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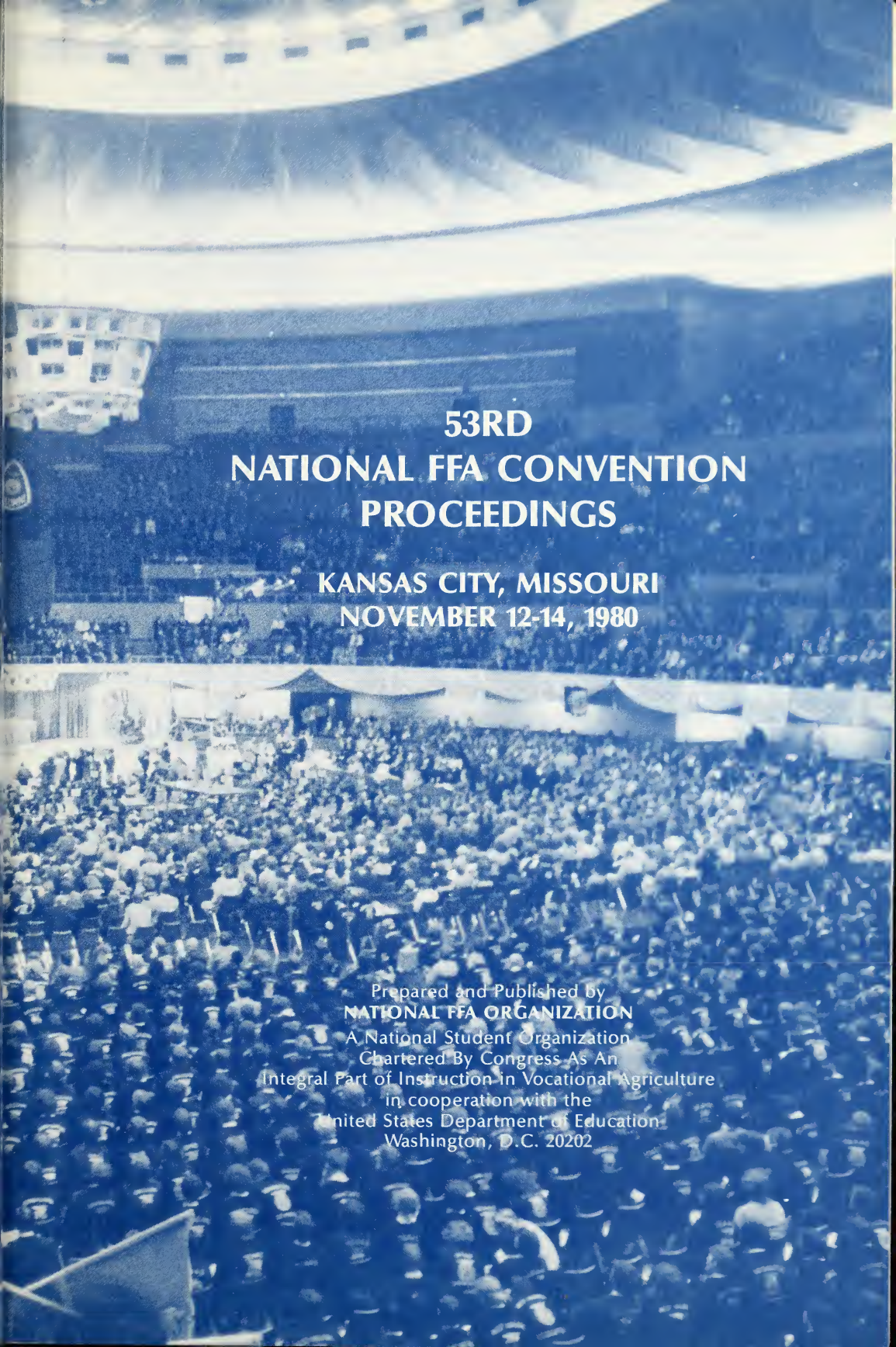

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BUILDING TOMORROWS TODAY

More than 23,000 FFA members, advisors and guests demonstrated how the FFA is Building Tomorrows Today at the 53rd National FFA Convention. The convention in Kansas City, Missouri, November 12-14, set a new attendance record and saw award presentations, speakers, contests and business culminate a year of work.

But the work began at the local chapter level. That's where the concept of binding together hands-on experience, leadership development and classroom instruction really proves itself. Whether it's competing in the chapter public speaking contest, starting an agricultural proficiency project or running for a Greenhand office, FFA members are building skills useful to America and its agriculture.

The 53rd National FFA Convention was a climax for some — the finale of an FFA career. For others, it was just a beginning — the motivational force to do and achieve. This proceedings booklet is a record of those past achievements and an inspiration to future ones. We hope you find encouragement in its use.

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Building Tomorrows Today

They came to honor the FFA's best, hear inspirational speakers, demonstrate agricultural skills in contests and conduct business of the nearly half-million member organization. It was all part of the 53rd National FFA Convention, November 12 to 14, in Kansas City, Missouri. More than 23,000 FFA members, advisors and guests attended and demonstrated how the FFA is Building Tomorrows Today.

AND THE WINNER IS . . .

The competition and recognition throughout convention week involved FFA members from all 50 states and Puerto Rico. In total, more than 2,500 awards were presented to members for their outstanding accomplishments. Building Our American Communities awards were presented to 166 chapters with the Monroeville, Ohio, chapter topping the competition. Gold, silver and bronze emblem rankings were given to 365 chapters in the National Chapter Award Program and to 128 chapters in the Safety Award Program. Nearly 1,500 FFA members competed in the nine national contests which ranged from milk quality and dairy foods to floriculture and livestock judging to ag mechanics.

Steve Vaughan and Jack Baber, Jr., were the 1980 Stars Over America. Vaughan, a 21-year-old dairy farmer from Hartville, Ohio, was named Star Farmer of America, and Baber, a 19-year-old Colusa, California, native who cooperates in the family rice drying and storage operation, was named Star Agribusinessman. These two were selected as the best of the 783 American Farmer degree recipients.

Proficiency awards were presented to 22 FFA members for their outstanding competencies, and the two public speaking contests continued to be a convention highpoint. David Steakley, 18, of the Grandview, Texas, FFA chapter spoke about world starvation and malnutrition in "The Challenge of Our Age" to win the 50th annual prepared public speaking contest. Ron Wineinger, 17, of Marion, Kansas, won the extemporaneous public speaking contest with the topic "Effective Management in Agribusiness."

Top to bottom: Linkletter, Bergland, Aaron, Devaney, McDowell, Sokolosky

PEOPLE MAKE IT HAPPEN

The Honorary American Farmer degree, VIP Citation and Distinguished Service Citation were awarded to individuals and groups who continually support the FFA. Don McDowell, who served as executive director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee from 1969 to 1979, was honored for his decade of outstanding service. The Sponsoring Committee leadership was passed to 1981 chairman Dr. Owen J. Newlin, vice president of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Incorporated. He succeeds R.M. Hendrickson, president of the Agricultural Division of Pfizer Inc. who led the drive which brought more than $1 million into the Foundation's fund for incentive awards and programs. A slide program recognized groups that donated in 1980.

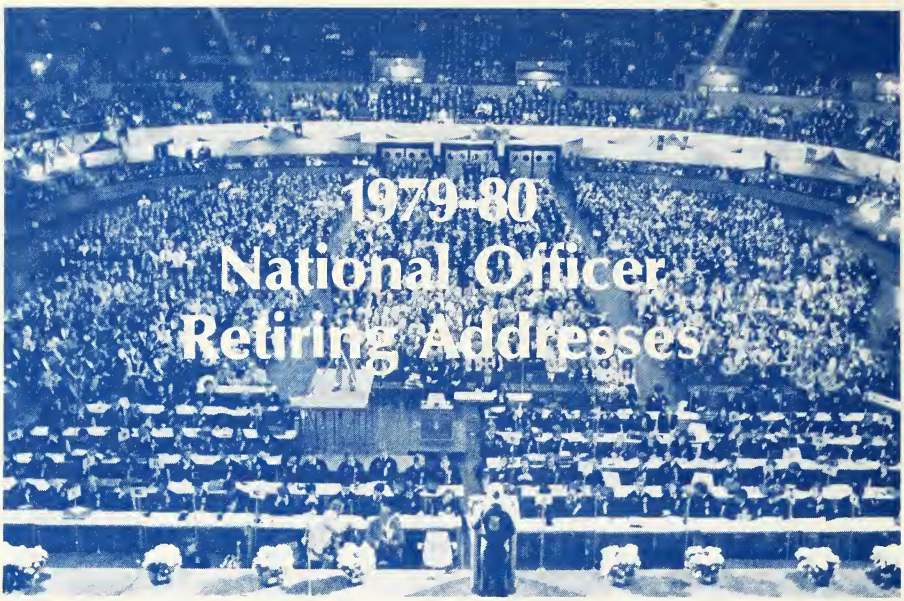
TV/radio personality and author Art Linkletter keynoted the convention encouraging members to make the most of their lives. Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland challenged them to continue making agriculture and America strong. Addresses by baseball's home run king Hank Aaron and University of Nebraska athletic director Bob Devaney also highlighted convention sessions. Some of the best speaking was displayed by the 1979-80 national officers when they delivered their retiring addresses.

The Veterans Day performance by the U.S. Air Force Band and the Singing Sergeants set the mood for convention week as did the patriotic vespers program "Our America." On the lighter side, the Firestone Show provided comical and musical entertainment. The National FFA Chorus, Band and Talent added spice to every session.

The National FFA Alumni Association again held its convention in conjunction with the FFA meeting and sponsored nine leadership workshops for the high school members. The announcement of a record membership of 18,412 FFA Alumni members and the premier showing of the slide program "It's Working" highlighted the Alumni convention. New Lexington, Ohio, was named Outstanding Affiliate with Denmark, Wisconsin, as runner-up. Outstanding Alumni Achievement Awards were presented to Lamar Branch of Georgia and Tom Stine of Missouri. Phyllis Sokolosky of Oklahoma was selected president for 1980-81 with Harold Lineberry of Tennessee as president-elect.

NEW LEADERS

After Friday morning's national officer report and international activities program, the 1980-81 national officers were elected. They are: (front, left to right) Mark Herndon, 20, President from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Bob Quick, 20, Secretary from Bement, Illinois; (back, left to right) David Pearce, 20, Central Region Vice President from Warrensburg, Missouri; Glenn Caves, 20, Southern Region Vice President from Laurel, Mississippi; Susie Barrett, 20, Eastern Region Vice President from Vincent, Ohio; and David Alders, 19, Western Region Vice President from Nacogdoches, Texas.



. . . ALWAYS TRIED
Doug Rinker, National President

". . . you are a winner when you're always tried and always given your best."

"One of the rarest things that man ever does is to do the best he can." Josh Billings wrote that in the 19th Century. At times it still applies today — maybe it is the answer to decreased productivity in our industrial sector, self-centeredness in our lifestyles or possibly it is the answer to America's decline in favoritism among our neighbors throughout the world. It may be . . . but I can tell you after the thousands of miles and hundreds of visits that these assumed answers to America's few problems do not and will not apply to the people I have been blessed to meet this year.

Sure, our nation has her problems, but I've been to other countries and I know she is still strong and will become stronger because of the generation I am proud to be a part of. It is because of this "Future for America", a group I have shared my year with, that I choose to remember this year not by places visited, engagements spoken at, or pictures taken, but I'll remember these past 364 days by the time spent with you.

You are the reason six of us started our journey a year ago filled with excitement, yet afraid of what the future held for us. It is because of our belief in you and the qualities you have shared with your six retiring officers, that every time we zip up these jackets with no lettering on the back, we feel a deep pride and lasting respect for the organization you play such a vital role in.

Yes my friends, this year has made me realize more than ever, the strength of our future lies in the youth of America. Many times this year I have challenged members and asked, "What will you do with the role you are about to serve in your nation?" I didn't need an answer, for deeds speak louder than words. Your deeds have served millions through community service programs such as Building Our American Communities and Food For America. Our members have developed themselves through participation in proficiency award programs, leadership conferences and many other opportunities that await those that will but try in this organization of blue and gold.

I have also seen what role you have served in my eight years of FFA. Advisors, state and national staffs, sponsors, my fellow members and officers, plus many more have given so much by simply being themselves. Many of you have given so much by being an example for me to follow during this year and throughout life.

There was an example of hope and enthusiasm that was an answer to my prayer of needed exuberance. The answer was presented to me by a nine-year-old named Jason who would tackle EVERYTHING with equal zeal and equal belief that the best would always come about. Jason, without even realizing it, gave me hope and enthusiasm because he always tried.

There was an example of dedication and perseverance that was an answer to my prayer of needed strength to overcome problems. The answer was there ever since we had served as chapter officers and had worked together on his family's farm. This person that has always been an example for me to try and follow received his American Farmer Degree just yesterday. My friend Wayne will overcome any problem or obstacle that ever faces him because he, like many of you, has faith in his own ability to try no matter what faces him.

My former advisors have always been examples for me to follow, but the words of one, Mr. Sutphin, will always serve me and I think you, too, for in effect he said, "As long as you've always tried and always given your best, then we'll be proud of you, no matter what the results are."

People have made my years in the FFA the memorable ones that they are. But a quote from Dale Carnegie best sums up something else I've learned this year. Carnegie once wrote:

> One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon — instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today.

I've learned to appreciate my family and friends this year and praise the Good Lord for them. But I must apologize to all of you for not having always tried and not always given my best. Those were the times I was a failure. "Learning experiences," we call them. Even with those times, I consider myself a success because of the affiliation I have had with all of you. Many of you are winners due to your genuinely sincere attitude and if I can only pattern myself after many of the hopeful, enthusiastic and truly sincere Greenhands I have met, then I'll always call myself a success.

These past few days we have declared many winners, yet many more were never named. Many never realize they are winners. But I can say it is my honest belief that you are a winner when you've always tried and always given your best. Success is not measured by dollars or acres or numbers, as most people believe, but instead success is an attitude that each person eventually comes to. You never reach

complete success but can come close through sincere efforts and by reaching your full potential of your God given abilities.

As I retire from this organization that has provided so many opportunities and leave the year of being with you, I make a special request: I ask that you please join me in a moment of silent prayer of thanksgiving for what each of us has shared, what we have and what our dreams are . . .

. . . Dee, Don, Phil, Elin, Jeff, all of you have given so much and have set examples for me to dream about until my time is up on this world — thank you. My friends, all of you have been such an inspiration because you are who you are — examples of our country's tremendous future. I am indebted to all of you for what you have given me, yet I leave here tonight the richest man in the world. The prayer I leave you with is this . . .

May you have
Enough happiness to keep you sweet
Enough trials to keep you strong
Enough sorrow to keep you human
Enough hope to keep you happy
Enough failure to keep you humble
Enough success to keep you eager
Enough friends to give you comfort
Enough wealth to meet your needs
Enough enthusiasm to banish all depression
Enough determination to make each day
better than yesterday.

Take care, my friends, and may God bless you always!

THIS ONE'S FOR YOU

Phil Benson, National FFA Secretary

"Satisfaction is . . . the gut feeling that . . . you have achieved all that you are capable of achieving."

Every officer in this organization dreams of someday delivering his retiring address. Actually, it's much more frightening than you might think. When I first began to think about this presentation several months ago, I tried to analyze just exactly what was at stake. You see, this is the last opportunity I will have to share my thoughts with you. When you consider that you have to incorporate everything you want to say in one speech, it becomes extremely challenging.

Of course, I must thank each of you for what you have contributed to this fantastic experience. Likewise, the chance to work with educators, FFA staff, Foundation staff and sponsors has been highly rewarding. And serving with five people, whose belief and dedication to this organization is unparalleled, has provided an abundance of life-long memories. But this time is too precious to devote it merely to thank yous.

I have had the opportunity to observe FFA members in all parts of the country these past 12 months and in many different situations. One common setting has been FFA members being recognized for their efforts. Awards of all shapes and sizes have been presented in 1980. There were many winners but even more losers. Being called on to congratulate winners, console losers and challenge both groups to do even better next time has led me to revise my own perception of success. Being successful is something we all look forward to. However, each of us is greeted by success differently.

Let me paint a picture of two FFA members to show you why I have changed my opinion of success. Neither of these members has done without much in life. There were always nice clothes, more than enough food, better than average shelter to live under and a warm, loving family to share with. In fact, there are no elements in this account to make it a horror story. Sure, they suffered their share of cuts and bruises as youngsters. And each managed to encounter a fair amount of trouble at home and at school. Yet these two FFA members grew up with essentially the same love, the same support and the same encouragement.

But they were different! They looked different, they thought different, they acted different and they talked different. And they were interested in different things. One liked horses, the other liked cows. One wanted to play Little League, while the other wanted to ride his pony in the parade. But that was okay. It was okay with their parents, and it was okay with them. Each pursued his own interests, and each was happy. However, as they grew older, these two FFA members became aware of something, slowly at first but later it became obvious. They were being rewarded for their efforts differently and in a rather confusing manner. Normally you would expect that someone who works harder at something would receive a greater reward. Not true in this case. And it had nothing to do with the family life because that love, support and encouragement remained constant. It became evident to these two that something far more powerful was dictating when and how much each should be rewarded. The problem was that this power evidently did not subscribe to the old "the harder you work, the more you get" theory. This appeared to be making it easy for one while periodically testing the courage of the other. For example: one could virtually not study and still manage good grades while the other could beat his brains out and do no better than average.

Their participation in FFA made the injustices even more obvious. One, whose interest in FFA had been secondary, rose to high acclaim with what seemed like relative ease. The other member, whose first love had always been the Future Farmers of America, became further confused as he watched time and again as his successes were dampened by bitter disappointments — disappointments which were not the result of inadequate enthusiasm or effort but ones which could only be attributed to this power which calculates the dividends each of us receives in life.

Of course, each of us realizes the different ability levels we possess. And we tend to accept, with time, that we must be satisfied with what each of us alone can achieve. Yet we still compare ourselves with others. And the competitive atmosphere in which we live sometimes makes it difficult to swallow the fact that life is so easy for some and so challenging for others.

We all desire to win, some more intensely than others. However, winning asks different things of different people. The price is different for each of us. To win, for some of us, requires great sacrifice. Yet we forge ahead attempting to fill our souls with the pride and jubilation that is success. Success. Can a person experience anything more gratifying? Success. Can there be another feeling more desirable to mankind?

Yes! There is a feeling which more completely warms the soul. There is another feeling which, in a much more powerful way, creates a sense of self-worth more than does success. And there is a feeling that, in many cases, is far more difficult to achieve than success. The feeling I speak of is satisfaction — self-satisfaction. It's

knowing that the effort you put forth is the very best you are capable of. It's the gut feeling that, despite what those around you have done, you have achieved all that you are capable of achieving.

In the movie "Ten for Gold," Bruce Jenner stressed his goal of scoring a "personal best" each time he competed. Of course, Jenner felt the pressure and expectations that sports fans the world over had placed on him by making him the favorite to win the decathlon at the 1976 Summer Olympic Games. He felt the pressure of the competitors who had traveled from all over the world to challenge him in Montreal. However, the greatest expectations of all came from Jenner himself. His demand was simple yet exceedingly challenging: run faster, jump higher and throw farther than you ever have before. Bruce Jenner's success on the 1976 Olympic decathlon was rewarded by a gold medal. But true personal satisfaction came in a string of "personal bests" which will not tarnish with time, will not fluctuate in value nor will they ever lose their ability to fulfill human desire in a way which is second only to true love.

Each of us possesses a unique ability to achieve, but we all play by different rules. None of us does it exactly the same, nor are we required to put forth the same amount of effort. These differences appear to be grave injustices at times, particularly when we habitually compare our progress with the achievements of others. This is what eventually happened in the case of the two FFA members I have cited. One member began to measure his own successes based on ground rules which applied only to the other.

It is impossible to know the tremendous pain this individual has suffered. His string of disappointments include the loss of thousands of dollars worth of livestock, the disappointment of not being elected to state office and, most recently, denial of the American Farmer Degree. Most painful has been the fact that extraordinary effort has seemingly failed to pay off. These instances have left deep scars on this person's self-confidence. But he's a winner. He has never accepted defeat, and I don't expect him to do so in the future. There is no doubt in my mind that as this person begins to overcome personal challenges rather than those which are competitions with others, he will compile a record which will be regarded as highly successful. What is more certain to me, however, is because of this member's uncompromising quest to be the best at what he does combined with unequalled energy and **now** the ability to channel that energy into areas in which he can succeed, this member will live a life of even greater satisfaction than I will. For I know he will achieve every ounce of that which he is capable of.

When this member ran for state office he told me that, if elected, he hoped to share some of his experiences with others. He hoped that if others could identify with what he had gone through that they might be inspired to get back up and carry on, that they might also begin to measure success in terms of "personal bests." His message was simple — be what you can be. Your own standards are the ones that count most. The only person who needs to be satisfied is YOU.

Well, he never got to give that speech. And as I traveled across the country this year I saw FFA members who have suffered similar failures. I realize there is little I can do about such fate. But to those of you whom this story describe and especially to this FFA member who means so very much to me, I say — this is not my retiring address, THIS ONE'S FOR YOU.

It's been a fantastic year. Thank you.

THE TIME IS NOW

Dee James, National Vice President
Central Region

"If you want to be successful, . . . you work to make it happen."

Growing up on a farm has made a significant impact on my life. Among other things, it has enabled me to decide on a life's work in the industry of agriculture.

When I was yet too young to drive a tractor myself, I used to spend hours in the field, riding on the tractor with my grandfather. I was content to see the fresh, exposed soil with each pass of the disk or harrow, to observe how straight he could plant the row crops and wheat and at the same time explain to me how you could probably plant more in a crooked row. I enjoyed also how he made it through the rows of crops with the cultivator and, then best of all, harvested the product of a year's effort and expense with an excitement and enthusiasm that can only be exhibited by a farmer at harvest time. And after a day's riding in the field, most often I would be rewarded by getting to steer a few rounds before we quit for the evening. And all the while, I kept dreaming and thinking that I couldn't wait for the day when I would be driving that tractor myself, harvesting crops that I had planted on ground that I had tilled.

So in riding on that tractor or combine, I wanted to learn, I wanted to be prepared. I would like to think that I recognized back then that the time is now to be preparing for the future, and the future was getting closer with each passing day.

In looking to the future, I think it is often helpful to look also at the past. We often see history repeating itself. Today's fashions certainly exhibit that trend and so do many other seemingly modern trends such as harnessing the power of the sun and wind. The process by which we learn is also repeated each time we are introduced to something new. It seems to make sense to me, therefore, that in all we do, we must walk before we run, we practice before we become proficient and we must plan before we can build . . . and we learn quickly that it is always best to build from a strong foundation.

These same ideals became clear again when I was first introduced to the FFA. As a Greenhand I was overwhelmed, excited and greatly enthused at what the FFA offered. That momentum got me through the first year, and then I started to see all those awards, contests and offices being won by older, more experienced members. I became a little confused, frustrated, defeated and discouraged with the system. I was confused until I remembered all the acres that I had plowed while riding on Grandpa's tractor, frustrated until I recalled the small steps I had to take before I could run and discouraged until I recognized and appreciated all the

practice and experience that was needed if I was ever going to be successful. I realized in my first years of membership the need for a strong foundation on which to build, and I always had to hear myself think . . . the time is now . . . to be preparing for what the future held for me in this organization.

This year I have found history repeating itself and the same learning process being generated again and again. The history of our organization is enabling us to continue to build and to grow based on the foundation of success.

Our organization was founded on the need which was exhibited by students of vocational agriculture for an organization of national scope to provide students an opportunity and the incentives to expand on their classroom education and to share and to grow with other students on the basis of their common belief in agricultural leadership, citizenship and cooperation as stated in our primary aim. FFA members, that need is still alive, and we must continue to strengthen that vital aim to continue to strengthen the vital industry of agriculture.

Today in fact, the need for more trained young people in agriculture is perhaps even greater than it was 53 years ago. The cry for our talents echoes from Alaska to Puerto Rico and from Maine to Hawaii. The time is now for us to hear that cry, to accept the challenges and the opportunities, to see the incentives and to prepare ourselves for the future that is awaiting each of us.

This year I have seen the history and the success of the FFA personified in former members who are now great contributors to our industry of agriculture. This year I have met leaders in agriculture business who without hesitation credit the FFA for training them in financial responsibility. I have met many successful farmers and ranchers who recall their first projects as the means of developing their current farming programs. And I have met leaders in agricultural organizations as well as elected officials from the local to the national level who acknowledge their leadership training and their desire to serve as a result of their membership in the Future Farmers of America.

In all of these people, as well as in us, there are three common denominators: membership in the FFA, agriculture interests and success, if we recognize that the time is now to begin and if we understand the significance of the learning process and to build from a strong foundation.

Success is in our reach because success is in our past as well as the future. And the formula for success is a simple one . . . if you want to be successful, you decide you want to be successful, and you work to make it happen. It can be as simple as that! Success is the opposite of failure, and that formula is rather simple, too. If you are a failure, you decide to be successful, but you only wish that it will happen.

As I see it, each of us has two choices that we can make as members of the Future Farmers of America: one, we can live off of the success of the members of the past and the present or, two, we can set out to improve on what has been given to us by the opportunities we have as members of this organization. The time is now to make that decision . . . to continue on the course of success knowing that success is not a destination, it is a journey.

Success can be a common denominator, but it is important, I feel, to recognize that we all have different measures for success. Ester York Burkholder wrote, "We all want to be a success in life. Some achieve heights of fame in their fields; others live quiet lives. Yet who can say that they are not equally successful?"

I think Burkholder has an important message saying that success cannot be measured by a title or by a certain level of achievement. Success is a measure of one's self.

It is my wish that you continue on the journey of success for the rest of your lives . . . the time is now to begin.

It is my desire that you accept with patience the learning process of watching and learning, practicing for proficiency and building the strong foundation . . . and the time is now to begin.

And it is my desire that you acknowledge with pride the responsibility that we all have in representing America's two greatest resources: agriculture and young people . . . and the time is now to begin.

Yes, the time is now to begin, because our journey to tomorrow and to success is always just beginning.

Gladys Taber shares the feeling that I have in thinking about the future and reflecting on the past while living in the present.

"Don't you ever get bored in the country in winter?" a city friend asked me.

My feeling is that boredom comes from within and has nothing to do with place or circumstances. There is always something to experience if we have the perception to sense it.

So as a new year begins, I take out my memories and sort them, the rough-cut jewels of my life. I relive them all and then put them away in my special box, laying the dark ones on the bottom and covering them over with the shining ones.

For now I have new experiences coming, new sorrows perhaps, but new hopes, also. I have fresh opportunities to help someone who needs it, more love and understanding to give and a renewed faith in God.

My journey to tomorrow is always just beginning.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Don Trimmer, National Vice President
Eastern Region

". . . partake of a new road and a new beginning."

November 9, 1979, was the beginning of a year that brought with it many new places, people and experiences into my life. It has been a year of adventure and excitement, of challenges **and** disappointments. But this past year has taken me far. From the fields of Central Maryland to the heartland of Dixie, from the plains of the Midwest to the foreign cities of Japan, I've been given the opportunity to grow and understand the complex industry of agriculture. It has been an inspiration to be in a lifestyle that I love and a profession that I firmly believe in. Agriculture is ever present in our world, and I am proud to be a part of it. But more so, I am excited about what the future holds for us. Agriculture needs us, you and I, as the Future Farmers of our land if it is to survive. The role that we will play is far more important than any other in our future, for it is we who have in our power the control over all of destiny as the producers of food for a hungry world. There is a big challenge ahead for all of us, and I, for one, am ready to accept it.

From my "Smalltown, U.S.A." of Woodsboro to New York City and Tokyo, I have traveled thousands of miles, and I have seen many cities and towns. But of all my experiences this past year, the greatest realization of all is that I have only just begun to see **my world**. A world not just from Alaska to Puerto Rico, Maine to Hawaii, but a world composed of many very special places and unique people. A world that offers to me a new beginning.

My year as a national officer has gone by fast, but today does not mark an end. Today instead marks a new beginning, a new excitement in my life.

I can't wait for tomorrow!
I have seen yesterday, and
I love today!

I am ready to face what tomorrow may bring into my life. But I don't want to go into tomorrow alone. I want to go with you, together. I have seen too much this year that attitudes of "I" and not enough of the "we." I have not only seen this in people but also in chapters and states. This is an attitude that concerns me the most about the years to come. If we are to endure another 53 years with the same grandeur and achievements of the past, then we must combine our efforts together in a sense of unity throughout the Future Farmers of America to keep this the greatest organization in the world. We must look forward to a new beginning, a new freshness with our world.

Reach out in the early morning mist.
As the day's sun
Breaks the calmness of night
And rises to the new day,
A new awareness of being.

Shake hands with the world
And smile.
It is great to be alive.

— jonivan —

No one knows what the future holds for each of us. There is a new day coming, and the course that we will follow down our road in life depends on the signs and directions left by those travelers before us, those leaders who have left their marks for all of us to follow.

> It was a new day, and the sun rose proudly off of the ocean's horizon. As he was walking along the beach that morning, he noticed the footsteps of the people gone by. There were so many different sizes and shapes in the sand. Many were walking, some running, others just standing still, and a few going in circles. The ocean's waves, like the tides of time, pounded the beach in a steady rhythm. He could see that the lower footsteps soon lost all distinction and returned to the vastness of the sand. But it was the marks left high on the beaches, those imprints being untouched, that withstood waves and showed a new direction to the travelers yet to come along the vast beach.

So as we begin our new day, we partake of a new road and a new beginning. The road that each of us must travel is long, and no one really knows where it will lead us. But if we go the road together, each of us can help one another through the difficult times.

We must go on forward, for if the Future Farmers of America are to advance and lead our nation, there must be a renewed sense of concern for all men to face the future united. And if we all work together, there will never be any burden too heavy to carry even through the hardest of times.

As we travel down our roads in life
With all of the struggles and all of the strifes,
Take the time to ask the Lord today
If he will give you the strength to find your way.

We have grown so much in the past few years
From the times of laughter and the times of tears.
But now we are ready to face the road,
To stand up strong and assume our load.

Because the future of America depends on you and me
To be the leaders and make others see
That ours is the land of opportunity
The home of the brave and the land of the free.

In these final hours, the world is mine,
So I'll make the most of my precious time.
Take care, my friends, as you go on your way
To meet the futures of tomorrow as the hours of today!

THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

Jeff Kirby, National FFA Vice President
Southern Region

". . . yours is the power and force of the mind, the heart and the spirit."

One night earlier this year, I arrived in a town where I didn't know anyone so I decided to see a movie. Without any second guesses, you can probably predict what I saw. As I sat in the theatre watching "Star Wars," I began to see a deeper meaning that the movie was trying to project. I began to ask myself about those people of the future: my children and grandchildren. Would they live in a society of great machines and equipment and highly technical computers? And what about the traveling machines? But the question that puzzled me most was, "What was the **force** these people of the future were searching for?" I looked at myself and my past years in this organization, and if there was but one sad moment it is now, because it has taken me six years to find out what the "force" is to me.

You see, my friends, it wasn't until this year you gave me the chance to find out where the force was. Some men will spend a life time trying to discover this magical splendor, but I finally found it after serving this year. But it took people like yourselves to help me find it. I found this force every time I went to your local chapters, your state conventions and the leadership camps where I met an FFA member. You see, my friends, the "force" is "you."

You all possess the force because you hold the power that man can never match with all the discoveries of energy, science, or medicine. Oh, yours is so much more powerful because yours is the power and **force** of the mind, the heart and the spirit.

This being the final few days that I will serve you as an officer, I decided I wanted to leave with all of you money, wealth and all the riches of the world. But knowing I don't have any of these things, the only thing I can give you is my thoughts and beliefs as I have done all year long. I want to share a few thoughts which mean a lot to me.

Fellow members and friends, this year you have shown me that the force of your minds is one of the most powerful things that an individual can possess. While I was at Louisiana State Convention, I experienced something there that brought back a lot of memories. A young FFA member named Robbie was sitting out in the delegate section while discussion was going on about an item of business. A motion came up and the state president called for a second. All of a sudden, Robbie jumped up, and the president recognized him. I don't know exactly what it was, but you would have thought lightning had struck Robbie. You could see the fear in his eyes. He suddenly realized he had to second it. He made his way to the microphone where I was sitting. With fear in his voice, he said, "Mr. President, I second the motion."

To many of you that doesn't sound like such a big deal, but the look of confidence that replaced the scared look on Robbie's face was priceless. That may have been the first milestone on his life to gaining the confidence he needed to get up before people. His mind told him to stand up, and he did. Upon realizing what happened, he met the challenge just like all of you meet yours and I meet mine: with a little fear and anxiety, but the mind doesn't quit.

The mind is the seed of all dreams; plant and nurture them wisely. This poem depicts all so well what dreams are all about.

What would we do in this world of ours
  Were it not for the dreams ahead?
For thorns are mixed with blooming flowers
  No matter which path we tread.
And each of us has this golden goal,
  Stretching far into the years;
And ever he climbs with a hopeful soul,
  With alternate smiles and tears.

That dream ahead is what holds him up
  Through the storms of ceaseless fright;
When his lips are pursed to warm wood's cup
  And clouds shut out the light.

To some it's a dream of high estate;
  To some it's a dream of wealth;
To some it's a dream of truce with Fate
  In a constant search for health.

To some it's a dream of home and wife;
  To some it's a crown above;
The dreams are what make each life —
  The dreams — and faith — and love!

Edwin Carlile Litsey

So many times this year you have taken six different individuals into your homes, chapters and states. You gave my fellow officers and myself all the warmth and hospitality anyone could ask for. You have proven the power of the heart. By giving to us your kindness you have proven to me that the heart is a very vital organ. Aside from pumping blood through our bodies and supplying us with the necessary life fluid, it is vital for your happiness and all others around you. Once dreams are formed in the mind, they are moved to the heart.

A few weeks ago while I was in Jacksonville, Illinois, I was speaking to an FFA chapter and after the speech a few members and myself were talking to one another. A young lady who was an FFA member came up and introduced herself. Her name was Sharon. Sharon said, "You know the part of your speech you talked about being what you want to be? Well, I am working to be able to ride my horse in the 1984 Olympics." You know, my friends, I won't be surprised if we all see Sharon in the Olympics. She dreamed a dream in her mind and then transplanted it to her heart and now has made it a goal in her life.

I get excited every time I think about all of you I met this year who have shared your dreams and goals with me. I am also very thankful to all of you who shared your lives with me. I was asked once what I thought the best gift in the whole world was, and I replied, "Sharing One's Life." That wasn't a profound statement I made this year. It was a statement I made in an English paper I wrote my ninth grade year in high school. And you know what? I still believe that.

If I were to ask one favor of all of you, it would simply be for you to reach out to someone in need just as you reached out to the six of us this year when we were in need of a place to sleep or a friend to talk with. Reach out to those who don't have a title on their jackets or a sign upon their door, for those are the most important individuals because they may need your help more than someone else.

I hope you remember the third ingredient, and that is the force of the spirit. You see, I feel as human beings we have as much spirit as a wild stallion on the open plains. We will all have heartaches, and most of us already have. But when our dreams are crushed and goals are destroyed, we must use the force of the spirit to hang in there and ride it out. But the spirit that is most important is the spirit of God.

For He gives the almighty power and force no one will ever replace. Through the force of God's spirit, all things are possible.

This year you have shown me a star and helped me find my plans in life, and for this I say "thank you" to my parents and my advisor, Mr. Marcantel, and all of those very special people back home who have helped me more than words can say. But most importantly I say "thank you" to the FFA members and God because without the two of you, I would not have had anything to serve.

Now it is your challenge to find your star, and someone will show you that plan. Prepare yourself and others for the future, because it's just around the corner. Once again, "thank you" and may God be with you and may the "force" be with you.

LOOKING THROUGH THE EYES OF LOVE

Elin Duckworth, National Vice President
Western Region

". . . our failures give us new insight to begin again."

Please don't let this feeling end.
It's everything I am, everything I want to be.
I can see what's mine now.
Finding out what's true,
Since I've found you
Looking through the eyes of love.

This year has meant being able to look through the eyes of love, and what I have seen has been all of you — your kind words, smiles and actions have been an inspiration to me. The feeling that I now have inside of me shall remain forever as I look forward realizing that it was you — as members, as teachers, as sponsors, as parents, and my new found brothers: Doug, Dee, Don, Jeff and Phil. It was all of you who made this year worthwhile.

The time has come for me to say thank you. Thank you to individuals and an entire organization that has been the most important thing in my life the past seven years. As I have seen you through the eyes of love this year, it has become clear to me that what I have seen in each of you that inspired me has been your faith in yourselves, hopes in your highest dreams and your love for each other and this organization.

As I sit upon this three-legged stool I can realize how simply it stands solid beneath me, and also I see how simply faith, hope and love must work together throughout our lives. Not only to work toward making us happy, but to strengthen us to be the very best, whoever we are.

The first leg on the stool is that of faith. We must all have faith in ourselves, in our God and in our fellow man. Faith in ourselves does not come easy, but, FFA members, we must truly believe in the richness of talent that God has given us. He placed each of us individually on this earth to accomplish something very special or we would not be here at all. He wants us to be happy, but many times we may be confused and have setbacks of failure in our lives. We must have determination to

keep trying, knowing that our failures give us new insight to begin again. The strength to move forward not only comes from the faith in ourselves but in God and those around us. It may be a kind word from your advisor or a fellow chapter member, just enough to make us try again.

I saw faith in a chapter in Washington. Faith that they would raise $24,000 this year. Their chapter president, Fred Beeler, had begun the work toward this goal. He had faith in all the members, but this past summer coming home from work one afternoon, he was killed in an automobile accident. He had always been an inspiration to his entire chapter because he did have faith in them and they in him. When I visited their chapter this fall, although Fred was gone, I saw his inspiration still ringing true. Right now, the chapter is working harder than ever toward their goal. And with their faith, I know they will be successful.

You are looking at an individual that had hopes — a hope to have the opportunity to stand simply and humbly before you today. People told me that it couldn't be done — a city girl with no agricultural background at all. But I proved to myself that it was possible. More importantly, I realized that it is true that you can be anything you really want to be, because you would not dream any dream or hope that God didn't give you the talent to obtain. It is true that you do have the talents to obtain your highest dreams, hopes and aspirations.

Each of us at this convention has a dream, a goal. I never realized how important a goal in life actually was until I was elected to office last year. This had been my dream for six years. I should have been the happiest person in the world, but I really wasn't. I couldn't understand why, but finally I realized that it was because I hadn't set another goal — something more to dream about. Once I took the time to sit down and set those new goals for tomorrow, I was happy. Each of us must find happiness by giving our lives direction through our goals, our hopes and our dreams.

Lastly, thinking about this three-legged stool, I look across this convention hall and can sense a feeling, a feeling which is not found elsewhere. This feeling is the love of our organization, love of our America and all the people in it. St. Paul said,

> "And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could move mountains, and have not love, I am nothing."

This organization gives us so much, and we can give it back through our own love and devotion. After meeting a girl named Vicki in Connecticut, she wrote to me September 20th saying:

> I know you must hear so many stories of how important the FFA has been in people's lives. I have a story I would like to share with you. You see, I didn't enter into a vo-ag program until my sophomore year. I was an "out-of-towner" so I didn't know anyone at school. It wasn't so bad going to a new school and not knowing that my second day of school my dad was going into surgery for a serious brain operation. He had a cerebral hemorrhage, and the doctors said that there wasn't much hope. I wanted so badly to go to the hospital, but Mom wanted me to stay in school. I can't tell you how alone I felt and how helpless I felt not being able to be with my dad. That day I went to my regular classes, but when I got to vo-ag, the kids were just great. They knew something was wrong and that I wasn't just feeling out of place. They were so friendly and comforting that they helped raise my hopes. Well, Dad made it through the operation safely. His left side is weak and it will never be as strong as the right, but he has his life and that is most important of all.

Yes, Vicki is a very special individual, but so are the students who with just their kind words helped Vicki. I guess that's what makes FFA members so very special — they take the time to care. Hopefully, we, as leaders, can always have that special strength of love to help each other.

There are so many places in even these United States where it is easier for people to hate and judge each other harshly than to take that time to care. In Los Angeles . . . (pause) Right now, I have been on this stage alone, but I really wasn't alone. You have all been with me. I felt a tension in this room, a tension because you felt I was in trouble and had forgotten what I was going to say. Although you don't know me well, I sensed that all of you wished you could help me. This is the feeling we should have for everyone. In order to lead, we must love. I can't go on without finishing the story I was about to tell you.

In Los Angeles the uncaring is so extreme that you can pay someone $7.50 an hour to stay with you while you are dying. No one should die alone, and no one should ever stand alone.

> "And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three, but the greatest of these is love."

This three-legged stool would not stand if one of the legs of faith, hope or love is missing. We, as individuals, cannot stand if we take away one of these feelings in our lives.

Throughout my years in the FFA, I have built my own three-legged stool — the foundation of my life. The time has now come to take the stool I have built and travel new paths with the love of all of you in my memories, faith in myself and hope that new dreams shall be fulfilled. Because as that stool stands alone, I know that it is going to be filled with individuals like all of you whose talents and feelings of faith and hope and ability to look through the eyes of love far surpass my own. This thought gives me the strength to say my final thanks and good-bye to all of you.

> Now I can take the time.
> I can see my life as it comes up shining now,
> Reaching out to touch you,
> I can feel so much, since I've found you —
> LOOKING THROUGH THE EYES OF LOVE.

National Agricultural Career Show

For the 15th year, the National Agricultural Career Show provided FFA members and advisors the latest information about careers in agriculture and agribusiness.

The show had more than 150 exhibitors in H. Roe Bartle Exhibition Hall representing agribusinesses, federal agencies, professional associations and educational institutions. Honored for exhibiting all 15 years of the show's existence were the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, American Fisheries Society, American Society of Nurserymen and the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute.

CAREER SHOW EXHIBITORS

ACTION: Peace Corps/VISTA
Agri-Educator Magazine
American Agricultural Editor's Association
National Association of Farm Broadcasters
Agricultural Communicators in Education
American Angus Association
American Association of Nurserymen
American Association for Vocational Instructional Materials (AAVIM)
American Cyanamid Company
American Farm Bureau Federation — Young Farmers and Ranchers Activities
American Fisheries Society, Missouri Chapter
American Hoechst Corporation, Animal Health Division
American Morgan Horse Foundation
American Phytopathological Society
American Quarter Horse Association
American Soybean Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
Bio-Zyme Enterprises, Inc.
Briggs & Stratton Corporation
Bureau of the Census
Butler Mfg. Co., Agri-Products Division
Chevron Chemical Company
Colby Community College
John Deere
DEKALB AgResearch, Inc.
DuPage Horticultural School, Inc.
Dyer Distributing Co. — AgroPlus
Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor
Entomological Society of America
Estech General Chemicals Corporation

Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute
Farm and Ranch Management (Southeast Kansas Area Vo-Tech)
Farmland Industries Inc.
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA
Food and Energy Council, Inc.
Gregg Division/McGraw-Hill Book Company
Hesston Corporation
Hobar Publications
The Hunger Project
International Brangus Breeder's Association
International Harvester
Jackson Area Vocational Technical Institute
Colleges and Universities of the Kansas City Regional Council for Higher Education
Kansas State University College of Agriculture
Kawasaki Motors Corporation
Kendall-Hunt Publishing Company
The Lee Company
University of Maryland
Massey-Ferguson, Inc.
Midwest Breeders Cooperative
University of Minnesota
Missouri Department of Conservation and The Wildlife Society — Missouri Chapter
Missouri Valley College, Department of Business
Mobay Chemical Corporation, Agricultural Chemicals Division
National Alcohol Fuels Information Center
National Association of Animal Breeders
National Farmers Organizatiom
National Grain and Feed Association
National Guard Bureau
National High School Rodeo Association
National Rifle Association
National Society of Livestock Record Associations
National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc.
National Weather Service
Navy Recruiting Command
North American Limousin Foundation
Northrup King Company
Northwest Missouri State University
The Ohio State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics
Oklahoma State Department of Vocational Education
Park College
Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture
Pfizer Agricultural Division
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Poultry Science Association
Reston Publishing Company, Inc.
R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.
Santa Gertrudis Breeders International
Seald-Sweet Growers, Inc.
Shell Chemical Company, Agricultural Chemicals
A.O. Smith Harvestore Products Inc.
Smith Equipment, Div. of Tescom Corporation
Society of American Florists
Society of American Foresters
Society for Range Management
Stone Manufacturing and Supply Co.
Student Conservation Association, Inc.
SURGE—Babson Bros. Co.
Texas A & M University College of Agriculture
Tri-State Breeders Cooperative
United States Air Force
US Army Recruiting Command
US Coast Guard Opportunities
US Department of Agriculture — Farmers Home Administration
US Department of Agriculture — Federal Grain Inspection Service, Training Branch
US Department of Agriculture — Soil Conservation Service
US Environmental Protection Agency
Consumer Products Safety Commission
Food and Drug Administration
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Food Safety and Quality Service
US Department of Education — Bureau of Student Financial Assistance
US Department of the Interior — Fish and Wildlife Service
US Department of the Interior — Office of Surface Mining
US Marine Corps
The Upjohn Company, Agricultural Division
Versatile Manufacturing Company
Virginia Tech, Agricultural Education Program Area
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COMPETITION AND RECOGNITION

STARS OVER AMERICA

The 1980 Stars Over America are the best of the 783 American Farmer degree recipients. They have a general proficiency in production agriculture or agribusiness, community service and leadership activities. The Star Farmer of America award was created in 1929 to honor the member with the best farming program, and the Star Agribusinessman of America award was started in 1969 to recognize the growing importance of farming's support industry. Each Star receives $1,000 while the Regional Stars each receive $500.

Star Farmer of America — Steve Vaughan, Hartville, Ohio
Western Region Star Farmer — Bill Britain, Yuma, Arizona
Central Region Star Farmer — Joe Mattingly, Toledo, Iowa
Southern Region Star Farmer — William Foster, Jr., Bellevue, Tennessee

Star Agribusinessman of America — Jack Baber, Jr., Colusa, California
Central Region Star Agribusinessman — Andrew May, Green Bay, Wisconsin
Eastern Region Star Agribusinessman — Henry Goodnight, China Grove, North Carolina
Southern Region Star Agribusinessman — Mike Tillman, Marianna, Florida

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS

The national public speaking contests may be the most sought-after and highly-regarded competitions in the FFA organization. The 53rd National Convention celebrated the 50th anniversary of the prepared public speaking contest. Each contestant spoke six to eight minutes about an agricultural subject then answered the judges' questions five minutes.

In the extemporaneous public speaking contest, FFA members drew two categories from production agriculture, agribusiness and leadership. They then drew one topic from each of the two categories and chose the one they wanted to speak about. Each contestant was given 30 minutes to prepare the four to six minute speech. After the presentation to the convention audience, each contestant answered the judges' questions for five minutes.

EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

First Place — Ron Wineinger, Marion, Kansas
"EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT IN AGRIBUSINESS"

Second Place — Price Marshall, Jonesboro, Arkansas
"WHY BE AN OFFICER"

Third Place — Doug Heins, Rupert, Idaho
"THE FARMER'S ROLE IN CONSUMER EDUCATION"

Fourth Place — Marion Jepson, Middletown, Connecticut
"SELECTING A CAREER IN AGRIBUSINESS"

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT IN AGRIBUSINESS

Ron Wineinger, Marion, Kansas

If you like a challenge, if you're an optimist, if you're an unrealistic person, it's great to be alive! Why? Because in the 1980s, we will face technological and economic challenges unparalleled since the depths of the Great Depression.

When I said, "If you're an unrealistic person," I got your attention. I'm reminded of George Bernard Shaw's reasoning. "The realistic man adapts himself to the world, while the unrealistic man persists in trying to adapt the world to himself." All progress therefore depends upon the unrealistic person. Unrealistic people will be needed in agribusiness in the next decade to serve as effective managers.

There is curently a shortage of people in agribusiness serving as managers. To be an effective manager in agribusiness, you need certain tools. I would like to share with you a plan of action reflecting five guideposts to equip people with the tools needed to be effective managers in agribusiness.

The first guidepost I would like to share with you is performance. To be an effective agribusiness manager, you must be able to perform. Productivity per

worker on the farm is 3.5 times higher than it was 20 years ago, 350 percent! Agricultural productivity has increased at nearly twice the rate of all other U.S. industry.

In 1953, one farmer fed 16 people. Today he feeds approximately 65, and tomorrow he may feed twice that number. It could be the greatest challenge America will face in the next 25 years. It is this type of performance that one needs to be an effective manager in agribusiness.

The second guidepost I would like to share with you is observance. If drugs, violence and energy are our nation's most pressing physical problems, then not being observant enough could be our number one emotional problem. For the American public to be unobservant to agricultural problems is to court national decline. Conversely, for agriculture to be unobservant to consumer reaction could be equally disastrous. To be an effective manager in agribusiness, you have to be observant to work for the needs and wants of the people you serve.

In my third guidepost, I would like to emphasize work. This is the most important of all the five guideposts. For without work, nothing can be accomplished. Yet in agriculture, for all the farmer's work, he receives only a 3.9 percent return on his farm investment. The farmer has long lagged behind in general prosperity. While the prices of industrial goods have steadily risen, in nine of the past 20 years, farm prices have fallen. Problems of agriculture, however, will not be solved by slogans, strikes, bumper stickers or sit-ins, but by proud people dedicated to work and technology who will continue to improve the nutritional value of plants, make more effective use of our natural resources and work on those skills to be more effective agribusiness managers.

The fourth guidepost I would like to share with you is enthusiasm. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm." Being an effective agribusiness manager is no exception.

My final guidepost is responsibility. If we are to become effective agribusiness managers, then we have to be responsible for the people and for the products we sell and for the people whom we serve. Daniel Webster once said, "Let us not forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man. Unstable is the future of that country which has lost its taste for agriculture." If there is one lesson in history that is unmistakable, it is that national strength lies very near the soil. Webster also said, "Where tillage begins, other arts follow." The farmer therefore is the founder of human civilization.

To be an effective agribusiness manager, you have to be responsible for the people you serve. To be an effective agribusiness manager, you must be able to perform. You must be observant. You have to have a love for work. You must be enthusiastic.

As we work toward solving the need for agribusiness managers, may we prepare for progression the principle that it's not what we absorb that makes us educated, it's not the facts, but the thinking that gives us wisdom, and it's not what we intend to do, but it's our actions that make us useful — useful to ourselves, useful to others, to the FFA, to our respective states and to America. With this philosophy, the need for effective agribusiness managers shall be met.

JUDGES

Morton I. Sosland, Editor, Milling and Baking News, Kansas City, Missouri

E. Clinton Stokes, Associate Director, Business Government, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Daniel B. Taylor, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

TIMEKEEPERS

John Leslie, Program Coordinator, FHA-USDA, Washington, D.C.

Wayne Liles, KWTV-TV, Farm Service Director, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

First Place — Dave Steakley, Grandview, Texas
"THE CHALLENGE OF OUR AGE"

Second Place — Chris Ragland, Hodgenville, Kentucky
"AFGHANISTAN — WHO'S PAYING THE BILL?"

Third Place — Suzi Sojack, Dunnellon, Florida
"I WANT A JOB"

Fourth Place — Maria Jasper, Hudson, New Hampshire
"FFA — THE ROLE IT PLAYS IN AMERICA'S FUTURE"

THE CHALLENGE OF OUR AGE
Dave Steakley, Grandview, Texas

Every day, 40,000 human beings die of starvation and malnutrition — needlessly. Last year, 15 million people starved to death. More people have died as a consequence of hunger in the past five years than have been killed in all the wars, revolutions and murders in the past 100 years. The global slaughter of children by hunger is the statistical equivalent of detonating a Hiroshima-sized nuclear weapon every three days.

Two billion acres — less than one half the area of land under present cultivation — could supply enough food to feed everyone in the world. Agricultural sciences and technology hold the potential to provide an abundance of food for the world, but people continue to starve to death. To change this situation, it is necessary for the entire world, especially the agriculturally rich countries, to develop an awareness and understanding of the problems involved. Present trends indicate that the underdeveloped countries of the world are gradually losing the ability to feed themselves. Unless such trends are reversed, much of the food needed to sustain the world's population will have to come from countries with an abundance of food. But the task of providing even minimum diets for the people of these underdeveloped countries is a large one, and it is further complicated because the world population is increasing at a rate far exceeding that of any other period in world history.

American agriculture is envied by informed people throughout the world. Every day Americans enjoy an abundance of food and are protected by large reserves stored in our grain elevators. And it is the question of reserves which has become of prime concern to agricultural leaders — having enough grain here and abroad to absorb the impact of shortages.

If Americans are truly interested in helping these countries, our reserves can help, but not everyone and not forever. We must also instill in them an understanding of the sources of energy and drive that have pushed our own agricultural production so high. It doesn't happen very often in the course of human affairs that ordinary men and women have an opportunity to change the world. But Americans have now been given such an opportunity through the submission of a report by

the Presidential Commission on World Hunger. President Carter appointed this commission to study all aspects of the problems of hunger and to report to him their findings and recommendations for action. Our elected representatives cannot be asked to act responsively on these recommendations without receiving a strong, clear signal from the people they govern. That's where you and I come in. It is our choice, our opportunity, to determine whether we shall continue to accept things as they are . . . or whether we shall change the world situation.

The Commission's analysis of the problem lists three reasons why the United States should be concerned about world hunger. First, the United States has a moral obligation. Capability to meet another's basic human needs brings with it the responsibility to help meet these needs, especially when the person or country in question is incapable of doing so. The U.S. has a special capability in food technology and hence a special responsibility to lead the campaign against world hunger. Second, overcoming hunger is essential to our national security. The most potentially explosive force in the world today is the frustrated desire of poor people to attain a decent standard of living. The late President John F. Kennedy said, "The war against hunger is truly mankind's war of liberation . . . There is no battle on earth or in space more important, for peace and progress cannot be maintained in a world half-fed and half-hungry." Through eliminating hunger, the American people could contribute significantly toward raising living standards of poor people throughout the world. Third, the U.S. can maintain its own economic vitality only within a healthy international economy. International economic strength will increase as each of its component parts becomes more productive, more equitable and more internationally competitive.

The Future Farmers of America organization is assuming a responsible role in this tremendously important issue by its continuing efforts to help improve agriculture and the quality of life throughout the world. By close cooperation, the national organization, state associations and local chapters have developed an expanding international program which provides members with an opportunity to learn about agriculture and people in other lands. The program also places young people from other countries in work and learning situations in this country where they can learn about American agriculture and people. In 1968, the FFA sponsored a two-year Peace Corps project in West Pakistan to improve their rural agriculture. Since 1970, our organization has established a Future Farmers organization in South Vietnam, sponsored a swine improvement program in Jamaica and reconditioned farm equipment on farms in Ecuador.

The Work Experience Abroad program was established in 1969 with the FFA working directly with the European Committee of Young Farmers Clubs which represent 14 countries. This program continued to expand, and in 1978 the FFA was working with more than 25 countries around the world.

Technologically, man has solved the problems of providing food for all the world. However, the economic, social, political and cultural differences which impede the flow of this advanced technology from one country to another are still with us. Increasing food production needs to become a cooperative worldwide venture.

This is, of course, a dream of the future. But the spirit behind the American people, as well as the Future Farmers of America, has always been one of faith in the future. The outcome of the war on hunger will be determined not by forces beyond human control, but by decisions and actions well within the capability of nations and people working individually and together.

Critics may claim that every human being born on this earth before us lived and died in a hungry world. They may ask, who are we to have the audacity to say that we can end it? And why now? The answer to the questions lies in the words of Victor Hugo, who said, "All the forces in the world are not so powerful as an idea whose time has come." The end of hunger can happen in our world because its time has come, and the FFA, by recognizing its ability to participate in and support this universally beneficial project, can become a major link in the process. What a

wonderful opportunity we have to help better mankind on the most fundamental level — eliminating hunger!

JUDGES

Maynard Dolloff, Soil Conservation Service, USDA, Washington, D.C.

F.A.D. Kelsey, Public Relations Director, North American Operations, Massey-Ferguson, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa

Stanley Poe, Manager, National Accounts, Elanco Division — Eli Lilly, Indianapolis, Indiana

TIMEKEEPERS

Ray Bernhardt, Regional Director, MFA Membership Services, Columbia, Missouri

Milton F. Wright, Superintendent, Frederick County Schools, Winchester, Virginia

AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

National awards were presented to members who have demonstrated outstanding proficiency in 22 areas of agricultural production and agribusiness. Each national winner receives $250, a plaque and an expense-paid European travel seminar.

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION
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PHILLIP JENKINS	Milan, Tennessee	National Winner
DAVID STUVA	Greenfield, Iowa	Central Region Winner
JOHN WEESE	Fisher, West Virginia	Eastern Region Winner
DONALD EDWARDS	Worland, Wyoming	Western Region Winner

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS
Sponsored by International Harvester

BOB ROOKS	Perrysville, Ohio	National Winner
EDWARD STUMP	Kimmell, Indiana	Central Region Winner
EDWARD CUPIT	Oak Grove, Louisiana	Southern Region Winner
DAVID HOWEM	Everson, Washington	Western Region Winner

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING
Sponsored by Cargill, Inc.

ROY WAGNER	Jonesboro, Tennessee	National Winner
CAREY PRINK	Dennison, Minnesota	Central Region Winner
DONALD GOOD	Ephrata, Pennsylvania	Eastern Region Winner
SPENCE KILLIAN	Othello, Washington	Western Region Winner

AGRICULTURAL SALES AND/OR SERVICE
Sponsored by Allis-Chalmers Corporation

CLAY CHRISTENSEN	Thomas, Oklahoma	National Winner
HARLAN PUNDT	Donnellson, Iowa	Central Region Winner
RANDY HANING	Athens, Ohio	Eastern Region Winner
RANDY COBBLER	Scottsboro, Alabama	Southern Region Winner

BEEF PRODUCTION
Sponsored by NASCO and Sperry New Holland

SCOT LENHARD	Deer Park, Washington	National Winner
JAMES BAKER	St. Louis, Michigan	Central Region Winner
CORD HAYES	Kingwood, West Virginia	Eastern Region Winner
GEORGE CLEMMER	Mosheim, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner

CROP PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Massey-Ferguson

KEVIN ROBINSON	Eskridge, Kansas	National Winner
FARLEY STRICKLAND, JR.	Tabor City, North Carolina	Eastern Region Winner
BURIE ELLISON	Robertsdale, Alabama	Southern Region Winner
RODNEY DAVISON	Guthrie, Oklahoma	Western Region Winner

DAIRY PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Avco New Idea and DeLaval Separator Co.

GREGORY KRUSH	Kersey, Colorado	National Winner
ROGER HAUTH	Springfield, Minnesota	Central Region Winner
KENNARD HENLEY III	Cochranville, Pennsylvania	Eastern Region Winner
MARY SHULL	Mountain City, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner

DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION
Sponsored by A.O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc., and Wayne Feeds, Division of Allied Mills

TED LITT	Lexington, Ohio	National Winner
ROD MURPHY	Eddyville, Kentucky	Central Region Winner
JOHN SIMS III	Oak Grove, Louisiana	Southern Region Winner
JASON WENDLER	Bryan, Texas	Western Region Winner

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
Sponsored by Philip Morris Incorporated

RICK SCHMIDT	Hutchinson, Minnesota	National Winner
ANTHONY CHANDLER	Yanceyville, North Carolina	Eastern Region Winner
SAM CURTIS	Rogersville, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner
RUTH SONNICHSEN	Petaluma, California	Western Region Winner

FLORICULTURE
Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund

CLINT ALBIN	Bush, Louisiana	National Winner
DAVID GRAPER	Clintonville, Wisconsin	Central Region Winner
FRANK HEINLEN	Nevada, Ohio	Eastern Region Winner
KELLY PARKINSON	Hyrum, Utah	Western Region Winner

FOREST MANAGEMENT
Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

SCOTT SULLIVAN	Northport, Alabama	National Winner
LOUIS HENKEL III	South Ossineke, Michigan	Central Region Winner
ROHRS KEITH	Glen Allen, Virginia	Eastern Region Winner
STEVE STINSON	Toledo, Washington	Western Region Winner

FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Briggs and Stratton Corporation

KENNETH DALTON	Meadows of Dan, Virginia	National Winner
DAVID MILES	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Central Region Winner
SUSAN WILLIAMS	White House, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner
RONALD COSIMATI	Las Cruces, New Mexico	Western Region Winner

HOME AND/OR FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT
Sponsored by The Upjohn Company

STEVEN HASPER	Montrose, Iowa	National Winner
DUANE ADAMS	Randolph, New York	Eastern Region Winner
SCOTT WILLIAMS	Friendship, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner
ERIC SEELIGER	Perry, Oklahoma	Western Region Winner

HORSE PROFICIENCY
Sponsored by The American Morgan Horse Foundation

MARK LANDGAARD	Nielsville, Minnesota	National Winner
CARROLL HETRICK	Frederick, Maryland	Eastern Region Winner
DWAINE ROWE	Paris, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner
KENNY SCOTT	Elko, Nevada	Western Region Winner

NURSERY OPERATIONS
Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

JEFF SIBLEY	Mt. Hope, Alabama	National Winner
TRACY SHROYER	Hillsboro, Illinois	Central Region Winner
TODD CASPER	Bridgeton, New Jersey	Eastern Region Winner
ERIK BRIONES	Santa Fe, New Mexico	Western Region Winner

OUTDOOR RECREATION
Sponsored by White Farm Equipment Company

JOHN GARWOOD	Marion, Ohio	National Winner
RICHARD ERAAS	Sycamore, Illinois	Central Region Winner
JUDY ELLENBURG	Midway, Tennessee	Southern Region Winner
DWAYNE OLDHAM	Lander, Wyoming	Western Region Winner

PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Hesston Corporation and Shell Chemical Company

JEFF SCHNIPKOWEIT	Stanwood, Iowa	National Winner
ARLEN KEENER	Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania	Eastern Region Winner
BRUCE TILLMAN	Wauchula, Florida	Southern Region Winner
JOHN DARNELL	Elma, Washington	Western Region Winner

POULTRY PRODUCTION
Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund

KENT CHRISTENSEN	Moroni, Utah	National Winner
TAMMY LENIG	Rolling Prairie, Indiana	Central Region Winner
JOHN SEE	Criders, Virginia	Eastern Region Winner
ROGER HURTT	Fort Payne, Alabama	Southern Region Winner

SHEEP PRODUCTION
Sponsored by American Sheep Producers Council, Inc.; Carnation Company — Milling Division; and Y-Tex Corporation

JILL SCHLICHTER	Washington C.H., Ohio	National Winner
MICHAEL WEISS	Vinton, Iowa	Central Region Winner
KIMBERLY WILLIE	Folsom, Louisiana	Southern Region Winner
LYLE ROGGOW	Garber, Oklahoma	Western Region Winner

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT
Sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund

JOEY CALDWELL	Sharon, Tennessee	National Winner
JIM WERTJES	Buffalo Center, Iowa	Central Region Winner
BOBBY PETERSON	Washington C.H., Ohio	Eastern Region Winner
DAVID SCHNAITHMAN	Billings, Oklahoma	Western Region Winner

SWINE PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Pfizer, Inc., Agricultural Division

JONATHAN HELVIG	Truman, Minnesota	National Winner
DARYL BEILER	Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania	Eastern Region Winner
ALBERT ADAMS	Clayton, Alabama	Southern Region Winner
NEAL SAXTON	Yuma, Colorado	Western Region Winner

TURF AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT
Sponsored by O.M. Scott and Sons Company

BART DAVIS	Frankfort, Kentucky	National Winner
RANDALL HARPER	Pink Hill, North Carolina	Eastern Region Winner
ANTHONY VAVASSEUR	Belle Rose, Louisiana	Southern Region Winner
LARRY HAUDE	Spring, Texas	Western Region Winner

NATIONAL FFA CONTESTS

The National FFA Contests are educational activities that complement classroom instruction. They test the students' skills and knowledge in a particular area of agriculture.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Sponsored by The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

The Leroy, Minnesota, team of Mark King, Bob Bunne and Mike Fjetland and coached by Richard Schaufler placed first against 43 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Mark King, Leroy, Minnesota, 2. Bob Bunne, Leroy, Minnesota, 3.Mike Fjetland, Leroy, Minnesota, 4. Tim Seaboch, China Grove, North Carolina, 5. Bill Swanson, Stanwood, Washington.

DAIRY CATTLE

Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

The Northampton, Massachusetts, team of Wendy Sherman, Jim Pomeroy and Robbie Wenthworth and coached by Edward Peckham placed first against 46 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Sherry Siemers, Kiel, Wisconsin, 2. Brenda Wright, Cushing, Oklahoma, 3. Tony Schrag, Moundridge, Kansas, 4. Tom Scheller, Eaton, Colorado, 5. Wendy Sherman, Northhampton, Massachusetts.

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Sponsored by John Deere

The Riceville, Iowa, team of Mark Christianson, Quintin Franke and Dean Isaacson and coached by James J. Green placed first against 35 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Dean Isaacson, Riceville, Iowa, 2. Scott Warren, Conajoharie, New York, 3. Mike Juilerate, South Whitley, Indiana, 4. Jim Kramer, Adams, Minnesota, 5. Peggy Lempe, Genoa, Nebraska.

FLORICULTURE

Sponsored by Vitality Seed Company and the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

The Washington team of Mike Loundagin, Ron Spickler and Craig Birklid and coached by Pat Freeman placed first against 36 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Cathy Best, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, 2. Mike Loundagin, Spokane, Washington, 3. Lori Edsill, Cresco, Iowa, 4. Ron Spickler, Everett, Washington, 5. Linda Hornberger, Cresco, Iowa.

LIVESTOCK

Sponsored by Ralston Purina Company

The Tracy, Minnesota, team of Ann Cameron, Eric Nelson and Matt Surprenant and coached by Jere Rambow placed first against 47 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Ron Hastie, Atascadero, California, 2. Matt Surprenant, Tracy, Minnesota, 3. Ann Cameron, Tracy, Minnesota, 4. (tie) Eric Nelson, Tracy, Minnesota and Lane Grau, Grady, New Mexico.

MEATS

Sponsored by Farmland Foods, Inc.; Jones Dairy Farm;
Oscar Mayer and Company; and George A. Hormel and Company

The Perkins, Oklahoma, team of David Sassar, Jeanene Dodson and David Chaney and coached by Paul Evans placed first against 34 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Andrew Oehler, Fredericksburg, Texas, 2. David Chaney, Perkins, Oklahoma, 3. Lena Crabtree, Williston, Florida, 4. Jeanene Dodson, Perkins, Oklahoma, 5. Karen Kunz, Fredericksburg, Texas.

MILK QUALITY AND DAIRY FOODS

Sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen, Inc., and Patz Company

The Fruitland, Idaho, team of Tony Tesnohlidek, Vicki Tesnohlidek and Kathy Olson and coached by Dwaine Tesnohlidek placed first against 32 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Vicki Tesnohlidek, Fruitland, Idaho, 2. Mark Barker, Licking, Missouri, 3. Kathy Olson, Fruitland, Idaho, 4. Billy Lee, Jr., Delight, Arkansas, 5. Scott Stockton, Hanford, California.

NURSERY/LANDSCAPE

Sponsored by American Association of Nurserymen, Inc.,
Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc., and the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

The Fresno, California, team of Robert Shawn, Bill Bailey and Brian Brentlinger and coached by David Snoljan placed first against 38 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Leann Burnett, Battle Ground, Washington, 2. Robert Shawn, Fresno, California, 3. Brenda Wickenhauser, Chaska, Minnesota, 4. John McLaughlin, Bear Creek, North Carolina, 5. Ginny Whittington, Dallas, Texas.

POULTRY

Sponsored by Victor F. Weaver, Inc., and Hubbard Farms

The Broadway, Virginia, team of Terry Armentrout, Vickie Keplinger and Nolan Biller and coached by James E. Hively placed first against 35 teams. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Scott Wilkinson, Springdale, Arkansas, 2. Chris Morgan, Santa Ynez, California, 3. Nolan Biller, Broadway, Virginia, 4. Brian Delozier, Springdale, Arkansas, 5. Mike A. Anderson, Montevideo, Minnesota.

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

The National FFA Chapter Award Program encourages and rewards overall chapter activities. Awards are based on the chapter's performance in 11 areas: supervised agricultural experience programs, cooperative activities, community service, leadership development, earnings and savings by members, state and national activities, conduct of meetings, scholarship, public relations, alumni relations and recreation.

The Gold Emblem (G) rating was awarded to 107 chapters this year. Silver Emblem (S) ratings went to 178 chapters, and Bronze Emblem (B) ratings went to 80.

Alabama .....S Grant, Russellville, Scottsboro A
B Crossville
Arizona .....S Kofa
B Amphitheater, Westwood
Arkansas ..... B Mansfield, Marshall
California .....S Mt. Whitney, Redwood
B Morro Bay
Colorado .....G Holyoke, St. Vrain Valley,
S Eaton-Highland, Larimer County, McClave, Wiley
Connecticut .....G Housatonic Valley
S Rockville
Delaware .....B Middletown, Smyrna
Florida .....G Bartow Senior, Bronson, Orlando Colonial, Santa Fe Senior, South Sumter Sr., Trenton, Williston Senior
S Chiefland Sr., Newberry Sr., Santa Fe Jr., Tate Sr.
B Brahman, Gainesville Agribusiness, Lafayette
Georgia .....S Colquitt, Effingham County, Jeff Davis, Patterson
B Gilmer County, Peach County, Perry Senior, Southeast Bulloch, Whigham
Hawaii .....S Waialua
B Kaneohe, Kohala
Idaho .....G Kuna
S Meridian
B Twin Falls
Illinois .....G Bismarck-Henning, Georgetown, Newman, Roanoke-Benson, Salem , Sycamore
S Ashland, Avon, Bushnell-Prairie City, Erie, Franklin Center, Galesburg, Jacksonville, LeRoy, Mt. Carroll, Normal, Pinckneyville, Shabbona, Southwestern, Sparland, Teutopolis, Tuscola
Indiana .....G Blue River, Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Columbia City, Connersville, Northfield, Prairie Heights, Reitz, Western Boone, Woodlan
S Carroll, Owen Valley
Iowa .....G Anamosa, Buffalo Center Bison, Central of Argyle, Manchester, Maquoketa Valley, North Linn, South Hamilton, Starmont
S Crestwood, Dysart-Geneseo, Estherville, Vinton, Waverly-Shell Rock
Kansas .....G Hill City, Wamego
S Altamont, Arkansas City, Cherryvale, Columbus, Marion, Marysville, South Barber
Kentucky .....S Farmington, Johnson Central, Lyon County, Oldham County, Reidland, Spencer County, Trigg County
B Barren County, Caldwell County
Louisiana .....G Assumption Sr., Oak Grove High
S Crowley, Provencal, Slidell, Zwolle
B Comeaux High, Jena, Ringgold, South Lafourche
Maine .....S Limestone, Presque Isle
B Easton
Maryland .....G Clear Spring, Damascus
Massachusetts ....B Essex
Michigan .....G Corunna
S Cassopolis, Marshall, Ubly, Unionville-Sebewaing
B Lakers, Owosso
Minnesota .....G Bertha-Hewitt, Cannon Falls, Eagle Bend, New Ulm, Springfield, St. James, Stillwater
S Elk River, Fairfax, Forest Lake, Lewiston, Montevideo, Parker Prairie, Sherburn, Truman, Willmar
B Worthington
Mississippi .....S Carthage, Pine Grove
Missouri .....G Aurora, Carl Junction, Carthage, Mexico, Mount Vernon, Mountain Grove, Southwest R-5, Trenton
S Albany, Alton, Ava, Chillicothe, Lathrop, Salem, Warrenton
Montana .....G Flathead
B Columbus
Nebraska .....G East Butler, Howells, Leigh, Norris, Waverly, West Holt, Wilber-Clatonia
S Clarkson, Kimball
Nevada .....S Ruby Mountain
B Maopa Valley

New Hampshire ..S Colebrook
B Much-To-Do
New Jersey .....B Allentown, Hunterdon Hills
New Mexico .....S Clovis, Coronado
B Ft. Sumner, Las Cruces
New York .....S Barker, Greenville, Sidney
North Carolina ...G Bartlett Yancey, West Columbus
S Princeton, South Lenoir, South Rowan
B North Iredell
North Dakota ....G Rugby, Walhalla
S Carrington, Jamestown
B Elgin, Rolette
Ohio .....G Big Walnut, Blanchester, Bowling Green, Buckeye Valley, Montgomery County JVS, River View, Upper Valley JVS
S Anna, Bellevue, Benjamin Logan, Columbiana County JVS, Cory-Rawson, Eastern Brown, Fairfield Union, Greenville, Hillsdale, Loudonville, Maumee Valley J.A.S., Northwestern-Clark, Oak Harbor, Ohio Valley Vocational, Ross, Southeastern-Clark, West Chester
Oklahoma .....G Altus, Alva, Central, Prague, Skiatook, Thomas
S Blackwell, Collinsville, Holdenville, Konawa, Lone Grove, Moss, Wellston
B Cushing, Empire, Fort Gibson, Hooker, Jet-Nash, Webbers Falls
Oregon .....G Cascade
S Sandy
B Oakland, Wallowa
Pennsylvania .....G Northern Lebanon
S Cedar Crest, Cloister,Curwensville, Grassland, H.G. Parkinson, Lehigh County, Mifflinburg, Twin Valley,
Rhode Island .....B Davies Voc-Tech, Scituate
South Carolina....S Dorman
B James F. Brynes
South Dakota ....G Lennox-Sundstrom
S DeSmet
B Huron

Tennessee .....G Bradley, Rhea Co., Riverside, White House
S Cherokee, Meigs County, Sevierian, Westview
B Daniel Bone
Texas .....G Katy, Klein, Nacogdoches, Sulphur Springs
S Cedar Hill, Cleburne, East Central, Frisco, Hamlin, Lamar, Lanier-Austin, Livingston, Lorena, Pleasanton, Quanah, Warren
B Agua Dulce, Blum, Booker, Boys Ranch, DeKalb, Floydada, Garland, Gorman, Hereford, Loop, Marlin, McKinney, Midway, New Caney, Raymondville, Rider, Rio Vista, Royse City, Santa Fe, Tatum, Valley View, Weatherford, Ysleta
Utah .....G Millard Eagle
S Tooele
B Payson, Springville
Vermont .....B Lamoille Union
Virginia .....G Broadway, Caroline, Carroll County, James Wood, Turner Ashby
S Appomattox Senior, Essex, Gretna Jr. High, Jefferson Forest, Montevideo Intermediate, Patrick Henry, Pulaski County, Stonewall Jackson Jr., Tunstall, William Campbell
Washington .....G Eatonville, Elma, Enumclaw, Evergreen, Zillah
West Virginia .....S Marion County, Mason County Vocational
B Ripley
Wisconsin .....G Janesville-Parker, Monroe, New Holstein
S Belleville, Black Hawk, Bloomer, Cadott, Delavan-Darien, Denmark, Evansville, Green Bay East, Highland, New Richmond, Viroqua, Westby
Wyoming .....S Douglas, Pinedale

NATIONAL CHAPTER SAFETY AWARDS

Sponsored by Dow Chemical and the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute

The National Chapter Safety Awards Program reduces the lives, time and property lost each year from preventable farm accidents and fires. Chemical, machinery, bicycle, grain storage, household and electrical safety are just a few of the projects undertaken by this year's winning chapters.

Gold Emblem (G) ratings were awarded to 30 chapters, Silver Emblem (S) to 47 and Bronze Emblem (B) to 51.

Alabama	B	Excel, Jackson Gold, Scottsboro C
Arizona	S	Chandler, Duncan
Arkansas	S	Mansfield
	B	Cedarville
California	S	Morro Bay
	B	Visalia-Mt. Whitney
Colorado	S	Caliche, Flagler
Connecticut	B	Rockville, Suffield Regional
Florida	G	South Sumter Senior
	S	Santa Fe
	B	Bartow Senior
Georgia	B	Effingham County, Jonesboro Senior, Paulding
Hawaii	S	Waialua
Idaho	B	Meridian, Troy
Illinois	G	Georgetown, Highland, Moweaqua Community, Mt. Carroll, Newman, Sycamore, Waterman, Winchester
	S	Bluffs, Pinckneyville
	B	Brimfield
Indiana	S	East Noble, Prairie Heights
Iowa	G	Central Lee, Dysart-Geneseo
	S	Reinbeck
Kansas	G	Hill City
	B	Labette County, Wamego
Kentucky	G	Lyon County, Oldham County
Louisiana	S	Provencal
	B	Assumption Senior
Maryland	S	Damascus
	B	Clear Spring
Massachusetts	B	Essex
Michigan	B	Cassopolis, Hastings
Minnesota	G	Eagle Bend, New Ulm
	S	Bertha-Hewitt, Sherburn
	B	Blue Earth, Cannon Falls, Kasson-Mantorville
Mississippi	S	Falkner
	B	Hatley
Missouri	G	Aurora, Ava
	S	Mountain Grove
	B	North Platte
Montana	B	Columbus, Flathead
Nebraska	G	Howells
	S	Leigh, Seward
Nevada	B	Ruby Mountain
New Jersey	B	Hunterdon Central, West Essex
New Mexico	B	Clovis, Coronado
New York	S	Alexandria Bay, Barker
North Carolina	G	Southern Wayne
	S	Forest Hills, Princeton High
North Dakota	S	Drake
	B	Elgin, Larimore, Walhalla
Ohio	G	Big Walnut, Marysville
	S	Bowling Green, Miami Trace, Ridgedale, River Valley
Oklahoma	S	Altus, Springer
Oregon	B	Sand, Wallowa
Pennsylvania	S	Curwensville, Northern Lebanon
	B	Elizabethtown
South Carolina	B	Dorman, Loris
South Dakota	G	Huron
	S	Flandreau
Tennessee	G	Bradley
	S	Daniel Boone
Texas	G	Cleburne
	S	Loop
Utah	B	Millard Eagle, Richfield
Virginia	S	Caroline, Gretna Jr. High, Patrick Henry
	B	Carroll County, Essex, Tunstall
Washington	G	Elma
	S	Zillah
West Virginia	B	Mason County Vocational, Moorefield
Wisconsin	G	Denmark, Monroe
	S	Beaver Dam, Cadott, Evansville, Green Bay East, Janesville-Parker, New Holstein
	B	Mauston, Mt. Horeb, Oregon
Wyoming	G	Gillette, Pinedale

BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

Sponsored by R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.

The Building Our American Communities program encourages FFA chapters to make their communities better places to live and work. Gold Emblem (G) ratings were awarded to 51 chapters this year. Silver Emblems (S) went to 65, and Bronze Emblems (B) went to 50.

National Winner — Monroeville, Ohio
Southern Region Winner — Franklin Senior, Louisiana
Western Region Winner — Elma, Washington
Central Region Winner — Denmark, Wisconsin

Alabama .....**B** Opp Blue, Scottsboro B, Semmes
Arizona .....**G** Mayer, Tolleson
Arkansas .....**S** Berryville
B Lavaca
California .....**G** Morro Bay, Mt. Whitney
S Visalia
Colorado .....**S** Holyoke, St. Vrain Valley
Connecticut .....**G** Suffield Regional
B Rockville
Delaware .....**S** Smyrna
B Caesar Rodney
Florida .....**G** Beasley Middle, Seabreeze Jr. High
S South Sumter Senior
Georgia .....**B** DeKalb O.E.C.-North, Jonesboro
Hawaii .....**B** Kohala, Waialua
Idaho .....**S** Madison
Illinois .....**G** Atwood-Hammond, Newman, Sycamore
S Bluffs, Clinton, N.W. Suburban Dist. #214, Tri-Point
B Georgetown, Harvard, LeRoy, Morrison, Mt. Carroll, Waterman
Indiana .....**G** Prairie Heights
S Delta, Waldron
Iowa .....**G** Central of Argyle
S Buffalo Center Bison, Decorah, Reinbeck, Starmont
B Exira, Riceville, Rolfe Pilot Creek, Vinton
Kansas .....**G** Arkansas City, Hill City, Marion, South Barber, Wamego
S Marysville
Kentucky .....**G** Barren County, Lyon County, Oldham County

Louisiana	G	Franklin Senior High
	S	Assumption Senior, Crowley, Provencal High
Maine	S	Limestone
	B	Caribou, Easton
Maryland	G	Frederick County Vo-Tech Center
	S	Howard Vo-Tech
Massachusetts	G	Martha's Vineyard
	B	Smith
Michigan	G	Alcona, Cassopolis
	B	Hamilton
Minnesota	G	Cannon Falls, Truman
	S	Elk River, Marshall, Montevideo
	B	Fairmont, Lewiston
Mississippi	S	Southeast Lauderdale
	B	Pine Grove
Missouri	G	Mountain Grove, Southwest R-5
	S	Carthage, Lamar, Salisbury
	B	El Dorado Springs
Montana	S	Ruby Valley
	B	Park City
Nebraska	G	Howells
	B	Leigh, Stanton
Nevada	B	Diamond Mountain, Moapa Valley
New Hampshire	B	Alvirne, Coe-Brown
New Jersey	B	Cumberland Regional, Oakcrest
New Mexico	S	Albuquerque Cibola, Santa Fe
New York	S	BOCES Young Foresters
	B	Chemung-Tioga Future Conservationists #412
North Carolina	G	Bartlett Yancey
	S	North Iredell, Southern Wayne
	B	Mountain Heritage
North Dakota	G	Carrington, Jamestown, Rolette
	S	Westhope
Ohio	G	Big Walnut, Bowling Green, Monroeville, Ridgedale
	S	Ashland County-West Holmes JVS, Elgin, Marysville, Wauseon
Oklahoma	G	Billings, Chickasha, Springer
Oregon	S	St. Paul
	B	Cascade
Pennsylvania	S	Apple City, Northern Lebanon
	B	Penns Manor Area
South Carolina	S	Dorman, James F. Byrnes
South Dakota	G	Lincoln
	S	Chamberlain
	B	Letcher, Willow Lake
Tennessee	S	Bradley
	B	Cherokee
Texas	G	Cleburne, Katy
	S	Valley View, West
Utah	G	Payson
	S	Tooele
Virginia	G	Montevideo, Nottoway Senior
	S	Blackstone, Leslie H. Walton, Jr., Nelson Junior, W.R. Legge
Washington	G	Elma, Zillah
	S	Capital
	B	Warden
West Virginia	S	Mason County Vocational
	B	Ripley
Wisconsin	G	Denmark
	S	Arkansaw, Belleville, Bloomer, Cadott, Green Bay East, Janesville-Parker, Lake Holcombe, Monroe
	B	Mineral Point, Oshkosh West, Southern Door, Verona
Wyoming	G	Pinedale

BUILDING TOMORROWS TODAY

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The highest degree of FFA membership, the American Farmer, was conferred upon 783 members in 1980. The American Farmer keys and cash awards were sponsored by Amoco Oil Company; J I Case Co.; the Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corporation; Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.; Production Credit Associations throughout the U.S.; and the 12 Federal Land Banks of the United States.

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Official voting delegates, numbering 121, conducted business sessions and committee meetings to voice concerns and suggest improvements for the FFA. Four constitutional amendments were passed, and the modifications are indicated in bold type.

Article III
Section B

ORGANIZATION
Active chapters of the FFA for students enrolled in public secondary school programs shall be chartered only in such schools where recognized systematic instruction in vocational education for agricultural occupations is offered under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. **Such chapters shall operate as an integral part of the instructional program of vocational agriculture under the responsibility of the local school system.**

Article VI
Section D

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES
Have received the Chapter Farmer Degree and have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) **at the time of receiving the degree.**

While in high school, must **have completed two years** of instruction in a vocational course for an agricultural occupation; . . .

Article VI
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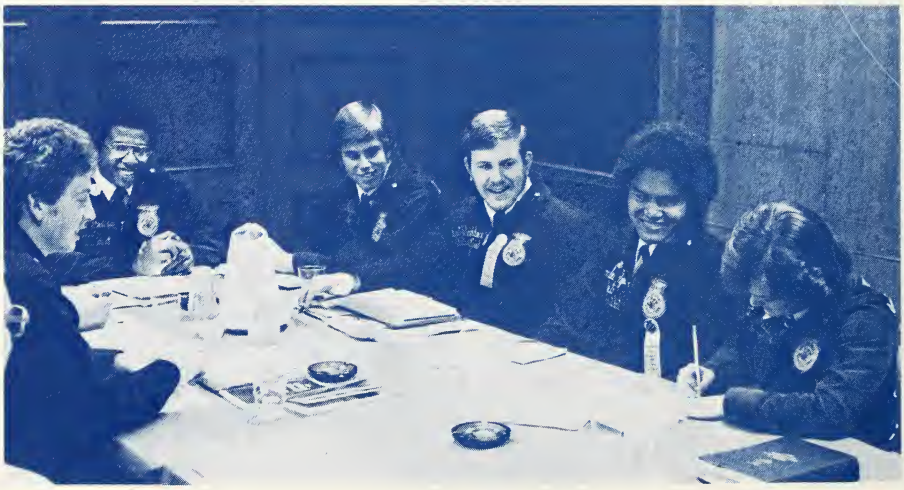
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES
Have earned and productively invested at least $500 net income by the member's own **efforts from their supervised occupational experience program** or worked other than scheduled class time at least 600 hours in a supervised occupational experience program or a combination thereof.

Article XII
Section A

MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS
A national convention of Future Farmers of America shall be held annually, except in case of an extreme emergency declared by the National Board of Directors. **The purpose of the national convention shall be to conduct the business of the national organization and to recognize outstanding achievements of FFA members and chapters.** The time and place of meeting shall be determined by the National Board of Directors.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING

We, the Nominating Committee, have given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants running for National Office. The Committee nominates the following slate of candidates to the delegates of the 53rd National Convention to serve as National Officers for the year 1980-81.

President ..... Mark Herndon, Oklahoma
Secretary ..... Bob Quick, Illinois
Vice President, Central Region ..... David Pearce, Missouri
Vice President, Eastern Region ..... Susie Barrett, Ohio
Vice President, Southern Region ..... Glenn Caves, Mississippi
Vice President, Western Region ..... David Alders, Texas
National Treasurer ..... J.M. Campbell, Richmond, Virginia
National Executive Secretary ..... C. Coleman Harris, Washington, D.C.
National Advisor ..... Byron F. Rawls, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Chapman, Kentucky (Chairman)
Mark McBride, Tennessee (Co-Chairman)
Patricia A. Hall, New Hampshire (Secretary)
Allen Stewart, Arizona
Leland Tiegs, Idaho
Frank Parker, Jr., South Carolina
Anthony Potorti, West Virginia
Marilyn Ann Artz, North Dakota
Brian Ketelhut, South Dakota
Advisors: James W. Warren, Washington, D.C.
John Hillison, Virginia

NATIONAL FFA SUPPLY SERVICE

We, the members of the National FFA Supply Service Committee, offer the following recommendations:

1. That a page be provided in the Supply Service catalog for the purpose of evaluating merchandise and service received from the National FFA Supply Service.
2. The National FFA Supply Service should include a statement in the catalog and invoice stating that unsatisfactory merchandise be promptly returned so that the supplier may be notified, the Supply Service credited and the problem resolved.
3. Further investigate the possibility of offering a durable outdoor FFA emblem for display and/or identification purposes.
4. That the Supply Service continue to develop a variety of small, low cost items to be used as give-away items for promotion of the FFA.
5. The Supply Service offer a District Star Agribusiness plaque.
6. The Supply Service provide a page in the catalog giving statistics regarding sales trends and ideas to speed orders.
7. The Supply Service examine possibilities of offering T-shirts with the yearly theme.
8. The sale of the official jacket shall be limited to official dues paying **student** members only. (To be inserted in the catalog where it specifies the limits of the sale of the official FFA jacket.)
9. The Supply Service examine the feasibility of providing a supplementary guide to parliamentary procedure.

On behalf of nearly one-half million FFA members across the nation, we, the members of the National FFA Supply Service Committee, express our gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Harry Andrews and his excellent staff for the outstanding service which they provide throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Bohnenblust, Kansas (Chairman)
Jean Marcey, Alaska (Co-chairman)
Phil Holland, Alabama
Jean Marcey, Alaska
Kenny Raines, West Virginia
Juanita Sanchez, New Mexico
Mike Phillips, Florida
Enoch Gonzales, Puerto Rico
David A. Smith, Jr., Rhode Island

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

We, the members of the National Leadership Conference Committee, have reviewed and evaluated all aspects of the Washington Conference Program and State Presidents' Conference for the summer, 1981, and hereby submit the following recommendations and proposals.

Chapter Conference Program

1. Increase the participation of the National Officers at the Washington Conference Program, and if possible, have a National Officer present during each conference session.
2. Encourage participation in the **promotion** of the Washington Conference Program by
   a. Providing materials to the State Advisor and State Associations to act as promoters of the Washington Conference Program.
   b. Development of a promotional slide show and encourage its usage at State and District Conventions and FFA activities.
3. Help alleviate the cost of the Washington Conference Program by
   a. Providing the chapters with various fund raising ideas and encouraging their sponsorship of their delegates to the conference.
   b. Encouraging chapters and/or states to band together in travelling to the Washington Conference Program to help defer the high cost of transportation.
4. To encourage the development of a National Leadership Conference located in the western portion of the United States, in order to provide more feasible access to leadership training on the national level.
5. That an advisor's program be developed within the Washington Conference Program, with Advisor participation encouraged.

State Presidents Conference

1. Due to the nature and importance of the congressional visitations, we recommend that more time be given to visit the Congressmen.
2. Due to the busy nature of the congressional leaders' schedules, we recommend limitation of the number of speakers at the Congressional Breakfast.
3. Due to the importance of the Congressional Breakfast, we recommend that State Officers be given 4 weeks prior notice as to the time and place of the Congressional Breakfast to allow time to contact their individual Congressmen.
4. We recommend that more conference time be given for the development of actual state officer techniques and leadership skills.
5. That a summary be prepared on current agricultural issues and legislation, and this summary be presented to participants in the State Presidents Conference 4 weeks prior to the conference date.

To follow up the 1980 National Leadership Conference, we recommend the following resolutions go on record at the 53rd National FFA Convention:

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the effort of certain people and at this time we would like to issue a very special thanks to President Carter, former FFA member and Lifetime Alumni member, for taking time to meet with the State Officers and reemphasizing the importance of his Energy Challenge. Special thanks to the White House staff for their hospitality and cooperation.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the effort and cooperation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, with special thanks to the Secretary of Agriculture, Robert S. Bergland.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the cooperation and sincere interests of the U.S. Department of Education, with special appreciation to Secretary of the Department of Education, Shirley M. Hufstedler.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the efforts of John Stevenson, Vice President of the Alexandria Management Company, and Bill Williams, Manager of the Olde Town Ramada Inn, for their cooperation and service to the Washington Leadership Conference.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization commends the work and guidance of the National Conference staff: Director Dee Sokolosky, Shirley Jones, Teresa Tesnohlidek, Shawn Skiles, Jeff Rudd, Director Bruce Maloch, Kim Beck, Gini Simpson, Randy Ranck and Dean Norton, and Secretary for both conferences, Martha Maloch.

Special thanks goes out to the bus drivers and town guides, Bill Johnson, Virgil Cline, Bob Cantrell, Tom Rutherford and J.D. Moppet, who made the National Conferences so warm, personable, informative and fun.

A very sincere thanks goes out to all individuals involved in the Washington Conference Program who made it a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Davis, Oklahoma (Chairman)
Dave Mendes, California
Fred Garrett, Nevada
Jimmy White, Georgia
Dennis Wagner, Montana
Roger N. Hansen, South Dakota
J.R. Shinkle, Kentucky

NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES

We, the members of the 1980 National Information Committee, make the following recommendations to improve and further develop informational services on the National, State, Regional, and Local levels.

1. That the National Information Service's Department provide instructional reference materials based on various audio visuals, pamphlets and brochures, literature, reference books, and items of general interest, which will be available through the "Future Farmer Magazine." This information locator will be established to inform chapters on:
   a. FFA programs
   b. FFA awards & contests
   c. General agricultural materials
   d. Purposes and goals of Vo-Ag Program and FFA
2. That Collegiate FFA and Ag-Ed Societies become more informed and aware of their role in Vo-Ag, by familiarizing them with the existing FFA program areas and activities. Means of accomplishing this goal are:
   a. Make more available the "Update" and "Between Issues" publications to be used as an additional source of information.
   b. Developing a quarterly newsletter to inform Vo-Ag students and educators on current Ag-Ed issues and FFA developments.
   c. To keep Collegiate and Ag-Ed Societies actively involved with FFA Alumni and State Associations.
3. That the FFA manual include more facts and history of the FFA and vocational agriculture developments for the purpose of reeducating and informing the readers. This will be accomplished by including:
   a. Numerous facts about FFA
   b. History and development of the FFA
4. That an effort be exerted to increase and improve public relations existing within the general interest of the community and prospective Vo-Ag members, stressing and explaining essential information about Vo-Ag and FFA. This goal will be accomplished by:
   a. Continuing the distribution of National Convention theme leaflets, and stamping chapter name and message on them.
   b. Establishing a day during National FFA Week to inform prospective students and their parents about available opportunities in vocational agriculture and FFA.
   c. Produce informational pamphlets geared towards Vo-Ag instruction, career goals through agriculture, and FFA. These will be available through Extension Services, school guidance offices, agricultural departments, and in the community.
5. We encourage the use of the following recommendations for chapter, regional, and state levels.
   a. To make the community more aware of FFA involvement through developing and distributing public relation materials.
   b. Place more emphasis on the Food for America program.
   c. Inform members of all possible awards and various activities available to them.
   d. Encourage use of the "Future Farmer Magazine," Guide to FFA Activities, and FFA Activity Handbook, as a public relations tool.
   e. Encourage members and advisors to use all available resources through the National Supply Service.

We submit these recommendations after carefully evaluating the present national informational services.

Respectfully submitted,
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Bonnie Bianchi, Minnesota
Kevin Lintelman, Alaska
Pat Kahler, Maryland
Doug Barnard, Indiana
Patti Bale, Arkansas
Lori von Seydewitz, New York
Wendy Tingley, Rhode Island

NATIONAL CONTESTS

We, the members of the National Contests Committee, sincerely appreciate the interest and support that we have received from the National Contests' sponsors. A special word of thanks is given to the American Hereford Association for the computer processing of contests and the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show for providing the dairy cattle and livestock. Also, a special thanks is extended to the following sponsors:

Firestone Tire & Rubber Company
Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
John Deere
Vitality Seed Company
Ralston Purina Company
George A. Hormel and Co.
Jones Dairy Farm
Oscar Mayer & Company
Farmland Foods, Inc.
Mid-America Dairymen, Inc.
Patz Company
American Association of Nurserymen, Inc.
Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc.
Victor F. Weaver, Inc.
Hubbard Farms
American Farm Bureau Federation
National FFA Foundation General Fund

We wish to express our gratitude to Howard Downer, Gordon Hall, Paul Peterson, Richard Carter, Ted Amick, Les Thompson, and to all contest superintendents for their outstanding performance in conducting the 1980 National Contests.

We submit the following:

1. **New Contests.**
   a. That a National FFA Creed Speaking Contest be held (limited to the first year students in the 9th and 10th grades) with a question and answer period following the presentation and implemented as a National Contest in 1982. Rationale:
      (1) To involve younger FFA members with incentive to succeed and accomplish a goal.
      (2) To provide state winners the chance to continue on to a higher objective.
   b. That the National Board of Directors develop a special committee to study the feasibility of developing a National Forestry Contest. Rationale:
      (1) Considering the generality of forests across the nation.
      (2) To provide state winners the chance to continue on to a higher objective.
   c. That a National Horse Judging Contest be held and that it consist of judging the physical conformation of the horse and judging the animal on performance. Rationale:
      (1) Since every state has the opportunity to judge horses, it would be feasible.
      (2) To provide state winners the chance to continue on to a higher objective.
2. **Suggested Improvements.**
   a. That any contest which has less than 25 states participating in two out of three years would be presented to the National Board of Directors for possible elimination.
   b. That the national high point individual winners of each contest should be included in the International Tour, which is presently for the National Proficiency Award winners.
   c. The medal is preferred for individual winners in National Contests as opposed to a paperweight, with the stipulation that the medal be supplemented by a certificate of accomplishment for the winners of the National Contest. Rationale:
      (1) Would provide winners with a token of accomplishment to supplement his/her jacket.
      (2) Would provide for a token of lasting value.
   d. That the National Board of Directors appoint a special committee to review the Meats Identification Score Card and make additions or deletions as needed. Rationale:
      (1) Due to changes in the meat industry since the cuts presently used were determined, there have been major changes.
3. **Recommendations.**
   a. That the present quota in Bulletin No. 4, providing that 80% of all contest contestants receive either the gold, silver, or bronze award, stay the same, providing the remaining 20% of the contestants receive certificates of honorable mention.
   b. That the contest contestants be reminded of the importance of the sponsorship of their respective contests, and that "thank you" letters are in order.

c. The alternate who travels with the official state judging team be allowed to judge in the National Contest on an equal basis with the other team members, and the lowest score of each team discarded. Rationale:
   (1) Alternate would receive practical experience.
   (2) Would involve more interest and participation in National Contests.
d. The 1980 National Contests Committee strongly recommends to the National Board of Directors that a report of the action taken on the previous year's recommendations be presented to all committees for use by the convention delegates. Rationale:
   (1) Would advise the various committee delegations of the action taken on the previous year's suggestions.
   (2) Would provide for future direction and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
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David Maddox, Connecticut
Ed Barnett, Tennessee
Julie Capps, North Carolina
Scott Martin, Arizona
Eduardo Ragasa, Hawaii
Richard Hogan, Nevada
Chuck Littlefield, Texas

NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAMS

We, the members of the 1980 National Awards Program Committee, wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Glenn Luedke and Mr. Gerald Barton for their genuine concern and expertise concerning the National Awards Programs. We acknowledge the USDA for their grant which was used to conduct four community development/BOAC workshops in 1980. We commend the National Board of Directors, National Officers and others involved for initiating the 10 plus club and 100% membership programs.

The Committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That the present award applications (especially the one for the National Chapter Award) be revised in order to provide more space for information and explanations.
2. That the study be continued in the development of a program designed to recognize the top superior Chapters on a Regional and National basis.
3. That State Associations develop special recognition programs for newly formed and vastly improved Chapters.
4. That students with specialty livestock projects be reinstated in the Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award Program.
5. We strongly encourage State Associations to recognize, through the use of State Initiated Program funds, those members in specialty proficiency areas, both animals and crops.
6. That the State Initiated Program funds remain high as they are very important in the recognition of those students whose agricultural programs don't apply to the National Awards Programs.
7. That a detailed study be conducted as to the feasibility of a "Specialty Programs" recognition system.
8. Achievement Awards Program
   a. We would like to re-emphasize the importance of the Achievement Awards Program which is designed for the beginning FFA member. Details of program are in the Activity Handbook.
   b. We recommend that regional agriculture teacher conferences include information and discussion as to the curriculum that can be used in the different areas for promotion of the Achievement Award Program.
   c. That state agriculture teacher conferences also discuss this vital program.
9. That the National Board of Directors encourage agriculture teacher education institutions to initiate financial aid, scholarships and other incentive programs in order to increase enrollment in agriculture education.
10. That state associations develop special awards programs to recognize Greenhand and junior members. Some examples are a farm skills contest, an FFA quiz, and junior chapter officers available to Greenhand and junior members.
11. That the National Future Farmer Magazine re-emphasize the importance and availability of the present awards programs and that they remind FFA members of the deadlines for applications.
12. Suggested Amendments (Appendix K) which concern State and American Farmer Degrees.
    a. The Committee is in favor of the suggested change in Article VI, Section D, Item 3 and in Article VI, Section E, Item 3.
    b. The Committee is opposed to the suggested change in Item 8 of Article VI, Section D and also opposed to suggestions on Article VII, Section A, Paragraphs 1, 2, and 4.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenys Nichol, Oregon (Chairman)
John Sheeley, New York
Charlie Phillip, Texas
Lynn Koontz, Virginia
Warner Smith, Alabama
Greg Withers, Arkansas
Gary Wheeler, Maine

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

We, the members of the 1980 National Convention Committee, after careful evaluation of the National FFA Convention, submit the following items for your consideration. First of all, we would like to commend the following for their unselfish contributions to the National FFA Convention.

1. Our National Officers — Doug, Phil, Dee, Jeff, Elin, and Don for their part in preparing nearly one-half million FFA members to "Build Tomorrows Today."
2. To the National Advisor, Mr. Byron Rawls; National Executive Secretary, Mr. Coleman Harris; and National Treasurer, Mr. Julian Campbell, for their service to the FFA.
3. The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company for providing special entertainment at the final convention session.
4. To Robert S. Devaney for sharing his inspiration and enthusiasm while speaking to the convention.
5. To The Joint Armed Services Color Guard, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
6. To Roland Hendrickson and Owen Newlin, for their continuing support of the National FFA Foundation.
7. We commend the great home run king Hank Aaron for his challenging remarks.
8. The Honorable Richard L. Berkley, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.
9. The Alumni for their outstanding workshops.
10. The convention organist Kevan Brooks; Stan Kingma, Roger Heath, the National Chorus and Band, and a special salute to the late Mr. Marvin Myers, who unselfishly devoted 25 years to the FFA Chorus.
11. A special thank-you to FFA sponsors, National Staff, and consultants.
12. The Courtesy Corps, under the leadership of Mr. Jack Pitzer.
13. The Honorable Bob Bergland, Secretary of Agriculture.
14. A special commendation to Donald N. McDowell for his life-long support of Vocational Agriculture and the FFA, and for serving 10 years as Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee.
15. Mr. Art Linkletter for his inspiring and motivating remarks to the 53rd National Convention.
16. Congratulations to the convention award winners and a special thank you to the judges, timekeepers, and sponsors involved in the contests and awards areas.
17. The National FFA Talent under the direction of Don Erickson.
18. To all exhibitors and participants in the career show and the hall of states.
19. The National Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.
20. We also would like to commend the Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants for their beautiful music.

The following are suggestions for improvement:

A. Official Convention Program
   1. List the names and addresses of companies where members can purchase tapes, slides, and pictures about different programs and activities in the FFA.
   2. Include a note in the program to emphasize the need to write thank you notes. Also, emphasize that members should show their proper appreciation to **all** FFA Convention participants by giving them their full attention and applause.
   3. List the lengths of the different educational tours.

B. National Convention Proceedings
   1. Use the Proceedings as a resource material and encourage using it as a teachers aid.
   2. Compile a list of the names and addresses where convention tapes, pictures and slides may be ordered that pertain to the convention.

C. The National Convention
   1. Recommend that attention be given to special needs of FFA members with physical or language limitations in order to give them equal opportunities for participation in all convention activities.
   2. Schedule another business session to offset too-lengthy present business sessions.
   3. That the delegates march in and be seated as part of the ceremony to open the convention at the first session.
   4. We realize that the audio visuals play a very important part in the convention and we hope they can be better organized in the future.
   5. The curtains beneath the screen that are very important in the decorating of the hall should be secured at the bottom to prevent fluttering and therefore distraction.
   6. Improve the sound system to provide an even sound level throughout the convention hall.
   7. Allow much more space for delegates with spaces in the rows to permit quicker access to the microphones.
   8. Increase the number of microphones with better placement for the use of the delegates to save time.
   9. Announce the length of the educational tours during the convention sessions.
   10. Everyone receiving awards wear official dress to promote the pride we have in the FFA.
   11. We recommend that the closed circuit television be viewed on the big screen behind the stage so that people seated high in the auditorium may see the convention close up.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the members of the National Convention Committee for their time, advice, and excellent suggestions. We would like to thank David Vasquez, Walter Upton, Delmer Dalton, and Dr. Duane Nielsen for serving as our consultants and our advisors.

Respectfully submitted,
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Maria Jasper, New Hampshire, Co-Chairman
Frank Duranti, Arizona
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Darla Hackman, Indiana
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INTERNATIONAL

We, the International Committee of the 53rd National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of promoting and expanding participation in the international program submit the following suggestions and recommendations.

1. Recommend that the National FFA Organization investigate the possibility of establishing a 2-2½ month exchange program for high school students and that they report their findings at the next convention.
2. Recommend that a one month exchange program be established with Puerto Rico. We also recommend using Puerto Rico as a stepping stone for those students who are outbound for Spanish speaking countries.
3. Recommend that an audiovisual be made that will encourage more families to participate as host families.
4. We strongly encourage that the state associations and local chapters use past WEA participants as personal contacts between members, state officers, possible host families and other people.
5. Recommend that state officers promote the WEA program while on chapter visits and while speaking at various other functions.
6. Recommend that all state associations and local chapters involve inbound students in their activities.
7. Recommend that the state and chapters be notified earlier as to the names and addresses of the inbound students.
8. We endorse and encourage the use and development of programs similar to the US-AID program in Panama.
9. We recommend that International materials be available at the sub-regional conferences and that participants be involved in these programs.
10. We recommend that pre-taped radio tapes be available that explain both the inbound and outbound programs.
11. Recommend that the state associations promote the WEA program in state publications.
12. We recommend that the FFA cooperate with organizations to better promote the WEA program through their publications.
13. We recommend that a WEA pin be designed and presented to all inbound and outbound participants after the completion of their programs.
14. Recommend that the states give special recognition to all host families.
15. We discussed the possibility of a domestic exchange and submit the following proposals:
    Domestic Exchange
    Purpose: To allow FFA members to learn of various cultures and agricultural techniques throughout the country.
    Guidelines:
    1. That it be a work experience program with an option that they be allowed to attend school.
    2. That the emphasis be on the work experience program.
    3. That it be a 3, 6, or 12 month program.
    4. That the UPDATE '81 program be used to get out information to investigate whether there are chapters interested in this program.

We, the International Committee, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Lennie Gamage, Mr. Arnold Cordes, Brenda Bennehoff and Ronelle Guest.

Respectfully submitted,
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NATIONAL FFA CALENDAR

We, the official Calendar Committee, submit the following recommendations for consideration to encourage participation in the FFA Calendar Program.

1. Letters to be addressed from State Presidents directly to Chapter Presidents concerning the use of the Calendar Program.
2. Make available a display for use at Leadership Training, State Conventions, and other functions.
3. Send notices to Chapters who have not participated in Calendar Program for three (3) years.
4. All Chapters receive pictures of National Officers for their participation in the Calendar Program.
5. Recognize Chapters at State Conventions and in State Newsletter who participate in Calendar Program.
6. FFA members send in pictures of their Chapter activities for use in Calendar Program.
7. State Officers receive materials and be prepared to promote Calendar Program during Chapter visits.
8. Suggest the following new calendar styles be considered.
   A. Desk calendar (18" × 24")
   B. Daily note pad
   C. Pens
   D. Personalized calendar (Chapter picture)
   E. Combine home and office and wall calendar to reduce expense
   F. Pocket size date book
9. Calendar Program provide an incentive award for Chapters who have participated for a certain period of time.

The Calendar Committee would like to congratulate Mr. Jack Pitzer and his staff for their continued fine efforts towards the growth of the Calendar Program.

Respectfully submitted,
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Joe Maher, Illinois
James Dupree, Louisiana
Tim Gano, Virginia
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Brenda Richey, Oklahoma

Appendix B

NATIONAL ALUMNI

We, the members of the 1980 National Alumni Committee, realize the vital role that the National Alumni Association plays in our FFA organization. We thank the National and State Alumni for their continuing support of our organization. With the helpful guidance of Mr. Robert Cox, Mr. Floyd Doering, Mrs. Phyllis Sokolosky and Mr. Odell Miller, we offer the following recommendations in order to help them achieve their goals:

1. Have the National Alumni Association encourage State and Local affiliates to make it more publically known that the FFA Alumni program is for ALL interested persons as well as former FFA members.
2. National organization contact the University Ag-Ed Departments to encourage them to establish local affiliates which will help in the training and recruitment of prospective vocational agriculture teachers and encourage Collegiate FFA members to become Alumni members.
3. Have the National Alumni Association encourage incentive programs, such as a "new ideas" contest.
4. Have chapters evaluate their community needs and build their Alumni program accordingly.
5. Feature detailed cover stories on Alumni in the *National Future Farmer* magazine and other major agricultural publications.
6. Encourage State Associations to recognize outstanding Alumni affiliates and members at their State FFA Conventions or on the State level.
7. Have the National Association encourage states to provide a list of resource persons throughout the state to local affiliates to aid and assist the Alumni program.
8. The National Alumni develop audio visual presentations of the Alumni Leadership Workshops to be funded by the National FFA Foundation.
9. Encourage all State and National Officers to become Alumni members in order to show their belief and support of the organization.
10. The National Alumni Association send informational material to state officers about the Alumni so they can use that information to encourage Alumni membership in their chapter addresses.
11. Encourage the use of local media, slide presentations, and National Alumni materials to provide better public awareness and understanding of the Alumni organization.
12. Have National Officers stress the importance of the Alumni at leadership workshops and state conventions.
13. National Alumni urge State Associations to develop a brochure suggesting fundraising and project ideas and stories of successful Alumni programs.

14. The National Alumni Council, in order to stay financially solvent, consider life membership and a raise in dues if necessary.
15. Stress the importance of the State Associations and suggest that each state have a state Alumni coordinator who will be responsible for communications between national, state, and local affiliates.
16. Have the National Alumni continue to expand the Washington scholarship program and to encourage the local affiliates to establish their own Washington scholarships.

Respectfully submitted,
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Morris Baker, Alabama
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Ronnie Ansley, North Carolina
James Brockman, Tennessee

COLLEGIATE AG ED DEVELOPMENT

We, the members of the 1980 Collegiate FFA Committee of the 53rd National FFA Convention, wish to express the urgent need for a quality Collegiate FFA program that shall be coordinated through and with the cooperation of the National FFA Organization. After reviewing and interpreting last year's committee report and the constitution, plus discussing new ideas from our committee, we feel that in order to continue the Collegiate FFA as a viable part of this organization, some specific changes and improvements are essential for its continued existence. The recommendations are as follows:

A. Article III, Section C, paragraph 1, be amended as follows: Collegiate chapters may be established in two or four-year institutions where agriculture courses are taught. Membership shall be open to students enrolled in agricultural courses or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture. Such chapters shall be primarily designed for training their members in the knowledge and skill of (advising) **assisting** and maintaining local FFA chapters.
B. Collegiate chapter members shall pay national FFA dues. We recommend that the national organization develop a specialized collegiate membership roster and that the dues collected from these members be set aside for use of supporting collegiate activities on the national level.
C. We recommend that the national organization develop an award program on the national level to recognize the outstanding collegiate chapters at the national convention based on three criteria.
   1. Scope and depth of Program of Work.
   2. Applications showing the ways and means goals were attained.
   3. How closely their chapter followed the purpose of a collegiate FFA chapter as set by the National Constitution in Article III, Section C, Article V, Section D.
D. We recommend that the National Organization sponsor collegiate FFA workshops at the national convention as an incentive for collegiate FFA members to attend national convention.
E. We recommend that the national organization develop a slide show presentation designed to explain the role of collegiate FFA and its programs, and in addition we recommend that a pamphlet be developed to outline the purpose and role of collegiate chapters, suggested activities and the ways and means of attaining their goals.

   We further recommend that the national organization reserve a minimum of one page of the National Future Farmer Magazine for collegiate FFA chapters and their activities.

   We strongly recommend that the national organization delegate one existing staff member to coordinate collegiate FFA activities, review and assist in the implementation of the above recommendations.

   We encourage the national organization to continue the ag-ed seminars defining the role of collegiate FFA as set by this committee. The content of these seminars shall be set up in cooperation with the national organization and the hosting university.

   Local chapters shall abide by the regulations mandated by the national FFA constitution.

   After discussing the extent of the membership as defined by the national constitution, we feel that membership shall be open to all agricultural majors at their respective two or four year institutions and the name of this committee shall undoubtedly be the Collegiate FFA Committee.

   We feel that our recommendations are valid and essential and will benefit all Collegiate FFA members in the years to come. If our organization is truly "Building Tomorrows Today" we have to accept the responsibility of post-secondary education. We urge that our recommendations be acted upon favorable to insure a strong Collegiate FFA program designed to benefit college students interested in the future of agriculture in America.

   We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Ted W. Ward, Les Thompson, Dr. Gilbertson and Richard Hayes for sharing their knowledge and experiences with us and making our task an easier one.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Ohlde, Kansas (Chairman)
Doug Rund, Illinois
Brad Schloesser, Minnesota
Nancy Gentry, South Carolina
Bert Eickert, Montana
Marty Gross, Texas
Kent Drake, Wyoming
Martha McGrail, Massachusetts

REGIONAL STATE OFFICER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

We, the members of the 1980 Regional State Officers Leadership Conferences Committee, realize the primary objective of these conferences is to insure a prepared and motivated state officer team for the coming year of service. While striving for that objective, the committee submits the following secondary objectives:

1. To get all the state officers involved to achieve learning by doing.
2. To develop a state officer's ability to motivate members, chapter officers and others.
3. To involve state staff in regional conferences.
4. To provide an opportunity for states to exchange ideas and programs by intermingling of room assignments and activities.
5. To update officers and staffs on issues and develop a plan of presenting the issues to the states and members for future discussion.
6. To utilize resource materials essential to the function of a state officer.
7. To provide publicity for the regional leadership training conference and participants, and encourage State Staff to make use of this material.
8. To utilize key leaders in business, industry, government and education to achieve objectives of leadership conferences through training programs, keynote speakers and leadership sessions.
9. To prepare state officers and staff to inform chapter officers/members of FFA opportunities.
10. To continue impromptu and extemporaneous public speaking events as a high priority covered in all conferences.

This committee also addressed the new proposal regarding regional conferences. The new conferences are to be three days and three nights in duration, with three national officers, a national staff person and a Board member in attendance at each conference. The emphasis will be that of national instead of regional conferences. Forty dollars per person in resource materials will be implemented to achieve maximum leadership development. All funding will be handled through the National FFA Foundation. These conferences while providing a more challenging atmosphere will insure a prepared and motivated state officer for his or her upcoming responsibilities. The committee of state executive secretaries and consultants are to be commended for their outstanding work.

The committee supports the new proposal with the following recommendations:

1. To purchase and use the "Increasing Human Effectiveness" training videocassette program and have the national officers trained and qualified on any of the ten topic areas to be used at all state officer subregional conferences. This professional leadership training program would cover the ten topic areas:
   a. Awareness: The Key to Success.
   b. We are what our thoughts make us.
   c. Attitudes and Self-Image: The Achievement Regulators
   d. Constructive Visualization: Seeing is Believing
   e. Self-Esteem: The key to total performance
   f. Motivation: Leadership vs. Pushership
   g. Effective Goal Setting Techniques
   h. Developing a Plan of Action
   i. Conserving Energy and Reducing Stress
   j. Winning Thought Patterns
2. To add more emphasis on the importance of extemporaneous and public speaking and presenting a speech during the sub-regional conference programs.
3. If at all possible, try conducting all subregional state officers conferences before the state presidents conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Scotchie Davis, Mississippi (Chairman)
Rudy Jacobs, New Mexico
Emery Tschetter, South Dakota
Robert Graham, New Jersey
Ron Crawford, Washington
Brian Martindale, Michigan
Neal Schlautman, Nebraska
Danny Broullette, Louisiana

NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE

We, *The National FUTURE FARMER* Magazine Committee, view *The National FUTURE FARMER* Magazine as an outstanding and vital part of our organization. The success of the magazine has not gone unnoticed. On behalf of the national organization, we wish to commend and extend our appreciation to Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor, the editorial staff and all persons connected with the publication and distribution of a most informative and enjoyable publication. After careful deliberation and consideration, we submit the following recommendations and proposals:

1. Suggest continuing to provide information on the progress of the President's Challenge on the chapter level.
2. Encourage teachers to use the magazine as part of their class discussion.
3. Suggest that the magazine should conduct a reader survey.
4. Increase advertisement of the chapter award program in the magazine.
5. Encourage chapters to continue to obtain bulk order of the fall issues of *The National FUTURE FARMER* to distribute to incoming freshman Greenhands, thereby overcoming the lag in circulation processing.
6. Encourage FFA members to donate Future Farmer magazines to local businessmen.
7. Encourage state and chapter input to *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine by emphasizing where, when and to whom to send articles for the magazine.
8. Make an effort to run various articles about famous or successful people such as professional speakers at the National FFA Convention in the Future Farmer Magazine.
9. Suggest that the magazine write articles about the impact of FFA on citizens of various cities during various conventions — such as citizens of Kansas City concerning the National FFA Convention.
10. Suggest that chapter rosters be completed and sent to *The National FUTURE FARMER* by October 31, in order to receive the December-January issue of *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine.
11. Suggest the possibility of raising the non-FFA membership subscription from $2 to $3 to offset deficit incurred by *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine.
12. Encourage the writing of articles concerning the operation of the Future Farmer magazine and the National FFA Organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Smith, Arkansas (Chairman)
Brian Ward, Vermont
Donny Forson, Texas
Nancy Stevenson, Oklahoma
Jim Lantz, Virginia
Tim Shivers, Tennessee
David Wright, Missouri

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

We, the members of the National Program of Activities Committee, realize the importance of the National Program of Activities. Therefore we have carefully examined the 1981 National Program of Activities and submit to the Board of National FFA Officers and the National Board of Directors the following recommendations and proposed programs for consideration.

1. Administration
   a. Send the minutes of the National Board Meetings to the State Presidents and to State Executive Secretary.
   b. Make a budget breakdown and a cost effectiveness study available to delegates in the National Convention Delegate packet and also to individual states by request.
   c. Continuation of the National 10 Plus Chapter Program for 1982 and study the effectiveness.
   d. Continue to recognize chapters with 100% membership.
2. Alumni
   a. Recommend the Alumni be represented on the FFA Advisory Committee at the national, state and local levels.
   b. Encourage Alumni activities at the chapter level.
   c. Encourage each local chapter to form an Alumni affiliate.
3. Calendar
   Research the possibility of custom design calendar program.
4. Contests and Awards
   Recommend a feasibility study for a standardized Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

5. Convention
   a. Recommend development of an award to recognize states for outstanding achievement in completing the **State** Program of Activities.
   b. Recommend regional caucus meetings for regional vice presidents, delegates and interested state officers to discuss issues.
6. Hall of Achievement
   Develop an audio visual presentation to a) promote and b) to utilize the Hall of Achievement so that it is available to state associations and interested persons.
7. Information
   a. Publicize the use of the Reporters Handbook.
   b. Display FFA booth or exhibit at National NVATA Convention.
8. International
   a. Contact Puerto Rico on developing a "Sunny Winter Conference" for spanish speaking members.
   b. Require WEA people to have a satisfactory knowledge of the language that is used in the country they are travelling to.
9. Leadership
   a. Recommend that the State Presidents Conference be available to all National Convention Delegates.
   b. Recognize the needs and provide services for handicapped members at all FFA activities.
10. Magazine
    Use the magazine to promote more FFA programs (i.e. Food for America, BOAC, etc.)

Finally, we the members of The National Program of Activities Committee recommend that in coming years this committee present its report at the end of the National Convention after they have viewed the reports of other national committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Neasham, Iowa (Chairman)
Lawrence Shrowder, Pennsylvania
Kim Decker, Michigan
David Door, Washington
Christe Peterson, Wisconsin
Paul Bianchi, California
Larry Cote, Maine

AUDITING

We, the auditing committee of the 53rd National FFA Convention, on this 11th day of November, 1980, recommend:

1. That the Auditing Report presented by Stoy, Malone and Company for the Future Farmers of America of the fiscal year of September 1, 1979, through August 31, 1980, be accepted as true and accurate.
2. That a consolidated statement of income and expenses, as well as a breakdown of income and expenses by divisions, be supplied to each official delegate at least 10 days prior to the National Convention.
3. And let it be known that the National FFA Organization commends Mr. Julian Campbell, National FFA Treasurer; Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, FFA Administrative Director; and the entire accounting staff for their dedicated services to the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Koehler, Minnesota (Chairman)
Robert Harding, Oregon
Kenneth Sima, Massachusetts
David Specca, New Jersey
Carolyn Wolcott, Wyoming
Harlan Nyhus, Iowa
Glenn Howell, North Carolina
Mark H. Hansen, Idaho

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We, the Membership Development Commitee, having taken into consideration the issues relating to the building of membership in vocational agriculture-FFA submit that experiences gained in the Future Farmers of America are of benefit to all vocational agriculture-FFA students and should be available to all. Therefore, we urge the continuation of programs aimed at attaining 100% plus membership in the FFA.

We believe that the national organization, state associations, and local chapters must work together to stop the decline of membership: This is the first step toward obtaining 100% membership — the ultimate goal of our committee.

The 1980 Membership Development Committee would like to express our appreciation to Mr. C. Coleman Harris, Mr. Charles Lebo and Mr. James A. Shaeffer for their assistance and their advice in helping us develop the following recommendations.

1. To continue and to develop the 10 plus club in the following ways:
   a. By maintaining current procedures for awarding chapters.
   b. Encourage promotion on the state level by familiarizing state officers with the program and providing recognition at the state level.
   c. Promotion on the chapter levels through the use of chapter visits and special audio visual materials.
   d. Provide a concise informational sheet to each chapter explaining the program (in addition to the poster).
2. Provide incentives on the national, state and local levels which encourage the attainment of 100% membership in the following ways:
   a. Encourage states to give recognition to local chapters that have achieved 100% plus membership through award programs and articles in statewide FFA publications.
   b. Have articles in *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine concerning methods used by local chapters to attain 100% plus membership.
   c. Reach 100% membership by maintaining high school graduates and recruiting vo-ag students that are not currently FFA members.
3. Instruction should be offered to state officers at sub-regional leadership conference concerning methods which can be used to present membership development programs.
4. Publicize and utilize all available resources to promote membership and develop a slide set which would instill an interest in and an understanding of the FFA and FFA opportunities that would be aimed at junior high level students.
5. Continue emphasis on leadership programs and encourage the active involvement of first and second year FFA members.
6. The FFA must assume a more active role in the development of vo-ag/FFA instructors. The committee recognizes the fact that one of the most viable sources of vo-ag teachers are individuals who have been in vo-ag and FFA themselves. We encourage the promotion of the new film "The Vocational Agriculture Teacher."
7. We recommend a study for the utilization of a special needs program.
8. Due to the fact that currently only 69.8% of students enrolled in vo-ag are dues paying FFA members, we support the study being conducted by the national FFA organization and the University of Maryland to determine the characteristics of those vo-ag students who are not FFA members.

In conclusion we believe that a membership development program must be maintained in order to keep our organization strong. We can build a stronger future for our membrs who will become the agricultural leaders of our society.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Grasz, Nebraska (Chairman)
David Maurer, Illinois
Ruth Miller, Kentucky
Terri L. Layton, Delaware
Dale Morton, Texas
George C. Denisen, Jr., Georgia
Okey Woodard, Ohio

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED INCOME

	Year Ended August 31, 1980	Year Ended June 30, 1979
REVENUE:		
Sales	$4,985,470	$4,674,032
Less cost of goods sold	3,630,594	3,400,994
Gross profit	$1,354,876	$1,273,038
Magazine income:		
Advertising income—net of agency commissions and discounts	523,318	513,459
Subscription income	467,272	404,804
Calendar income—net of returns, allowances and discounts	166,392	171,429
Membership dues—FFA	482,500	370,919
Membership dues—Alumni Association	61,745	51,826
Convention income	—	156,048
Registration	148,043	—
Career show	21,555	—
International program income	276,150	208,083
Summer conferences income	273,780	201,939
Service charge income	80,235	80,251
Grant income	56,809	—
Alumni contributions	10,521	—
Interest income	99,174	58,172
Discounts received	11,693	9,583
Gain on disposition of property and equipment	—	471
Grant for remodeling—NVATA	—	27,500
Emphasis registration income	—	265
Miscellaneous	17,241	12,198
Total revenue	$4,051,304	$3,539,985
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	945,279	836,729
Magazine costs:		
Production	658,206	560,540
Advertising	119,855	108,326
Editorial	40,216	34,275
Circulation	103,592	102,858
Calendar expenses	171,101	171,905
Freight and postage	160,248	151,152
Travel	126,502	114,857
National convention	132,830	112,187
Maintenance and utilities	111,188	103,266
Depreciation	59,049	56,374
Retirement expense	60,862	89,478
Printing, stationery and supplies	42,393	39,184
Payroll taxes	77,816	67,379
Advertising	46,914	36,575
Council member expense	5,717	4,790
Membership list maintenance	3,989	2,136
Regional leadership conference	3,201	4,351
National meeting expense	671	1,957

Newsletter and membership cards	3,735	5,033
Public relations	30,323	46,373
Wrapping and shipping supplies	29,513	25,818
Archives	3,070	5,625
Awards	14,511	11,803
Legal and accounting	67,128	23,752
National leadership conference scholarships	4,558	2,020
National leadership workshop	358	—
Payroll expense	2,126	2,029
Insurance:		
Disability	32,234	36,469
Group hospitalization	20,380	13,709
Other	21,221	16,232
Sponsor recognition program	3,574	4,196
International activities	7,662	10,896
International program expense	278,169	206,489
Summer conferences expense	243,554	204,803
Grant expenses	50,284	—
Telephone and telegraph	31,965	30,736
Space plan feasibility plan	14,721	—
Computer feasibility study	22,253	—
Discontinued and obsolete merchandise	2,656	5,329
Merchandise losses	3,393	2,863
Office equipment repairs	9,457	8,120
Office expense	1,486	1,003
Subscriptions expense	2,113	1,390
Truck and auto expense	1,967	1,649
Miscellaneous	8,702	4,176
Clothing and equipment—national officers	4,614	3,817
State life reimbursement expense	2,521	1,933
Educational materials	9,416	7,610
Cash discounts — advertisers	8,517	9,733
Discounts and allowances	11,739	6,168
Interest expense	3,866	8,351
Bad debts	791	1,017
Total expenses	$3,822,206	$3,307,461
NET INCOME	229,098	232,524
BALANCE	2,894,056	2,871,830

PEOPLE

OFFICIAL DELEGATES
53rd National FFA Convention
Kansas City, Missouri — November 12-14, 1980

ALABAMA
WM. PHILLIP HOLLAND, Deatsville
MORRIS BAKER, Eutaw
WARNER SMITH, Collinsville
MICHAEL CHAPMAN, Newell

ALASKA
JEAN MARCEY, Palmer
KEVIN LINTELMAN, Delta Junction

ARIZONA
ALLEN STEWART, Buckeye
FRANK DURANTI, Mesa

ARKANSAS
RANDY SMITH, Melbourne
PATTI BALE, Fayetteville
GREG WITHERS, Cedarville

CALIFORNIA
DAVID MENDES, Oakdale
PAUL BIANCHI, Tracy
JANET LaGRANDE, Williams

COLORADO
WES ISHMAEL, Longmont
ALAN SAMBER, Sterling

CONNECTICUT
DAVID ROBINSON, New Haven
DAVID MADDOX, Bethlehem

DELAWARE
WILLIAM KINSEY, Clayton
TERRI LAYTON, Harrington

FLORIDA
MIKE PHILLIPS, Williston
CHUCK BRANNAN, Macclenny

GEORGIA
STEVE PHILLIPS, Royston
JIMMY WHITE, Douglasville
GEORGE DENISON, JR., Patterson

HAWAII
GINA GUALANO, Honolulu
EDUARDO RAGASA, Honolulu

IDAHO
MARK HANSEN, Blackfoot
LELAND TIEGS, Nampa

ILLINOIS
JOE MAHER, Princeville
DOUG RUND, Newman
DAVID MAURER, Delavan

INDIANA
DOUG BARNARD, Rossville
DARLA HACKMAN, Brownstown

IOWA
SCOTT NEASHAM, Newton
HARLAN NYHUS, Forest City

KANSAS
TIMOTHY OHLDE, Linn
JAY BOHNENBLUST, Riley

KENTUCKY
MARK CHAPMAN, Bowling Green
RUTHI MILLER, Hardinsburg

LOUISIANA
JAMES DUPREE, Provencal
DANNY BROUILLETTE, Napoleonville

MAINE
GARY WHEELER, Presque Isle
LARRY COTE, Limestone

MARYLAND
PHILIP ARNOLD, Union Bridge
PATTY KAHLER, Keymar

MASSACHUSETTS
MARTHA McGRALL, Worcester
KENNETH SIMA, Worcester

MICHIGAN
KIM DECKER, Remus
BRIAN MARTINDALE, Corunna

MINNESOTA
DEAN KOEHLER, Reading
BRAD SCHLOESSER, LeCenter
BONNIE BIANCHI, Gibbon

MISSISSIPPI
SCOTCHIE DAVIS, Pearl
BRYAN STAMPS, Edwards

MISSOURI
MARTY CHITWOOD, Hunnewell
PAM PROFFITT, West Plains
MARC DRYE, Ozark

MONTANA
BERT EICKERT, Kalispell
DENNIS WAGNER, Baker

NEBRASKA
GREG KRIESER, Eagle
STEVE GRASZ, Chappell

NEVADA
FRED GARRETT, Deeth
RICK HOGAN, Gardnerville

NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARIA JASPER, Hudson
PATRICIA HALL, Hudson

NEW JERSEY
ROBERT J. GRAHAM, Mays Landing
DAVID R. SPECCA, Mt. Holly

NEW MEXICO
RUDY JACOBS, Albuquerque
JUANITA SANCHEZ, Los Lunas

NEW YORK
JOHN SHEELEY, Grahamsville
LORI VON SEYDEWITZ, Ridgewood

NORTH CAROLINA
GLENN HOWELL, Newport
RONNIE ANSLEY, Gaston
DIANA JOY SPRUILL, Roper

NORTH DAKOTA
PAUL JEANNOTTE, Medina
MARILYN ARTZ, Antler

OHIO
OKEY WOODARD, Waterford
MARK DAVIS, Delaware
TAMY WOOD, Marion

OKLAHOMA
RICK DAVIS, Guthrie
NANCY STEVENSON, Owasso
BRENDA RICKEY, Yukon

OREGON
ROBERT HARDING, JR., Dayton
GLENYS NICHOL, Aumsville

PENNSYLVANIA
LAWRENCE A. SHRAWDER, Kempton
GLYN R. BOONE, New Alexandria

PUERTO RICO
JUAN PEREZ, Hato Rey
ANGEL GONZALEZ, Ciales

RHODE ISLAND
DAVID SMITH, JR., Hope Valley
WENDY TINGLEY, Jamestown

SOUTH CAROLINA
FRANK PARKER, St. Matthews
NANCY GENTRY, Anderson

SOUTH DAKOTA
ROGER HANSEN, Sioux Falls
EMERY TSCHETTER, Huron

TENNESSEE
MARK McBRIDE, Henry
TIMOTHY SHIVERS, McEwen
JAMES BROCKMAN, Scotts Hill

TEXAS
CHARLIE PHILLIP, Boerne
CHUCK LITTLEFIELD, Mineola
DAN THOMAS, Weatherford
JOHN RAGLAND, Brenham
DONNY FORSON, Greenville
DALE MORTON, Woden
MARTY GROSS, Van

UTAH
CALVIN CRANDALL, Springville
TERRY GRAFT, Tooele

VERMONT
MARTHA EDWARDS, Jeffersonville
BRIAN WARD, Jeffersonville

VIRGINIA
TIM GANO, Whitacre
LYNN KOONTZ, Harrisonburg
JIM LANTZ, Middletown

WASHINGTON
DAVID DOOR, Sunnyside
ANN LUST, Endicott

WEST VIRGINIA
ANTHONY POTORTI, Renick
KENNY RAINES, Gay

WISCONSIN
TOM McKITTRICK, Viola
ALAN D. WOLFF, Wittenberg
CHRISTE PETERSON, Janesville

WYOMING
CAROLYN WOLCOTT, Kaycee
KENT DRAKE, Cheyenne

NATIONAL FFA BAND

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The National FFA Band, featuring 106 musicians from 41 states, was under the direction of Roger Heath, San Luis Obispo, California. He was assisted by James Tibbs of Virginia and Roland Rutz of Minnesota. The band added to the pagentry and spirit of the convention with a variety of musical selections.

ALABAMA
Jon Paul Campbell

ALASKA
Penny Roberts

ARIZONA
Jackie Hare
Chris Jones

ARKANSAS
John Eaton

CALIFORNIA
Ed Avila
David Olson
Dave Ribeiro

CONNECTICUT
Michael Fappiano

FLORIDA
Charles Calhoun
Myrna Grady
Charles Stegall

IDAHO
Susan McHargue
Kathy Olson

ILLINOIS
Tim King
Don McMurtry
Debra Stoll

INDIANA
Jon Culbertson
Rod Zeck

IOWA
Dan Cahoy
Erik Craft
Jeff Damman
Janice Ebel
Jeff Godwin
Brian Hellman
Alan Lyman
Arlyn Peters

KANSAS
Roger Basher
Teresa Chrisler
Rich Kiehl
Danny Kyle
Rick Malir

KENTUCKY
Jeff Rarden

LOUISIANA
Jimmy LeBlanc
Patti Smith

MAINE
Michael Cote

MARYLAND
Shari Persinger

MICHIGAN
Tim Emens
Penny Mason
Janice Meyer
Dale Rinke

MINNESOTA
Steve Goodrich
Keith Knutson
Darrel Liebl II
Patsy Schmitt
Lorraine Uthke

MISSISSIPPI
James Egger
Joey Gibbon
Peggy Harrell
Martin Hillman
John McMorraigh

MISSOURI
Kevin Dietzschold
Danny Enyeart
David Hill

MONTANA
Kever Johnstone
Todd Woltermann

NEBRASKA
Kathy Becker
Ronald Rose
Brian Tomes
Rick Williams

NEVADA
T. Wade George
Rhonda Henslee

NEW JERSEY
Rebecca Jones
Lana Shymansky

NEW MEXICO
Tammy Jo King
Charles Townsend

NEW YORK
Robin Battles
Tina Dodge
Andy Van Nostrand

NORTH CAROLINA
Douglas Dabbs
Ronald Daniel
Diana Spruill

NORTH DAKOTA
Eugene Holkup

OHIO
Brad Dellinger
Holly Downing
Dale Huston
Doug Minter
Linda Naginey
Roger Rutledge
Scott Scheiderer

OKLAHOMA
Yolanda Bower
Samuel McClure
Monte Taylor

OREGON
Jeff Aebischer
Mark Balschweid

PENNSYLVANIA
Mark Canan
Richard Krout, Jr.

SOUTH DAKOTA
Scott Christie
Marlin Peterson

TENNESSEE
Ron Calfee

TEXAS
Trent Ballew
John Mark Fulton
Stacy Stephens
Belinda Thorp
Richard Watson

UTAH
Tom Brown

VIRGINIA
Todd D. Shenk

WASHINGTON
Bill Evans
Cynthia Leer
Lisa Pirkkala
Ted Plumb
Gene Robinson

WEST VIRGINIA
Jim Britton

WISCONSIN
Mary K. Allen
Debbie Strigun

WYOMING
Diana Engelhaupt

NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

Sponsored by Hallmark Educational Foundation and Dr Pepper Company

Stan Kingma, Vineland, New Jersey, directed the chorus for the first time in 1980. Owen Robbins, Virginia, accompanied the group while Marilyn Kingma of New Jersey, and Gail Cable and A.L. Carson, both of North Carolina, assisted. The 117 singers from 37 states added to the convention with musical toasts and a variety of numbers.

ALABAMA
Cheryl Pace

ARIZONA
Kimberly Bunts

ARKANSAS
Leah Chaudoir
Robert Hutchison
Darren Kerry May

CALIFORNIA
Kimberly Leblo

CONNECTICUT
John Brody

FLORIDA
Stephen Jordan
Marcie Mooneyham

GEORGIA
James Harvey
Raymond Hogan
Catherine McKinnon

IDAHO
Vicki Tesnohlidek

ILLINOIS
Carol Bitter
Pat Busby
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Ted Luckey
Troy Pettis

INDIANA
Rodney Rhodes
Phillip Smith
Paul Compton

IOWA
Kurt Anderson
Dirk Bruns
Kyle Grimes
Robert McHugh
Jeff Ogren
Jeff Palmer
Jay Pudenz

KANSAS
Wiley Alexander
Tamara Finney
Gary Nelson
Clint Tate

KENTUCKY
Randolph Luttrell
Karen Preston

MICHIGAN
Lynnette Cruff
Cristopher Wingeier

MINNESOTA
Stuart Anderson
Jonel Anne Langenfeld
Jeff Lyle
Kathryn Lee Ray
Donna Schmidt

MISSISSIPPI
Otilia Rena Fairley
Larry Harvey
Robin Kay

MISSOURI
Timothy Bentch
Andrea Brinkhoff
Rick Burchell
Teresa Hansford
Mark Holman
Sharon Jones
Blaine Means
Darren Schilling
Debbie Strickfaden

MONTANA
Jody Muller
Steve Nelson
Steven Skelton

NEBRASKA
Karl Charron
Rick Focken
Joni Kraemer
David Rocker

NEW JERSEY
Dana Palmer
Michele Velez

NEW MEXICO
Bubba Briney

NEW YORK
Richard Guarino
Heidi Herting
Lori Beth Twentyman

NORTH CAROLINA
Kenneth Atkinson
Patrick Atkinson
Kelly Langston
Kimberly Tart

NORTH DAKOTA
Ralph Chase
Perry Moll
Kitty Schaan

OHIO
Tawnja (Peachie) Cain
Dana Cox
Todd Hanes
Brenda Hartschuh
Beth Haws
Karen Hill
Tim Larrick
Nicki Napier
Anita Neff
Joseph Podach
Melody Poe
Bradley Ruffener
Jim Smith
Deborah Suter
James Tugend

OKLAHOMA
Dee Ann Blackmore
Robert Campbell
Daniel Piekarsky
Paul Snow

OREGON
David Althaus
Desiree Smith

PENNSYLVANIA
C. Harold Hawn II
Gordon Trimer

RHODE ISLAND
Donna Hammond

SOUTH CAROLINA
Laura Maria Walker

SOUTH DAKOTA
Randy Jespersen
Melody Ladd
LaNae Maas

TENNESSEE
Kimberly Susan Nicley

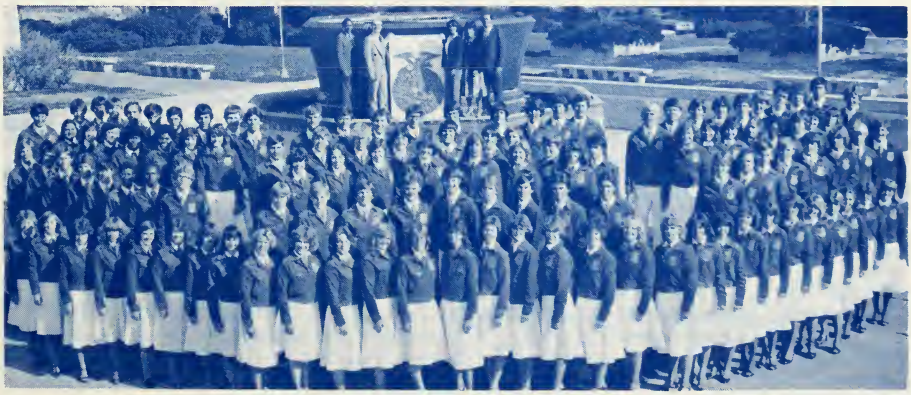
TEXAS
Brenda Bennett
Greg Swindle

VIRGINIA
Randy Orndorff

WASHINGTON
Debbie Bailey
Gary Moser

WISCONSIN
Debra Dawn Bauer
Dorothy Kay Farrell
James Moris
Kathy Paffenroth

WYOMING
Jim Pontarolo
Vivian Watkins



NATIONAL FFA TALENT

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The National FFA Talent featured country/western music, ventriloquism, comedy and a variety of other acts. The group was directed by Don Erickson, Bismarck, North Dakota, with assistance from Curt Stillwell, Minnesota.

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