feeding the nation will become the supplier of the materials used in Industry. Industry and Agriculture are natural partners; Industry will suffer from lack of employment of its men; while Agriculture will suffer from lack of a market for its produce. Bringing them together heals the ailments of both."

Thrust into the midst of an industrial revolution by war, we are entering an era of new materials. We are passing from the age of metals to the age of plastics. Since peace has come again and wartime discoveries are now being turned to peace time uses, these materials born through chemurgy will revolutionize our way of life.

An ancient Bible story tells how six disciples of Jesus had fished all night long without a catch. Jesus appeared unto them and said, "Cast down your net on the right side of the ship." Heeding the words of Jesus, they cast down their net and were unable to draw it up for the multitude of fish.

In the light of their magic knowledge, chemurgists are telling us to cast down our net on the right side, that from the sea of farm abundance we might help solve the great national unemployment of industry and the lack of markets for our agricultural produce.

My friends, do not misunderstand me. I have not attempted to propose an absolute and complete solution to the ills of Agriculture and Industry. However, I do see in the ever-broadening use of farm products in industry a new day of which our forefathers never dreamed. I see the materials of agriculture, the knowledge of chemistry, and the skill of industry working together for the New Day that is dawning for the American Farmer.

THE BACKBONE OF POULTRY HUSBANDRY

by Theodore L. White, Jr., Madison, Connecticut

One billion, six hundred million high-grade chicks can't go wrong.

Adequate food supply has always been—and always will be—man's chief problem. Agriculture and animal husbandry are basic human industries because a world without sufficient food is a hungry, starving world. The struggle to prevent actual famine is a

big job in itself, but a high type of civilization can exist only where a high standard of nutrition is constantly guaranteed. The hatcheryman in his work on the farm, therefore, not only lives close to nature, but also plays his part as an essential link in the chain of events that build civilization.

We may think of the hatcheryman as a manufacturer of living things. This fact alone makes the industry one of the most interesting, and at the same time one of the most difficult occupations. The problems created by operating a hatchery are many and include numerous risks. Investment of time, material, and capital—losses due to mismanagement, disease, storms, fire, feed shortage, and unfavorable market conditions—all enter the picture. Moreover, the successful hatcheryman must be more than a manual laborer, because sufficient and profitable operation demands that the manager use applied science. The hatcheryman must work with his mind as well as with his hands, and it is this challenge which makes his work both interesting and satisfying.

Beyond these circumstances, however, stretches a wider and far more significant horizon. The hatchery industry is a commercial funnel into which innumerable research contributions are poured to emerge as a steady stream of practical achievement. Herein lies the reason for phenomenal progress in poultry husbandry during the present century. It also explains why the poultry industry ranks a close third—on the very heels of hog production—as a source of national farm income from livestock. Naturally, more mass production in numbers is not a desirable end in itself. Cooperation between poultry scientists and husbandmen has resulted in mass production of quality as well as quantity.

A glance at history shows that the hatcheryman is not a newcomer to industry. More than three thousand years ago, man begun to improve on nature's hatching methods in prehistoric China. The Ancient Egyptians also had crude but surprisingly-efficient incubators. Individual breeders have made isolated contributions to poultry progress in Europe during the past eight centuries, but American science and enterprises have made this country the greatest and most efficient production center of high quality poultry in modern time.

It is fortunate, but nevertheless true that the average man is far more likely to follow an ideal if practical incentives are intimately associated with that ideal. Poultry science can point the way to flock improvement by breeding based on genetic principles, by control and prevention of disease through sanitation and therapy, and by feeding birds in accordance with facts established by the science of nutrition, but it remains for these factors to find general, rather than spotty application before universal and continuous progress in poultry husbandry is possible. The American hatcheryman has gone far toward making this ideal goal a reality.

Competition is keen in the hatchery industry, and acts as a spur to improvement. Producing better chicks is not a hobby, but bread-

and-butter business with the hatcheryman. He operates his plant not to achieve abstract fame, but to win financial success. The incubator trays of nearly 11,000 commercial and breeder hatcheries in the United States are filled with eggs from flocks that are bred to produce better chicks. Every pipped egg hatches an invisible pattern of scientific progress in addition to the visible chick—and this result is made possible only by fundamental cooperation of poultry scientists and husbandmen expressed in the products of hatcheries.

Although people still argue whether the chicken or the egg came first, we know that over ninety percent of American poultry flocks come from the incubators of commercial and breeder hatcheries. Artificial incubation is ten to twenty-five percent more efficient than natural incubation under the best conditions. Mechanization of temperature and humidity controls automatic turning devices, perfected insulation, swift and safe transportation of carefully-culled-day-old and started chicks, and hygienic management at all stages to minimize disease have all contributed toward the advance of artificial incubation. We must recognize more than this, however. Hatcherymen by preference purchase eggs from producers who have successfully applied the researches of poultry science. The hatcheryman knows that superior hatching eggs are his best investment. It is another case of the world beating a path to the door of the man who manufactures a better chick. The benefits and advantages of upgraded meat and egg productions, as well as resistance to disease, discovered through research, are passed on by the hatchery industry to become common property wherever poultry is raised.

Rapid progress in poultry husbandry has not been a matter of chance, but the result of a happy union between science and farming. Clearly, the hatchery industry has made it possible to pass on the benefits of unified endeavor to flock owners everywhere—not only at home, but also abroad. The never-ending search of science for better methods and superior products in agriculture can bear fruit only if discovered truth is practically applied. Keen competition in the hatchery industry is the stimulus which assures the use of applied science in hatching egg production. Facilities for mass incubation and general distribution of quality as well as quantity certainly help toward the solution of the world's food problem.

It appears, therefore, that future progress in poultry husbandry depends upon even closer cooperation between science and industry—and that ideals will continue to find expression in reality through the operations of the hatchery industry.

The risks and problems faced by the hatcheryman are many, but so are his achievements. The challenge to scientific and economic success has put adventure and romance into what would otherwise be plain, hard work. Meeting the high standards demanded by keen competition, the hatcheryman has combined science with business to make artificial incubation one of the most important, effi-

cient, progressive, and successful agricultural occupations in the country. All of this is ultimately due to good management, hard work, and business enterprise on the part of the hatcheryman in transmitting to producers the truths discovered by poultry science in the form of the best chicks obtainable to-day. To perpetuate this achievement, however, the cycle must continue as an uninterrupted pattern—providing chicks of ever-increasing excellence as tomorrow follows tomorrow.

American poultry science and husbandry have attained a significant place in world agriculture through the medium of the hatchery industry, as the living witnesses created by record production in 1945 must prove. One billion, six hundred million high-grade chicks can't be wrong.

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