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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, 1957, the active membership totaled 379,396 in 9,054 chapters of 48 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

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

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

The Thirtieth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14 through 17, 1957. Delegates were present from 50 chartered associations. Approximately 11,500 individuals attended the convention.

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

WM. PAUL GRAY

National Executive Secretary

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National Convention, Future Farmers of America
Kansas City, Missouri • October 14-17, 1957

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Iowa.....	Daryl D. Murken.....	Jerry Stockdale R. R. 4, Boone R. R. 3, Iowa Falls
Kansas.....	Bob Krehbiel.....	John Baird McPherson Arkansas City
Kentucky.....	Roger Vinson	Maitland Rice, Jr. Route 2, Cadiz Route 1, Stanley
Louisiana.....	Jimmy Fitzpatrick.....	Bill Lambert Route 3, Jonesboro Box 41, Kinder
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Mississippi.....	James E. Moffitt.....	Kenney Earl Gray Route 1, Corinth Dorsey
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Montana.....	Tom Pendergast.....	Noel Emond Malta
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South Dakota.....	William Fuller.....	Charles Biggar c/o Morris P. Biggar Brookings
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Texas.....	Kenton Harvey.....	Fred Huskerson Route 1, Ferris
Utah.....	Kent Killian	LaVon Day Elmo
Vermont.....	James Havill.....	Walter Tarbox Orleans
Virginia.....	Danny Bird, Jr.....	William Lawson Elkton
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West Virginia.....	Robert Kelly	Delmas Keith Route 1, Burnsville
Wisconsin.....	Alan Spors	Don Witt Route 3, Monroe
Wyoming.....	Don Thoren.....	Nels Smith Sundance

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14—7:45 P. M.

CHAIRMAN

John M. Haid, Jr., National FFA President

Opening Ceremony

Music—National FFA Band, Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State University,
conducting

Explanation of Contest

Drawing for Speaking Order

SPEAKERS

George F. Guess, Jr., Stevenson, Alabama
"The Purposes of the Future Farmers of America"

Carl Kozuma, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii
"Our Soil Must be Saved"

James Turley, Scottsburg, Indiana
"Developing a Concrete Farm Organization"

Adin Hester, Canby, Oregon
"Atoms for Agriculture"

Dale Childs, Kingwood, West Virginia
"Alert Today—Alive Tomorrow"

Music—National FFA Chorus, James W. Hatch, Kinderhook, New York, con-
ducting

Presentation of Awards

Closing Ceremony

JUDGES

Doyle E. Conner, House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Florida

H. W. Sanders, Head, Department of Vocational Education, Virginia Polytechnic
Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia

Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare, Washington, D. C.

TIMEKEEPERS

Ray L. Cuff, Regional Manager, Livestock Conservation, Inc., Kansas City,
Missouri

W. T. Schnathorst, Supervisor, Educational Services, Consumer Relations De-
partment, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois

CONVENTION PROGRAM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

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

Opening Ceremony

Music—National FFA Band

Invocation—Fred Reed, Jr., National FFA Vice President,
1952-53

Report on Delegate Credentials

Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates

Address of Welcome—Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of
Kansas City, Missouri

Minutes of Twenty-Ninth National Convention — Jerry Litton,
 National Student Secretary
 Appointment of Constitutional Committees
 Nomination of Honorary American Farmers—W. T. Spanton,
 Director, Agricultural Education Branch, Office of Education,
 Washington, D. C.
 Treasurer's Report—R. E. Bass, State Supervisor Agricultural
 Education, State Board of Education, Richmond, Virginia
 Addresses of Retiring Officers
 Executive Secretary's Report — Wm. Paul Gray, Agricultural
 Education Branch, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
 Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
 Address—Honorable Harry S. Truman, Former President of the
 United States, Independence, Missouri
 Recess

2:00 P. M. Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Call to Order
 Music—National FFA Chorus
 Address — Honorable Edward J. Thye, United States Senator
 from Minnesota
 Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
 Addresses of Retiring Officers
 Music—National FFA Band
 American Farmer Degree Ceremony
 Closing Ceremony

7:25 P. M. Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
 Massing of State Flags—State Star Farmers
 Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards
 Recessional
 Closing Ceremony
 Special Entertainment — Courtesy, Firestone Tire and Rubber
 Company

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 A. M. Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—Rogersville, Alabama, String Band
 An Interview with Participants in the International Youth Ex-
 change by Jack Timmons, Radio Farm Director, Station
 KWKH, Shreveport, Louisiana

<i>Future Farmers of America</i>	<i>National Federation of</i>
Allen Colebank	<i>Young Farmers' Clubs</i>
Howard Poulson	David Gemmill
Jerry Tlucek	Michael Needham
Lemmy Wilson	Colin Wappat
	Thomas Warlow

Greetings from the Future Farmers of Japan
 Masaru Takahashi, National President, FFJ, Tokyo, Japan
 Toraiichi Kurisaki, Secretary General, FFJ, Tokyo, Japan
 Address—His Excellency Erik Boheman, Ambassador of Sweden
 Addresses of Retiring Officers
 Unfinished Business
 New Business
 Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
 Address—Honorable Cecil Underwood, Governor of West Vir-
 ginia
 Closing Ceremony

- 1:00 P. M. Tours to Points of Interest
- 2:00 P. M. Fifth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Call to Order
 Appointment of Committees
 Recess for Committee Work
- 8:00 P. M. Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
 Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to the Future
 Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
 Introduction of Platform Guests
 Greetings—John L. McCaffrey, Chairman of the Board, Inter-
 national Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois
 Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
 Awards
 Dairy Farming (Announced)
 Farm Electrification
 Farm Mechanics
 Soil and Water Management
 Farm Safety
 Music—National FFA Band
 Greetings—Honorable Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary,
 Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington,
 D. C.
 Closing Ceremony
 Special Entertainment—United States Air Force WAF Band,
 Captain MaryBelle Nissly, conducting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:00 A. M. Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—Deming, New Mexico, Band
 Addresses of Retiring Officers
 New Business
 Committee Reports
 Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Program
 Recess
- 1:30 P. M. Eighth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Call to Order
 Presentation of Budget for 1957-58
 Annual Dues for 1957-58
 Report of Nominating Committee
 Election of Officers
 Greetings from Incoming Officers
 Installation of New Officers
 Presentation of Past Officers' Pins and Certificates by New
 President
 Closing Ceremony by New Officers
- 2:30 P. M. Special Entertainment, Courtesy, Saddle and Sirloin Club (By
 to invitation only)
 7:00 P. M.

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THE OLD AND THE NEW NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS

Old Officers standing, left to right, are:—Jerry Ringo, Pete Knutson, Jerry Litton, James Quincey, John Haid, and Victor Cappucci.
 New Officers sitting, left to right, are:—Howard Downing, Royce Bodiford, Jerry Cullison, Leon Smith, Nathan Reese and Jerry Rulon.

Minutes of the Convention

Monday, October 14, 1957

Evening Session

The Future Farmers of America thirtieth national convention convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at seven-forty-five. National President John M. Haid, Jr., of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, presided. National Vice Presidents Jerry Ringo, Victor Cappucci, Jr., Pete Knutson and James Quincey, were present as well as Student Secretary Jerry Litton, Advisor W. T. Spanton, Executive Secretary Wm. Paul Gray, and Treasurer R. E. Bass.

Following the opening ceremony the National FFA Band presented a concert.

An explanation of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest was given by President Haid. The speakers then drew for speaking order. Following the speeches the National FFA Chorus presented several selections while the judges conferred. Results of the contest were announced and awards presented on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., by Jerry Ringo.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Tuesday, October 15, 1957

Morning Session

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

Following a concert by the national band and group singing, the invocation was given by Fred Reed, Jr., Southern Regional Vice President in 1952-53 of the Future Farmers of America.

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

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon The Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, after which he made the Address of Welcome to the Future Farmers of America. Mayor Bartle presented a gold key to President Haid and made him an Honorary Citizen of Kansas City, Missouri.

The Minutes of the Twenty-Ninth National Convention were read by Student Secretary Litton, and approved unanimously in their entirety.

President Haid announced the appointments to the Nominating Committee, Auditing Committee, and Program of Work Committee.

Advisor Spanton presented 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:

- H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Kansas City 6, Missouri
 Erik Boheman, Ambassador of Sweden, Swedish Embassy, Washington, D. C.
 J. C. Cannon, former State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Montgomery, Alabama (Posthumously)
 J. R. Cullison, State Director of Vocational Education, State Department of Vocational Education, 400 Arizona State Building, Phoenix, Arizona
 Irving A. Duffy, Group Vice President, Ford Motor Company, 3000 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Michigan
 Peter Ham, Manager, Products Advertising, Advertising Department, E. I. duPont deNemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington 98, Delaware
 Leroy E. Hieber, General Manager, Carnation Company, 325 Washington Street, Waterloo, Iowa
 Joe W. Jarvis, Supervisor, Livestock and Agriculture, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha 2, Nebraska
 A. L. Jones, Eastern Director, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, 4640 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia 24, Pennsylvania
 Toraichi Kurisaki, Secretary General, Future Farmers of Japan, Tokyo (Nogei) Agricultural High School, Tokyo, Japan
 V. A. Martin, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania (Former Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Pennsylvania)
 V. G. Martin, former Head Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, Mississippi State College, State College, Mississippi (Posthumously)
 Harry M. McDonald, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, 2 West Redwood Street, Baltimore 1, Maryland
 H. E. Nickloy, Advertising Manager, Mid-States Steel & Wire Company, Crawfordsville, Indiana
 M. F. Peckels, Director of Consumer Relations, International Harvester Company, 180 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois
 Harry M. Pontious, Director of Safety, Nationwide Insurance Company, 246 North High Street, Columbus 16, Ohio
 H. W. Sanders, Head, Department of Vocational Education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia
 Edward J. Thyne, U. S. Senator from Minnesota, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.
 Jack Timmons, Radio Farm Director, Station KWKH, Shreveport, Louisiana
 Harry S. Truman, Former President of the United States, Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City 6, Missouri
 Cecil Underwood, Governor of West Virginia, Charleston, West Virginia
 Warren G. Weiler, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, 602 State Office Building, Columbus 15, Ohio
 Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C.
 John M. Haid, Route 5, Siloam Springs, Arkansas
 Charley Litton, Route 4, Chillicothe, Missouri
 Clyde Sullivan, Hoffman Route, Livingston, Montana (Vice President Pete Knutson has made his home with the Sullivans for the past 3 years)
 Stacy L. Quincey, Route 1, Trenton, Florida
 Victor Cappucci, R. D. 1, Mehoopany, Pennsylvania

Clarence C. Chappell, Belvidere, North Carolina
James F. Cole, New Hartford, New York
Max Hafen, Mesquite, Nevada
Howard K. Dickson, 100 South Real Road, Bakersfield, California
Bruce B. Baker, Donalsonville, Georgia
C. Fred Ingram, Winder, Georgia
LaVerne S. Baker, Franklin Grove, Illinois
W. A. Gaharan, Delhi, Louisiana
Ellery E. Metcalf, 51 Howard Street, Saugus, Massachusetts
Maynard A. Christensen, 917 Pine Street, Alma, Michigan
E. E. Schmid, Keytesville, Missouri
O. R. Tripp, Aurora, Missouri
Dean Lundy, Harrison, Nebraska
M. O. Phillips, Coats, North Carolina
Archie J. Bishop, Box 29, Morral, Ohio
Lloyd E. Guiser, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania
Charles W. Arnold, Cleveland, Tennessee
T. L. Leonard, Sparta, Tennessee
Sterling Beckham, 513 South Davis Street, Sulphur Springs, Texas
Everett Douglas Clement, RFD 2, Granger, Texas
B. J. Joyce, 303 Miami, Coleman, Texas
W. M. Oliver, Box 1049, Kerrville, Texas
Carl Richard Rabb, Box 239, Hillsboro, Texas
M. Rex Jensen, Garland, Utah
L. L. Beazley, Disputanta, Virginia
Ernest B. Craun, Weyers Cave, Virginia
H. B. Pack, Appomattox, Virginia
Edward M. Penington, Jr., Mineral, Virginia

It was moved by Moffitt of Mississippi to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the individuals whose names were read; motion seconded by Hill of California and carried.

Mr. R. E. Bass, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Heins from Missouri moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Vinson of Kentucky and carried.

Student Secretary Litton read a memoriam to the late Dr. Dowell J. Howard, former National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America.

National Student Secretary Litton presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Lawson of Virginia and carried.

Dr. A. W. Tenney, who served as National Executive Secretary for fourteen years, was presented a silver water pitcher on behalf of the FFA by President Haid for his faithful service to the organization.

Central Region Vice President Ringo presented his report. Dubroff of Florida moved to accept the report; motion seconded by King of Indiana and carried.

The new National FFA Executive Secretary, Wm. Paul Gray, was introduced by President Haid. Mr. Gray presented his report which was unanimously approved.

Our distinguished guest, former President Harry S. Truman, was escorted to the platform by Vice President Quincey, while the national band played "The Missouri Waltz." President Haid conferred the Degree of Honorary American Farmer upon Mr. Truman, after which he made an address.

President Haid introduced Mr. Tom Evans, Senator Frank Carlson and former Senator Harry Darby, friends of Mr. Truman.

The meeting recessed at eleven-forty-five.

Afternoon Session

The second session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock, President Haid presiding.

Several musical selections were rendered by the national chorus.

Senator Edward J. Thye of Minnesota was introduced and President Haid conferred upon him the Degree of Honorary American Farmer. Senator Thye addressed the Convention.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon a number of men by President Haid.



The above shows twenty-five teachers of vocational agriculture receiving the degree of Honorary American Farmer. Thirty-one others also received this honorary degree in colorful ceremonies.

Following music by the national band, the American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the following candidates by the national officers:

Alabama

G. C. Bolton, Route 5, Clanton
 Charles S. Burnett, Box 503, Boaz
 Samuel J. Darwin, Route 2, Huntsville
 Cecil M. Gant, Jr., Route 1, Henagar
 Henry W. Ivey, II, Sprott
 John C. Jay, Jr., P. O. Box 186, Greensboro
 Hubert Loftin Martin, Route 1, Enterprise
 Buddy McElroy, Cuba
 Wilson Wright McManus, Route 3, Roanoke
 Raymond Patton, Route 2, Henagar
 Marvin Wayne Stinnett, Route 1, Hazel Green
 Terrell Taylor, Route 2, Henagar
 Travis Wilson, Route 1, Jasper
 Willard L. Wright, Route 2, Pisgah

Arizona

Jerry W. Cullison, 1322 W. Mulberry Drive, Phoenix
 Robert C. Ellsworth, Box 73, Queen Creek

Arkansas

Edward Adams, Swifton
 John Robert Burks, Bradley
 Doyle Cook, Star City
 James W. Gaston, Jr., Box 55, Sparkman
 Henry R. Hamilton, P. O. Box 459, Harrison

California

Thomas Wade Crane, 5970 Petaluma Hill Road, Santa Rosa
 Darrel Dahlquist, Route 3, Box 344, Turlock
 Wesley C. Eade, P. O. Box 134, San Lucas
 William Henry Heinrich, Route 8, Box 588, Modesto
 Dale Kuykendall, Route 3, Box 439, Visalia
 Ronald Lee Michaelis, Route 4, Porterville
 Marvin L. Nunes, Point Reyes Station
 Philip James Nyberg, Ferndale
 Gerald E. Oberkamper, Route 1, Box 860, Ceres
 Jerry William Raven, 9389 East Kamn Avenue, Selma
 George Christen Schmidt, Route 1, Box 36, Gustine

Kenneth Robert Stretch, 308 East 20th Street, Merced

Colorado

Melvin George Bernhardt, Route 1, Box 22½, Wiggins
 Claude L. Gerard, Star Route, Gypsum

Connecticut

Samuel Berkowitz, Chestnut Hill

Delaware

Raymond McCabe, Jr., RFD, Frankford

Florida

Richard Alton Blair, Route 3, Box 60, Jasper
 Willard Durrance, General Delivery, Wauchula
 Jimmy D. Register, Route 3, Graceville
 Larry Rogers, Route 3, Box 482, Gainesville
 Robert Rogers, P. O. Box 214, Seffner
 Harrison Lea Thornhill, Route 1, Box 20, Winter Haven
 Samuel G. Tribble, 130 S. Orange Avenue, DeLand
 Bobby Eugene Tyre, Route 1, Box 214-A, Blountstown

Georgia

Jappy Akins, Route 2, Brooklet
 Larry Brown, Route 1, Sycamore
 William Thomas Carter, Sycamore
 Kelly Cleveland Harrell, Donalsonville
 Percy Hornsby, Iron City
 Ronald Paton Lane, Route 3, Jackson
 Clyde Martin, Route 2, Jefferson
 Jimmy Mayers, Route 3, Baxley
 Jimmy McMullan, Route 3, Jefferson
 W. H. Miller, Iron City
 Jimmy NeSmith, Route 1, Sycamore
 Ashton Jon Newberry, RFD 2, Box 267, Arlington
 William A. Patterson, Jr., Route 2, Sumner
 Wynder Smith, Wadley
 William Paul Franklin Truett, Route 2, Moultrie
 Wayne Webb, Hahira
 Paul Yarbrough, Route 1, Axson

Hawaii

Toribio Charles Banquil, P. O. Box
522, Pahoa

Idaho

Duane E. Jacobson, Route 1, Nampa
Harry Walter Knapp, Jr., Route 3,
Preston
Dean Edwin Schwendiman, Newdale

Illinois

Glen Carrol Bauman, Sesser
Robert Biven, Maroa
Ralph G. Busekros, Route 4, Free-
port
Wayne Heberer, Route 1, Belleville
Dean Hennenfent, Route 1, Alexis
Robert Hoff, Route 1, Kane
Robert Kreger, Route 1, Franklin
Grove
Darrell Kuhns, Mason
Martin Philip Maher, Elmwood
Robert E. McMurtry, RFD 3, Sparta
Carl Salesman, Route 2, Flat Rock
William P. Schabacker, Route 1,
Rochelle
Gary Dean Seabaugh, Sorento
Roger Steimel, RFD, Cortland
Robert Lee Strom, Victoria
Donald D. Wood, Route 3, Cham-
paign
Warren Lyle Zehr, Route 2, Fair-
bury

Indiana

Glen Howard Cash, Route 1, Penn-
ville
Carl Hubert Eby, Route 1, Argos
Kenneth Wayne Greenberg, Route
1, Ambia
Mac H. Martin, Route 1, Bourbon
Emil Page, Route 3, Carlisle
James Robert Rees, Route 1, Win-
chester
Jerry D. Rulon, Route 1, Arcadia
Mark Alan Settlemyre, Route 5,
Huntington
Larry L. Vance, Route 4, Portland
Loran Jay Wiseman, Route 2, Cory-
don

Iowa

Donald E. Albrecht, Rte. 2, Waverly
Larry G. Arends, Stanhope
Harold E. Bohr, Route 1, Wellman
Teddy Dean Dixon, Route 6, Bloom-
field
Roger Lynn Henkle, Route 1, Monte-
zuma
Richard Lee Kuecker, Route 2,
Algona
Howard L. Martin, Mount Ayr

Donald Merk, Route 1, Audubon
Lloyd D. Muller, Route 3, Clarinda
Fred D. Schwartz, Jr., Sac City
Delbert David Wenell, Laurens

Kansas

Dean Leo Ebel, Route 2, Wamego
Raleigh Earl Fenton, Route 1,
Stockton
George Darrell McKinney, Ulysses
Walter Frank Rudolph, RFD 3,
Manhattan
Dewey David Smith, Route 1,
Scammon
Duane A. Unger, Oberlin
Dwayne Waite, Route 2, Winfield

Kentucky

Howard Downing, Route 3, Nicho-
lasville
Edward T. Elliott, Route 1, Wilmore
Eugene Haynes, Jr., Route 2, Lex-
ington
William Mitchell Hudson, Boston
Eugene Willett Kiser, Route 5, Paris
Howard Moore, Route 1, Shepherds-
ville
Charles L. Outland, Route 3, Murray
David Earl Rogers, Grand Rivers
Billy Smith, Kirksey
William Samuel Terry, III, Route 1,
Cave City
Larry C. Westerfield, Route 1, Hart-
ford
William D. Yelton, Route 2, Dry
Ridge

Louisiana

Jimmy Amberg, Route 1, George-
town
Sam J. Friedman, Box 165, Natchez
John Oran Guilbeau, Route 1, Box
124, Scott
John Dale Landry, Carencro
James E. Magee, Route 1, Box 229,
Bogalusa
Milton Moore, Jr., Oberlin
Ralph Scarbrock Newman, Jr.,
Route 1, Bunkie

Maine

Stuart Evans Mayo, RFD 1, Wilton

Maryland

Curtis Darrel Comer, White Hall

Massachusetts

Walter E. Kellogg, III, Haydenville

Michigan

James Harold Boyne, Route 1,
Marlette

David Paul Charlick, 2443 Lone Tree Road, Route 4, Milford
 Elgin F. Darling, Willis
 Merle Donbrock, Route 3, Box 521, Coldwater
 Gene Paul Easterday, Route 1, Union City
 Arthur Paul Hessler, Route 3, Belding
 Kenneth Craig McCoy, Merry Road, Route 1, Eau Claire
 Robert Clyde Nourse, Route 4, Lansing
 Douglas Steckly, Imlay City
 Sidney Charles Taylor, Route 2, Brighton
 William Lewis Taylor, 10587 Byron Road, Howell

Minnesota

Luke Albert Broulik, Route 2, Owatonna
 George R. Conzemius, Route 4, Cannon Falls
 Ivan Dale Harder, Mountain Lake
 Dennis H. Johnson, Farwell
 George T. Langemo, Kenyon
 Charles J. Lehar, Fairfax
 Sheldon Fay Lukes, Route 3, Austin
 Roger G. Marti, Sleepy Eye
 Robert Palmer, Forest Lake
 Duane John Petrowiak, Route 2, Fairmont
 Richard D. Rosetter, Granite Falls
 Jay L. Strom, Route 1, Box 63A, Worthington

Mississippi

Ruel Talmadge Elliott, Route 1, Scooba
 Billy Harold Eshee, Little Rock
 Ray Mullins, Prentiss
 Glenmore Conway Powell, Route 2, Box 110, Lexington

Missouri

Wendell Foster Berry, Pattonsburg
 Joseph Edward Bowles, Lake Springs
 J. W. Foster, R. R. 2, Monett
 James A. Godwin, Route 2, Box 144, Poplar Bluff
 Jerry Franklin Klenn, Briar
 Donald J. Miller, Arbela
 Donald R. Norris, Powersville
 Richard Leo Sanders, Holliday
 Bob Sherrow, Chula
 Richard Wheelan, Holliday
 Glen E. Winter, Truxton
 Charles H. Wright, Route 2, Hous-tonia

Montana

Noel J. Emond, Malta
 Larry Arnold Philaja, Boyd

Nebraska

Norman L. Husa, Barneston
 Dean Allen Jensen, Hay Springs
 Donald G. Knauss, Cozad
 Ronald Gene Larsen, Otis
 Kay Miller, Bassett
 Kenneth F. Serres, Harrison

Nevada

Bryan Hafen, Mesquite

New Hampshire

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New Jersey

Russell S. Christie, R. D. 1, Box 339, Newton
 Douglas Clifford Ricker, R. D. 1, Sussex

New Mexico

Wesley Linder, Portales
 Dolphus W. Luce, Floyd

New York

Robert E. Burns, Bovina Center
 Mitchell Chlus, RFD 2, Little Falls
 Charles Frederick Cole, R. D. 2, New Hartford
 Richard J. Dowker, R. D. 1, Adams
 Allan D. Frazier, RFD 1, Bloomville
 Rodney Don Gregg, Gardiner
 Carl Elbridge Gregory, R. D. 3, Walton

North Carolina

Gilbert Ray Alligood, Route 1, Box 241, Washington
 Harold Luther Atkins, Route 2, Kernersville
 Newland Clark Blackman, Route 1, Fayetteville
 Bryant Braswell, Jr., Route 3, Wadesboro
 Clarence Caleb Chappell, Jr., Route 1, Box 24, Belvidere
 Cornell Woodall Cox, Route 1, Four Oaks
 Dorsey Wade Daniel, Route 3, Dunn
 George Graham Davis, Jr., Route 1, Fayetteville
 Donald Furmon Fox, Route 1, Box 86, Mars Hill
 Robert James Griffin, Route 7, Monroe
 William Richard Hawkins, Route 1, Mars Hill
 Donald Graham Matthews, Route 1, Godwin
 William D. McPhaul, Red Springs
 Wayne Nifong, Route 4, Winston-Salem

Burton Osborne, Piney Creek
 Lonnie Benjamin Rhodes, III, Route 4, Kinston
 William J. Summey, Route 1, Dallas
 Larry Joe Taylor, Route 1, Denton
 Kenneth Perry Upright, Route 2, Salisbury
 Jake D. Vinson, Route 1, Roseboro
 Melvin L. Worthington, Route 2, Box 655, Ayden
 Milton W. Worthington, Route 2, Box 655, Ayden

North Dakota

David B. Holje, Maddock
 Ronald Edwin Mehrer, Box 63, Moffit

Ohio

Glade D. Bachelder, Route 2, Mt. Gilead
 Roger Eugene Beam, Route 1, Xenia
 George L. Beatty, West Unity
 William Everett Boggess, Route 1, Athens
 Ted Dellinger, Route 1, Plain City
 Ronald T. DeLong, Route 1, Harrod
 Arnold L. Fast, Route 1, Celina
 Donald Eugene Rager, Route 1, Forest
 Maynard Paul Raker, RFD 2, Fayette
 Philip F. Weist, Route 1, LaRue
 George S. Wieging, Route 1, Lima
 William Gale Winter, RFD 1, Amanda

Oklahoma

Ernest Marion Bartosh, Prague
 William L. Brock, Star Route, Durant
 Gerald Eugene Detrick, Ames
 Clyde LeRoy Elmore, Route 4, Alva
 Johnnie H. Franklin, Route 4, Box 359, Claremore
 Ronald Dee Garner, Box 94, Red Oak
 Lowell Hobbs, Route 1, Cleveland
 Edward William James, Box 126, Pond Creek
 Lewis Kalka, Route 2, Chandler
 Jerry Koelsch, Star Route South, Locust Grove
 Harold McMillan, Jr., Kingfisher
 Larry Olsen, Route 2, Kaw City
 Nathan A. Reese, Mooreland
 Edward Mitchel Reinschmidt, Route 1, Custer City
 E. J. Snider, Route 2, Chelsea
 Edwin Lieutenant Vadder, Hennessey

Oregon

Charles Hugh Dorman, Route 1, Box 230, Forest Grove
 Ronald F. Hoeft, Route 2, Box 108, Pendleton

James Lee Kessler, Route 2, Box 216, Milton-Freewater
 James Ray Towery, Route 1, Box 151, Turner

Pennsylvania

Jerry Lee Fuhrman, R. D. 1, New Freedom
 Harry L. Griest, R. D. 3, Coatesville
 Richard K. Herr, R. D. 5, Gettysburg
 Herman Howard Ikeler, R. D. 2, Bloomsburg
 John A. Ile, Jr., R. R. 1, Newburg
 Donald L. Miller, R. D. 1, Saxonburg
 Frank Pollock, Jr., R. D. 4, Union City
 Loren Harold Roy, R. D. 1, Gillett
 David L. Shaub, R. D. 2, Hershey
 William J. Smith, R. D. 2, Mansfield
 Lester J. Wiker, Route 2, Quarryville

Puerto Rico

Juvencio Cordero, Laura Station, Yabucoa
 Efrain Reyes Gonzalez, Box 398, Jayuya
 Carlos Manuel Ramos, Bo. Tomas de Castro, P. O. Box 315, Caguas
 Ramon Luis Zayas, Box 311, Oro-covis

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Anthony A. Soares, 76 Freeborn Street, Portsmouth

South Carolina

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 Jesse H. Hopkins, Jr., Route 1, Pendleton
 Maxie H. Inman, Route 4, Box 49, Loris
 James Manning Richardson, Irmo
 Walter Gamewell Smith, RFD 1, Box 266, Johnston
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South Dakota

Kenneth R. Anderson, R. R. 2, Box 65, Webster
 Dale M. Brown, Clark
 Billie D. Parsons, Milesville

Tennessee

James Lee Callis, Route 5, Lebanon
 Robert Harold Davis, Route 2, Loudon
 Charles Delaney, Jr., Route 1, Greenback
 Randall Dayne Hackett, Riddleton
 Riley Eugene Hilliard, Route 1, Halls
 Loyd Huckaby, Jr., Route 2, Columbia

Bobby W. Latham, Beech Bluff
 Claude Lecklitner, Route 3, Dyersburg
 Paul Thomas Lee, Route 5, Springfield
 Roy Lee McKinnon, Henderson
 Bill Ogle, Route 1, Cleveland
 David Marcillis Saylor, Route 6, Jonesboro
 Norman Garry Stone, Route 2, Petersburg
 Ronnie Lee Wade, Route 1, Martin
 Julian Maclin Williamson, Jr., Route 2, Stanton
 Noel Gray Yelton, Mt. Juliet

Texas

Royce Lee Bodiford, Route 1, Millsap
 Wayne Bodkin, Olton
 James Ralph Bullard, Route 2, Gainesville
 Leon Aubrey Burk, Jr., Sonora
 Route, San Angelo
 Stanley Burleson, Route Q, Quitaque
 Dale Burnett, Route 1, Ropesville
 Terry M. Carlton, Route 1, Groveton
 Edward Joe Coufal, Route 3, Box 114, Temple
 Jimmy Davis, P. O. Box 43, Raywood
 Charles Degner, Whitney
 Francis Dyes, Route 1, Box 399, Nacogdoches
 Gene Finn, RFD 1, Granger
 Neal Gibson, Box 468, Van Vleck
 Johnny Grissom, Route B, Box 138, Lamesa
 Melvin Roger Haisler, Route 1, Denton
 Foy Hargrove, Box 65, Lorenzo
 Darwood Heldmann, Route 3, Caldwell
 Bob Lane, P. O. Box 168, Clifton
 Wesley Will Masters, Route 2, Hale Center
 Forrest Lee Meador, Route 6, Box 157, Nacogdoches
 Robert Mickan, Route 1, Box 50, Bishop
 Jackie Wayne Mull, Star Route, Lorenzo
 Arthur Glen Nimmo, P. O. Box 104, Banquete
 Thomas Albert Peek, Katy
 John T. Pelham, Whitney
 Robert Wayne Penny, Box 364, Winters
 Richard H. Richardson, Box 506, College Station
 Charles Ray Smith, Route 1, Meadow
 George Temple, Star Route, Sulphur Springs
 Ralph Vaughn, Route 1, Cooper

William Sumter Weatherred, Box 805, Coleman
 Florin J. Vrazel, Box 258, Danbury
 Don W. Wisdom, Box 416, Medicine Mound
 Harold Wright, Route 1, Box 131, Weatherford

Utah

Melvin R. Call, 408 West Pages Lane, Bountiful
 Kenneth R. Gurney, Box 55, Salina
 James V. Hansen, Elsinore

Vermont

Carl Easter, RFD 4, Vergennes

Virginia

Joseph Emmett Bishop, III, Route 1, Disputanta
 Melvin Scott Chambers, Midland
 Nelson Decator Edwards, RFD 2, Smithfield
 Preston Thomas Hamlet, Phenix
 Vernon Elroy Lee, Route 1, Catawba
 Gordon Foster Reynolds, Red House
 Howard Curtis Scott, Route 4, Rocky Mount
 Bobby Edward Spiers, Stony Creek

Washington

David Glen Boeringa, Route 3, Lynden
 Robert E. Dean, Jr., Route 6, Box 125, Mount Vernon
 Kenneth Hersman, Route 1, Everson
 Jack G. McMahon, Route 1, Box 370, Graham
 John F. Schultz, Route 2, Davenport
 Van A. Youngquist, P. O. Box 307, Mount Vernon

West Virginia

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 Benjamin Carrol Greene, Kenna
 Charles Ernest Kay, Southside
 David Roush, Route 1, Letart
 Homer John Yokum, Harman

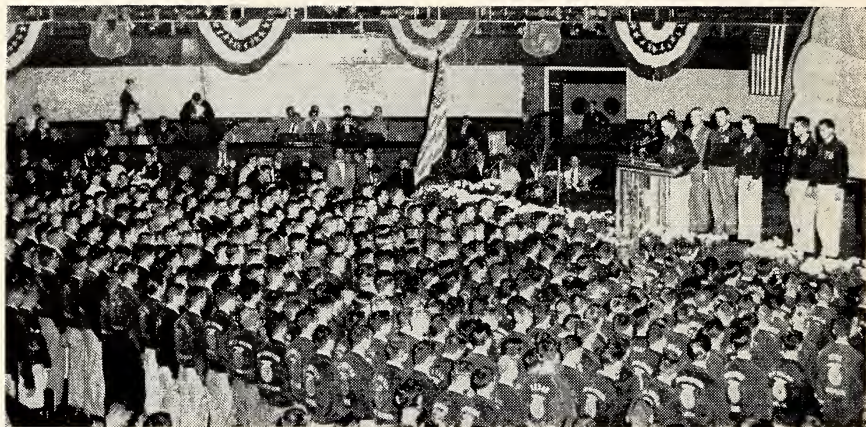
Wisconsin

John E. Cottingham, Fennimore
 Charles Dale Ford, Waldo
 Donald R. Haldeman, Norwalk
 Ronald Heeg, Route 5, Marshfield
 Ronald Lloyd Jones, Route 4, Box 637, Oshkosh
 Roger John Kranz, Columbus
 Luke C. Popp, Route 3, Chilton
 Howard Danforth Poulson, Route 1, Palmyra
 Norlan Rowbotham, RFD, Walworth
 Gerald Erwin Schwahn, Route 1, Reedsville
 Richard Edward Schwall, Route 3, Mukwonago
 Emil G. Skroch, Jr., Independence
 Robert Steiner, Route 2, Algoma

Wyoming

James Alvis Lane, Box 146, Gillette
 Eli Mirich, Four Corners

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.



AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CEREMONY

Three hundred and sixty-three members received the American Farmer Degree during the 30th National FFA Convention.

Tuesday, October 15, 1957

Evening Session

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

Musical selections were presented by the national band and chorus.

The Massing of State Flags by the State Star Farmers was presented after which the National Vice Presidents presented the Star Farmer Awards for 1957.

Special entertainment was presented courtesy of Mr. Raymond Firestone.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Wednesday, October 16, 1957

Morning Session

The fourth session of the convention was called to order at nine-fifteen o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Haid presiding.

Mr. Jack Timmons, Radio Farm Director at KWKH in Shreveport, Louisiana, and President of the National Association of Radio and TV Farm Directors, interviewed participants in the International Youth Exchange. The representatives present from the

National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain were Michael Needham, Colin Wappat, and Tom Warlow. The exchangees present from the FFA were Allen Colebank of Morgantown, West Virginia, Jerry Tlucek of Nampa, Idaho, and Howard Poulson of Palmyra, Wisconsin.

President Haid introduced the National President of the Future Farmers of Japan, Masaru Takahashi, and conferred upon him Honorary Membership in the Future Farmers of America and presented Masaru an FFA jacket. Masaru extended greetings from the Future Farmers of Japan and then sang the FFJ song. The Secretary-General of the Future Farmers of Japan from Tokyo, Mr. Toraichi Kurisaki, was introduced by President Haid and the Degree of Honorary American Farmer conferred upon him, after which he addressed the convention.

His Excellency Erik Boheman, Ambassador from Sweden, was introduced and the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him by President Haid, after which he addressed the convention.

The participants from the International Youth Exchange, Michael Needham, Colin Wappat and Tom Warlow, were presented Honorary Membership in the Future Farmers of America.



President Haid presents Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, with the Honorary American Farmer Degree. Mr. Wilson actively participated all four days in the convention.

President Haid introduced guests from the following countries: The Philippines, Brazil, Jamaica, Iran, Korea, Republic of China, Iraq, Panama, Great Britain, Japan and Egypt.

Musical selections were rendered by the Rogersville, Alabama, String Band.

Secretary Litton read a proposal by the Tennessee Association to amend Article V, Section 9, of the Constitution which pertains to the State Farmer Degree. Charles Wilson of Tennessee moved that the National Constitution be amended to read: "Where State membership exceeds 500, a number in excess of ten, but not more than three per cent of the total State membership, may be elected, fraction counting to the nearest whole number." The motion was seconded by Gerald Neil of Michigan. After considerable discussion the motion failed to carry.

North Atlantic Regional Vice President Cappucci presented his report. Speer of Pennsylvania moved that the report be accepted; motion seconded by Eli Mirich of Wyoming and carried.



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

Several musical numbers were given at this time by the Carthage, Texas, String Band.

Pacific Regional Vice President Knutson presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Emond of Montana and carried.

The Honorable Cecil H. Underwood, Governor of West Virginia, was escorted to the platform by Vice President Quincey and the Honorary American Farmer Degree conferred upon him, after which he addressed the Convention. At the conclusion of Governor Underwood's speech Mrs. Underwood was introduced along with his former vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. W. H. Wayman.

The Wednesday morning session adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven-forty o'clock.

Wednesday, October 16, 1957**Afternoon Session**

The fifth session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock, President Haid presiding.

President Haid appointed committees and the meeting then recessed for committee work.

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

Wednesday, October 16, 1957**Evening Session**

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

A few musical selections were rendered by the national band and chorus.

Representatives of donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, were called to the platform and introduced.

President Haid presented a special plaque to Mr. Frank Jenks representing Mr. John L. McCaffrey, Chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Sponsoring Committee, after which Mr. Jenks made a brief address.

Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, Awards for 1957 were made by the national officers.

After music by the national band, President Haid conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, who then presented greetings.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Special entertainment was furnished by the United States Air Force WAF Band conducted by Captain MaryBelle Nissly.

Thursday, October 17, 1957**Morning Session**

The seventh session of the Future Farmers of America was called to order by President Haid at nine-five o'clock.

Musical selections were presented by the Carthage, Texas, String Band.

Southern Regional Vice President James Quincey presented his report. Kenton Harvey of Texas moved that the report be accepted; motion seconded by Haskins of Illinois and carried.

Larry Young of Georgia presented the report of the National Convention Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Robinson of Idaho and carried.

Daryl D. Murken of Iowa presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Crook of Nevada and carried.

Glenn W. Fetrow of Pennsylvania presented the report of the FFA Foundation Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Harmon of South Carolina and carried.

Kenton Harvey of Texas presented the report of the American Farmer Application Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Yraguen of Oregon and carried.

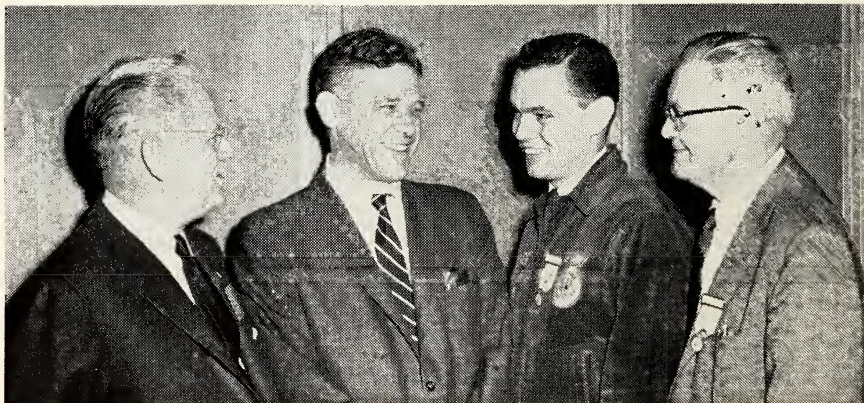
Charles Wilson of Tennessee presented the report of the National Magazine Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Lindsay of Oklahoma and carried.

Vice President Ringo assumed the duties of the chair.

President Haid presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by McWistian of Arkansas and carried.

President Haid resumed the chair.

The national officers, Mr. Gray and Dr. Spanton were called to the platform and presented Keys to the City of Kansas City, Missouri, by President Haid on behalf of Mayor Bartle.



Congratulations to a new Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Mr. Frank Jenks, Mr. Hugo Riemer, new Chairman, President Haid and W. T. Spanton, National Advisor.

Stan Augustus of Ohio presented the report of the National Chapter Awards Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Jenkins of Florida and carried.

Roger Heins of Missouri presented the report of the Official Manual Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by

Ricker of New Jersey. After considerable discussion on proposed changes to be made in the Manual the motion carried.

Nels Smith presented the report of the Program of Work Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Thoren of Wyoming. Jim Sinclair of North Carolina moved to amend the report and add "that the National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers consider the advisability of raising the parliamentary procedure contest to the national level." Bob Helms of Alabama seconded the motion. After considerable discussion the motion as amended carried.

The presentation of awards in the National Chapter Award Program was made by Pacific Regional Vice President Knutson and North Atlantic Vice President Cappucci.

Mr. Walter H. Atzenweiler of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce was introduced by President Haid. President Haid introduced Mr. Stanley Wall, President of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association who was in the audience.

Ted McWistian of Arkansas presented the report of the Public Speaking Contest Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Nestegard of North Dakota and carried.

Mr. Lano Barron, Editor, of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on the magazine. Owen Pool of New Jersey moved that Mr. Barron's report be accepted; motion seconded by Takeshita of Hawaii and carried.

Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, gave a brief report on the Supply Service. Charles Rohrman of Washington moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Robert Kelly of West Virginia and carried.

Norman Brown of Michigan presented the report of the Proceedings Committee and moved its adoption; seconded by Havill of Vermont and carried.

Kent Killian of Utah presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Gray of Mississippi and carried.

Gordon Hill of California presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Edgerly of Maine and carried.

The meeting recessed at eleven-forty o'clock.

Thursday, October 17, 1957

Afternoon Session

The final session of the convention was called to order by President Haid at two o'clock.



Outgoing President John Haid presents Gavel to Incoming National President Howard Downing.

Executive Secretary Gray presented the budget for 1957-58, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Bloodworth of Georgia and carried.

Carl Kozuma of Hawaii moved that the Student Officers and Board of Directors be given the power to edit all committee reports. The motion was seconded by Walker of Tennessee and carried.

Gordon Hill of California moved that the annual FFA dues remain at ten cents per member; motion seconded by Rice of Kentucky and carried.

Winston LaVallee of Massachusetts moved that the Board of Directors be given the power to act on any unfinished business and to act on any business between conventions; motion seconded by Robinson of Idaho and carried.

Nick Nail of Oklahoma made a motion that the Board of Directors and Student Officers look into the matter of buying a banner comparable to the one for the National Band to be used by the National FFA Chorus; motion seconded by Iverson of North Dakota and carried.

Len Richardson of Arizona moved that a few of the samples of the Programs of Work of the Gold Emblem Chapters be put on

display at the Little Theater; motion seconded by McCay of Alabama and carried.

Don Witt of Wisconsin moved that gold braid be bought for the chairs of the Courtesy Corps; motion seconded by McCabe and carried.

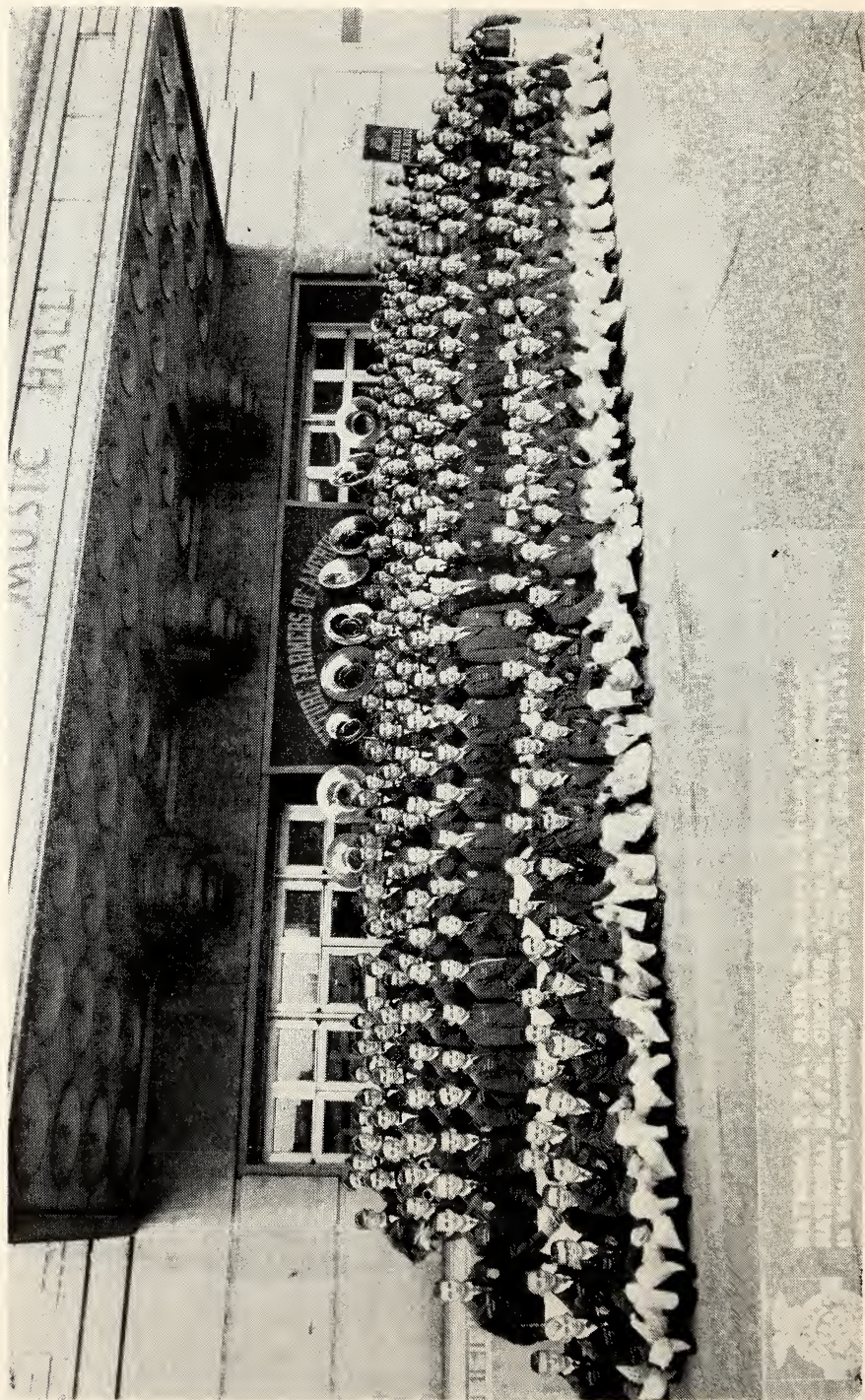
S. M. Davis of New Mexico asked for discussion on the matter of offices being set up for Chaplain and Parliamentary and included in the Manual on a state and national level. Don Thoren of Wyoming made a motion that the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors consider approving offices for Chaplain and Parliamentary, that this be inserted in the Manual, and these 2 officers be used on a State and National level. This motion was seconded by S. M. Davis. After considerable discussion Carl Kozuma of Hawaii moved that this motion be postponed indefinitely; seconded by Vinson of Kentucky and carried.

Mr. Weiler and Mr. Duis reported on the Courtesy Corps and ushers. They emphasized the importance of cooperation of all concerned for improvement. They conveyed the feeling, compliments of Kansas City business men, clubs, etc. on the orderly conduct of members at this year's convention.

P. K. Beck of Florida presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Vinson of Kentucky. The candidates for national office were called to the platform. There being no nominations from the floor it was moved by Kimmel of Illinois that the candidates be elected to national office; motion seconded by Williams of Arizona and carried.

President-elect Downing then presented each of the past officers with official past national officer pins and certificates.

The final session of the convention adjourned sine die at three o'clock with the closing ceremony.



National FFA Budget

JULY 1, 1957 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1958

ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

Dues	\$ 38,000.00
Royalties	40,000.00
Old Mill	2,800.00
Supply Service—Rent	20,000.00
Supply Service—Grant (For Building Construction Fund)	30,000.00
NFFA Magazine—Rent	10,000.00
NFFA Magazine—Payment on Loan.....	10,000.00
Appropriated from Surplus (Loan from FFA Foundation)	100,000.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
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TOTAL.....	\$250,850.00

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS:

I. TRAVEL	\$ 20,500.00
II. CONVENTION	16,170.00
III. AMERICAN FARMER KEYS.....	3,000.00
IV. PRINTING	5,800.00
V. NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE.....	28,822.50
VI. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM.....	1,200.00
VII. JUDGING EXPENSES	750.00
VIII. FFA BUILDING FUND.....	155,000.00
IX. FFA BUILDING	15,000.00
X. OLD MILL	3,250.00
XI. CONTINGENT	1,357.50
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TOTAL.....	\$250,850.00



1957-58 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS

(Left to right)—Howard Downing, President; Nathan Reese, Student Secretary; Royce Bodiford, Vice President; Jerry Rulon, Vice President; Jerry Cullison, Vice President; Leon Smith, Vice President; Wm. Paul Gray, Executive Secretary; and W. T. Spanton, Advisor. R. E. Bass, Treasurer, was not present.

Committee Reports

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have inspected the books kept by the National Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Bass, and reviewed the audit prepared by Leach, Calkins & Scott, Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year July 1, 1956, to June 30, 1957, and find all records accurate and in proper order.

Respectfully submitted,

DARYL MURKEN, Iowa (Chairman)
NICK NAIL, Oklahoma
PAUL ST. CLAIR, New Hampshire
ROGER DOANE, Nebraska
DONALD SUEHISA, Hawaii

Report of the Committee on American Farmer Applications

We have reviewed the 1957-58 American Farmer application form as revised by the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors. The Committee wishes to recommend to the delegates that unnecessary repetitions in the application be avoided and that certain statements be reworded in order that they might be more clearly understood.

Respectfully submitted,

KENTON HARVEY, Texas
(Chairman)
LEN RICHARDSON, Arizona
CLAUDE RAMEY, Arkansas
OTIS HASKINS, JR., Illinois
ALEC BELLEFLEUR, Maine
LAVON DAY, Utah
ROGER D. YOUNG, New York
ALAN SPORS, Wisconsin

Report of the Committee on the National Chapter Award Program

We, the committee on the National Chapter Award Program after careful thought and taking into consideration last year's committee report, feel that there is no change necessary at this time,

since a change would tend to decrease chapter participation. We recommend that this program be continued for a period of two or more years or until found unsatisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

STAN AUGUSTUS, Ohio (Chairman)
FRED HUSKERSON, Texas
DON THOREN, Wyoming
JAMES HAVILL, Vermont
RALPH VON ECKER, Connecticut
JAY SHARP, Delaware
ROGER CARLSON, Minnesota

Report of the Committee on the National Convention

We, the members of the Committee on National Convention, convened and offer the following recommendations:

1. That each State Association be requested to have at least two alternate delegates available at all times. These alternates need not necessarily be State Officers.
2. We recognize the work done by the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors and would like to request that the responsibility of preventing amateur photographers from interfering with the convention program be left to the ushers.
3. That the United States Flag and the Official FFA Flag be displayed on the stage at all appropriate times during the convention.
4. That the delegates adhere to the official ceremony in regard to the rule of rising to the taps of the gavel (i.e. rise together after third tap of gavel—not before).
5. The Star Farmer Ceremony be revised and made more impressive. A suggestion would be to let four regional Vice Presidents escort Star Regional Farmers to stage from seats in the audience.
6. That no pictures be made of contestants at the national public speaking contest while they are participating.
7. A list of activities, with time and place (i.e. American Farmer Breakfast, Officer-Delegate Luncheon) pertaining to all persons involved be presented to Official State Delegates at registration.
8. All persons in attendance be asked to dress appropriately

when attending the convention (i.e. wear the official jacket as prescribed in the Official Manual).

Respectfully submitted,

LARRY YOUNG, Georgia (Chairman)
KEN WILLIAMS, Arizona
BILL LAMBERT, Louisiana
ROGER WATKE, Nebraska
JERRY PENDLETON,
New Hampshire
WILLIAM MORGAN, Rhode Island
THOMAS HARMON, JR.,
South Carolina

Report of the Committee on FFA Foundation

On behalf of the entire delegation and National membership, we the Foundation Committee of the 30th Annual Convention of Future Farmers of America wish to express our most sincere appreciation and thanks to the many generous Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

These funds have improved the National Organization by creating an incentive for our members to work to attain greater heights in the FFA. We feel that the FFA has contributed greatly to the improvement of rural America.

Our deepest gratitude goes to Mr. John L. McCaffrey, Chairman of the Board, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois for serving as Chairman of the 1957 Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

Again many thanks to our Donors and may they continue to prosper in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN W. FETROW, Pennsylvania
(Chairman)
OWEN POOL, New Jersey
MAYNARD IVERSON, North Dakota
MAX LINDSAY, Oklahoma
JIMMIE GARNENEZ, New Mexico
ROBERT HUTCHINS, Washington
DON WITT, Wisconsin

Report of the National FFA Magazine Committee

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

1. Encourage members to send in articles of national interest, making sure they are correct and prompt.

2. Encourage State executive committees to emphasize the importance of 100% subscriptions by all members in each State.

3. Encourage all States to strive toward 100% participation. Commend the practice of awarding plaques to States achieving this goal.

4. Exchange publications with other youth organizations in other countries.

5. All subscriptions be filled out accurately and printed in ink.

6. Encourage members to write letters, giving personal views of the magazine and suggestions for any improvements.

7. Commend the members of the magazine staff for attending the numerous State conventions and encourage them to continue this practice.

8. Recommend to have the National FFA Magazine available in as many public places as possible.

The Editor, the Board of Student Officers and the 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.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WILSON, Tennessee
(Chairman)

MAITLAND RICE, JR., Kentucky

JAMES E. MOFFITT, Mississippi

NOEL EMOND, Montana

JAMES SPEER, JR., Pennsylvania

STEWART BLOODWORTH, Georgia

J. T. WHITENER, Missouri

Report of the Official Manual Committee

We, as members of the Official Manual Committee recommend the following revisions:

1. Arrange Table of Contents in alphabetical order
2. Correct the name of Executive Secretary
3. Use more up-to-date pictures where possible
4. Move picture on Page 53 to front under "history" of the FFA

5. Under Parliamentary Procedure place a picture of a typical chapter in action
6. Remove the "S" on the jacket in the picture on Page 62
7. Insert Mr. E. M. Tiffany's name under the Creed
8. Insert new ideas under Building and Carrying Out A Chapter Program of Work
9. Strike out General committee in the nine (9) standing committees and insert Public Relations
10. Make the following changes in the Opening and Closing Ceremony:
 - (1) The last sentence of the first paragraph, strike out (after the words of the ceremony which are repeated by the group in unison) *insert* (seated by the President)
 - (2) Insert in Vice-President part of column 1, on Page 55, after Mr. President the following (President rises and faces the Vice-President)
 - (3) Officers take seats after the President says "thank you Mr. Vice-President"
 - (4) Column 2, page 55, insert (and guests) after (fellow members)
 - (5) Change the President's last part (page 55) to read—"I now declare this meeting adjourned"
11. Move Proper Use of the Official FFA Jacket (from page 66) to the front of Manual
12. Move Organization Chart (page 66) to front of the Manual
13. Move Code of Ethics (page 71) to front of Manual
14. Add a section on "How To Do a TV Program"
15. Move FFA Supply Service (page 69) to back of Manual
16. Add material on FFA Magazine to Manual
17. Add material on FFA Calendar to Manual

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER HEINS, Missouri (Chairman)
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Report of Committee on a Guide for Local Chapters to Use in Developing the 1957-58 Program of Work

We, the Committee on the 1957-58 Program of Work, recommend that the following Guide for Use of Local FFA Chapters be used in planning the chapter program of work:

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food and other farm products	100 % member participation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Every member to have a comprehensive farming program consisting of two or more productive enterprises. Encourage members to have a home garden. Conduct a tour of farming programs. Conduct farm surveys to determine farming capabilities. Establish goals for labor income and production. Encourage student ownership of farming programs. Arrange for loans through regular commercial firms or through chapter loan fund. Rent chapter equipment to members. Conduct production contest. Encourage members to maintain and operate farm equipment. Provide public recognition for outstanding farming program. Assist members to obtain facilities for the supervised farming program. Give award to member of each class with most outstanding farming program. Give Star Farmer Award. Give Dairy Farming Award.
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100 % member participation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Each member to develop a farming program to the extent of his opportunities for establishment in full-time farming. Schedule student and former student guest speakers at chapter meetings to emphasize supervised farming programs. Have chapter farming program committee assist Green Hands in planning farming programs. Stimulate size and number of farming programs through use of an adult advisory committee. Encourage cooperation between student, parents and vocational agriculture instructors in developing and planning a long-range supervised farming program.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
3. Improving live-stock and crop production	100 % member participation	a. Use recommended and tested practices in regard to seed, fertilizer and quality of livestock. b. Test seed, soil and milk. c. Spray crops and livestock with approved material. d. Aid members to obtain suitable seed and improved livestock. e. Maintain purebred sires for breeding. f. Use proven sires for breeding. g. Use recommended feeding practices. h. Cull poor animals. i. Use artificial insemination associations. j. Form livestock and crop improvement associations among members. k. Post list of livestock and seed sources. l. Follow recommended irrigation practices. m. Control weeds.
4. Preventing live-stock losses	100 % member participation	a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Protect livestock through vaccination. c. Eliminate farm hazards. d. Improve loading and shipping facilities. e. Control growth of poisonous or noxious plants. f. Improve housing facilities. g. Use strict sanitation practices. h. Control parasites, insects and diseases. i. Encourage control of rabies and eradication of animals carrying this disease.
5. Farm Management practices	100 % member participation	a. Urge the keeping of accurate farm records. b. Improve management practices. c. Urge sound soil conservation practices. d. Make Soil & Water Management award. e. Use crop and livestock insurance for self protection.

II. COOPERATION

1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100 % member participation	a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities. b. Encourage members to become familiar with local, State and national cooperatives. c. Encourage members to join co-operatives.
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Item	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Investigate legal aspects and liabilities of chapter cooperatives	100 % member participation	Urge chapters to secure legal counsel.
3. Cooperate with civic clubs, agricultural agencies and other organizations	100 % member participation	a. Have chapter members appear on programs of other organizations. b. Participate in activities sponsored by other organizations, such as scrap collections, the prevention of fires and community clean-up campaigns. c. Assist with fairs and shows. d. Become members of other worthwhile organizations.
4. Assist in promoting world-wide understanding and improvement of agriculture	100 % member participation	a. Cooperate with recognized agencies such as CROP and CARE. b. Observe and support special resolution on international relations as adopted by the 28th convention of Future Farmers of America. c. Use material on international relations available through special presidential aid on world peace. d. Support and utilize farm youth exchange program.
5. Cooperate with local Civil Defense organizations	100 % member participation	Contact local officials and offer assistance where needed.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Stress reconditioning of farm machinery and equipment	100 % member participation	a. Have chapter members service, repair, and adjust machinery and equipment. b. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from weather.
2. Guarding and protecting life and property	Chapter conduct safety program	a. Conduct fire and accident prevention surveys. b. Devote special meetings to farm safety. c. Show safety films to farm groups. d. Present safety programs to civic clubs. e. Display safety posters. f. Sponsor radio and TV programs on safety. g. Prepare appropriate releases for press on safety. h. Sponsor Fire Prevention Week. i. Conduct community clean-up drives. j. Emphasize farm safety at school assembly. k. Distribute farm safety literature to farmers. l. Keep first aid measures available. m. Present Farm Safety award to member who does the best work in safety promotion.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
3. Conserving resources	100 % member participation	a. Plant trees. b. Build and repair terraces. c. Run contour lines. d. Construct drainage diversion ditches. e. Construct grass waterways and check dams. f. Construct farm ponds. g. Obtain legume seed for farms. h. Practice strip cropping. i. Make farm surveys. j. Set up a demonstration farm. k. Encourage wise use of fertilizers. l. Publicize the need for conservation. m. Send delegates to camp to learn more about conservation practices. n. Offer awards to members who achieve most in conservation. o. Develop wildlife areas. p. Plant food crops for wildlife. q. Provide wildlife feeding stations. r. Cooperate with wildlife officers and conservation agencies.
4. Maintaining farm buildings and equipment	100 % member participation	a. Encourage all members to discover and make needed repairs. b. Sponsor clean-up and paint-up campaigns. c. Give award for Farm Mechanics.
5. General	100 % member participation	a. Improve school facilities and landscape grounds. b. Sponsor campaigns for the eradication of pests and rodents. c. Sponsor educational programs. d. Contribute to charitable organizations. e. Promote community landscaping. f. Sponsor going-to-church campaign. g. Sponsor campaigns to encourage citizens to register and vote in elections.

IV. LEADERSHIP

1. Advancing members to higher degrees	Advance members to appropriate degrees	a. Urge careful and early explanation of requirements for degrees to Green Hands and members. b. Have official ceremonies used for the conferring of degrees. c. Make it mandatory that all officers know from memory their parts in all ceremonies involving themselves.
2. Chapter library	Have an adequate library	a. Have members and other contribute books. b. Purchase books for library. c. Elect chapter librarian.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		d. Purchase magazine subscriptions. e. Borrow books from circulating libraries.
3. Public Speaking	100 % member participation	a. Hold a contest with all members participating. b. Chapter winner to appear in District contest. c. Present local Chapter Public Speaking award.
4. Parliamentary procedure	Conduct meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	a. Provide parliamentary training to all members. b. Enter parliamentary procedure contest. c. Provide each member with a booklet on parliamentary procedure. d. Elect a chapter parliamentarian. e. Hold chapter parliamentary team contests.
5. Programs of Work	Have a written program of work	a. Revise program of work early. b. Form standing committees early in the year. c. Assign each member to one or more committees to carry out programs. d. Encourage member participation in developing the program of work. e. Submit program to chapter for discussion and approval. f. Print and distribute programs of work to all members and others who should receive it. g. Send program of work to State Association. h. Prepare and post activity calendar. i. Be familiar with recommended Guide for Developing Program of Work as found in the latest Convention Proceedings.
6. Leadership training	100 % member participation	a. Participate in State and district leadership training schools and conferences. b. Provide at least one local leadership training school or conference during the year. c. Participate in leadership training activities at State FFA Camp. d. Attend leadership training programs sponsored by other organizations.
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Thrift	100 % member participation	a. Prepare a chapter budget. b. Keep chapter funds in a local bank or in school account. c. Organize an FFA thrift bank.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Have treasurer make a report at each meeting. e. Call for periodic reports from auditing committee. f. Members and chapter purchase United States Savings Bonds. g. Emphasize thrift at one or more chapter meetings. h. Encourage members to make regular thrift deposits. i. Encourage members to invest in farming. j. Present awards to members who have done outstanding work in thrift activities. k. Check candidates earnings before raising to next higher degree. l. Distribute U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to buy United States Savings Bonds.
2. Earning money for the local chapter	Earn enough money to finance chapter activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have a group farm production enterprise. b. Operate concessions. c. Win contest and fair awards. d. Sell magazine subscriptions and books. e. Assess chapter dues. f. Sell seeds, plants, and nursery stock. g. Rent chapter equipment. h. Work for farmers. i. Sell greeting cards. j. Cooperate in sale of FFA calendar.
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Official Manual	100% of members have access to Official Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have every Green Hand purchase a Manual. b. Each other member to own a Manual. c. Study the Manual.
2. Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	Chapters use both books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Purchase books from Future Farmers Supply Service. b. Have books kept up to date by officers. c. Have the secretary and treasurer books completed and filed as a part of permanent chapter records.
3. Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies	Provide standard materials with which to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acquire all necessary paraphernalia and equipment. b. Arrange all paraphernalia before starting meeting. c. Arrange for adequate storage space for equipment. d. Wear official jackets at meetings. e. Construct special officer stands for use during meetings. f. Have standard wall brackets made so officer stations may be placed on wall when desired.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
4. Official Ceremonies	Use proper official ceremonies at all meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All officers to learn and rehearse their parts. b. Provide special training on ceremonies for new officers. c. Prepare appropriate demonstrations.
5. State Conventions	Chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have delegate or delegates attend State convention. b. Counsel delegates prior to State convention. c. Urge each candidate for the State Farmer Degree to attend. d. Prepare members to assist in the convention program. e. Have members in State FFA Band and Chorus. f. Compete in State contests.
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100 % of chapter meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have regular chapter meetings preferably twice monthly. b. Call special meetings as needed. c. Hold at least two summer meetings. d. Schedule regular executive committee meetings. e. Prepare well-planned programs before meetings. f. Have one good entertainment feature for all members at each meeting. g. Urge attendance of members at federation or district meetings. h. Provide refreshments frequently. i. Post agenda on bulletin board before meetings. j. Invite guest speakers. k. Invite interested persons to meetings. l. Have a special theme for most meetings, such as National FFA Week, citizenship and thrift. m. Establish goals for membership attendance. n. Have frequent committee reports to keep members informed. o. Use each member on a meeting program at least once during year. p. Elect honorary members in recognition of service to chapter and community. q. Hold a special meeting for parents.
7. Advisory Committee	100 % chapter participation	Chapter elect advisory committee composed of adults capable of rendering competent advice on chapter's activities.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
VII. SCHOLARSHIP		
1. Improved Scholarship	100 % of members to attain a satisfactory scholarship record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Develop appropriate scholarship goals for chapter members. b. Award suitable prizes to members with outstanding scholarship. c. Post honor rolls on bulletin board. d. Assign big brothers to help others. e. Devote special meetings to stress the importance of good scholarship and how to study. f. Require good scholarship for eligibility to be elected as a chapter officer. g. Encourage members to qualify for the honor roll and for honor societies. h. Check grades when reports are made and give necessary aid. i. Conduct special study periods and have advanced students serve as tutors. j. Invite former members now in college to give talks on the value of scholarship and of graduating from high school.
VIII. RECREATION		
1. Supervised Recreation	100 % member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sponsor parent-and-son banquet. b. Sponsor recreation program in the local community. c. Organize a camping trip for the chapter. d. Encourage chapter members to attend State camp. e. Plan social parties. f. Engage in athletic competition. g. Conduct an educational tour. h. Provide recreational facilities for chapter members. i. Organize a chapter string band or quartet.
IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS		
1. Membership	Every eligible boy a member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge all boys who are enrolled in vocational agriculture to become members of the FFA. b. Encourage boys who have completed high school to retain membership in the FFA as long as they are eligible.
2. Public Relations	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Make extensive use of local, county and State newspapers. b. Obtain more and better pictures of FFA work for use in publicity. c. Present radio and television programs. d. Sponsor at least one local display.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Keep in touch with former FFA chapter members. f. Encourage the use of official FFA clothing by members. g. Provide subscriptions to <i>The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine</i> to influential persons and to public libraries. h. Provide speakers for civic and other organizations. i. Present programs at school assemblies. j. Invite guests to attend meetings. k. Elect honorary members. l. Have public showings of FFA motion pictures. m. Invite public on tour to observe farming programs of members.
3. National FFA Week	100 % member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Observe National FFA Week during the week of George Washington's birthday. b. Use material supplied by the State Association in the promotion of FFA Week. c. Have appropriate official proclaim FFA Week. d. Present displays on FFA during this week.

Respectfully submitted,

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RALPH LEAVENWORTH,

Connecticut

RAYMOND McCABE, JR., Delaware

RICHARD OSHIRO, Hawaii

JIMMY FITZPATRICK, Louisiana

DON HUNTINGTON, Kansas

CHARLES RUSSELL, North Carolina

FRANK YRAGUEN, Oregon

Report of the Proceedings Committee

We, the committee on Proceedings for 1957, recommend that this year's Proceedings follow the general outline of last year's Proceedings with the following changes and additions:

- I. The following pictures, accompanied by appropriate articles be included:
 1. Mayor H. Roe Bartle
 2. Former President Harry S. Truman
 3. Senator Edward J. Thye, of Minnesota
 4. Swedish Ambassador Erik Boheman
 5. Governor Cecil Underwood, of West Virginia
 6. Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare—Hon. Edward Foss Wilson

II. Include articles and pictures (if available) of the following:

1. National Officers of FFJ
2. Exchange students from Great Britain
3. Firestone Show
4. Memoriam to Dr. Dowell J. Howard
5. Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, FFA Executive Secretary
6. Dr. A. W. Tenney receiving pitcher from the President John Haid
7. Band and chorus, and their directors
8. Foreign exchange students
9. Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Advisor
10. Mr. R. E. Bass, National FFA Treasurer
11. Chapter Advisors receiving Honorary American Farmer Degree

We give the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers full power to make any necessary changes.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN BROWN, Michigan
(Chairman)

ROGER VINSON, Kentucky

ROBERT KELLY, West Virginia

JESS GRET, Colorado

ALLAN BUCKLIN, Rhode Island

HENRY VAN POPPEL, Ohio

CHARLES McCAY, Alabama

Report of the Public Relations Committee

We, the committee on Public Relations for 1957-58, 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 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, and youth groups, etc.

3. That the national organization, State Associations, and local chapters make a special effort to observe National FFA Week by use of newspaper coverage, display aids, advertisement folders, window displays, radio and television, and by speaking to farm, business, civic, and youth groups, etc.

4. That the national organization, State Associations, and local chapters, in order to make known our Future Farmer program, feature the use of radio, television and newspaper articles throughout the year.

5. That the 3rd edition of the pictorial brochure Future Farmers of America . . . In Action, be completed by the public relations department before the 1958 national convention.

6. That local chapters make a determined effort to see that The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine be subscribed to by all members, and is placed in high school, college, and public libraries.

7. That our national officers continue the policy of a Good-Will Tour and that State Associations and local chapters also adopt this policy.

8. That State Associations encourage visits of officers of other State Associations to their conventions.

9. That delegates, award winners, guests of luncheons, breakfasts and dinners express their appreciation to the Foundation donors by personal note.

10. That local chapters and State Associations invite businessmen, teachers, and agricultural leaders, etc., to chapter and State-wide activities.

11. That we as Future Farmers of America encourage better relations with other youth organizations.

12. That we encourage enforcement of rigid disciplinary actions of all our members to improve our relations with the public.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDEN HILL, California
(Chairman)

JAMES A. FERGUSON, Colorado

DARRELL COMER, Maryland

GERALD NEIL, Michigan

KENNEY EARL GRAY, Mississippi

BRYAN HAFEN, Nevada

S. M. DAVIS, New Mexico

WILLIAM FULLER, South Dakota

Report of the National Public Speaking Contest Committee

After reviewing the Announcement and Rules of the National Public Speaking Contest carefully, we the members of the 1957 National Public Speaking Committee suggest:

1. The audience please refrain from the use of flashbulbs during the speeches.

2. The question period be reduced to four minutes to facilitate more precise questions on the part of the judges. It would also demonstrate better the ability of the speakers.

3. Greater emphasis put on the enforcing of a no applauding rule after the end of each speech.
4. Check on and prevent the use of notes by contestants.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Chairman)

TED MCWISTION, Arkansas

LLOYD DUBROFF, Florida

FRED CROOK, Nevada

ARNOLD C. NESTEGARD,
North Dakota

RONOLD O. SCOTT, South Dakota

CHARLES ROHRMANN, Washington

DALE CHILDS, West Virginia

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

Be it resolved that we, the Committee on Resolutions for 1957 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 success of the National Convention.

1. The 1956-57 national officers for their untiring efforts and unselfish work in planning and conducting the Convention in a most commendable manner.

2. The members of the Board of Directors for their able supervision and assistance in advancing the FFA.

3. The members of the Kansas City Advisory Committee for their continuing assistance in making this year's convention successful.

4. All railroads and their special representatives who are stimulating FFA efforts with valuable educational awards.

5. The Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and all Kansas Citizens for their most hearty and warm welcome.

6. All donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., and all others who actually contributed toward making this convention a success.

7. Mr. Clarence Hoff, Manager of the Municipal Auditorium for the sincerely cooperative spirit he has always exhibited toward the national FFA organization.

8. The businessmen and officials, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium for their efforts and services rendered in making this a most worthwhile trip to Kansas City.

9. All States supplying members to the national band and the national chorus. Also to Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State University, for his able conducting; and, also to Dr. James W. Hatch of Kinderhook, New York for his fine directing. Each individual member of these organizations is to be especially commended.

10. All companies who cooperated in the supplying of authorized general merchandise, banners, rings, emblems, stationery, etc.

11. All individuals and organizations who participated in furnishing entertainment at the 30th national convention.

12. All judges, timekeepers and Future Farmers who participated in the public speaking contest and chapter award program.

13. All organizations and companies from which participants in the national FFA convention have benefited.

14. All honored guests of the 30th national convention.

15. All magazine, radio companies and newspapers that have so generously publicized the events transpiring at this convention.

16. All hotels and other housing facilities that have accommodated our FFA representatives.

17. All donors of prizes not previously mentioned.

18. All other individuals serving the FFA and assisting with the 30th national convention.

19. All representatives taking part in the impressive Massing of State Flags.

20. Rogersville, Alabama, String Band; and the Carthage, Texas, String Band.

21. Japanese representatives of the Future Farmers of Japan.

22. Representatives of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain.

23. Other youth groups and delegations from foreign countries who visited our national convention.

24. All people who attended the 30th national convention.

25. All companies that were hosts to the FFA boys at their plants.

26. The Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the American Royal Association.

27. Mr. John L. McCaffrey, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc., for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Foundation.

28. Honorable Harry S. Truman, former President of the United States, for his presence and inspiring address at our convention.

29. Honorable Edward J. Thye, United States Senator from Minnesota; his Excellency Erik Boheman, Ambassador from Sweden; Honorable Cecil Underwood, Governor of West Virginia; Honorable Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., for their excellent addresses to our convention.

30. Mr. Raymond Firestone and his company for sponsoring the magnificent entertainment.

31. The State Associations that have prepared exhibits.

32. Mr. Dan Dunham, former National FFA President, for his exhibit about his exchange trip to Japan.

33. Mr. R. E. Bass, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Virginia and National Treasurer of FFA, for donating his time and ability to the financial matters of the Future Farmers of America, after taking over for the late Dr. D. J. Howard.

34. A hearty thank you to the ushers and Courtesy Corps for a job well done.

Be it resolved that the National Student Secretary prepare and deliver a letter to the Honorable Marion Folsom, Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, commending his office and the staff of the Agricultural Education Branch, particularly, for their support and interest in the past, and requesting their continued interest and support in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

KENT KILLIAN, Utah (Chairman)
WILLIAM LAWSON, Virginia
GARY CROMWELL, Kansas
TOM PENDERGAST, Montana
TOMMY WALKER, Tennessee
JOHN KING, Indiana
WALTER TARBOX, Vermont

Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Officers for the year 1957-58. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....	Howard Downing, Kentucky
Student Secretary.....	Nathan Reese, Oklahoma
North Atlantic Vice President.....	Leon Smith, New York
Southern Vice President.....	Royce Bodiford, Texas
Central Vice President.....	Jerry Rulon, Indiana
Pacific Vice President.....	Jerry Cullison, Arizona

Advisor.....W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C.
 Executive Secretary.....Wm. Paul Gray, Washington, D. C.
 Treasurer.....R. E. Bass, Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. BECK, Florida (Chairman)
 JAMES FOSS, Minnesota
 DONALD KIMMEL, Illinois
 JOHN HUMMEL, Maryland
 CHARLES L. BUTTON, New York
 CLIFTON ELDRED, Idaho
 ADIN HESTER, Oregon
 DANNY BIRD, JR., Virginia
 JOE HUGHES, JR., South Carolina

Quotations from Addresses Delivered at the Convention



The key to the city is presented to President Haid by the Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City.

H. ROE BARTLE

Mayor, Kansas City, Missouri

"I feel very humble as I stand here this morning at this podium and have received at the hands of your beloved National President the degree of Honorary American Farmer.

"For thirty years you have come here to Kansas City, Missouri, and for thirty years we have welcomed you with open hands and open hearts. In this great city in the Heart of America where many, many groups convene annually there is no convention that ever comes to Kansas City, Missouri, that brings to Kansas Citians greater joy and happiness and satisfaction than this great convention which has convened here once again under the banner of the Future Farmers of America. I give you the heartiest welcome possible."



HARRY S. TRUMAN

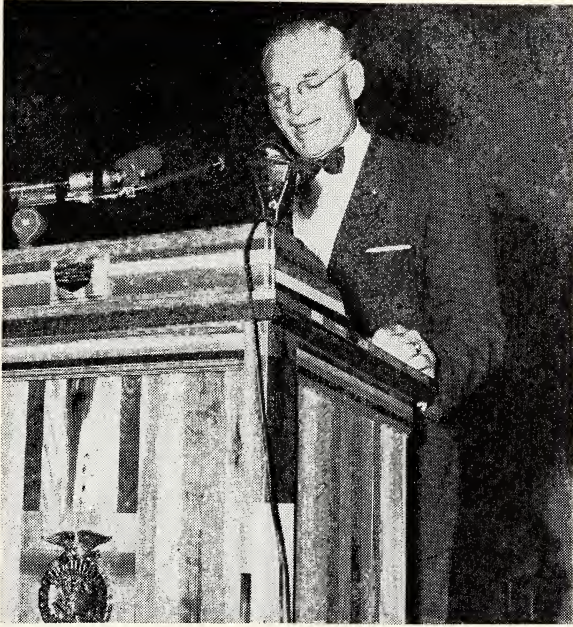
Former President of the United States of America

"What I would like to bring home to you young men who are interested in being future farmers is that if you will study the history of the United States you will find that nearly all the leaders and the Presidents of the United States got their origin on the farm.

"There were thirteen colonies on the East Coast which organized a government, and that government has become the greatest and the most powerful government in the history of the world. That government is founded on a Constitution of which you are all a part. And I am just as anxious as I can be that every one of you young Future Farmers of America will familiarize yourselves with the greatest document of government that was ever written.

"I am interested in the fact that production per acre has increased at a phenomenal extent. You have made two blades of grass grow where one used to grow. The area here in the middle United States, from the Appalachian Mountains to the Rockies, from Minnesota to the Gulf, is the breadbasket of the world. If it hadn't been for that breadbasket there are thousands and thousands of people who would have starved to death after World War II.

"Now you young farm people have a chance that no other generation has ever had in the history of the world. I am urging you to inform yourselves so you can take advantage of that chance and keep this country the greatest Republic that the sun has ever shone on. It is up to you to do it. I hope you will."



EDWARD J. THYE

United States Senator from Minnesota

“The leadership that you are using today, or are developing, will stand you in good stead in the years to come when you will have the responsibility of the affairs of state and government just as some of us in the senior positions today have the responsibility of state as well as your national government.

“We are endeavoring as a nation today to maintain the leadership that the world thrust upon us during World War II. The success of our production both on the farm, and in the plants and factories was such that we won for ourselves respect, not only for our ability but for our leadership in our national undertakings both in war and factory output. And because of the courage of our youth on both land, sea, and in the air, we found ourselves looked upon as leaders militarily. In the postwar era the world nations seeking to remain free are looking to the United States for the kind of leadership that will permit freedom to exist amongst mankind. If you and I fail in that leadership as a people, as a nation, then there is danger that the Soviet will move into the vacuum so created by the lack of our leadership. Therefore, we must perfect the world leadership and understanding that will attract mankind to us as a nation.”

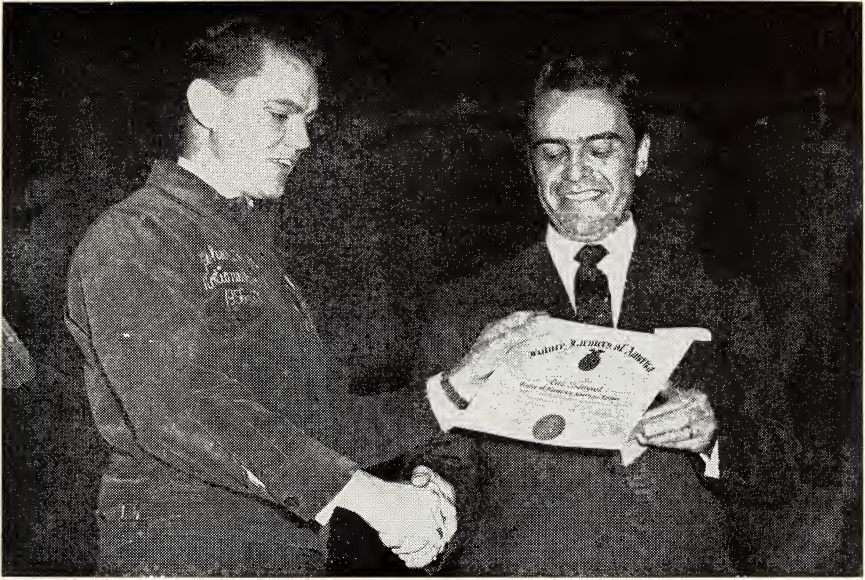


ERIK BOHEMAN

Ambassador of Sweden

"I think perhaps there is a lot to learn, one from the other and there is an affinity, I think, between farmers and farm youth in every country. We understand each other quite quickly.

"I think you would find that the Swedish farms are very modern, although a lot of living houses may date from centuries ago. Life on the Swedish farm and life on the American farm have many great similarities, and that on the whole, the way of life in my country and yours is in many ways almost identical. We have had a lot of young Swedish boys studying on farms, especially in Minnesota and those parts where there are a great many people of Swedish descent, and they have come home and told us their experiences. And there have also been some Americans who have studied in Sweden. We sincerely hope that this kind of exchange and collaboration will continue and develop."



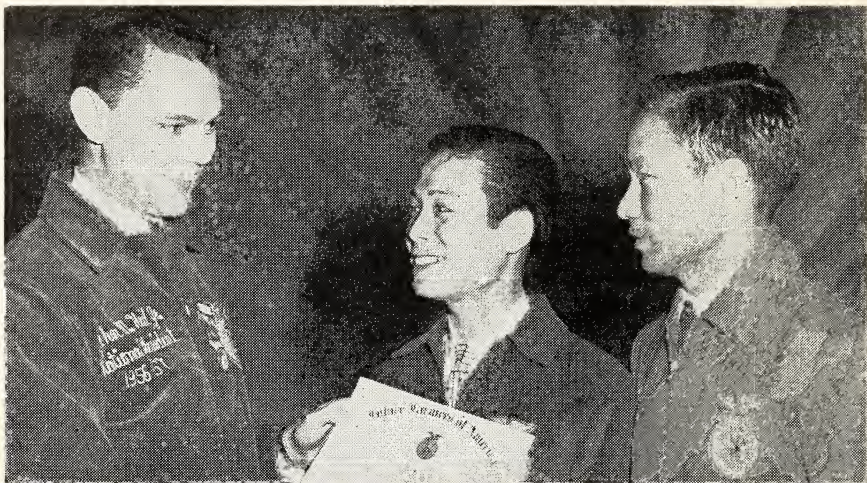
President Haid presents the Honorary American Farmer Degree to Governor Cecil Underwood of West Virginia, a former FFA member.

CECIL UNDERWOOD

Governor of West Virginia

"The American republic is one of the great political systems of all times and of any place in the world, and it is based upon the rank of every individual member of our country. It is based upon civic responsibility and civic freedom and certainly our government, the republic as we know it, as we have studied it in our history, cannot perpetuate itself in this troubled world in which we live unless citizens as a whole are qualified to exercise their responsibilities as members of a free society. They must be willing and able to participate in the functions of citizenship in this free country.

"Self-government demands much of every individual, not alone from the leaders in its governmental make-up but from every citizen in every walk of life. It is, therefore, important that the things you learn here—how to conduct meetings, how to handle yourself on the floor, and express your opinion about problems that affect your organization—those are the things that will equip you to be outstanding citizens of America. They will present you with the further opportunity to make great contributions to the perpetuation of the American way of life."



President Haid confers the Honorary FFA Membership upon President Takahashi.

MASARU TAKAHASHI

National President of the Future Farmers of Japan

"This is one of the happiest moments of my life. I hope to be the bridge of cooperation joining the Future Farmers of Japan and America.

"Today it is my great privilege and honor to have the opportunity to be here as a representative of the Future Farmers of Japan to express our sincere greetings to you at this glorious National Convention of the Future Farmers of America.

"The Future Farmers of Japan under the guidance of our elder brother, the Future Farmers of America, was established in 1950 and ever since then we have become a strong organization representing more than 120,000 members.

"During my trip to your country, I have learned much by observing the activities of your FFA. I was impressed with the high ideals that you have in your hearts. You are earnest in your work. These traits you have are also found in the youth of Japan, and this encouraged me very much.

"Let us, the Future Farmers of Japan and America, strengthen our ties through mutual understanding and with this strength uphold agriculture and the world of tomorrow."

TORAICHI KURISAKI

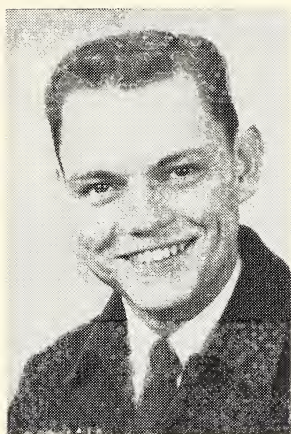
Secretary-General of the Future Farmers of Japan

"In comparison to the many accomplishments of your great organization, our FFJ has just passed the young age of seven years. Furthermore, the present situation in Japan is 'many farmers within a narrow arable land'. It is our responsibility as advisers to our FFJ members to encourage them so that they will work for higher productivity."

National Student Officer Reports

Report of the National President

As I humbly look back over this past year I recall the closing minutes of the 1956 Annual FFA Convention when the nominating committee read my name. The most thrilling year of my life began when I walked to the speaker's rostrum. It does not seem far from



JOHN M. HAID, JR.
President

here to the back of this large auditorium, but on that day it seemed like a mile because with each step, the excitement, surprise, and joy caused many thoughts, and also bewilderment to enter my mind. When I was elected to serve as FFA national president, I was exalted with the highest honor I believe can be given any young person.

I was put in the cast of a fabulous, unbelievable show that was to last for one year. So many lessons, experiences and pleasures have been packed into this year, it seems incredible. I have had the opportunity to meet many very important and interesting people in government, industry, education, and business. I have seen much of this great country of ours which would have been impossible otherwise.

Of the many wonderful things that stand out most in my mind from this year's experiences, I find the tremendous respect shown to the Future Farmers of America by those who are acquainted with our organization, is on top of the list. Our members are looked upon as intelligent, hard-working, ambitious, clean living, honest young men who are doing their best to make their place in life and to help others. With this fine reputation already built, each of us should do our best to live up to the fine ideals and principles of our organization, and make the FFA even greater in future years.

Before I left Kansas City, I made several appearances on radio and TV. I especially remember a broadcast with "Star Farmer of America" Wesley Patrick, over N.B.C.'s National Farm and Home Hour. I presided over the awards banquet for judging team winners, and had an enjoyable experience riding in the American Royal Parade.

For the next several weeks I was very busy attending meetings of civic clubs, school organizations, agriculture organizations and various other meetings and numerous FFA sponsored activities. Some of my talks were about my impressions of British agriculture,

industry, life and customs, as a result of my participating in our FFA Exchange Program the previous summer. However, my most important job was representing your organization every hour of every day.

During Thanksgiving holidays I journeyed to Arkansas to meet the State Officers and help them plan for their first "State Good-Will Tour."

November 30th I boarded a plane for Atlantic City to attend the Mid-Atlantic Farm Show. Two days later I spoke to a large delegation of New Jersey Future Farmers. Then I addressed a President's Luncheon of the Mid Atlantic Cooperatives.

On December 6, I drove to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for a very inspiring Northeastern Oklahoma Leadership Conference where I spoke to an audience of Future Farmers and business men attending the weekly chamber of commerce Forum Luncheon.

The following day I returned to Siloam Springs. I was honored with a special banquet in my honor sponsored by the very gracious people of my home town. These friends presented me with a beautiful camera, projector and screen.

On December 8, I headed toward Miami Beach, Florida to attend a very interesting and enjoyable American Farm Bureau Federation Convention.

Returning home for a few days, I again traveled to Little Rock to meet the Arkansas state officers. I had the pleasure of accompanying them on a short, but interesting and enjoyable tour of some of the state's industries.

January 22 I left home for Washington, D. C., to meet my fellow national officers and begin six weeks of the most interesting time of my life. The first week was spent in business sessions of the National Boards; we held a leadership training school; the latter part of the week we met with representatives of donors to the National FFA Foundation. Also during this time your national officers met other officials in business, government, and agricultural organizations. All of these people are wonderful friends of the FFA. We enjoyed an evening with Mr. Wheeler McMillen, vice-president of "Farm Journal", and his son, Robert McMillen, who is now serving as assistant Secretary of Agriculture. Later we enjoyed a breakfast given in our honor by the D-Con Company. We were guests of honor of General Motors at a wonderful dinner. A pleasant evening and home-cooked meal was enjoyed by your national officers as we met with Herschel D. Newsom, Master of the National Grange, and his associates. A dinner meeting with representatives of the Foundation for American Agriculture, a visit with Mr. J. Kenneth Stern, president, the American Institute of Cooperation, and his associates, were a few of the memorable experiences of these first two weeks.

On February 3rd, Dr. Spanton, Mr. Naugher and your national officers traveled to Richmond, Virginia, to begin the Good-Will Tour. Every year this tour provides the excellent opportunity for leaders of business, industry and national organizations to become better acquainted with our organization. At the same time, it gives your national officers a first hand view of the activities of the groups visited and a chance to meet and have an interesting exchange of ideas with the executives in charge.

Arriving in Richmond about noon, we spent the afternoon touring many interesting sites of this city which is so rich in American history. That evening we attended a meeting sponsored by the Southern States Cooperative.

The following morning we had a pleasant visit with Governor Thomas B. Stanley. An interesting discussion with the people of Reynolds Metals Company was next on our agenda. We had lunch with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation and enjoyed a tour of their fertilizer plant in the afternoon. We boarded a train for Wilmington, Delaware where we spent the night.

We visited the laboratories of Hercules Powder Company on February 5th. Later we discussed the new agriculture chemicals with the folks at E. I. duPont deNemours and Company, Inc., whom we visited before journeying to Philadelphia. Our co-hosts for our very enjoyable evening were the duPont Company and "Farm Journal".

We journeyed to New York City. We were guests for a breakfast meeting with officials of New York Central System followed by a very interesting tour through Grand Central Station. We enjoyed a visit and lunch with officials of the Esso Standard Oil Company. In the afternoon we met the members of the New York State Banker's Association and had a very educational tour through the Federal Reserve Bank.

On February 7th we toured the Lederle Laboratories Division of the American Cyanamid Company at Pearl River, New York. After luncheon with them, we drove to Passaic, New Jersey where we observed rubber making in the United States Rubber Company plant. Later that evening we enjoyed the hospitality of this company and also a wonderful dinner. The large dining table was strikingly decorated with miniature farm scenes.

On February 8th we toured the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation. Following this we met with the officials of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association, Inc. Our next host was Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation. We visited Mr. Hugo Riemer, president of the Nitrogen Division. The remainder of the afternoon was spent aboard the USS Saratoga. Then we had an interesting tour of lower Manhattan Island followed by attending a prizefight in Madison Square Garden.

On February 11th we visited the officials of the Corn Products Refining Company. Later in the day we had lunch with the General

Electric Company. That evening we had the thrilling experience of appearing on the "Voice of Firestone" with Mr. Raymond C. Firestone, President of Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. After the show we boarded a train for Pittsburgh.

Mr. John Farrar joined us upon our arrival in Pittsburgh. We were shown some of the processes of steel manufacture at the United States Steel Corporation. That afternoon we visited Aluminum Company of America. We boarded a train for Akron, Ohio, our next stop where we were to become acquainted with the rubber industry.

February 13, your officers visited the laboratories of the B. F. Goodrich Company where we were privileged to be the first group outside of company officials to see tires vulcanized by atomic radiation. That afternoon we visited the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

The following morning we watched the manufacturing of tires at the General Tire and Rubber Company. We were luncheon guests of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. That evening we had a very pleasant visit to the Firestone Farm near Akron where we enjoyed a wonderful home-cooked meal and informal visit with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Firestone and officials of his company.

At Cleveland we spent the following day visiting and being entertained by American Steel and Wire Company, Republic Steel Corporation, the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation and the Cleveland Farmers Club.

I flew to Chicago to participate in NBC's National Farm and Home Hour where they featured National FFA Week. The other officers journeyed to Detroit where they visited the Stran Steel Corporation. I joined the group in Detroit. We visited the Ford Company, the Henry Ford Museum, and toured Greenfield Village. General Motors filled out the evening with an enjoyable dinner.

February 18th we visited the Tractor and Implement Division of the Ford Motor Company and had lunch with their officials. Later we toured the Dodge Truck Division of the Chrysler Corporation. Our host for the following morning was General Motors Corporation, where we had a very interesting time at the fabulous new G. M. Technical Center. Our last visit in Detroit was to the S. S. Kresge Company.

We journeyed by bus to Toledo, Ohio, where we received a warm welcome on our first visit to the DeVilbiss Company. The same evening we became acquainted with officials of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company.

With our arrival in Chicago on February 21st, our Good-Will Tour continued with a visit to the Oliver Corporation. This was followed by a tour of the Museum of Science and Industry where we were guests of the International Harvester Company at a luncheon. Later we met Mr. John McCaffrey, Chairman of the Board

of International Harvester and who is currently serving as chairman of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee. A pleasant evening was spent with officials of Sears, Roebuck Company.

Over the weekend your officers made several radio and television appearances, including a series of recordings to be used for the promotion of the FFA by the National FFA Foundation. I appeared on Don McNeal's Breakfast Club program, and the WLS National Barn Dance.

February 25th, we visited the Kraft Foods Company; and were guests of International Minerals and Chemical Corporation. Before we left Chicago we had a nice visit with Swift and Company.

At Milwaukee we visited with the officials of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company and had a most interesting tour of their factories.

Journeying to Racine, Wisconsin the following day, we had enjoyable visits with the folks at the J. I. Case Company, and Massey-Harris-Ferguson, Inc.

Upon our arrival in Chicago, it was a pleasure to renew my acquaintance with Mr. Charles B. Shuman, President of American Farm Bureau Federation, before visiting Armour and Company and Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

On March 1st, the final day of our Good-Will Tour, we journeyed to Crawfordsville, Indiana to visit with the officials of Mid-States Steel and Wire Company and take an interesting tour through their company.

During the last few days of the tour, we national officers discussed how fortunate the FFA is to have so many wonderful, close friends connected with business and industry that are willing to give unselfishly of their time, talents and money in the support of our organization. I am quite sure the deep admiration these people have for you and the work you are doing is why we were treated so royally on this tour. In passing I might add it was a pleasure to work with the many State officers on our tour.

Traveling back to Chicago, I met Mr. John L. McCaffrey, Chairman of the Board of International Harvester. Later we flew to Minneapolis, Minnesota in the International Harvester plane, where we appeared on the program of the Mid-West Farm Forum sponsored by the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Returning home March 6th, I was kept busy the next three weeks attending FFA chapter banquets in Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Iowa.

March 28th I headed for Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend my first State FFA Convention as National President. The convention program was well planned and State President Johnny Peterson, presided in fine fashion with the help of his fellow officers. Later I

visited with Lynn Loosli, his wife, and parents on their beautiful ranch in Idaho.

April 3rd found me in Reno, Nevada, where State President, Steve Sewell, presided over their colorful state FFA convention held in conjunction with their state FFA Judging Contests. Here, the smallest of the state conventions I attended, demonstrated it does not take large numbers to produce high quality.

I spent two days in the home of past Nevada State President, Bryan Hafen, before going to Arizona where I stayed with Gordon Hall, with whom I traveled in England. While in Arizona I met State President Marion Brown. During the week I attended four FFA chapter banquets and a federation meeting. I had a wonderful time with Pacific Regional Star Farmer Freddy North and his wife.

April 17th I boarded a plane in Phoenix and headed for home before traveling to the Tennessee State Convention. There I attended a large, well planned convention under the leadership of President Charles Wilson. It was a real pleasure to visit with the 1955 Star Farmer of America, Joe Moore, and his wife at the convention.

I boarded the plane for California to meet Pete Knutson, Pacific Regional Vice President, and we attended the convention in San Luis Obispo. The convention program was highlighted by an outstanding award program. State President Charles Filice and his hard working fellow officers are to be commended for the fine job they did.

After a short time at home I traveled to Nacogdoches, Texas, to speak at a chapter banquet and attend the Area IX FFA convention. I had the pleasure of judging the public speaking contest and participating in the meeting.

On May 19th I journeyed to Dora, New Mexico to attend an excellent chapter banquet and participated in their highly organized two day meeting. I had a nice, yet short visit with State President Perry Zumwalt.

It was good to be back home in Russellville, Arkansas, the site of my home state convention. I was impressed by the State FFA Band and the delegate participation in the many convention activities. President Thomas Walters did a very commendable job.

Next stop was Pine Bluff, Arkansas where I attended the state convention of the Arkansas Association of the New Farmers of America. Their officers did a fine job conducting a well rounded, interesting meeting. Their NFA Chorus provided plenty of very enjoyable entertainment.

June 4th found your national president in Springfield, Illinois to attend their convention. I witnessed a truly outstanding convention in every aspect. State President Jim Brandt and his fellow officers displayed real leadership through their work which exemplified the type of training given to the students of vocational agriculture in every state.

Upon my return home I found time to harvest my hay before heading east to Washington, D. C. I met Mr. Paul Gray, and together we drove to College Park, Maryland, to attend the state convention of that association. Johnny Webster's interesting convention was highlighted by a large awards banquet.

On June 30th Pete Knutson arrived at my home and journeyed to Chillicothe, Missouri to meet Jerry Litton and attend a meeting of FFA members in that district. On July 6th the three of us drove to Kentucky where we met your other national officers and enjoyed a thrilling week touring Kentucky doing such things as: a tour of Churchill Downs, the new State Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, a visit to state leadership camp at Hardinsburg, and Berea College. We were privileged to see the outdoor drama "Wilderness Road". This tour was climaxed when we were made Honorary Kentucky Colonels and spent a night in the Governor's mansion.

In Dallas, Texas, I was met by past state President Royce Bodiford and for two days, Mr. C. T. Johnson of the Sears, Roebuck Foundation served as our very gracious host. Later we drove to Ft. Worth to attend one of the largest state conventions of the organization. This state association is to be commended for the excellent manner in which it recognized the talents and abilities of its 37,000 members in its outstanding awards program. The Lone Star Degree Banquet was the highlight. An excellent job of publicity was done for this convention. State President Kenton Harvey and his fellow officers did a magnificent job.

I was in Washington, D. C. on July 20th where I met Jerry Litton and Jerry Ringo. We attended the luncheon and broadcast of "The National Farm and Home Hour" to "kick off" the National Farm Safety Week.

The week of July 22nd to 29th found your national Board of Student Officers in session with the National Board of Directors. During this week Arkansas Congressman, J. W. Trimble, honored us with a luncheon in the speaker's dining room. Each of the officers' Congressmen, and the Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn, were present. We also had the privilege of visiting with Secretary Folsom of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. A most interesting half hour was spent with Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Edward Foss Wilson, whom you met here at the convention. We all enjoyed a week end of water skiing and boating with Dr. and Mrs. Tenney, Mr. and Mrs. Farrar and Mr. and Mrs. Gray before departing for home.

On August 3, I traveled to St. Louis, Missouri with a large group of FFA boys from Missouri. Later we enjoyed a baseball game between the Cardinals and the Phillies.

August 17th I flew west to Ft. Collins, Colorado where I had the privilege of serving as co-chairman of the youth sessions of the American Institute of Cooperation meeting. Leaving Colorado, I

journeyed to New York City to attend the Youth Conference on Polio Vaccination sponsored by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. On my way home I stopped in Washington, D. C. for final planning for the national convention with Mr. Gray. Then I attended a district FFA banquet in Missouri. I traveled to Frankfort, Indiana to participate in an area FFA meeting.

On September 6, I gave the principal address at a large annual meeting of the Southside Electric Cooperative at Crewe, Virginia. I hurried home to re-enroll in the College of Agriculture at the University of Arkansas. However, I had to take time out from school to travel to Memphis, Tennessee to participate in a very interesting Mid-South Fair on September 23. Numerous other activities along with a busy school schedule have kept me busy up to last week, when I came to Kansas City. I have been here since Wednesday with my fellow officers planning, in executive Board Sessions and working getting ready for this climax of my year's work.

I owe thanks and grateful appreciation to many who have made my experiences in FFA so rich and rewarding. To every one of the 379,000 members I "thank you" for the privilege of representing you.

The experience of working with Dr. W. T. Spanton, Dr. A. W. Tenney, Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, Mr. R. E. Naugher, Mr. E. J. Johnson, Mr. H. N. Hunsicker, Mr. Lano Barron, Mr. E. J. Hawkins and Mr. John Farrar has been one that I will long remember. Without their interest and fine guidance many of my assignments would have been hard and not nearly so enjoyable as they have been. I am sure our organization will continue to grow in prestige and fulfill its objectives under their excellent leadership.

My State Executive Secretary, Mr. Frank Johnston, deserves many thanks, as well as my State Advisor, Mr. George Sullards and his staff.

To my chapter advisor, Mr. Joe J. Slaven, you will never know how much you have done for me or how much I appreciate your advice. You were the first to change my attitude toward school. I will always know you as an outstanding example of an agriculture teacher and friend.

To my fellow officers, Pete, James, Jerry (Litton), Jerry (Ringo), and Vic, I will always cherish the close bond of friendship we have developed. I appreciate your loyalty, cooperation and help. You are truly excellent representatives of your organization and fine examples of Young America. I wish each of you success in your life's work.

Mom and Dad, it is at a time like this that even the best of words become cheap as I try to express to you my most meaningful thanks for all you have done in these 21 years of my life. You have given me all of the love anyone could give a boy, along with the proper training to mold my life. You have sacrificed many things for me this year as well as in the past, and I can only say in my most humble manner—Thanks Mom—Thanks Dad!

Finally, and above all else, I thank my Father in Heaven, for it was His will that I serve as your national president. His Divine guidance has helped me on many occasions.

Fellow members, when I walk off of this stage and out of this auditorium, I assure you it will be a long and difficult walk. It will begin a new phase of life's journey filled with many pleasant memories, happy experiences and lasting friendships I have made the last year as your president. Although I will no longer be an active member, you can always count on me as an active supporter of the greatest youth organization of the world—the Future Farmers of America!

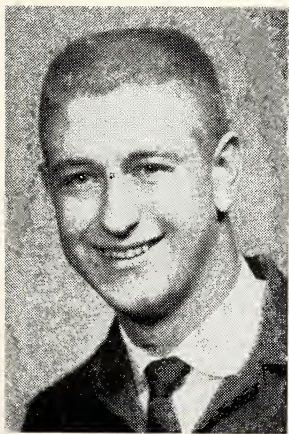
The organization is yours fellow members—rich in heritage and opportunities. It's up to you to make of it, and yourselves, what you want. May its principles help you spend your life wisely and full of service to your fellow men and your country. Nowhere but in America can a boy start at the very bottom and by work and determination, be able to ascend to the very top rung of the ladder of success. Set your goals high and may God bless and guide every one of you as you work toward these goals.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. HAID, JR.

Report of the National Student Secretary

Fellow Future Farmers, it is with great humbleness that I look back upon the past year. As I proudly stepped to the platform last year, I realized that the FFA had bestowed upon me the greatest thrill and honor of my life. I can sincerely say that the highlight of my office has been the close friendship and association with you Future Farmers. I hope that our friendship will be as strong and enduring as the Future Farmer organization.

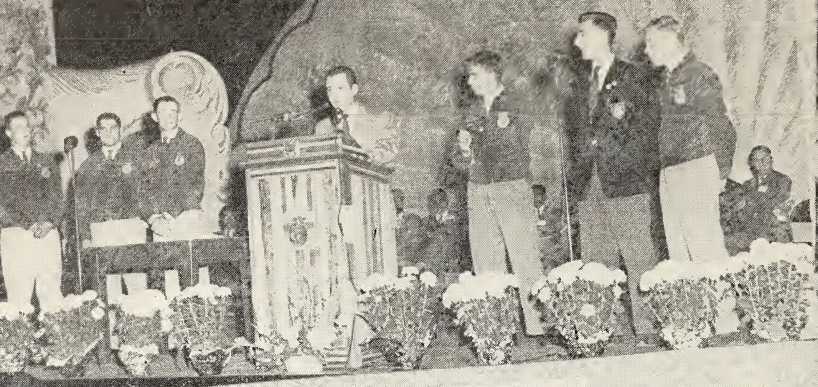


JERRY LITTON
Student Secretary

Following the national convention, I returned to the University of Missouri where I completed my first semester. I then dropped out of college so I could fulfill my duties as a national officer of the FFA.

January 22nd, I flew to Washington to attend my first National FFA Board Meeting. It was here that I learned what a big organization the FFA really is and what a big job I had to do. After two weeks in Washington we national officers participated on the FFA Good-Will Tour.

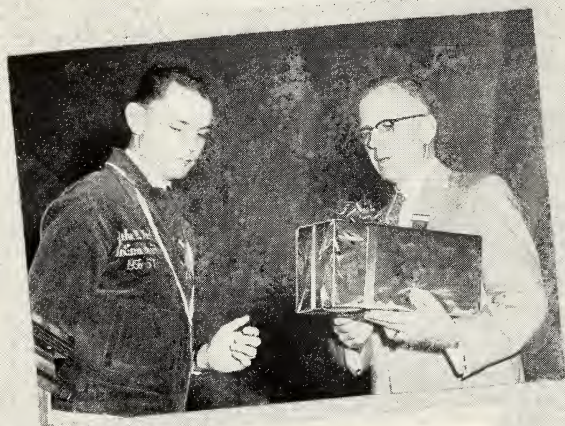
I returned home March 1st, to find a busy schedule of banquets and farm meetings awaiting me. March 12th, I flew to Texas for the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show in Mercedes, Texas.



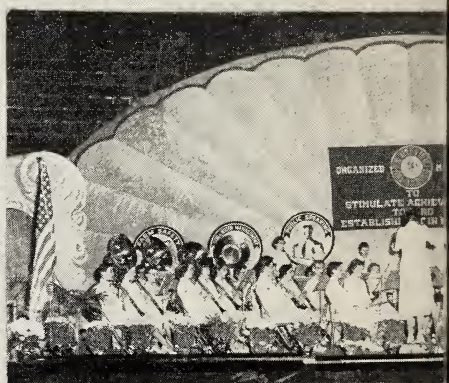
"The International Session is 'spiced' by Jack Timmons (Radio KWKH) and our friends from across the seas."



"What'd it have to be pre-registered?"



"That's right, Dr. Tenney you earned it."



"That WAF Band please look."



"You name it and we'll play it."—Rogersville, Alabama FFA String Band.



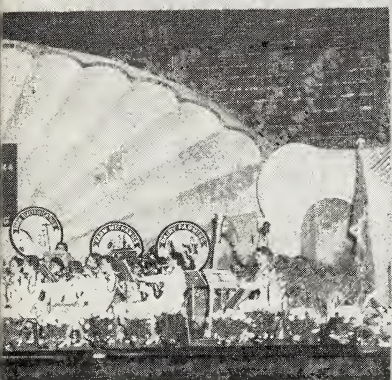
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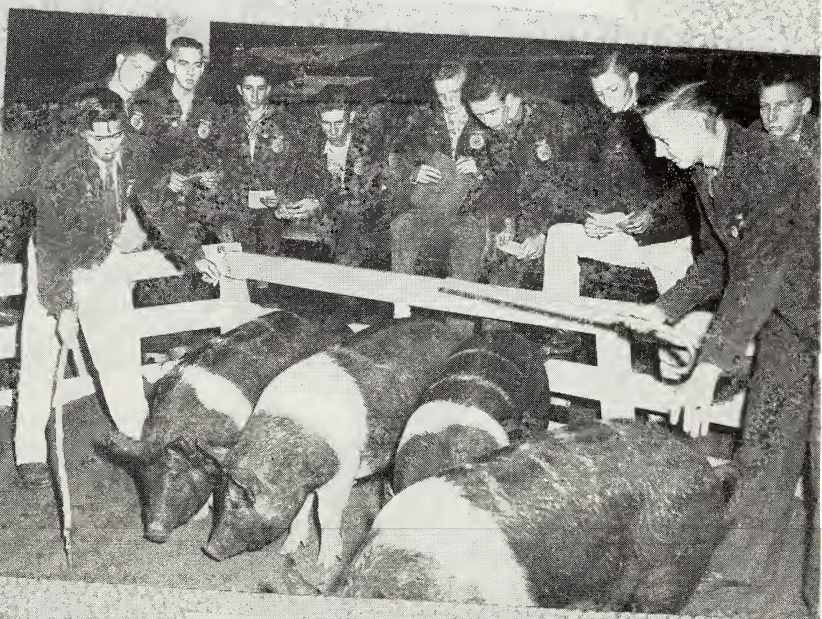
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"Our National FFA Band always leads
The American Royal Parade."



"Believe me, I'm on the Firestone Show,
too."

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(of music) by the
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String Band."

"You place 'em, suddenly I'm tired."

INTEREST"

I returned home March 16th and received a welcome visit from Dr. Tenney. March 26, found me back in Texas, where I spent a memorable ten days speaking at FFA banquets, civic clubs, FHA meetings, high school assemblies, livestock shows and rodeos.

On April 5th, I boarded a plane at Houston for Lincoln, Nebraska. I met Dr. Tenney, and we both attended the Nebraska State FFA Convention. The convention was highlighted with an excellent banquet. I returned home April 7, just in time to attend the North-West Missouri FFA District Meetings.

I drove from the district meeting to Columbia, Missouri, to attend the Missouri State Convention. Under the leadership of President Ron Worley, this convention ran very smoothly. The reception for parents of all FFA members was a grand success.

For a period of about two weeks, I attended many chapter banquets, including my local chapter's. The Missouri State Officers and past president Ron Worley honored me by attending this banquet.

April 24th, I flew to Stillwater to attend the Oklahoma State FFA Convention. The appearance of Governor Gary added much to the program. It was quite evident that the FFA of Oklahoma have the people sold on the FFA program. President Nathan Reese and his fellow officers presented an outstanding State Convention.

On April 28, I flew from Stillwater to Manhattan, Kansas, to attend the 29th annual FFA meeting of that State. The Kansas FFA takes pride in their State Farm Mechanics Contest, and after witnessing this well-planned contest program I can understand why.

I returned home May 1, for another week of chapter banquets. On May 5, I flew to St. Paul, Minnesota, to attend the Minnesota State Convention. They had one of the finest State banquets that I have ever attended, with over 1,500 guests at the banquet. The State band, chorus, State Farmer presentation, and FFA talent made it a banquet to remember.

Following a new State FFA Officers' meeting in Minneapolis, I traveled to Alexandria, Minnesota, where I met many friends of the FFA.

While at home from May 10 to May 20, I spoke at many various kinds of meetings. On May 21, I flew back to Minnesota to begin a week-long speaking tour of that State.

June 4th, I left for scenic Colorado to attend the Colorado State FFA Convention held up in the snow-capped Rockies at Steamboat Springs. The entire group of State officers performed their duties in an excellent manner. Their method of presenting State awards was as smooth as any I have ever seen.

I arrived home June 11th, and two days later, June 13th, I was at beautiful Green Lake, Wisconsin. Under the leadership of acting president Alan Spors, the Wisconsin FFA Association presented a program to be proud of.

On June 16, I flew from Green Lake to Fargo, North Dakota, and little did I realize that I was in for a most exciting week. Mr. DeAlton, State Advisor, and his officers deserve much credit for the success of their convention. I may be a windy speaker, but I don't take credit for the tornado that struck Fargo and lifted the roof from the convention hall five minutes before my speech was to be given.

June 21st, found me flying home to make arrangements for a district FFA meeting to be held in my home town. On July 4, President John Haid and Vice President Pete Knutson, arrived in Chilli-cothe. We were joined by the FFA presidents of Missouri, Iowa and Kansas. The next day was spent at an FFA parade, reception and District FFA Banquet.

John, Pete and I drove to Louisville, Kentucky on July 6, where we were met by officers Ringo, Cappucci and Quincey. Our tour of Kentucky was a very memorable one. I will never forget the honor of being commissioned a Kentucky Colonel. A highlight in the trip to Kentucky was a visit to their FFA Leadership Training Center at Hardinsburg.

July 18, was baseball day for FFA in the city of Kansas City. Over 2,000 Future Farmers attended a game between the Kansas City Athletics and the Boston Red Sox. I had the honor of throwing a strike-ball with Jim Piersall as batter.

On July 19, I flew to Washington, D. C. and with three leaders from other youth organizations, I represented the FFA to officially start National Farm Safety Week, to participate in a NBC broadcast, and to meet many Congressmen.

July 22-26, was spent in our second National FFA Board Meeting. At one meeting during the week we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House.

On August 1, I again joined John Haid in St. Louis for more FFA business and another baseball day for the FFA. The last two weeks of August, I enjoyed meeting and working with FFA chapters in Central Minnesota. I journeyed to Minneapolis to attend the Minnesota State Fair, and later to Des Moines to attend the Iowa State Fair. At both fairs I observed some excellent FFA exhibits.

I took time from my studies at the University of Missouri to attend the National Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo, Iowa. On October 9, I drove to Kansas City to meet with the other national officers to participate in Board meetings, and to make final plans for this national convention.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to each individual with whom I have come in contact this past year. You have helped me cultivate friendships, develop confidence, and given me much encouragement.

I especially want to thank Dr. Spanton, Mr. Gray, Dr. Tenney, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Naugher, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Barron and Mr. Hawkins, and all of the national office for their help and assistance.

A special thanks to Mr. Humphrey, my State Supervisor, and

his wife and staff, who have given me so much guidance and assistance over the past years in FFA.

To my agriculture instructors—Mr. Pat Crabtree, Mr. Bob King, and Mr. Lee Fitchett—go my heartfelt thanks for their advice. Without their support I could never have reached the top in FFA. My high school superintendent, Mr. Houston, and my teachers, Miss Wall and Mr. Dowell, have given me help when I needed it most.

Working with John, Pete, Vic, Jim and Jerry, is something that has made this year so wonderful. I will never forget the close cooperation and friendship which we have had.

To the parents of a national officer, the letters "FFA" sometimes mean "Father Farms Alone". Therefore, to my mom and dad, "thanks". Words cannot express the gratitude I have for two of the finest people in the world for the things you have done for me.

I want to thank our Heavenly Father for His guiding light, when the path seemed darkest and for the strength and courage He has given me to serve as your national officer.

Fellow Future Farmers, I say "thank you" for the experiences and the many friendships I have enjoyed this past year. As you plan your future, remember you are the cream of the crop, the hope of the nation—The Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,
JERRY LITTON

Report of the North Atlantic Regional Vice President

It was in October 1953 that I attended my first national convention. After that convention I returned home with a strong determination to work for higher goals in the FFA. After much planning and hard work an ambition was realized when I was elected North Atlantic Regional Vice President.



VICTOR CAPPUCCI, JR.
*North Atlantic
Vice President*

Soon after returning home from the convention I attended and spoke at FFA Father and Son Banquets, civic organizations, farm organization meetings, and talked to many people interested in the FFA.

My first assignment from the National Office in Washington, D. C., was to attend and represent the FFA at the 90th National Grange Session at Rochester, New York, on November 15th. I also participated in the youth panel discussion groups consisting of FFA, FHA, 4-H, and the Dairymen's League Young Cooperators. I enjoyed my visit with the National Master, Mr. Herschel Newsom.

On January 16th my wife and I journeyed to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to attend the mid-winter meeting of the State

Association of FFA. Here the program was in the capable hands of President James Speer, Jr.

On January 23rd I boarded a bus to Washington, D. C., for a series of meetings with the National Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors. This was the start of a very enjoyable, most interesting and educational six weeks in my life. Immediately after the board meetings we started on our annual good-will tour. We were treated royally and generously by the personnel of the Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

March 8th through April 2nd my date book was filled with speaking engagements at Father and Son Banquets and Leadership Training Conferences.

April 4th I traveled to the University of Massachusetts, at Amherst, to attend my first State convention. I was very pleased with the enthusiasm and interest of the Future Farmers of this State. The leadership of their President, Bill Rhodes, and his fellow officers, was quite inspiring.

April 28th I traveled to Newport, Rhode Island, with my State Supervisor, Mr. H. C. Fetterolf, and Mr. George Derr, to attend the North Atlantic Regional Conference and meet the State Supervisors and Teacher Trainers in the North Atlantic Region.

On May 16th I drove to New York State to attend their convention. I witnessed a very fine Chapter Procedure Contest and the work of the entire group of Future Farmers at this Convention was very impressive. Howard Cornell did a very splendid job in conducting the program.

On the 17th I drove to Kingston, to attend the Rhode Island Convention on the 18th. Here I presided over the public speaking and the parliamentary procedure contests. Bill King did a commendable job and held an extremely interesting program. Upon returning home I kept busy with speaking engagements with various organizations throughout the state.

June 11th-13th, I attended my home state convention held at Penn State University. I witnessed a well planned program ably conducted by President James Speer, Jr. and his fellow officers. One of the highlights of the convention was the joint session with the Pennsylvania FFA and FHA members which was climaxed by entertainment and a large square dance. The band and chorus added much to the convention.

I had a chance to finish most of my haying before leaving on the 26th to attend the Maine FFA Convention at Orono. Here I had the honor of presiding over the State Public Speaking Contest and presenting the State Star Farmer award. This convention was in the hands of a very capable leader, Dick Barker. I left Orono on the 27th to attend the New Jersey Convention, which was held at the beautiful camp of Pahaquarrs. I was especially impressed by their excellent public speaking contest. From what I saw of the

convention meetings, Dick Van Auken, President, did a splendid job presiding.

The evening of the 27th I journeyed to Rochester, New Hampshire to attend their state convention. Their awards banquet was a privilege to see. President Ray LeBlanc did a magnificent job.

On the 7th of July I boarded a plane for Louisville, Kentucky, to join my fellow officers in touring the home state of our Vice President, Jerry Ringo. This was a most entertaining and enjoyable week. I had no more than arrived home on the morning of the 14th, than I packed clean clothes and boarded a plane that afternoon for the Connecticut Convention at Middletown, on the 15th. Here I presented the FFA Foundation awards and the State Star Farmer awards. Ralph Leavenworth demonstrated fine ability as an officer and leader of this convention.

On the 16th I traveled through the beautiful hills of Vermont to attend their convention at Randolph Center. This association had a very inspiring Star Farmer Ceremony and their newly organized band is one they can be proud of. President Larry Gebo and his fellow officers are to be congratulated for their fine meeting. I returned home on the evening of the 19th, picked up clean clothes and boarded a plane to Washington, D. C., for a week of official Board Meetings.

My schedule for the next month was a little lighter and this enabled me to catch up on some very delayed farm work. James Quincey dropped by my home for a few days before we left for Springfield, Massachusetts to attend the Eastern States Exposition on the 13th and 14th of September. We were honored by having charge of the North Atlantic Regional Public Speaking Contest and the Awards Banquet. We presented the Star State Farmer Award of the North Atlantic Region.

On October 9th I left for Kansas City to assist in the final planning and preparation for this convention.

During the past year I have had the golden opportunity to meet thousands of wonderful Future Farmers. I've also met inspiring men in many walks of life, among them outstanding persons in business, industry, education and government. I'm grateful, not only to the FFA for these wonderful experiences, but I'm indebted to all who have given me counsel, guidance, inspiration and encouragement. This especially pertains to members of our National Staff, Dr. Spanton, Dr. Tenney, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Farrar and Mr. Gray.

I would like to express a sincere "thank you" to all you Future Farmers in making these things possible for me.

To my Vocational Agriculture teachers, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Wilson, who have worked diligently to help me, I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation. My area advisor, Mr. Aumiller, and Mr. Fetterolf, my state supervisor, have provided leadership, counsel and helped me through their guidance. The staff at Penn State University, has given timely advice which has helped this farm boy develop self-confidence.

To my fellow officers, John, Jerry Ringo, James, Pete and Jerry Litton I wish to express my appreciation for the many happy hours we have spent together and for the friendships we have built. I wish all of you the very best of everything.

Mom and Dad, I want you to know I deeply and sincerely appreciate your support and guidance which has helped pave the way for the achievements and goals I have reached in FFA. My sincere "thanks" to my brother Jim and my sister Valerie, both have sacrificed much so that I might carry out my duties as a national officer.

To my charming wife Millie, and lovely daughter Vicki, go my deepest appreciation for the wonderful help and encouragement they gave me in making this such a splendid year.

I say "hats off" to you Future Farmers for your wonderful accomplishments and the fine job you are doing in developing leadership, cooperation, citizenship, and becoming established in farming. As my father has told me often, "Son, the opportunity is there, all you have to do is work for it".

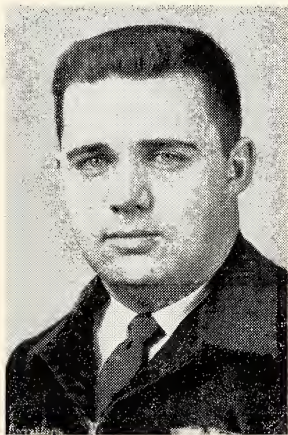
Good luck and may God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR CAPPUCCI, JR.

Report of the Central Regional Vice President

It is with a deep sense of humility and sincere appreciation that I come before you, the representatives of the most dedicated farm organization in the world, to tell you of my activities in your behalf during my term as a national officer of your organization. I



JERRY RINGO
Central Vice President

wish that I could relate every conversation and give you a sketch of every individual I met. You would understand better, then, why I am so grateful for the opportunity you, the Future Farmers of America, gave me by electing me to this office.

Following the adjournment of the 29th FFA Convention I returned home to Rothwell, Kentucky, where farm work and invitations to state and local functions were awaiting. These activities required the most of my time until January when I left for Washington, D. C., and the meetings of the Board of Student Officers and Directors, and the Good-Will Tour.

The Tour ended March 1st and I returned to Chicago to address the general session of the National REA Convention attended by some 5,000 persons.

March 10 found me returning to Chicago for the Central Regional Conference of Supervisors and Teacher

Trainers to tell them of experiences in FFA activities and the outstanding work of FFA throughout America.

A schedule of local banquets and civic clubs kept me busy until March 24 when I left for East Lansing, Michigan, and the Michigan State Convention. Norm Brown, state president, and Mr. E. A. Lightfoot, state executive secretary, had planned a most challenging program.

April 4-6 found me at Purdue University in Indiana where I found every Future Farmer in the official delegate body wearing an official FFA jacket. Jerry Rulon and his fellow officers are to be commended for a good convention.

The entire group of Iowa State FFA officers met me at the airport at Cedar Rapids on April 24th, and I began four interesting days of speaking, judging, and witnessing a well organized and capably conducted convention, presided over by Herb Hoover.

From April 29-May 4 I averaged speaking to three chapters a day and a banquet each evening in the western section of Kentucky. It served to remind me again of the real foundation of our national FFA organization as I saw over 500 Future Farmers in those local chapters—for it is there we are developing those qualities of leadership that Future Farmers should possess.

June 5 and 6 I attended the Kentucky State Convention at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville. Howard Downing and his fellow officers conducted a good meeting with 1,200 Future Farmers in attendance.

The Ohio Convention was held at Ohio State University on June 6, 7, and 8. John Poppe, state president, presided at a banquet for 1,300 parents, FFA members and civic-business leaders where I was privileged to speak.

On June 11-14 I visited Clemson College, South Carolina, where Tom Harmon and his state officers presided over a convention program of many FFA activities. Their FFA Sweetheart contest and Star State Farmer Award shared the spotlight.

All the dignity and hospitality of the South was exemplified June 17-20 as Danny Bird and his fellow officers conducted the Virginia Convention. Danny can take his position with other outstanding State leaders in our great organization.

On July 7-13 I was honored as no other national officer. I had the distinct privilege of having as my guests for a week, my fellow national officers. With the help of my fellow Kentuckians we tried to show them our State and just a sample of "Kentucky Hospitality." Later in the year Kentucky was honored to have as our guests for a few days the National President of the Future Farmers of Japan and his advisors. Not only did the FFA increase in prestige in Kentucky as a result of these visits, but our organization gained many new friends after meeting my fellow officers and our distinguished foreign guests.

July 22-26 was the time for the summer meeting of the Board of Student Officers and Directors in Washington. A week of work in planning the National Convention and other FFA business matters of your organization were handled.

August 22 and 23 I journeyed to the Ohio State Fair and renewed acquaintances with Larry Earhart and the Ohio Future Farmers as I conducted the Central Regional Public Speaking Contest.

The National Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa, in early October presented the opportunity of appearing at several service club meetings and with the Waterloo FFA Advisory Committee.

There are many persons to whom I am deeply indebted for making these years so enjoyable and successful. First my vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. Fairel C. Bailey who instilled in me the "spark of enthusiasm" for our organization. To Mr. W. C. Montgomery, my State Executive Secretary, a most sincere thank-you for your encouragement and guidance during my seven years in FFA. To the entire staff of vocational agricultural education in Kentucky; to the 12,000 Kentucky Future Farmers for their loyal support; and to Martha Anglin and Virgie Baker, secretaries in the State office, your patience and hard work was most helpful. To Mrs. Geneva Thompson, local newspaper editor, many thanks for your untiring efforts.

Mr. Robert B. Hensley, President of Kentucky Industries Trust Company, your keen awareness of my FFA activities has been like a fatherly love in many respects. To him goes my fondest appreciation.

To mother—a son's sincere appreciation for your understanding and hard work, when I was away from home, will never be forgotten.

To Dr. Spanton, Mr. Gray, Dr. Tenney, Mr. Farrar and the entire Washington staff, your thoughtful advice has made my duties easier.

To Mr. Lano Barron of the *National Future Farmer* and Mr. Eddie Hawkins of the Supply Service—you are contributing much to FFA across our land.

Finally, to my fellow officers—John, Jim, Jerry, Pete and Vic—you will ever serve to remind me of the fine job our organization is doing in developing leadership—and personally, you deserve far more than just friendship. May we continue in life as we have this year, working together.

I am humble to know I am to represent the FFA in Japan, accompanied by Mr. E. J. Johnson. I shall look forward with great anticipation to fulfilling the responsibility you have given me to help our friends in the FFJ have a better understanding of our American way of life which is so democratically exemplified through our great organization.

May God's guiding hand direct me to think and say those things that will represent the FFA.

This, then, is my report as a national officer of the FFA. This great farm boy organization has helped in such a dynamic way to develop in me those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess as I try to meet that inspiring task of "Living to Serve". I am humbly thankful for the opportunity that has been mine to serve it. I leave my high office content in one respect—that I have given to it the best that was in me. It has been a richly rewarding experience and if what I've said falls short of what I think, well "... a man's reach should exceed his grasp or what's a heaven for?"

Respectfully submitted,
JERRY RINGO

Report of the Pacific Regional Vice President

I vividly recall last October when I was elected to assume the challenging duties of National Vice President of the Future Farmers of America. With deep pride and humbleness I began a year of unbelievable opportunities. Yes, a dream had come true and little did I know the greatest year of my life was ahead with many enjoyable and educational experiences awaiting me.



ROGERRIC J. KNUTSON
Pacific Vice President

Following the convention I had the privilege of participating in the American Royal Parade. Upon my arrival home, I represented the FFA at the Tri-State Futurity, Hereford show and sale.

During the months of November and December my heavy schedule kept me busy attending chapter banquets and speaking to various civic organizations.

January 22, I traveled to Washington, D. C., to meet with the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors for our January Board meetings.

From Washington we started our annual Good-Will Tour on February 3. This began four of the most interesting and worthwhile weeks of my life. The opportunity to meet with leaders of business and industry was indeed an inspiration.

On the evening of March 11, I left for LaGrande, Oregon and my first state convention. I participated in a radio broadcast with our Past National President, Dan Dunham. Here I was deeply

impressed with an outstanding convention conducted under the leadership of Roy Chapin and his fellow officers.

I traveled to Torrington, Wyoming to attend their State convention on March 22-23. I was greeted by a very enthusiastic group of Future Farmers and I received the Honorary State Farmer Degree. President Eli Mirich and his fellow officers are to be congratulated on their fine convention.

Next I headed west to the neighboring state of Idaho. Here Jim Carpenter and his fellow officers did a tremendous job of conducting their 26th State Convention. Their Star State Farmer Ceremony added a lot of color to the Convention.

Upon leaving Idaho, I flew directly to Pullman, Washington, to attend their State Convention. It was my privilege to attend their executive committee meeting prior to the Convention. Bill Houger and fellow officers did extremely well in conducting a very smooth convention.

Leaving Washington, I returned to attend my home State Convention at Bozeman. The convention was a great success under the capable leadership of Rand Robbin and his fellow officers. It was climaxed by a colorful banquet. After the Montana Convention I returned home for only ten days when on the 27th of April, my travels took me to Brookings, South Dakota where I witnessed a successful Convention under the leadership of Robert Groos and fellow officers.

Next, I flew to San Luis Obispo, California, to attend their State Convention May 1st to 3rd. It was a pleasure to join John Haid and exchange stories of our grand experiences. State President Charles Filice surely did an excellent job along with his fellow officers conducting their convention. The morning of May 3rd John and I had a splendid visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lisk, the parents of Mrs. Raymond Firestone. We then joined the state officers for a home-cooked meal at Charles Filice's farm. That evening we traveled with Joe Russ, Past State President, to his home at Ferndale and enjoyed a wonderful visit with his family.

On my return home, I stopped at Lakeview, Oregon, for a short visit with Dan Dunham.

June 30, I arrived in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, to spend several days in the home of John Haid and his fine parents. On July 4th we traveled to Chillicothe, Missouri for a District FFA Convention. Here we enjoyed the kind hospitality of Jerry Litton and his wonderful family.

July 6, Jerry, John and I left by car for Louisville, Kentucky, to meet other officers and begin a Good-Will Tour through the state of Kentucky. Jerry Ringo certainly had a wonderful tour planned.

After the Kentucky tour, I traveled with James Quincey to his home near Trenton, Florida. I had a very splendid visit with his fine family.

July 19, James and I traveled to Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, to attend their 29th convention. Calvin McCutcheon and his most efficient fellow officers conducted a successful convention.

Sunday, July 21, James and I left for Washington, D. C., to attend the July board meetings.

From the Nation's Capital, I flew to Prescott, Arizona, to attend my final convention, July 31-August 1-2. This well organized convention was highlighted by several colorful ceremonies, and an outstanding awards program. Marion Brown and his fellow officers conducted their conference magnificently. It was my pleasure here to participate in an unforgettable Sweetheart Ball.

It has been gratifying for me to witness the outstanding capabilities of our leaders in this great organization. But most of all I cherish the friendships I have established among you Future Farmers from the various states. Therefore, to the members of the greatest farm boy organization, goes my heartfelt thanks for your support and kind hospitality during the past year.

To Dr. Spanton, Dr. Tenney, Mr. Gray, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Johnson and the other members of the National office I would like to say—thanks for your sincere advice, and fine guidance. It has been an inspiration to work with each of you.

I shall always be thankful to my chapter advisors—Mr. Hoffman, (now deceased), Mr. Showman and Mr. Michels, for their devoted efforts in making my FFA career a success.

To my State advisor, Mr. A. W. Johnson, I am extremely grateful for his counsel and guidance. Your inspiration has guided me to the higher goals in our organization.

To my fellow officers John, Jerry Litton, James, Jerry Ringo, and Victor, words seem too inadequate at this time to express my gratitude for our everlasting friendship. My admiration is high for each of you and may the best of success come your way. To my Mother and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sullivan, who are attending this convention, words cannot express my thanks. From the bottom of my heart goes the feeling of love and appreciation for the many sacrifices you have made, in helping me discharge my duties as a National officer.

I would like to say thanks to my Father in Heaven, who has guided me through a year of so many unbelievable experiences.

Truly, I can say that the FFA has played an important part in developing my life. I have been extremely proud to serve you as a National Vice President.

Future Farmers may I remind you that the opportunities are yours and your achievements will be based on the true knowledge of our organization.

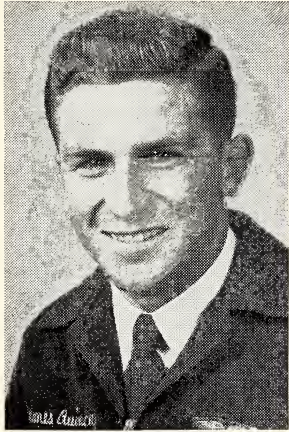
May God bless each of you Future Farmers.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGERRIC J. (PETE) KNUTSON

Report of the Southern Regional Vice President

I think many FFA members dream of becoming a national officer. Little did I realize that on October 18, 1956 my dream was to become a reality and I began what has been the most important year of my life. My fondest imagination could not comprehend the wonderful experiences I was to enjoy, meeting so many wonderful people, seeing new places, and making lasting friendships.



JAMES QUINCEY
Southern Vice President

My first experience as a National Officer was to attend the State Convention of the Florida Farm Bureau. Then I was kept busy speaking at FFA Parent and Son Banquets, and trying to keep up with my work at the University of Florida until after the close of the fall semester in January. On January 22, P. K. Beck, President of the Florida association and I visited Governor Collins for his proclamation of National FFA Week in the state.

January 23 found me in Washington with the other officers for the Board meetings of the Student Officers, Board of Directors, and Trustees. We left immediately after these meetings on the Good-Will Tour. I shall always cherish my memories of that enlightening and enjoyable trip.

I returned home on March 3 and participated in speaking engagements at civic clubs, FFA banquets, radio and TV programs, livestock shows, and other meetings.

On April 2 through 4 I went to Atlanta, Ga. for the Southern Regional Conference. I enjoyed working with Mr. Naugher and the leaders from the Southern Region states. I accepted checks amounting to \$20,000 for the FFA Foundation while in Atlanta.

April 22 and 23 I attended the state officer meeting of the Florida Association in Daytona Beach where I helped in planning the Florida Convention.

May 3 through 5 I was in Miami with P. K. Beck for the state convention of the Distributive Cooperative Training Clubs. May 19 through 21 I attended the Florida Council of Cooperatives Meeting.

May 28 through June 3 I took time off from my FFA activities to go with my family to Miami Beach for the first All-American Family Search. I was able to tell a lot of people about the FFA as my family placed third in the final selection.

I went to the Louisiana FFA Convention on June 4 and stayed until the morning of June 6th, when I flew to the Alabama Convention on the afternoon of the 6th and the morning of the 7th. Although I was present for only a short time at each of these conventions, I found them very interesting and well planned. I enjoyed working with Mr. Faulkner and all the state officers did

a splendid job in Alabama. I visited the Alabama State Capitol and met with both the House and Senate. Then I boarded a plane and returned to the Louisiana convention where I had a new and enjoyable experience of crowning the lovely sweetheart of the Louisiana Association. Sam Friedman and his fellow officers did a fine job in conducting their convention.

June 10 through 14 I was in Daytona Beach for the Florida Convention. They had a fine convention; all the officers handled the convention with poise and confidence exercising the leadership training they had received.

On June 23 I left for the Mississippi Convention. I wish to commend James Moffitt, State President and the other state officers for their excellent convention. I was most grateful when they gave me the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

I left Mississippi on June 26 for the North Carolina Convention. At this convention I judged the Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure contests and awarded certificates and degrees to the parents of the state officers. Gilbert Allgood and the other officers did a splendid job of conducting the meetings.

On July 7, I left for Kentucky for a most enjoyable week with Jerry Ringo and the other National officers as we toured the wonderful state of Kentucky.

When I left Kentucky on July 13th I had Pete Knutson with me. My family and I were most happy to have Pete visit with us in our home. Pete and I left for the West Virginia Convention on July 19. I thought Calvin McCutcheon and the other officers handled a very interesting convention program.

We arrived in Washington, D. C. on July 22 to meet for a week with the other officers and the Board of Directors on official business and to begin planning for our convention.

July 29 through August 1, I attended the State Convention of the Georgia Association. I enjoyed visiting with Terrell Benton, last year's National Student Secretary, and Wesley Patrick, Star Farmer of America. State President Jim Thomas did a grand job of leading his fellow officers as they conducted an outstanding convention.

From August 18 through 24 I joined Lloyd Dubroff and his fellow officers of the Florida Association for a State Officers Good-Will Tour.

September 4 I left for Jackson, Mississippi where I helped conduct the Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest.

Monday, September 9, I arrived in Mehoopany, Pennsylvania, where I enjoyed visiting with Victor Cappucci, his wife and daughter. On September 12 Vic and I went to the Eastern States Fair and Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts. I enjoyed working with Vic and Mr. Hunsicker on FFA activities connected with the Fair and Exposition. I shall always remember the pride which Gov. Johnson of Vermont had as he presented the top award to Charles Sargent of Vermont.

I returned home and again enrolled in the University of Florida on September 18th. I enjoyed a visit with David Gemmill, exchange student from Great Britain on September 20 through the 21.

October 1 through the 4th, I represented the FFA at the National Convention of the New Farmers of America held in Atlanta, Georgia. Marvin Roundtree, National NFA President from North Carolina did a fine job in handling their convention. They had an interesting program and a real good convention.

As this convention comes to a close, my active membership in the greatest rural youth organization in the world will end. I will always cherish my membership in the FFA and today I would like to express my appreciation for this.

I am grateful to God for the health, wisdom, guidance, and happiness that He has given me. Also I thank Him for the opportunities He has provided and for the confidence assured in times when needed.

To my Mother and Dad, I can never find words to express my thanks for the Christian home which you have given me. Also for the sacrifices you have made as I have tried to grow into manhood. To my brother, Horace, thanks for working extra hours and helping with my farming program so that I might carry out my duties. Then to my sister, Kathy, thanks for the love and inspiration you have given to me.

To my Chapter Advisor, Mr. H. E. Brown and his wife, my thanks for helping me in my Vocational Agriculture program. To my high school principal, Mr. L. E. Lindsay, thanks for your guidance; Mr. Roberts, my county superintendent, I appreciate your inspiration. I appreciate the encouragement and support the people of my community have given me.

To Mr. H. E. Wood, my state advisor, Mr. A. R. Cox, executive secretary, Mr. Smith, Mr. Northrop, Mr. Barrineau, all district supervisors, and Mr. Lofton, teacher trainer, my thanks for your counsel and guidance.

Then to Dr. Spanton, Dr. Tenney, Mr. Gray, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Naugher, and Mr. Farrar, I wish to express my gratitude for the wonderful experience of working with you during the past year.

To my fellow officers, Johnny, Jerry Ringo, Jerry Litton, Victor, and Pete, I know that you have done a great job in representing the FFA. I count you among my very closest friends. You certainly are a grand bunch of fellows and may the very best of everything be yours.

And now to the Future Farmers of America as an organization, and to you the representatives of the more than 382,000 members across our great land, my most humble and sincere thanks for giving me the opportunity to enjoy these wonderful experiences which I have shared with you and for allowing me to serve as the national vice president of our organization. May God continue to bless our organization and Future Farmers everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES QUINCEY

Report of National Executive Secretary

Wm. Paul Gray



There has been a rapid change in agriculture since the beginning of World War II. Over 15,000,000 persons have left the farms, and today there are approximately 715,000 fewer farms than in 1940. Less than 13.5 per cent of the total United States population is engaged in farming as compared to 18.8 per cent in 1940 and 28 per cent of the total U. S. population engaged in farming in 1928—the year the Future Farmers of America was organized. Also the average size of farms has increased from 174 to 242 acres, and the production of farm products has increased over 30 per cent. Perhaps the new era in agriculture has arrived! We are certain that systematic, organized instruction in

vocational agriculture has had much to do with these important trends in agriculture.

Future Farmers in almost every chapter have found it increasingly difficult to provide facilities, obtain land or capital to carry on farming programs. Much of our country has been seared by drouth, devastated by wind, tornadoes and hail; farm prices have been affected in some cases because of improper balance between supply and demand and Government subsidies. Regardless of these obstacles and handicaps, members of the FFA have met these challenges, they have set new records and performed outstanding accomplishments in almost every phase of our program. Today, as we meet at our 30th annual convention, there is presented this brief summary of our activities during the past year. We recognize that the progress made is the result of the work of the members of the FFA, their teachers of vocational agriculture, and staff members in agricultural education. We are especially indebted for the helpful assistance that has been given to the FFA by individuals, our many friends in other organizations, and from the field of industry and business.

The following report on accomplishments of the Future Farmers of America is for the year ended June 30, 1957:

Report on Accomplishments

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Item	Goal	Accomplishment
1. Producing food and other farm products	100% of members having a comprehensive farming program consisting of two or more productive enterprises	68%

Item	Goal	Accomplishment
2. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	61% livestock 48% crop
3. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	51%
II. COOPERATION		
1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	75%
2. Cooperate with other groups	100% chapter participation	93%
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Stress reconditioning of farm machinery and equipment	100% member and chapter participation	46% member 78% chapter
2. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% States and chapters with a safety program	90% States 53% chapters
3. Conserving resources	100% member and chapter participation	36% member 70% chapter
4. Maintaining farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	47%
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American farmer applicants	88%
2. Chapter library	100% of chapters with libraries which include 5 or more FFA books	88%
3. Public Speaking	100% States and chapters holding Public Speaking Contests	100% States 57% chapters
4. Parliamentary Procedure	100% of chapters conduct meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	95%
5. Programs of Work	100% of States and chapters having a written program of work	100% States 87% chapters
6. Leadership training	100% States holding leadership training schools or conferences for chapter officers and members	94% States 65% chapters participating 12% members participating
7. Public Relations	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	90% States issued State paper, periodical or news sheet 32% chapters issued news sheets or news letters 70% chapters prepared publicity material

Item	Goal	Accomplishment
		48% States sponsored radio series
		44% chapters prepared and gave radio broadcasts
		36% States sponsored television series
		20% chapters prepared and gave television programs
8. National FFA Week	100% State and chapter participation	98% States 84% chapters
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Thrift	100% chapters preparing a budget	78%
2. Earning money for the local chapter	100% chapters earned enough money to finance chapter activities	84%
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Official Manual	100% members having access to Official Manual	90%
2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	100% chapters using both books	88% secretary's 84% treasurer's
3. Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies	100% States and chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual	98% States 88% chapters
4. Official ceremonies	100% chapters using official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings	91%
5. State conventions	100% States hold convention	100%
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% chapter meetings	93% chapters held regular meetings 51% members attended
VII. SCHOLARSHIP		
1. Improving scholarship	100% of members to attain a satisfactory scholarship record	87% chapters stimulated members to improve their scholarship
VIII. RECREATION		
1. Supervised Recreation	100% member participation	85% chapters provided supervised recreation 71% members participated
IX. GENERAL		
1. Membership	Every eligible boy a member	379,396 members

THE FUTURE FARMER BUILDING

The 30 acres of land that is owned by the FFA three miles west of Mount Vernon is part of what was formerly the George Washington estate. Many of you know this as the national camp. I am happy to inform you that construction is now completed on your new building erected on this site. It is a building all of you can be proud of. It is of Colonial architecture, brick construction, completely air-conditioned and fireproof. It is 176 feet long and 36 feet wide. It has two floors, a basement and spacious attic storage space and it is decorated in color dynamics. It is designed and equipped for efficiency and comfortable working conditions. You will benefit through the excellent services the staffs of both the Supply Service and The NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER Magazine will be able to give you.

Many people deserve considerable credit for the designing, planning and construction of this building. We are most thankful to the Boards of Student Officers and Directors, the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, Mr. Hollenberg, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Barron, and especially Dr. Spanton, for their keen interest and effort on your behalf.

THE FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE

Your Supply Service has continued to grow at an amazing rate; however, it has not lost sight of the importance of quality and price while it grew and improved its service to you.

A number of new FFA items have been added at the request of State Associations and by authorization of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors. Mr. Hawkins' staff has a wonderful display booth in the Little Theater. Please know that this group is anxious to discuss the Supply Service with you.

THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

We were pleased when the Future Farmer Magazine became a reality, and later when six issues per year were printed and distributed. Any local chapter or State Association that has 100 per cent of its membership subscribing to the magazine can be justly proud of that achievement. May such a goal be a challenge to you, your chapter, and State Association.

Progress is going forward satisfactorily in the promotion of two FFA calendars. Mr. Cedric Lafley, Associate Editor of The NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER, has worked untiringly to develop this activity which has great potentialities for promoting the FFA, which will benefit all local chapters by providing them a means for fund raising.

Mr. Barron, the Editor, and his staff of fine workers, are doing a very commendable job of selling FFA through the magazine. We look to the future with confidence for continued progress when this group begins their work in the new building.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

State associations, local chapters and members are participating in many activities to promote and develop agricultural leadership. We are pleased that 47 State associations held special leadership schools to provide this training to over 5,870 chapters. From the reports of our national officers attending State conventions and visiting local chapters, as well as what you will witness at this convention, there is every reason to believe it to be sound training in leadership. We congratulate these State associations.

STATE CONVENTIONS

We are pleased that each State association held a convention during the past year. It is gratifying to note that the majority of these conventions are providing greater opportunity for member planning and participation. Significant contributions are being made at these annual meetings in recognizing individual and chapter accomplishments for every phase of work in vocational agriculture. We were successful in having a national FFA officer attend 46 of these State conventions.

OFFICER TRAVEL

You can be justly proud of your national officers. These young men have served you well, efficiently and faithfully without monetary compensation. They have worked diligently in rendering this outstanding service to your organization. They have won many friends to the FFA because they are sincere, friendly, capable and outstanding in leadership. I have considered it a great privilege to work with these national officers during a part of this past year. I know you will be thrilled and pleased to hear their reports.

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

The 1954 convention adopted and authorized the new Chapter Award Program. That year 99 applications were received. I am pleased to report that we have received 126 applications this year. This points out growing interest and development in this phase of our program. A review of these reports submitted indicates that FFA chapters are using this device to promote and strengthen the total educational program in vocational agriculture. Let us not forget that our chapter program is very important, and if we all continue to work together, this phase of our work in vocational agriculture will do much to strengthen FFA in every chapter.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. was supported by more than 300 donors this year. These representatives of business, industry, farm and civic organizations, and individuals through this support have done much toward promoting and stimulating interest among students of vocational agriculture. On Wednesday evening we will be honored to have with us, as platform guests, representatives of donors to the Foundation.

SUMMARY

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1957, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION	
Total number chartered active local chapters.....	9,054
Total number eligible departments of vocational agriculture without FFA chapters.....	55
Total active membership in chartered chapters.....	379,396
B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS	
Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree	165,236
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree	202,291
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree	11,150
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree	719
Total active membership.....	379,396
I. SUPERVISED FARMING	
Number of members who have a comprehensive farming program consisting of two or more productive enterprises.....	259,437
Number of members who received awards for outstanding achievement in supervised farming.....	34,655
Number of members who used improved livestock practices.....	231,650
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work	4,590
Number of members who used improved crop production practices	182,517
Total amount actually invested in farming by active members, as of January 1 of this year.....	\$104,954,299.18
II. COOPERATION	
Number of chapters cooperating with other groups.....	8,377
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort....	285,699
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE	
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery	175,427
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery	7,038
Number of State Associations having a safety program in operation	45
Number of chapters that conducted a safety campaign.....	4,779
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work....	131,269
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work....	6,489
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment	178,051
IV. LEADERSHIP	
Number of State Associations that nominated full quota of American Farmers	44
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more FFA books	7,956
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest.....	5,122
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings.....	8,577
Number of chapters having definite continuing written program of work	7,916
Number of State Associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheets regularly.....	45

Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly.....	6,298
Number of State Associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members	47
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences	5,871
Number of members participating in leadership training schools or conferences	45,630
Number of State Associations sponsoring radio broadcast series	24
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs	3,985
Number of State Associations sponsoring a series of television programs	18
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more television programs	1,823
Number of Association members attending last National FFA Convention	13,712
Number of State Associations participating in National FFA Week	49
Number of chapters that participated in National FFA Week....	7,568

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of chapters that prepared a budget.....	7,023
Number of chapters that earned enough money to finance chapter activities	7,598

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book.....	7,942
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book.....	7,605
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	7,992
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing ceremonies for regular meetings.....	8,400
Number of chapters using official degree ceremonies.....	8,253
Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	8,428
Number of State Associations holding a convention.....	50
Number of members who have attended 100% of chapter meetings	193,040

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship	7,888
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VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation.....	7,659
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities	270,908
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year.....	18
Number of members attending State camps.....	20,001
Number of chapters represented at State camps.....	2,060

COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Number of recognized teacher training departments operating Collegiate FFA Chapters.....	25
Reported membership in Collegiate Chapters.....	1,472

WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

We can be proud of the FFA organization because of the magnificent record of past accomplishments. We look to the future with confidence; we will continue to improve ourselves and our organization through accepting real challenges. One challenge is to increase our membership! In 1956 we had a membership of 382,342, compared to 379,396 in 1957, a drop of 2,946 members. We

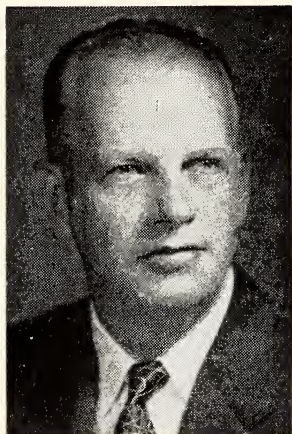
know we are not enrolling in FFA all the students who are studying vocational agriculture. These students should belong to the FFA in order to help themselves as well as strengthen the organization. We should also encourage the continuation of membership after the students leave high school.

I wish to compliment each of you for the excellent accomplishments during the past year under the leadership of your officers and the guidance and advice of your teachers of vocational agriculture. Let us give credit for the cooperation of your school, your community and most important, your parents who have contributed much to make possible your record of accomplishments.

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

Join me in looking to the future with confidence!

Report of the National Treasurer



July 11, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

We have made an examination of the books of account and record of Dowell J. Howard, deceased, and R. E. Bass, Treasurers, Future Farmers of America, Richmond, Virginia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1957, and submit herewith our report, consisting of the statements listed in the foregoing index together with our comments thereon. 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 balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditures present fairly the financial position of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1957, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT
Certified Public Accountants

Introduction

Dr. Dowell J. Howard, National Treasurer of Future Farmers of America, died on February 23, 1957. In order that an audited financial statement could be turned over to his successor, an examination of the cash transactions of the Future Farmers of America to the date of his death was made.

Due to the fact that these were interim statements (since the fiscal year of the organization did not end until June 30, 1957) no budget statements were included in that report.

Financial Position

The assets and liabilities of the organization at June 30, 1957, are shown in detail in the Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A". A summary showing a comparison of the financial position of the organization at June 30, 1957, with that at June 30, 1956, follows.

ASSETS:	June 30, 1957	June 30, 1956	Increase (Decrease)
Cash—regular account	\$ 6,218.95	\$ 52,945.61	\$ (46,726.66)
Cash—building fund	—	18,417.65	(18,417.65)
Investments	—	44,940.92	(44,940.92)
Loan receivable	44,500.00	44,500.00	—
Trademark	—	500.00	(500.00)
Prepaid expense	341.05	—	341.05
Fixed assets	245,638.17	43,562.48	202,075.69
TOTAL ASSETS	\$296,698.17	\$204,866.66	\$ 91,831.51
LIABILITIES:			
Employees' retirement contributions	\$ —	\$ 51.82	\$ (51.82)
BUILDING FUND.....	—	18,417.65	(18,417.65)
SURPLUS	296,698.17	186,397.19	110,300.98
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$296,698.17	\$204,866.66	\$ 91,831.51

Revenue and Expenditures

Operations of the organization for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1957, resulted in an excess of expenditures over revenue of \$91,274.71. A statement of revenue and expenditures for the year is presented in detail in Exhibit "B", a summary of which follows.

REVENUE:		
Membership	\$ 37,911.50	
Royalties	3,238.11	
Old Mill	2,000.00	
Future Farmers Supply Service:		
Rent	\$20,000.00	
Grant	25,000.00	45,000.00
Interest on U. S. savings bonds.....	170.55	
TOTAL REVENUE.....		\$ 88,320.16
EXPENDITURES:		
Travel	\$ 21,084.41	
Convention	15,898.97	
"American Farmer" keys.....	2,773.42	
Printing	5,186.15	
National office expense.....	26,749.23	
National Camp and Old Mill.....	3,020.14	
Judging expense	403.75	
Future Farmers of America building fund.....	103,517.17	
Retirement plan (net cost).....	961.63	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		179,594.87
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE.....		\$ 91,274.71

Receipts and Disbursements

There are presented in Exhibits "C" and "D" statements showing in summary form all of the recorded cash receipts and disbursements of the year under review. A list of membership dues collected during the year is presented in Schedule 1.

Explanatory Comments

CASH IN BANK was verified by direct correspondence with the depositary and reconciliation of the balance reported with the amount shown by the books. All recorded cash receipts were traced to the record of their deposit in bank, and all disbursements through the bank account were evidenced by properly executed, cancelled checks, with the exception of checks outstanding at June 30, 1957. The addition of the cash books was verified by us.

LOAN RECEIVABLE was confirmed by direct correspondence with the debtor. This account represents amounts advanced to "The National Future Farmer" as follows:

Cash advances	\$36,786.20
Expenses paid	7,713.80
TOTAL.....	\$44,500.00

The foregoing cash advances were made to the magazine in prior years.

PREPAID EXPENSE represents fuel oil purchased as ballast for the new building's storage tanks at the request of the contractor. This fuel oil will be used to heat the building during the next fiscal year and will be charged to the expense of maintaining the building at that time.

FIXED ASSETS are stated at cost, in the case of those at the National Camp, plus the fair market value of gifts received during prior years.

Office furniture and equipment are stated at their estimated value at October 31, 1941, plus subsequent additions at cost.

A special grant of \$80,000.00 from Future Farmers Supply Service was received during the year. The entire grant was applied against the cost of construction of the new national office building. A detailed schedule of receipts and disbursements of the Building Fund is presented in Exhibit "D".

Because of the fact that none of the fixed assets have ever been depreciated and because there has undoubtedly been a considerable volume of unrecorded additions to office and camp properties by gift and other unrecorded sources, the values of the assets shown on the balance sheet are probably far from their actual worth. For this reason we again suggest that all property assets be appraised in order that they may be adjusted to their current valuation.

SURPLUS is analyzed in the balance sheet.

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1957

ASSETS

Exhibit "A"

CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash in bank (Exhibit "C")		\$	6,218.95
OTHER ASSETS:			
Loan receivable:			
"The National Future Farmer":			
Cash advances	\$ 36,786.20		
Expenses paid in prior periods....	7,713.80	\$	44,500.00
Prepaid expense (fuel oil)		341.05	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS			44,841.05
FIXED ASSETS:			
National Camp:			
Land	\$ 12,343.23		
Buildings	15,317.16		
Equipment	3,288.28	\$	30,948.67
National office:			
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 1,031.46		
Building site	11,582.35		
Construction in process	202,075.69	214,689.50	245,638.17
			<u>\$296,698.17</u>

SURPLUS

SURPLUS:			
Balance, July 1, 1956		\$186,397.19	
Add:			
Construction costs of new office building expended through Building Fund (Exhibit "D")		202,075.69	
		\$388,472.88	
Deduct:			
Excess of expenditures over revenue (Exhibit "B")	\$ 91,274.71		
Trademark written off	500.00	91,774.71	
Balance, June 30, 1957			\$296,698.17
			<u>\$296,698.17</u>

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957

REVENUE:

	REVENUE		Budget Estimate	Exhibit "B" Excess Over Estimate
	Detail	Total		
Membership dues (Schedule 1)		\$ 37,911.50	\$ 39,000.00	\$ (1,088.50)
Royalties:				
L. G. Balfour Company....	\$ 477.13			
Custom Cal Company.....	2,252.00			
The Fair Publishing House	350.86			
St. Louis Button Company	158.12	3,238.11	35,000.00	(31,761.89)
Other revenue:				
Old Mill	\$ 2,000.00			
Future Farmer Supply Service:				
Rent	20,000.00			
Grant	25,000.00			
Interest on U. S. Savings Bonds	170.55	47,170.55	47,125.00	45.55
TOTALS		\$ 88,320.16	\$121,125.00	\$(32,804.84)
Appropriated from surplus to balance budget.....			50,000.00	(50,000.00)
TOTAL REVENUE..		\$ 88,320.16	\$171,125.00	\$(82,804.84)

EXPENDITURES:

	Expended		Appro- priations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Travel:				
National officers	\$12,787.60		\$ 10,000.00	\$ (2,787.60)
Board of directors.....	1,763.31		2,500.00	736.69
Special travel — National advisor, secretary, and other	1,598.50		2,500.00	901.50
International	4,935.00		5,000.00	65.00
Totals—Travel		\$ 21,084.41	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (1,084.41)
Convention:				
Delegate expense	\$ 4,295.47		\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4.53
Special features	6,082.33		5,800.00	(282.33)
Buttons, badges, and programs	1,710.61		1,400.00	(310.61)
Stenotypist	287.50		250.00	(37.50)
Photographs and publicity	426.61		400.00	(26.61)
Decorations and stage help	946.50		1,000.00	53.50
Equipment rental and supplies	421.80		250.00	(171.80)
Building service	72.00		65.00	(7.00)
Communications	63.42		100.00	36.58
Secretarial travel expense	804.23		1,300.00	495.77
Awards and certificates...	279.08		500.00	220.92
Miscellaneous	509.42		280.00	(229.42)
Totals—Convention		15,898.97	\$ 15,645.00	\$ (253.97)
[Forwarded]		\$ 36,983.38		

	Expended		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
[Forwarded]		\$ 36,983.38		
"American Farmer"—keys:				
Total expenditures		2,773.42	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 826.58
Printing:				
Literature and proceedings	\$ 3,399.25		\$ 3,800.00	\$ 400.75
Stationery, forms, etc.....	1,786.90		1,800.00	13.10
Totals—Printing		5,186.15	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 413.85
National office:				
Secretarial salaries:				
Exec. secretary's office..	\$ 4,328.66		\$ 4,340.00	\$ 11.34
Nat'l treasurer's office....	1,936.30		1,967.50	31.20
Director of Public Relations:				
Salary	8,387.40		7,785.00	(602.40)
Travel	1,939.63		2,000.00	60.37
Secretary—salary	3,760.26		3,755.00	(5.26)
Telephone and telegraph....	363.89		500.00	136.11
Postage, express, etc.....	218.20		300.00	81.80
Bond premiums and taxes			75.00	75.00
Supplies, equipment, and rents	1,241.40		1,550.00	308.60
Auditing	360.00		175.00	(185.00)
Photographs	716.90		750.00	33.10
Complimentary subscriptions to magazine.....	142.50		300.00	157.50
National FFA week.....	2,444.31		2,500.00	55.69
Miscellaneous	909.78		500.00	(409.78)
Totals—National Office..		26,749.23	\$ 26,497.50	\$ (251.73)
National Camp and Old Mill:				
Mill attendant—salary	\$ 2,299.92		\$ 1,980.00	\$ (319.92)
Insurance	364.75		250.00	(114.75)
Maintenance	355.47		200.00	(155.47)
Totals—National Camp and Old Mill.....		3,020.14	\$ 2,430.00	\$ (590.14)
Judging expense		403.75	\$ 750.00	\$ 346.25
Future Farmers of America Building Fund		103,517.17	\$ 94,000.00	\$ (9,517.17)
Retirement plan		961.63*	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 438.37
Contingent			\$ 1,202.50	\$ 1,202.50
Total Expenditures.....		<u>\$179,594.87</u>	<u>\$171,125.00</u>	<u>\$ (8,469.87)</u>
Excess of Expenditures over Revenue				
(Exhibit "A")		<u>\$ 91,274.71</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 91,274.71</u>

*Gross cost of plan..... \$7,407.14

Less: Contributed by:

Future Farmers Supply Service	\$3,449.04	
"National Future Farmer"	2,288.40	
Employees	708.07	6,445.51

Net Cost of Plan..... \$ 961.63

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1956..... \$ 52,945.61

RECEIPTS:

Membership dues (Schedule 1).....	\$ 37,911.50	
Royalties	3,238.11	
Old Mill	2,000.00	
Future Farmers Supply Service:		
Rent	\$20,000.00	
Grant	25,000.00	
Retirement plan	3,449.04	48,449.04
"The National Future Farmer"—retirement plan.....	2,288.40	
Income tax withheld from employees.....	3,061.25	
Employees' old-age benefits.....	441.53	
Employees' retirement contributions.....	656.25	
Redemption of U. S. Savings Bonds, Series F and J	45,111.47	
Expense refunds:		
Travel	\$ 114.60	
Convention:		
Tours	\$1,381.25	
Expenses	23.23	1,404.48
National office	1,760.52	
Camp	14.00	3,293.60

TOTAL RECEIPTS..... 146,451.15

DISBURSEMENTS:

\$199,396.76

Travel	\$ 21,199.01
Convention	17,303.45
"American Farmer" keys.....	2,773.42
Printing	5,186.15
National office expense.....	28,509.75
National Camp and Old Mill.....	3,034.14
Judging	403.75
Retirement	7,407.14
Building fund	103,517.17
Refund of excess employees' social security.....	1.22
Withholding tax remitted to Federal Government.....	3,016.71
Withholding tax remitted to District of Columbia.....	43.32
Employee social security taxes paid.....	441.53
Prepaid expense (fuel oil).....	341.05

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..... 193,177.81

BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1957..... \$ 6,218.95

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements Building Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957

Exhibit "D"

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1956..... \$ 18,417.65

RECEIPTS:

Grants from Future Farmer Supply Service..... \$ 80,000.00
Transfers from General Fund..... 103,517.17

Refunds:

Insurance \$108.75
Cost of steel lost..... 32.12 140.87

TOTAL RECEIPTS..... 183,658.04

\$202,075.69

DISBURSEMENTS:

For construction costs of new office building (ex-
pended to date) :

Travel expense \$ 274.45
Architect's fees, etc..... 7,811.26
Blueprints and specifications..... 212.78
Real estate taxes 36.32
Liability insurance 695.99
Construction costs 193,044.89

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (Exhibit "A")..... 202,075.69

BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1957..... \$ —

Membership Dues Collected

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957

Schedule 1

<u>Associations</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Associations</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,366.60	New Jersey	150.20
Arizona	154.30	New Mexico	212.70
Arkansas	1,302.00	New York	654.00
California	1,183.80	North Carolina	2,231.70
Colorado	214.30	North Dakota	231.60
Connecticut	59.10	Ohio	1,151.90
Delaware	75.40	Oklahoma	1,527.60
Florida	842.60	Oregon	368.30
Georgia	1,726.70	Pennsylvania	1,057.80
Hawaii	112.40	Puerto Rico	578.70
Idaho	316.90	Rhode Island	18.20
Illinois	1,702.00	South Carolina.....	744.40
Indiana	997.60	South Dakota	279.90
Iowa	1,054.20	Tennessee	1,552.50
Kansas	726.00	Texas	3,600.70
Kentucky	1,166.40	Utah	277.90
Louisiana	999.90	Vermont	68.80
Maine	111.40	Virginia	794.40
Maryland	242.20	Washington	571.30
Massachusetts	98.50	West Virginia	511.50
Michigan	1,096.10	Wisconsin	1,376.10
Minnesota	1,160.80	Wyoming	151.20
Mississippi	1,022.30		
Missouri	1,208.00		
Montana	215.80		
Nebraska	568.20		
Nevada	42.60		
New Hampshire	34.00		
		TOTAL DUES	
		COLLECTED	
		(Exhibits "B"	
		and "C")	<u><u>\$37,911.50</u></u>

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1957

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Bank.....		\$ 60,816.54	
Cash in Bank—Contingent Fund.....		972.63	
Petty Cash		50.00	
Accounts Receivable—Customers		12,699.54	
Accounts Receivable—Other		192.52	
Merchandise in Transit.....		345.46	
Merchandise Inventory		90,496.53	
Total Current Assets.....			\$165,573.22
Prepaid Expense:			
Stationery and Supplies.....		4,600.00	
Insurance		4,535.80	
Postage		1,383.00	
Taxes		534.19	
Miscellaneous		528.40	11,581.39
Fixed:			
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
Furniture and Fixtures...	\$24,408.49	\$10,002.27	\$ 14,406.22
Trucks	5,230.23	1,968.73	3,261.50
Leasehold Improvements..	9,676.87	3,845.48	5,831.39
	<u>\$39,315.59</u>	<u>\$15,816.48</u>	<u>\$ 23,499.11</u>
			23,499.11
Other:			
Utility Deposit			45.00
Total Assets			<u>\$200,698.72</u>

LIABILITIES

Current:			
Accounts Payable		\$ 16,466.79	
Withheld Taxes		1,171.24	
Employee Deductions		103.11	
Federal Excise Tax Payable.....		399.47	
Accrued Payroll		1,595.05	
Accrued Taxes		162.17	
Total Current Liabilities.....			\$ 19,897.83
Deferred Income:			
Deposit on Sales.....			1,742.92
Total Liabilities			<u>\$ 21,640.75</u>

NET WORTH

Accumulated Excess of Income, July 1, 1956.....	\$185,364.98	
Add: Excess of Income for the Year (Exhibit B)	68,692.99	
Less:		\$254,057.97
Grants to Future Farmers of America	\$25,000.00	
Grants to Future Farmers of America, New Building.....	50,000.00	75,000.00
Accumulated Excess of Income, June 30, 1957.....		179,057.97
Total Liabilities and Net Worth.....		<u>\$200,698.72</u>

THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1957

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash in Bank.....		\$28,898.16	
Accounts Receivable:			
Advertisers	\$847.45		
Subscribers	314.91		
Other	30.10	1,192.46	
Total Current Assets.....			\$30,090.62

Prepaid Expense:

Calendar Costs	\$ 2,470.34		
Magazine Costs	2,306.99		
Travel	1,919.21		
Stationery and Supplies.....	1,050.47		
Insurance	293.69		
Advertising	139.09		
Miscellaneous	55.65	8,235.44	

Fixed:

Furniture and Equipment.....	\$11,139.29		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation.....	3,084.16	8,055.13	
Total Assets			\$46,381.19

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$44,654.03		
Refunds Payable	19.42		
Employees' Withheld Taxes.....	880.79		
Accrued Social Security Tax Expense.....	114.95		
Loan Payable—Future Farmers of America.....	44,500.00		
Total Current Liabilities.....			\$90,169.19

Unearned Income:

Subscriptions	\$29,426.26		
Advertising	860.00	30,286.26	

NET WORTH

Operating Deficit, July 1, 1956.....	(\$65,477.90)		
Add: Adjustment to Unearned Subscription Income for the year ended June 30, 1956.....	1,567.56		
	(\$63,910.34)		
Less: Excess of Expense over Income (Exhibit B)....	10,163.92		
Operating Deficit, June 30, 1957.....		(74,074.26)	
Total Liabilities and Net Worth.....			\$46,381.19

Star Farmer Awards

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates who receive the Degree at the time of the National Convention. This colorful and inspiring cere-



(1)—CLARENCE CHAPPELL, JR.
Belvidere, North Carolina
1957 Star Farmer of America

(2)—BILLIE D. PARSONS
Milesville, South Dakota
1957 Star Farmer of
Central Region

(3)—BRYAN HAFEN
Mesquite, Nevada
1957 Star Farmer of
Pacific Region

(4)—CHARLES F. COLE
New Hartford, New York
1957 Star Farmer of
North Atlantic Region

mony begins on Tuesday evening with music by the National FFA Band. This is followed by the "Massing of the State Flags". After the stage is set the Star Farmer Awards are then presented by the National Vice Presidents from the respective regions. The winners were as follows:

Star Farmer of America—Clarence Chappell, Jr., Belvidere, North Carolina

Star Farmer, Central Region—Billie D. Parsons, Milesville, South Dakota

Star Farmer, Pacific Region—Bryan Hafen, Mesquite, Nevada

Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region—Charles F. Cole, New Hartford, New York

A check for \$1,000 went to Clarence and checks for \$500 were given to the other Star Farmers named.

The records of outstanding candidates were reviewed in Washington on July 29th by the following nationally known business and professional men:

Mr. Frank W. Jenks

President

International Harvester Co.
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Hugo Riemer

President

Nitrogen Division
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.
New York, New York

Mr. Wheeler McMillen

Vice President

Farm Journal, Inc.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mr. Raymond C. Firestone

President

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.
Akron, Ohio

Mr. Edward Foss Wilson

Assistant Secretary

Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare

Washington, D. C.

Mr. Clark W. Davis

General Manager

Grasselli Chemicals Dept.

E. I. duPont deNemours & Co., Inc.
Wilmington, Delaware

Mr. Kenneth C. Towe

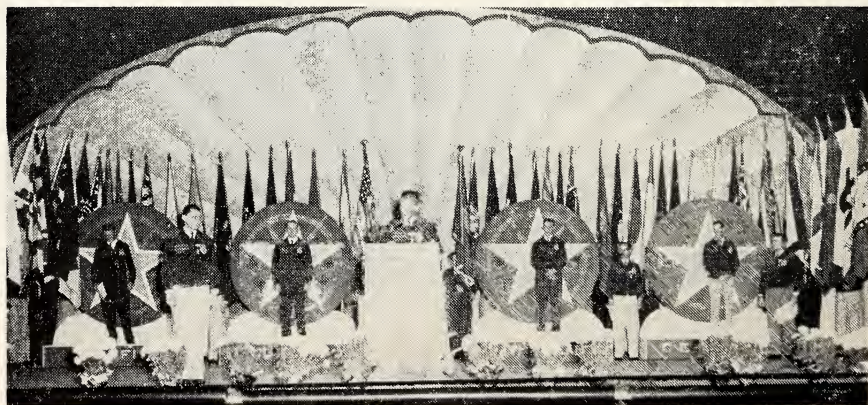
President

American Cyanamid Company
New York, New York

Mr. Roderick Turnbull

Editor

The Weekly Star Farmer
Kansas City, Missouri



1957 STAR FARMERS

A scene from the Tuesday evening program which featured Massing of the State Flags and the presentation of Star American Farmer Awards.

CLARENCE CHAPPELL

Star Farmer of America

At 21 years of age Clarence Chappell already has joined the ranks of successful farmers. In a little more than seven years he has built an investment in farming equal to that accumulated by most farmers in a lifetime.

He did it with hard work, wise management, and the financial backing of a family who could give him a boost when he needed it.

Wise management to Clarence means quality, and quality is the word that most aptly describes just about everything to be found on his farm.

Selection of good foundation stock and a continuing search for improvement has helped the North Carolina Future Farmer build up a breeding herd of registered Duroc Jersey hogs that is recognized for its quality by breeders throughout the nation. Clarence has sold breeding animals to other Duroc fanciers in 16 States and 8 foreign countries, and at prices well above what the ordinary run of hogs would bring.

In a special sale at his farm this spring he sold 32 head of Durocs for an average of \$134 per head. The price is more than three times what they would have brought on the butcher market. One of his sows had a world's record litter of 12 pigs that weighed 830 pounds at 56 days of age.

Similar quality is found in his herd of registered Guernsey dairy cattle. A roomful of trophies and ribbons, and cash prizes totalling over \$4,800, provide the evidence of his livestock quality when compared with others in fairs and shows throughout the South.

Young Chappell owns 60 acres of land on which he recently built an attractive six-room brick home. He owns one-fourth interest with his parents in a 275 acre farm, and rents an additional 328 acres. The farms are located about 11 miles north of Hartford, North Carolina.

His farming program is highly diversified. At the time his application for the American Farmer degree was submitted he had 40 head of calves on feed; 62 head of registered Guernsey dairy cattle, including 38 producing cows, 19 heifers, and 5 bulls; 11 head of registered Angus beef cattle; 24 registered Duroc-Jersey hogs; 150 feeder pigs, and 34 hives of bees.

His crop enterprises this year included 125 acres of corn, 4 acres of peanuts, 50 acres of soybeans, and 10 acres of wheat, and fifty percent interest in 40 acres of small grains and 8 acres of sweet potatoes. An additional 150 acres is devoted to pasture crops.

Clarence began his farming program in 1950, shortly after he enrolled as a vocational agriculture student at the Perquimans County High School. His father, Clarence C. Chappell, Sr., had a

successful farm operation at the time, and was willing to help the boy get the start that led to full-time farming establishment. Mr. Chappell, Clarence, and the vocational agriculture instructor, Joe L. Tunnell, worked together to develop a business arrangement for Clarence to use land and machinery on the home farm. Some of his enterprises were begun on a partnership basis with his father.

The boy started with five acres of corn, 75 percent interest in 5 dairy cattle, and 50 percent interest in 5 acres of soybeans, 6 beef cattle, and 4 brood sows. His labor income that first year was \$2,089, including the increase in inventory value of the livestock.

Money earned from his projects, plus borrowed funds, were used by Clarence to expand his program each year. By the time he finished high school he was farming 84 acres in crops, and had the nucleus of his registered herds of Duroc hogs, Guernsey and Angus cattle. After four years in vocational agriculture Clarence's records showed total labor income of \$22,100 from his supervised farming program. Labor income during the past two years of full-time farming has been \$10,434 and \$18,367, respectively. That, plus \$3,145 added to earnings after his sale of Durocs last spring, brings his total labor income from a little more than six years of farming to \$54,048.13. Miscellaneous earnings, including prize money won in fairs and shows, totals \$6,373.75. In addition, he inherited a 60 acre farm valued at \$8,000 from his grandfather, and after his graduation from high school was given one-fourth interest, valued at \$12,000, in the home farm.

His financial statement shows gross assets of \$88,746.39. He owed \$4,785 that was borrowed to purchase cattle, and \$12,000 borrowed to build his new home, leaving net worth of \$71,961.39.

While developing high quality herds of livestock, Clarence also has been accumulating farm machinery needed for his operations. He owns about \$20,000 worth of equipment and machinery, including two tractors and half interest in three others, one truck and half interest in another truck, and either full ownership or partnership interest in other machines needed on the farm.

Clarence is recognized as an outstanding young leader in North Carolina. He served one year terms as reporter, secretary, and president of the Perquimans County FFA chapter, was federation FFA reporter one year, and State FFA secretary one year. He was a class officer during each of his years in high school, honor student, has been assistant superintendent of his Sunday School for the past three years, and is currently secretary of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau and treasurer of the county Guernsey cattle club.

Clarence was married last December to the former Miss Annie Lou Lane. They planned the new brick home together and are now comfortably settled in it, looking forward to a lifetime's continuation of successful farming.

Clarence has set a goal of a 100-cow Guernsey dairy herd, to increase his number of Duroc brood sows to 50, and to develop an outstanding herd of Angus beef cattle.

BILLIE D. PARSONS

Star Farmer—Central Region

In stature Billie D. Parsons isn't the biggest man in the rural Pedro community of northeastern Pennington County. His wiry 5-foot 8-inch frame doesn't even rate him as a large man for his 21 years. But as a successful rancher-businessman, the owner of a \$60,000 spread, the Central Region Star Farmer stands head and shoulders above most young men his age.

Reared on a ranch in the community of Miesville in neighboring Haakon County, Billie attended the tiny rural Harding Grove school for all eight years of his elementary school education. Like most farm boys, he grew up learning about farming and ranching activities—caring for livestock, operating machinery, planting, cultivating and harvesting crops—more or less as a matter of course.

On August 10, 1950, shortly before Billie was to start high school, his father, William Parsons, Jr., was fatally injured in a combine accident. He died the following day. Prospects for the family were not bright that fall. Fourteen-year-old Billie, his brother Barton, then 18, and the boys' mother, Mrs. Helen Parsons, were faced with the very real problem of keeping their ranch in operation. Two older boys, Boyd and Dean, were already away from home in military service.

But Mrs. Parsons and Bart were determined the tragedy would not prevent Billie from continuing his education. He enrolled that fall in high school at the county seat, Philip, some 35 miles from home. He took a room in a boarding house, returning home weekends to help with the ranch work.

Among freshman courses, Billie enrolled in vocational agriculture under the instruction of Francis Murphy, then starting his second year as a teacher.

A two-year-old steer and a five acre patch of oats were Billie's starting projects as a vocational agriculture student. From the beef and oats Billie's records at the end of the year showed a profit of \$102.37.

During his sophomore year in high school he went into swine production, starting with one sow and later buying 25 feeder pigs. The profit was \$362.70. In the fall of 1952 he purchased two steers, grazed them through the summer and sold them the following year at a profit of \$110.13.

The school year of 1953-54 was one of expansion. Billie and Bart rented 500 acres of farm land which they summer fallowed. Billie paid half the expense and was to receive a third of the profit, but because the land was fallowed, the books showed a net deficit of \$371.20. He bought five cows that raised five calves, but there was a loss of \$180.83 on the enterprise because of declining beef prices.

Using money from savings and \$1,500 inherited from his father's estate, Billie joined Bart in purchasing a new diesel tractor

of \$2,000. He planted 360 acres of wheat and 70 acres of barley. He built his beef herd to 10 head. When books were closed at the end of the year he had realized labor income of \$7,582.65, from the wheat, \$1,080.97 from the barley, and \$143.72 from cattle. At the end of his four years in high school, Billie's farming records showed a total net income of \$8,285.27, most of which was realized in his senior year.

In the FFA, he had been a member of the Philip crops, dairy cattle, poultry, and livestock judging teams. He served as secretary of the FFA chapter during his junior year and was elected president as a senior. In other high school activities, he was president of the Senior class, editor of the school annual, won letters in football and track, and participated in basketball and glee club.

Since graduation from Philip High with the class of 1954, Billie has wasted little time in achieving his long-range goal—becoming a ranch owner.

In his first year out of high school, 1954-55, his farming program included 110 acres of winter wheat, 19 sows, 80 acres of summer fallow and one-third interests in 110 acres of oats and 48 acres of corn. He increased his beef herd again to 33 head. Labor income for the year was \$8,907.43. That same year he purchased 460 acres of grassland, and continued expansion of his beef cattle herd.

In 1956, he completed negotiations for the ranch where he now lives. By selling his quarter section of farming ground, his 460 acres of grassland, and his interest in machinery on the home place, he raised the \$18,800 down payment on the \$60,800 ranch. The remaining \$42,000 is to be paid off at \$2,100 per year.

Billie's ranch consists of 3,240 acres of deeded land and 440 acres on government lease, a total of 3,680 acres. The ranch is divided into seven pastures, all with water supplies and well adapted for rotating use of the grassland. There are 480 acres devoted to alfalfa and brome grass.

In August of 1956, he married his high school sweetheart, Connie Morgan. The newlyweds moved into their new ranch home last December. Billie had "batched" on the place six weeks during the spring and early summer, tending to his cows during calving season.

The job of fixing up the eight-room frame house was a major undertaking for the bride and groom. It had been vacant for about a year before they prepared to move in. The fix-up operation required a job of plastering which Billie handled himself. Connie joined in the over-all redecorating, painting and furnishing. The result of their efforts is a tastefully decorated and comfortably furnished home.

The couple received a boost last year when Billie inherited 12 cows from his father's estate on his 21st birthday. Recently, Billie

has made a switch unusual for a man who began in the cattle and hog business. He started this year with 138 head of cattle, then sold all but 15 cows, 33 calves, and a bull. He bought 400 head of western ewes. Twelve of the ewes died but the lamb crop of 416 still rates at more than 100 percent. As soon as he can, he wants to increase the ewe flock to 800 head.

BRYAN HAFEN

Star Farmer—Pacific Region

An investment of \$39,162.28 in farming without any unusual gifts or inheritances is the record posted in five years of farming by Bryan Hafen, Star Farmer of the Pacific Region from Mesquite, Nevada. Bryan still owes \$16,832.00, mostly on mortgages against the farm land he operates in one-third partnership with his father and brother. His net worth is listed at \$22,330.28.

Bryan, his brother Kent, and his father, Max Hafen, entered a formal partnership, complete with contract, in the operation of 883 acres located in two farms 100 miles apart. Mr. Hafen furnished \$16,000 capital for down payment on purchase of land, dairy cattle, and equipment. The boys agreed to assume equal shares of the remaining debts, and to repay their father their respective shares of the down payment from profits accrued in the enterprise.

A good portion of Bryan's net worth is accounted for by increased valuation of the land. The 100 acre farm near Mesquite where Bryan lives had only 30 acres in production when they bought it in 1953. They have re-leveled the land and built new irrigation ditches to bring an additional 50 acres into production.

It is on the Mesquite farm that they have established a modern dairy operation producing Grade A milk for the Las Vegas market. Bryan has complete responsibility for operating the 100-cow dairy.

Mr. Hafen formerly raised beef cattle. When Las Vegas started booming at the beginning of the war he established a small dairy herd. The boys, Kent, Bryan, and another brother Gary, milked and managed the cows.

"I don't know how to milk and the day I have to learn the cows are for sale," Mr. Hafen once said.

Kent, at 25, is the older of the two brothers in the partnership. A former FFA member, State FFA vice president, and American Farmer degree winner, Kent provided part of the inspiration to develop Bryan's interest in the FFA.

Kent now lives on the 773 acre ranch operated by the partnership at Pahrump, Nevada, near Las Vegas. This ranch was mostly waste desert land when the Hafens bought it in 1950. They have dug two irrigation wells, built a home for Kent and his family, built about two miles of fences and 6,500 feet of concrete lined irrigation ditches. The land has been leveled, and about 250 acres have been brought into production.

Their major crop at the Pahrump ranch is cotton, with 150 to 200 acres seeded each year. Alfalfa also is grown, and much of the hay is trucked to Mesquite to provide feed for the dairy cattle. Bryan spends a lot of time at Pahrump during the heavy work periods of summer months.

He listed his farming program for 1957 as one-third interest in 50 dairy cattle and management responsibility for 50 more cows; and a third interest in 164 acres of cotton, 30 acres of alfalfa and 32 acres of barley. From a similar program last year he had a labor income of \$9,498.11.

Bryan planned to study agriculture at College of Southern Utah at Cedar City, Utah. He enrolled there for the fall semester last year.

"I came home near the end of my first semester," he related. "I went down to the farm to see how the hired man was milking. I could soon see the man was losing money for us; worst of all, he was ruining the young cows. The next day I went to the barn again and this was worse than before, so I fired him. I then told Dad to write out a check for his wages. Dad did, and asked 'Who's going to milk?' That was the end of my college career and I'm not sorry."

Bryan's leadership in the FFA has been as outstanding as his farming. He served one year terms as treasurer and president of the Virgin Valley FFA Chapter at Mesquite, and was elected State FFA president for 1955-56. He was selected to represent Nevada in the 1955 Young Outdoor American's Conference at Chicago, and in a regional Farm Bureau Youth Leadership School in 1956.

He was graduated from high school in the spring of 1956, after completing four years of vocational agriculture under two instructors, Howard Christensen and Richard Reid.

"Nevada has never had a more outstanding FFA boy," says Christensen, who is now training agricultural teachers at the University of Nevada.

Attending the national FFA convention will be no new experience for the young Nevada farmer. His first trip there was in 1954 as a member of the national FFA chorus. In 1955 and 1956 he represented Nevada as an official delegate. At Kansas City in 1955 he served on the convention's most important committee, the one charged with the responsibility of nominating candidates for national FFA office.

CHARLES F. COLE

Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region

At 20 years of age, Charles Cole, Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region, is an established farmer and an agricultural leader in his home community at New Hartford, New York. Charles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Cole, do not live on a farm, and the boy's choice of an occupation did not, in the beginning, meet with their approval.

As a ninth grade student in the New Hartford school Charles took the regular high school curriculum, but several times during that year he had long visits with the vocational agriculture instructor, Roy Waldrop, and discussed with him the possibilities of a future in farming.

At the beginning of the next school term, in 1952, Charles enrolled in vocational agriculture. He started a farming program by buying two heifer calves, and made arrangements to keep them in a neighbor's barn. Five acres of land nearby were rented for a hay crop.

Then opportunity came knocking.

Charles' grandmother, Mrs. Charles A. Paul, owned a 113 acre farm that had been rented out since her husband had died several years earlier. What once had been a prosperous farm in the hands of Mr. Paul was rapidly deteriorating under the use of tenants. Land and buildings were in poor condition and getting worse.

Seeing Charles' interest in farming, Mrs. Paul asked him to operate the farm for her. The Future Farmer dropped his comfortable suburban life, moved to the farm, and went to work. Instructor Waldrop, Mrs. Paul, and Charles spent long hours developing a program for bringing the farm back into high productivity.

During the remainder of the year Charles operated the farm with no rental charge. Mrs. Paul financed him in the purchase of a tractor and a few implements. Machines that he did not have were hired when the need came. Six additional heifer calves were bought, and work was begun on remodeling the farm buildings for a dairy operation.

In 1954, a partnership agreement between Charles and his grandmother for sharing equally on expenses and income was drawn up. Fifteen bred heifers were purchased. Mrs. Paul was providing the funds on a loan basis.

Charles was graduated from high school in the spring of 1955. He started working full-time on the farm, and made arrangements for full ownership and control of the operation, paying Mrs. Paul \$600 a year in rent. He makes payments to her regularly for her share of the dairy cattle and in repayment of loans for machinery, equipment, and other costs. This year he rented an additional 67 acres of land on an adjoining farm for expansion of his cropping program.

The New York Future Farmer now has a dairy herd of 34 cows and 21 heifers. His crops include 10 acres of corn for silage, 80 acres of mixed hay, 32 acres of oats, and 58 acres of pasture.

In submitting his application for the American Farmer degree, Charles listed the value of his dairy cattle at \$10,635. Although not all the cows are purebreds, they are high producers. His 32 cows on test last year averaged 11,875 pounds of milk and 423 pounds of

butterfat. Low producers are sold, and as rapidly as he can, he's replacing the grade cows with purebred Holsteins.

He stresses high quality in his crops, too. A regular program of soil testing and fertilization is carried out in cooperation with the local Soil Conservation Service. Pastures are green with nutritious grass and legume mixtures. Hay and corn for silage are harvested at the proper stage of growth feed value. A field of his oats last year yielded 93 bushels per acre, far above the average in his community.

Most of the farm buildings were sound when Charles started his program. Barns have been remodeled, though, for a modern dairy plant. Labor saving equipment is used extensively. Charles does all the work, except for the occasional use of part time hired labor. Sometimes, as in filling the silo, he swaps work with neighbors.

He now owns \$13,220 worth of machinery and equipment. A poultry house was remodeled into a modern farm shop with the necessary tools to keep the machinery in good repair. Charles has built some of the equipment, including two wagons that are used for hauling silage and hay.

His total assets were listed at \$31,336.88, with well over two-thirds of it being invested in cattle and machinery. Charles still owes \$13,602.00, leaving a net worth of \$17,734.88. At present, he owns no part of the land or buildings, but Mrs. Paul has provided for the farm to be transferred to him when he is 21 years old.

In the FFA, Charles has been reporter and vice president of the local chapter, president of a district group, and vice president of the New York State FFA Association. He has been active in 4-H Clubs, and is a member of Farm Bureau.

FFA Foundation Awards

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated is designed primarily to stimulate and encourage farm boys who have received systematic instruction in vocational agriculture to become satisfactorily established in farming. It aids in the development of aggressive rural leadership through the FFA and its many activities. It helps the student to develop an understanding of the relationships of business, industry and agriculture. The Foundation annually provides on a nationwide basis, prizes and financial awards to members of the FFA who have distinguished themselves in their supervised farming programs, scholarship and leadership.



WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL DAIRY FARMING AWARDS

(Left to right)—Hank Stark, Central Regional Winner; Louis Keith, Jr., Southern Regional Winner; Charles Sargent, 1st Place Winner; and Randolph Smith, Pacific Regional Winner.

The national winners were announced at the Wednesday Night Session immediately following the introduction of the FFA Donors to the Foundation.

DAIRY FARMING Award winners were announced by Vice President Cappucci, and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Awards had previously been made in Waterloo, Iowa, during the National Dairy Cattle Congress. The winners were:

1st Place—Charles Sargent, Danville, Vermont.....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Randolph Smith, Canby, Oregon.....	200.00
Central Region—Hank Stark, Adrian, Missouri.....	200.00
Southern Region—	
Louis Keith, Jr., Collinsville, Oklahoma.....	200.00

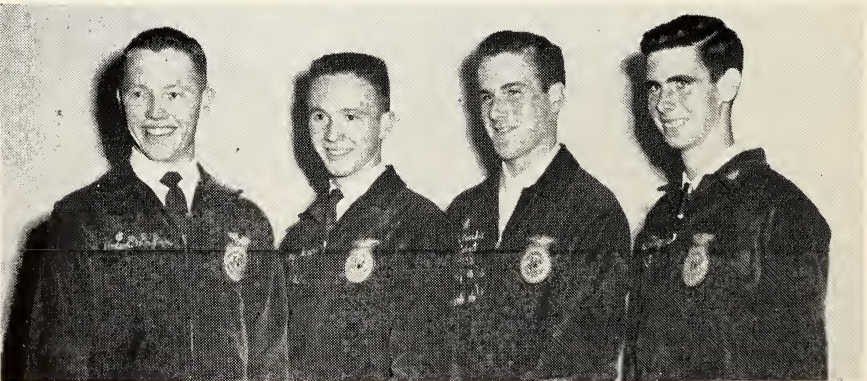


WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM ELECTRIFICATION AWARDS

(Left to right)—Earl S. Stinson, 1st Place Winner; Bobby Castle, Central Regional Winner; and Brad Frank, Pacific Regional Winner.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION Award winners were presented by Student Secretary Litton, and each winner received a check given on behalf of the FFA Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

1st Place—Earl S. Stinson, Rocky Gap, Virginia.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Bobby Castle, Oil Springs, Kentucky....	200.00
Pacific Region—Brad Frank, Tremonton, Utah.....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—	
Robert A. Yetter, Newton, New Jersey.....	200.00



WINNERS OF THE FARM MECHANICS AWARDS

(Left to right)—Ralph Thomas Morgan, 1st Place Winner; Jimmy Curt Duncan, Edmonton, Kentucky, Central Regional Winner; Michael W. Rinkes, Pacific Regional Winner; and Russell Linger, Jr., North Atlantic Regional Winner.

FARM MECHANICS Award winners were presented by Vice President James Quincey, and each winner received a check given on behalf of the FFA Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

1st Place—

Ralph Thomas Morgan, Ninnekah, Oklahoma.....\$250.00

Central Region—

Jimmy Curt Duncan, Edmonton, Kentucky..... 200.00

Pacific Region—

Michael W. Rinkes, West Linn, Oregon..... 200.00

North Atlantic Region—

Russell Linger, Jr., Huttonsville, West Virginia.... 200.00



WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL SOIL AND WATER
MANAGEMENT AWARDS

(Left to right)—Don Allen Pedersen, 1st Place Winner; Gene Pechal, Southern Regional Winner; Arden Ell Allman, North Atlantic Regional Winner; and Charles Thronson, Pacific Regional Winner.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT Award winners were presented by Vice President Ringo and each winner received a check given on behalf of the FFA Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

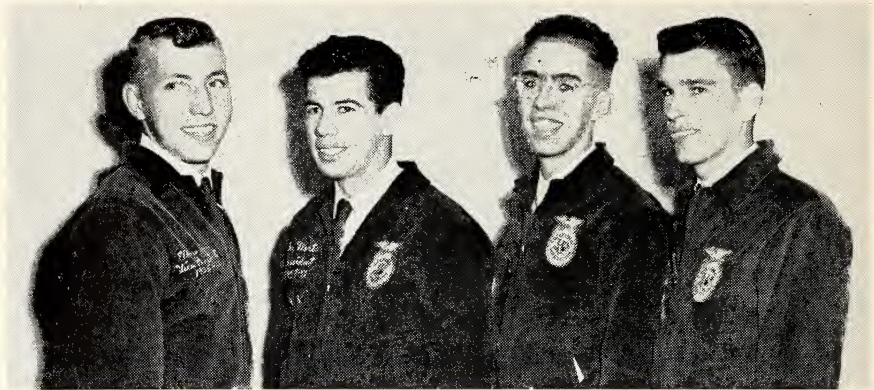
1st Place—Don Allen Pedersen, Lake City, Iowa.....\$250.00

Southern Region—Gene Pechal, Kaufman, Texas..... 200.00

North Atlantic Region—

Arden Ell Allman, Cox's Mills, West Virginia..... 200.00

Pacific Region—Charles Thronson, Dayton, Washington 200.00



Representatives of Chapters Winning National Farm Safety Awards

FARM SAFETY Award winners were presented by Vice President Knutson and each winner received a check given on behalf of the FFA Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

- 1st Place—Little River Chapter, Kansas.....\$250.00
- Pacific Region—
 - Amphitheater Chapter, Tucson, Arizona..... 200.00
- North Atlantic Region—Delmar Chapter, Delaware..... 200.00
- Southern Region—Camilla Chapter, Georgia..... 200.00

National Chapter Award Program

One hundred and twenty-six Future Farmers of America local chapters were honored at the 30th national convention in Kansas City during the presentation of awards 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 crystallizing 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 other general activities.

Each chapter in the contest had been selected locally to be entered in the national competition. Winners receiving an emblem rating for the first time were given plaques. Others received spurs to place on plaques previously awarded. In the list below, (S) following the chapter name means the chapter received a spur, (P) means a plaque. The one hundred and twenty-six chapters in the national contest represent the best from the Future Farmers of America's 9,054 local chapters. The 1957 winners were:

Gold Emblem Classification

Geneva Chapter (S)	Hanford Chapter (S)
Geneva, Alabama	Hanford, California
Jasper Chapter (P)	Modesto Chapter (S)
Jasper, Alabama	Modesto, California
Sulligent Chapter (S)	Eaton Chapter (S)
Sulligent, Alabama	Eaton, Colorado
Amphitheater Chapter (S)	Steamboat Springs Chapter (P)
Tucson, Arizona	Steamboat Springs, Colorado
Conway Chapter (S)	Guilford-Madison Chapter (S)
Conway, Arkansas	Madison, Connecticut
DeQueen Chapter (S)	Lord Baltimore Chapter (S)
DeQueen, Arkansas	Ocean View-Millville,
Star City Chapter (S)	Delaware
Star City, Arkansas	

- Ocala Chapter (P)
 Ocala, Florida
 J. F. Williams Memorial
 Chapter (S)
 Live Oak, Florida
 Blakely-Union Chapter (S)
 Blakely, Georgia
 Moultrie Chapter (S)
 Moultrie, Georgia
 Perry Chapter (P)
 Perry, Georgia
 Geneseo Chapter (S)
 Geneseo, Illinois
 Mahomet Chapter (P)
 Mahomet, Illinois
 Sycamore Chapter (S)
 Sycamore, Illinois
 Woodstock Chapter (P)
 Woodstock, Illinois
 Audubon Chapter (S)
 Audubon, Iowa
 Bloomfield Chapter (P)
 Bloomfield, Iowa
 Waverly Chapter (S)
 Waverly, Iowa
 Arkansas City Chapter (P)
 Arkansas City, Kansas
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 Canby Chapter (S)
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 Laurel Chapter (S)
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 James F. Byrnes Chapter (S)
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Whitesboro Chapter (S)

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Winters Chapter (P)

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South Cache Chapter (S)

Hyrum, Utah

Spanish Fork Chapter (P)

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Ashland Chapter (S)

Ashland, Virginia

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Stevenson, Alabama

Willcox Chapter (P)

Willcox, Arizona

Newport Harbor Chapter (S)

Newport Beach, California

Housatonic Valley Chapter (S)

Falls Village, Connecticut

Washington Chapter (S)

Washington, Georgia

Molokai Chapter (S)

Hoolehua, Molokai, Hawaii

Fielding Chapter (S)

Paris, Idaho

Rigby Chapter (S)

Rigby, Idaho

Carlisle-Haddon Chapter (S)

Carlisle, Indiana

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Ellsworth, Kansas

Delhi Chapter (S)

Delhi, Louisiana

Agawam Chapter (S)

Agawam, Massachusetts

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Monett Chapter (S)

Monett, Missouri

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Beatrice, Nebraska

Churchill County Chapter (S)

Fallon, Nevada

Spaulding Chapter (P)

Rochester, New Hampshire

Floyd Chapter (P)

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Hatch Chapter (S)

Hatch, New Mexico

Hamilton Chapter (P)

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Bottineau Chapter (P)

Bottineau, North Dakota

Hardin Northern Chapter (P)

Dola, Ohio

Jeromesville Chapter (S)

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Alva Chapter (P)

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Corvallis Chapter (S)

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Jere Cooper Chapter (S)

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Vergennes, Vermont

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H. P. Faye Chapter (P)
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Kinder Chapter (P)
Kinder, Louisiana
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Forest, Mississippi
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Cleburne, Texas
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Danville, Vermont
Deaver Chapter (P)
Deaver, Wyoming



Vice President Quincey presents a Gold Emblem Award Plaque to Jerrald Truax, and Mack Jones, Advisor of the Steamboat Springs, Colorado Chapter. This was one of 68 chapters which rated Gold Emblem in the 1957 National Chapter Award Program.

Public Speaking Contest

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

The Twenty-eight National FFA Public Speaking Contest took place in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Monday, October 14. The five finalists placing in the order indicated were:

1. Adin Hester, Canby, Oregon—"Atoms for Agriculture"
2. James Turley, Scottsburg, Indiana—"Developing a Concrete Farm Organization"
3. Carl Kozuma, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii—"Our Soil Must Be Saved"
4. George F. Guess, Jr., Stevenson, Alabama—"The Purposes of the Future Farmers of America"
5. Dale Childs, Kingwood, West Virginia—"Alert Today—Alive Tomorrow"

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

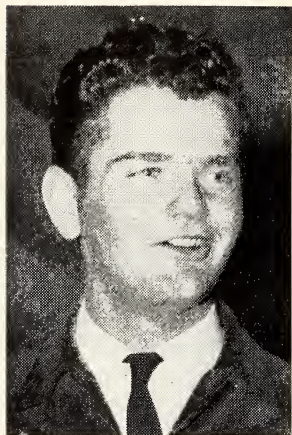
The contest was judged by three competent persons. Prior to the contest the judges were furnished with typewritten copies of the contestant's productions which they read and graded on content and composition. At the contest the judges scored each contestant on his production. A maximum of 300 points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

ATOMS FOR AGRICULTURE

By Adin Hester, Canby, Oregon

To the knowledge of common man, the atom was something that did not exist until August of 1945. Then came the fateful day

when a United States Air Force plane released a single bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, that caused more damage than thousands of tons of TNT. That day, common man the world over was awakened to the potential of the atom.



Now we have atomic power plants, space satellites, and an atomic submarine which has already logged over 56,000 miles without refueling. It would have taken 3 million gallons of diesel fuel for the equivalent mileage. There are atomic powered ships, planes, and great industrial uses to come, and this is just the beginning.

To man this is different and strange, but atomic energy is not exactly new. In fact this old world of ours owes its existence to the atomic energy of the sun.

In the near future, we are to hear a great deal about the use of atomic energy in agricultural research. Atomic energy is providing a new tool for agricultural research in the form of radioactive "tracer atoms." These "tracer atoms" broadcast their presence by sending out electrical charges which can be detected with instruments such as a Geiger counter.

For the purpose of research, an organized program had to be formulated. This was accomplished when the Government established the Atoms for Agriculture Program. The Atomic Energy Commission, in 1946, sent radioisotopes which are "tracer atoms," to 120 different colleges and science laboratories for study in Plant Physiology and Animal Husbandry. The Department of Agriculture is responsible for actual research activities, whereas the Atomic Energy Commission is concerned with the basic problems such as genetics and the training necessary for people to enter the atomic energy field.

The Atoms for Agriculture program studies major phases of livestock and crop production and attempts to better explain their functions and operation. One of the first studies was concerned with the uptake of fertilizers in plants. The most extensive studies are being made in regard to the phosphorous fertilizer.

The agronomist uses "tracer atoms" to follow the course of the fertilizer elements from the soil into the plant. This enables him to tell when to fertilize and how much to use. For example, in corn experiments, it has been shown that the plant uses a high per cent of phosphate early in the growing season and very little later. On the other hand, potatoes absorb phosphate throughout the growing season.

The speed at which results can be obtained explains the importance of using "tracer atoms." In the leaves of most plants,

radioactive phosphorous can be detected 30 minutes after the root has made contact with it in the soil. With these facts the farmer can look to atomic research of the future to provide him with far more accurate knowledge as to how much fertilizer crops need and when it should be applied to obtain the best results.

Also "tracer atoms" are being used in the field of agriculture to study the behavior and action of plant growth regulators, weed killers, and insecticides. However, the investigations are primarily concerned with studying the mechanisms of various internal processes of plants.

The plant breeder uses atomic radiation to produce mutations in plants; or in other words, create changes in the genetic make up which will be inherited from generation to generation. These techniques have already been used to develop new plant varieties which have increased yields and specific disease resistance. For example, it has been estimated that oat rust disease reduces the nation's oat production by 10 per cent or more. A rust resistant strain of oats has been developed by radiation. A new variety of peanut has been developed which produces 30 per cent higher yields and a shape better adapted to mechanical harvesting.

Another study in which "tracer atoms" are used is to unravel the mystery of photosynthesis. Photosynthesis may not be of particular interest to the agriculturist, but it is fundamental to all plant studies being made with "tracer atoms."

Photosynthesis is the process whereby a plant, in the presence of sunlight, uses carbon dioxide and water, and produces sugars, starches, and fats. This is probably the most important biological process known to science. Without photosynthesis there would be no forms of life on earth as we know them today.

As one of our scientists has recently stated:

"An understanding of this process and the creation of its scientific equivalent could unlock stores of vital food materials beyond our present power to imagine."

Atomic research is becoming more and more important to the field of animal husbandry. The expanding use of "tracer atoms" in farm livestock feeding research will add greatly to the knowledge concerning use and movement of feed nutrients in the animal body and feed requirements at different stages of growth. These studies will also improve efficiency in feeding practices and production.

Experiments using "tracer atoms" in feeding livestock have already revealed some interesting facts. For example, research has already shown that approximately 20 per cent of the phosphorus in milk comes from the feed, and 80 per cent from the cow's body. Likewise, when a calf is fed a ration containing radioactive calcium, experimental results reveal that nearly 100 per cent of the calcium is absorbed. In mature animals nearly 90 per cent is excreted. It

has also been demonstrated with "tracer atoms," that the loss of calcium from the mature animal's body equals nearly one-third of the daily intake. In the aged animal, the loss is nearly one-half. These findings are very recent, and not generally known even by our agricultural specialists in the field. However, they indicate the vast field of knowledge which may be available for our use very soon.

Milk production, which represents the efficient conversion of feed nutrients into one of nature's most perfect foods, still puzzles scientists. There is much to learn about the way this high quality food is manufactured in the cow's udder. Now, with the help of radioactive "tracer atoms," scientists have a new tool to help them understand how these compounds are built up from the feed and body sources.

Scientists have come a long way in the past few years but still there is much to be done. I have outlined the broad scope of the atom for agriculture and to what use it is being put. This is all being done to make life more productive, profitable, and pleasant for the farmers of the future.

Farm progress, within 20 to 30 years, is going to be largely dependent upon extension of research techniques resulting from the use of "tracer atoms."

A great deal of knowledge is required to use atomic energy in agricultural research. However, this specialized knowledge will not be required of the farmer because he will utilize the products of research in the form of improved plant varieties, animal feed, and farm practices.

The study with atoms in agriculture is just beginning. What the future holds for the farmer of tomorrow is speculative, but we do know that it will be a future which is the product of scientific study and research in an atomic age. As a future farmer standing on the threshold of this new era, I am reminded of the tourist driving past the National Archives Building in Washington, D. C., he read the words inscribed over the entrance, "What is past is prologue." He asked the taxi driver what the inscription meant. "It means," said the driver, "You ain't seen nuthin' yet."

DEVELOPING A CONCRETE FARM ORGANIZATION

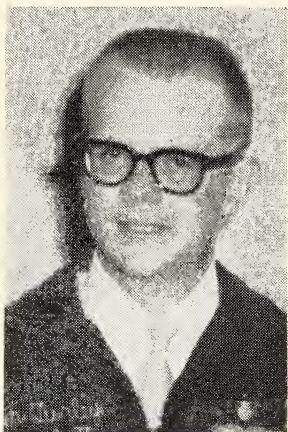
By James Turley, Scottsburg, Indiana

Honorable Judges, fellow FFA members, friends, and guests. My name is James Turley. I am a student in vocational agriculture at Scottsburg High School. The title of my speech is DEVELOPING A CONCRETE FARM ORGANIZATION.

During the years following World War II and the Korean Conflict, farm prices have dropped to low levels. The surpluses

have piled to an unforeseen high. The farmer has found himself in a farm price squeeze that is hard to fight.

What has been done about this?



First of all, allotments and restrictions have been placed on farms and if the farmer stays within the allotment on his farm, he is guaranteed a certain price based on a varying percent of parity.

Secondly, during the last year, Congress made provisions for a soil bank. The soil bank was a means by which the farmer could set aside a certain amount of land into an acreage reserve for a certain length of time. For doing this, the farmer was to be paid a certain sum based on the normal productivity of the land. These measures are not the answer to the farm problem, but it is hoped that they will assist in stabilizing farm prices.

Now, who proposed these measures? Was it Mr. Benson? Was it the Farm Bureau? Was it the Farmers' Union? Was it the National Grange? Or was it any number of other agricultural organizations? The answer is no! Some of these organizations were for these measures, some for others. Their representatives went to Washington and high-pressured Congressmen until the Congressmen could not tell just what to do or how to vote on the problem.

Let us take a typical farm question for example: The squabble over whether rigid or sliding supports should be used.

Congressman Joe Smith arrives at his office. Representative from farm organization A is in his office. Farm representative says his organization is for sliding supports. He spends two hours trying to swing Congressman Smith to his side.

Next comes farm representative from farm group B. He supports rigid supports on all crops except peanuts. B also spends two hours trying to convince Mr. Smith that his plan is best. When B leaves, Congressman Smith is getting to a frustrated point. Which way should he go?

Next comes farm representative from farm group C. C is for rigid supports and says his organization will rebel at anything else and will support the rival candidate in the next election. C leaves Congressman Smith's office. Smith is now thoroughly alarmed and further confused.

Here comes a representative from farm group D. His farm organization wants sliding supports with the exception of cotton and wool. His organization will also be dissatisfied at anything else. When D leaves, Smith is really sweating it out. What should he do?

What is the right course to take? Congressman Smith turns to his mail but it is just as conflicting.

This is the problem facing us now. The farm organizations do not agree on a solution of the farm problem. With no complete union in farm lock thinking, there is no unified way to work out a policy for getting fair prices.

The AFL and CIO, great labor unions, fought for years trying to get more members into their individual unions. Each of these great unions offered a different plan to achieve the goals set up for labor. Lack of unified program was used as an excuse by many Congressmen for the failure to adopt a forward looking labor program.

Recently the leaders of these organizations realized that labor would be more powerful if they, the unions, would combine into one union. Not so long ago these unions held a combined convention and formed a giant, powerful and influential block re-named the AFL-CIO. The leaders of the two unions were given top priority for the high positions in the new union.

How does this apply to the farm problem and the organizations involved? I sincerely believe that the only hope for success for the farmer lies in the realization that there needs to be more unity in our farm organizations.

I shall be very blunt! This means ONE organization for the farmer just as labor has one organization. Just as you need a strong alliance to win a war we need a strong alliance to win the battle for the farmer. Many will look on this idea with horror, but I say it must be done.

If such a move were made, all of our present farm organizations would have to submerge some of their thinking for the greater good of all. This can be done in much the same way that the AFL-CIO has done. This would mean joining all of these farm leaders into an executive board of such an organization. They should have a convention every year and decide on a definite policy to be followed, a policy acceptable to all groups concerned. With this unified thinking they could march into Washington and lay a definite, concrete farm program before Congress which should command the respect and support of the members of Congress. With proper guidance such an organization should attract the interest and co-operation of more farmers than at present, for the mutual benefit of all.

I realize that there are obstacles and difficulties to be surmounted in achieving this end. Personal ambitions of the present leaders of these competing farm organizations will make it difficult to fit them into the new organization without friction, but it can and must be done. There must also be a greater willingness to give and take on the part of the membership of the various farm organizations. Neither of these difficulties are insurmountable as was proven by the unification of the labor organizations.

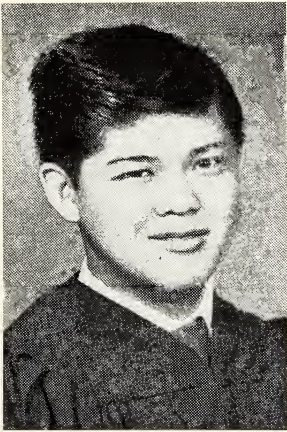
In conclusion I should like to say: If we are to have a solid front for farmers we should unite our efforts under a single banner and a single farm organization. This would enable our law-makers to make clear cut decisions on farm policy.

The future for agriculture is clouded unless this unity is accomplished, since members of Congress, unsympathetic with farm problems, can excuse their non-support of farm legislation on the grounds that farm thinking is divided. For these reasons I feel that the only logical thing for the farm organizations to do is to work toward the goal of having one organization to be the voice of agriculture.

OUR SOIL MUST BE SAVED

By Carl Kozuma, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii

In the brief moment that I have, I want to present to you the problems of our soil . . . its condition when our settlers first came here, what they did that was wrong, what soil conservation is, the annual loss of our soil through various means, and what can be done to save our soil.



Every day after school I spend a little time working in my garden. It is a modest plot, but its products are more than sufficient to meet the needs of our family of three. While at work weeding, planting, and harvesting the results of my labor, I never cease to marvel at the productivity of my garden, that of my neighbors, and in truth, the entire surrounding area.

Aided by many modern conveniences like fertilizer, sprays, and appropriate equipment, I and others like me are able to use the land to its fullest advantage in spite of frequent rains and strong winds. I am fortunate in being able to have a productive piece of land. Many others, however, are not. Because of the ravages of time and the elements, and men's foolishness, our land has suffered and become less fruitful than it once was.

Many years ago when the first settlers arrived on the North American continent, they found the land richly endowed by nature. Everywhere was a seemingly inexhaustible supply of game, fish, timber, grass, and soil. Almost everywhere the fertile lands supported some kind of vegetation. Soil nourished the vegetation and in turn the vegetation nourished the soil. The topsoil was removed from the land surface no faster than it was built up. The dense vegetation kept the soil from being washed away. It was virtually a fairy land.

After the arrival of Europeans came a rapid settlement of our country. Colonists entered the virgin land full of vigor and enthusiasm. Farmers, explorers, trappers, wanderers, and many other types of people quickly occupied the continent. There was little, if any thought, of conserving anything. They certainly helped themselves to that country full of immense wealth quite unmindful of the terrific wastage.

Let us go back in our history to the eve of the coming of the first white men. We can see our country clothed in magnificent trees and grasses. The rains came as they do now, but because of the wonderful stand of forests and grasses the soil was left undisturbed. Even the strong winds failed to carry the soil away. Our wildlife was plentiful. There was an ideal balance of nature.

What happened to this land of plenty? Men's greed and selfishness caused vast areas of land to be left unprotected and the rains that came washed away the valuable soil. Men burned large areas of valuable timberland; men killed off wildlife recklessly; men plowed the hillsides and left for other lands leaving the former unprotected. These men did not put back anything into the land; they only took and disrupted the once ideal balance of nature. Time and the elements took their toll of this misused land, and wasteful erosion of valuable soil was the result.

At this point I would like to pose a question. Just what is erosion? Erosion is the wasting of soil brought about by the effect of wind and water. The greatest cause of erosion is water. The amount of solids lost each year is truly amazing. For example, scientists estimate that the amount of solids lost annually would fill a freight train long enough to encircle the Earth eighteen times at the Equator. May I point out that much of these solids that are washed away is soil and its constituents. The most unfortunate thing about soil loss is that it is a loss in the truest sense of the word. It is lost and never reclaimed.

Another serious loss is caused by the wind. Annually, our valuable topsoil is carried away by high velocity wind in the form of dust and usually this dust settles in places of least benefit to the crops. A good example of erosion by wind is the Great Dust Storm of May 12, 1934 which originated in the plains of New Mexico and Oklahoma and spread eastward as far as New York and beyond into the Atlantic Ocean. It is said that this dust was so thick that lights had to be turned on in New York City during broad daylight. It is further estimated that this dust storm deprived the plains of from 200 to 300 million tons of topsoil.

This topsoil is the most important part of the soil. It is estimated that under natural conditions, from 200 to 1,000 years or more are required to form an inch of topsoil. It means that when a seven inch layer of topsoil is removed, nature's work of 1,400 to 7,000 years is wasted. It is this topsoil which supports plant life and in turn animal life including the human being.

There are now about 654 million acres of arable land. Of the 654 million acres, about 460 million represents really good cropland. Actually, all of the 460 million acres except about 100 million acres are subject to erosion. It is this area of 460 million acres that is supporting our nation today, but if nothing is done to save our soil, we shall reduce ourselves from a first rate nation to a third rate nation.

The answer to our soil problem lies in the intelligent use of our lands. This means soil conservation. Bare hillsides and gullies must be planted in suitable protective crops; a reforestation program must keep on continuously; measures must be adopted to check the annual floods; devastating high winds must be checked by windbreaks; and our farm lands must be saved by proper contouring, terracing, strip cropping, and the construction of channels and diversion ditches. Lands not suitable for cropping should be turned into grazing lands by planting suitable grasses. This is soil conservation at work.

Let us all recognize this grave situation. Let us all join our hands in conserving our life giving soil, for by conserving we may maintain our present standards. Let us all, each man, woman, and child, be ever mindful of soil conservation so that this great land of ours that we call the United States of America, will continue to be even greater, that these rightful benefits will be handed down to posterity. This is my message to you.

THE PURPOSES OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

By George F. Guess, Jr., Stevenson, Alabama

Maybe some of you have been thinking that the FFA is just a farm boy organization that uses farming as its only means of practice. Along with the many FFA purposes, the primary aim is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship. In our first year study of vocational agriculture we find the need of good leadership. Also realizing its need, good leadership is stressed by our parents, our teachers and our local advisors. Especially is this so in our agricultural and FFA work.



Next in line, along with good leadership, is cooperation. We need to cooperate with others to get along successfully in our everyday life. Also, working together in a united effort, or cooperation, we can accomplish much which no individual could do alone. We can see the importance of farmer cooperation in their united activities that benefit all. This is where one of our main FFA objectives comes in, training in cooperation. We truly believe in the

statement Abraham Lincoln made: "A house divided against itself cannot long endure." And here I quote to you from our creed: "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 these rights against practices and policies that are unfair."

Next is citizenship. The FFA is more than a nationwide organization, extending from the state of Washington to Puerto Rico and from the state of Maine to Hawaii. People recognize FFA members as respectful citizens; therefore, we need to put good citizenship into practice at all times.

Now we come to the point of country life, or life on the farm. We, as the Future Farmers of America, create and nurture a love of farm life within ourselves and our fellow citizens. We love farm life because we are the ones who will have to depend on farming for our living.

Sometimes there are members who do not realize the provisions of farm life and they become discouraged. Then is the time we need to strengthen the confidence of farm boys within themselves and their work. We can do this by promoting a feeling of comradeship and cooperation between the parent and son with reference to the boy's agriculture work. We can do this by bringing the parents in closer contact with the work and accomplishments of the agriculture department. Also, we aim to promote a spirit of good feeling toward the community farmers, we take the greatest pride in our agriculture department, and we show an appreciation for the work of our farm boys and our worthy teachers. Some of the activities are carried out through our parent and son banquets.

We need to create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations and to encourage members in the development and establishment of an individual farming program. A good Future Farmer will establish well, an individual farming program to help him meet the qualifications of advancements which are offered to him by the FFA. Each year we should try to increase our farming program as much as possible. We should help our fellow members in establishing their farming programs; we should keep accurate records on all of our projects; and above all, we should apply ourselves to the FFA in a way which might encourage some other member to take more interest in his FFA work as well as his work on the farm.

The improvement of the farm home and its surroundings is another important purpose of the FFA. This, along with our crop and livestock projects, should also include farm safety. We need to practice farm safety because accidents to farm residents take a tragic annual toll of 14,000 lives and 1,200,000 injuries, many of which result in permanent disability. Reports of the National Safety Council show that highway accidents annually claim 6,200 lives. Falls account for the lives of 2,000 to 2,200 farm residents each

year; out of these about 700 fatalities occur in the course of work, and about 1,300 in and around the farm home. Tractor accidents take about 700 lives each year. Death or injury by fire and the handling of farm machinery add their toll of life or limb simply by carelessness or thoughtlessness. This should give a clear picture of the importance of farm safety to the American farm family. The training that we are receiving today through the FFA will help us to improve the safety conditions on our farms and in our homes.

Again in the picture is respectful citizenship and cooperation. We should participate in the competitive activities and worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture. Each year the FFA organization has different contests, such as livestock judging and shows, soil and water management, home improvement, the star farmer contest, and many others. Each member should enter into some of these contests for the experience he will get, for the prizes that he might receive, and to help build the influence of himself and his chapter.

To be a good member of the FFA is one of the most important purposes. Since we want our organization to be the best, we should develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.

We should try to make our organization stronger for the benefit of our homes, our schools, our communities, and our nation.

Let me emphasize that the primary aim of the FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ORGANIZATION is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship. May I also review with you some of the purposes of our FFA program.

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
3. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
4. To strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work.
5. To encourage members in the development of an individual farming program and establishment in farming.
6. To encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.

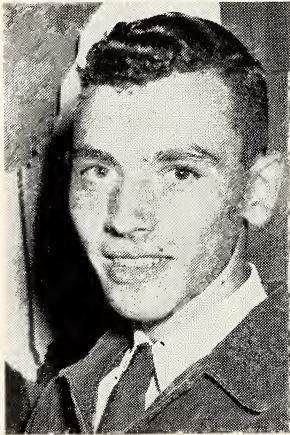
Since LEADERSHIP seems to be one of the main FFA objectives, I am sure you have asked yourself this question: Is the FFA actually training youth in rural and agricultural leadership? To answer that question one has only to review the records of outstanding members who are making good as young farm leaders. Also, thousands of outstanding members have already passed on into the ranks of the great Farm Bureau Organization as well as other agricultural and civic organizations. I hope each of you now recognize

that the FFA is developing trained leadership and a farm citizenry which serves and exerts an influence for good wherever found. Therefore, the **SUCCESSFUL FARMER AND SUCCESSFUL LEADER OF TOMORROW IS THE FUTURE FARMER OF TODAY.**

ALERT TODAY—ALIVE TOMORROW

By Dale Childs, Kingwood, West Virginia

Each year the President of our country designates one week as National Farm Safety Week. Why? Because unfortunately less thought has been given to accident prevention in farming than in any other occupation even though more than 14,000 farm residents are killed, and 1,200,000 or more are injured in farm accidents each year. Only the extractive occupations, such as mining, and the construction industries have a higher death rate per 100,000 workers than farming; but, even so, agriculture has the highest number of accidental work deaths.



Why is farming a more hazardous occupation than industry? The answer probably lies in the fact that industry is forced by law to practice safety, offers safety courses for its employees, and is more alert for causes. This is not true with the farmer. The farmer is his own boss and perhaps employs only a few men who do not come under compensation laws. Then, too, although the farmer handles just as powerful equipment as industry, he operates machinery seasonally. His schedule with these machines is so short that he hardly gets used to their operations until he is through with them. On the other hand, a worker in industry may be at the same machine for months.

If farm families would heed the plea of the Nation's No. 1 farmer for elimination of hazards about the farm and farm home, farms would be safer places to live and work. President Eisenhower voiced his appeal for greater farm safety in one of his proclamations designating National Farm Safety Week. "I urgently request," he said, "all farm workers to make safety inventories of their homes, farms, machinery, and equipment, and to cultivate careful work habits and attitudes."

"I also request all persons and organizations interested in farm life and welfare to join in a campaign to reduce the tragedies and losses caused by needless accidents."

However, even with the President's plea and the actions of safety minded organizations, working on a farm safety program is a hard, sometimes tedious, task. Very little public recognition will be given for safety activities; and monetary rewards are nil,

for who can put a price upon a human life. Moreover, it takes large amounts of ingenuity, resourcefulness, and downright enthusiasm to get across the story of safety. Where can we find a better source of these ingredients than among the Future Farmers of America? It is with this in mind that I chose to talk about farm safety.

The real tragedy in rural accidents is that they are caused by little acts of thoughtlessness and can be prevented, in most part, by carefulness.

This, I believe is illustrated by the following little story about a prominent farmer:

He brushed his teeth twice a day.

The doctor examined him twice a year.

He wore his rubbers when it rained.

He slept with his windows open.

He stuck to his diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.

He never smoked, drank, or lost his temper.

He did his daily dozen daily.

He worked but did not overwork.

He got at least eight hours of sleep every night.

His funeral was held last Wednesday. He had forgotten to turn off the motor when he worked on the tractor in a closed shop.

The main reason for promoting farm safety is a human one, of course—to prevent death and suffering. But aside from this, there is also a dollars' and cents' reason which should be considered. When a farmer is injured, he is often left alone and must hire someone to take his place. Trained farm workers are scarce and receive high wages. How many farmers are there who can afford to hire a man for several months while a broken leg mends? Or how many can continue farming if they are injured so seriously that they can no longer perform common farm work?

Then, too, accidents often cause accidents in this respect. Injured farmers try to get along with inexperienced help, or with the help of wives or children rather than hire a good man. As might be expected, the accident rate of this temporary labor is very high.

It is true that the past civilizations were built on the sweat, toil, and muscles of slaves and servants; however, man is not at his best when he is using only his muscles. For Mr. America can do only 1/8 as much work as a draft horse, or 1/400 as much work as a tractor. Furthermore, to compete with machinery, man would have to work for less than five dollars per month. For instance, one man can plow an acre in forty-five minutes with a three-bottom plow; plant an acre in twenty minutes with a four-row planter putting down fertilizer at the same time; combine an acre of wheat in fifty minutes; or dig post holes at the rate of thirty an hour.

These motorized muscles have given Americans the highest standards of living on earth and have made the American farmer the most productive in the world. He is now a business man instead of a peasant; he has less backache and more leisure. However, new machines and new techniques mean new problems. With mechanization becoming an increasingly valuable and important part of the

farmer's working equipment, farmers are subject to additional hazards of an already hazardous occupation.

If farm accidents pertaining to machines are to be prevented—and let me emphasize that, in a large measure, they can be prevented—it will be done by operators who accept a full measure of their responsibility; for the best kind of a safety device is a careful operator.

It is true that the designer, the manufacturer, the safety engineer can help; and they will help, but their combined efforts can be wiped out by a single careless act of the operator. A machine can work, but it can not think. That is the reason that it's the MAN who operates the machine who counts.

We must remember, also that motorized living has broadened the farm family's boundaries to as far as they want to drive; and that, too, has brought its dangers. There are millions of automobiles—some new, some old, some ready to fall apart—on our vast highway system with many a hazard in every mile. The automobiles, the highways, the good and bad drivers, the pedestrians add together to form America's traffic lottery. It is a complex game of life and death in which each of us, willing or not, must take a hand.

Some of us will lose in this game because we are willing to take a chance, no matter how great the odds. Others will lose because we have not learned the game well enough to play it safely. Since our stake in this lottery is high, it is up to us to make certain we do not lose. We can do this by knowing the traffic signs and road rules and then obeying them.

In considering hazards about the farm we must not forget a very great one: bad housekeeping. A study conducted by the National Safety Council revealed that the largest single cause of injuries on the farm, other than poor judgment, is disorder, which accounts for one out of every five hospitalized home accident cases. There are 1,157 home fires in the United States every hour, and fires find a breeding place in paper, rags, and rubbish. Even though it may not be a factor in starting a fire, trash will feed the flame and make it harder to control. When equipment and other material are not in their proper places, falls and bodily injuries are the result.

It would be impossible even to mention all farm hazards and suggest a cure; but, in closing, let me say that if we would develop right attitudes toward farm safety, farming need not account for thousands of injuries and accidental work deaths.

Let's pledge the following:

1. We will take time to take care.
2. We will be open-minded to safety suggestions.
3. We will check and double check our equipment.
4. We will keep the farm in order.
5. We will take safety seriously.
6. We will support safety education.

Fellow Future Farmers, let's practice safety until it becomes a habit, and let's start now! LET'S BE ALERT TODAY—ALIVE TOMORROW!

The Courtesy Corps has fulfilled a need at our National FFA Convention. This group has improved the convention through working with FFA members in helping them become acquainted with Kansas City, familiar with the convention sessions, as well as advising and counseling FFA members when the need arose. Many fine complimentary remarks have been passed to us from the FFA members, State staff members, teachers, representatives of business and Kansas City people relative to the effectiveness of the Courtesy Corps in making the National Convention more adequately serve Future Farmers and their leaders.

The fine job done by the Ushers in making the convention more enjoyable to those in attendance, helping with session arrangements and extending the hand of "welcome" to fellow Future Farmers, and guests, is worthy of high comment. There is no question but what this group will be an important fixture to future conventions.

Recognition is given to all the FFA members in attendance for their fine cooperation in conducting themselves according to our Code of Ethics. Surely the FFA can be proud to say "The Future Farmer is Always a Gentleman."

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