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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, 1961, the active membership totaled 378,050 in 8,644 chapters of 49 states 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 agricultural courses.

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

The Thirty-Fourth National Convention was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-13, 1961. The restricted attendance of members at the convention was well received. Final count showed approximately 9,000 FFA members registered from all state associations.

These proceedings constitute a yearbook on organization activities. The complete minutes of the convention sessions are included, along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory to the convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due many persons whose leadership and work led to a successful convention and made the publication of this booklet worth while.

WM. PAUL GRAY,
National Executive Secretary



PAST AND NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS

Standing, left to right: Lyle Carpenter, Teddy Carruth, Jerome Donovan, John Creer, Nathan Cushman, and Ronald Cook.
 Seated, left to right: Victor Butler, James Prewitt, Darryl Eastvold, Keith Simmons, Randall McCutcheon, and Richard Black.



DR. WILLIAM T. SPANTON

On November 1, when he retired at the age of 70, Dr. William T. Spanton had completed 36 years in Federal Government service working in the field of vocational education in agriculture. As Director of the Agricultural Education Branch in the U. S. Office of Education, he has been National Advisor of the Future Farmers of America since April 1, 1941. Prior to that, he had served from 1925 as Federal Agent for agricultural education in the Pacific Region.

Dr. Spanton was prominent in the small group of leaders who did the groundwork and laid plans for the formation in November, 1928, of the National FFA Organization. He is the third National Advisor, and has held that position longer than any other man.

Dr. Spanton has received many honors in recognition of his service to the farm boys of America. He received the FFA's Honor-ray American Farmer degree in 1931; the American Vocational Association has elected him to life membership; he was elected Honorary Governor of the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show in 1953; the Boy Scouts of America conferred their coveted Silver Buffalo Award upon him, and the American Agricultural Editors Association chose him in 1959 to receive their annual award for Distinguished Service in Agriculture.

Members and former members of the FFA, teachers and supervisors of vocational agriculture, and the many friends of the program, all join in expressing their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. William T. Spanton for his many years of devoted and distinguished service to Future Farmers of America, and extend their best wishes to him and Mrs. Spanton for many happy and fruitful years in his retirement.

Many honors were accorded Dr. Spanton at this year's National Convention by the FFA and his many friends.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES

Alabama	Jimmy Barnes	Jimmy Golson Route 1, Sulligent
Arizona	Ivan Hunt	Charlie Chapman Route 1, Box 5 335 10th Avenue Litchfield Park Yuma
Arkansas	David Singleton	Paul Wildy Sidon Leachville
California	Jerry Diefenderfer	Roy Killgore 546 Ellen Way 6025 Ensign Street San Luis Obispo North Hollywood
Colorado	Lee Anderson	Duane Loesch Route 3, Box 323 Route 1 Greeley Silt
Connecticut	John Young	Tracy Atwood Middletown Avenue Northford Falls Village
Delaware	Eddie Moore	Wallace Caulk, Jr. Box 58, Magnolia Woodside
Florida	Victor Butler	Charles A. Beck Havana Chiefland
Georgia	Stewart Bloodworth	Robert Page Elko Route 1, Hoboken
Hawaii	Stanley Anbe	Richard Hoopii Lanai City Anahola
Idaho	Dennis Jenkins	Terry Beckwith Route 1, Box 70 Route 1, Box 126 Rigby Payette
Illinois	Lynn Laible	Kenny McMillan Toluca Prairie City
Indiana	Jim Howell	William McKinsey R.R. 1, Hagerstown Box 91, Colfax
Iowa	Lyle V. Johnson.....	John A. Hemminger Route 2, Forest City Route 2, Harlan
Kansas	Michael Dikeman	Milam Jones Fort Scott Elk City
Kentucky	Charles E. Eldridge.....	Bobby Stakelin Murray Route 1, Georgetown
Louisiana	Carl J. Langley.....	James Albert Burnitt Route 1, Box 46, Kinder Mittie
Maine	Ronald H. Brasslett.....	Victor A. Winslow Hudson RFD 1, Presque Isle
Maryland	Kenneth Bowers	Terry Noble Williamsport
Massachusetts	Richard Mottolo	Charles York 120 North Street Mohawk Andover
Michigan	Thomas G. Moran.....	Vincent Worley Box 13, Acme RFD 2, Osseo
Minnesota	Howard Kittleson	Gene Benson Blooming Prairie Route 3, Box 292, Alexandria
Mississippi	Troy Majure, Jr.....	Morris Massey Utica Route 1, Ethel
Missouri	Roy Thomas	Tom Wheatacraft R.R. 3, Liberty RFD 3, Brookfield
Montana	William Krutzfeldt	Raymond Wang Powderville Route 2, Box 37, Plentywood

Nebraska	Dennis Swanstrom	Merlin Prior Imperial
	Route 3, Lincoln	
Nevada	Alma Whipple	Chris Gansberg, Jr. Gardnerville
	Logandale	
New Hampshire	Peter Thomson	Caleb Atwood Westminster
	Orford	
New Jersey	Kenneth Vliet	Douglas Aukema R.D. 1, Branchville
	Box 229, Oldwick	
New Mexico	Billy Speed	Melvin Wingfield Box 514, Tularosa
	Cameron Rt., Tucumcari	
New York	David B. Wells.....	John Snel R.D. 1, Nineveh
	Castile	
North Carolina	Larry Whittington	Weldon Faircloth Autryville
	Route 1, Angier	
North Dakota	Michael Connor	Maury Bredahl Minot
	Starkweather	
Ohio	J. Richard Terrell.....	Paul Pence, III Walcutt Road, Columbus
	New Vienna	
Oklahoma	Jon Ford	Jimmy Steward Rt. 1, Box 164, Shawnee
	Helena	
Oregon	Donald J. Reed.....	William Blatchford Rt. 2, Box 267, Hillsboro
	Halfway	
Pennsylvania	Donald C. Fogle.....	Dewey A. Wagner R.D. 1, Tionesta
	R.D. 1, Lewisburg	
Puerto Rico	Rene F. Sotomayor.....	Nicolas Rios Butler Supt. of Schools Utuado
	Supt. of Schools	
	Aguadilla	
Rhode Island	Michael A. Sollitto.....	Warren Carlow Plainfield Pike Scituate
	181 Norton Street Riverside	
South Carolina	Jon Rogers	Robert Boyd, Jr. Rt. 2, Loris
	Route 1, Piedmont	
South Dakota	Arnold Delbridge	Wayne Weishaar Lemmon
	Howes	
Tennessee	Nathan P. Griffith.....	Gerald Ellison Route 1, Bybee
	Route 2, Arlington	
Texas	James Morris	James Cole 155 South 6th Slaton
	Anahuac	
Utah	Robert Jensen	Jan Turner Morgan
	Garland	
Vermont	Arthur Urie	Robert Starr, Jr. North Troy
	Craftsbury Common	
Virginia	Bobby Munsey	Charles Fariss Route 2, Rustburg
	Bland	
Washington	William Wight, Jr.....	Dennis Mickelsen Rt. 1, Box 142, Winlock
	Route 1, Toledo	
West Virginia	Larry Sterling	Thomas Crites Glen Daniel
	Route 1, Box 29 Kingwood	
Wisconsin	David Meyer	Arlen Burke Route 2, Amery
	Route 3, Cashton	
Wyoming	Michael Brabec	Russell Michael R.R. 1, Yoder
	Deaver	

CONVENTION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

(Unless otherwise stated, all activities in the Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Missouri)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 11:00 a.m. Registration for Official Delegates, Hotel President
- 12:00 noon Officer-Delegate Luncheon—Hotel President
- 1:00 p.m. Tours to Points of Interest
- 1:00 p.m. Audition for FFA Talent Program
- 1:30 p.m. Nominating Committee, Officer Candidates Meeting,
Hotel President
- 1:30 p.m. Delegates Committee Work
- 1:30 p.m. Registration, continues throughout Convention
- 6:45 p.m. Meeting of Courtesy Corps and Ushers
- 7:30 p.m. Meeting of State Advisors—Hotel President
- 9:15 p.m. Practice for American Farmer Degree, Star Farmer and Pageant

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 a.m. OPENING SESSION

Presiding: Lyle Carpenter, National President
Music—National FFA Band, Dr. Henry S. Brunner, U. S. Office of
Education, conducting
Invocation—Jim Thomas, National FFA President, 1959-60
Posting of Colors
National Anthem
Organist—Marvin Moeckly, Iowa Association
Soloist—Charles J. Peterson, Iowa Association
Remarks—Captain John R. McKone, U.S.A.F.
Report of Delegate Credentials
Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates
Minutes of 33rd National Convention—Ronald Cook
Appointment of Constitutional Committees—Auditing, Nominat-
ing and Program of Work
Nomination of Honorary American Farmers—W. T. Spanton,
National Advisor
Introduction of "Kansas Citians"
Address—Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Mo.
National Treasurer's Report—J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor,
Agricultural Education, Richmond, Virginia
Address of Retiring National President
Future Farmers Supply Service—E. J. Hawkins, Manager
The National Future Farmer Magazine—Wilson Carnes, Editor
The Official FFA Calendar—Howard Carter, Associate Editor
Address of Retiring Student Secretary
Greetings from Youth Organizations—Future Homemakers of
America, 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts of America
National FFA Annual Report—Wm. Paul Gray, National Execu-
tive Secretary
Closing Ceremony

2:00 p.m. **SECOND SESSION**

Presiding: Jerome Donovan, Jr., National Vice President,
Central Region
Address of Retiring Vice President
Music—National FFA Band
Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
Awarding of Service Plaques—Walter Jacoby, Bob Taylor, Allen
Lee, A. G. Bullard, Harold Taylor
Address—Honorable Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture,
Florida
American Farmer Degree Ceremony
Closing Ceremony

4:30 p.m. Reception for Donors to FFA Foundation
Hotel Muehlebach (For Official Delegates, State Advisors and
Donors, only)

7:30 p.m. **THIRD SESSION**

Presiding: Lyle Carpenter, National President
Music—National FFA Band
Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to the Future
Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
Introduction of Platform Guests
Recognition of 15-Year Donors to National FFA Foundation, Inc.
Greetings—J. C. Denton, President, Spencer Chemical Company
Introduction of 1962 Chairman of Sponsoring Committee
Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards
Music—National FFA Band
Closing Ceremony
Movie—"The 1961 Star Farmers"—Courtesy of Keystone Steel
and Wire Company

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 a.m. **FOURTH SESSION**

Presiding: Nathan Cushman, National Vice President, North
Atlantic Region
Address of Retiring Vice President
Music—National FFA Band
New Business
Demonstration—Chapter Meeting and Green Hand Degree Initia-
tion—Bluestone Chapter, Skipwith, Virginia
Music—National FFA Band
Greetings from U. S. Department of Agriculture—Dr. George A.
Selke, Assistant to the Secretary
Presentation of Farm Proficiency Awards
Committee Reports
Address—The Honorable Buford Ellington, Governor of Tennessee
Unfinished Business
Closing Ceremony

2:00 p.m. **FIFTH SESSION**

Presiding: John Creer, National Vice President, Pacific Region
Unfinished Business
Address of Retiring Vice President
What Is A Good State Convention?
Symposium of National Officers with Group Discussion

Greetings: Dr. Walter M. Arnold, Acting Assistant Commissioner
for Vocational Education and Director, Area Vocational Edu-
cation Branch, Office of Education
Address—Dr. Ernest V. Hollis, Director, College and University
Administration Branch, Office of Education
Presentation of Silver and Bronze Emblem Awards in National
Chapter Award Program
Awarding of Outstanding Service Plaques
Pageant—"The Economic Importance of Agriculture"—Texas
Association
Closing Ceremony

7:30 p.m. **SIXTH SESSION**

Presiding: Lyle Carpenter, National President
Concert—National FFA Band
Introduction of Past National Band Members
National FFA Public Speaking Contest
Explanation of Contest—Ronald Cook
Drawing for Speaking Order
Introduction of Past Public Speaking Winners
JUDGES: Jack Alexander, Field Services Manager, Public
Relations Division, Massey-Ferguson, Ltd., Toronto, Canada
Julian A. McPhee, President, California State Polytechnic
College, San Luis Obispo, California
Thomas L. Ayers, Assistant to Administrator, Agricultural
Conservation Program Service, U. S. Department of Agricul-
ture, Washington, D. C.
The National Gold Emblem Chapter Awards
Pageant—"The Gold Emblem Chapter"
Presentation of Gold Emblem Awards in National Chapter Award
Program
Presentation of National Public Speaking Awards
Closing Ceremony
Special Entertainment—FFA Talent Show

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 a.m. **SEVENTH SESSION**

Presiding: Teddy Ray Carruth, National Vice President,
Southern Region
Music
Report of Retiring Vice President
Committee Reports
New Business
Introduction of Foreign Guests
Greetings from the Future Farmers of the Philippines—
Venerando Santiago, First National President of FFP
Greetings from the Future Farmers of Japan
Remarks—Jimmy Thompson, Murray, Ky.
Address—"Future Farmers For A Free World." Honorable Frank
Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas
Unfinished Business
Presentation of Budget for 1961-62
Annual Dues for 1961-62
Report of Nominating Committee
Election of New National FFA Officers
Closing Ceremony

11:00 a.m. **FFA DAY AT THE AMERICAN ROYAL LIVE STOCK AND
HORSE SHOW**

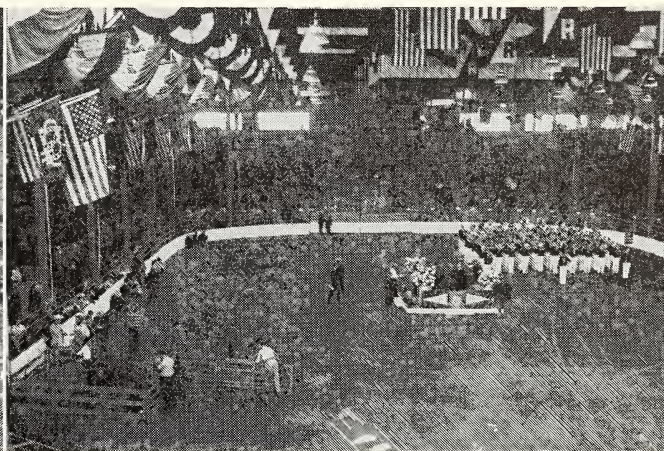
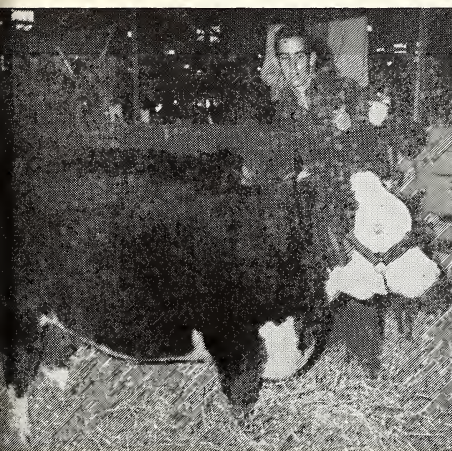
6:30 p.m. **FFA Talent Show Program, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium**

7:15 p.m. CLOSING SESSION

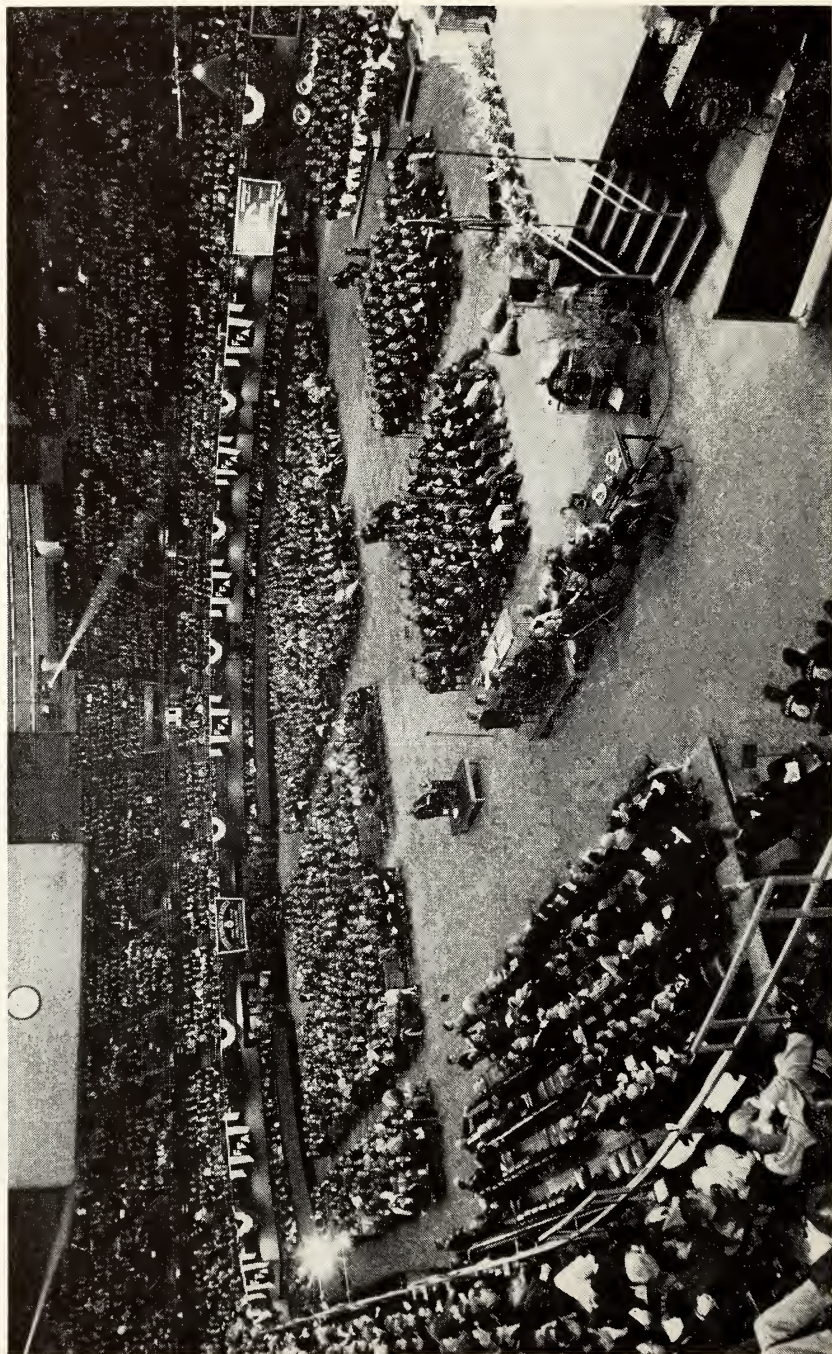
Presiding: Lyle Carpenter, National President
Unfinished Business
New Business
Honor Parents of 1960-61 National FFA Officers
Presentation of Service Plaques to Outgoing National Officers—
Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Advisor
Introduction of Past National Officers
Installation of New Officers
Presentation of Gavel To Past President
Greetings from New President
Closing Ceremony by New FFA National Officers
Special Entertainment—Courtesy of Firestone Tire and Rubber
Company

NATIONAL JUDGING CONTESTS

- 8:00 a.m. Oct. 11 Meats Judging Contest—Swift Packing Plant
12:30 p.m. Oct. 11 Poultry Judging Contest—Municipal Auditorium Annex
7:30 a.m. Oct. 12 Livestock Judging Contest—American Royal Arena
7:30 a.m. Oct. 14 Breakfast for Judging teams and Announcement of
Results—Courtesy, American Royal Association, Hotel
President
9:00 a.m. Oct. 14 American Royal Parade With National Band leading, New
FFA President, Star Farmer of America Honored



FFA Day At The American Royal



The National Convention is a colorful climax to a year's work and achievements in FFA; stimulating and important business sessions are held to provide an exchange of information about FFA activities in State Associations; dynamic speakers, recognition programs and outstanding FFA members provide inspiration for FFA members in their work in vocational agriculture.

Minutes of the Convention

Wednesday, October 11, 1961

Morning Session

The thirty-fourth national convention of the Future Farmers of America convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at nine o'clock. National President Lyle Carpenter of Yuma, Colorado, presiding.

Following a concert by the National FFA Band, under the direction of Dr. Henry S. Brunner, the invocation was pronounced by Jim Thomas, 1960-61 National President.

The Posting of the Colors was performed by a colorguard of men from each branch of the Armed Forces. Charles Peterson of Iowa sang the National Anthem, accompanied by the organ by Marvin Moeckly of Iowa.

An address on citizenship and Americanism was given by Captain John R. McKone, USAF, and former FFA member from Kansas, who was recently released from prison in Russia after being shot down at sea by Russian pilots.

The report of the Delegate Credentials was called for and Student Secretary Cook reported 100 official delegates present from 50 chartered associations. The roll call and seating of the delegates followed.

President Carpenter then read a congratulatory telegram from J. A. Brunton, Jr., Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Minutes of the Thirty-Third National Convention were read by Student Secretary Cook and approved in their entirety.

President Carpenter announced the appointment of Constitutional Committees.

The National President then called upon Advisor Spanton to present the names of the following persons who were considered and recommended by the National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree:

Honorary American Farmers

E. W. Aiton, Assistant Administrator—Programs, Federal Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.;

Harold Anderson, 39 Phillips Road, Nahant, Massachusetts;

Harry J. Andrews, Assistant Manager, Future Farmers Supply Service, P.O. Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia;

Thomas L. Ayers, Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Conservation, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.;

A. G. Bullard, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, North Carolina;
 John C. Denton, President, Spencer Chemical Company, 610 Dwight Building, Kansas City 5, Missouri;
 Bernard Ebbing, Rath Packing Company, Waterloo, Iowa;
 E. O. Essary, Professor, Department of Poultry Husbandry, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia;
 E. W. Garriss, Head, Department of Agricultural Education, College of Education, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida;
 Flyod D. Johnson, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., York, South Carolina;
 Allen Lee, State Director, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, 105 State Library Building, Salem, Oregon;
 Emmett O'Brien, State Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, P.O. Box 2219, Hartford, Connecticut;
 David N. Stiles, Farm Sales Manager, The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Berlin, Connecticut;
 Bob E. Taylor, Consultant, Department of Agricultural Education, The Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio (Former State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Arizona)
 Harold B. Taylor, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, 233 State House, Indianapolis 4, Indiana;
 George M. Tewksbury, Safety Education Specialist, Nationwide Insurance Company, 246 North High Street, Columbus 16, Ohio;
 Ellsworth Tompkins, Secretary, National Association of Secondary School Principals, 1201 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.;
 Edgar W. Wolfe, National Director, Rural Service, Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, New Jersey;
 G. W. Wynne, Manager, Md-South Faid, Memphis 14, Tennessee;
 Clifford H. Carpenter, Yuma, Colorado;
 Glenn R. Carruth, Tulia, Texas;
 Ralph O. Cook, Marshall, Michigan;
 Harold Creer, Spanish Fork, Utah;
 Nathan P. Cushman, Lebanon, Connecticut;
 Jerome Donovan, Delaware, Ohio;
 G. Wallace Caulk, Sr., Woodside, Delaware;
 Cornelius L. Messler, Greenback, Tennessee;
 Mose E. Trego, Sutherland, Nebraska.

Teachers of Vocational Agriculture

J. R. Lindsey, Clarke County High School, Grove Hill, Alabama
 Arnold Watkins, Leachville Public Schools, Leachville, Arkansas
 Glenn H. Ament, Analy Union High School, Sebastopol, California
 Bruce F. Jensen, Visalia High School, Visalia, California
 R. E. Balkcom, Blakely High School, Blakely, Georgia
 Joe Marion Fowler, Mary Persons High School, Forsyth, Georgia
 Herman Nelson, Griffin High School, Griffin, Georgia
 Price Turner, Hahira High School, Hahira, Georgia
 Arthur L. Schick, Sterling Township High School, Sterling, Illinois
 Roy F. Eck, Atchison County Community High School, Effingham, Kansas
 John D. Vallot, Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Louisiana (This year appointed Executive Secretary, Louisiana State FFA Association.)
 Clyde B. Ray, Charlotte Public Schools, Charlotte, Michigan
 Frank E. Gillett, Fredericktown High School, Fredericktown, Missouri
 Luther I. Lalum, Flathead County High School, Kalispell, Montana
 Homer O. Huntzinger, Broken Bow High School, Broken Bow, Nebraska
 L. E. Watson, Humboldt High School, Humboldt, Nebraska
 Lee Howard Hutchings, Churchill County High School, Fallon, Nevada
 Clyde E. Beougher, Delaware Willis High School, Delaware, Ohio

Olen L. Smith, Guthrie High School, Guthrie, Oklahoma
Claude H. Cooler, St. George High School, St. George, South Carolina
J. D. Franklin, Jr., Splendora High School, Splendora, Texas
Elmo Meyer, Schulenburg High School, Schulenburg, Texas
R. Carlton Cupp, Turner Ashby High School, Dayton, Virginia
George B. Lancaster, Louisa County High School, Mineral, Virginia
Clifford Dunn, Point Pleasant High School, Point Pleasant, West Virginia

Following the introduction of special guests, the "Kansas Citians", the Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, addressed the convention. He welcomed the FFA to Kansas City and also paid special tribute to Dr. W. T. Spanton, retiring National Advisor.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Jones of Kansas moved to accept the report, motion seconded by Terrell of Ohio and carried.

President Carpenter made a presentation in memoriam of the late Richard E. Bass, former National FFA Treasurer.

Student Secretary Cook presented his report. Butler of Florida moved to accept the report, motion seconded by Young of Connecticut and carried.

President Lyle Carpenter read a congratulatory telegram from John F. Kennedy, President of the United States.

Harry J. Andrews, Assistant Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, gave a report on the Supply Service. Gansberg of Nevada moved to accept the report, motion seconded by Loesch of Colorado and carried.

Wilson Carnes, Editor of the National Future Farmer Magazine, gave a report on the FFA Magazine. Fitzwater of West Virginia moved to accept the report, motion seconded by Starr of Vermont and carried.

Howard Carter, Associate Editor, gave a report on the Official FFA Calendar. Hemminger of Iowa moved to accept the report, motion seconded by Bowers of Maryland and carried.

Greetings were extended to the delegates by Barbara Finklang, National Vice President of the Future Homemakers of America; Dorothy Reeves, representing the 4-H Clubs, and Mike Armintrout, representing the Boy Scouts of America.

The morning session was adjourned at eleven-fifty o'clock with the closing ceremony.

Wednesday, October 11, 1961

Second Session

The second session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock by President Lyle Carpenter; Vice President Jerome Donovan, Jr. assumed the chair.

Following a concert by the National FFA Band, Vice President Nathan Cushman gave his report. Johnson of Iowa moved to accept the report, motion seconded by Atwood of Connecticut and carried.



The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon fifty-three individuals, among which were twenty-five teachers of vocational agriculture.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon 53 individuals by the National Officers.

Plaques were given to five former members of the FFA Board of Directors and FFA Foundation Board of Trustees in appreciation of their services to the National Organization by the National Officers.

Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture, Florida, and a former American Farmer and National FFA President in 1948, addressed the delegation.

After music by the National FFA Band, the American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the following candidates by the National Officers:



Distinguished Service plaques were awarded to Allen Lee, Bob E. Taylor, Harold B. Taylor, A. G. Bullard and Walter Jacoby for their services on the FFA Boards of Directors and Trustees.

Alabama

Albert Billings, Jr., Northport
 Luther Floyd Clemons, Star
 Route 1, Paint Rock
 John Albert Dean, Route 1, Box
 142, Enterprise
 Darrell Driskell, Route One, Grand
 Bay
 James Dewey Finley, Grove Hill
 Howard Fuller, Emelle
 James H. Higgins, Route 1, Thorsby
 George Donald Hodge, Route 1,
 Elora, Tenn.
 Phillip Holman, Route 1, Box 151,
 Fairhope
 Neil R. Martin, Jr., Wetumpka
 Tommy Roberts, Route 7, Jasper
 Charles Whitaker, Ider
 Douglas Wilcox, Route One, Ethels-
 ville
 Kermit Wilks, RFD 2, Arab

Arizona

Howard Black, Jr., 681 North Dela-
 ware, Chandler
 W. Walter Meyer, Flying UW
 Ranch, Box 38, Florence

Arkansas

L. W. Benson, Route 1, Swifton
 Richard Corwin Black, Route 2,
 Prairie Grove
 Donnie Bruce Byrd, Route 3, Leach-
 ville
 Billy Allen Garner, Route 3, Boone-
 ville
 Jerry Don Hunter, Star Route 3,
 Ozark
 John A. Johnson, Route 3, Leach-
 ville
 James Roy Looper, Star Route,
 Danville
 Billy Ray McGehee, Star City
 Gene Musick, Route 1, Box 54,
 Joiner
 Chester Max Parnell, Route 3,
 Mountain Home
 Jerry George Rodgers, Box 193,
 State College
 Robert Van Shaver, Cave City
 James Delton Wyatt, Route 3,
 Searcy

California

Douglas Campbell, Route 1, Box 29,
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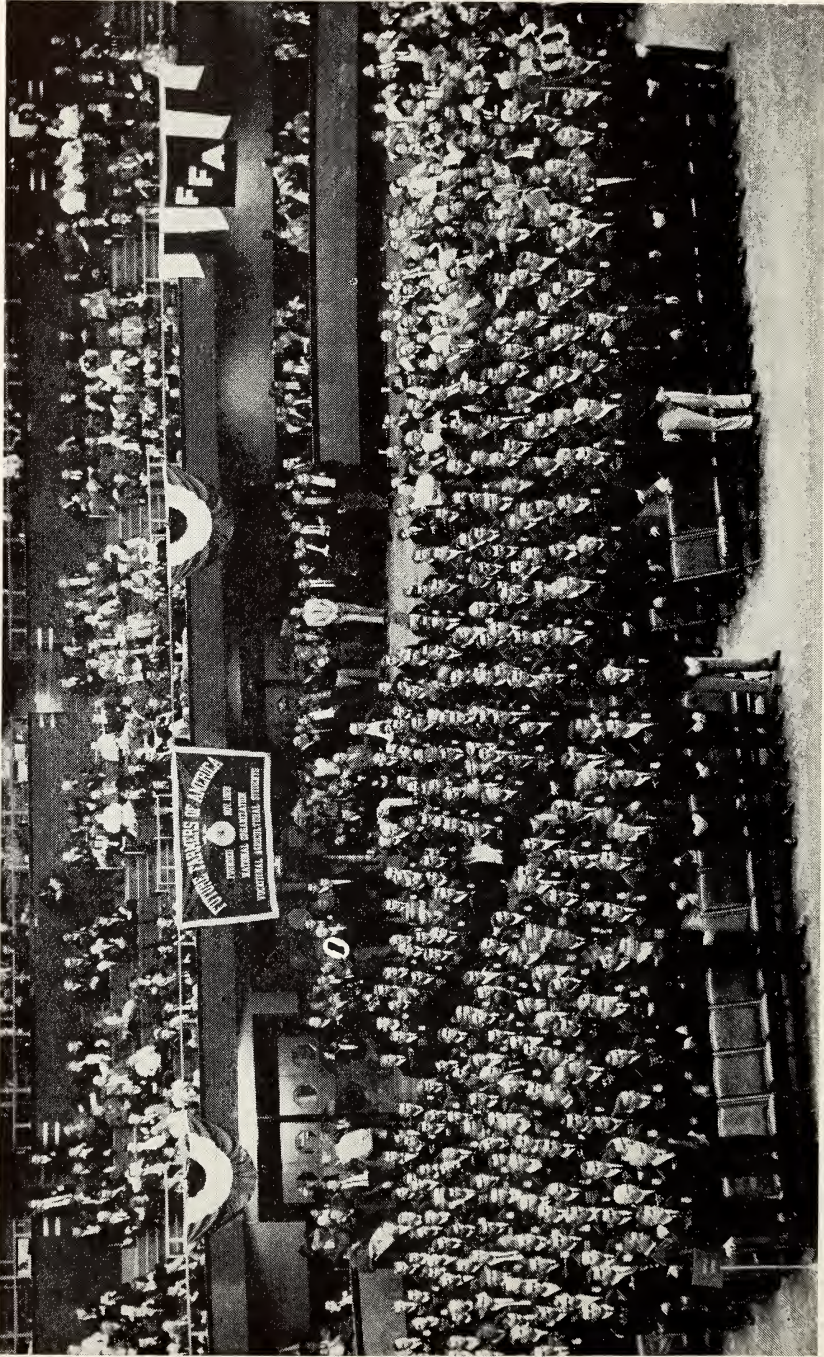
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AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CEREMONY

Three hundred and seventy-seven members received the American Farmer Degree in an impressive ceremony during the 34th National FFA Convention.

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Grady Moon, RFD 3, Madison
John Tom Newton, Jr., RFD 3,
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Gene Odum, Route 3, Metter
Robert Erwin Rush, Kathleen
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Glen Hankins, Route 2, Emmett
Dennis R. Jenkins, Box 70, Route 1,
Rigby
Lloyd W. Sparks, Beverly Star
Route, Othello, Washington

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Jerry Dean Barth, R.R. 1, Minonk
George Alvin Brown, Jr., Waverly
Gary S. Dameron, Towanda
Archie L. Devore, R.R. 1, Mulberry
Grove
Lynn Laible, RFD 1, Toluca
Lyle E. Mosher, R.R. #1, Lanark
Lloyd Lee Nash, R.R. #2, Martins-
ville
Darryl Franklin Pfoutz, R.R. #2,
Franklin Grove
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Waterloo
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Kermit L. Vollmar, RFD #1,
Canton
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ville
Bill Wilson, R.R. #4, Champaign

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ville
Robert Earl Hensler, Jr., RFD 4,
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Melvin Alan La Mar, R.R. 2, Posey-
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rence
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Green
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Green
Robert Wayne Ezell, Route 6,
Murray
William Leon Franklin, Route 4,
Russellville
Donnie Hancock, Route 1, Pembroke
Seldon Little, Route 2, Nicholasville
John C. Miller, Jr., Route 2, Waddy
Lonnie Mullins, Yosemite
Wendell H. Roberts, Route 1, Dal-
ton
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ington
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ton
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Rock
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 Stanley A. Reible, Route 1, Brownsville
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 Larry Dean Strangstalien, Coon Valley

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President Carpenter assumed the chair; the meeting was adjourned at four-ten o'clock with the closing ceremony.

Wednesday, October 11, 1961

Evening Session

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

Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. were called to the platform. Following musical selections by the National FFA Band, representatives of the donors were introduced.

President Carpenter presented special plaques to seven Fifteen-Year donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

J. C. Denton, President of Spencer Chemical Company, and 1961 Chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Sponsoring Committee, was introduced and the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him, after which he made a brief address. President Carpenter then presented a special plaque to Mr. Denton, who then introduced Bruce Lourie, Vice President, Deere and Company, who will serve as the 1962 Chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Sponsoring Committee. Mr. Lourie extended greetings to the delegates.

The massing of the State flags by the Star State Farmers was presented, after which the National Vice Presidents presented awards to the Star Farmers of America. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the Star Farmers and special certificates were presented to the mothers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Venard were presented a plaque for outstanding service to the National Organization, after which Mr. Harold Coons, Advertising Manager, Keystone Steel and Wire Company, was introduced. The movie, "1961 Star Farmers" was shown, courtesy of the Keystone Steel and Wire Company.

The Wednesday session was adjourned at nine-fifty o'clock with the closing ceremony.

Thursday, October 12, 1961

Morning Session

The fourth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at nine o'clock by President Lyle Carpenter. Vice President Nathan Cushman assumed the chair.

Vice President Jerome Donovan presented his report. Steward of Oklahoma moved its adoption; motion seconded by Wang of Montana and carried.

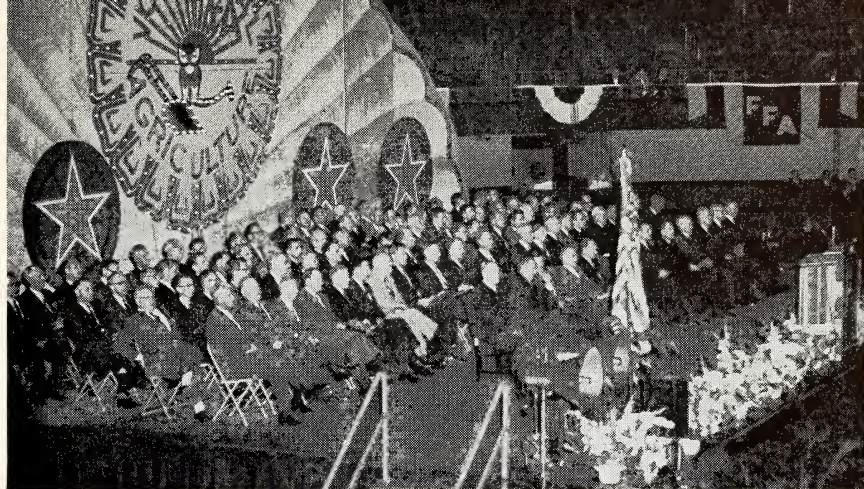
Following several musical selections by the National FFA Band, Dr. George A. Selke extended greetings from Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture.

Stewart Bloodworth of Georgia presented the report of the Chapter Program of Work Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Morris of Texas and carried.

Jerry Diefenderfer of California presented the Official Calendar Committee report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Atwood of Connecticut and carried.

Dewey Wagner of Pennsylvania presented the report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Anderson of Colorado and carried.

Cole of Texas moved that the Thirty-Fourth Convention send a telegram of condolence to the family of Chauncey Stearns; motion seconded by Starr of Vermont and carried.

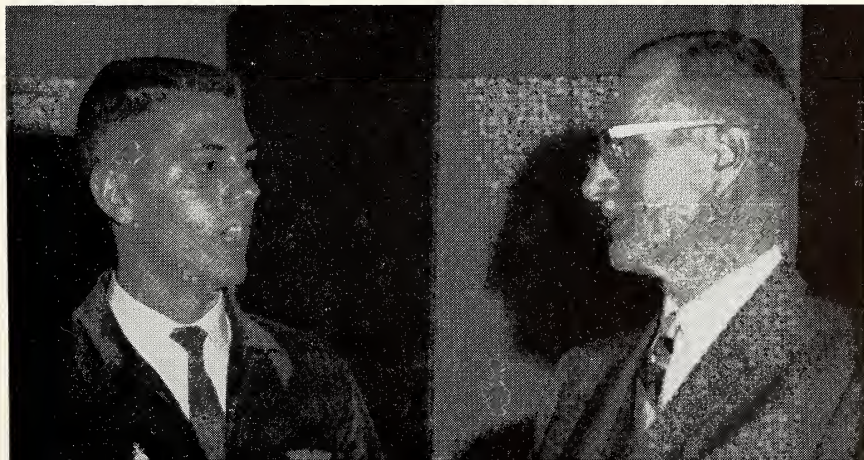


Representatives of Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.



The FFA Reception for Donors to the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

At the reception for FFA Foundation Donors, Delegate Lynn Laible of Illinois chats with the new Sponsoring Committee Chairman, Mr. Bruce Lourie, Vice President of Deere and Company.





The Bluestone FFA Chapter from Skipwith, Virginia demonstrates proper procedure in Green Hand initiation.

The Blue Stone FFA Chapter from Skipwith, Virginia presented a demonstration on leadership and installation of members to the Green Hand Degree.

Following a concert by the National FFA Band, the Honorable Buford Ellington, Governor of Tennessee, addressed the convention.

Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation Farm Proficiency Awards were made to national winners in Farm Mechanics, Crop Farming, Livestock Farming, Poultry Farming, Farm Forestry, Soil and Water Management, Farm Electrification and Farm Safety.

President Carpenter assumed the chair.

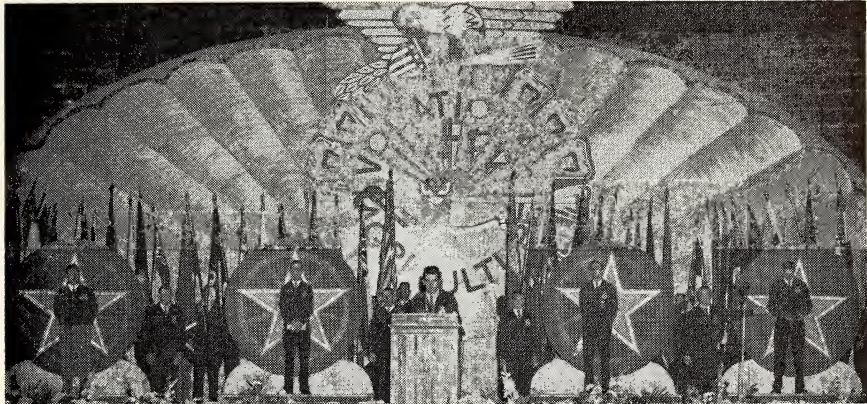
After the closing ceremony, the meeting was adjourned at eleven twenty-five o'clock.

Thursday, October 12, 1961

Afternoon Session

The fifth session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock by President Carpenter. Vice President John Creer assumed the chair.

Lyle Johnson of Iowa presented the report of the Future Farmer Magazine Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Speed of New Mexico. After considerable discussion, the report was adopted. Following the recommendation made by the Magazine Committee relative to frequency of issues and cost of subscription to the magazine, Ellison of Tennessee moved that the subscription price remain as it is; motion seconded by Golson of Alabama. After considerable discussion, the motion was carried.



The Star Farmer of America Ceremony was the highlight of the Wednesday evening session, which began with the Massing of the State Flags, was climaxed with the presentation of the Four Star Farmers and a movie showing their farming and FFA activities.



Plaques in recognition of 15 years as donors to the FFA Foundation were awarded to six business and industrial concerns and one individual donor during the convention. Companies that received 15-year awards this year included Consumers Cooperative Association, Kansas City; Massey-Ferguson, Inc., Racine, Wisconsin; Kraft Foods Company, Chicago; Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee; Standard Oil Foundation, Inc., Chicago, and General Motors Corporation, Detroit. The individual donor, at right next to the FFA president, is Ray L. Cuff of Kansas City.

Dr. William B. Logan, President of the American Vocational Association, and Dr. M. D. Mobley, Executive Secretary of the American Vocational Association, were introduced.

Atwood of Connecticut presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Mooney of Washington and carried.

Vice President Teddy Carruth presented his report. Erpelding of Kansas moved its adoption; motion seconded by Steward of Oklahoma and carried.

A symposium, "What is a Good State Convention", was presented by the National Officers. Considerable delegate discussion followed the presentation.

Vice President Creer introduced Dr. Walter M. Arnold, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Vocational Education, U. S. Office of Education, who extended greetings. Dr. Arnold then introduced Dr. Ernest V. Hollis, Director, College and University Administration, U. S. Office of Education, who addressed the convention.

Following selections by the National FFA Band, the Silver and Bronze Award winners in the National Chapter Award Program were presented awards by the National Officers.

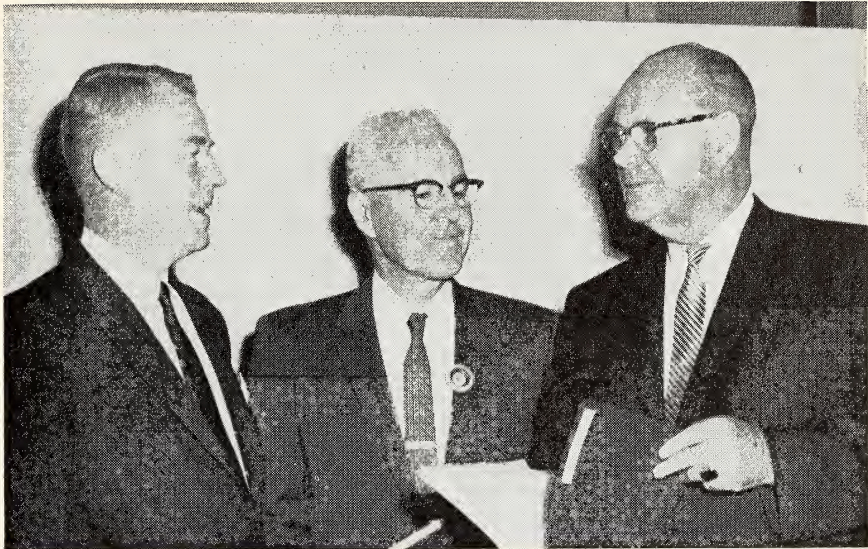
Outstanding Service plaques were presented to seventeen individuals at this year's convention by the National Officers.

A pageant entitled, "The Economic Importance of Agriculture" was presented by the Texas Association, after which President Carpenter assumed the chair.

After the closing ceremony, the meeting was adjourned at four-thirty o'clock.



Twelve individuals were awarded Outstanding Service Plaques for their contribution to Vocational Agriculture and FFA program on a national level.



Judges for the National FFA Public Speaking Contest must have a broad understanding of agriculture and public speaking. The judges for the 1961 Contest were Jack Alexander, Field Services Manager, Public Relations Division, Massey-Ferguson, Ltd., Toronto, Canada; Dr. Julian A. McPhee, President, California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California; and Thomas L. Ayers, Assistant to Administrator, Agricultural Conservation Program Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Thursday, October 12, 1961

Evening Session

The sixth session of the convention was called to order at seven-thirty o'clock. President Lyle Carpenter presiding.

The National FFA Band presented its convention concert. Immediately following the concert, Dr. Henry S. Brunner was honored for his fifteen years of devoted service to the FFA Organization as Director of the National FFA Band. Past National FFA Band members were recognized.

An explanation of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest was given by Student Secretary Ronald Cook. Speakers then drew for speaking order. The contest then followed.

A pageant entitled, "The Gold Emblem Chapter" was presented, with several State associations participating. Presentation of Gold Emblem Chapter Awards were made by the National Officers to winners in the National Chapter Award Program.

The results of the National Public Speaking Contest were announced and awards were presented by Student Secretary Cook.

Miss Carolyn June Parkinson, the 1961 Queen of the American Royal, was introduced and extended greetings.

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

Special entertainment was provided by the National FFA Talent Show.

Friday, October 13, 1961

Morning Session

The seventh session of the convention was called to order at nine o'clock by President Carpenter. Vice President Teddy Carruth assumed the chair.

Vice President Creer presented his report. Jensen of Utah moved its adoption; motion was seconded by Singleton of Arkansas and carried.

Arnold Delbridge of South Dakota presented the Public Relations Committee report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Page of Georgia and carried.

Charles A. Beck of Florida presented the National Chapter Awards Committee report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Turner of Utah and carried.

Robert Jensen of Utah presented the report of the Leadership Training Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Loesch of Colorado and carried.

Roy Thomas of Missouri presented the National Program of Work Committee report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by McGown of Kansas and carried.

Howard Kittleson of Minnesota presented the Official FFA Manual Committee report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Munsey of Virginia and carried.

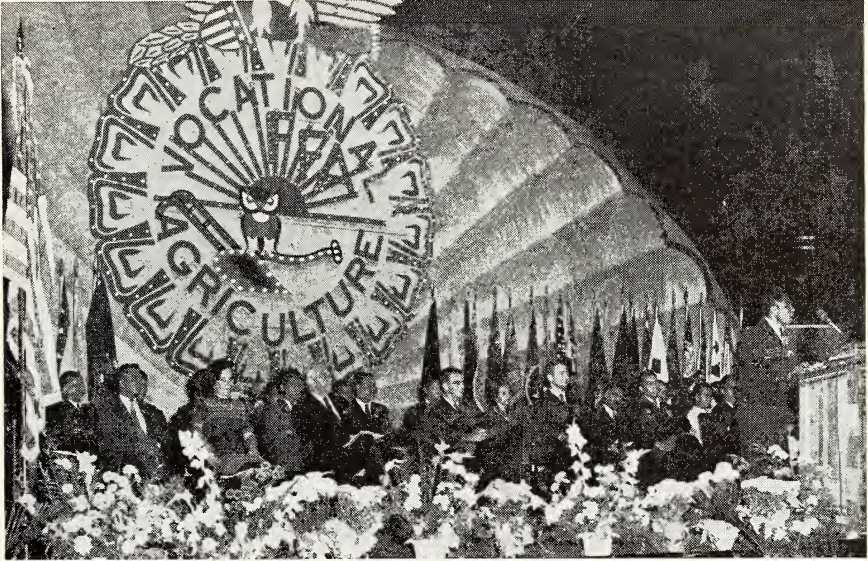
Eddie Moore of Delaware presented the National FFA Foundation Committee report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Hemminger of Iowa and carried.

Vice President Carruth called to the stage and introduced guests from China, Iran, Jordan, Norway, Philippine Islands, Peru, Surinam and Thailand.

Vice President Carruth introduced Venerando Santiago, First President of the Future Farmers of the Philippines, who extended greetings to the FFA from the Future Farmers of the Philippines. The four FFP representatives in America were awarded Honorary Membership in the FFA.

A tape recording from the Future Farmers of Japan was played; it featured the National FFJ Band and Chorus and concluded with greetings from Lee Alami, National President of the Future Farmers of Japan.

Nina Portaro was introduced and extended greetings from the Future Farmers of Peru. She was presented a plaque for her services to the FFA at the convention.



Twenty-four guests from eight friendly nations participated in convention activities and civic club programs. Many represented Future Farmer Organizations we can be justly proud of.

Vice President Carruth introduced Jim Thompson of Kentucky, who addressed the group on the "Kentucky Friendship to Korea." Jim Gibson, Assistant Director of the Peace Corps, then briefly addressed the delegates.

The Honorable Frank Carlson, U. S. Senator from Kansas, was introduced and addressed the convention.

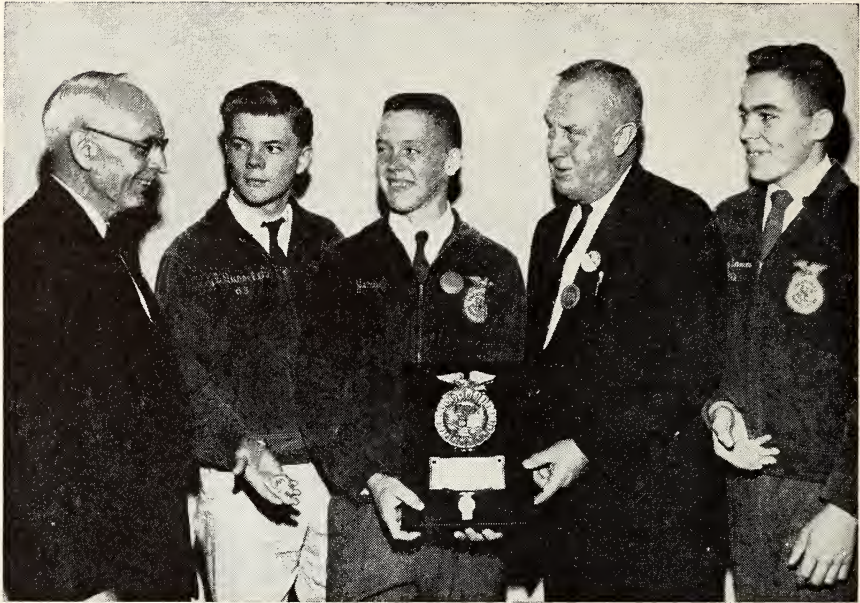
Bredahl of North Dakota presented the report of the Convention Proceedings Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Young of Connecticut and carried.

Turner of Utah presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Gansberg of Nevada and carried.

Hunt of Arizona presented the report of the National Convention Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Chapman of Arizona and carried.

President Carpenter resumed the chair and asked Student Secretary Cook to read the proposed amendment to the National Constitution submitted by the Texas Association. Morris of Texas moved to accept the proposed amendment; motion seconded by Whipple of Nevada. After considerable discussion, the amendment failed.

Vice President Cushman presented the budget for 1961-62. Moore of Delaware moved its adoption; seconded by Whipple of Nevada and carried.



One hundred and thirty-three local chapters of the FFA were honored at the national convention this year; of this number, 76 received the Gold Emblem Award, 48 received the Silver Emblem Award and nine were presented the Bronze Emblem Award.

Roy Killgore of California presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Whittington of North Carolina and carried. There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved by Reed of Oregon that the candidates be elected to National Office; motion seconded by Bloodworth of Georgia and carried. The newly elected officers were then introduced.

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

(During the afternoon, all FFA representatives were guests of the American Royal Livestock Association at a special show at the American Royal Arena.)

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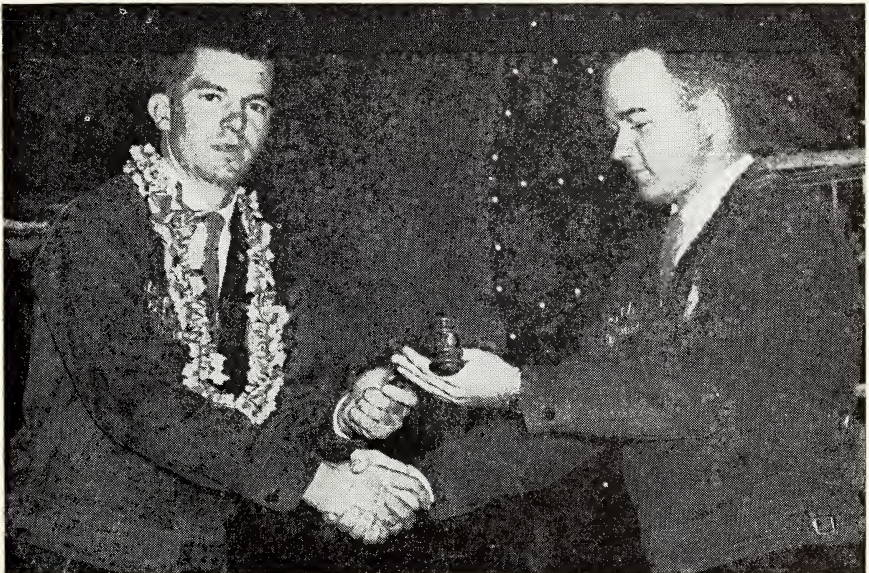
Evening Session

The final session of the convention was called to order at seven-fifteen o'clock with the opening ceremony. President Carpenter presiding.

Loesch of Colorado moved that the annual FFA dues remain at ten cents per member; motion seconded by Burke of Wisconsin and carried.



Dr. W. T. Spanton, retiring National Advisor, is honored at the Friday night "National Officers Session." Approximately sixty past national officers were present during the convention.



The gavel is passed from outgoing national president, Lyle Carpenter, to the new national president, Victor Butler.

McKinsey of Indiana moved that the Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given authority to edit all committee reports; motion seconded by Starr of Vermont and carried.

Atwood of Connecticut moved that the Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given full power to act on any unfinished business and to act on any business between conventions; motion seconded by Wildy of Arkansas and carried.

Spicer of Minnesota called attention to the improper conduct of FFA boys smoking while wearing the FFA jacket, and also the need for members to wear only three medals on the FFA jacket.

Burke of Wisconsin moved that the alphabetical seating arrangement of the delegates be reversed next year; motion seconded by Starr of Vermont and carried.

Vice President Donovan assumed the chair and introduced Lyle Carpenter, National President, who presented his report. Johnson of Iowa moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Fariss of Virginia and carried.

President Carpenter resumed the chair.

After music by the National FFA Band, the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the National Officers, and special certificates were presented to the mothers of the officers. Local advisors of the National Officers were introduced.

Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Advisor, then presented the National Officers with their Special Service plaques. Dr. Spanton was presented with two plaques to commemorate his twenty years of service as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and sixteen years' service as President of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.



The outgoing National Officers each received a Special Service Plaque from Dr. Spanton, National Advisor, as part of "National Officers Nite" program.



The parents of the National Officers are honored as part of "National Officers Nite." The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers, and the mothers were presented special certificates. They were also presented leis by the Hawaiian Association.

Mrs. Spanton was escorted to the stage, and she and Dr. Spanton were honored with presentations by Bob Taylor, D. Harold Pritchard, Joseph E. Epsey, Gus Douglass and Bryan Hafen in behalf of past national officers. Past national officers were then introduced. President Lyle Carpenter presented Dr. Spanton with a Calendar oil painting in behalf of the National FFA Organization.

The newly elected officers were installed by the regular installation ceremony. Each officer was then presented with leis by the Hawaiian delegation.

The newly elected officers presented each of the past officers with national officer pins.

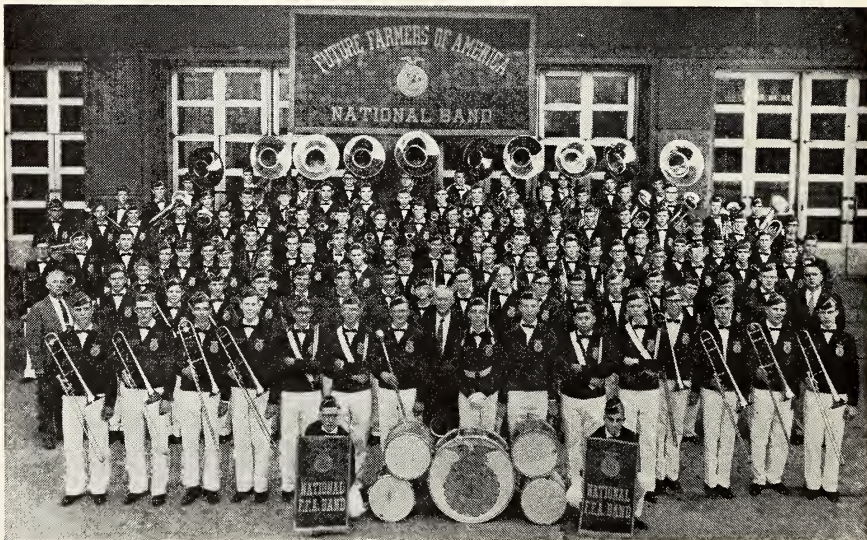
Vic Butler, the newly elected President, presented Past President Carpenter with the gavel he used to open the convention.

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

Following the closing ceremony, special entertainment was furnished by the courtesy of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.



Dr. Henry S. Brunner was honored at a special ceremony. He retired this year after directing the band for fifteen years. Thousands of FFA members wish him many happy years in his retirement.



WELL DONE, DR. BRUNNER

The National FFA Band, under the direction of Dr. Henry S. Brunner, first performed at the 1947 National Convention—and was a big hit! Often called the “mail order” band because the members are selected through correspondence, and represent approximately forty States. These fine musicians have contributed much to the success and enjoyment of national conventions during the past 15 years. Dr. Brunner has given freely of his time and energy directing the National FFA Band; he has contributed much to the training and development of approximately 2,000 FFA members who have had the privilege of working under him in this very important part of the National FFA Convention.

National FFA Budget

JULY 1, 1961—JUNE 30, 1962

BALANCE ON HAND—July 1, 1961..... \$ 84,993.43

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Dues \$ 37,500.00

Royalties:

Future Farmers Supply Service.....	\$ 60,000.00	
FFA Calendar	3,000.00	
Fair Publishing House.....	325.00	
St. Louis Button Company.....	100.00	63,425.00

Rent:

Future Farmers Supply Service....	\$ 20,000.00	
National FFA Magazine.....	10,000.00	30,000.00

Grant—Future Farmers Supply Service..... 30,000.00

Miscellaneous 50.00 \$160,975.00

BALANCE ON HAND PLUS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS..... \$245,968.43

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

I. TRAVEL

National Officers	\$ 14,000.00	
Board of Directors.....	2,000.00	
Special Travel		
(National Staff)	5,000.00	\$ 21,000.00

II. NATIONAL CONVENTION

Delegate Expense:

Travel	\$ 4,500.00	
Officer-Delegate		
Luncheon	300.00	\$ 4,800.00

Printing:

Programs	\$ 1,200.00	
Proceedings	3,500.00	
American Farmer List..	250.00	
Honorary American		
Farmer List	600.00	
You and Your		
Convention	650.00	
Guest List	900.00	
I. D. Cards.....	120.00	
Invitations	70.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	7,340.00

National Band 2,000.00

Secretarial Travel and Expense..... 1,200.00

Pageant Program 500.00

Decorations:

State Signs	\$ 500.00	
Auditorium Fixtures,		
Labor, Etc.	1,000.00	1,500.00

Stage Arrangements 600.00

Reception 575.00

Badges 325.00

Stenotypist 425.00

Photographs and Publicity..... 500.00

Rental—Equipment and Supplies..... 425.00

Communications 100.00

THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Talent	1,500.00	
Leadership Training Expense.....	500.00	
Exhibits	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	250.00	\$ 23,540.00
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III. AWARDS		
American Farmer Keys.....	\$ 3,275.00	
Certificates and Awards.....	1,400.00	\$ 4,675.00
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IV. PRINTING		
Stationery, Brochures, Manuals, Forms, etc.....		\$ 1,000.00
V. NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE		
Director of Public Relations Salary	\$ 11,415.00	
Secretary to Executive Secretary Salary	5,160.00	
Secretary to Director of P.R. Salary	5,490.00	
Secy. to Natl. Treas.—Part-time Salary	2,827.50	
Travel—Director of Public Relations	2,000.00	
National FFA Week Materials	2,500.00	
Supplies, Equipment and Rental	2,000.00	
Telephone and Telegraph....	300.00	
Postage and Express.....	400.00	
Repair of Equipment.....	150.00	
Comp. Subscriptions to NFF Magazine	600.00	
FFA Calendars	900.00	
Photographs	800.00	
Slide Film and Script:		
a. FFA Jacket Use	\$200.00	
b. National Convention	500.00	700.00
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Public Relations	425.00	
Health Insurance	150.00	
Legal and Auditing.....	350.00	
Social Security Tax.....	800.00	
"Bill of Rights" Brochure....	750.00	
Miscellaneous	800.00	\$ 38,517.50
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VI. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM.....	\$ 500.00	
VII. JUDGING EXPENSE	\$ 750.00	
VIII. FFA BUILDING AND GROUNDS		
Maintenance, Fuel, Power and Upkeep	\$ 18,500.00	
Painting	1,200.00	
New Warehouse	65,000.00	
Depreciation	10,000.00	
Taxes	1,000.00	\$ 95,700.00
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IX. CONTINGENT	\$ 250.00	
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TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.....		\$185,932.50
ESTIMATED BALANCE—June 30, 1962.....		\$ 60,035.93

Committee Reports

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have inspected the books kept by J. M. Campbell, National Treasurer, and R. E. Bass, deceased, former Treasurer, and reviewed the audit prepared by Leach, Calkins and Scott, Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year July 1, 1960 through June 30, 1961, and find all records accurate and in proper order.

Your Auditing Committee has also reviewed the financial statement submitted by the FFA Treasurer, J. M. Campbell, for the period July 1, 1961 through September 30, 1961, and is satisfied that funds for this period have been collected and expended in accordance with the financial budget approved by the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors at their meeting in July, 1961.

Respectfully submitted:

Caleb Atwood, New Hampshire,
Chairman
Paul Wildy, Arkansas
Milam Jones, Kansas
Dennis Mickelsen, Washington
Thomas G. Moran, Michigan
Raymond Wang, Montana

Report of Chapter Program of Work Committee

The Local Chapter Program of Work Committee submits the following report:

After studying thoroughly the guide for local chapters to use in developing a program of work, the committee felt that the present guide, printed in the manual, is vague, repetitious and lacking in specific ways and means in many areas. Due to the short amount of time allotted to do committee work, we did not feel that we could do an adequate job of thoroughly revising this guide. Therefore, we, the Committee on the Local Chapter Program of Work, would recommend the following:

1. That the Board of Student Officers and/or a designated committee further study and revise the guide using the National Emblem Chapter Award Application as an aid in developing a new guide.
2. That this revised guide for planning a local chapter program

of work be published in the next revised edition of the Official FFA Manual.

Respectively submitted,

Stewart Bloodworth, Georgia

Chairman

David Wells, New York

Lee Anderson, Colorado

William Wight, Jr., Washington

Jose Nicholas Rive, Puerto Rico

Kenny McMillan, Illinois

Report of Convention Proceedings Committee

We, the Committee on Proceedings for 1961, recommend that this year's proceedings follow the general format of the proceedings last year; the following alterations are suggested:

- I. Under Section I of 1960 Proceedings:
 - a. All items be omitted.
 - b. Place the table of contents on the reverse side of the title sheet.
 - c. Add a dedication page, including a picture and story, honoring Dr. William T. Spanton.
 - d. Add a recognition page, including picture and story, honoring Dr. Henry S. Brunner.
- II. Under Section 2 (of 1960 Convention Proceedings) include similar material and pictures (if available) of the following:
 - a. Picture of passing of the gavel on the last page of the Proceedings.
 - b. The picture of Honorary American Farmers placed next to the listed names of candidates.
- III. We, the committee, recommend the following pictures be included (if available):
 - a. Pictures of all major speakers.
 - b. Picture of "The Economic Importance of Agriculture" pageant.
 - c. Picture of the "Gold Emblem Chapter" pageant.
 - d. Picture of donors and delegates at reception.
 - e. Pictures of FFA Talent Show participants.
 - f. Pictures of FFA Day at the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show.
 - g. Picture of 15-year Donors to National FFA Foundation.
 - h. Pictures of the awarding of service plaques.
- IV. We, the committee, further recommend the following suggestions, since each chapter receives only one copy of the Proceedings:

- a. The Vo-ag instructor summarize to each class the possible uses of this booklet for preparation of the trip to the national convention.
- b. A copy of the Proceedings be placed in chapter library.

Respectively submitted,

Maury Bredahl, North Dakota

Chairman

Hank Raattama, Florida

Richard Hopii, Hawaii

William Krutzfeldt, Montana

Jimmy Steward, Oklahoma

Arthur Urie, Vermont

Billy Speed, New Mexico

Report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee

This being the first year for the Supply Service being represented in committee, we had a difficult task and worked diligently in initiating a foundation which would insure the committee lasting success. Therefore, we submit the following recommendations:

1. Any chapter desiring to have additional supplies or changes in supplies included in the Future Farmer Supply Service Catalog, should submit, in writing, their recommendations before January 1, in order that the suggestions may be considered at the January meeting of the National Board of Directors and Student Officers.
2. The National Board of Directors and Student Officers should consider the merit of making available convention badges and fair ribbons as part of the Future Farmers Supply Service.
3. The National Board of Directors and Student Officers should attempt to standardize a Farming Program Record Book to be made available to chapter members through the Future Farmers Supply Service.
4. Chapters aware of their annual supply needs should send orders early to avoid the seasonal rush during the last quarter of each calendar year.
5. The date the order is needed in rush orders should be stated for the benefit of both the Supply Service and the person desiring the order.
6. Each chapter member should print neatly, include the proper lettering, and state the size of article desired and, in return, this order should meet the approval of the chapter advisor before forwarding it to the Supply Service.

In addition to these recommendations, the committee commends the Future Farmers Supply Service for the very efficient service offered.

Respectively submitted,

Dewey A. Wagner, Pennsylvania
Chairman
Arlen Burke, Wisconsin
William Blatchford, Oregon
Michael Connor, North Dakota
Robert A. Starr, Vermont
Charles Fariss, Virginia

Report of the National Chapter Awards Committee

We, the members of the National Chapter Awards Committee, recommend the following changes in the Announcement, Rules and Report Forms of the National Chapter Award Program:

1. Requirements for a "Standard Chapter Award":
 - a. A chapter must meet Items 1 & 2 to receive a "Standard Chapter Award."
 - b. Item No. 10 to read as follows:
Official FFA jackets are owned by all the chapter officers and several of the members of the chapter.
Total number of members with jackets————
2. Requirements for a "Superior Chapter Award":
 - a. Item No. 6 to read as follows:
National FFA Foundation medals were presented to chapter members in at least five or more of the following areas, including Chapter Star Farmer, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Public Speaking, Poultry Farming, Farm Forestry, Crop Farming, Livestock Farming and Star Green Hand.

The Committee recommends that to offer a more effective presentation ceremony of these awards at the convention, and to accentuate the high honor of the Gold Emblem Chapter over the Bronze and Silver Emblem Chapters, that the Bronze and Silver Emblem Chapters continue to be presented and awarded at one time during the convention, and all the Gold Emblem Chapters at another time.

Respectively submitted,

Charles A. Beck, Florida
Chairman
Charlie Chapman, Arizona
Carl J. Langley, Louisiana
Tom Wheatcraft, Missouri
Melvin Wingfield, New Mexico
Wayne Weishar, South Dakota

Report of the National Convention Committee

We, the members of the 1961 National Convention Committee, commend the national officers for their improvements in the 1961 convention program, and recommend that the suggestions submitted by the 1960 Convention Committee be continued.

We submit the following recommendations to the National Student Officers and Board of Directors for their consideration in the hopes of improving our next convention:

1. That the national student officers for the coming year follow recommendations submitted by the 1961 committee for the improvement of the next convention.
2. That the 1962 convention program include past regional Star Farmers and, if possible, past regional Public Speaking winners.
3. That, when possible, better talent not included in the main talent show be used in the program to break the routine schedule of business.
4. That, if possible, FFA exhibits be placed on a competitive basis and have them centered on a central theme.
5. That encouragement be given our school administrators to attend the National Convention, and that more recognition be given them.
6. That delegates be notified of their committee assignments, and that committee chairmen be designated prior to the convention, and that chairmen of the committees be informed of their duties by the national student officers prior to the committee meetings.
7. That the American Farmer Degrees be conferred, and the Star Farmer awards be presented in one session of the convention.
8. That past national officers be used to implement convention proceedings in any way possible.

Respectively submitted,

Ivan Hunt, Arizona
Chairman

Jimmy Barnes, Alabama
John Young, Connecticut
Gene Benson, Minnesota

Report of the Calendar Committee

Realizing that the National FFA Calendar is an important phase of FFA public relations and that less than 10% of the chap-

ters in the nation are participating in the Calendar program, we, as members of the Calendar Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. To bring about increased participation on the chapter level, we suggest:
 - a. That steps be taken to increase each member's knowledge of this activity.
 - b. That chapter presidents of each State be included on the mailing list of material pertinent to this activity.
 - c. That national and state officers be encouraged to include brief comments about calendar projects in their remarks to FFA assemblies.
 - d. That the national officers instruct and prepare the new State officers on the national FFA calendar program.
 - e. That this activity be included in local, State, and national programs of work under the generalization "public relations."
 - f. That a letter be sent to each FFA State student secretary asking him to obtain a list of chapters that have the official FFA calendar project as a part of their chapter program of work. The list should be obtained from the State FFA office and mailed by January 1st of each year.
 - g. That steps be taken to increase promotion of the calendar project through State Association publications.
2. In order to increase the number of calendars being ordered by each sponsor, we suggest:
 - a. That chapters impress upon prospective sponsors the benefits and advertising values of the calendar project to his business.
 - b. That chapters and sponsors be encouraged to include non-FFA homes in calendar distribution.
3. In order to avoid the tremendous fall rush in calendar orders, we suggest:
 - a. That chapters be encouraged to place all orders in the spring, before summer vacation begins.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Diefenderfer, California

Chairman

Kenneth Bowers, Maryland

John Snel, New York

Robert Page, Georgia

Jim Howell, Indiana

John A. Hemminger, Iowa

Michael Dikeman, Kansas

Report of the National FFA Foundation Committee

On behalf of the National Association for Future Farmers of America, we, the National FFA Foundation Committee of the 34th Annual National Convention of Future Farmers of America, wish to express our deepest appreciation to the many generous donors who make the National FFA Foundation possible. Without their aid, it would be impossible to develop the aims and purposes of our organization and recognize the accomplishments of our members.

We wish to extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. John C. Denton, of the Spencer Chemical Company, for his services as Chairman of the 1961 Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

We submit the following recommendations to the National Student Officers and Board of Directors for their consideration:

1. That a standard State Farmer Application form be compiled and made available to the States.
2. That written instructions be included in the delegate folder concerning a delegate's duties and responsibilities at the donor reception.
3. That each state be encouraged to invite donor representatives to its State Convention or Award Banquet.
4. That in order to further recognize these donors:
 - a. The National Office send a list of donor representatives to each State office.
 - b. The State office send a designated portion of these names to each chapter in the State.
 - c. The individual chapter write letters of appreciation to its list of donors.
5. That chapters be encouraged to invite local donor representatives to their chapter banquets.
6. That in order to encourage and allow boys to participate in the Foundation Award program:
 - a. The Farm Mechanics and Farm Electrification awards be combined.
 - b. A Farm and Home Beautification award or science related award be added.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Moore, Delaware

Chairman

Terry Beckwith, Idaho

Vincent Worley, Michigan

Alma Whipple, Nevada

Nathan P. Griffith, Tennessee

Donald Savage, Maryland

Report of the National FFA Magazine Committee

We, the members of the National Magazine Committee, hereby submit the following recommendations and commendations:

1. In view of the fact that the report of the National FFA Magazine Committee adopted during the 1960 FFA Convention suggested the following changes in the National Magazine:
 - a. Change the frequency of issues of the National Future Farmer Magazine from six per year to ten issues each year, effective January 1, 1963.
 - b. Increase the subscription price from 25¢ per year to 75¢ and include the subscription price with National FFA dues. These increased dues to be collected beginning July 1, 1962.

The 1960 Committee further requested that the delegates present these items to their respective states for discussion and action at their next state convention, and that the State delegates to the 1961 National FFA Convention be instructed to vote according to the States' wishes on the above recommended changes; therefore, the 1961 National FFA Magazine Committee recommends that the delegates to the 1961 National FFA Convention vote on these items as a recommendation to the National Student Officers and Board of Directors for their final decision, and:

2. That action be taken on the above (1960) recommendations at the 34th convention.
3. All subscriptions to be filled out accurately in ink or typed.
4. Encourage members and advisors to write letters, giving personal views of magazine and any suggestions for improvement.
5. Encourage State associations to send information to the magazine regarding outstanding or unusual programs which the States are undertaking.
6. Suggest continued use of articles by or about national officers, to better acquaint local chapter members with the national organization and its officers.
7. Urge the continuation of the magazine as a means of exchange of ideas and programs between the members of State Associations.
8. Encourage members to send in articles and pictures of national interest, making sure they are correct and prompt.
9. Encourage articles by leaders of other youth organizations.
10. Recommend to have the National FFA Magazine made available in as many public places as possible.

11. Exchange publications with other youth organizations in other countries.
12. Encourage the National Organization, State Associations and local chapters to give a subscription of the magazine to those awarded honorary degrees.
13. Recommend that members continue their subscription after they are out of high school and no longer directly associated with the FFA.
14. Commend members of the National FFA Magazine staff for attending the numerous State conventions and encourage them to continue this practice.
15. Encourage State Associations to consider the National Magazine as a companion and supplement to their State publication.
16. Suggest that State officers make mention of the National FFA Magazine in their chapters' visits and point out the value of the National FFA Magazine and take steps to encourage members to subscribe.
17. Recommend, that because to a high degree, the responsibility for carrying out this report rests on the State associations and on local chapters that this report be published in the National Future Farmer and/or in the newsletter prepared by the National Future Farmer staff.
18. The Committee agrees that additional emphasis be put on ways and means to increase revenue to the magazine through the selling of advertisements and other sources.
19. Collect subscriptions early in the fall. The Editor, Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors are to be given full authority to make any and all changes deemed necessary and advisable for the betterment of the magazine.

We wish to commend the staff for their improvements of the magazine in having more and better articles, and a larger circulation.

The committee wishes to thank the national officers for their backing of the magazine. Our thanks also go to Mr. Wilson Carnes and his staff for their untiring efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyle Johnson, Iowa

Chairman

Bobby Munsey, Virginia

Robert Boyd, Jr., South Carolina

J. Richard Tewell, Ohio

Russ Michael, Wyoming

Thomas Crites, West Virginia

Report of National Program of Work Committee

We, the Committee of the 1961-62 National Program of Work recommend the following changes and corrections:

III. Services to State Associations, local chapters, and members.
Under Item 7—Ways and Means—add the following:

G. Prepare and distribute a folder of information pertinent to the National FFA Convention for the national delegates. This folder is to include specific national committee assignments and to be distributed at least two weeks prior to the national convention.

H. Provide local chapters with summarized minutes of meetings of National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers.

IV. Leadership
Insert Item 2:

Item 2. Citizenship Training Schools
Goal—encourage agricultural citizenship and patriotism.

Ways and Means—(a) include citizenship training in all leadership schools.

VII. Public Relations
Under Item 8—Ways and Means—add the following:

C. Exhibits at the National FFA Convention should conform to an FFA Program of Work theme.

Insert Item 12:

Item 12. Foreign Exchange of FFA members with foreign rural youth.

Goal—Develop understanding of FFA among foreign countries.

Ways and Means—(a) sponsor foreign exchange of rural youth leaders.

Respectively submitted,

Roy Thomas, Missouri
(*Chairman*)

Michael Brabec, Wyoming

James Cole, Texas

Stanley Anbe, Hawaii

Warren Carlow, Rhode Island

Troy Majure, Jr., Mississippi

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK

1961-62

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Awards for Achievements In Farming	Cooperate in administering and promoting the FFA Foundation Award Program to provide appropriate awards for farming achievements by FFA members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer and give Achievement in Farming Awards to FFA members. b. Distribute to local chapters appropriate Foundation medals. c. Present awards at appropriate ceremonies. d. Revise and distribute forms as necessary.
2. Publicity of Achievements	<p>Give recognition for outstanding achievements.</p> <p>Cooperate in making film of "4-Star Farmers".</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare and distribute news releases about national award winners. b. Publicize achievements of award winners. a. Make records available to producers. b. Assist in showing of film at national convention.
II. COOPERATION		
1. National farm organizations	Cooperate on appropriate activities with all national farm organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have annual meetings of National FFA Officers with officials of American Institute of Cooperation, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Grange, American Farm Bureau, and Farmers Educational & Cooperative Union, Farm Institutes, and others. b. Have an officer attend and take part in the program of national farm organizations when requested.
2. Dairy Cattle Congress	Participate in Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hold National Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and National Dairy Products Contest. b. Confer National Dairy Farming awards. c. Arrange for public appearances by award winners and officers. d. Make National Officers available for programs and public relations activities.
3. American Royal Live Stock Show	Participate in American Royal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have National Livestock Judging Contests held at the Royal. b. Have National FFA Band march in American Royal Parade. c. Provide time in the National convention program for FFA representatives to participate in the American Royal Activities planned for FFA. d. Exhibit livestock at the American Royal by FFA members.
4. Farm Expositions or Fairs	FFA to be represented at Eastern States Exposition, NEPPCO, Mid-South Fair, Denver National Western, and other regional or national expositions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Arrange for FFA National officers to attend and participate. b. Assist with exhibits, exposition, pageants, etc.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
5. International Educational Exchange Program	Coordinate and assist State Department in training program with Future Farmers from other countries	a. Arrange training program for trainees and coordinate programs with State associations. b. Arrange to have the exchange students attend important FFA events, such as Dairy Cattle Congress, National Convention, Eastern States Exposition, etc. c. Arrange for a national officer and staff member to participate in the exchange program when desired by State Department.
6. American Vocational Association	Participate in AVA	a. Arrange for a national officer to attend if requested. b. Consider having an exhibit by a local chapter, State association or the National organization.
7. National Safety Council	Participate in National Safety Congress	a. Have a national FFA officer attend and participate in the NSC meetings in Chicago. b. Cooperate with the State associations and the NSC in the development of both programs and materials to promote farm safety.
8. Farm-City Week	Participate in Farm-City Week	a. Use national officers or other personnel to assist in promoting and conducting activities in Farm-City Week.
9. Business, industry and other organizations	Foster better understanding of business and industry to agriculture, and encourage service to the FFA	a. Assist in the development of motion pictures, filmstrips, and pamphlets for use by the FFA. b. Encourage cooperation with State associations and local chapters.
10. Youth organizations	Participate in worthwhile activities	a. Provide national officer representation at national meetings of other youth organizations when invited.
11. Civil Defense	Cooperate with civil defense agencies in programs related to rural areas, agriculture, etc.	a. Provide local chapters and State associations information on fall out shelters, civil defense needs, etc.
12. Peace Corps	Cooperate and assist Peace Corps	a. Use national officers or other personnel to assist Peace Corps in advisory and/or leadership activities.

III. SERVICES TO STATE ASSOCIATIONS, LOCAL CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

1. National Officers	To make maximum use of National FFA Officers	a. Have each State convention attended by one National officer. b. Participate in other important State FFA leadership activities, i.e. State officers training, etc. c. Participate in other activities where and when of value to the FFA.
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Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Future Farmers Supply Service	Make available official FFA supplies from one source	a. Administer operation of Future Farmers Supply Service. b. Maintain high quality of merchandise sold through the Supply Service. c. Have FFSS attend State Conventions.
3. The National FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE	Provide a National magazine for members	a. Administer publication of magazine. b. Keep States and local chapters informed of FFA activities and events. c. 100% of all FFA members to subscribe to magazine. d. Have Staff attend State activities, or regional meetings. e. Members submit articles for publication. f. Complimentary copies be given to Honorary members.
4. Official FFA Calendar	Make available an Official FFA Calendar	a. Administer publication of calendar. b. Keep States and local chapters informed on how to use calendar. c. States and chapters to use calendar for effective public relations as well as a money making activity. d. Have calendar staff attend State Conventions.
5. Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.	To make maximum use of Foundation awards	a. Acquaint State Associations and local chapters with Foundation. b. Prepare and distribute appropriate information about awards available from Foundation. c. Administer the selection of regional and national Foundation award winners. d. Direct the distribution of Foundation Awards to State associations.
	All State participate in Public Speaking, Chapter Awards Program Farm Proficiency Awards and Judging contests	a. Acquaint State Associations and chapters with awards programs. b. Prepare and distribute forms. c. Supervise Public Speaking Contest, Judging Contests, National Chapter Awards Program and Farm Proficiency Awards. d. Make available appropriate plaques, awards, certificates, etc.
6. FFA Building and Property	Supervise, operate and maintain real estate, building and equipment owned by the FFA	a. Administer operation and maintenance of FFA Building. b. Landscape and maintain beauty of building grounds. c. Rent basement and 1st floor to Supply Service. d. Rent 2nd floor to The National Future Farmer Magazine. e. Keep adequate insurance. f. Build and maintain adequate facilities.
	Build appropriate FFA marker	a. Use State Stones, Large Emblem, etc.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
7. Publications	Provide State Associations and chapters with needed publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare and distribute Proceedings of National FFA Convention. b. Prepare and make available through the FFSS an information booklet on Vocational Agriculture and the FFA that can be used by lay people and prospective students of vocational agriculture. c. Revise and keep up to date a Handbook for National FFA Officers. d. Prepare and distribute a Handbook on Collegiate FFA Chapters. e. Revise and keep up to date the Official FFA Manual. f. Assist with the preparation of FFA Foundation publications.
8. FFA filmstrip	Produce filmstrips and colored slides which provide general information on FFA, National FFA Convention, Good - Will Tour and Proper Use of the FFA Jacket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Slides and filmstrips to be used by FFA members and others when speaking before groups. b. Have filmstrips and slides sold by Future Farmers Supply Service.
9. Correspondence	Provide information on FFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acquaint State Associations and chapters with new developments pertaining to FFA. b. Acquaint others with important activities of the organization. c. Handle correspondence in relation to FFA problems by chapters, State Associations and others.
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Leadership Training	<p>Develop rural leadership</p> <p>Hold Regional Leadership Conferences for State Officers</p> <p>Provide Leadership training at National convention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conduct three leadership schools for national officers. a. Assist and cooperate with state associations. b. Assign national officers to participate. c. Furnish material, personnel, etc., as needed for conferences. a. Provide financial assistance to state leadership demonstrations. b. Provide time on program for leadership training.
2. Citizenship training	Provide training in Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include in leadership training at national convention, regional training conferences.
V. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. National Meetings	<p>Administer FFA Affairs</p> <p>Hold National Convention in Kansas City</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hold three meetings annually of National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors. b. Attend and assist with the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of FFA Foundation. a. Conduct the National FFA Convention in cooperation with State Associations, Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and others.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
VI. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Budget	Carry out authorization of convention delegates and Boards	a. Prepare a budget. b. Expend funds as authorized.
2. Finance	Adequately finance FFA	a. Receive National FFA dues. b. Collect royalties from official calendar. c. Collect royalties from companies that are authorized to sell official FFA items. d. Receive portion of funds earned by Future Farmers Supply Service and National Future Farmer Magazine. e. Receive rents from the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
VII. PUBLIC RELATIONS		
1. Public Relations Tour	Plan and conduct	a. Visit donors to FFA Foundation. b. Visit other companies, organizations and individuals who should know about FFA.
2. The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and Official FFA Calendar	Distribute magazine and calendar to those who should be kept informed about the organization	a. National Organization, make subscriptions available to donors, influential individuals and organizations. b. Chapters and State Associations to provide complimentary copies for appropriate offices and individuals. c. Use the Official FFA Calendar for public relations.
3. FFA Speakers	Prepare National Officers and make them available for speaking	a. Schedule officers to speak before national and State groups, farm organizations and service clubs when requested.
4. Radio and TV	Participate in radio and TV programs	a. Schedule radio and TV programs in connection with National FFA Convention and other special activities. b. Schedule radio and TV programs at other appropriate times during the year, such as National FFA week. c. Encourage networks to present State and local programs featuring the FFA. d. Prepare suggested radio scripts and other material for use by radio and TV. e. Attend meetings of National Association of Radio and Television Farm Directors.
5. Newspapers and Magazines	Provide information on FFA activities, outstanding members and Foundation Award winners	a. Make available information on FFA to writers for magazines and press. b. Prepare appropriate news releases and stories for use of magazines and the agricultural press. c. Provide "suggested stories" for use by State Associations.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Maintain FFA photographic file in national office. e. Attend national meetings of American Agriculture Editors Association.
6. Informational materials	Keep and distribute informational materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintain a supply of materials about the FFA. b. Provide such materials to give to people desiring information about FFA. c. Keep up to date a mailing list of people who should receive information about the organization. d. Cooperate with the State Department making FFA information available upon request.
7. Educational Exchange with Foreign countries	Develop understanding of FFA among foreign countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperate with the International Education Division of the USOE in working with foreign visitors. b. Provide informational material to these people. c. Invite visitors from foreign countries to attend the National FFA Convention. d. Help foreign visitors schedule visits to state associations.
	Sponsor Foreign Educational Exchange Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperate with the Department of State in educational programs with friendly countries. b. Make national officers and other personnel available to serve upon request.
8. Exhibits	Make available exhibit materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide pictures, charts and other materials and information for the FFA exhibits. b. Arrange for exhibits to be used at national meetings, educational conferences, agricultural fairs and other occasions. c. Exhibits at National Convention should conform to National FFA Week theme.
9. National FFA Week	Emphasize FFA nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare aids for State Associations and chapters, including suggestions for radio and TV scripts, news stories, mats, seals, speeches and chapter activities. b. Arrange for materials to be purchased through the Supply Service by States and local chapters. c. Have material for FFA week on display at National Convention.
10. Promote Agriculture	Emphasize the importance and also the opportunities in agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Develop and use publicity on a national level. b. Solicit the support of national magazines and newspapers. c. State associations work with their state college of agriculture.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
11. Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the FFA	Suitable awards on the National, State and local levels to be given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the FFA.	a. Confer the Honorary degree upon those earning award. b. Use appropriate and impressive ceremony. c. Make appropriate plaques and other awards available for presentation. d. Confer appropriate plaque for service to the organization.
12. Honorary Degree	Award to persons whose contributions to the FFA have been outstanding	a. Confer the Honorary degree upon individuals who have served FFA and have helped advance vocational agriculture. b. Use appropriate and impressive ceremony.
VIII. RECREATION		
1. FFA Talent Program and Recreation	Provide good talent and entertainment at the National Convention	a. Use adult assistants. b. Audition musical units and talent numbers for program. c. Provide for talent show on convention program. d. Provide for financial assistance for talent members.
	Provide recreation	a. Organize tours to points of interest. b. Use Kansas City Advisory Committee to assist with tours.

Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Officers for the year 1961-62. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates consideration:

President..... VICTOR BUTLER, JR., Havana, Florida
Student Secretary RICHARD C. BLACK, Prairie Grove,
Ark.
No. Atlantic Vice President JAMES RANDALL MCCUTCHEON, Reedy,
W. Va.
Southern Vice President..... JAMES PREWITT, Kirbyville, Texas
Central Vice President..... DARRYL W. EASTVOLD, Mayville, N. D.
Pacific Vice President..... KEITH N. SIMMONS, Enterprise, Ore.
Advisor..... W. T. SPANTON—To Oct. 31, 1961
A. W. TENNEY—Nov. 1, 1961

Executive Secretary.....WM. PAUL GRAY—Washington, D. C.
Treasurer.....J. M. CAMPBELL, Richmond, Virginia

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Killgore, California

Chairman

Robert Johnson, Massachusetts

Vern L. France, Idaho

Pter M. Thomson, New Hampshire

Larry Ray Whittington, North Carolina

Dennis Swanstrom, Nebraska

Barney Tanner, Jr., Mississippi

Alma Whipple, Nevada

Donald Lewis Estes, Kentucky

Report of the Official Manual Committee

We recognize that a major revision in the 1961 FFA Manual was well done. However we do encourage the delegates to give further study for possible changes in the following areas in the next major revision:

- A. Restatement of the essentials of a good chapter.
- B. Reorganization of the material in the program of work.
- C. Reorganization of the content of the Manual.

We further recommend to the delegates that consideration be given to the following suggested changes in the Official Manual:

1. Sections from pages 30 to 105 should be more clearly recognized as separate sections, each of which will assist chapters to accomplish the "Eight Essentials of a Good Chapter."
 - a. Make a clear separation of content for each "essential" as a new chapter of the official manual by repeating the "Eight Essentials of a Good Chapter" and possibly using appropriate pictures.
 - b. Move the items on pages 94-96 to follow the local constitution on pages 30-32.
 - c. Develop a section on "responsibility should be shared by all members in Chapter Activities." As a suggestion of creating chapter structures or organization, make this section as the third "essential" preceding "A challenging Program of Work."
 - d. Identify pages 58 as the beginning of essential six. This item should include "proper paraphernalia, equipment, and records." Also the section on page 57 pertaining to a chapter Library should be included.

- e. Identify essential III on page 60 and include recreational activities from page 59 in this section.
- f. Identify essential VIII. Note this essential begins on page 97.
2. The sections on pages 108 and 109 should be made more readable by using bold face sub-heading to indicate content more clearly. This would emphasize "purpose, function, operation, and financing." Attempt to condense reference and to eliminate items duplicated in local chapter areas of a manual.
3. A study should be made of rephrasing the Reporter's part in the official opening and closing ceremonies to include new States.
4. A study should be made so that the Sentinel will have a definite place in the ceremony for receiving honorary members.
5. The Committee expressed concern in regard to the citizenship education for Future Farmers. The Committee recommends a study of the appropriateness of including a section, not to exceed one page with pictures and a paragraph giving the reason for Washington and Jefferson being identified as "Patron Saints" of the FFA.
6. References describing the education, early life, and contributions of Washington and Jefferson should be added to the Manual.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Kittleson, Minnesota

Chairman

Donald C. Fogle, Pennsylvania

Wallace Caulk, Jr., Delaware

Weldon Faircloth, North Carolina

Paul Pence, III, Ohio

Jon Ford, Oklahoma

Report of the Leadership Training Committee

We, the Leadership Training Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the National FFA Organization hold two leadership conferences for State officers in each of the administrative regions with State officers from all States participating in the conference most conveniently located.
2. That these conferences be held annually.
3. The purposes of the conference shall be:

- a. To help members develop a better understanding of our National Organization.
 - b. To acquaint State officers with National and other State officers.
 - c. To acquaint State Officers with other States' activities.
 - d. To provide inspiration and opportunity for State officers to reach higher goals in the FFA.
 - e. To develop techniques through participation in organized leadership activities to assist State Officers in carrying out their responsibilities and duties.
4. That the convention planning committee continue to include leadership demonstrations in their plans for the convention.
 5. National Officers plan the regional leadership conference and be available to provide inspiration at the leadership training sessions.
 6. National Officers be available to assist at the State Leadership Conferences.
 7. That before National Officers set any date or place for the Regional Leadership Conference, the National office survey each State to determine:
 - a. Date of State Convention.
 - b. Choice of dates for leadership training conference.
 - c. Available facilities for a conference.
 - d. Number of officers who would probably attend conference.
 - e. States' suggestions and program ideas.
 8. That State Association pay for the State Officers expenses and the National Association pay for the National Officers expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Jensen, Utah

Chairman

Duane Loesch, Colorado

Jimmy Golson, Alabama

G. Tracy Atwood, Connecticut

Ricard A. Mottolo, Massachusetts

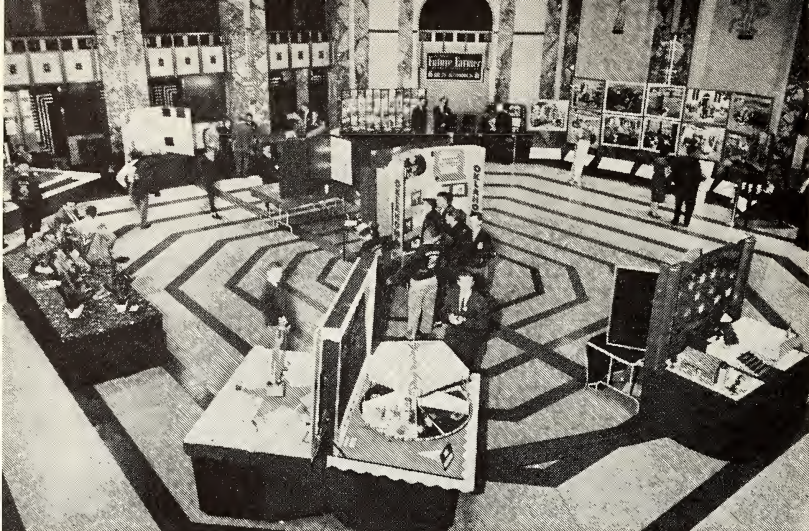
Report of the Public Relations Committee

We, the Committee on Public Relations for 1961-62, go on record as recommending the following:

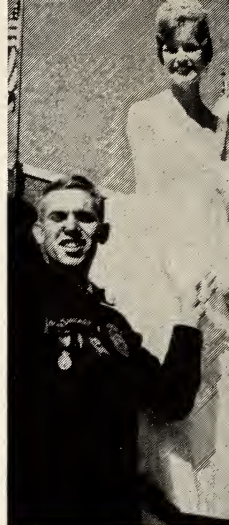
1. That we, as Future Farmers of America, encourage to our greatest ability, the cooperation and expansion of the

Student Educational Exchange Program between the United States and other countries.

2. That local chapters be encouraged to select outstanding members and representatives to speak before farm, business, civic, youth groups and like organizations.
3. That the National Organization, State Associations and local chapters make a special effort to observe National FFA Week by the use of newspaper coverage, display aids, advertisement folders, window displays, billboard signs, a special page in the FFA Calendar for National FFA Week, radio and television; and by speaking to farm, business, civic and youth groups.
4. That the National Organization, State Associations, and local chapters, in order to make known our Future Farmer progress, try to learn the desires of the people as to the news wanted, and then send this type of information to the radio, T.V. and press as well as having them attend various functions throughout the year.
5. That local chapters and State Associations make appropriations to make subscriptions to the National Future Farmer Magazine and orders for the FFA Calendar to place them in high schools, colleges and public places such as doctors' offices, waiting rooms and libraries. We also recommend that these magazines and calendars be sent to donors and friends of the Future Farmers of America Organization.
6. That additional funds be allocated for more intensive public relations as well as an increase in the staff on the National Future Farmer so that more news and articles can be disseminated throughout the nation with an effort to get it to the local individual.
7. That interviews, speeches, and planned programs of FFA be improved in quality and quantity on the radio and T. V. stations creating more interest in the FFA.
8. That our national officers continue the annual Good Will Tour and that State Associations and local chapters conduct more of these tours with more publicity. They should also be coordinated with national events.
9. That delegates, award winners, guests of luncheons, breakfasts and dinners express their appreciation to all sponsors and Foundation donors by personal notes (state, national and local functions).
10. That State Associations encourage visits of officers of other State Associations to their conventions.

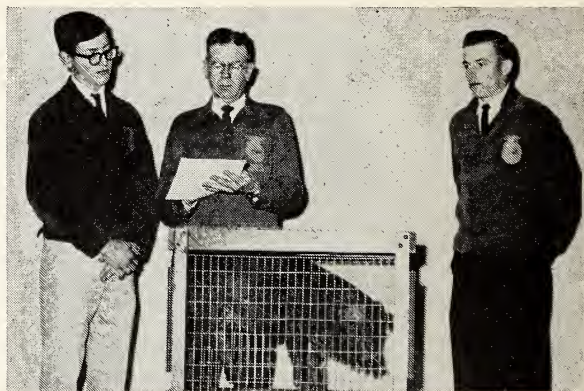


The State Associations exhibit this year followed the theme set for the 1962 National FFA Week—"To Honor Rural Opportunities and Responsibilities." A record number visited the Little Theater.



The Star Farmer 1961-62 National champion crowned with America's

Seventy-six chapters were honored with the National Gold Emblem Rating. This ceremony was highlighted by a pageant on "A Gold Emblem Chapter" where phases of the Chapter Program of Work were shown. The Liberty, Missouri chapter features the cooperative livestock chain activity.



Many advisors make certain their FFA members are acquainted with the convention program and the many activities going on—and this results in increased interest, improved capability of the members in FFA as well as good conduct.



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FFA members and Advisors present completed preregistration cards for credentials and to become officially registered for the Convention.



The FFA Talent Show this year was one of the best ever and added a pleasant and enjoyable "change of pace" to the convention program.



The Nominating committee works long and hard interviewing the candidates recommended for national office. Their selections are then presented to the State delegates for election.

11. That local chapters and State Associations invite school administrators, businessmen, teachers, agricultural leaders, and others interested in FFA, to chapter and State-wide activities.
12. That we, as Future Farmers of America, encourage continued improved working relations with other youth organizations.
13. That we encourage enforcement of rigid disciplinary actions of all our members to improve our relations with the public. We, realizing that the general appearance and conduct of a Future Farmer constitutes a large part of our relations with the public, discourage smoking and other conduct unbecoming of a Future Farmer while wearing the FFA jacket. We recommend also that a tie and white shirt be worn at all FFA activities to improve the appearance.
14. That State Associations and local chapters inform adults about our outstanding Star Farmers on the State and national levels by showing films at clubs, banquets and assemblies.
15. That we continue to express our gratitude by presentation of Honorary degrees on the chapter, State and National levels to worthy individuals who have contributed to our organization.
16. That the State Associations be encouraged to have a Children's Barnyard at their State Fair.
17. That there be more participation in exhibits of States at the National Convention.
18. That the following themes be considered for National FFA Week for 1963: "Citizenship," "Cooperation," and "Education."

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Delbridge, South Dakota
Chairman
Nelson Fuicia, Puerto Rico
Chris Gansberg, Jr., Nevada
Michael Sollitto, Rhode Island
James Morris, Texas
Merlin Prior, Nebraska

Report of Resolutions Committee

Be it resolved that we, the Committee on Resolutions for 1961, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, extend our

most sincere thanks and expression of appreciation to the following persons and organizations who participated in, or contributed to the wonderful success of the 34th National Convention:

1. The 1960-61 National Officers for their untiring efforts and unselfish work in planning the convention in a most commendable manner.
2. The members of the Board of Directors of the National Future Farmer Organization for their able supervision and continuing assistance in making this year's convention a memorable event.
3. The Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and all residents of Kansas City for their most hearty and warm welcome.
4. All Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. for their generous contributions to the Foundation and their untiring efforts on our behalf.
5. All firms, organizations and their representatives who are stimulating FFA by sponsoring valuable educational awards to the Future Farmers of America.
6. The management and staff of the Municipal Auditorium for their sincere cooperation which has always been exhibited toward the Future Farmers of America Organization.
7. The Kansas City Advisory Committee, businessmen, and the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce for their efforts and services rendered in making this a most worthwhile convention.
8. Mr. J. C. Denton, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc. for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Foundation.
9. The management of all housing facilities who have so graciously accommodated our FFA representatives.
10. All State Associations supplying members to the National FFA Band, and to members of the band for their outstanding contribution to the enjoyment of the program.
11. Jim Thomas, Past National President, for his inspiring and meaningful invocation.
12. The ushers and courtesy corps for their work in making this a convention Future Farmers can be proud of.
13. The judges and timekeepers who helped in the public speaking contest.

14. The Keystone Steel and Wire Company and Mr. and Mrs. Venard for the very fine movie about the 1961 Star Farmers of America.
15. Frank Carlson, Buford Ellington, Doyle Conner, and Ernest Hollis who provided inspirational and educational messages during the convention.
16. The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for sponsoring the superb entertainment program.
17. The FFA members and other individuals who provided entertainment throughout the 34th National Convention.
18. The Wurlitzer Organ Company for providing an organ for the Convention activities.
19. The Bluestone Chapter, Skipwith, Virginia, for providing the interesting and educational demonstration on a chapter meeting and Green Hand Initiation.
20. The Texas Association for the fine pageant they presented.
21. All State Associations that prepared and displayed exhibits.
22. All firms that were hosts to the Future Farmers of America for tours and other special functions during the Convention.
23. All officials and participants in the various contests and award programs, and special FFA activities at this Convention.
24. The American Royal Association for sponsoring several splendid programs for the Future Farmers of America.
25. All organizations of the press, T.V. and Radio that have so generously published the events transpiring at this Convention.
26. All honored guests and visitors from foreign countries for appearing at the 34th National Convention.
27. The Boy Scouts of America, the Future Homemakers of America, and the 4-H Club for their contributions to the convention program.
28. A special word of thanks to Dr. Henry S. Brunner on his retirement as director of the National Future Farmer Band.
29. All others who have helped make the 34th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America the truly wonderful success it has been.

30. All State Associations that participated in the "National Gold Emblem" pageant.
31. The Resolutions Committee on behalf of the National Future Farmers of America organization wishes to pay a special tribute to Dr. W. T. Spanton on his retirement as National Advisor, after rendering 34 years of dedicated service to the Future Farmers of America Organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Turner, Utah

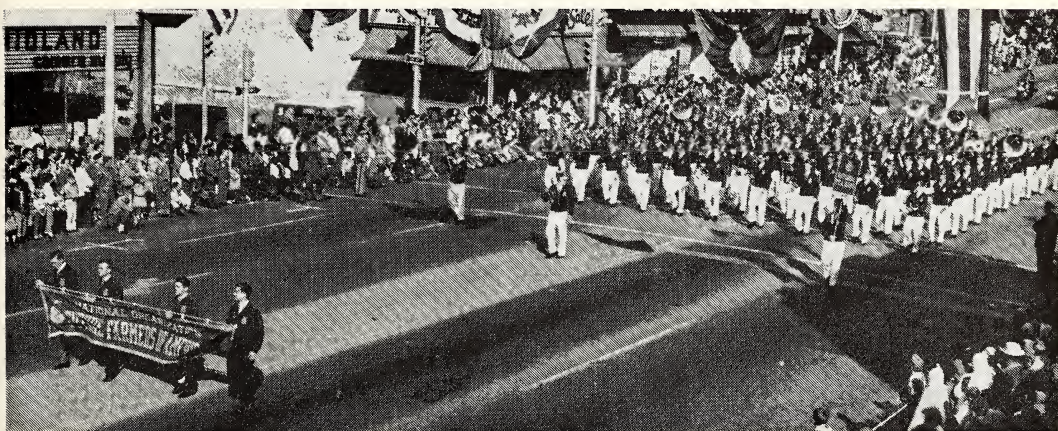
Chairman

Randall McCutcheon, West Virginia

James Albert Burnitt, Louisiana

Bobby Stakelin, Kentucky

Joseph Coyne, Illinois



New National FFA Officers and Band lead American Royal Parade

Convention Addresses

(Excerpts)

MAYOR H. ROE BARTLE

"You have come to Kansas City in order that you might transact the official business of this convention, that you might drink deeply from the personalities of each other, and that you might learn how you can prosecute the program of the Future Farmers of America more vigorously and intelligently and effectively back in your own school or agricultural college.



Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, presenting President Lyle Carpenter with the key to the city.

... There are two kinds of government in this old world ... a government that uses its citizens as its servants, and you can call it communism, or you can call it totalitarianism ... but thank Almighty God our forefathers fought and died to establish and to perpetuate a government that would be the servant of the people. And the government of the United States of America, *your* America and *my* America is and must ever be a government which is the servant of the people.

... Webster said: "If you work upon marble it will perish, and if you work upon brass, time will efface it, and if you build temples, some day those temples will crumble into dust. But if you work upon the immortal souls of youth, if you imbue them with spirit, give them a just fear of God, and cause them to love their

fellowman, you engrave upon those tablets something which will last through all eternity." And, Dr. Spanton, you have been building for eternity for a long time, helping to keep America American ... helping to make America stronger to face the test of atheistic communism."

CAPTAIN JOHN R. MCKONE, USAF

"We hear the need today of rolling up our sleeves and going to work. We should do this because our nation has a great danger confronting it today, and, of course, this danger is communism.

...Our agricultural surpluses are somewhat of a problem and a headache to us, but at the same time they are also the object of great jealousy by some of the other countries in the world.



Captain John R. McKone, U.S.A.F. and former FFA member from the Kansas Association, speaks knowingly of the threat of communism to our national security. Captain McKone spent seven months in a Russian prison after being shot down over International waters by communist planes.

... Even though communism has been in Russia for over forty years they still find it difficult to produce enough for their own people to eat. ... most important of all, our system of government, which gives the individual the freedom of choice to do what he wants, has much to do with our own great efficient farm system. Our freedom permits the individual to choose his way of life, or more specifically to make and spend as much money as he can honorably make in whatever endeavor of life that interests him.

In our free society this basic desire has become almost a personal right, and is as fundamental as the basic human rights to speech, to worship, to learn and even to play as a man desires. We believe that the individual is more important than the state, and we seek to protect these basic rights of the individual. All of us must guard against these basic rights with extreme jealousy, for true freedom is easy to lose but very hard to acquire and hold."

DOYLE CONNER

"As I travel . . . I run into those people who support the Future Farmer Organization with their time and their money, they know that they are making an investment in the future of this country. They have tremendous confidence in you, and I know that you are well deserving and that you will always strive to maintain that reputation.



Doyle Conner, 1948-49 National FFA President, farmer, business man and now Commissioner of Agriculture in Florida was well qualified to address the American Farmer Candidates.

... We can share with other nations not our missiles, but rather three square meals a day. We will make far more friends than those aggressors who feel they have to be capable of destroying the world in order to command respect. I say that, that is short-lived, but our ability to produce food for the hungry world

will make it possible for us to push into new areas and make new friends.

In American agriculture lies our first line of defense, and rather than to think that agriculture is less important today, remind yourselves that it is more important today that it has ever been before. Remind yourself that your profession and my profession is the only area in which Soviet Russia will admit that the United States has excelled, and they will admit that we are some thirty percent ahead of them in agricultural output."

HONORABLE BUFORD ELLINGTON

"You must take roles of activity and leadership in government from the community level on up. And I think that is where in the past maybe some of us that live in the rural areas have failed to measure up to our responsibility. Either you run your government or your government runs you. There is no separation of the



Honorable Buford Ellington, Governor of Tennessee challenges FFA members to prepare themselves for future roles in rural leadership and civic responsibilities.

relationship nor much escape. Even if you are indifferent, if you fail to get to the polls, if you neglect ordinary duties of citizenship and patriotism, you are not thereby removed from government. It is going to reach in, for better or for worse, and affect your life. There is no hiding place from government today. You have a

personal obligation to yourselves and to your government and your country to take an active part, even if a humble one."

J. C. DENTON

"This year has been a lot of fun, work and excitement, but I have learned much in contact with some of the outstanding vocational agriculture instructors of the country who are dedicated to your program.

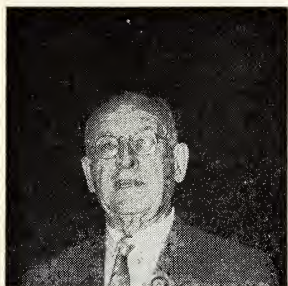


John Denton, outgoing Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee, Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., receives Honorary American Farmer Degree.

You can tell by the number of donors that are here, and these are the men who represent the individuals and firms that have made this possible, that they are intensely interested in the FFA leadership program, and I am sure I can say for them that businessmen and individuals will continue to cooperate with the FFA and support its program as long as they are given an opportunity to and as long as the program has the obvious outstanding results that we see here tonight."

DR. GEORGE A. SELKE

"Agriculture is our nation's largest single industry. It takes brains, skills, know-how and character to keep pace with its fast changing technology. I hope that all of you make the most of this



Dr. George A. Selke, Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, extends Greetings from the Honorable Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture.

convention so that you can take back to your fellow members the spirit, the leadership, and the know-how to keep our agriculture constantly foremost in the world. This is so very necessary if the high standard of living which we enjoy is to continue through time to be a permanent part of the American way of living which is the hope of humanity and in which we believe and for which we strive.

DR. ERNEST V. HOLLIS

"...the question of how to get a little truer perspective on yourselves...I find that more young men underestimate themselves and their abilities and their possibilities than overestimate



Dr. Ernest V. Hollis encourages FFA members to be aware of the advantages of a good education.

...To such individuals I would like to encourage you to take a new look at your own capabilities and try them out. You will be surprised how quickly you can come to a position of leadership.

The same thing is true in terms of seeing the world around about you in a true perspective. Too often we are shortsighted in our goals, in our objectives, and in our assumptions of what the task is like ahead of us."

HONORABLE FRANK CARLSON

"We want a peace that guarantees the independence and integrity of all nations... a peace in which progress and freedom are possible, a peace which doesn't mean human decay or dry rot, but



Honorable Frank Carlson, U. S. Senator, discusses the role of Future Farmers for a Free World with representatives of the Future Farmers of the Philippines.

the growth and the betterment of the individual human being throughout every country on our globe. This is the kind of peace we want. This is the kind of peace, God willing, we're going to get.

You and I, particularly the young people, the Future Farmers of America, are going to have to dedicate ourselves to working and praying for a program of peace. No greater challenge ever was afforded the young people of this nation, no greater opportunity was ever presented to our youth."

VENERANDO SANTIAGO, First National President, Future Farmers of the Philippines

"We Future Farmers of the Philippines believe in the utilization of potential youth leadership, not in the way Hitler did to the German youth two decades ago, not in the way communist leaders do to corrupt the minds of their youth by obedience, but in the way George Washington did to your youth a few generations ago and in the way Jose Rizal did to ours.

... Yes, your organization and ours too are the reservoirs of able leaders in the future. Both are sources of men to come who will have no strings attached to selfish motives and diabolical schemes aimed at the disruption of human peace and happiness of the human race.

... I am happy that there are many of us foreign guests who are present at this convention, happy in the sense that our presence is a demonstration of understanding and cooperation existing among all free nations. Let it be known to the other foreign guests

attending this convention that my people, like theirs, are willing to give her share for the cause of democracy. And you, Americans, we recognize you as a world leader. We pledge what little support we can afford for the perpetuation of justice, equality, peace, liberty and freedom. As Future Farmers of the free world, let us dedicate our lives, our selfless devotion not only to our respective countries but to all the freedom-loving peoples the world over. Our being Future Farmers is one step leading toward the fulfillment of that goal."

JIM THOMPSON, Kentucky Association—Friendships for Freedom

"Until you see the effect of communism on mankind as we saw it on the 38th parallel, you cannot possibly thank God enough for the freedom that we enjoy in these United States of America.

As Future Farmers of America, let us insure the future of a free world by sharing our freedom and prosperity with our less fortunate brethren in other nations. Let us help them, that they may help themselves."

NINA PORTARO—Future Farmers of Peru

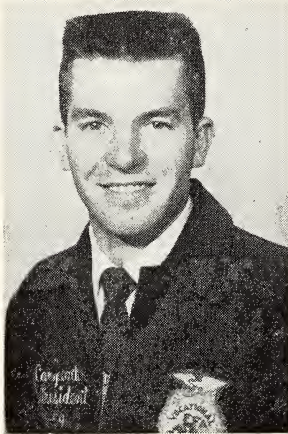
"We started our Future Farmers of Peru four years ago. At present we have forty local chapters, about 5,000 members in our twenty-three departments. We have celebrated our twelfth regional contest and two national contests.

I wish to thank all of you for your kindness and your friendship to me. I can tell you that I love all you boys wearing your blue and gold jackets just as I love my boys back in Peru wearing the green and gold jackets there."

National Student Officer Reports

Report of the National FFA President

The greatest thrill of my life came at the close of the 1960 National Convention when the official delegates gave me the honor and privilege of serving on the national officer team this year. This year has passed almost as a day and now I treasure the fond memories of having worked with many thousands of Future Farmers and rural youth in some 40 states and Puerto Rico. I think of the wonderful men in the fields of agriculture, education, government, business and industry that we officers met and worked with while representing the FFA. I was thrilled to learn that thousands of adults have a good understanding of the work which Future Farmers are doing and hold our youth organization in highest esteem. We, as Future Farmers, must make it a personal moral obligation to dedicate ourselves to the ideals and principles that have made our organization the greatest farm boy organization in America.



LYLE CARPENTER
President

At the conclusion of last year's convention, I presided at the Judging Contest Awards Banquet, and rode in the American Royal parade. The newly elected national officers worked on leadership training before we left Kansas City.

Upon my return to Colorado I participated in many speaking engagements with FFA chapters, civic clubs, and farm organizations in Colorado, Wyoming and Missouri, including the Annual Meeting of Consumers Cooperative Association and National Farm Bureau Federation Convention.

The people of my home town, Yuma, Colorado, held a banquet and program in my honor on January 11. I will always feel a debt of gratitude to those who made "Lyle Carpenter Day" so memorable. Later that month, I addressed the National Western Stock Show FFA Awards Banquet.

On January 15, the national officer team met in Washington, D. C. for some intensive leadership training and the meetings of the National FFA Board of Directors. We were guests of General Motors, the National Grange and the Foundation for American Agriculture during our stay in Washington. We officers stood in eight inches of snow and sub-freezing weather to witness the oath of office and inauguration of President John F. Kennedy and Vice President Lyndon Johnson.

The Annual FFA National Officers' Goodwill Tour began on January 28. The goodwill tour is designed to provide Future Farmer officers an opportunity to meet leaders of business, industry and farm organizations so that a better understanding of the relationships between farm and city people as well as those of industry and agriculture can be developed. It is a vitally important activity through which the Board of Student Officers can tell these men about the work Future Farmers are doing in the areas of developing rural leadership and citizenship through development of good supervised farming programs, FFA Chapter activities, and classroom education. It enables us to thank these leaders in business and industry for their support of the Future Farmers of America Foundation in behalf of all Future Farmers.

Accompanied by Mr. Gray, we visited Allied Chemicals Nitrogen Division; The Universal Tractor and Equipment Company; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company; Southern States Cooperative and the Reynolds Metals Corporation in Richmond, Virginia.

In Wilmington, we were the guests of Hercules Powder Company and also the E. I. DuPont deNemours and Company, Inc. That evening, we had an interview with Farm Journal's Teen Columnist.

February 1st, we traveled to Philadelphia to be with Sears-Roebuck Company. It was an interesting day, especially visiting the historical points of Philadelphia.

At Hartford, Connecticut we visited with Cooperatives from Connecticut and Rhode Island, The Fuller Brush Company, and participated in a radio and TV show. Governor John Dempsey paid special tribute to Nathan Cushman, at a noon luncheon attended by over 100 of Connecticut's foremost businessmen.

We addressed the Associated Industries of Massachusetts and later toured historical Boston. We drove to Segregansett, Massachusetts where we addressed a Parent and Son Banquet, and the next day we began the activities of an excellent leadership training school which involved all the State officers in the New England States.

On February 4, we arrived in New York City. Two feet of snow blanketed the city and caused a ban on taxis; our schedule proceeded as normal but with a little more walking than planned. We visited the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association, Inc.; The American Can Company; Esso Standard, Division of Humble Oil Company; International Business Machines, U. S. Rubber Company, d-Con Company and Corn Products Company. We addressed the Farm Club of New York, a group of 200 leaders in business in the city interested in agriculture.

In Akron, Ohio on February 9, we visited with General Tire and Rubber Company; Firestone Tire and Rubber Company; Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and the B. F. Goodrich Company. Through these visits, we learned many ways in which rubber is

being used in agriculture and the fantastic innovations that will be taking place through rubber research.

We were in Cleveland, Ohio, to visit Foundation Donors on February 10 and speak at a luncheon attended by several hundred business, industry and organization leaders.

The following day we visited the Stran Steel Corporation in Detroit. On Sunday, we attended church as a group and then relaxed at Greenfield Village in its many museums and fascinating displays. February 13, we toured the General Motors Corporation Research Center and the Ford Motor Company Tractor Assembly Plant.

On St. Valentine's Day, I flew to Dallas, Texas, to address the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association at their Annual Meeting. During this time, my fellow officers met with Campbell-Ewald Company, Massey-Ferguson, Ltd., Dodge Division of Chrysler Motors Corporation, and New Idea Farm Equipment Company.

We spent nearly a week in Chicago where we were hosted by: International Harvester Company; American Farm Bureau Federation; Swift and Company; Quaker Oats Company Research Farms; Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company; Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System; Fairbanks, Morse and Company; Sears-Roebuck Foundation; Chicago Board of Trade; Allied Mills, Inc.; American Oil Company; Quaker Oats Company; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company; Kraft Foods Company; Thor Research Center. In Chicago, I appeared with Alex Drier and the News on a special tribute to National FFA Week.

In Racine, Wisconsin, we toured the J. I. Case Company and the Johnson's Wax Company, and at Milwaukee we visited the Wisconsin Motors Corporation and Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company.

In Minneapolis, we were guests of Minneapolis-Moline Company (Motec Industries); Pillsbury Mills, Inc.; Cargill, Inc.; Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company; Archer-Daniels Midland Company; General Mills; Minnesota Cooperative Council; Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, and a special luncheon give for us by Governor Anderson.

We returned to Chicago on March 1st to address the Central Regional Conference for Vocational Agriculture Education Workers. Later, we toured International Minerals and Chemicals Corporation; then journeyed to Moline, Illinois, where we were hosted by Deere and Company. At Peoria, we visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Venard; Keystone Steel and Wire Company; Herschel Manufacturing Company and Hart-Carter Manufacturing Company. At Quincy, Illinois, we met with Moorman Feeds Company and a group of 150 FFA boys from the surrounding area at a fine luncheon.

Our final stop for the goodwill tour was Kansas City, Missouri, where we exchanged ideas with Spencer Chemical Company; The Kansas City Star; Western Auto; Sheffield Steel Company; Butler

Manufacturing Company, and the American Hereford Association. Another highlight was our visit with His Honor, the Mayor of Kansas City, H. Roe Bartle.

I flew to Denver on March 7th. Later, I spoke at FFA banquets in Texas. Next, I participated in the Santa Rosa FFA Chapter activities in California before going on to the Oregon FFA Convention. I then flew back to California where I participated in the 1961 Davis FFA Judging Day activities.

The Wyoming FFA Convention was held March 23-25. I was thrilled at the participation of one third of the state's membership in a convention impressively handled by competent officers.

Idaho's FFA Convention, March 30—April 1, was an excellently planned and well conducted meeting. On April 5, Colorado's FFA President accompanied me to FFA banquets in Colorado and Kansas, and later we attended the Nebraska FFA Convention where the attendance of many FFA friends added greatly to the sessions and awards activities. The outstanding public speaking contest, and public relations contest highlighted a fine program for the Missouri Convention. I flew to Brookings, South Dakota to work with some fine Future Farmers and officers at their state convention. A well rounded program, including a talent show, was indeed commendable.

The Sunday vespers service started the Kansas Convention on a high note for their annual meeting. The support of their many friends and other organizations was evidenced by fine publicity and convention attendance.

May 3-5 were the dates of the California FFA Convention held at San Luis Obispo. I was impressed with the snappy sessions and a diligent nominating committee.

On Saturday, May 6, John Creer and I attended the Utah Jr. Livestock Show at Spanish Fork.

I flew to the beautiful tropical island of Puerto Rico on May 25th. My compliments to the Future Farmers of Puerto Rico on an impressive convention that showed the efforts of a polished officer team and well prepared delegates. The business sessions and awards ceremonies were commendable. I spent six days touring schools and observed many fine supervised farming programs which included production of coffee, sugar cane, pineapples, coconuts and bananas. The work which FFA Chapters in Puerto Rico are doing is very very noticeable throughout the Commonwealth.

The Colorado Convention on June 5-6 included committee meetings and leadership training sessions for every member. An active business session and a highlighting award ceremony was inspirational. The Louisiana Convention opened in Baton Rouge before I arrived, but southern hospitality and FFA cordiality made members and friends feel a part of all activities. Best Chapter Awards are definite encouragement for all chapters to improve their programs of work is evidenced by this association.

I was a guest of the American Hereford Association for their Progress Clinics in Boise, Idaho; Lincoln, Nebraska, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. I spoke to these cattlemen on the subject "There's A Future In Ranching."

Later, at Blacksburg, Virginia, the site of the Virginia FFA Convention, over a thousand members participated in a wide variety of convention activities.

The North Carolina FFA Convention had impressive leadership training activities in addition to many state contests. The Honorary State Farmer Ceremony and Awards Banquet were well planned and meaningful.

Addressing the Colorado Vocational Education Club at Colorado State University on the "Value of FFA and Vo-ag" was an interesting and pleasant task on July 5.

A leadership training session for State FFA officers was conducted at Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 16-18, where New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming participated. Adults and officers felt that much was gained through an exchange of ideas and experiences on the state level, plus officer training with the assistance of three national officers.

On July 20 and 21, I participated in youth activities at the Junior Hereford Field Days in Indiana and Michigan.

The summer meeting of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors of the FFA was held in Washington, D. C. We discussed state convention activities and made suggestions for improvements. We also suggested revisions to the application for the American Farmer Degree, did planning for the national convention and handled business items concerning the FFA. We attended a special honor luncheon at the U. S. Capitol given by the congressmen of our states. Later, we met with Vice President Lyndon Johnson; the Under Secretary of Agriculture; Abraham Ribicoff, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, and Sterling M. McMurrin, Commissioner of Education. Luncheons were given for us by the American Institute of Cooperation and the Spencer Chemical Company.

In West Virginia three national officers participated in the dedication of buildings at the FFA-FHA Camp, and assisted with leadership training session for new state officers.

The American Institute of Cooperation held their meeting in Minneapolis. I worked with hundreds of Future Farmers from 35 states, and served as co-chairman of AIC Youth Sessions. While in the Twin City area, I visited Cargill, Motec Industries, General Mills, Pillsbury Mills, and Mid-States Steel and Wire Company at Crawfordsville, Indiana.

In Oklahoma City, I addressed the stockholders of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of Wichita. Later, I spoke at the National Annual Meeting of the National Farmers Equity in Denver, Colorado.

In Springfield, Massachusetts, I addressed several civic clubs and visited FFA friends, including the Eastern States Farmers Exchange and Farm Credit Banks. A thrill to all Future Farmers was to have Art Linkletter present the Regional Star State Farmer Award to the FFA winner at the Eastern States Exposition.

I returned to Washington, D. C. where I spent nearly a week preparing for the National FFA Convention before flying to Minneapolis to address the Inter-Industry Farm Power Council.

In Denver, I spoke to the Annual Session of the Colorado Grange, and in Lincoln Nebraska, participated in the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and National Equity Grain Conference before going to Kansas City.

It has been an interesting and rewarding year in all respects. We owe thanks and tribute to many who have sacrificed to serve our organization. A special thanks to Dr. Spanton, our National Advisor; Mr. Gray, our National Executive Secretary; Mr. Farrar, Director of Public Relations and Information; the Regional Program Specialists; the State staffs; the Future Farmer Magazine and the Future Farmers Supply Service.

To Mr. Paul Rife, my chapter advisor, my gratitude for the endless hours of training and guidance that only the finest teacher can give. To Mr. M. C. Linson, my State advisor, my sincere appreciation for all you have done to encourage me as a Future Farmer.

To you, Mom and Dad, it is a time like this that the nicest words are too inadequate to express the feelings of the heart of a son who has enjoyed many things through your sacrifices, love and understanding.

To you my fellow national officers, Ron, John, Ted, Jerry, and Nate—your friendships and cooperation have been wonderful. You truly exemplify the finest leadership in America today.

We have met many obstacles in our pathway this year, and I hope we have cleared a few of them for next year's officers, but much remains to be done. The FFA is a young organization with high ideals. It needs your support and your service. It needs you as a member of the greatest farm boy organization in the world, to wear your blue and gold jacket proudly, and to uphold the reputation of the FFA and the noblest traditions of rural America.

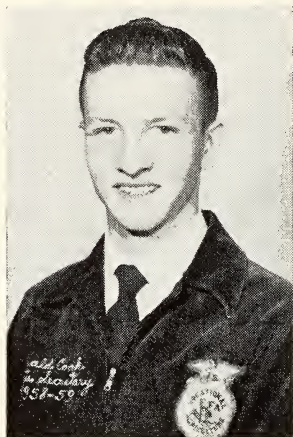
To you, my fellow Future Farmers, the organization and its many opportunities are yours. The value you will place on the FFA will depend directly upon the effort you exert to improve yourself and the organization. It's up to you to make of it and yourselves what you want.

Respectfully submitted,

LYLE CARPENTER

Report of the National Student Secretary

This past year of serving as a national officer has convinced me that the FFA can continue to develop leadership, improve agriculture and build a strong America. The experience I have received this year cannot be measured. It was with deep humbleness that I accepted this office and have sought to carry it out.



RONALD COOK
Nat'l Student Secy.

It was a privilege to work with my fellow officers, Dr. Spanton, Mr. Gray and the Washington Staff. My appreciation to Messrs. Ralph Grossbauer, Jack Anderson, Harry Nesman, Elmer Lightfoot and the entire State staff. To Mother and Dad go a son's sincere thanks as well as to my brother, Russell, for his work help.

I attended six state conventions plus the January, July and October Board Meetings. The Goodwill Tour was an experience all in itself. I was privileged to work with the new officers from Ohio, Indiana and Michigan at the Tri-State Officers Leadership Camp. I represented the FFA on the National Rural Young People's Safety Planning Committee and the following week I attended and chaired the Rural Youth Sessions of the National Safety Congress in Chicago.

My experiences as student secretary have made me more aware of the real America. We are all aware of world problems, which in reality are personal problems. My dear fellow members, you and I as young people were not involved in the making of this chaotic situation, but you and I must live in it or change it.

We, as farm youth, must take the lead in combating Communism and all else that would seek to destroy us and our way of life. You, as I, tire of hearing of Communism and the problems it creates, but at the pace the world has been falling prey to this evil monster, we must take notice and quickly.

We say it can never happen to us in America but it can. When people become so involved personally they have no time for their fellowman, or to take part in civil affairs, to depend more and more on government to provide their living, or allow powerful bosses to control great segments of our population, then we have begun to lose that on which our great country was founded.

As a young American, I am much disturbed. There is no future in farming if there is no future America! America was founded by men who were seeking religious freedom. It seems that far too many Americans take this as a freedom from religion.

Our forefathers believed and trusted in God. Weapons will not defeat Communism as has already been proven. In the words of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, "Religion is the fear and love of God; its demonstration is good works; and faith is the root of both, for without faith we cannot please God: nor can we fear and love what we do not believe."

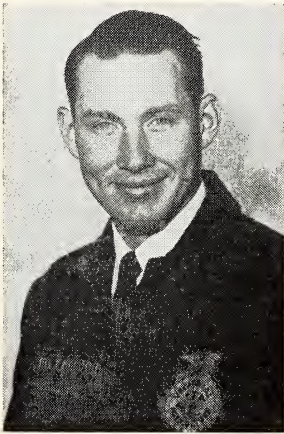
You are not a sissy if you believe and trust in God and live a morally strong life. It takes a real man to stand against evil and what you know to be wrong. Future Farmers, we must take that stand in our lives that will keep America strong. Let us, sons of the soil, demonstrate to all America and the world that we believe in the foundation stones of America.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD J. COOK

Report of the Central Vice President

Serving as your national vice president has been the greatest experience of my life, and I will long remember its rewarding activities.



JEROME DONOVAN, JR.
Central Vice-President

It would take a book to list all of the FFA programs, chapter banquets and civic programs we have taken part in during the past year. We also participated in officer training sessions and the National FFA Officers Goodwill Tour.

On my way home from the goodwill tour, I attended the 25th Anniversary Banquet of the Williamsfield, Illinois FFA Chapter.

Upon returning home, I tried to catch up on my farm work and also attended chapter banquets and other FFA programs.

The Indiana State FFA Convention had excellent cooperation from the Purdue University staff. The most outstanding part of the convention was their awards banquet and the Star State Farmer Ceremony.

I attended various awards meetings before going to the Iowa convention. The townspeople and the Future Farmers worked as a team in coordinating a very nice convention. The news coverage kept the public well informed on convention activities. The highlight of the convention was a very inspirational address by the Governor of Iowa. A fine organist, band, and State Farmer Degree Ceremony added much to this fine convention.

The Ohio FFA Convention was well planned, and the excellent facilities, good committee work and efficient officers contributed much to its success. The awards banquet featuring the Honorary State Farmer Ceremony highlighted the convention.

June 5th, found me in North Dakota participating in a very well organized convention that featured an outstanding nominating committee.

The New Jersey Convention was held in a beautiful outdoor setting. I helped to judge their fine public speaking contest.

Maryland's convention was well under way on my arrival. A very hard working group of officers conducted an orderly convention, which featured a splendid awards banquet.

The West Virginia convention was highlighted by an impressive banquet and awards session where the Foundation award winners were recognized in an excellent manner. Their Talent Show was one of the best I have ever seen.

I then journeyed to Washington D. C. to attend the July Board Meetings of the National FFA Officers and Board of Directors.

After the Board meetings in Washington, Teddy and I participated in the Virginia State FFA Leadership Training School. Later that month, Ohio held their first leadership training school for state and chapter officers. My part in the sessions was explaining the National Programs and working with the presidents on leadership. The boys spoke very well of the school and asked that it be repeated next year.

I returned to my home and farmed from August 25th through September 30th, but found time to show cattle at the Ohio State Fair, Delaware County Fair and the Mid-South Fair at Memphis, Tennessee.

Before going to Kansas City, I joined Nate and we assisted with the National Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products judging contests at Waterloo, Iowa. I enjoyed my part in the impressive pageant. The FFA judging teams were introduced and the regional Star Dairy Farmers were recognized. The Star Dairy Farmers were given their Foundation Awards at a banquet which climaxed the week's activities.

During this past year, I have taken part in many inspiring and rewarding activities. Future Farmers have taken advantage of the many opportunities to better themselves, but we still have a challenge that is twofold: one is to help other Future Farmers to know and participate in the FFA program; and second, we must be sure to develop our own leadership activity to its fullest potential. No doubt many of the future leaders of America are present in the auditorium today, being trained by the FFA.

I am indebted to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Gray, the national office staff, Mr. Purkey and to my vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. Beougher. I wish to express by gratitude to a fellow Future Farmer, Dallas Evans, who took my place on the farm while I was travel-

ing. To Mom and Dad, I give you sincere thanks for guiding me along the way.

Thank you too, Future Farmers, for the privilege of serving as one of your national officers.

As we turn the reins over to your new officers, I would like to leave you with this thought: keep working for a better organization and it will work for you. May God be with you as you travel the road to better farming through the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,
JEROME DONOVAN, Jr.

Report of the North Atlantic Vice President

Serving you as a national officer has left me many cherished memories and I will always consider this year as the highlight of my life.



NATHAN R. CUSHMAN
*North Atlantic Vice-
President*

My first official assignment was representing the FFA at The National Grange Convention in North Carolina, from November 14-22.

I arrived in Washington on January 15, and participated in National Officers Training, and the meetings of the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors.

The Annual Goodwill Tour followed our board meeting and ended six weeks later on March 5th. While on the tour, I was impressed with the sincere interest that men of business and industry have in the FFA.

On February 4, we national officers conducted a leadership training conference at Segregansett, Massachusetts for the state officers of the six New England States. The program included symposiums, forums, and committee meetings. This provided a free exchange of ideas on State FFA activities between the delegates. We were impressed with the willingness and interest of the officers to participate and accept the information derived from the conference.

Later, when I attended state conventions, I was pleased to learn that many of these conventions used these suggestions and ideas very effectively. Many of the state officers told me they felt better prepared to carry out their duties and responsibilities at the conventions because of the training they received at this conference. I hope that much more work will be done on a regional and national basis.

On April 14-15, I attended the Massachusetts State Convention. The state officers did a fine job conducting the convention.

May 2nd, found me in Delaware, where the one-day convention was highlighted by a fine awards banquet.

On May 3rd, I represented the FFA at the annual meeting of the United States Committee for the United Nations held in the United Nations Building. Our group was informed of the United Nations operations and discussed ways the member organizations could promote the United Nations.

I was in New York on May 11-13, attending their large convention. The excellent support of everyone in the small community where the convention was held helped to make it a real success. The Farm Forum contest created much interest and the public speaking contest was excellent.

The Pennsylvania Convention was held in conjunction with the Future Homemakers convention on June 13-15. The FFA Band and Chorus added much to the convention program and the reports of the state officers were outstanding.

I flew to Maine on June 27, a day in advance of their convention, to meet with the State Officers and review convention plans. The fine Parliamentary Procedure and Creed Speaking Contests added to the program.

On July 17, I attended my home state convention, in Connecticut. The well planned, one-day convention was concluded with a fine awards banquet.

From July 22 to August 3, I attended the summer Board of Directors and the Board of Student Officers meetings. We discussed the state conventions and made plans for the national convention.

Following the meetings, Lyle, John, Ron and I flew to West Virginia to participate in a Camp Building Dedication Ceremony, and state officers leadership training conference.

On September 15 and 16, Lyle and I participated in FFA activities at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts. The regional public speaking contest, as well as the livestock, poultry and crop judging contests and the FFA booth exhibits, offered many members the opportunity to participate on a regional level. The North Atlantic Regional State Star Farmer Pageant was conducted before thousands and created much favorable publicity.

A long time ambition was fulfilled when I found I would attend the National Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo, Iowa. Jerry and I participated in a ceremony honoring the Star Dairy Farmers and addressed several civic clubs. The past week has been spent in Board meetings and further preparation for our convention.

I feel deeply indebted to my local advisor, Mr. Ira Wasniewski, Mr. Walter Jacoby, my former State advisor, Mr. Gray and the entire Washington staff for their constant assistance, guidance and encouragement, which I so often needed.

My highest regards go to the other national officers and I feel proud to have been associated with them.

Words do not allow me to express my gratefulness to my Mother, Father and sisters, Patricia and Geraldine, for the help they have given me and the many sacrifices they have made in order that I might serve as a national officer.

To my fellow members, I say thank you for the opportunity to serve you and may the FFA enrich your life as it has mine. God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN R. CUSHMAN

Report of the Pacific Vice President

It is a pleasure to report on how I used the year that you gave to me. To account properly I would have to introduce you to every Future Farmer I've met this year, and I will have succeeded as a national officer if I influenced a Green Hand to develop those qualities of leadership that will make him a chapter president; or if I caused a State Farmer to set his goal to become a national officer.



JOHN CREER
Pacific
Vice-President

After speaking at several chapter banquets I flew to Washington, D. C. to become acquainted with the National staff and their work with FFA. Meeting with the Board of Directors and then participating in the Goodwill Tour impressed me with the sincere interest that these people have in American youth.

March 15-17, Lyle and I attended the Oregon convention. I was impressed with the manner the outgoing officers shared their year's experience with the new officers in an inspirational post convention past-new officer session.

I traveled to the Washington convention where the resources of the State University were used to acquaint Future Farmers with future careers in agriculture.

March 29-April 1 I attended the Utah convention. The program included inspiring speakers, recognition of outstanding Future Farmers and adults in addition to leadership contests.

April 15-18, I "hit the jackpot" in Reno where the Pacific regional public speaking contest and regional conference were held and I helped officiate.

Lyle and I met on May 3-5 at the well-conducted California convention where chapters were encouraged to participate in the

Bamboo Pouch Exchange giving them the opportunity to help and to learn from other countries. I hope the FFA representatives will follow up on this activity when they return home.

The parliamentary procedure contest and awarding of Star Green Hand and Star State Farmer awards were outstanding events of Montana's convention June 1-4.

June 6 I unexpectedly met Mr. Gray enroute to Albuquerque, New Mexico where we enjoyed a leadership training session of "How to Do" panel discussions. A climactic presentation of the Sunshine Star Farmer award added to their convention.

Rejoining Mr. Gray in Lovelock, Nevada on June 12, we witnessed an enthusiastic group at work and play for three days; this program ended with the Governor naming the Star State Farmer.

Farming activities kept me busy until July 16 when Teddy, Lyle and I spent a wonderful three days as guests of New Mexico FFA at an inspirational leadership training school for State officers from four states. The program gave us all new ideas as well as friends.

It was great to meet Lyle's family the next day on their beautiful Colorado ranch before joining the American Hereford Association to attend three field days in Indiana and Michigan. Ron greeted us in his state to drive us to his home farm for a visit with his fine family.

July 23-August 3 was taken up with board meetings, and planning sessions for the National Convention.

Leaving Washington, Lyle, Ron, Nate, and I stopped at the West Virginia leadership camp and participated in a meeting for state and chapter officers.

The Arizona convention was a very fitting climax to their year's activities. Pageantry and speakers were used to emphasize patriotism and the FFA.

Wherever I've been this year I've enjoyed and appreciated the warm hospitality shown me by Future Farmers.

Lyle, Ron, Nate, Jerry, Teddy—may I borrow some of the qualities I have come to respect you for? To the managers of the National Officer team, Dr. Spanton and Mr. Gray, the best part of FFA for me is the chance to meet people like you.

Steve, Nancy, Mary, Joe, Mom and Dad, your cooperation made this year possible.

To all the devout adults who have encouraged so many Future Farmers, your service is to improve the lives of all you contact.

This past year has taught me the need for and the power of God.

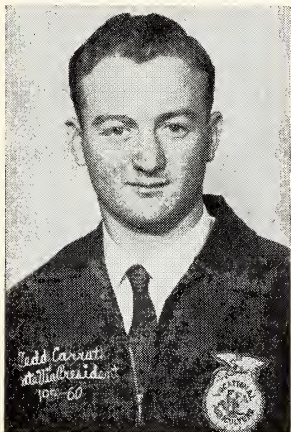
This convention ends my active membership in FFA. I do not hesitate to say goodbye for, after all, our seven years is a training period and what really counts for us all is what we do after we

leave. I'm anxious to say hello to that future of Future Farmers and can only thank the FFA for the opportunities that the future holds.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN CREER

Report of the Southern Region Vice President

One year ago today I walked to this platform and began the most wonderful and rewarding year of my life. The experience of serving as a national officer is one that I wish every Future Farmer could have.



TEDDY CARRUTH
*Southern Region
Vice-President*

During November and December I attended several local and district banquets. On January 12 I represented the national organization and spoke at the annual Southwestern Public Service Sales meeting.

I arrived in Washington, D. C., January 15th to attend meetings of the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers. Later I participated in the National Officer Goodwill Tour which ended March 7.

March 26-28 I attended the Central District Banquet and Judging Contests in Farmington, New Mexico. I helped judge the excellent parliamentary procedure and public speaking contests.

On April 14 I flew to Livingston, Texas to participate in FFA chapter banquets, judging contests, and high school assemblies. This was followed by a visit to the Sam Houston Collegiate Chapter.

My visit with FFA members at the Oklahoma convention, April 18-21, was highlighted by four outstanding speaking contests, an impressive awards program and a very competitive state officer election.

During the remainder of April and the early part of May, I spoke at numerous civic club meetings, school assemblies and chapter banquets.

On May 13, I attended the Area I FFA convention in Amarillo, which was followed by a visit with Royce Bodiford, a former national officer.

The Arkansas convention was held June 1-3. An outstanding parliamentary procedure contest was conducted here.

June 6-7 was spent at a very inspiring convention in South Carolina. The preparation of the officers and delegates was most impressive. I presented the State Star Farmer and later visited with Joe Hughes, past national officer.

I witnessed a very active business session and an excellent awards program at the Alabama convention on June 8-9.

On June 13-17 I took part in a well planned Florida convention program where excellent committee work and member participation was evident. Former national officers, Doyle Conner, Bill Gunter and James Quincy attended the convention.

On June 26 I traveled to the Mississippi convention; this association is to be complimented on their active business sessions and public relations activities.

I joined Lyle and John, July 16-18 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to assist with a leadership training school for the State officers from Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. The officers freely exchanged ideas for self improvement and compiled a list of good suggestions on "How State Officers can be More Effective."

On July 19-21 I participated in my home state convention in Dallas. Among the many highlights was an impressive awards program that recognized the diligent work of Future Farmers and honored the adults who have rendered outstanding service to our organization.

I joined the other members of the officer team in Washington, D. C., July 22-August 3 for the summer meeting of the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers.

On August 3, 4, 5, Jerry and I participated in the Virginia state officers training school. We found enthusiastic officers who were eager to begin their work of leading the Virginia Association.

I attended the Texas state officers' training school September 4-7 before flying to Mississippi on September 8 to preside at the Southern Region Public Speaking Contest.

My visit to the Mid-South Fair on September 25, kept me busy participating in the FFA Day activities. Especially impressive was the excellent records made by Future Farmers of America. The support given to our organization by this group in Memphis is excellent.

Words cannot express the enjoyment and satisfaction of serving as one of your national officers. The encouragement I received from Future Farmers everywhere and the assistance given by adult leaders made it possible for me to complete this worthwhile year.

To the most wonderful parents in the world goes a son's appreciation for their untiring efforts and many sacrifices. A special "thank you" is extended to my brothers, Grant and David, who assumed my responsibilities on the home farm.

As my term of office draws to an end, I am happy to know that other boys, more qualified than I could ever hope to be, will direct the greatest youth organization to higher achievements.

May God ever richly bless each one of you.

Respectfully submitted,
TEDDY CARRUTH

Report of the National Executive Secretary

Wm. Paul Gray

Each year we pause at our National Convention to review the activities and progress made the past year by the FFA. Therefore, it is most appropriate that we look back to the 1941 convention,



WM. PAUL GRAY
Nat'l Exec. Secy.

when Dr. W. T. Spanton assumed the duties as National Advisor. Many changes have occurred in the program of work and FFA activities. Many records have been made and much accomplished in membership growth, increase in number of chapters, the number of American Farmer Degrees conferred and the broadening of leadership training. Greater emphasis has been placed upon proficiency in farming and FFA awards program "geared" to a changing agriculture. The FFA idea has spread to other countries where "brother organizations" are helping to improve agriculture and develop rural leadership. Through an International Educational Exchange program, many thousands of people in over a dozen countries on three continents have become acquainted with

the leadership ability and knowledge of farming, as well as the friendliness of the FFA representatives.

Agriculture, too, since 1941, has made dynamic changes in production, mechanization, technology, marketing, labor requirements which, among many others has caused vocational agriculture to make adjustments to these trends in the training of FFA members. We can take great pride in the thousands of FFA members who have become successfully established in farming, or who have become leaders in fields related to agriculture. Today's successful farmers have been taught how to efficiently produce food and fiber with greater emphasis placed upon proficiency in organizing and coordinating the entire farm into an organized and well managed business. Farmers are meeting the complexity of farm marketing through the application of sound financing and management lessons learned in vocational agriculture. The practical use of soil and water management, improved farmstead practices, and maintenance of farm machinery and equipment have contributed much toward a more desirable economic environment and better living on the farm. Leadership training in FFA has helped prepare members to live and compete in a society and agriculture that has grown exceedingly complex the past twenty years.

There have been a few failures in reaching FFA goals, but through the last 20 years the trail is well marked with successes, good records and outstanding achievements in FFA and vocational

agriculture. Wise counselling and good administration by Dr. Spanton, our National Advisor, have inspired FFA members, advisors, and others to keep their faces turned resolutely "toward the rising sun" and always work to "progress forward." For his contribution to the FFA we will all be deeply indebted.

REPORT ON NATIONAL FFA ACTIVITIES

Officer Travel

Your National FFA Officers have rendered outstanding service during the past year. They conducted and participated in two regional leadership training conferences that involved ten States, one tri-State leadership conference and eight State leadership conferences. More States are using the national officers both before and after State conventions for planning and officer training.

State Conventions

All State associations held State conventions. National FFA Officers participated in 47 of these conventions. A State report and National Officers report on State conventions are being used to help improve State conventions. This year many States made a special effort to organize and conduct their association conventions to improve their business sessions, give proper recognition for FFA achievements and to exchange ideas which will improve the program.

Future Farmers Supply Service

The Future Farmers Supply Service is continuing to grow and expand its services to more members, yet it has not lost sight of the importance of quality and price in providing service to you. The new and attractive State delegate stands were made by the Future Farmers Supply Service.

National Future Farmer Magazine

The National Future Farmer Magazine now has over 278,980 subscribers—73.79% of FFA membership. Thirty States support the magazine with over 100 percent of the members subscribing—New Hampshire leads in the highest percentage with 138.5%, and North Carolina has the most subscribers with 21,531. Every local chapter that has 100 percent of its members subscribing to the magazine can be proud. Check your subscription percentage, and if you need to set a goal—may it be a challenge to you, your chapter and your State association. Through greater member support you can keep the magazine operating "in the black" and provide greater service and reading enjoyment to you.

The Official FFA Calendar

This year 780 chapters participated in the Official FFA Calendar program. Over 130,000 calendars were sold. A greater number of state associations as well as chapters are giving complimentary calendars as a means of public relations.

The National FFA Building and Grounds

The FFA building is buzzing with activity with both the Supply Service and Magazine staffs working for your benefit. This year the outside woodwork was repainted, new partitions were built for the magazine staff offices and new lighting facilities were installed for the accounting department of the Supply Service. We will soon erect an addition to the building for much needed storage, which will enable the FFSS to take advantage of long range, large quantity purchasing of merchandise to assure continued low cost to FFA members. It will also provide for needed working space and eliminate hazards in storage that now exist.

National Chapter Award Program

An increasing number of State Superior plaques awarded to chapters this year indicates a continuing interest in the State Chapter Award Program. The reports of chapter activities engaged in by Gold Emblem chapters is most encouraging. The National Gold Emblem Chapters were recognized through a pageant and suitable awards presentation at this year's convention.

International Education Activities

For the past four years the FFA has participated in a training program for representatives of Future Farmers from the Philippines and Japan. This program is made possible through the co-operation and assistance of State Associations with the National Office. The result has given these friends from other countries an excellent opportunity to learn more about the FFA on a local and State level, and also return home with a better understanding of rural America.

Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. was organized with twelve companies and individuals in 1944: today it has grown to over 300 donors who annually contribute approximately \$165,000. This money is used to finance an award program to recognize outstanding FFA members for their accomplishments in farming and leadership. New awards in Farm Forestry, Poultry Farming, Livestock Farming and Crop Farming were added this year, which makes a total of nine Farm Proficiency Awards that are available to FFA members. There are many representatives from

the donors to the Foundation at our convention, please let them know how much FFA members appreciate their support. This year we honor as "15 year Donors" to the National FFA Foundation, the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Consumers Cooperative Association, General Motors Corporation, Kraft Foods Company, Massey-Ferguson, Inc., Standard Oil Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Cuff.

Public Relations Tour

The National FFA Officers journeyed to 19 major cities in 11 States, visiting donors to the National FFA Foundation. In addition to providing good leadership training, the tour helped to foster a better understanding between business, industry and agriculture. It also gave the officers an opportunity to meet many State officers.

Report on State Accomplishments for 1960-61

The Annual Report form on FFA activities was revised last year and was too late in reaching the State associations, which made it impossible to obtain a complete and accurate summary. There were good accomplishments in:

1. Active membership dropped only 31. There is a total of 378,050 members in 8,644 chapters.
2. Over 90% of the chapters provided cooperative agricultural services. High among these services were providing breeding sires in swine and also beef bulls.
3. Over 90% of the chapters operated livestock chains with swine ranking highest, dairy cattle second and sheep third.
4. The number of chapters holding a public speaking contest increased.
5. There was an increase in the number of States which provided leadership training for chapter officers.
6. The number of States which operated a State camp remained fairly constant; but a greater number of chapter members are provided leadership training in the camp program.
7. Many States conducted a Good-Will Tour by their State Officers to promote FFA.
8. There was a continuing increase in the number of State Superior Chapters.
9. Chapters are making excellent use of the special activities to observe National FFA Week.
10. More State associations are using national officers to assist the State officers in leadership training and to improve the state conventions.
11. Over 95% of the States participated in an organized farm safety program; the greatest emphasis was placed on tractor and machinery safety, closely followed by farm mechanics shop safety

and third, farm work safety. All major areas of farm safety had participation.

Highlights of State Activities

On the Annual FFA Report each State listed three most outstanding FFA activities. Following is a brief summary of the listed activities:

1. Provided leadership training for State officers (separate from the convention).
2. State participated in, or conducted a State FFA Fair.
3. State conducted a Good-Will Tour with State officers.
4. Local chapter officers are trained by State officers.
5. State officers made systematic visits to local chapter.
6. FFA Week was promoted with special programs or activities.
7. The State FFA Camp was used for planned recreational and leadership activities.
8. FFA educational exhibits were erected at State Conventions.
9. A Children's Barnyard at a Fair or Agricultural Show was participated in by a majority of chapters.
10. A special award program or banquet was held at State convention.
11. Used Vespers Service at State conventions or leadership schools.
12. Exchanged letters, material, etc., with members of Future Farmers of the Philippines and Japan.
13. Conducted a special State Farm Safety Program.
14. Conducted special activities to improve the dress of members and to emphasize the importance of the FFA Code of Ethics at FFA functions.
15. Used pageants at State conventions.
16. Recognized State "Man of the Year in Agriculture."
17. Had special recognition for representatives of FFA Foundation at State convention.

We Look To The Future

We have much to gain by setting high goals and accepting real challenges. Let us meet these challenges in the following areas.

1. Work to maintain a strong membership of qualified members.
2. Broaden the leadership training program on regional and state levels so that it reaches every member.
3. Properly prepare and nominate more candidates for both the State Farmer and American Farmer Degrees.

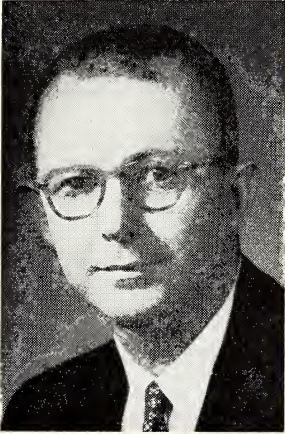
4. Place greater emphasis upon accuracy and properly completed applications for all FFA degrees and awards.
5. Encourage greater number of outstanding members who are qualified to run for national office.
6. Encourage greater participation in the FFA Foundation Awards Program.
7. Make greater use of State officers in conducting a State Good-Will Tour to promote the FFA program.
8. Each State have over 50% of its chapters rate Superior and 100% of its chapters rate Standard in the State Chapter Award Program.
9. One hundred percent of the members in ALL States subscribe to the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
10. Every chapter hold a parent and son banquet.

I express my appreciation to the national officers for their understanding and spirit of cooperation. I would be derelict in my duty if I did not recognize the helpful assistance given by the National Board of Directors, State staff members, the FFA Foundation, teachers of vocational agriculture and the national staff.

Report of the National Treasurer

President and Members of the Future Farmers of America:

It is a pleasure to serve as your National Treasurer and report to you on the financial status of your organization. Proceedings of the Convention will carry a detailed audited financial statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1961.



J. M. CAMPBELL

At this time it would seem appropriate, therefore, rather than reciting a lot of figures, to give you a brief explanation of the financial set-up of your Organization—where the money comes from and where it goes—and to summarize the financial status of the national association.

There are four major areas of financial accounting:

- (a) The Future Farmers of America
- (b) The Future Farmers of America Foundation
- (c) The Future Farmers Supply Service
- (d) The National Future Farmer Magazine

I should like to explain that my job is Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture with the State Board of Education in Richmond, Virginia. The FFA Treasurer's office, however, is located in Woodstock, Virginia, where Mrs. Pauline Coiner, Secretary to the National Treasurer, keeps the books and records of the Future Farmers of America and the FFA Foundation.

Funds of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are maintained in separate accounts in the Shenandoah Valley National Bank in Winchester, Virginia. A separate set of books is kept for each organization—the FFA and the FFA Foundation, with separate bank accounts. The fiscal year of the FFA Foundation corresponds to the calendar years, whereas the fiscal year of the Future Farmers of America extends from July 1 to the following June 30.

Both Mrs. Coiner and I are bonded in an amount sufficient to protect the funds in our care; the accounts of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are audited annually by Certified Public Accountants; a copy of the audit is reported to the Boards of FFA and the Foundation; the FFA Auditing Committee reviews the records, and every safeguard is exercised in handling the funds of your organi-

zation. Copies of the Audits of the FFA and FFA Foundation are available for review.

The Future Farmers of America receives its income from dues of members, royalties on merchandise bearing the FFA emblem, rent on the FFA Building and royalties and grants from the Future Farmers Supply Service. Expenses consist primarily of travel of the national officers and Board of Directors, national office expense, and national convention.

The FFA Foundation receives its income from the contributions of more than 300 donors. So far since January 1 of this year, more than \$161,000.00 has been received in contributions. You may be interested to know that since the Foundation was set up in 1944, \$2,368,103.62 has been contributed by business organizations and individuals. Expenses of the Foundation consist of achievement awards paid to Vo-Ag student members of the FFA Organization, plus a small amount, approximately 6%, for administration.

The Future Farmers Supply Service gets its income from merchandise sold to FFA members and its expenses consist of the cost of merchandise, operation of the Supply Service and rent of the FFA Building.

Receipts for the Magazine come from subscriptions and advertising and expenses go for editing, printing, mailing and rent of office space in the FFA Building.

In total, the Organization, including the FFA, the FFA Foundation, the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the Future Farmer Magazine, has total assets of \$1,568,670.21; Liabilities of \$160,-896.00, and a net worth of \$1,407,774.21.

The foregoing figures represent the status of the Organization at the end of the last fiscal year. Since July 1, the following represents the financial status of the FFA account:

Balance on hand—July 1, 1961	\$84,993.43
Receipts—July 1 through September 30, 1961....	9,178.87
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	\$94,172.30
Expenditures—July 1 through	
September 30, 1961.....	29,486.07
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Balance on hand—September 30, 1961	<u>\$64,686.23</u>

In summary, your Organization is in sound financial condition which I believe is a tribute to the policy directed by the National Board of Student Officers and Directors, and the management of Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Advisor, and Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, your Executive Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CAMPBELL
National Treasurer

Report On Examination

**For Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 1961**

Officers and Directors,
Future Farmers of America,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have examined the balance sheet of Future Farmers of America as of June 30, 1961, and the related statements of revenue and expenditures and of cash receipts and disbursements of the general fund, which were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements from the books of account of J. M. Campbell, Acting Treasurer, and R. E. Bass, deceased, former Treasurer. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the assets and liabilities of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1961, arising from cash transactions or contributions, and the revenues collected and expenses disbursed by it during the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceeding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT
Certified Public Accountants.

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1961

EXHIBIT "A"

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:		
☛ Cash in bank (Exhibit "C").....		\$ 86,579.03
OTHER ASSETS:		
Loan receivable:		
"The National Future Farmer":		
Cash advances.....	\$ 36,786.20	
Expenses paid in prior periods.....	7,713.80	\$ 44,500.00
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Note receivable.....		30,858.04
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TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		\$ 75,358.04
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (appraised value):		
Land	\$259,657.22	
Building.....	352,082.00	
Office equipment and furniture	2,821.06	614,560.28
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		<u>\$776,497.35</u>

SURPLUS

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Balance, July 1, 1960.....				\$740,560.53
Add:				
Excess of revenue over expenditures (Exhibit "B").....	\$ 32,699.62			
Capital items included in expenditures:				
Taxes on investment real estate.....	\$742.50			
Erection of partitions in building.....	1,150.00			
Purchase of conference room furnishings.....	800.00			
Purchase of office equipment	544.70	3,237.20	35,936.82	
Balance, June 30, 1961.....				\$776,497.35
				<u>\$776,497.35</u>

EXHIBIT "B"

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1961

REVENUE:

	REVENUE		Budget Estimate	Excess over Estimate
	Detail	Total		
Membership dues.....		\$ 37,805.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 305.00
Royalties:				
Future Farmers Supply Service.....	\$ 58,905.40			
F.F.A. Calendar.....	6,842.08			
The Fair Publishing House	312.47			
St. Louis Button Company	119.39	66,179.34	57,900.00	8,279.34
Other revenue:				
Old Mill.....	\$ 483.45			
"The National Future Farmer"—rent.....	10,000.00			
Future Farmers Supply Service—rent.....	20,000.00			
Miscellaneous.....	17.10	30,500.55	30,450.00	50.55
Interest.....		258.04	258.04
TOTAL REVENUE..		<u>\$134,742.93</u>	<u>\$125,850.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,892.93</u>

EXPENDITURES:

	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
TRAVEL:				
National officers.....	\$ 14,016.10		\$ 12,500.00	\$ (1,516.10)
Board of directors	1,707.60		2,000.00	292.40
Special travel—National adviser, secretary, and other.....	3,177.34		3,000.00	(177.34)
International.....	750.00		800.00	50.00
TOTAL—TRAVEL.....		\$ 19,651.04	\$ 18,300.00	\$ (1,351.04)
CONVENTION:				
Delegate expense.....	\$ 4,761.02		\$ 4,800.00	\$ 38.98
National band.....	1,768.01		2,000.00	231.99
Reception.....	575.00		565.00	(10.00)
Printing.....	6,063.00		6,475.00	412.00
Special presentations and pageant.....	1,518.98		1,500.00	(18.98)
Badges.....	305.77		325.00	19.23
Stenotypist.....	428.86		350.00	(78.86)
Photographs and publicity	478.45		500.00	21.55
Rental of equipment, sup- plies.....	425.45		300.00	(125.45)
Communications.....	89.93		125.00	35.07
Secretarial travel and ex- pense.....	1,155.04		1,200.00	44.96
Decorations.....	1,242.50		1,500.00	257.50
Stage arrangements.....	534.60		600.00	65.40
Miscellaneous	398.58		200.00	(198.58)
TOTAL—CONVENTION		19,745.19	\$ 20,440.00	\$ 694.81
AWARDS:				
American Farmer Keys....	\$ 3,183.19		\$ 3,150.00	\$ (33.19)
Certificates and awards....	1,477.65		850.00	(627.65)
TOTAL AWARDS.....		4,660.84	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (660.84)
PRINTING.....		791.71	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,208.29
NATIONAL OFFICE:				
Secretarial salaries:				
Executive secretary's office.....	\$ 4,912.50		\$ 4,912.50	
National treasurer's office.....	2,741.27		2,621.25	\$ (120.02)
Director of Public Relations:				
Salary.....	11,155.00		11,155.00	
Travel.....	1,698.40		2,000.00	301.60
Secretary—salary.....	5,242.50		5,242.50	
Telephone and telegraph..	367.87		300.00	(67.87)
Repair of equipment.....	93.94		200.00	106.06
Postage, express, etc.....	235.00		450.00	215.00
(Forwarded).....	\$ 26,446.48	\$ 44,848.78	\$ 26,881.25	\$ 434.77

EXPENDITURES (continued):
NATIONAL OFFICE (continued):

(Forwarded).....	\$ 26,446.48	\$ 44,848.78	\$ 26,881.25	\$ 434.77
Public relations and plaque for chairman.....	472.18		300.00	(172.18)
Bill of Rights.....			750.00	750.00
Supplies, equipment, and rents.....	1,679.50		2,000.00	320.50
Calendars.....	846.46		750.00	(96.46)
Legal and auditing.....	340.00		300.00	(40.00)
Photographs.....	464.29		1,000.00	535.71
Slide film and script.....			700.00	700.00
Complimentary subscrip- tions to N.F.F.A. maga- zine.....	364.96		600.00	235.04
National FFA week ma- terial.....	1,722.91		2,000.00	277.09
Health insurance.....	105.38		250.00	144.62
Social security tax.....	743.62		800.00	56.38
Miscellaneous.....	599.06		300.00	(299.06)
TOTAL—NATIONAL OFFICE		33,784.84	\$ 36,631.25	\$ 2,846.41
OLD MILL:				
Mill attendant—salary	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00	
Insurance.....	16.45		10.00	\$ (6.45)
Maintenance.....			125.00	125.00
Souvenirs.....	271.10		271.00	(.10)
Operating expense.....	81.71		30.00	(51.71)
TOTAL—OLD MILL.....		969.26	\$ 1,036.00	\$ 66.74
JUDGING EXPENSE.....		448.59	\$ 750.00	\$ 301.41
RETIREMENT PLAN.....		(301.81)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,301.81
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA GROUNDS AND BUILDING:				
Maintenance and upkeep	\$ 15,786.75		\$ 18,500.00	\$ 2,713.25
Painting.....			1,000.00	1,000.00
Partitions.....	1,150.00		1,200.00	50.00
Conference room furnish- ings.....	800.00		500.00	(300.00)
Taxes.....	742.50		800.00	57.50
TOTAL—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA GROUNDS AND BUILDING.....		18,479.25	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 3,520.75
CONTINGENT.....			\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
LOSS ON SALE OF PROPERTY		3,814.40		\$ (3,814.40)
ANTICIPATED EXCESS OF REVENUE.....			\$ 16,442.75	16,442.75
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....		\$102,043.31	\$125,850.00	\$23,806.69
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES (Exhibit "A")		\$ 32,699.62		\$32,699.62

EXHIBIT "C"

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements-General Fund

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1961

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1960.....			\$ 48,737.45
RECEIPTS:			
Membership dues.....	\$ 37,805.00		
Royalties.....	66,179.34		
Old Mill.....	483.45		
Future Farmers Supply Service:			
Rent.....	\$ 20,000.00		
Retirement plan.....	7,566.20	27,566.20	
“The National Future Farmer”:			
Retirement plan.....	\$ 3,023.41		
Rent.....	10,000.00	13,023.41	
Income tax withheld from employees.....	4,714.90		
Employees' old-age benefits.....	743.42		
Employees' retirement contributions.....	731.36		
Expense refunds:			
Travel.....	\$ 194.76		
Convention:			
Tours.....	\$ 1,449.00		
Expenses.....	59.40	1,508.40	
National office.....	3,587.83		
Judging.....	137.05		
Old Mill.....	76.38	5,504.42	
Collections on property sold.....	1,585.60		
Miscellaneous.....	17.10		
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....		158,354.20	
		<u>\$207,091.65</u>	
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Travel.....	\$ 19,845.80		
Convention.....	21,253.59		
Awards.....	4,660.84		
Printing.....	791.71		
National office expense.....	37,372.67		
Old Mill.....	1,045.64		
Judging.....	585.64		
Retirement.....	11,019.16		
F.F.A. grounds and building.....	18,479.25		
Withholding tax remitted to Federal Government.....	4,714.90		
Employees' social security taxes paid.....	743.42		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....		\$120,512.62	
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1961.....		<u>\$ 86,579.03</u>	

Membership Dues Collected

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1961

ASSOCIATIONS:

Alabama.....	\$ 1,441.60
Arizona.....	160.60
Arkansas.....	1,320.00
California.....	1,180.90
Colorado.....	234.10
Connecticut.....	46.30
Delaware.....	65.10
Florida.....	859.40
Georgia.....	1,779.40
Hawaii.....	90.90
Idaho.....	328.00
Illinois.....	1,510.80
Indiana.....	978.40
Iowa.....	979.40
Kansas.....	673.70
Kentucky.....	1,205.90
Louisiana.....	1,000.80
Maine.....	89.60
Maryland.....	232.80
Massachusetts.....	91.60
Michigan.....	1,065.90
Minnesota.....	1,271.00
Mississippi.....	888.10
Missouri.....	1,204.50
Montana.....	200.70
Nebraska.....	531.20
Nevada.....	33.00
New Hampshire.....	30.10
New Jersey.....	150.50
New Mexico.....	222.20
New York.....	699.00
North Carolina.....	2,301.30
North Dakota.....	262.00
Ohio.....	1,122.40
Oklahoma.....	1,554.10
Oregon.....	375.40
Pennsylvania.....	951.50
Puerto Rico.....	441.00
Rhode Island.....	26.80
South Carolina.....	757.20
South Dakota.....	301.30
Tennessee.....	1,548.20
Texas.....	3,627.10
Utah.....	282.60
Vermont.....	62.00
Virginia.....	967.00
Washington.....	576.40
West Virginia.....	495.50
Wisconsin.....	1,436.50
Wyoming.....	151.20

TOTAL DUES COLLECTED.....	\$ 37,805.00
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Future Farmers Supply Service
Statement of Operations
Year Ended June 30, 1961

	Stockroom	Drop Shipment	Total
Sales.....	\$620,143.96	\$615,385.57	\$1,235,529.53
COST OF GOODS SOLD:			
Inventory, July 1, 1960.....	128,145.88		128,145.88
Purchases.....	370,968.48	437,107.80	808,076.28
Lettering Cost.....	31,101.91		31,101.91
Freight—In.....	3,824.69		3,824.69
Shipping Charges.....		17,518.71	17,518.71
	534,040.96	454,626.51	988,667.47
Less: Inventory, June 30, 1961	118,798.18		118,798.18
Cost of Goods Sold.....	415,242.78	454,626.51	869,869.29
Gross Profit.....	<u>\$204,901.18</u>	<u>\$160,759.06</u>	<u>\$365,660.24</u>
EXPENSE:			
Salaries.....		\$121,335.66	
Royalties.....		61,776.48	
Freight and Postage.....		35,774.08	
Advertising		13,041.44	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies.....		4,683.84	
Wrapping and Shipping Materials and Supplies.....		6,715.96	
Rent.....		20,000.00	
Legal and Accounting.....		3,375.00	
Depreciation		7,415.82	
Taxes and Licenses		1,256.17	
Insurance.....		1,909.05	
Group Hospitalization Insurance.....		932.34	
Social Security Taxes.....		4,071.11	
Telephone and Telegraph.....		1,644.42	
Travel.....		5,269.76	
Truck and Auto Expense.....		938.68	
Merchandise Losses.....		1,853.64	
Discontinued and Obsolete Merchandise.....		1,053.69	
Office Expense.....		1,298.03	
Retirement Expense.....		5,007.16	
Miscellaneous Expense.....		35.84	299,388.17
			<u>\$ 66,272.07</u>
OTHER EXPENSE:			
Discounts and Allowances.....	\$ 3,359.36		
Bad Debts.....	162.75		
Loss on Disposal of Furniture & Fixtures	120.93	3,643.04	
OTHER INCOME:			
Discounts Received	894.17		
Miscellaneous Income.....	1,473.61	2,367.78	1,275.26
Net Excess of Income for the Year.....			<u>\$ 64,996.81</u>

**The National Future Farmer
Statement of Income and Expense
Year Ended June 30, 1961**

INCOME

Advertising.....		\$330,507.50	
Less: Space Discounts.....	\$ 15,080.80		
Agency Commissions.....	46,551.42	61,632.22	\$268,875.28
Subscriptions.....		69,203.91	
Less: State Association Discounts.....		6,095.73	63,108.18
Single Copy Sales.....			42.80
Total Income from Magazine.....			332,026.26
Calendars.....		78,578.14	
Less: Returns and Allowances.....		89.62	78,488.52
Binder Sales—Net.....			181.12
Calendar Reprint Sales—Net.....			82.76
Total Income.....			410,778.66

EXPENSE

MAGAZINE PRODUCTION COST:

Printing.....	173,495.66	
Magazine Postage.....	7,638.34	
Engraving.....	6,106.35	
Jokes and Articles.....	3,040.71	
Ark Work.....	115.00	190,396.06

ADVERTISING:

Salaries.....	25,274.48	
Travel.....	12,137.91	
Advertising Representatives' Commission	1,469.14	
Advertising Salesmen's Commission	5,099.24	
Promotional.....	9,933.45	
Miscellaneous.....	169.82	54,084.04

EDITORIAL:

Salaries.....	11,038.85	
Travel.....	1,384.91	
Miscellaneous.....	99.39	12,523.15

CIRCULATION:

Salaries.....	15,014.74	
Promotional	1,586.38	
Miscellaneous.....	43.76	16,644.88

CALENDAR:

Printing.....	19,990.54	
Sales Commission.....	25,811.20	
Salaries.....	13,495.67	
Promotional.....	5,719.38	
Unsold Calendars.....	3,411.39	
Art and Photographs.....	2,000.00	
Travel.....	1,333.76	
Miscellaneous.....	93.22	71,855.16

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries.....	24,594.67		
Rent.....	10,000.00		
Telephone and Telegraph.....	1,845.05		
Postage and Expense.....	1,949.68		
Depreciation.....	2,111.98		
Travel.....	1,660.29		
Social Security Expense.....	2,244.66		
Employees' Retirement Expense.....	1,937.10		
Stationery and Supplies.....	1,486.86		
Printing Supplies.....	485.98		
Audit and Legal.....	851.00		
Insurance.....	587.02		
Group Hospitalization Insurance.....	597.00		
Expired Due Bills.....	419.66		
Repairs to Office Equipment.....	117.55		
Miscellaneous.....	179.01	51,067.51	396,570.80

Net Excess of Income from Operations.....			14,207.86
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OTHER EXPENSE:

Cash Discounts—Advertisers.....	5,079.28		
Bad Debts.....	1.00		
Shortage.....	.71	5,080.99	

OTHER INCOME:

Miscellaneous.....		591.04	4,489.95
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Net Excess of Income over Expense.....			<u>\$ 9,717.91</u>
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National FFA Foundation Awards and Contests

Star Farmer Awards



STAR AMERICAN FARMERS

Left to right: G. Wallace Caulk, Jr., Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region, Delaware Association; James Isaac Messler, Star Farmer of America, Tennessee Association; Gary M. Trego, Star Farmer, Central Region, Nebraska Association; Henry A. Nagamori, Star Farmer, Pacific Region, Montana Association.

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates who receive the degree at the time of the National Convention. A check for \$1,000 went to the Star Farmer of America, and checks for \$500 were given to the other three Star Farmers.

The judges were Bruce Lourie, Vice President of Deere & Company, Moline Illinois; Clark W. Davis, General Manager of the duPont Company's Industrial and Biochemicals Department, Wilmington, Delaware; Wheeler McMillen, Vice President of Farm Journal, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Raymond C. Firestone, President

of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Merritt D. Hill, Vice President and General Manager of the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Company, Birmingham, Michigan; C. Dana Bennett, Consultant, Foundation for American Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Roger M. Kyes, Group Vice President of General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; Russell DeYoung, President of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Frank W. Jenks, President of International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois; Roderick Turnbull, Farm Editor of The Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri; J. C. Denton, President of Spencer Chemical Company, Kansas City Missouri; Hugo Riemer, President of United States Borax and Chemical Corporation, Los Angeles, California, and Hon. Frank Carlson, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

Star Farmer of America

JAMES ISAAC MESSLER

James Isaac is 20 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Messler. He is a 1959 graduate of the Greenback High School where his vocational agriculture instructor is Bruce M. Hinton.

James started accumulating livestock while in grade school, starting with a calf given to him by his grandfather. He has had fine support and encouragement from his father. As a freshman in high school he was able to carry a supervised farming program that included 14 dairy cattle, 5 head of swine, and about 40 acres in feed crops and pasture.

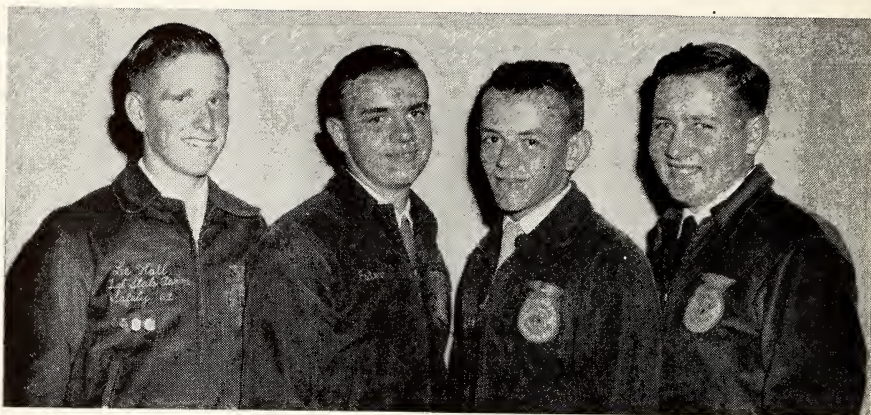
This year, his program included 27 dairy cows, 20 heifers, 3 calves, 7 breeder swine and 100 feeders. Crops include 51 acres in alfalfa hay, 10 acres of corn for silage, 25 acres of lespedeza hay, 60 acres in pasture, 12 acres of grass for silage, 57 acres of oats, 10 acres of soybeans for hay, and .82 acre of tobacco.

James Isaac now owns a 193 acre farm and has 50 percent partnership with his father in a complete line of machinery and equipment. He has total assets of \$49,826, owes \$1,000, for a net worth of \$48,826.

FARM SAFETY

1st Place—

Southern Region, Allison Chapter, Allison, Texas.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region, Newton Chapter, Newton, New Jersey	\$200.00
Central Region, Audubon Chapter, Audubon, Iowa.....	\$200.00
Pacific Region, Spanish Fork Chapter, Spanish Fork, Utah	\$200.00

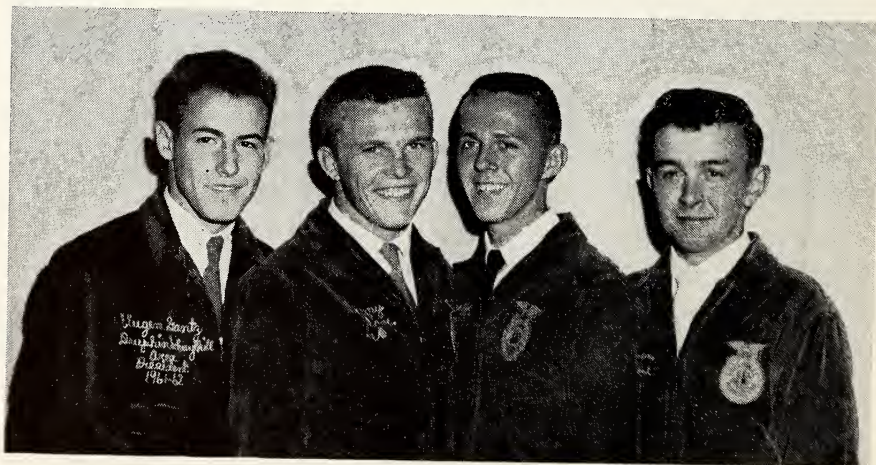


Left to right: Lee Hall, Allison Chapter, Texas; Eston Garrison, Newton Chapter, New Jersey; Howard Madsen, Audubon Chapter, Iowa; Max Seamons, Spanish Fork Chapter, Utah.

FARM MECHANICS

1st Place—

North Atlantic Region, E. Eugene Gantz, Millersburg, Chapter, Pennsylvania	\$250.00
Pacific Region, Larry Wayne Poos, Holyoke Chapter, Colorado	\$200.00
Southern Region, Jim Moffat, Lexington Chapter, Oklahoma	\$200.00
Central Region, Owen Goeser, Devils Lake Chapter, North Dakota	\$200.00



Left to right: Eugene Gantz, Pennsylvania; Larry Wayne Poos, Colorado; Jim Moffat, Oklahoma; Owen Goeser, North Dakota.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION

1st Place—

Central Region, Kenneth Lee Burk, Milton Chapter, Indiana	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region, Berton E. Sands, Washburn Chapter, Maine	\$200.00
Southern Region, Don Nicholson, Quincy Chapter, Florida	\$200.00
Pacific Region, Len L. Anderson, Pleasant Grove Chapter, Utah	\$200.00



Left to right: Kenneth Lee Burk, Indiana; Berton Sands, Maine; Don Nicholson, Florida; Len Anderson, Utah.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

1st Place—

North Atlantic Region, Edward Price, Newton Chapter, New Jersey	\$250.00
Southern Region, Vernon Sanders, Jr., Mary Persons Chapter, Georgia	\$200.00
Central Region, David Everett, North Loup-Scotia Chapter, Nebraska	\$200.00
Pacific Region, Curtis C. Anderson, Bear River Chapter, Utah	\$200.00

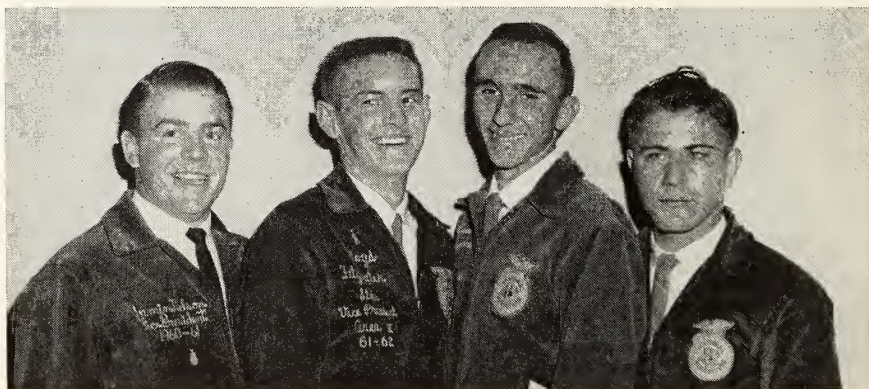


Edward Price, New Jersey, seated; left to right: Curtis Anderson, Utah; Vernon Sanders, Georgia; David Everett, Nebraska.

CROP FARMING

1st Place—

Central Region, Armin Nelson, McPherson Chapter, Kansas	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region, Lloyd Fitzwater, Clay Chapter, West Virginia	\$200.00
Pacific Region, Bruno J. Pelanconi, Jr., Madera Chapter, California	\$200.00
Southern Region, Milton Castille, Sulphur Chapter, Louisiana	\$200.00

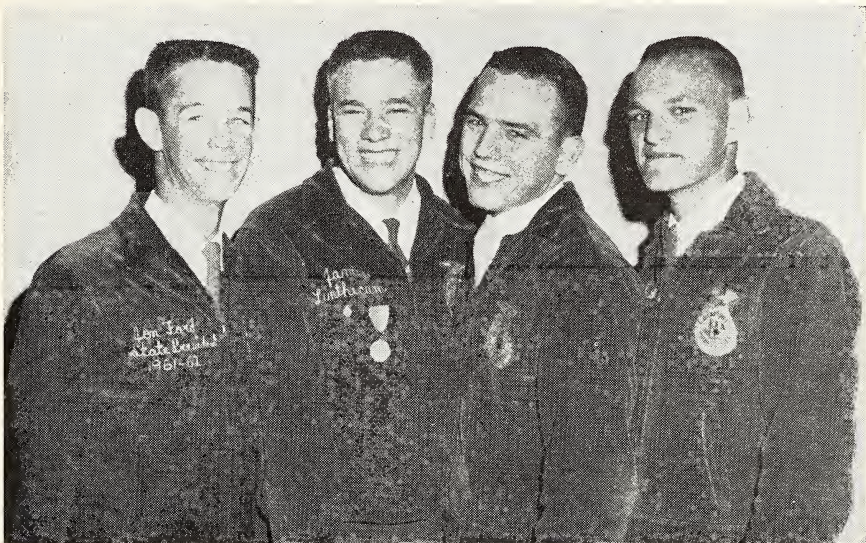


Left to right: Armin Nelson, Kansas; Lloyd Fitzwater, West Virginia; Bruno Pelanconi, California; Milton Castille, Louisiana.

LIVESTOCK FARMING

1st Place—

Southern Region, Jon Ford, Helena Chapter, Oklahoma	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region, James Clark Linthicum, Glenelg Chapter, Maryland	\$200.00
Pacific Region, Ken Frazier, Walla Walla Chapter, Washington	\$200.00
Central Region, Edwin Del Welliver, Adrian Chapter, Missouri	\$200.00

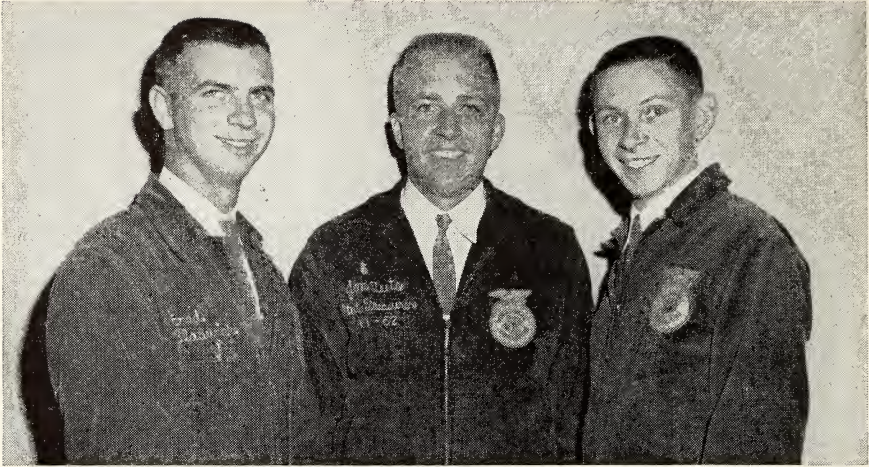


Left to right: Jon Ford, Oklahoma; James Linthicum, Maryland; Ken Frazier, Washington; Edwin Welliver, Missouri.

POULTRY FARMING

1st Place—

Pacific Region, Fred Blaswich, Redwood-Visalia Chapter, California	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region, James Teets, Terra Alta Chapter, West Virginia	\$200.00
Central Region, Ray Roundtree, Eubank Chapter, Kentucky	\$200.00



Left to right: Fred Blaswich, California; James Teets, West Virginia; Ray Roundtree, Kentucky.

FARM FORESTRY

1st Place—

Pacific Region, Steve Porter, Winlock Chapter, Washington	\$250.00
Central Region, Larry Strauss, Felch Chapter, Michigan	\$200.00



Steve Porter, left, of Washington, and Larry Strauss of Michigan.

National Chapter Award Program

One hundred and thirty-three local chapters of the Future Farmers of America were honored at the 34th annual national FFA convention in Kansas City when awards were presented in the organization's National Chapter Award Program.

The National FFA Chapter Award Program, 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 Award Program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort and in crystalizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile undertakings.

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

The top "Gold Emblem" rating was awarded 76 chapters in a special presentation Thursday night. Earlier in the day, Silver Emblem awards were presented to 48 chapters, and Bronze Emblem to 9. The chapters were honored for their outstanding activity records during the 1960-61 school year.

Others received spurs to place on plaques previously awarded. The one hundred and thirty-three chapters in the national contest represent the best from the Future Farmers of America's 8,644 local chapters. The winning chapters, listed by States, follow:

ALABAMA	Buckhorn Chapter, Huntsville, gold emblem; Ider Chapter, Ider, silver emblem; Jasper Chapter, Jasper, silver emblem; Tuskegee Chapter, Tuskegee, silver emblem.
ARIZONA	Amphitheater Chapter, Tucson, gold emblem; Coolidge Chapter, Coolidge, gold emblem.
ARKANSAS	Star City Chapter, Star City, gold emblem; Bentonville Chapter, Bentonville, silver emblem; Booneville Chapter, Booneville, silver emblem; Harmony Grove Chapter, Camden, silver emblem.
CALIFORNIA	Modesto Chapter, Modesto, gold emblem; Princeton Chapter, Princeton, silver emblem; Fortuna Chapter, Fortuna, bronze emblem.
COLORADO	Berthoud Chapter, Berthoud, gold emblem; Kersey Chapter, Kersey, gold emblem.
CONNECTICUT	Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, gold emblem; Woodbury Chapter, Woodbury, silver emblem.
DELAWARE	Lord Baltimore Chapter, Ocean View, silver emblem.

FLORIDA	Bradenton Chapter, Bradenton, gold emblem; Fort Pierce Chapter, Fort Pierce, gold emblem; Quincy Chapter, Quincy, gold emblem.
GEORGIA	Greenville Chapter, Greenville, gold emblem; Perry Chapter, Perry, gold emblem; Seminole Chapter, Donalsonville, gold emblem; Blakely Chapter, Blakely, silver emblem; Winder-Barrow Chapter, Winder, silver emblem.
HAWAII	Kapaa Chapter, Kapaa, Kauai, gold emblem; Baldwin Chapter, Wailuku, Maui, bronze emblem.
IDAHO	Rigby Chapter, Rigby, gold emblem; Twin Falls Chapter, Twin Falls, silver emblem.
ILLINOIS	Champaign Chapter, Champaign, gold emblem; Maroa Chapter, Maroa, gold emblem; Williamsfield Chapter, Williamsfield, gold emblem; Sycamore Chapter, Sycamore, silver emblem.
INDIANA	Hagerstown Chapter, Hagerstown, silver emblem; Pennville Chapter, Pennville, silver emblem; Walnut Grove Chapter, Arcadia, bronze emblem.
IOWA	Audubon Chapter, Audubon, gold emblem; Waverly-Shell Rock Chapter, Waverly, gold emblem; Sac City Chapter, Sac City, silver emblem.
KANSAS	Arkansas City Chapter, Arkansas City, gold emblem; Atchison County Chapter, Effingham, gold emblem.
KENTUCKY	Bryan Station Chapter, Lexington, gold emblem; Murray College High Chapter, Murray, gold emblem; Hart Memorial Chapter, Hardyville, silver emblem.
LOUISIANA	Slidell Chapter, Slidell, gold emblem; Vinton Chapter, Vinton, gold emblem; Hessmer Chapter, Hessmer, silver emblem.
MAINE	Limestone Chapter, Limestone, silver emblem; Mapleton Chapter, Mapleton, bronze emblem.
MARYLAND	Damascus Chapter, Damascus, gold emblem; Williamsport Chapter, Williamsport, gold emblem.
MASSACHUSETTS	Wachusett Chapter, Holden, gold emblem; Stockbridge Chapter, Stockbridge, bronze emblem.
MICHIGAN	Cassopolis Chapter, Cassopolis, gold emblem; Marshall Chapter, Marshall, gold emblem; Alma Chapter, Alma, silver emblem.
MINNESOTA	Canby Chapter, Canby, gold emblem; Faribault Chapter, Faribault, gold emblem; Ortonville Nature Builders Chapter, Ortonville, gold emblem; Forest Lake Chapter, Forest Lake, silver emblem.
MISSOURI	California Chapter, California, silver emblem; West Plains Chapter, West Plains, silver emblem; Princeton Chapter, Princeton, bronze emblem.
MONTANA	Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, gold emblem; Belt Valley Chapter, Belt, bronze emblem.
NEBRASKA	Kearney Chapter, Kearney, gold emblem; West Point Chapter, West Point, gold emblem.
NEVADA	Ruby Mountain Chapter, Elko, gold emblem; Virgin Valley Chapter, Mesquite, silver emblem.
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Elm City Chapter, Keene, silver emblem; Weare Chapter, Weare, silver emblem.
NEW JERSEY	Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, gold emblem; Newton Chapter, Newton, gold emblem.
NEW MEXICO	Clovis Chapter, Clovis, gold emblem; Hatch Valley Chapter, Hatch, gold emblem.

NEW YORK	Dansville Aggies Chapter, Dansville, gold emblem; Greenville Chapter, Greenville, gold emblem.
NORTH CAROLINA.....	Bath Chapter, Bath, gold emblem; Beaver Creek Chapter, West Jefferson, gold emblem; Coats Chapter, Coats, gold emblem; Wesley Chapel Chapter, Monroe, gold emblem; Bunker Hill Chapter, Claremont, silver emblem; Midway Chapter, Dunn, bronze emblem.
NORTH DAKOTA	Bottineau Chapter, Bottineau, gold emblem; Rugby Chapter, Rugby, silver emblem.
OHIO	New Vienna Chapter, New Vienna, gold emblem; Barnesville Chapter, Barnesville, silver emblem; Lancaster Chapter, Lancaster, silver emblem.
OKLAHOMA	Elgin Chapter, Elgin, gold emblem; Kingfisher Chapter, Kingfisher, gold emblem; Cushing Chapter, Cushing, silver emblem; Lindsay Chapter, Lindsay, silver emblem.
OREGON	Central Chapter, Independence, silver emblem; Enterprise Chapter, Enterprise, silver emblem.
PENNSYLVANIA	Laurel Chapter, New Castle, gold emblem; Chestnut Ridge Chapter, Fishertown, silver emblem; Hollidaysburg Chapter, Hollidaysburg, silver emblem.
RHODE ISLAND	Coventry Chapter, Coventry, gold emblem; Scituate Chapter, North Scituate, gold emblem.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	Woodruff Chapter, Woodruff, gold emblem; James F. Byrnes Chapter, Duncan, silver emblem.
SOUTH DAKOTA	Clark Chapter, Clark, silver emblem; Miller Chapter, Miller, bronze emblem.
TENNESSEE	Dickson Chapter, Dickson, gold emblem; McEwen Chapter, McEwen, gold emblem; Bradley Chapter, Cleveland, silver emblem; Jere Cooper Chapter, Dyersburg, silver emblem.
TEXAS	Azle Chapter, Azle, gold emblem; Granger Chapter, Granger, gold emblem; Nacogdoches Chapter, Nacogdoches, gold emblem; Whitesboro Chapter, Whitesboro, gold emblem; Allison Chapter, Allison, silver emblem; Cleburne Chapter, Cleburne, silver emblem; Kingsville Chapter, Kingsville, silver emblem; Tulia Chapter, Tulia, silver emblem.
UTAH	Bear River Chapter, Garland, gold emblem; Millard Eagle Chapter, Fillmore, gold emblem.
VERMONT	Middlebury Chapter, Middlebury, silver emblem; North Troy-Newport Center Chapter, North Troy, silver emblem.
VIRGINIA	Naruna Chapter, Naruna, gold emblem; Robert E. Lee Chapter, Appomattox, gold emblem; Turner Ashby Chapter, Dayton, gold emblem.
WASHINGTON	Kelso Chapter, Kelso, gold emblem; Reardan Chapter, Reardan, gold emblem.
WEST VIRGINIA	Kingwood Chapter, Kingwood, gold emblem; Ripley Chapter, Ripley, gold emblem.
WISCONSIN	Monroe Chapter, Monroe, gold emblem; Wittenberg Chapter, Wittenberg, gold emblem; Palmyra Chapter, Palmyra, silver emblem; Platteville Chapter, Platteville, silver emblem.
WYOMING	Saddle and Sirloin Chapter, Newcastle, gold emblem; Sodbuster Chapter, Carpenter, gold emblem.

National FFA Public Speaking Contest

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

Each of the four boys who will participate in the national contest already has won a medal at the local chapter level and a \$100 prize at the State level. The FFA Foundation provided \$2,950 to help pay the travel expenses of State winners to regional contests. The four finalists divide a \$250 travel fund prorated on the basis of distance they must travel from their home States to Kansas City.

The winner of the national contest will receive \$250. Other awards are \$225 for second, \$200 for third, and \$175 for fourth. All awards and travel funds are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

Each contestant will speak 10 minutes on an agricultural subject of his own choosing, then will be subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges. Scoring is done on the basis of the speech delivery, manuscript, and answers to questions.

SPEAKERS:

1. Marvin Gibson, Maryville, Tennessee—"We Need Research in Agriculture Too!"
2. Fred Tilberg, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania—"Reclaiming Our Soil Heritage."
3. Richard Turnquist, Rugby, North Dakota — "Farm Mechanics."
4. Evan J. Green, Fort Morgan, Colorado—"Farm Surpluses."

JUDGES:

Jack Alexander, Field Services Manager, Public Relations Division, Massey-Ferguson, Ltd., Toronto, Canada

Thomas L. Ayers, Assistant to Administrator, Agricultural Conservation Program Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

Julian A. McPhee, President, California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California



Finalists, National FFA Public Speaking Contest—Left to right: Fred Tilberg, Gettysburg, Pa., 2nd place; Richard Turnquist, Rugby, N. Dak., 3rd; Marvin Gibson, Maryville, Tenn., 1st, and Evan Green, Fort Morgan, Colo., 4th.

We Need Research in Agriculture Too!

By

Marvin Gibson, Maryville, Tennessee

A nation is as strong as its agriculture. Russia's Nikita Khrushchev reminded us of that not long ago when he told us that communism would win its contest with capitalism when the Soviet's per capita production of meat, milk, and butter surpassed that of the United States.

Agriculture begins with science. Everyone knows something about the part that science has played in the past in this country's spectacular gain in production capacity. Agricultural research must benefit farmers—that responsibility never changes. But the times do influence the emphasis in our agricultural research. Today, we face three urgent research jobs:

1. Protecting what we already have.

That means protecting our natural resources—soil and water—and protecting our productive capacity. In the humid region, for example, rain-dependent farmers lose a third of the water as run-

off; research is developing cropping systems and tillage practices that allow more rain to penetrate the soil.

Another way to protect our farm productivity is through research that gives us better pest control. Twenty years ago industry produced some 50 basic agricultural chemicals for use on our farms. Now this number exceeds 200. Pesticides cost farmers about \$29 million annually in the 1930's; now the cost is near \$260 million. The upward trend in use of effective chemicals is going to continue for obvious reasons. Consumers have come to expect products with quality and sanitation standards never dreamed of in past generations. Chemicals offer the only economical means of maintaining this quality.

Returns and rewards are great when chemicals are used properly. Improper use of some chemicals can be dangerous. Chemicals are essential production tools. If we are to continue providing food in the variety and quality we want, we have no present alternative but the use of chemicals.

Obviously, we put considerable time, money, and energy into efforts that succeed only in reducing losses or in returning productive capacity to where it had been. One might ask this question, "How much does agricultural research cost?" It has been estimated that the United States is spending more than \$5 billion a year for research. This is more in one year than in all years from 1776 to 1933 combined. We have seen how much research costs us a year; now how much is it worth to us? The single research discovery of the use of minor elements in the production of citrus fruits was worth approximately \$91,530,000 to the citrus growers in the 1954-55 season alone. Because of the tremendous efforts of our scientists, today farmers are eager to try superior new varieties. The grower looks impatiently over the researcher's shoulder. A new wheat, soybean, alfalfa, or tobacco is hardly out of the experimental plot before there is a clamor for seed. Even after a new and superior variety has been developed, the scientist continues to work and study to develop an even newer and better product.

Where research does lead to increased productive capacity, we are making progress toward our second important objective:

2. Helping farmers balance production and make a living.

Research that increases production efficiency not only betters a farmer's competitive position but also offers him more opportunities for change. When farm prices are low in relation to production costs, good farm management becomes more necessary than ever. Fortunately, science continues to turn up new facts to help farmers make their work and dollars count for greatest returns.

A research victory sometimes gives folks the idea that everything is under control—that we can take life easy for a while. But nature is continually bringing up reinforcements. And it's not just the threat from new pests. No, it's also a matter of continuing

changes in crop pests we already have. We seem to be pushing the enemy back. But the war goes on. Nature never takes a holiday—nor can crop improvement.

We hear a lot about what agricultural research has meant to farmers. But what has it meant to other folks? The fact is that agricultural research has played a vital part in making possible this country's urban industrial economy, with its high standard of living.

We have such an economy because technological advances in agriculture have released labor to produce other goods and services. In 1910, one farm worker produced food enough for only about seven persons; in 1957, one worker produced enough for about 23 persons. It's research that has provided the basis for the development of our efficient system of producing food, feed, fiber, and forest products. And along with this has evolved an efficient marketing system to assemble, transport, process, store, and distribute these products.

In turn, great benefits from technological progress in industry have come to rural dwellers. They have machinery and equipment to lighten their labor. They enjoy automobiles, electric power, and other essentials of modern living.

Thus, technological advance in agriculture and technological advance in industry are mutually interdependent. They have worked together to make possible our present high levels of living for both rural and urban people alike. All these gains have strengthened our approach to our third important objective.

3. Building for the future.

Yes, our past record in agriculture is remarkable, but what about the future? It's apparent that we must face this conclusion: The future of agriculture—and in turn the future of our country—depends on our concern for agricultural science and scientists. Looking to the future can be pleasant; at other times, alarming. Consider the impact of our rapidly exploding population on one group of products, red meats. It might very well be that we will want to consume some two-thirds more red meat in 1980 than we are now. In terms of livestock, this would be about 28 million more hogs and 60 million more cattle.

Our farmers can meet rapidly increasing demands for livestock and livestock products with a steady increase in livestock numbers. But there's a rub: As we build up numbers we also build up opportunities for animal diseases and pests, and here again we find our urgent need for agricultural research.

The long-range opportunities for farming look favorable. Readjustments will be necessary, of course. It looks as though we may be struggling with overabundance for a decade ahead. We were producing in 1959 at an annual rate about equal to what we may be needing four or five years from now.

Looking still further ahead, however, we see the possibility of needing 35 to 45 percent more farm output (above 1959 levels) to meet projected demand in 1975. It has been estimated that we'll have some 230 million people to feed in this country by that time. And urban development will be bidding for farm land and labor. Indications are that we will be able to meet the expanding need for food and fiber. But to do that, we must look for still greater improvements in production efficiency. Present research suggests that we are going to find these improvements. This will reduce a farmer's risk, improve his opportunities, and make him less vulnerable on price declines.

The most important possibilities seem to lie in raising the output per acre and animal. Learning how to utilize our foods better and preventing crop losses before and after harvest offer still other worthwhile possibilities.

As we have looked into the future only as far as 1975, we have seen a need for an estimated 35 to 45 percent increase in farm output to meet the requirements for our expanding population.

We must keep in mind that research takes time. It's research planned and initiated now that will enable farmers to meet the needs of future years with essentially the same soil and the same water resources we now have, if we as Americans plan to continue our lead in the world's agriculture situation.



Victor Butler, newly elected President, rides in the American Royal Parade

Many persons made valuable contributions to the outstanding success of the 1961 National Convention of Future Farmers of America. Organizing and conducting such an event is a cooperative activity embodying the work of leaders from many segments of the FFA, and by many persons outside our organization.

First, special commendation is due the members from throughout the United States who attended the convention. Their conduct in Kansas City was exemplary and in the finest tradition that "The Future Farmer Is Always a Gentleman." The impression that each individual FFA member imparts to others determines the respect that is accorded the organization. The over-all impression left with our friends in Kansas City is good, meriting enthusiastic support for the annual return of the national FFA convention.

The national officers are to be congratulated and thanked for the fine job they did in conducting the convention. Much work was involved in their preparation for the sessions. Thanks are due, also, to the members and advisors; to the Courtesy Corps who provided aid and timely advice to those who needed it; to the ushers who gave excellent and valuable assistance maintaining order, greeting and seating guests, working as "stagehands" and running errands; to the members and leaders of the National FFA Band and FFA Talent Show, whose untiring work contributed substantially to the interest and "change of pace" in the convention program; to the fine guest speakers, whose inspiring words will prove a challenge to every member; to the foreign guests who added an international tone to the program; to those State advisors, executive secretaries, teacher trainers and local advisors who helped with the various programs, committee work, the press room, contests and awards program.

There was excellent representation by individuals in the areas of radio, television, newspapers and farm magazines. The major news services, Associated Press and United Press International gave full word and picture coverage.

The quality of State exhibits was the best ever. These exhibits should result in improved public relations and a better program of activity for National FFA Week in 1962.

Breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and entertainment were provided by several business and industrial concerns to delegates, award winners and special invited groups. The Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas City Advisory Committee provided valuable assistance with the programs and making facilities available. The "FFA Day at the American Royal" has added to the educational value of the FFA National Convention. The largest representation of Donors to the FFA Foundation, Inc., at a national convention denotes great interest and support on the part of adult leaders in farm youth. Last, but not least, the excellent representation of past national officers, former Star Farmers, public speakers and band members to pay tribute to Dr. W. T. Spanton and Dr. Henry S. Brunner was most noteworthy.

To all of these we are grateful for helping make the National FFA Convention the "show window" of the fine training that is given to farm youth in vocational agriculture.

The Creed

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

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

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our toil. I believe we can safeguard those rights against practices and policies that are unfair.

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

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

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(Adopted at the 3rd National Convention of FFA)