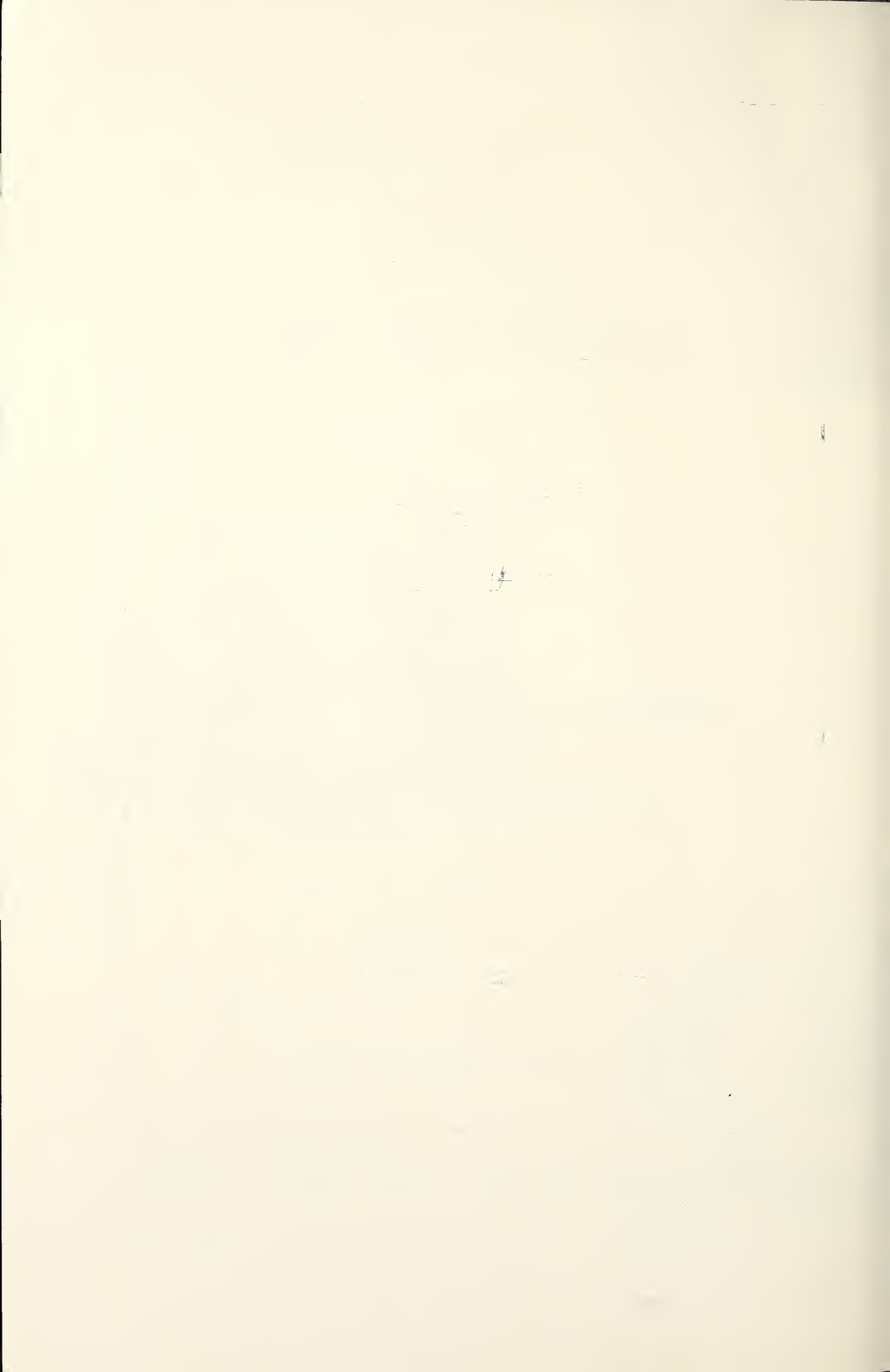


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## INTRODUCTION

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, an organization of students enrolled in vocational agriculture has taken its place with other groups interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National Headquarters of the Future Farmers of America is located in the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D.C. National conventions are held annually at Kansas City, Missouri.

The 40th National Convention was held at the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium, October 11-13, 1967. Final count showed 12,234 FFA members, advisors, parents, foundation donors, and guests registered from all states.

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

WM. PAUL GRAY,  
*National Executive Secretary*



# NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS 1966-67 AND 1967-68

Seated left to right: Greg Bamford, President, Haxtun, Colorado; Paul Diehl, Secretary, Butler, Missouri; John Gemmill, Vice President Pacific Region, Peoria, Arizona; Robert Rish, Vice President Southern Region, Pelion, South Carolina; William Boehm, Vice President Central Region, Mosinee, Wisconsin; Richard Jones, Vice President North Atlantic Region, Hamilton, New York.

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Standing Center: Wm. Paul Gray, National FFA Executive Secretary, Washington, D.C.



# Call For National Convention

(Issued June 20, 1967)

## FELLOW FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

As your National FFA President, I issue a call for all State Associations to send delegates to the 40th National Convention, which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-13, 1967.

A fitting introduction to the convention program is scheduled Tuesday evening, October 10, when the national officers will present a Vespers Program. Many highly respected personages and inspirational speakers will highlight our convention as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of vocational agriculture. I urge attendance at all sessions which are planned to conduct business, recognize outstanding achievements, demonstrate and promote leadership, elect new officers, while setting new goals for the coming year. I am confident that everyone in attendance will return home thoroughly inspired with renewed dedication to the aims and purposes of vocational agriculture and the FFA.

All chartered State Associations in good standing with the national organization are expected to send two official delegates and two alternates from the active membership. Official delegates should arrive in Kansas City for the 10:00 a.m. delegate registration, which will be followed by the Officer-Delegate Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10. A short briefing session on organizational matters will follow with convention committees meeting that afternoon. State associations should also have in attendance at the convention, those candidates recommended for the American Farmer Degree, candidates for national office, those members who are to receive awards, and others who have official business at the convention.

I encourage all local chapters to send representatives to the national convention. Each chapter is entitled to a maximum of six or ten percent of the total membership, whichever is greater. This number does not include national or regional award winners, members of the Courtesy Corps or other special participants. I urge your chapter to carefully select the representatives to the convention and request they come to Kansas City with properly completed official registration cards. When you receive your brochure "You . . . And Your National FFA Convention" please review it with your advisor. Remember the FFA jacket, to many people, is a symbol of our organization. Each member has the responsibility of wearing his jacket *properly* throughout his stay in Kansas City.

Our 40th Annual Convention will highlight our FFA year and prove to be a great success with the enthusiasm, help and cooperation of all present. I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

GARY SWAN

*National FFA President*

# The Future Farmers of America

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA is the national organization of, by and for students of vocational agricultural in public secondary schools, which operate under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. It is an educational, non-political, non-profit, farm youth organization of voluntary membership, designed to develop agricultural leadership, character, thrift, scholarship, cooperation, citizenship, and patriotism. Its members learn through participating experiences how to conduct and take part in public meetings, to speak in public, and to assume civic responsibility. The FFA is an intra-curricular part of vocational education in agriculture in the public school system of America. It constitutes one of the most effective devices for teaching through participating experiences.

The Future Farmers of America was organized in 1928, in Kansas City, Missouri. Thirty-three official delegates representing 18 States were present. Leslie Applegate of New Jersey was elected National President, C. H. Lane of Washington, D. C. became the first National Advisor, and Henry Groseclose of Virginia, the first National Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Ten members received the American Farmer Degree. Annual national membership dues at that time were set at 10 cents per member per year and remained the same until 1965 when they were increased to 50 cents per member.

Sixty-four delegates from 33 States attended the second Convention. Twenty-nine members received the American Farmer Degree and Carlton Patton of Arkansas was selected as the first Star Farmer of America. The selection of the organization's colors of national blue and corn gold, the first National Public Speaking Contest, the performance of the Ohio FFA Band, and the adoption of the Official FFA Creed highlighted the third convention. A year later W. A. Ross became the first National Executive Secretary. "Hail the FFA" became the official FFA song in 1931. J. A. Linke became National FFA Advisor in 1933.

About 6,000 members, advisors and friends registered for the 10th National Convention, held in the new Kansas City Municipal Auditorium. A pageant featured ten years of progress and growth by 100,000 members representing 4,000 chapters in 49 chartered State Associations. The National Constitution was revised for the third time to permit the nomination of American Farmers on a basis of one boy per 1,000 or major fraction thereof.

In 1939 the organization purchased 35½ acres of land which was part of George Washington's estate and established the National FFA Camp. Two years later, W. T. Spanton became the National Advisor of 245,830 members from 7,542 chapters. In 1944, the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. was founded. The 1946 Victory Convention celebrated the end of World War II, and



featured a memorial program honoring FFA members who served in the Armed Forces.

Highlights of the year 1947 were the organization of the National FFA Band, under the direction of Henry S. Brunner, establishment of the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the Official FFA Calendar. A year later, the National FFA Chorus was organized but was discontinued in 1959. In 1948 National FFA Week was established and the annual National FFA Officers' Good-Will Tour was started to visit donors to the FFA Foundation, and to promote a better understanding between agriculture, business and industry, farm organizations and the public.

The Educational Exchange Program between the FFA and the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain was initiated in 1948 and continued until 1957, however was reactivated in 1965. Rhode Island became the 50th State Association in 1950. A year later the National Congress passed Public Law 740, which granted the FFA a Federal Charter. The delegates at the 1952 convention adopted the Official Code of Ethics and gave final approval for the establishment of the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. In 1953, a special postage stamp was issued by the U. S. Post Office Department to commemorate the founding of the FFA. A spectacular pageant at the Silver Anniversary Convention featured the many accomplishments of the FFA. The highlight of this convention was an address by Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States.

A special resolution, adopted at the 1955 convention, pledged the FFA to help develop better understanding between nations. Since then, programs and assistance given to friendly nations have resulted in organizing Future Farmers in Japan, Philippine Islands, Thailand, Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Mexico. Cooperative work with the Peace Corps began in 1963 with an FFA/NFA project in West Pakistan, but was discontinued in 1966.

Former President Harry S. Truman addressed the 1957 convention. In 1959, a four-day National Citizenship and Patriotism Conference for State officers was held in Washington, D. C. Many outstanding Government leaders, including President Eisenhower spoke to the group. The dedication of the new FFA headquarters building on the land formerly used as a National FFA Camp was a fitting climax to the conference.

FFA Day at the American Royal as a part of the national convention began in 1960. A year later a special convention program honored W. T. Spanton upon his retirement as National Advisor.

A. W. Tenney, served as National Executive Secretary from 1943 to 1957 and National Advisor from 1961 to 1965. Wm. Paul Gay became National Executive Secretary in 1957. H. N. Hunsicker became National Advisor in 1965, the first National Advisor who was an FFA member. In 1962 R. Cedric Anderson, replaced Dr.

Brunner as Director of the National FFA Band. In 1966 the National FFA Chorus was reactivated under the direction of I. S. Glover.

In 1965 over 50,000 former NFA members became members of the FFA. Membership in the national organization is now approximately 438,000 in nearly 9,000 chapters. These boys are preparing for leadership in agriculture.

## OFFICIAL DELEGATES

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ILLINOIS.....	Enid Schlipf Gridley, Illinois	Tom E. Johnson Rt. 1, Ashland, Illinois
INDIANA.....	Ron Mosser RR 2, Geneva, Indiana	Allen Ullom RR 2, Winchester, Indiana
IOWA.....	Eddie Wiederstein RR 1, Audubon, Iowa	Curt Hansen RR 3, Iowa Falls, Iowa
KANSAS.....	Dale Raymond RR 3, Garnett, Kansas	Ed Bogner RR 1, Winfield, Kansas
KENTUCKY.....	Damon Ray Talley Rt. 3, Magnolia, Kentucky	Danny D. Rudolph Box 148, Bandana, Kentucky
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MISSISSIPPI.....	Alvin Woods Route 2, Box 4 Bolton, Mississippi	Marvin Weaver Route 3, Box 79 Newton, Mississippi
MISSOURI.....	Mike Nickell Box 367 Hamilton, Missouri	Dee Goedeke RR 4, Carrollton, Missouri
MONTANA.....	Rick Beck Box 286, Avon, Montana	Tom Atkins Roscoe, Montana
NEBRASKA.....	Dean Pike Ainsworth, Nebraska	Robert Elits Rt. 1, Central City, Nebraska
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NORTH DAKOTA.....	Steven D. Strege Route 1 Wyndmere, N. Dakota	Ronald J. Lewis Route 2 Williston, N. Dakota
OHIO.....	Ron Friend Route 2 West Alexandria, Ohio	Gerald Pope Route 1 Bloomville, Ohio
OKLAHOMA.....	Johnny McElroy Rt. 1, Snyder, Oklahoma	Jerry White RR 2, Ninnekah, Oklahoma
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TEXAS.....	Marcus Hill Box 264 Yantis, Texas	Lou Gary Thomas Route 1, Box 3C Cushing, Texas
UTAH.....	Curtis Parker Hooper, Utah	Keith Smith Lehi, Utah
VERMONT.....	Norris Brisson Shoreham, Vermont	Larry Columbia Newport Center, Vermont
VIRGINIA.....	Posey D. Jones Chatham, Virginia	Wayne Pence Port Republic, Virginia
WASHINGTON.....	Scott Hamilton Star Route 1 Chehalis, Washington	Dale Johnson Route, 3, Box 39 Mt. Vernon, Washington
WEST VIRGINIA.....	Michael D. Lemons Route 4 Huntington, W. Virginia	Ross J. Young Gassaway, W. Virginia
WISCONSIN.....	Calvin O'Harrow RR 1 Oconto Falls, Wisconsin	Ronald Deiter RR 1 Cuba City, Wisconsin
WYOMING.....	Dennis Stickley Route 1, Box 350 Laramie, Wyoming	Jeff Lundberg Albin, Wyoming

## THE NATIONAL FFA BAND



The National FFA Band made up of 121 FFA members representing 39 States was under the direction of R. Cedric Anderson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Following is a list of the outstanding 1967 "Mail Order Band" members who played such an important role in this year's convention:



## BAND MEMBERS

### ALABAMA

Roger Isbell  
Frank Wharton

### ARIZONA

Don Birchett  
William N. Springer

### ARKANSAS

James Alexander, II  
Stanley Chapman  
Larry Nichols

### CALIFORNIA

Scott Hankins  
Jim Petrucelli

### FLORIDA

Ralph Aligood  
Milton Bryan  
Wm. H. Palmer, III

### GEORGIA

Randy Holcomb  
Lemoria Moses

### IDAHO

Jim Barnes  
Kenneth D. Faught

### ILLINOIS

Don Barnes  
Rick Brown  
Charles Gaston  
Charles Kunkelmann  
William McClure  
Larry Parcell  
Dennis Stoll

### INDIANA

Rodney Clouser  
Chuck Watkins

### IOWA

Gary Bortz  
Steve Chapman  
Dennis Helgason  
Dennis W. Hill  
Eugene Huddleson  
David King  
Danny Kratz  
John J. Kubik  
Dean W. Lemke  
Robert Ross  
Mike Urban  
Jim Dunn

### KANSAS

Robert K. Bailey  
Jim Bauck  
Frank Gary  
Wesley McCarty  
Neil McPheeters  
Roger Russell  
Roger Heiman

### KENTUCKY

Danny Armes  
John Baird Foree  
Paul D. Rideout

### LOUISIANA

Eddie Blanchet  
Ricky Earl

### MAINE

Kimber C. Noyes

### MASSACHUSETTS

Ronald Potter

### MICHIGAN

David Anspaugh  
Lee Burgard  
Chuck Southworth  
Bill Tassie

### MINNESOTA

Steven Hansen  
Craig Keller  
Douglas Sandmann  
Lyndon Severtson  
Ken Wistrom

### MISSOURI

Chris Ahern  
Bob Carson  
Karl Evans  
David Fewins  
Jim Glasgow  
Gerald Myers

### MONTANA

Keith D. Brodock  
Clark Marten  
Edward Viig

### NEBRASKA

Rex Crawford  
Roger K. McNeil  
James Mlady  
J. B. Nicholas

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

William Cooper

### NEW JERSEY

Edmund H. Shimp, Jr.

### NEW MEXICO

Pete Telles

### NEW YORK

David H. Gilbert  
Kenneth Wilmot

### NORTH DAKOTA

Paul Backstrom  
Wesley K. Herman  
George Isakson  
Gerald Le Clair

### OHIO

Bill Andrews  
Leslie Armstrong  
Ronald A. Davenport  
Thad Garnett  
Dennis Stryker

### OKLAHOMA

Ronald Schaefer  
Roy Mesall

### OREGON

Les Geven  
Jim Hubbard  
Stephen Van Houtan

### PENNSYLVANIA

Keith W. Martin  
William T. Mitchell  
Jimmie Dailey

### SOUTH CAROLINA

Clyde Gregg, Jr.  
Sydney Keisler  
Jan Waters

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Kenneth Horter  
John Rolling

### TENNESSEE

Mike Robertson

### TEXAS

Tony Chauveaux  
Jimmy Simpson  
Joe S. Smith  
Johnny Vaughn  
David Wharten

### UTAH

Bruce Hansen  
Clint W. Harwood

### VIRGINIA

R. G. Heizer  
Dale Houff

### WASHINGTON

Larry D. Heston  
Ronald Erick Johanson  
Jay Simchen

### WEST VIRGINIA

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Stich Wilson

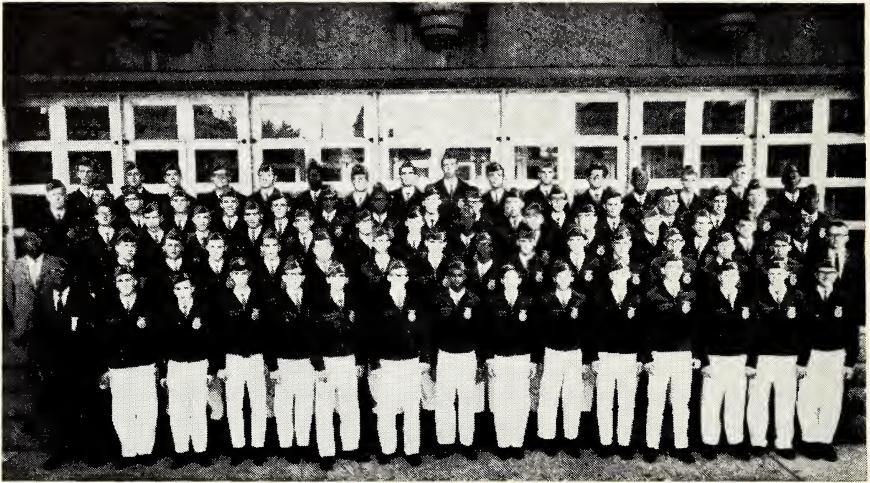
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Marc Bernander  
Kenneth Cance  
Bruce W. Peuse  
Robert Sorenson

### WYOMING

Billy L. Crago  
Ronald Sjostrom

## THE 1967 NATIONAL FFA CHORUS



The National FFA Chorus under the direction of I. S. Glover played a vital role in the Annual FFA Convention in Kansas City. Following is a list of 75 FFA chorus members representing 29 States who participated periodically during the complete National FFA Convention.

### CHORUS MEMBERS

#### ALABAMA

Willie Graves

#### FLORIDA

Zachery Bunkley  
Carson Ealy

#### GEORGIA

Felton Davis  
Harold Lewis  
Lonnie Napier  
Wallace Coleman

#### ILLINOIS

Dennis Martin  
Dave Mersman  
Harry Reynolds  
Clifford Sherman

#### INDIANA

John D. Combs  
Darrell Newman  
Phil Padgett

#### IOWA

Bruce Buxton  
Jon N. Clark  
Charles M. Dalbey  
Jim Hoyt  
Craig Metcalf

#### KANSAS

Max Coleman  
Ken Jan Fuller  
David J. Howard

#### KENTUCKY

Patrick H. Lair  
Alton Marksberry  
Larry Woosley

#### MAINE

Tarry A. Miller  
Larry Perry

#### MICHIGAN

Boyd Beyersdorf  
Leonard Clark

#### MINNESOTA

Rodney Berlin  
John Maher  
Roger Nickel  
Gene Olson

#### MISSOURI

Larry Cameron  
Paul Holmes  
Dale Pierce

#### MONTANA

Walter Houghton  
Timothy A. Taylor

#### NEBRASKA

Lowell A. Deberkow  
Terry Jessen  
Robert Lee Kracke

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Glenn W. Perry

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Dean Holton  
Bruce D. Schauer  
Dean Sotomonson

#### OHIO

Michael J. Koesters  
Roy Mason  
Jim Oberhaus  
Robert Saylor

#### OKLAHOMA

Nelson Ottinger  
Randy Pope

#### OREGON

Teddy Richards  
Larry Warfel

#### PENNSYLVANIA

David Green  
William H. Kelley  
Leslie McBride

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

C. Lee Jackson  
Harvin Nixon  
John Porter  
Cleveland Sumpter

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

Dale H. Guthmiller  
W. Stanley Lamb  
Darwin Miller

#### TEXAS

Billy Pollard

**UTAH**

David W. Kobler  
Russell G. Madsen

**VIRGINIA**

Gary W. Brown  
William C. Dudley, III  
Jimmy Lucas

**WASHINGTON**

Richard Scheurman

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Randell Workman

**WISCONSIN**

Ken Aune  
Robert Linder

**WYOMING**

Vaughn Clapp  
John Eklund

## THE NATIONAL FFA TALENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



An important and very interesting phase of each National FFA Convention is the participation of FFA talent groups and individuals from many State associations. Following is a list of the talent acts which were involved in the 1967 National Convention program.



## TALENT MEMBERS

State	Name	Talent
ARKANSAS.....	Tony Perez	Drummer
FLORIDA.....	Bill Kelly, Marty Bearry, Marvin Thomas, Ray McFarland, Nelson Lespresto	String Band Harmonica Duet
FLORIDA.....	Barry Taylor, Van Gray	Pianist
FLORIDA.....	Carson Ealy	Pianist
ILLINOIS.....	Harry Reynolds	Vocal Soloist
INDIANA.....	John Combs	Smothers Brothers
INDIANA.....	Steve Wolf, Mike Orr	Ventriloquist
KANSAS.....	David Gibson	Pianist
LOUISIANA.....	John Hamiter and Randy Bryend	Saxophonist
MICHIGAN.....	Leonard Clark	Soloist
MINNESOTA.....	Bill Bartusek, Leonard Adamek, Arnold Kabes	Polka Band
MINNESOTA.....	David Allen	Vocalist
MISSOURI.....	Jim Gibson, Steven Holt, Kenny Roberts	Vocal Trio
MISSOURI.....	Paul Holmes	Vocalist
NORTH DAKOTA.....	Tonny Miller, Gerald Schneider, Dennis Voeller, Jerome Voeller	Old Time Band
OHIO.....	Jan Miller	Drummer
OHIO.....	David Krucksberg	Accordianist
OHIO.....	Bob Saylor, Jim Oberhaus	Duet
VIRGINIA.....	Posey Jones	Vocalist
WISCONSIN.....	Larry Bosch	Trumpeter
WISCONSIN.....	Ken Cance	Trumpeter



# Minutes of the Convention

Wednesday, October 11, 1967

## Morning Session

The fortieth annual convention of the Future Farmers of America convened in the main arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at nine o'clock. National President Gary Swan, of Jasper, New York, presiding.

The Posting of Colors was performed. Posey Jones, of the Virginia Association, sang the National Anthem, accompanied by the National FFA Band.

The invocation was pronounced by Howard Williams, National President, 1966-67.

A moment of silent meditation and prayer was held for Mrs. Ray L. Cuff, long-time friend of the Future Farmers of America, who passed away on September 15, 1967.

Following the introduction of special platform guests and music by the National FFA Band the Vice President of the United States, Hubert H. Humphrey, gave a very inspiring address. President Swan then conferred upon the Vice President the Honorary American Farmer Degree.



The 1967 National FFA Convention attracted 12,800 FFA members, advisors, State representatives and guests from all 50 States and Puerto Rico. They conduct regular business sessions, practice leadership, exchange ideas, present awards to outstanding members and elect new officers. Prominent leaders in business, industry, Government, and foreign countries are always present to pay tribute to "the boys in the blue jackets." The Star Farmer ceremony is an important highlight of the Convention.

The Report on Delegate Credentials was called for and Secretary Tarpley reported 100 official delegates present from 50 chartered associations. The roll call of States and seating of delegates followed.

Since the minutes of the 39th national convention had been distributed to all of the delegates, it was unanimously agreed that their reading be dispensed with.

Following music by the National FFA Chorus, the address of welcome was given by the Honorable Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

Honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas, was introduced, after which he made brief greetings to those in attendance.

Vice President Morrison presented an address on "Uncrowned Glory." Hanlon of Oregon, moved to commend him for his outstanding work as a national officer; motion seconded by Hamilton of Washington and carried.

National Advisor H. N. Hunsicker, presented the names of the following persons who were considered and recommended by the Boards of National Officers and Directors to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree and the Distinguished Service Award:

### Honorary American Farmers

- R. Cedric Anderson, 3501 E. Avenue, N.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Director, National FFA Band)
- John D. Austin, Director of Press Relations, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Midwest Territory, 7447 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, Illinois
- Richard J. Babcock, President and Publisher, FARM JOURNAL, INC., W. Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Ralph E. Bender, Professor and Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education, Ohio State University, 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, Ohio
- M. M. Botto, State Director, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Frankfort, Kentucky, (Retired)
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- George C. Delp, President, New Holland, Division of Sperry Rand Corporation, New Holland, Pennsylvania
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- Mylo S. Downey, Director, 4-H and Youth Development, Federal Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.
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- WALTER W. DULANEY, Sparkman High School, Route, 1, Toney, Alabama
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- CLIFFORD E. KINNEY, Gilbert High School, Gilbert, Arizona
- KENNETH L. LEE, Santa Fe High School, Route 2, Alachua, Florida
- FENWICK DONALD MCCORMICK, Santa Fe High School, Route 2, Alachua, Fla.
- J. G. HATCHER, Washington County High School, Sandersville, Georgia
- H. B. O'KELLEY, Metter High School, Metter, Georgia
- MILLARD RUDENE STEWART, Pelham High School, Pelham, Georgia
- JUSTUS D. FOSTER, Wheatfield High School, Wheatfield, Indiana
- LEDWARD E. SMITH, Hancock Central High School, Maxwell, Indiana
- RALPH L. ESTES, Memorial High School, Route 1, Waynesburg, Kentucky
- DONALD F. ELSER, Elko High School, College Avenue, Elko, Nevada
- JAMES L. ROSE, Cherry Valley Central High School, Cherry Valley, New York
- VIRGIL VANDEWALLE, Bottineau High School, Bottineau, North Dakota
- JOHN H. BALL, Coventry High School, Coventry, Rhode Island
- WILLIAM NOLAN BARNETT, James F. Byrnes High School, Duncan, S.C.
- JAMES CARLTON DOOLEY, Stephen F. Austin High School, Bryan, Texas
- E. L. OATES, Carthage High School, Carthage, Texas
- WICKHAM B. COLEMAN, C. T. Smith High School, Ladysmith, Virginia

HERBERT HENRY GOLDEN, A. G. Richardson High School, Louisa, Virginia  
 MARSH M. LEWIS, Rich Valley High School, Route 3, Saltville, Virginia  
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 FRANCIS STEINER, Granton High School, Granton, Wisconsin

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It was moved by Bloss of Michigan to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree and Distinguished Service Award upon the individuals whose names were read; motion seconded by Lamb of Colorado and carried.

The Honorable Gus R. Douglass, Jr., former National FFA President in 1946-47, and currently Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, West Virginia, addressed the convention. A special leadership citation was then presented to Mr. Douglass.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at 12:05 o'clock.

### **Wednesday, October 11, 1967**

#### **Afternoon Session**

The second session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at two o'clock by President Swan.

Vice President Morrison assumed the chair.

Robert C. Miller, Farm Director, WLW-WLW-TV, Cincinnati, Ohio, addressed the convention briefly, after which he was presented with a certificate of participation on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Vice President Reese presented an address on "When the Well Runs Dry." It was moved by Crawley of Idaho that Vice President Reese be commended for a job well done and for an outstanding year of service to the FFA; motion seconded by White of Oklahoma and carried.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon a number of individuals by the National Officers.

Mr. Elvin Walker, President of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., gave brief greetings in behalf of the vocational agriculture instructors.

Service plaques were presented to Dale C. Aebischer, W. H. Wayman, Paul J. Foster and Ralph H. Tolbert, who served either on the National FFA Board of Directors or the Foundation Board of Trustees.

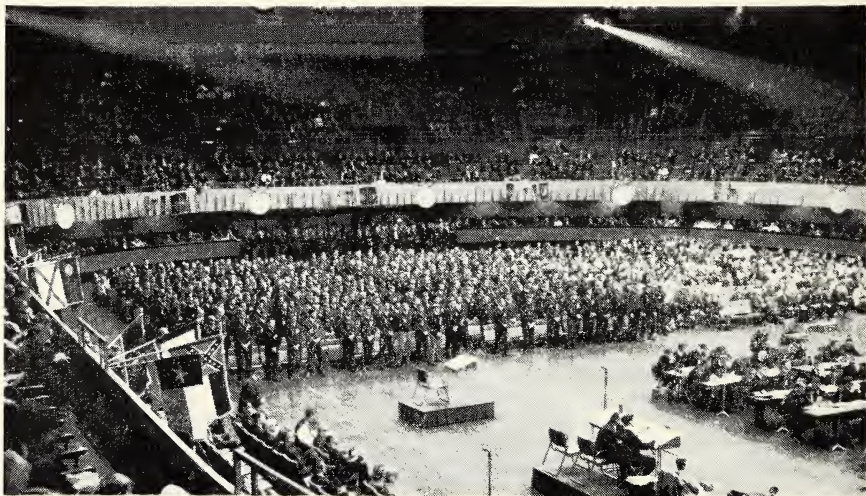
Following music by the National FFA Band and Chorus, Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor of the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on the Magazine. Weber of Pennsylvania

then gave the Report of the National FFA Magazine Committee, and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Barta of Michigan and carried.

Vice President Vandemark gave an address on "Involvement You Win—Indifference You Lose." Pope of Ohio moved to commend Vice President Vandemark for a dedicated and inspiring year as a national officer; motion seconded by Lemons of West Virginia and carried.

Pope of Ohio presented the report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Kinney of Florida and carried.

Orion Samuelson, Farm Service Director, WGN, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, addressed the convention, after which he was presented with a special citation on behalf of the National FFA Organization.



American farmers prepare to come forward to receive the highest degree conferred upon an FFA member

President Swan resumed the chair.

Woods of Mississippi moved that the following candidates receive the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded by Raymond of Kansas and carried; the Ceremony followed:

## American Farmers Listed by State, Name and Chapter

### Alabama (24)

Gordon Lee Anderson, Section  
 Larry Arnold, Boaz  
 Orien J. (Buddy) Brawley, Gurley  
 James Lavoy Breland, Marion  
 Marshall David Brown, Sylvania  
 John Rickey Byrd, Hartford  
 Emmett Callahan, LaFayette  
 Jim Childress, Isabella  
 James M. (Jimmy) Cravey, Florala  
 Coyce Culver, Sylvania  
 David James Davis, Eva  
 Lee Dolihite, Castleberry  
 James Mavis Escoe, Jr., Camp Hill  
 Billy Joe Henley, Town Creek  
 N. Royce McClung, Chavala  
 Gary Glen Moss, Section  
 Stanley E. Nelms, Geraldine  
 Tony Alan Otts, Ranburne  
 Gary Bryce Peek, West Limestone  
 James Pitman, Jr., Marion  
 Ronald W. Rains, Centre  
 Bill Roberson, Town Creek  
 Broox Scott, Jr., Butler  
 Roger R. Sightler, Florala

### Arizona (3)

Rex Jay East, Benson  
 John Carter Gemmill, Agua Fria  
 Ricky Snure, Douglas

### Arkansas (12)

Stephen Branham, Des Arc  
 Joe Burns, Rector  
 Tommy Lynn Harris, Hartford  
 C. Dudley Johnson, Mansfield  
 Raymond L. McGuire, Dardanelle  
 Richard Meadows, Leachville  
 Will Ester Savage, Anna Strong  
 John Samuel Sneed, Conway  
 J. C. St. John, Sheridan  
 James William Sutherland, Lavaca  
 Donald L. Thone, Dardanelle  
 Tommy Walker, Delight

### California (14)

Art Bacciarini, King City  
 James Bright, Le Grand  
 Stephen Francis De Brum, Hanford  
 Jimmie C. Earnest, McArthur  
 George D. Grossi, Petaluma  
 John Hoogland, Bakersfield  
 Paul Owen Kresge, Big Valley  
 Donald P. Lafranchi, Ferndale  
 Timothy J. LaSalle, Hanford  
 Edward Charles McLaughlin, Durham  
 Douglas Newnan, Nevada Union  
 Melvin M. Preston, Jr., Le Grand  
 Robert Thomas Rutherford, Oakdale  
 Joseph Anthony Uremovic, Dos Palos

### Colorado (4)

Greg Bamford, Haxtun  
 Kent A. Barber, Burlington  
 Donald Eugene Lebsock, Fort Morgan  
 John Carlton Stroh, II, Fort Morgan

### Connecticut (2)

Thomas W. Clark, Lebanon Regional  
 Robert E. Miller, Lebanon Regional

### Florida (12)

Hayward Truman Brock, Vernon  
 Jack Wayne Brown, Walnut Hill  
 Glenn E. Byrd, Hialeah  
 Philip Carl, Kathleen  
 Bobby W. Coburn, Winter Haven  
 Jerry Roger Keen, Lake Wales  
 Clifton H. Lyon, II, Bonifay Senior  
 Hugh Dewayne Martin, Bell  
 John Gordon Odom, Jr., Fort Pierce  
 James H. Smith, Frostproof  
 Edgar Wayne Wiggins, Plant City  
 Senior  
 Joseph Ardene Wiggins, Plant City  
 Senior

### Georgia (24)

Edward Raymond Adams, Thomson  
 Guy Cloy Atkins, Rockmart  
 James L. Brown, Ware County  
 Kenneth Eugene Brownlee, Tift  
 County  
 James Randy Buckner, Moultrie  
 David A. Carlson, Terrell County  
 Rodney Chance, Jenkins County  
 Gerald Coggins, Lowndes High  
 James H. Davis, Montgomery County  
 William Joe Dick, Seminole  
 Jimmy Dorsett, Perry  
 Harold Hobbs, Tift County  
 Tyrone Lankford Hutchinson, Jeff  
 Davis  
 Roger Jackson, Tattnall County  
 Industrial  
 Jimmy Johnson, Cairo High  
 Charles Willard Mims, Seminole  
 County  
 Marvin Perry Parker, Bainbridge High  
 Harold Reid, Jr., Forsyth County  
 Mickey Robertson, Tift County  
 William T. Roberts, Hahira  
 Brinson D. Stalvey, Hahira  
 Thomas Earl Stalvey, Hahira  
 Lendon C. Tootle, Toombs Central  
 L. A. Womack, Jr., Tift County

### Idaho (4)

Lyle Ellis Fuller, Twin Falls  
 E. Scott Snell, Shelley  
 Timothy Banks Syme, Fruitland  
 Kent Orange Warner, Rigby



**Illinois (17)**

David Edwin Akin, Lawrenceville  
 John A. Blair, Stockton  
 Larry Boston, Lincolnwood  
 Frederick Carroll, Brimfield  
 Harold Truman Erlenbach, Waterman  
 Vernon Milton Hitz, Triad  
 David Allan Keller, Mt. Carroll  
 Dick Lamb, Bethany  
 John B. Lee, Wellington  
 Joseph Marquardt, Valmeyer  
 William S. Moyers, Pleasant Hill  
 Jesse Dewayne Roberts, Tri-Valley  
 William A. Rutledge, Farmer City  
 Ronald Dale Schaufelberger, Greenville  
 Larry Allan Stillwell, Tonica  
 John Torrance, Northwestern  
 Philip Wagenknecht, Milledgeville

**Indiana (9)**

Rusty Deckard, Southwestern  
 Tom M. Disque, Brownstown  
 C. Dean Dobbins, Hancock Central  
 Ronald E. Hebegger, Adams Central  
 John E. Korniak, Rensselaer  
 Stan J. Metzger, South Whitley  
 Oral Myers, Western Wayne  
 Charles L. Whittington, Columbus  
 James Frank Zacher, Rensselaer

**Iowa (11)**

Dale Dee Dillon, Bedford  
 W. Michael Jackson, Bedford  
 Roger Keith Mahr, Indianola  
 Michael Dean McMains, Bloomfield  
 Leroy F. Perkins, Corydon Junior  
 Farmers  
 Wayne R. Rasmussen, Audubon  
 James M. Richardson, Clarion  
 Howard LaVerne Siders, Tipton  
 Robert Orville Smith, Fredericksburg  
 Gregory J. Strottman, Sumner  
 Randall Lee Toel, LeMars

**Kansas (7)**

Larry Wayne Goss, Garden City  
 Warren H. Grable, Jr., Troy  
 Terry Odle, Stockton  
 Richard H. Perry, Fort Scott  
 Le Roy Schrader, Atchison County  
 Dennis K. Shurtz, Arkansas City  
 George William Warren, Eskridge

**Kentucky (10)**

John D. Collins, Stanford  
 Jerry Gooch, Stanford  
 William Cecil Goodlett, Shelby County  
 Wesley Gale Hornback, Larue County  
 Ranny McGuffey, Memorial Lincoln  
 Walter Thomas McMillan, Shelby  
 County  
 Phillip Russell Rice, Bracken County

Leon Smiley, Breckinridge County  
 John A. Tucker, Breckinridge County  
 Edward F. Young, Lyon County

**Louisiana (12)**

Rusty Barker, Ponchatoula  
 William Lewis Britt, Saline  
 Carl Andres DeSouge, Hammond  
 Bill Huszar, Albany  
 Daniel Lyons, Scott  
 Joseph Paul Mayet, Central Lafourche  
 Jerry T. Monier, Central Lafourche  
 James Ryan Monroe, Gilbert  
 William Perry, Enon  
 Albert Daniel Sanders, Franklinton  
 Larry Stafford, Franklinton  
 Kirby L. Varnado, Franklinton

**Maine (2)**

James A. Butler, Limestone  
 Gene J. Theriault, Caribou

**Maryland (3)**

Edwin Ransome Fry, Chestertown  
 E. Alan Heflin, Walkersville  
 Nevin Edward Tasto, North Carroll

**Massachusetts (2)**

David A. Grinkis, Wachusett  
 Victor L. Perry, Westport

**Michigan (11)**

Richard Beagle, Blissfield  
 Archie L. Bradbury, Dexter  
 Richard D. Byrum, Leslie  
 Dave W. Darish, Blissfield  
 Gordon R. Endsley, Hastings  
 Alan R. Miller, Ovid-Elsie  
 Charles A. Preston, Fremont  
 William Dale Rosel, Ravenna  
 Robert M. Sowerby, Jr., Greenville  
 Frank M. Vyskocil, Corunna  
 Roger Wangler, West Branch

**Minnesota (15)**

Larry Duane Barott, Mapleton  
 Gerald Earl Bartel, Kasson-  
 Mantorville  
 Roger James Dziengel, Hallock  
 James E. Draper, Faribault  
 William Clayton Gluth, Morgan  
 Phillip L. Haaland, Owatonna  
 Kenneth Hove, Fosston  
 Richard D. Michel, Faribault  
 Steven R. Nahrang, Lewiston  
 Ronald LeRoy Schmidt, Appleton  
 Lee Sietsema, Renville  
 David Werner Stegemann, Wabasha  
 James Thorpe, Canby  
 Clellan L. Weldy, Fairfax  
 Terry Wiese, Ortonville Nature  
 Builders

**Mississippi (12)**

Robert Morrison Cameron, Hazlehurst  
 Tommy Gene Counce, Booneville  
 Robert Melvin England, Calhoun City  
 Walter H. Gibbes, Jr., Raymond  
 Terry Clyde Hill, Ecu  
 Cliburn Douglass Izard, Hazlehurst  
 Donald C. Janes, Ashland  
 Billy Wayne Long, East Union  
 Samuel Johnson Ormon, Jr., Hickory  
 Flat  
 Randy Riley, Binford  
 Jack Newton Stuart, Jr., Morton  
 Jimmy Dale Vance, Binford

**Missouri (13)**

Lonnie B. Boydston, North Platte  
 Billy Dean Brooks, North Harrison  
 Paul J. Diehl, Jr., Butler  
 Walter R. Diekamp, Jr., Francis  
 Howell  
 Steven Ray Dixon, Ash Grove  
 William E. Falls, Stet  
 Edwin F. Flehmer, Pierce City  
 Charlie G. Forester, Alton  
 Gene Huff, Sarcoxie  
 Doyle Eugene Kime, Jamesport  
 Larry Edward Marsh, Albany  
 Gary Wayne Prewitt, Couch  
 Lloyd Eugene Schultz, Centralia

**Montana (3)**

Thomas R. Atkins, Big Horn  
 Rick Batchelder, Manhattan  
 James R. Harrison, Red Lodge

**Nebraska (6)**

Arlan David Bartling, Hooper  
 Richard D. Effle, Verdigre  
 Milton Jay Kennedy, Kimball  
 Lawrence Kuhlmann, North Platte  
 Ronnie L. Prochaska, Shelton  
 David D. Volk, Plainview

**Nevada (1)**

Kelby William Hughes, Virgin Valley

**New Hampshire (1)**

Thomas J. Kelly, Monadnock

**New Jersey (2)**

Edwin Samuel Booth, Allentown  
 David K. Vaughn, Newton

**New Mexico (3)**

Joe Robert Johnson, Anthony  
 Thomas McAllister, Floyd  
 Darrel Lee Waggoner, Roswell

**New York (7)**

Ronald L. Cammer, Walton  
 Dwight Lee Englert, Dansville Aggies

Thomas C. Gillette, South Lewis  
 Robert Bruce Goodale, Cortland  
 Agrarian  
 Richard Duane Jones, Hamilton  
 David J. Mosher, Greenwich  
 Joseph E. Rakowiecki, Minisink Valley

**North Carolina (24)**

Charlie Barnes, Jr., Nash Central  
 Charles Bradford Beville, Reidsville  
 M. Wayne Davis, Sun Valley  
 William A. Eagles, South Edgecombe  
 John Robert Faulk, Tabor City  
 Ralph Wilmot Haddock, Chicod  
 Carl Wells Hall, III, West Rowan  
 Dan D. Hege, North Davidson  
 Jimmie Burch Holland, Fuquay-Varina  
 Guy Arvin Jenkins, A. C. Reynolds  
 Kenneth C. Kernodle, Northeast  
 Guilford  
 Jesse Elmo Lilley, Jr., Williamston  
 Arthur Phil Matthews, Central  
 Cumberland  
 Randy Lee McCullen, Southern Wayne  
 Maurice Theodore McLaurin, Central  
 Cumberland  
 James William Rodgers, Reidsville  
 Johnny B. Smith, Jr., Central  
 Cumberland  
 Ronnie Jerome Smith, Hayesville  
 William David Southard, Madison-  
 Mayodan  
 David Squirewell, Shepard  
 Ted Jarvis Stocks, III, Chicod  
 Bennie K. Ward, Central Davidson  
 Malcolm C. Williams, Jr., Central  
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 Thomas Myles Wright, Stedman

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 David Lee Debertin, Parshall  
 Daryl A. Jelsing, Rugby  
 Charles H. Soderstrom, B. E. Groom

**Ohio (14)**

Larry W. Bowsher, Spencerville  
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 Donald Orr, Eaton  
 David Robert Owens, Miami Trace  
 David W. Peers, Elmore  
 Charles E. Plikerd, Delphos  
 F. Dean Putt, Garaway  
 James F. Schwartz, Fremont  
 Keith Shaffer, A. B. Graham  
 Edward Specht, Garaway  
 Jan Strawser, Milton Union  
 Walt Streber, East Clinton  
 James A. Unger, Bradford  
 Ronald Richard Zucker, Colonel  
 Crawford

**Oklahoma (17)**

Ernest Marvin Bredel, Okarche  
 Douglas Fisher, Kingfisher  
 Melvin Gray, Dill City  
 Steven Ray Holland, Erick  
 Gary Don Houk, Hydro  
 Dennis Wayne Johnson, Afton  
 Leslie Allan Kamas, Freedom  
 Tom Lucas, Buffalo  
 Paul Anthony Ludwig, Okarche  
 Kenneth E. Oshel, Alva  
 Darwin Kent Parker, Butler  
 Lynn Eugene Peters, Ponca City  
 Don M. Schieber, Ponca City  
 Thomas O. Selman, Selman  
 John Edward Shiftlet, Jr., Red Rock  
 Jimmy Ray Smith, Colbert  
 Charles E. Storm, Dover

**Oregon (5)**

Roger Dale Cunningham, Redmond  
 Don H. Harrold, Creswell  
 Melvin R. Olson, St. Helens  
 Gregg L. Rossner, McMinnville  
 Kenneth Carl Wright, Heppner

**Pennsylvania (10)**

Terry L. Adams, West Snyder  
 Robert E. Austin, Troy  
 Jay Melvin Brandt, Lower Dauphin  
 Dennis Lee Grumbine, Eastern  
 Lebanon  
 James Edwin Heimer, Pen Argyl  
 Gerald Mark Long, Northern Lebanon  
 Harold C. Rader, Butler Area  
 Kenneth Lee Schlegel, Kutztown Area  
 LeRoy F. Troester, Mifflinburg  
 Samuel L. Weyant, Claysburg

**Puerto Rico (4)**

Felix R. Mendoza Benitez, Rio Blanco  
 Juan Bautista Nunez, Arecibo  
 Esteban Nieves Rivera, Cocos-  
 Quebradillas  
 Narciso Bosques Vargas, San Sebastian  
 Hato Arriba

**South Carolina (6)**

David Floyd Drennan, Lewisville  
 Harold Leon Farmer, Woodruff  
 Thomas Lee Martin, Pendleton  
 Thomas Edward Nettles, Holly Hill  
 Robert David Rish, Pelion  
 Cullen Stowers, Jr., Riverside

**South Dakota (4)**

Darrel Eugene Clay, Beresford  
 Roger Leigh Oehler, Milbank  
 Lee Earl Rist, Centerville  
 Wayne H. Smith, Egan

**Tennessee (18)**

Wayne Bates, Peabody  
 Jimmy R. Brock, Tazewell  
 John W. Clabough, III, Porter  
 Edsel Dallas Freels, Dayton  
 Herman Royster Henry, Jr., Carthage  
 Ingram Bass Howard, Jr., Bolton  
 James Edward Jewell, Dayton  
 Jimmy D. Johnson, Savannah  
 James Robert Kemp, Carthage  
 Danny Martin, Milan  
 Linwood Michael, Jr., Centertown  
 Charles Hale Moss, Mt. Juliet  
 Darvin L. Oakes, Bledsoe County  
 Robert Sidney Riley, Bluff City  
 Roy Thomas Shaver, Dayton  
 Ronald Shumake, Carthage  
 Anthony Edward White, College Grove  
 Kenneth R. Work, Dickson

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Barry Abel, Crawford  
 Billy Wayne Askins, Timpson  
 Sam Bays, Stephenville  
 Calvin Ray Berry, Weatherford  
 Louis Lynwood Birdwell, Jr.,  
 O'Donnell  
 William Edward Bishop, Jr., Hearne  
 Allen Borden, Quinlan  
 Roger Boulware, Zavalla  
 Lynn Caraway, Pleasanton  
 Norval Ray Carr, Dublin  
 Lowell Bee Catlett, Dalhart  
 John Conner, Seymour  
 Ricky Davidson, Crandall  
 Mike Davis, Huntsville  
 Gary Lee English, DaKalb  
 William Michael Glenn, Sulphur  
 Springs  
 Dwight Gregorczyk, Skidmore-Tynan  
 C. Tommy Head, Goldthwaite  
 Paul F. Heideman, Brenham  
 Henry Hohenberger, Marble Falls  
 Phillip Johnson, Friona  
 Paul Kennedy, Blum  
 Roy L. Kinnard, Granbury  
 Martin M. Kosub, East Central  
 Kenrick Miles Lamascus, Carnation  
 Jerry Lynn Liles, Meadow  
 Carroll Lohse, Skidmore-Tynan  
 William Glenn Lyons, Jr., South  
 Garland  
 George Mayes, Anahuac  
 Haynes Lee Melton, Littlefield  
 Gary E. Moore, Lampasas  
 Gary Neal Overton, Mineral Wells  
 Melvin Prescher, Clifton  
 Charles Hardin Rahe, Harper  
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 William David Stockstill, Jr., Miami  
 Leslie Turner, Anahuac  
 Gary Lynn Upchurch, Queen City  
 Fred Sterling Vanderburg, Jr., Pampa  
 Robert Bruce Wiggs, Garland  
 Jerry Wilhite, Sulphur Springs  
 John Zalman, III, Snyder

**Utah (4)**

Mark H. Anderson, Bear River  
 Dee F. Thomsen, Spanish Fork  
 Bill Wright, Pleasant Grove  
 Kenneth Delmar White, Weber

**Vermont (2)**

Earl John Knapp, Vergennes  
 Ronald Francis Tatro, Vergennes

**Virginia (9)**

Steve Bollinger, II, Broadway  
 Thomas Norman Bush, Lancaster  
 Robert Nelson Duncan, Amelia  
 Garland E. Flory, Fort Defiance  
 George Ellis Gibson, O. R. Johnson  
 David J. Howell, Riverheads  
 James Everette Huffman, Lord  
 Botetourt  
 Posey Darrell Jones, Chatham  
 Aubrey Lee Young, Jr., C. T. Smith

**Washington (7)**

Arle Herbert Christensen, Arlington  
 Raymond D. Crabbs, Snohomish  
 Randean (Rande) Allison Kummer,  
 Deer Park

George E. Magnochi, Tolt-Carnation  
 Larry Young, Walla Walla  
 Leon D. Zweegman, Lynden  
 David Zylstra, Tolt-Carnation

**West Virginia (6)**

Dewey Herbert Broyles, Greenville  
 James F. Green, Hannan  
 Mervin Frederick Kimble, Petersburg  
 Henry W. Longfellow, Spencer  
 James David Martin, Aurora  
 Paul Edwin Shockey, Ravenswood

**Wisconsin (16)**

Harvey Altenburg, East Troy  
 James W. Anderson, Iowa-Grant  
 Thomas L. Blahnik, Algoma  
 Willis L. Blakely, Delavan-Darien  
 William Thomas Boehm, Mosinee  
 J. Fred Boss, Oshkosh  
 Steven E. Brokopp, Lancaster  
 George F. Brown, Verona  
 John A. Geason, Hartland Arrowhead  
 Curtis J. Jones, Brodhead  
 Wayne G. Mattison, Hillsboro  
 Gordon Alvin Paulman, De Forest  
 Douglas Wayne Ready, Prairie du  
 Chien  
 James A. Roecker, Reedsburg  
 James Salesman, Monroe  
 Andre Zuehls, Markesan

**Wyoming (3)**

Alan Kirkbridge, Albin  
 Ronnie J. Pitts, Saddle and Sirloin  
 Rod J. Smith, Gillette

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

## Wednesday, October 11, 1967

### Evening Session

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

A concert by the National FFA Band was held, followed by an explanation of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest by Secretary Tarpley. Contestants then drew for speaking order and the contest followed.

Brief greetings were given by Ralph E. Bender, on behalf of the American Vocational Association.

The National FFA Chorus presented several numbers.

Following the introduction of the FFA Convention Advisory

Committee, the presentation of Gold Emblem Chapter Awards was made by the national officers to fifty-four chapters.

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

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

### **Thursday, October 12, 1967**

#### **Morning Session**

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

Presentation of the Silver and Bronze Emblem Chapter Awards was made by the national officers.

Vice President Brubaker presented an address on "The Image of a Future Farmer." Weber of Pennsylvania moved to commend Vice President Brubaker for his unselfish dedication to the FFA and for his year as a national officer well done; motion seconded by O'Harrow of Wisconsin and carried.

Presentation of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards in the National Chapter Safety Awards program was made by the national officers.

Smith of Maine presented the report of the Program of Activities (Local Guide) Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Carpenter of Oregon and carried.

Pieper of Maryland presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Johnson of Illinois and carried.

As President Swan resumed the chair, organ music was presented by Joseph Golden of the Texas association.

The presentation of FFA Foundation Agricultural Proficiency Awards was made by the national officers.

Miss Cathy Custy, National Grange Princess, and Mr. Edwin C. Hadlock, Youth Director for the National Grange, were introduced.

Special Service Citations were then presented to the American Institute of Cooperation, Farm Credit System, and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

The Distinguished Service Awards were presented to those individuals recommended by the delegates at the first session.

Representatives of the Future Homemakers of America, Distributive Education Clubs of America, Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America and Office Education Association were introduced, after which each gave a brief greeting.

James Gray, Jr., of the Alabama Association, presented an address on "What the FFA Means to Me."

Thaine D. McCormick, Director, Bureau of Adult, Vocational and Library Services, U.S. Office of Education, Kansas City, Missouri, gave brief greetings on behalf of the Office of Education.

The Honorable Wayne Morse, United States Senator from Oregon, addressed the convention, after which the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him, together with a Special Leadership Citation.

A pageant entitled "Fifty Golden Years" was then presented. This depicted in many colorful scenes, the history of Vocational Agriculture, the beginning of FFA and the broad program of instruction in agriculture.

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



"The Agricultural Career Show," an interesting, educational and unique experience in exploring the hundreds of opportunities for future careers in agriculture.

### **Thursday, October 12, 1967**

#### **Afternoon Session**

The fifth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at two o'clock by President Swan. Vice President Vandemark assumed the chair.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Barta of Michigan moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Perkins of Colorado and carried.

Secretary Tarpley gave the 1966-67 National Officers' Summary of their year's activities and highlights. Lemons of West



Virginia moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Mottl of Nebraska and carried.

Hamilton of Washington presented the report of the Program of Activities Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Pieper of Maryland and carried.

McElroy of Oklahoma presented the report of the National FFA Foundation and Awards Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Kinney of Florida and carried.

Wiederstein of Iowa presented the report of the Leadership Training Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Quint of Kansas and carried.

The next item of business was a proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution. It was recommended that Article XI, Section B, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

"Each State Association is entitled to send two delegates from its active membership to the national convention, for the first 10,000 members, and one other delegate for each additional 10,000 members or major fraction thereof, such delegates to be selected as provided in the State Constitution or Bylaws. Fifty-one percent of the delegate body from at least 26 States shall constitute a quorum."

President Swan resumed the chair.

Lamb of Colorado moved that this proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution be approved; motion seconded by Hall of North Carolina. After considerable discussion the motion was defeated.

A discussion was then held concerning the proposed National Leadership Conference Center at Mount Vernon, Virginia. After much discussion, it was decided that the National Center information should be taken home and thoroughly discussed with all chapter members, State officers, State staff and advisors. All States should then be able to send informed delegates to the 1968 Convention prepared to take appropriate action.

The next item of business was an explanation of the legal counsel's ruling concerning girl membership in the FFA. This was discussed briefly. The delegates were asked to take the information provided them on the girl issue back to the local level and completely explore the situation and return to Kansas City in one year with the views of the members and able to give some appropriate discussion on the topic.

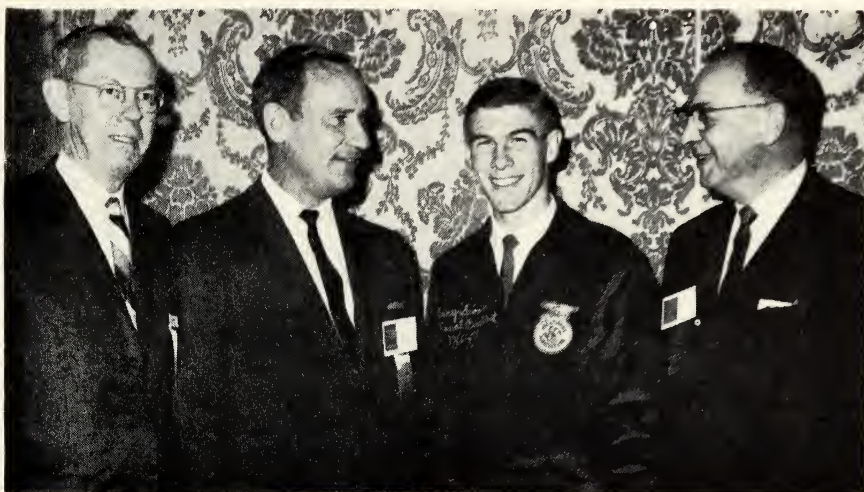
The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at four twenty-five o'clock.

### **Thursday, October 12, 1967**

#### **Evening Session**

(At seven o'clock the FFA Talent Show was held.)

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



Chairman of the 1966-67 Foundation Sponsoring Committee, M. G. O'Neil, President, The General Tire and Rubber Company and L. W. Davis, Vice President, Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Chairman of the 1967-68 Foundation Sponsoring Committee with the National FFA Advisor and the National FFA President.

Donors to the FFA Foundation, Inc., were called to the platform and introduced. Special plaques were then presented to 25 fifteen-year donors to the Foundation.

Amchem Products, Inc.  
 Armco Foundation  
 Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway System  
 Blue Bell Foundation  
 Borg-Warner Foundation, Inc.  
 Boy Scouts of America  
 Campbell-Ewald Foundation  
 Chrysler Corporation Fund  
 The Cooperative League of the USA  
 The Darby Corporation  
 Federal-Mogul Corporation Charitable Trust  
 The Fort Worth National Bank  
 B. F. Goodrich Fund, Inc.  
 Gulf Oil Corporation  
 Hynson, Westcott and Dunning, Inc.  
 Kelsey-Hayes Company  
 McLouth Steel Corporation  
 Mobil Chemical Company—Agricultural Chemicals Division  
 National Bank of Detroit  
 National Bank of Tulsa  
 National Live Stock Producers Association  
 Thomas W. Rogers (Personal Donor)  
 Rohm and Haas Company  
 The Tiscornia Foundation, Inc.  
 United States Steel Corporation, Its Divisions and Associated Subsidiaries

M. G. O'Neil, President, The General Tire and Rubber Company and 1967 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Commit-

tee, was introduced and presented with a special plaque in appreciation of his services as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee. After a brief address the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him. L. W. Davis, Vice President, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, was introduced and gave a brief greeting. Mr. Davis will serve as the 1968 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

The 1967 Regional Star American Farmers were introduced and the movie "The 1967 Star Farmers" was shown.

Following the Massing of State Flags by the Star State Farmers, the Regional Star American Farmer Awards were presented. The parents and wives of the Star Farmers were appropriately recognized. After the introduction of the Star Farmer judges, the 1967 Star Farmer of America was announced.

The American Royal Queen was introduced and extended greetings.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

The FFA Talent Show was then continued.

### **Friday, October 13, 1967**

#### **Morning Session**

The seventh session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at nine o'clock by President Swan. Vice President Brubaker assumed the chair.

Postles of Delaware presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Weaver of Pennsylvania and carried.

Kinney of Florida presented the report of the Convention Proceedings Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Brand of Alabama and carried.

John Lacey, Program Officer, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U.S. Office of Education, announced the national judging winners in livestock, meats, poultry and dairy.

John M. Pitzer, Associate Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine presented a talk entitled "You—Your Chapter—and Better Public Relations."

Cosner of New Mexico presented the report of the National FFA Calendar Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Vernon of North Carolina and carried.

Hill of Texas presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Pence of Virginia and carried.

Secretary Tarpley presented an address on "Road to Success." Gaspard of Louisiana moved to commend Secretary Tarpley for his fine work as a national officer; motion seconded by Welsh of Connecticut and carried.





FFA Foreign exchange students introduced by Lennie Gamage of the National Future Farmer magazine.

Foreign guests in attendance were introduced. An interview was then held by Lennie Gamage, Advertising Manager of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine with participants in the International exchange between the Future Farmers of America, The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain and the Scottish Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.

Ken Curtis, better known as "Festus" of the Gunsmoke Television Program, briefly addressed the convention, after which he was presented with a special citation.

Johnson of Illinois presented the report of the International Activities Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Bloss of Michigan and carried.

President Swan resumed the chair.

Donald K. Slayton, Director of Flight Crew Operations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and one of the original Mercury Astronauts, addressed the convention. He was presented with a Special Leadership Citation because of his achievements and having been a former FFA member.

Olson of Minnesota presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Rish of South Carolina and carried. There being no further nominations from the floor, it was moved by Barta of Michigan that the slate of candidates submitted by the committee be elected by acclamation from the delegate body; motion seconded by Hanlon of Oregon and carried. The newly elected officers were introduced.

Martinez of California moved that the dues remain at fifty cents per year, per member, which would include a subscription

to the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine; motion seconded by Bietz of South Dakota and carried.

Schlipf of Illinois moved that the Boards of National Officers and Directors be given authority to take action on any unfinished business or business in interim between conventions and also authority to edit the Convention Minutes; motion seconded by Green of New Mexico and carried.

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

### **Friday, October 13, 1967**

#### **Evening Session**

(At 6:15 p.m. the FFA Talent Show was held.)

The final session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at seven o'clock by President Swan. Vice President Morrison assumed the chair.

President Swan presented an address on "Voyage of Discovery." Stewart of New York moved that President Swan be commended for his very outstanding work as a national officer and for his inspiring address; motion seconded by Kinney of Florida and carried.

President Swan resumed the chair.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the national officers and special certificates presented to their mothers. Local advisors of the officers were introduced and Advisor Hunsicker then presented the officers with their special service plaques. Mr. Hunsicker was presented a Special Service Citation for the many years he served on the Board of Directors representing the North Atlantic Region.

The newly elected officers were installed by a very impressive and colorful ceremony. National officer pins were presented to each of the past officers. Greg Bamford, newly elected president presented Gary Swan with the gavel he used to open the convention. The new president extended greetings.

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

Following the closing ceremony, an enjoyable and inspiring program of special entertainment was furnished by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

## Quotations From Convention Addresses

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

Vice President of the United States

I call upon the young men of America to bring a whole new birth of freedom to this country, a whole new meaning to our country—or at least to re-establish the *old* meaning of America which is always new, that old meaning of the preciousness of our individualism but at the same time the responsibility of our citizenship—not only our rights, but our duties, not only our privileges, but our responsibilities. That's what makes a great country. That's what makes a great people, and I think I have had the privilege this morning in this vast auditorium of talking to people who have the qualities of greatness, if they but *will* it.



May you give of yourself to this country and may you give of yourself to this sorry and sick world that needs your help so much. But, above all, make something of yourself. Be a man! And remember that in so doing you fulfill the promise of America.

GUS R. DOUGLASS

State Commissioner of Agriculture  
Charleston, West Virginia

The influence of Future Farmers of America has always been around me—it has caused me to cross many bridges and it has paved the way for me to enter into many activities. Much has transpired in these very short 20 years since I served as your National President. I have been able to become very much involved in this period of agricultural adjustment, thanks to the basic training I received in Vocational Agriculture and the Future Farmers of America.



I never fail to marvel at the tools made available to us by men of vision of former years in our very organization. Often, I find myself recalling the FFA Creed because it applies every day. I was surprised recently to learn the international distribution of this knowledge. Dr. Peter M. Friedheim, President of the Farmers Association, West Berlin, who was in this country on a lecture tour used as a basis



for the prevention of Communism in agriculture, the FFA Creed, with the words of wisdom in the Creed, Communism would never gain a foothold in the rural United States. We are a chosen few to have the training offered in basic citizenship and leadership.

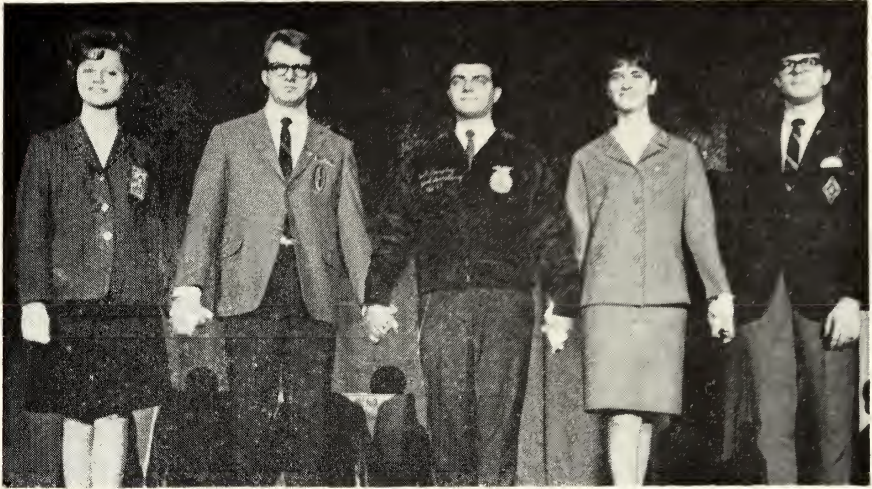
ORION SAMUELSON

Farm Service Director, WGN  
Chicago, Illinois

I guess we have all heard many definitions of 'FFA,' one of the most popular being 'Father Farms Alone'! But, I think there is another one that is vitally important to you, and if I may paraphrase for a moment I would call it 'Foundation for Agri-Business' because that is what it represents to you, a *foundation*, that farm heritage . . . And you will never realize how important that background is until you begin talking to people in agri-business who are looking for bright young men and women.



I am willing to bet that one of the greatest impressions that you will take back from this convention is that of the knowledge of people who spend thousands of dollars and thousands of man hours because they are interested in you . . . The challenge to *you* is to accept that interest and to capitalize on it and to feed on the knowledge that is yours.

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS****FHA—Future Homemakers of America**

ETHELYN HUNSAKER — The Future Homemakers are proud of their organization and they are proud of you, the Future Farmers. Through our combined efforts we can strive for improving America's future. It is my hope that the FFA and FHA will continue to work together for building a better America.

**DECA—Distributive Education Clubs of America**

ROBERT C. RASMUSSEN — Our program of youth activities is designed to attract capable young people to marketing and distribution as careers. It centers around the four points of diamond-shaped emblem: (1) vocational understanding, (2) civic conscientiousness, (3) leadership development, and (4) social intelligence.

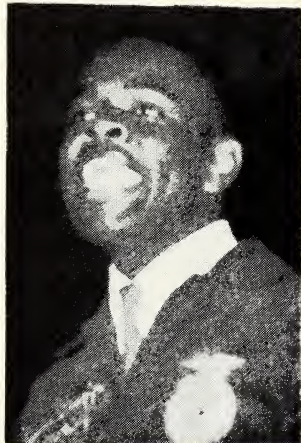
**OEA—Office Education Association**

MICHAEL WHITE — Our organization, "Office Education Association," is for students in business and office education in the high schools and post secondary institutions. Its goal is to develop leadership, responsibility, and ability in its members through participation in the educational and professional activities made available by the organization.

**VICA—Vocational Industrial Clubs of America**

LYNN REGISTER—The purpose of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America is to serve youth preparing for technical and indus-

trial careers. It was your belief (the FAA) in the vocational industrial student that helped give birth to the organization that I represent. It was in the formative days when we were in need of inspiration and guidance that you, the Future Farmers, came to our side and extended your hand. I salute you and express our deep gratitude.



**JAMES GRAY, JR., FFA Member**  
Carver High School, Eutaw, Alabama

The principles which I have been taught in vocational agriculture and the FFA thoroughly prepare me for leadership in today's age of science and technology . . . one way in which I can repay this splendid organization is by encouraging more boys to enroll in vocational agriculture in high school and engage in farming and agribusiness . . . Truly, the FFA is an organization of opportunity. I am proud to be a part of this great organization and to share my experiences with the delegates to the 40th National FFA Convention.

#### **SENATOR WAYNE MORSE OF OREGON**

**Chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Education**  
**Co-Author of the 1963 Vocational Education Act**

I ask you to join as recruits in a great educational crusade of your generation. The basic foundation philosophy of this great educational program is that, every boy and girl in the Republic, irrespective of when he or she may have been born, is entitled as a matter of right to the opportunity to develop to the maximum extent possible the intellectual potential of that boy or girl.



Why do we stress it so strongly? Because the greatest security weapon this Republic has is the potential brainpower of the youth of this land.

The statistic that I would have you never forget is to remember that the average lifetime earnings of a college graduate or the graduate of a technical institute is \$475,000, of the high school graduate approximately \$290,000, of a grade school graduate in the neighborhood of \$120,000 and only \$70,000 and \$95,000 for the grade school or early high school drop-out.





**DONALD K. SLAYTON**

**Director of Flight Crew Operations  
for the National Aeronautic and Space  
Administration  
(Former FFA Member)**

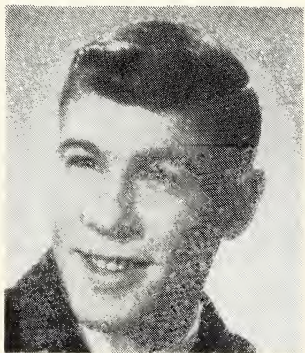
I think the ideals and goals of the FFA are exactly the same as we are trying to follow through on in the astronaut program. The attributes that you gentlemen have built into your charter are exactly the attributes that we look for in astronauts.

# National Officer Addresses

## THE VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

GARY SWAN, *National FFA President*

There now remains only a matter of minutes before my fellow National Officers and I pass on our officer responsibilities to six young men who are eager to face challenge and anxious to serve in behalf of the FFA. I am reminded of the State FFA President who had just presented the gavel to his successor. A fellow standing nearby asked him if he was beginning to feel like a "has been?" He replied with words that tonight have special meaning for me, "I'm very thankful I can be called a 'has been', for if I had not discovered my talents and developed my abilities, then everyone would have been able to call me a 'could have been'." And as I said goodbye, congratulating him upon his year of service, I thought how much a difference there is between a fellow who can be called a "has been," and one who can be called a "could have been". . . differences that can be measured on a scale ranging from leadership to indifference, from happiness to discouragement, from progressiveness to complacency, and even from probable success to inevitable failure.



From earliest times, discovery has resulted in so many changes and advancement all over the world. Let's turn the pages of the history book back to the voyage of Columbus which ended in vast discovery. Columbus not only discovered land, but is an example of a man who discovered some things about himself. He found that in times of distress and threatened mutiny on the raging ocean, he had an ability to comfort people who were discouraged and distraught. In times of inclement weather, Columbus discovered keen judgment and reason that enabled him to guide his ships in blinding storms. Upon reaching the land there were days of hardship ahead, yet he found in himself great courage along with the diplomacy needed to deal with the inhabitants called Indians. Truly, Columbus embarked on a voyage of multiple discovery.

Tonight I wonder how many of us have made discoveries as valuable as those of Columbus. I know a true story about a Future Farmer . . . named Bill. When in the eighth grade, Bill was one of the shyest fellows in his class. Yet he had many interests but few abilities. One day as a practical joke, his classmates selected him to represent the class in a public speaking contest. For weeks, he was haunted with the thought of speaking to a large audience,

and on the day of the contest, Bill was so scared, he pretended to be sick and stayed out of school. Before he went to bed that night, Bill said to himself, "What have I done?" for the first time, he took a look at himself and suddenly realized that the public speaking contest was only one of many challenges he would eventually face . . . and he had backed away. He decided there was no real reason for not being able to give a speech — other than being a little scared. He had friends who could give speeches . . . and they happened to be members of the FFA. He soon joined our organization hoping to overcome a major weakness. And not only did Bill begin to overcome it, but also embarked on a voyage of discovery. And, to his surprise, he possessed some abilities he had never known. He worked hard on various speeches and was defeated two consecutive years before winning a public speaking contest. He finally progressed all the way to the FFA regional contest and then was once again defeated. But even in the face of defeat, Bill found he had overcome one of his weaknesses, and in the process, discovered some of his talents. He now finds no greater pleasure than giving a speech.

Just as I wonder how many of you have stories similar to this, I also wonder how many of you have discoveries yet to make. I wonder how many great public speakers will be missed because young men fail to travel that voyage of discovery. I wonder how many will never receive the American Farmer degree, not because of competition or lacking means and abilities, but rather because they will never try, never take that walk in the hall of mirrors stopping every once in a while to take a look at themselves.

The man who tinkers on a hot rod is missing his own bid for true success if he has the ability to design a jet engine. And the FFA member who is satisfied in only being Star Chapter Farmer is losing so much if he has the capability and means to be Star Farmer of America. The Chapter FFA President has missed his calling if he has the potential to become a National Officer, and passes it by. Remember, the longest journey begins with a single step.

Tonight we will end our convention and then journey back to our homes with memories never to be forgotten. And I can't help but think my journey home will be a little lonelier than yours . . . for it will mark the end of my travels in serving the FFA. I'd like to explain it a little different way:

Just as the voyage of Columbus on the ocean blue was told, I began a voyage seven years ago, wearing the jacket of blue and gold.

I probably wasn't very much like you. Being shy and scared, when asked to give a speech, I didn't know what to do.

I was taught how to compete, losing again and again, discovering that true value was not just in the win, but also in the taste of defeat.



I was encouraged to set my goal high as a star, hoping that with even partial success, I still might go far.

And on my voyage in the FFA, I improved my program day by day, working at school and on the farm with the sod . . . but most important, I discovered some talents that were given me by one named God.

From that day on, I found less time for play while concentrating on developing those talents through work in the FFA.

How much to so many I will forever owe for giving me encouragement, advice and other things that have helped me to grow.

And as I stand here tonight, this I do know. Even though with much to learn and many weaknesses that show, my voyage of discovery up to this day would be only a dream if not for the FFA.

And after this convention when I travel home, there's one thing that cannot let me feel alone. For my journey will be so very complete if some of you will only repeat my voyage of discovery.

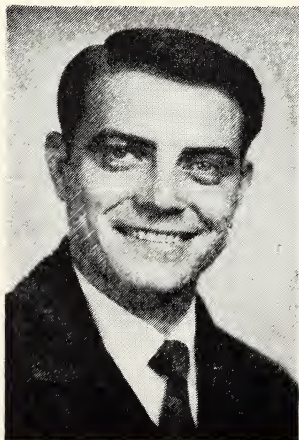
. . . And then will come the day when many of you will proudly pay the same appreciation, reverence and respect that I will always have for the FFA.

May God bless.

## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

PAUL TARPLEY, *National FFA Secretary*

My exodus as a national officer is fast approaching. This year has reached its climax, and my heart is filled with humility and thankfulness. I owe an unpayable debt to many people, but I want to especially thank you my fellow Future Farmers, for giving me the opportunity to serve you and give back to the FFA a small portion of what it has given to me. Within a few hours I will shed my blue and gold jacket. But I can never take the FFA from my heart, because there in its depths brightly burning are two flames, one of blue and one of gold, symbolizing the love and pride I have for our great organization, and they will burn brightly until my departure from this earthly life.



As I have worked with thousands of FFA members the past several years one notable characteristic has prevailed in the life of every young man I have met. That characteristic was to succeed as a Future Farmer and as a future citizen.

Success has been defined in many ways, but it has no stable definition. A. J. Stanley describes the successful person as:

"One who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his place in life and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved seed, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory is a benediction."

In whatever form of definition, success entails traveling an endless road because success is not a destination, but a long infinite journey. To travel the road to success we must pay the price of construction.

The foundation is laid with a goal or purpose in life. Washington, Jefferson, Patrick Henry each had a purpose. It was freedom, liberty and justice for all. Lincoln's purpose was to preserve the union. Jesus had a purpose. It was that of pointing out a better way of life for all through love and kindness, and by setting a better example.

The paving of the road to success is made up of hard work and sacrifice. "The world is no longer clay," said Ralph Waldo Emerson, "but iron in the hands of its workers, and it is up to each worker to hammer out his place with blows that are rugged and steady." Toil and sacrifice have raised man from the condition of the savage; have changed deserts and forests into cultivated fields; have covered the earth with cities, and the oceans with ships; and have continually given us plenty, comfort, and elegance instead of want, misery and barbarism. The man who is afraid to work and unwilling to make the necessary sacrifice must be brave to face poverty. All that we have ever hoped, willed, or dreamed can exist if we are willing to work and sacrifice.

The signs of the road are correctly placed, and the white and yellow lines are clearly painted by our faith in God to guide us as we make the necessary turns and cross the bridges of life. The road to success is now constructed. The foundation is solid, the pavement is smooth, the signs are correctly placed, and the white and yellow lines are clean and distinct for those who would dare to travel.

As a Future Farmer of America, I want to travel that road to success because:

"I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon if I can.

I seek opportunity—not security.

I do not wish to be kept citizenized, humbled and dulled by having others look after me.

I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed.

I refuse to barter incentive for dole.

I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence, the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia.

I will never trade freedom for my own benefit nor my dignity for a handout.

I will never cower before any master or bend to any threat.

It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid, to think and act for myself, to enjoy the benefits of my creation, and to face the world boldly and shout to all mankind, this I have done with the help of God! This is what it means to be an American."

Once in a lonely valley in Switzerland a small band of patriots marched against an invading force of ten times their strength. One day they found themselves at the head of a narrow pass confronted by a wall of spears. They made attempt after attempt to break through but the strong wall remained unbroken. Time after time they were driven back decimated with hopeless slaughter. They rallied their hopes for one last try. The spears were sharpened, the horses were made ready. A bright full moon provided natural light as the soldiers took their positions for the final charge. The command was given. With weapons in hands, they spurred their horses and screamed, "Freedom for Switzerland or die!" Faster and faster they rode, closer and closer they came to the wall of spears. Suddenly their leader advanced forward with outstretched arms, and every spear for three or four yards of the wall of men was buried in his body. He fell to his death, but in so doing he opened a breach and over his dead body his men rushed to victory and won the freedom for their country.

Future Farmers, what a great world we would have if everyone in this auditorium would dare to lead the charge of life's burdens, responsibilities, and perplexities, advance before all mankind to meet the challenge and make the sacrifice to prepare a place for those who followed to rush to victory and conquer the enemies of hardship, fear, need and suffering.

Our forefathers have written the drama of life, they have set the stage of both problems and opportunities, they have cast the parts and each of us are leaders. Now it is our responsibility as Future Farmers and young citizens to accept the challenge of playing the role of leadership first by having a purpose in life, second by working and sacrificing, and last but most important by placing our faith in God.

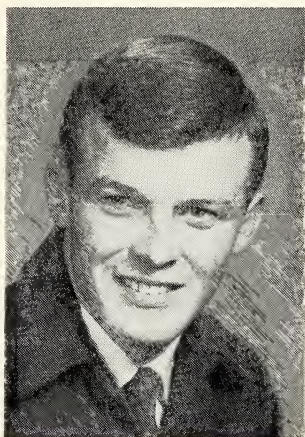


**INVOLVEMENT YOU WIN — INDIFFERENCE YOU LOSE**

*Central Region  
National FFA Vice President*

KEATON VANDEMARK

I am 5 feet ten inches tall. I weigh 165 lbs. Based on today's market for the raw materials included in my physical make-up, I should sell for around \$5.97. Presently, 38.7% of our total resident population is under the age of 20 with 52% under the age of 30. It is projected that by late 1968 over 50% of our population will be 25 years of age and under. Multiplied by nearly 100 million young people and young adults under 25, theoretically we might arrive at a dollar value for America's youth. To me, one-half billion dollars just doesn't seem to be an adequate appraisal of the real assets of America's future.



My concern is of the apathetic indifference to the real value placed on our youth today and of the attitudes and impressions being developed by the youth themselves which will effect the lives of all future citizens.

We have a few in our number who burn draft cards, protest everything from chewing gum to politics and economics; they openly defy the laws of nature and of society by smoking pot, gulping goof balls and living a life that is but one big hallucination. To them life is a big joke, a one-act play, a trip to nowhere. Unfortunately, some mature American adults preferring to be repelled by these examples to them may be actually suppressing a desire to join them. Thus the indifferent attitude toward the course and development of families, our communities and our nation is found in both young and adult worlds. The lasting impressions left with many people who visit us from other nations seems to be that our masses are seeking constant entertainment, recreation and alleviation from responsibility.

However, with only a few of our young people in America today numbered among the unclean, unshaven and unshorn, our nation's young people remain virtually an untapped resource of energy and potential. This means that in solving today's problems of national apathy and indifference the role of youth is of utmost importance. It is necessary that all become aware and knowledgeable of the structure and philosophy and goals which have made our country great—ideals which are too often absent in the attitudes of people now and which might otherwise fade away entirely in the pre-occupied minds of tomorrow. One answer is to become in-

terested in the activity of other around us, spread this concern from the grass roots to the state and national levels and make involvement a way of life for everyone and not something to be avoided. There are many areas of concern which more than merit our interest and involvement. One is safety. America's youth is a warm living and vital part of America's future. Unless we assume the responsibility for being knowledgeable of safety, its values in saving lives and maintaining healthy bodies and minds for sound economic growth, what can we expect in the decades ahead—fuzzy minded citizens who place so little value on their own lives that they have no sense of values for others?

Another concern is realizing our responsibilities, as representatives of our agricultural abundance and prosperity, in solving the increasing world food needs and rural development problems. With more than half of the world's youth living in rural areas, the contribution of youth cannot be overlooked. To this end, we have heard that youth will have to deal with development problems, live with them, and as today's generation will have to organize ourselves politically. We must appeal to the people of the United States and other nations to trust the capacity of American youth to deal with these problems, to prepare together and to be politically active in searching for ways to contribute to international development.

Our most important responsibility is to become actively involved in the affairs and opportunities of our organization, communities, and country. It is also our duty to encourage other youth and adults to share in the development of these proper attitudes. What better place to start then with a proper attitude toward our own organization, the FFA! Serving our organization has been the most rewarding and meaningful experience of my life. I'm sure many of you feel the same way. But, think back through your FFA career and recall how many times you could have worked a little harder—taken that extra step—and achieved greater things. Oh! if only as a Greenhand I had realized the importance and value of training offered in the FFA, and if I had worked just a little harder on each speech, each judging contest and each project, how much more rewarding this experience might have been. The real values and rewards of my FFA career came only through complete involvement in the many common opportunities. My involvement was not just by chance or fortune. It was the result of a step by step process of personal development, centered around FFA and other activities, the adults with whom I associated, and with the members of my family. This past year has given me many opportunities to personally witness this relationship of adults and youth working in harmony. I'm sure that any successful FFA member will identify this as being the most significant factor in his development. Perhaps more important is the development of proper attitudes toward our homes and communities. Some young people today seem to desire more freedom at an earlier age and

yet never realize the value and integrity of working honestly for what they receive. Coupled with this is a lack of respect for the family and members of the community. But, again the blame cannot be thrown entirely their way. They need community based spirit, fed with close family ties of love and respect.

Even more important is developing the proper attitude toward our own nation. This means regaining that old spirit of yesterday—the bond of strength our enemies feared most. The other day I heard someone say: “You know, America is in real trouble!” It’s true. Old Glory has never fallen so close to earth with our Embassies being stoned and our young men dying for ideals which don’t seem to mean too much to Americans any more. The truth is, America’s real moral trouble and attitude do not lie in the rice paddies of Viet Nam, in the masses of Red China or in other lands we may consider our enemies. The real trouble lies in the playgrounds and the slums of our big cities, the estates of our wealthy, the fishing villages of our small towns or the hot dusty streets of the Midwest. This disease which is slowly eating away at the heart of America is found in the national cynic, the unbeliever, and the person of doubt. Somewhere, we’ve lost pride in our nation, our homes and ourselves. Our form of government is the same, we still say America stands for the same ideals, our structures haven’t changed: WE HAVE—YOU AND ME!

But today, wearing this blue jacket, assures me representation of a group of young people who wish not to be spoon-fed, wet nursed, entertained, or recognized for recognition’s sake only. We Future Farmers want to be a part of responsibility, not apart from it. We want to cooperate, to participate, to become involved. I challenge those of indifferent attitude, the unbeliever and the dogmatic cynic. Look around this auditorium. There are future leaders of our nation, and involved and interested people seated all about. Our efforts multiplied a thousand times over, would be a tremendous step forward in rekindling the spirit of national unity and endeavor. May the world give us opportunity, not recreation, involvement, not entertainment, recognition for being able to do a job that NEEDS to be done. We have only to accept responsibility to see it spread throughout the land. The result is a citizenry, properly prepared and involved to meet the challenge of freedom. Let’s work together to build a better America.

We welcome the opportunity.

## UNCROWNED GLORY

*National Vice President  
Pacific Region*

RICHARD MORRISON

My fellow Future Farmers and friends, last October I stepped onto the threshold of constant revelation and inspiration. I marvel at your accomplishments and at the inner qualities of ambition,



perseverance, and faith which you have. Yet, time and time again this past year, I met FFA members whose virtues were not recognized by others, and Future Farmers who, for one reason or another, had not been rewarded for their diligence and their accomplishments. Most of you Future Farmers are in that situation, you walk in uncrowned glory. Nevertheless, crowned or uncrowned, that glory does exist.



I say this for several reasons. Inherent within the spirit of you all seems to be the thought of Winston Churchill who said, "Without work, there is no play." Moreover, you all seem to realize that you can do something, not necessarily the same thing as another, but something—A man and his wife were once on their way home from Europe and they became interested in a young Finnish girl travelling on the same ship. She was looking for work, and they decided to offer her a job.

"Can you cook?" they asked.

"No, I can't cook. My mother always did the cooking."

"Can you do the housework, then?"

"No, my oldest sister always did the housework."

"We could let you take care of the children."

"No, I couldn't do that. My youngest sister always took care of the children."

"Perhaps you could take the sewing."

"No, my aunt always did the sewing."

In despair, the couple asked, "Then what can you do?" The girl was quite excited and cheerful as she replied, "I can milk reindeer!"

Each person is capable of performing certain tasks even though his skills may be vastly different from another's abilities. He may be the best judge but a very poor speaker. He may be an outstanding FFA officer but lack skills in agricultural mechanics.

Still another reason why glory is yours is that I have seen no lasting discouragement in Future Farmers this year. No matter what the difficulty or defeat, each of you who almost won will live to win and to smile another day. For example, I was impressed with the Montana FFA member who, after the death of his father, was capable of developing a paternal attitude and of running the family farm while still in high school. There was the Nevada FFA member who had been laughed at by his classmates during his freshman year in high school because of his serious speech impediment. Yes, his peers had laughed, but three years later he won the State FFA Public Speaking Contest. Neither of these members gave up in discouragement. During the year I met many disappointed FFA office seekers who knew they would gain much

from their experience even though not elected. There was a Michigan Future Farmer who told me that in spite of several defeats, he knew that his leadership training would help him better serve his community in the near future.

Someone recently asked me if I thought FFA members of tomorrow would be more successful than those of today. Fellows, my answer was an unqualified yes! My heart swelled with pride and joy as I observed your State Officers at State Conventions and sub-regional leadership workshops. They were shining with enthusiasm and humble in their dedication as they prepared themselves for the service and the inspiration of others.

Yes, all of you fellows have a right to stand erect in dignity and to be proud of yourselves, whether or not you have titles under your names and medals on your jackets. Even though recognition may escape you for the moment, your accomplishments and experiences form a foundation for tomorrow's victory. Because I know of your talents, of your ability to overcome disappointment, and of your continuity in leadership, I think it makes little difference whether your glory is crowned or not.

We National Officers will soon hand the torch of leadership to our successors. Our glory has been crowned; theirs will be too. To some of you, that isn't fair. But while we stand tall for the principles and convictions of the FFA, while we stand tall in pride, let it be known that we humbly bow here and now out of respect and admiration for you, *all* of you.

### WHEN THE WELL RUNS DRY

*National FFA Vice President*

*Southern Region*

MONTE REESE

Benjamin Franklin, that great American statesman and philosopher once coined the phrase, "When the well runs dry, then we know the wealth of water." I vividly remember how, back home in Oklahoma, we would take our water supply for granted until a dry year happened along. Then suddenly we realized just how valuable a common every day part of our lives could be.



We Future Farmers also have a common, ordinary part of our lives that we often take for granted. For those of us who represent rural America as Future Farmers of America are blessed with a truly priceless heritage, but one we have accepted as merely our just reward with little consideration given as to its true worth. The privilege of living and working on a good farm is granted to fewer and fewer young men as time passes by. Those of us who have enjoyed this wonderful opportunity have a tremendous ob-

ligeration to share our good fortune with the rest of our world through efficient agricultural production and effective leadership.

We have only to look into the history of our great nation to realize the true importance of a country's rural population. Not only has the economy of the great American way of life been based upon our country's agriculture, but the majority of really outstanding leaders of our country have been men from the farm and the rural way of life. From George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, and from Abraham Lincoln to Lyndon Johnson, all have been farm reared, and all have maintained that love for the country life and an inborn fondness for their associations with a rural environment which even in hours of darkest discouragement, they could not deny.

An undying tribute to the farmer is paid by George Washington in his words, "I know of no pursuit in which more real and important service can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture." Thomas Jefferson, statesman and farmer, said, "Let the farmer forever more be honored in his calling—for they who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God."

The rural background of these honored men had prepared them for positions of great responsibility and leadership. It had instilled within their being the self-confidence that comes with having to make do with the tools of one's fingertips, the clarity of thought that comes from simple, but straightforward farm philosophy, and most of all that closeness to God and nature that becomes so real to those who take their livelihood from the land. They were leaders because they had learned to lead themselves.

The farmer's part in the molding of America has been made immortal in Ralph Waldo Emerson's great poem, Concord Hymn:

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,  
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,  
Here once the embattled farmers stood,  
And fired the shot heard round the world.

Thus the American farmer set the stage for a nation that was to enjoy the greatest abundance of all earthly goods the world has ever known—abundance made possible because of the freedom our nation enjoys. But today that very freedom is threatened, as our troubled world cries out for leadership to ward off the clutch of hunger and to insure the presence of freedom. We could have cause for concern, but I am not troubled. For this past year as I have traveled our wonderful country and met dedicated, trustworthy, and capable Future Farmers from every State, I have become confident that you will produce this leadership because of your rural heritage and your experiences in FFA.

There is a lesson to be learned in the book of Exodus—when God chose a man to lead the children of Israel out of bondage, he didn't select a mighty king, he didn't pick a man blessed with riches untold, but he went unto the backside of the desert and



called forth a lowly shepherd. Then from out of that burning bush he said, "Go and I will go with thee."

It has been said that the morning is the time for preparation, the noontime is the time for achievement, and the evening is the time for reward. My fellow Future Farmers, for me it is evening, the evening of my time in FFA. My reward is the knowledge that you—all of you—will achieve the very best for our country, and the greatest of success in your lives because you have been prepared with a rich heritage of experiences in FFA and a life on the farm. Fellows, never forsake that rural heritage, and that well will never run dry.

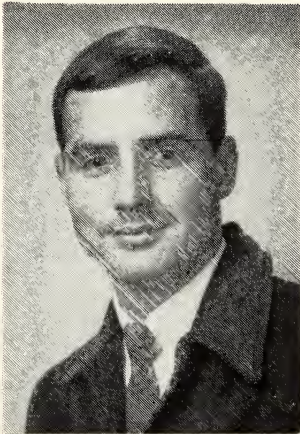
May God bless you.

## THE IMAGE OF A FUTURE FARMER

*National FFA Vice President  
North Atlantic Region*

HAROLD BRUBAKER

Several months ago, while visiting New York City, I had the opportunity to ride a sightseeing boat around the New York harbor. The tall skyscrapers protruding into the blue sky, appeared to make a stairway to heaven. Looking across the harbor in that early morning mist, I could see in the distance, the image of a truly great figure. As our craft approached this huge statue, for the first time I saw the impressive Statue of Liberty. Standing spellbound on the deck of the boat, I wondered how the "grand old lady" with her immense arm supporting the torch of liberty could withstand the tortures of nature all these years.



Later, as I wandered about Ellis Island, alone by the Statue of Liberty, my thoughts drifted back to the days when this small island was a port of entry for thousands of immigrants coming to America. My mind became cluttered with voices of hundreds of immigrants talking in many tongues, waiting with their families, or else by themselves, for the customs officers to say those precious words of joy—"Yes, you may enter."

I couldn't help but think on that cold rainy morning in February as I traveled around the harbor, the impression these people had of America as they first entered the New York Harbor. There must have been joy in their hearts and tears in their eyes as they saw the Statue of Liberty stationed in the middle of the harbor with that torch held high and inscribed on her base the immor-

tal words, "Give me your tired, your poor, your homeless masses yearning to breathe free." These people must have cried out, "Praise God we will soon have a new home where we can stand tall and as strong as the Statue of Liberty; a home where we can work for a better country with our hearts, hands, minds, and souls building a foundation for our posterity."

Perhaps this very first image of America helped these people who were soon to become citizens, to have a desire to pass through the gates of Ellis Island and on to the mainland where they would embed their desires into a new society.

Our history as Future Farmers, reflects the same desire to accomplish and to be aggressive as was instilled in our forefathers when they first came to America. The founding fathers of the FFA made sure that the organization they were about to initiate would have and maintain many of the same ideals that started this nation up a ladder of success.

Unfortunately, some Future Farmers are like the tall strong weeds in the middle of a wheat field. Perhaps they want to receive praise for growing strong and tall, but never stop to think of the distortion their presence may have made to the growing masses.

Too often one could label it a missed opportunity whenever our best image is not showing. Perhaps the story of a minister who moved to a small mid-western town with his four year old son can best illustrate my point. This young energetic pastor was in charge of a small congregation. One Sunday morning before entering the sanctuary, he stopped in the vestibule near a little box labeled, "Support our pastor." Reaching into his pocket, he pulled out a quarter and dropped it into the box. The minister entered the main sanctuary with his son and after the congregation had gathered in, the pastor delivered a most inspirational message.

Following his sermon, he stood near the door in the rear of the church greeting the members of the congregation as they left the church. After the last member left, he turned to his son to leave, but then paused at the little box labeled "Support our pastor." Opening the lid he reached in and pulled out the same quarter he had placed in earlier. With disgust and dismay, he shoved his hand into his pocket and started to walk away when his little son pulled on his father's hand and with his big brown eyes said to his father with all sincerity, "Daddy, the more you'd put in the more you'd take out." You know Future Farmers, the more dedication, concern, and interest we place in sowing the seed for our image, a greater yield will be reaped in the end.

At times, certain Future Farmers wear their jackets and wait for someone to praise them for belonging to such a fine organization when all along they may have improperly worn or misused their jacket and set a poor example for Future Farmers to follow. I hope you never miss an opportunity to promote the gentleman image of a Future Farmer in your rush for fear of defeat.

We are fortunate to live in an era where we enjoy the pride and respect that our emblem receives from the general public. As Robert Frost once said:

"The woods are lovely, dark, and deep  
but I have promises to keep  
and miles to go before I sleep."

As members of the world's greatest rural youth organization, granted, we enjoy the support of our many friends of the FFA. Yet we have to keep our promises to our founding fathers and travel many more miles before our task is complete.

During my term as your National Vice-President, I had the opportunity to meet and be impressed by many individuals, ranging from corporate executives, outstanding community leaders to Congressmen and many other truly great Americans. On the other hand, I have observed the hippies in Greenwich Village, New York City and a love-in near Sunset Strip in Hollywood. I can only say that these later individuals who are trying to express some type of feeling, have long forgotten the importance of standing up with respect to their fellowmen and help support the torch of freedom. These individuals are not helping to uphold the image of America, but rather destroying it.

Fellow Future Farmers, whatever you do, wherever you go, I hope you will always adopt the characteristics of a person who is proud of his heritage when you portray the image of a Future Farmer. The task of promoting the FFA never ceases, we must continue to wear our jackets with pride, show respect for others, be honest and fair in this game of life, demonstrate sportsmanship, take pride in our organization, and above all be a gentleman at all times.

As I address you as an active member for the last time, many fond memories of the past year flow through my mind as I see Future Farmers from many States that I have visited during the year. Regardless of the FFA activity involved, or whether the Future Farmer hails from the north, south, east or west—there was one trait that never changes—a Future Farmer is a Future Farmer no matter where he is or where he may go.

In closing, I wish to quote Annon and share with you some ideals which I hope all Future Farmers will adopt in order to aid our image:

To be myself—

To keep a laugh in heart and throat—

To be good as some friends think I am—

To find joy in my work rather than in the prospect of applause—

To win friends by being one—

To be captain rather than victim—of my moods—

To waste neither time nor energy in anticipating calamities  
which may never come—



To rejoice in the rise of a rival, swift in applauding, and slow in minimizing his success—

To wipe up spilt milk as best I can and hold onto the pan next time—

To be worthy in some measure of the words inscribed on the Chinese Gordon's Monument:

"Who at all times and everywhere gave his strength to the weak, his substance to the poor, his sympathy to the suffering, and his heart to God."  
—Annon

May God bless.

## NATIONAL OFFICERS' SUMMARY

PAUL TARPLEY, *National Secretary*  
1966-67

Our year would be incomplete if we did not pause to share with you some of the wonderful experiences we have encountered while "Living to Serve," also to pay tribute to those who have made it possible for us to travel new paths and scout new horizons for the continued growth and perpetuation of our historical FFA heritage.

To Almighty God, who has blessed us with physical and mental strength, we offer our most humble gratitude. A heartfelt thanks is certainly due to you fellow Future Farmers for placing your faith in us to represent you across the vast stretches of our great nation. We shall remember always the fatherly concern, guidance, encouragement, confidence and untiring service of William Paul Gray, our Executive Secretary. We extend our sincere appreciation to H. N. Hunsicker for his deep interest for the welfare of every Future Farmer and for his continued efforts to improve vocational agriculture and the FFA. A vast debt of gratitude is due our parents and friends for their moral encouragement, and for sacrificing many times so that we might gain.

Our hearts were filled with humble pride and elation as we were installed in our respective offices and accepted the responsibility of serving and representing our 445,000 fellow Future Farmers. Carrying the National FFA Banner at the head of the American Royal parade was our first official task. What a memoir that will always be!

After two days of concentrated orientation, we returned to our homes to share our happiness and to prepare ourselves for the challenges of the coming year. With the exception of Monte and Harold we each discontinued our formal college education. We were soon branded with the title "drop outs" by our friends, and Draft Boards; but on the contrary we have gained a wealth of valuable education that has and will continue to influence our lives.

Our busy year began in late October with Keaton serving as Chairman of the Youth Steering Committee at the National Safety

Congress in Chicago. Richard represented the FFA at the American Farm Bureau Convention in Las Vegas, and attended the Arizona National Livestock Show.

November 13, Gary traveled to New York City and appeared on the Arthur Godfrey Show. Mr. Godfrey dedicated his newest record album "My Country 'Tis of Thee" to the FFA and presented Gary the first copy. Gary also attended the 100th Convention of the National Grange in Minneapolis, he spoke at the NVA-TA and AVA conventions in Denver, and participated in the National March of Dimes Conference in New York.

In December, Keaton, Richard, Monte and Gary in Washington, D.C. served on the Youth Planning Committee for Natural Beauty and Conservation.

We convened in Washington on January 15, for a week of leadership training and to meet jointly with the National Board of Directors for the first time as a Board of National Officers. From Mr. Hunsicker, Board Chairman, and the other adult members of the Board, we soon learned that transacting the business of our national organization is a challenging yet enjoyable responsibility. A luncheon with our respective senators and representatives, a luncheon with the National Chamber of Commerce, a dinner with officials of the National Grange, and a meeting with the Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, highlighted our Washington visit. Monte represented the FFA at the Southwest Agricultural Forum in Tulsa January 19-20.

January 29 marked the beginning of an unforgettable experience and a historical event. During the six-week duration of our 20th annual Good-Will Tour we national officers, accompanied by State presidents and adults from the national office, visited donors and friends of the FFA in 18 cities in 12 States. The Good-Will Tour is purposeful in bringing about a better understanding of the FFA by leaders of business, industry and national organizations interested in agriculture. It also enables the national officers to say a personal thank you to the donors to the National FFA Foundation in behalf of the nearly one-half million FFA members. On several occasions we presented to groups of several hundred a formal 15-minute program entitled "Agriculture—Strength of America."

In March we began attending the 47 State FFA conventions across the nation. To transact business, to develop leadership, to recognize outstanding achievements in agriculture and leadership, to exchange ideas and fellowship, to elect officers and to honor those who have contributed so generously to vocational agriculture and the FFA, are a few significant purposes of State conventions. Our primary purpose as national officers was to hopefully inspire and encourage members to take advantage of the many opportunities provided by the FFA. We were in turn inspired by the quality of leadership displayed at each meeting, and we delighted in the opportunity to meet and work with so many outstanding FFA members.

Gary and Monte presented a program to the convention of the National Agricultural Advertisers and Marketing Association in Chicago, and on April 16, Gary spoke at the Southern Regional Seminar for Supervisors in Agricultural Education.

Keaton and I participated in the Young World Food and Development Seminar in Des Moines, May 14-19. Keaton was elected Youth Committee Chairman, representing the FFA at the World Food Exposition in Toronto, Canada.

Speaking at chapter banquets and school assemblies was also a major activity between conventions.

We immensely enjoyed the work and recreation associated with Future Farmers at the 17 individual State and sub-regional leadership conferences we attended. We are proud of our expanding program of leadership training and we are confident that better trained and more capable State officers and leaders will result in the future.

In July we returned to Washington for our second joint meeting of the Boards of National Officers and Directors. The meeting proved to be quite stimulating, setting forth various issues to be presented to the house of delegates at our national convention. Our stay was highlighted by a meeting with Vice President Humphrey, a luncheon with the Capitol Hill FFA Chapter and a week end outing with water skiing at Mr. Gray's cottage in Maryland.

Following the Board meeting and preliminary convention planning, Gary, Harold and Monte traveled to New York to greet and meet briefly with the Young Farmers from Great Britain. Richard represented the FFA at Camp Miniwanca and also at the Boy Scout Jamboree in Idaho.

During August Gary spoke to the vo-ag teachers conference in North Carolina, and then traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska to attend the National Agricultural Youth Institute sponsored by the State Centennial Commission. Keaton served as Youth Committee Chairman at the AIC meeting in Indiana, participated in the Junior Achievement Conference, and I traveled to Memphis to represent the FFA at the Mid-South Fair.

September 5-8, five national officers and Richard Englebrecht, Star Farmer of America, conducted an extended Good-Will Tour in Ohio. During a four-day period we visited FFA donors and friends in Cleveland, Toledo, Cincinnati, Columbus and Akron. September 18, Gary and Harold journeyed to Maine to begin their tour of the New England States, coordinating FFA activities at the Eastern States Exposition was their responsibility.

Prior to arriving in Kansas City, Harold traveled to Washington, D.C. for the National Conference on Citizenship and on September 24, joined Keaton in Waterloo, Iowa, for the National Dairy Judging Contest.

October 4 through 10, we finalized convention plans, transacted business at our third and final joint National Board meet-



ing, appeared on TV shows and attended numerous luncheons and dinners.

Time does not permit us to share with you every treasured memoir. We view this year not as one kind of experience, but, a thousand experiences, not as one thought, but a thousand thoughts. For these we will be eternally grateful.

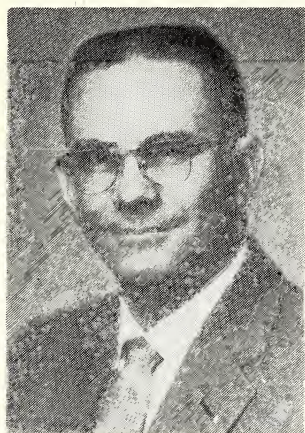
As we take our leave from the ranks of national officership, we challenge each of you to set higher goals of accomplishment in the FFA and all that you do.

As young men of today we are faced with the challenge of assuming the leadership in the world of tomorrow. The needs of our agriculture demands it, the despair of our age commands it, the future of our nation depends upon it. Will you accept the challenge?

# Report of the National Executive Secretary

WILLIAM PAUL GRAY

We are celebrating the Golden Anniversary of Vocational Education. Our convention will feature some of the outstanding achievements made by vocational agriculture the past 50 years. It is appropriate for us to pause at this half century milestone and look back over the past FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS.



Fifty years ago the primary aim of vocational agriculture was to prepare all students for farming, or work on the farm. Instruction emphasized production of crops and livestock along with improvement and supplementary practices. The training in farm shop consisted mostly of ropework, harness repair, wood working, forging and sometimes overhauling of gas engines or horsedrawn equipment. Before 1928, a few fortunate departments had 'ag clubs' where emphasis was placed on fellowship, recreation and often judging events.

Today, agriculture has become a dynamic industry! Vocational agriculture has modified its instruction because of new technology involving the use of new varieties of crops and breeds of livestock, improved feeding principles, use of agricultural chemicals, expanded mechanization and scientific management and marketing of the products of the soil. Teachers of vocational agriculture are kept "in step" with modern agriculture so they can do a more effective job of teaching, basing their instruction upon the needs of students as well as preparing them for useful employment.

We can be proud of the contribution that the Future Farmers of America organization has made to the greatness of agriculture. It has supplemented the regular instruction by stimulating the students to set and achieve higher goals in their preparation for careers in agriculture. It has improved scholarship and citizenship through the involvement of students in group activities in order that they learn to work together. Members have improved their home and farm to make it a better place on which to live and work. Rural leadership, developed through FFA experiences, has prepared our members for living and competing in a society and agriculture that has grown exceedingly complex and competitive the past fifty years.

It is significant that an ever increasing number of former FFA members are taking advantage of their training in vocational agriculture and their experiences in the FFA to prepare themselves for professional careers in agriculture. If you plan a chal-

lenging career in agriculture, I recommend you give serious consideration to teaching vocational agriculture. Very few professions offer a greater opportunity to serve people and your country, advance in position and salary, and at the same time provide personal satisfaction in developing leaders and citizens for tomorrow. Never in the 50 years of vocational agriculture has there been a more critical shortage of teachers of vocational agriculture. Teaching is a rewarding way of returning to the FFA many of the better things of life it has provided you as a student of vocational agriculture.

The achievements of vocational agriculture over the past 50 GOLDEN YEARS have been due to a combined effort of teachers of vocational agriculture and their school administrators, State agricultural education staffs, FFA officers on a national, State and chapter level, and all members of the FFA, working with the staff of the U.S. Office of Education. We also recognize the strong support to vocational agriculture that has been made by friends of business, industry, other organizations and individuals.

## **REPORT ON NATIONAL FFA ACTIVITIES**

### **National Officer Services**

The primary responsibility of your national officers is to inspire fellow FFA members to set high goals and take advantage of the training in vocational agriculture. The officers have worked tirelessly, devoted considerable time, and traveled thousands of miles in behalf of you and vocational agriculture. Many friends have been won to the FFA because of these six capable, friendly, cooperative and sincere young men who have projected an excellent image of the FFA.

### **State Conventions**

Forty-eight State conventions were held during the past year. Many convention programs showed evidence of excellent planning, provided good business sessions and appropriately recognized achievements in agriculture and leadership. Each State executive committee should study the recommendations on State conventions made by the Board of National Officers at the July, 1967 Board meeting. If the suggestions are acted upon in a positive way, they will do much to assure continued improvement in State associations and strengthen the FFA.

### **Leadership Training**

Seven sub-regional leadership conferences were held this year that involved State officers from 47 State associations. These were conducted in cooperation with the National FFA Office, National



# National Pageant "Fifty Golden Years"



Vocational agriculture students participation in judging contest was a major influence in the development of the FFA.



The supervised farm visit by the vocational agriculture instructor, the real key to successful instructional program in agriculture.



This scene portrays the broad scope of vocational agriculture program, especially in the area of farm management and agriculture business.

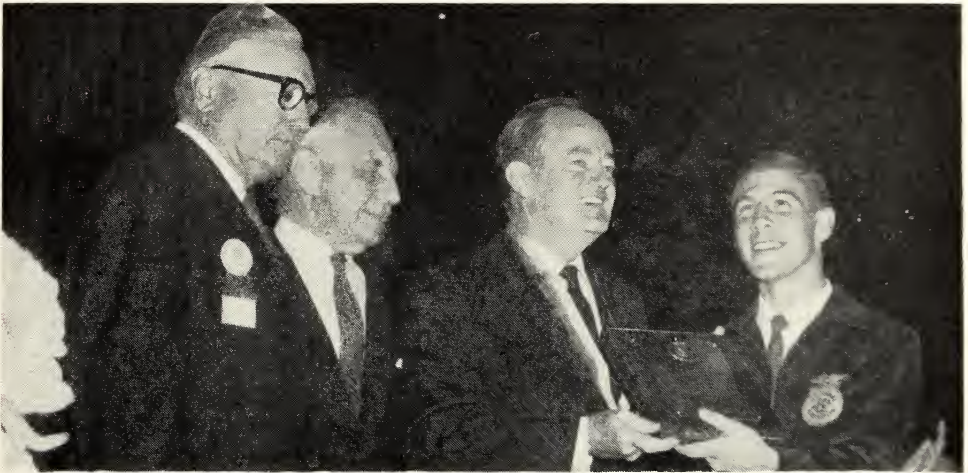




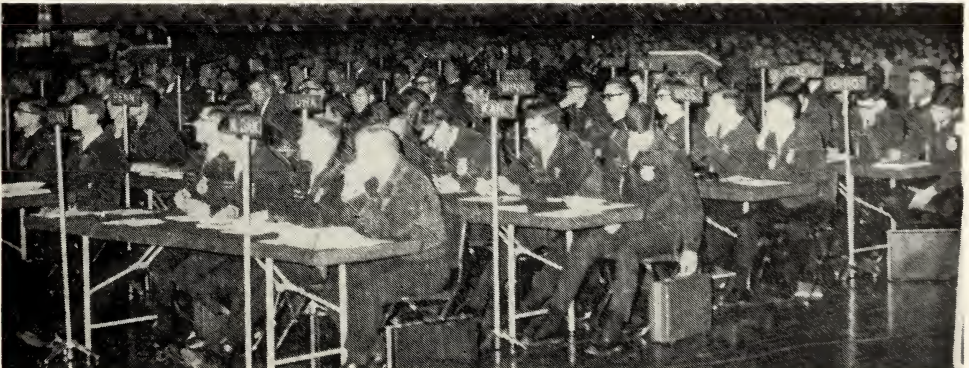
Awards are presented to individual FFA members, and their chapters for outstanding accomplishments at the national level.



Mr. J. W. Warren, Office of Education, Charlottesville, Virginia, a member of the National FFA Board of Directors pictured serving as National Advisor during a session of the Convention.



The Future Farmers in Kansas City were very pleased to hear the Vice President speak on the opening day of the Convention. Senator Carlson and former Senator Darby, both of Kansas accompany the Vice President.



Delegate section of Convention.

Officer and State staffs. Many States used a national officer to assist with State officer leadership training. An increasing number of States are making use of national officers for pre-convention planning and orientation talks to newly elected State officers.

### **Good-Will Tour**

The National FFA Officers journeyed to 22 cities from coast to coast to visit donors to the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Two additional weeks were devoted to visiting donors and speaking before civic groups in Ohio and all the New England States. The Good-Will Tour develops a better understanding between business, industry and agriculture re-affirms the fact that an interdependence must exist for a strong America. The tour also provides excellent leadership training for the national officers.

### **FFA Foundation, Inc.**

Since 1944, the Foundation has continued to grow in both the number of donors and the amount of money contributed. You will be pleased with Mr. M. G. O'Neil's (Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee) report on Thursday evening. We are fortunate to have men of his caliber, as well as dedicated donors to support the incentive awards program. Let us always strive to merit such confidence and support.

The FFA has employed Mr. John C. Foltz as coordinator of the Foundation. In fulfilling his responsibilities he will be working closely with other National FFA Office staff, donors and State staffs in all areas relative to the foundation awards program.

The Foundation will provide new Agricultural Proficiency Awards in "Natural Resources Development," "Agribusiness" and "Placement in Agricultural Production." All thirteen Proficiency Awards will be available to each State.

National Chapter Safety Awards made this year were rated Gold, Silver and Bronze, with no travel awards budgeted. However, \$100 is made available to each State association to recognize the first place State winner in Chapter Safety. July 15 is the new deadline date for all Foundation applications.

### **National FUTURE FARMER**

We commend and thank State associations for their cooperation in completing the roster of FFA members. This list is being placed on a computer and will assure every one of you receiving your FUTURE FARMER Magazine. We have expanded the number of pages of editorials relating to FFA activities and accomplishments of members. The increase in quality stories and use of excellent color pictures will do much to project a good image of FFA in public relations. Your calendar program is continuing to grow,



and this is good as it is one of the most effective public relations activities a chapter can use.

### **Future Farmers Supply Service**

The Supply Service moved part of its operations to the new installed second floor of the FFA Center Annex. This has given room for the magazine to move its printing shop to the basement of the main building. It has also made room for Archives storage, and room for a temporary FFA Archives. The Supply Service is continuing to grow and expand its service, yet it has not lost sight of the importance of quality and price in providing service.

### **FFA Archives**

An Advisory Committee made up of men formerly associated with the National FFA Office has been meeting with our staff to plan an appropriate Archives for the FFA. Mr. E. J. Johnson, former Program Specialist, Agricultural Education, has been employed by the FFA to properly catalogue documents, reports and artifacts. States have been asked to cooperate in providing information on items that will be appropriate to display or keep in the Archives.

### **International Education Activities**

The exchange program with the Young Farmers' Clubs in England, Wales and Scotland was held this year. John Parks, Georgia; Eddie McMillan, Illinois and Kent E. Frerichs, South Dakota participated in this program. These youths also spent a profitable week living with Young Farmers of Germany. The National Office hosted 85 Young Farmers from West Germany this spring. States will be asked to cooperate in sending over 150 outstanding FFA members and adults to visit agricultural groups, farms and live with farm people in the United Kingdom, Sweden, the Netherlands and West Germany next June. This activity has been approved by the Board of National Officers and Board of Directors, and has authorized the National Executive Secretary to coordinate the program.

Several thousand brochures on "Future Farmers of America: What It Is—What It Does" have been translated and printed in Spanish, German and Portuguese. Many of these have been sent to countries where interest is high to organize a Future Farmer organization, or assist strengthening a present Future Farmer organization.

Several States are to be commended for their participation in international activities, as recommended by the May FFA Committee on International Activities. The Board of National Officers and Board of Directors recommended that State Associations be

more involved in the exchange program with the United Kingdom, with the National FFA Organization coordinating the activities in international education programs. We look forward to helping implement programs in Latin America during the coming year.

### **FFA Week Material**

The development of National FFA Week material is now handled by the National FFA Magazine staff. Many new and exciting ideas will be available to chapters, including colored slides, tapes by the national officers and FFA stories.

### **FFA Fellowship Program**

This is the sixth year the National FFA Office has participated in a cooperative program with Massey-Ferguson Inc., to provide apprenticeship training to four outstanding teachers of vocational agriculture in preparation for State FFA staff employment. All but four of the participants in past years have been elected to positions of leadership in vocational agriculture on the State level. Coleman Harris, a participant three years ago and past State Executive Secretary in Indiana, joined the national staff in October as an FFA Program Specialist.

### **New Officer Handbook**

You received a copy of the revised and greatly expanded Handbook for National Officer Training. This is written so it can be used in training State and local officers in self improvement. Additional copies will be made available to State associations, officers and copies sold to local chapters through the Future Farmers Supply Service.

### **Report on State Accomplishments**

In the annual report, each State was asked to list three most outstanding activities. A brief summary of some of these activities follows:

1. Some State associations are selecting "Man of the Year" and recognizing the person at the State convention.
2. Some States are giving special recognition at their State conventions to donors to the National FFA Foundation.
3. There is increased emphasis on leadership conferences (workshops) conducted by State officers and involving chapter officers.
4. Some States are using leadership contests in self-development programs.
5. In one State the State officer demonstrated "how to conduct a meeting" to over 80% of the membership.

6. Several excellent State Officer Handbooks have been developed.
7. A few States have conducted cooperative leadership training schools involving officers in other vocational youth groups.
8. Several States participated in Youth Conference for Natural Beauty and Conservation programs. Many have included co-operative projects with other youth groups and civic clubs aimed to make the community a better place in which to live and work. Many of these directly improved safety.
9. The erection of "FFA Kiddies' Barnyards" at fairs is continuing to grow in popularity and scope.
10. An American Heritage program is stressed in one State with winners traveling to Washington and Philadelphia to visit historic shrines.
11. Several States reported successful FFA Agricultural Education Scholarship programs underway.
12. There is an increase in the number of States scheduling the Future Farmers Supply Service and The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine into State Conventions.
13. One State (Indiana) is experiencing an increase in the number of agricultural proficiency participants as a result of stressing district level awards competition and a recognition banquet for the winners with Foundation donors present.
14. There is increased emphasis on an Anti-Smoking campaign among FFA members.
15. Some States have rearranged districts to insure equal representation of membership in FFA activities.
16. There is an increase in the use of a "Knowledge Test" for State Farmer requirement.
17. One State uses the Flying Farmers to transport State officers on their State Good-Will Tour.
18. Use of planned programs by State officers presented at State Senate meetings.
19. Sponsoring an "Awards Recognition Banquet" with the State Legislature, leaders in education, business, donors and farm organizations as guests.

## WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The FFA has been well-planned and developed. Over the years there have been many noteworthy changes, but always in harmony with the job to be done and the needs of the members. The adoption of such changes have required keen foresight and deep understanding on the part of members and advisors working in co-operation with national officers, State and the national staff. We in agricultural education believe the FFA is an integral part of vocational agriculture and that it should "keep in step" with modern agriculture. This can be done through continued evaluation of



its activities at the local, State and national levels to assure the needs of *all* students of vocational agriculture are met.

The many problems confronting the FFA are challenging, but solving them will provide the organization opportunities to be of greater service. However, the challenges must be considered in an unbiased and fair manner. The outcome should be in the best interest of agriculture, the improvement of the FFA and favorably affect the welfare of the majority. Your recommendations and assistance on the following will be of great help to the Boards of National Officers and Directors in the future.

1. With over 500,000 students enrolled in vocational agriculture and an FFA membership of only 440,000 appropriate ways and means must be determined and followed to get *all* students involved in FFA membership.
2. With the increased emphasis on vocational agricultural education in the 13-14 grades, there is need to involve these students in an organization that will be in harmony with and supplementary to the FFA.
3. There is need for members and advisors to examine their chapter and association programs and devise ways and means to involve *all* members in FFA activities, especially those relating to self-improvement through planned leadership programs.
4. Every effort should be made by both officers and advisors to encourage greater participation by members in the Foundation Awards Program.
5. This fall, judges of the National Agricultural Proficiency Awards made many constructive suggestions for the improvement of Foundation applications. Among those stressed were increasing the amount of the award, and the members filling out the application more completely on activities with the best use of grammar and correct spelling.
6. There is great need for members and advisors to stress the importance of correctly wearing the FFA jacket by every member.
7. All State associations are encouraged to give appropriate recognition to National Foundation Donors during award presentations at State Conventions.
8. With the great variation in membership among States, and keeping in practice with democratic principles a way must be determined to assure more equal membership representation at the national convention.
9. A legal opinion has been received from the legal council of the Office of Education regarding girl membership. With approximately 3,300 girls enrolled in vocational agriculture, together with an increasing number of States accepting girl membership, ways and means of including girl participation in FFA activities on a national level is inevitable.

10. State associations are obligated to inform every chapter member about the proposed National FFA Leadership Conference Center and his role in its future development. Then, if the decision is made to begin planning the National Center, the FFA will need to determine the future role of every member and adult associated with the organization relating to this project.
11. The Vocational Education Act of 1963 greatly affected the training program in vocational agriculture in many areas of the country. It broadened the instructional program to include more than training for farming—it is now designed to give educational training for all students preparing for careers in agriculture. With this rapid change has come needed adjustments in the program of activities for the FFA. Time has come for leaders across America who are interested in the FFA fulfilling its educational purposes to seriously think through and adjust the FFA where needed—membership, degrees, awards, activities and even possible modification of the name.

The time for action is now! Let us use foresight, experience and leadership as members, teachers, State staffs and others, work together to improve the FFA and to fulfill its primary aims of developing leadership, cooperation, citizenship and the fostering of patriotism.

# Report of the National FFA Treasurer

October 1967

It is my privilege as National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, to bring you a report concerning the financial status of your organization. The Convention Proceedings will carry a detailed audited statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1967. Mimeographed material has been distributed in the delegates' section covering a statement of receipts and expenditures of the FFA for the fiscal year ended June 30, an interim statement for the period July 1 through September 30, and a report on the FFA Foundation for the period January 1 through September 30 of this year. You may review these reports at your convenience.



Time does not permit my going into detail concerning the entire program. I would like, therefore, to give you a brief summary of the financial picture and operation of the FFA Organization, as pertains to the Treasurer's office.

As you are probably aware, there are four major divisions of the total FFA program, as follows:

1. The Future Farmers of America
2. The Future Farmers of America Foundation
3. The Future Farmers Supply Service
4. The National Future Farmer Magazine

Dues of FFA members, royalties on merchandise bearing the FFA emblem, rent on the FFA Building (which houses the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the National FFA Magazine), all contribute to the income of the Future Farmers of America. We also have certain reserve funds in savings accounts drawing interest which adds to our total income. This income covers travel of your national officers and Board of Directors, expense in connection with the national office, maintenance of the FFA Building, and your national convention expense.

The major portion of the FFA Foundation's income is realized from the contributions of business organizations and individuals. From January 1 through September 30 of this year, we had received a total of \$211,220.00 from some 370 donors, 38 of them contributing for the first time. You can be proud of the genuine interest in your organization which is demonstrated from year to year by the various organizations and individuals as they contribute to your program through their gifts. Since the Foundation originated in 1944 they have contributed more than \$3,641,000.00.

A major portion of the FFA Foundation budget is expended in connection with our incentive awards program which recognizes



Vocational Agriculture student members of the FFA for outstanding achievement in agricultural and leadership activities. These achievement awards total more than 2½ million dollars since the beginning of the FFA Foundation.

Income of the Future Farmers Supply Service is realized from the sale of merchandise to FFA members. Included in its expenses are the cost of merchandise, operation of the Supply Service, rent of the FFA Building, and royalties to the Future Farmers of America.

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine receives its income from advertising and subscriptions, and its expenses consist of editing, printing, mailing of the magazine, and rent of office space in the FFA Building.

Separate and more complete reports of the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National FFA Magazine will be given later.

Your Organization, including the FFA, the FFA Foundation, the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, has a total net worth of more than two million dollars.

My job is Supervisor of Agricultural Education with the State Board of Education in Richmond, Virginia. The FFA Treasurer's office is located in Woodstock, Virginia, where the books and records of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are kept by Mrs. Pauline Coiner.

A separate set of account books is kept for the FFA and the FFA Foundation. The major portion of the funds is maintained in separate accounts in the Shenandoah Valley National Bank in Winchester, Virginia. At present we have in this bank and other banks and savings associations, a total of \$199,620.65 of FFA Funds, and \$210,967.22 of Foundation funds, drawing interest. We also have \$150,771.01 of the FFA Foundation funds in Government Bonds.

The fiscal year of the Future Farmers of America is from July 1 extending through June 30 of the following year. The FFA Foundation is operated on a calendar year basis — from January 1 through December 31.

Both Mrs. Coiner and I are bonded to assure protection of the funds in our care. A separate audit of each account is made annually by Certified Public Accountants. The Boards of Student Officers, Directors and Trustees of both the FFA and the FFA Foundation are supplied with copies of the audits which are reviewed in detail during Board meetings. The records are also reviewed by your FFA Auditing Committee, and are available for review by any individual member. Every safeguard is exercised in handling the funds of your Organization.

Please be assured that your Organization is in sound financial condition which is a tribute to your program and policies as directed by your National Board of Student Officers, Directors, and Trustees, and the guidance of Mr. H. N. Hunsicker, National Advisor, and Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, National Executive Secretary.

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

Gentlemen :

We have examined the balance sheet of Future Farmers of America, Washington, D.C., as of June 30, 1967, and the related statements of income, and cash receipts and disbursements, for the fiscal year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Our examination did not include the operations of Future Farmers Supply Service or "The National Future Farmer" both of which are audited by other certified public accountants.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of income present fairly the financial position of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1967, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year. Also, in our opinion, the statement of cash receipts and disbursements presents fairly the recorded cash transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT  
*Certified Public Accountants*

**Balance Sheet**

June 30, 1967

Exhibit "A"

**ASSETS****GENERAL FUND:****CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash in banks (Exhibit "C").....	\$248,542.79
Accounts receivable.....	2,963.82
Prepaid insurance.....	2,510.93
Inventory of supplies.....	2,054.00

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....	\$256,071.54
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**OTHER ASSETS:**

Loan receivable from the Peace Corps.....	\$ 2,255.17	
Expenditures in connection with proposed National FFA Center.....	6,931.75	\$ 9,186.92

**PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (at cost):**

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Amount	
Land.....	\$ 32,794.49		\$ 32,794.49	
Paving and landscaping ..	21,023.78	\$ 5,876.34	15,147.44	
Fencing.....	2,520.90	1,134.39	1,386.51	
Buildings.....	493,046.38	67,590.55	425,455.83	
Office and other equipment.....	11,163.07	4,737.73	6,425.34	
TOTALS.....	<u>\$560,548.62</u>	<u>\$ 79,339.01</u>	<u>\$481,209.61</u>	481,209.61
				<u>\$746,468.07</u>

**DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND:****CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash in bank.....	\$ 10,839.01
Savings certificates.....	18,500.00
Certificates of deposit.....	50,000.00

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....	<u>\$ 79,339.01</u>
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**LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS****GENERAL FUND:****CURRENT LIABILITY:**

Account payable.....	\$ 3,916.43
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**SURPLUS:**

Balance, July 1, 1966.....	\$688,989.07
Add:	
Grant from Future Farmer Supply Service for construction of ware- house.....	\$ 52,758.42
Adjustment of prior years' income resulting from recording supply inventory previously expensed.....	992.93
Increase resulting from merger with "New Farmers of America" (Note 1).....	12,321.15
	<u>66,072.50</u>
	<u>\$755,061.57</u>

(Forwarded)



## Less:

Excess of expenses over income (Exhibit "B").....	\$ 2,823.36	
Transfer from General Fund to De- preciation Reserve Fund.....	9,686.57	12,509.93

Balance, June 30, 1967..... 742,551.64

\$746,468.07

## DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND:

## SURPLUS:

Balance, July 1, 1966.....	\$ 69,652.44	
Add:		
Transfer from General Fund (Exhibit "C").....	9,686.57	

Balance, June 30, 1967..... \$ 79,339.01

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Statement of Income**

Exhibit "B"

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1967

## INCOME:

Membership dues (Note 2)..... \$227,733.00

## Royalties:

Future Farmers Supply Service.....	\$110,621.85	
The Fair Publishing House.....	325.00	110,946.85

## Other income:

## Rent:

Future Farmers Supply Service.....	\$ 25,000.00	
National Future Farmer Magazine....	10,000.00	35,000.00

Interest..... 9,057.09

## TOTAL INCOME.....

\$382,736.94

## EXPENSES:

## TRAVEL:

National officers.....	\$ 24,559.36	
Board of directors.....	1,817.26	
Special.....	4,946.12	
Study committee on FFA organizations	2,194.03	
Development of regional and national		
programs.....	154.83	\$ 33,671.60

## NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Delegate expense.....	\$ 5,647.34	
National band.....	2,338.73	
National Chorus.....	1,362.57	
Reception.....	500.00	
Pageant.....	370.26	
Printing.....	7,042.78	
Talent.....	1,093.00	
Exhibits.....	700.00	
Stenotypist.....	442.04	
Photographs and publicity.....	965.29	
Rental of equipment and supplies.....	559.19	
Communications.....	395.00	
Secretarial travel and expense.....	1,027.67	
Decorations.....	8,686.98	
New equipment.....	1,349.55	
Express on trunks.....	14.40	
Labor.....	1,826.02	
Miscellaneous.....	3,576.39	37,897.21

## EXPENSES—(continued):

## AWARDS:

American Farmer keys.....	\$ 4,339.95	
Certificate and awards.....	2,176.82	6,516.77

## PRINTING:

Stationery, brochures, and forms.....	\$ 5,181.95	
Miscellaneous.....	116.63	5,298.58

## NATIONAL OFFICE:

## Secretaries salaries:

Executive secretary's office.....	\$ 7,773.00	
National treasurer's office.....	3,758.00	\$ 11,531.00

## Director of Public Relations:

Salary.....	\$ 15,118.00	
Travel.....	1,536.95	
Secretary—salary.....	7,516.00	24,170.95

## Foundation Coordinator:

Salary.....	\$ 8,045.33	
Travel.....	1,188.52	9,233.85

## Salary—FFA Special

Assistant.....	5,615.55	
Extra secretarial salaries.....	799.65	
Supplies.....	1,109.44	
Telephone and telegraph.....	215.61	
Subscriptions to professional journals....	33.15	
Stenographic expense—National officers	697.35	
Clothing and equipment—National officers.....	529.61	
Brochures.....	91.30	
Insurance.....	1,280.92	
Repairs of equipment.....	195.93	
Postage, express, etc.....	535.70	
Legal and auditing.....	1,195.00	
Refunds—membership dues.....	164.00	
Social security tax.....	1,981.38	
Board meetings.....	81.10	
National Future Farmer Magazine subscriptions (Note 2).....	183,726.00	
Miscellaneous.....	577.89	243,765.38

## PUBLIC RELATIONS:

National FFA week material.....	\$ 1,978.17	
Complimentary subscriptions to National Future Farmer Magazine .....	852.00	
Calendars.....	741.56	
Photographs.....	444.29	
Special publicity and promotion.....	476.80	
Special activities.....	592.15	5,084.97

(Forwarded)..... \$332,234.51 \$382,736.94

## EXPENSES—(continued):

JUDGING EXPENSE.....		699.48
RETIREMENT PLAN.....		1,191.19
NATIONAL FFA CENTER:		
Maintenance, fuel, power, and upkeep..	\$ 32,053.10	
Depreciation.....	10,381.33	
Insurance.....	1,180.08	43,614.51
INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:		
Travel and subsistence.....	\$ 5,774.14	
Printing.....	1,024.92	
FFA brochures, Manuals, etc.....	302.25	
Incidentals.....	132.00	
Miscellaneous.....	587.30	7,820.61
TOTAL EXPENSES.....		385,560.30
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME (Exhibit "A") .....		\$ 2,823.36

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

### Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements General Fund

Exhibit "C"

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1967

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1966.....		\$244,239.39
RECEIPTS:		
Membership dues (Note 2).....	\$227,025.00	
Royalties.....	110,962.35	
Future Farmers Supply Service:		
Rent.....	\$ 25,000.00	
Retirement plan.....	15,440.80	40,440.80
National Future Farmer Magazine:		
Rent.....	\$ 10,000.00	
Retirement plan.....	5,932.80	15,932.80
Federal income tax withheld from employees.....	7,963.65	
Virginia income tax withheld from employees.....	1,045.25	
Employees' old-age benefits.....	1,981.13	
Employees' retirement contributions.....	2,083.20	
Interest on savings accounts.....	9,057.09	
Expense refunds:		
National office.....	\$ 14,630.55	
Travel.....	7,098.18	
Public relations.....	16.00	
Awards.....	267.37	
International activities.....	600.72	
Convention:		
Tours.....	\$ 1,871.40	
Other.....	205.80	2,077.20
Collections on loans:		
National Future Farmer Magazine.....	\$ 44,500.00	
Peace Corps.....	10,744.83	55,244.83
Grant for Future Farmers Supply Service		
for construction of warehouse.....		52,758.42
Reimbursement from Future Farmers of America		
Foundation, Inc., for retirement.....	350.10	
Transfer of cash accounts of New Farmers of America		
at date of merger (Note 1).....		12,321.15
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....		561,855.79
		\$787,095.18



## DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel.....	\$ 41,002.88
National convention.....	40,523.48
Awards.....	6,804.27
Printing.....	5,710.58
National office expense (Note 2).....	258,535.55
Public relations.....	5,100.97
To increase Depreciation Reserve Fund (Exhibit "A")..	9,686.57
Judging.....	699.48
International activities.....	8,421.33
Retirement.....	24,998.09
National F. F. A. Center.....	41,354.74
Withholding tax remitted to Federal Government.....	7,963.65
Withholding tax remitted to State of Virginia.....	1,045.25
Employees' social security taxes paid.....	1,981.13
Increase in loan to Peace Corps.....	3,000.00
Construction costs—warehouse.....	80,724.42

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..... 537,552.39

BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1967 (Exhibit "A")..... \$248,542.79

Above balance composed as follows:

## Unrestricted:

## Checking account:

Shenandoah Valley National Bank,  
Winchester, Virginia..... \$ 41,006.73

## Savings accounts:

Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Winchester, Virginia.....	\$ 11,389.23	
First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia....	12,129.68	
Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia....	12,144.55	
Winchester Savings and Loan Association, Winchester, Virginia....	11,792.90	
Richmond Federal Savings and Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia....	11,256.72	
Security Federal Savings and Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia....	11,256.72	
Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Fairfax, Alexandria, Virginia .....	11,096.85	
Massanutten Bank of Shenandoah Valley, N. A., Woodstock, Virginia	11,151.20	
American Federal Savings and Loan Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.....	8,488.91	100,706.76

## Certificates of deposit:

Commercial and Savings Bank, Winchester, Virginia.....	\$ 10,000.00	
The Bank of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia.....	10,000.00	
Old Dominion Bank, Arlington, Virginia.....	10,000.00	
Southern Bank and Trust Company, Richmond, Virginia.....	10,000.00	
Central National Bank, Richmond, Virginia.....	10,000.00	

(Forwarded)..... \$ 50,000.00 \$141,713.49

Above balance composed as follows—(continued):

Unrestricted—(continued):

Certificates of deposit—(continued):

(Forwarded).....	\$ 50,000.00	\$141,713.49	
Richmond National Bank and Trust Company, Richmond, Virginia .....	10,000.00		
Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association, Atlanta, Georgia.....	1,000.00		
Mutual Savings and Loan Association, Durham, North Carolina.....	2,300.00		
Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, North Carolina.....	3,000.00	66,300.00	\$208,013.49

Special land account:

Checking account:

Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Winchester, Virginia.....	\$ 8,029.30		
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Certificate of deposit:

The National Bank of Woodstock, Woodstock, Virginia.....	\$ 10,000.00		
Massanutten Bank of Shenandoah Valley, N. A., Strasburg, Virginia..	5,000.00		
The First National Bank, Strasburg, Virginia.....	10,000.00		
Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Winchester, Virginia.....	7,500.00	32,500.00	40,529.30

<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$248,542.79</b>
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The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

## Membership Dues Collected

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1967

### ASSOCIATIONS:

Alabama.....	\$ 11,536.00
Alaska.....	3.50
Arizona.....	1,160.00
Arkansas.....	8,462.50
California.....	6,707.50
Colorado.....	1,449.50
Connecticut.....	390.00
Delaware.....	197.00
Florida.....	5,835.00
Georgia.....	11,822.50
Hawaii.....	698.00
Idaho.....	1,703.50
Illinois.....	8,523.00
Indiana.....	5,331.00
Iowa.....	5,834.50
Kansas.....	3,485.00
Kentucky.....	6,991.00
Louisiana.....	5,671.50
Maine.....	355.50
Maryland.....	1,218.50
Massachusetts.....	418.00
Michigan.....	5,402.50
Minnesota.....	7,085.50
Mississippi.....	6,675.00
Missouri.....	6,260.00
Montana.....	1,178.50

Nebraska.....	2,944.50
Nevada.....	222.50
New Hampshire.....	129.50
New Jersey.....	513.00
New Mexico.....	1,183.50
New York.....	3,174.50
North Carolina.....	15,050.00
North Dakota.....	1,871.50
Ohio.....	6,688.00
Oklahoma.....	8,238.50
Oregon.....	2,242.00
Pennsylvania.....	4,684.50
Puerto Rico.....	1,511.50
Rhode Island.....	245.00
South Carolina.....	6,530.00
South Dakota.....	1,528.00
Tennessee.....	9,255.00
Texas.....	24,188.00
Utah.....	1,742.50
Vermont.....	262.00
Virginia.....	6,707.00
Virgin Islands.....	26.50
Washington.....	2,986.50
West Virginia.....	2,634.00
Wisconsin.....	7,876.00
Wyoming.....	904.50
<b>TOTAL DUES COLLECTED.....</b>	<b><u>\$227,733.00</u></b>

## Notes To Financial Statements

June 30, 1967

- During the current fiscal year, the organization "New Farmers of America" was merged into the Future Farmers of America. This resulted in a credit to General Fund Surplus in the amount of \$12,321.15. The following cash accounts were debited, these being the total assets of the New Farmers of America:

Checking account, Mechanics and Farmers	
Bank, Durham, North Carolina.....	\$ 709.82
Certificates of deposit:	
Mutual Federal Savings and Loan	
Association, Atlanta, Georgia.....	\$ 1,000.00
Mutual Savings and Loan Association,	
Durham, North Carolina.....	2,300.00
	<u>3,300.00</u>
Savings account, American Federal	
Savings and Loan Association,	
Greensboro, North Carolina.....	8,311.33
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b><u>\$12,321.15</u></b>

Shortly after the merger, the above checking account was closed into the regular checking account of the Future Farmers of America.

- A new method of treatment of membership dues was adopted during the current fiscal year. In prior years, Future Farmers of America collected its dues and the National Future Farmer Magazine collected its subscriptions directly from the members. This year, however, both membership dues and magazine subscriptions were collected by Future Farmers of America and the subscriptions were then remitted by it to the National Future Farmer Magazine. This procedure will be followed in subsequent years as well.



## The National Future Farmer Statement of Income and Expense

Year Ended June 30, 1967

INCOME			
Advertising.....		\$326,873.90	
Less: Space Discounts.....	\$ 12,462.87		
Livestock and Educational			
Discounts.....	3,106.91		
Agency Commissions.....	45,717.85	61,287.63	\$265,586.27
Subscriptions.....		153,833.05	
Less: State Association Discounts.....		24.70	153,808.35
Single Copy Sales.....			78.90
Miscellaneous Subscription Income.....			2,063.55
Total Income from Magazine.....			421,537.07
Calendar Sales.....		77,306.34	
Less: Returns and Allowances.....	457.94		
State Association Discounts.....	974.31	1,432.25	75,874.09
Binder Sales—Net.....			34.25
Total Income.....			\$497,445.41

EXPENSE			
MAGAZINE PRODUCTION COST:			
Printing.....	\$198,858.95		
Magazine Postage.....	13,765.02		
Engraving.....	7,249.48		
Articles, Photos and Cartoons.....	3,592.17	\$223,465.62	
ADVERTISING:			
Salaries.....	34,401.45		
Travel.....	13,493.87		
Advertising Representatives' Commissions.....	2,748.03		
Advertising Salesmen's Commissions.....	9,604.25		
Promotional.....	11,300.33		
Miscellaneous.....	269.41	71,817.34	
EDITORIAL:			
Salaries.....	16,717.92		
Travel.....	1,147.29		
Miscellaneous.....	157.54	18,022.75	
CIRCULATION:			
Salaries.....	31,026.18		
Membership Roster Distribution.....	8,398.37		
Fulfillment Costs.....	32,862.69		
Miscellaneous.....	134.06	72,421.30	
CALENDAR:			
Printing.....	31,357.39		
Sales Commissions—FFA Chapters.....	16,517.73		
Salaries.....	13,491.87		
Promotional.....	7,612.74		
Unsold Calendars.....	2,217.69		
Art and Photographs.....	1,350.00		
Travel.....	706.93		
Direct Postage.....	206.60		
Miscellaneous.....	64.40	73,525.35	

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries.....	36,061.23		
Rent.....	10,000.00		
Telephone and Telegraph.....	2,371.99		
Postage and Express.....	2,600.90		
Depreciation.....	3,729.68		
Travel.....	1,896.94		
Social Security Expense.....	4,754.31		
Employees' Retirement Expense.....	4,813.20		
Stationery and Supplies.....	2,535.43		
Printing Supplies.....	387.27		
Audit and Legal.....	1,016.00		
Insurance.....	589.90		
Group Hospitalization Insurance.....	683.04		
Expired Due Bills.....	82.30		
Repairs to Office Equipment.....	285.27		
Miscellaneous.....	383.93	72,191.39	531,443.75

Net Excess of Expense from Operations..... (33,998.34)

## OTHER EXPENSE:

Cash Discounts—Advertisers.....	4,790.54		
Bad Debts.....	438.77		
Shortage.....	.46	5,229.77	

## OTHER INCOME:

Interest.....	906.25		
Miscellaneous.....	1,043.58	1,949.83	3,279.94

Net Excess of Expense for the Year..... \$(37,278.28)

### Future Farmers Supply Service Statement of Income and Expense

Year Ended June 30, 1967

	Stockroom	Drop Shipment	Total
Sales.....	\$953,285.33	\$627,989.05	\$1,581,274.38
<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD:</b>			
Inventory, July 1, 1966.....	136,276.91		136,276.91
Purchases.....	638,825.29	461,251.65	1,100,076.94
Lettering Cost.....	53,621.82		53,621.82
Freight In.....	6,210.77		6,210.77
Shipping Charges.....		19,874.19	19,874.19
	834,934.79	481,125.84	1,316,060.63
Less: Inventory, June 30, 1967 .....	212,076.90		212,076.90
Cost of Goods Sold.....	622,857.89	481,125.84	1,103,983.73
Gross Profit.....	<u><u>\$330,427.44</u></u>	<u><u>\$146,863.21</u></u>	477,290.65

**EXPENSE:**

Salaries.....	\$180,228.07	
Royalties.....	110,669.96	
Freight and Postage.....	54,204.84	
Advertising.....	10,915.66	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies.....	6,897.29	
Wrapping and Shipping Materials and Supplies.....	7,601.57	
Rent.....	25,000.00	
Legal and Accounting.....	4,075.00	
Depreciation.....	8,677.08	
Taxes and Licenses.....	1,415.80	
Insurance.....	2,461.89	
Group Hospitalization Insurance.....	1,431.48	
Disability Insurance Expense.....	1,440.08	
Social Security Taxes.....	8,476.72	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	2,648.35	
Travel.....	3,953.92	
Truck and Auto Expense.....	717.96	
Merchandise Losses.....	1,948.06	
Discontinued and Obsolete Merchandise.....	2,189.04	
Office Expense.....	2,047.26	
Retirement Expense.....	10,247.60	
Miscellaneous Expense.....	473.50	447,721.13
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		\$ 29,569.52

**OTHER INCOME:**

Interest Income.....	6,046.01	
Discounts Received.....	860.78	
Miscellaneous Income.....	1,438.29	
Gain on Disposal of Equipment.....	104.48	8,449.56

**OTHER EXPENSE:**

Discounts and Allowances.....	\$ 3,245.86		
Bad Debts.....	161.63	\$ 3,407.49	\$ 5,042.07

Net Excess of Income for the Year..... \$ 34,611.59

**Future Farmers of America — General Fund  
Future Farmers Supply Service  
The National Future Farmer  
Consolidated Statement of Income and Expense**

Year Ended June 30, 1967

**INCOME:**

Sales.....	\$1,581,274.38	
Less: Cost of Goods Sold.....	1,103,983.73	
Gross Profit.....		\$ 477,290.65
Advertising Income—Net of Agency Commissions and Discounts.....		265,586.27
Subscriptions Income—Net of State Association Discounts.....		155,950.80
Calendar Income.....		75,874.09
Membership Dues.....		44,007.00
Interest Income.....		16,009.35
Miscellaneous Income.....		2,586.35
Discounts Received.....		860.78
Royalties.....		325.00
Binder Income—Net.....		34.25
Total Income.....		<hr/> 1,038,524.54



## EXPENSE:

Salaries—General and Administrative.....	\$264,914.83	
Magazine Costs—Production Department.....	223,465.62	
—Advertising Department.....	71,817.34	
—Circulation Department.....	72,421.30	
—Editorial Department.....	18,022.75	
Calendar Costs and Expense.....	73,525.35	
Freight and Postage.....	57,341.44	
Travel.....	42,247.93	
National Convention.....	37,897.21	
Maintenance and Utilities.....	32,053.10	
Depreciation.....	22,788.09	
Retirement Expense.....	16,251.99	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies.....	14,731.30	
Social Security Taxes.....	15,212.41	
National Office—Miscellaneous Expense.....	8,368.81	
Advertising.....	10,915.66	
Discounts and Allowances.....	8,036.40	
Wrapping and Shipping Supplies.....	7,601.57	
Legal and Accounting.....	6,286.00	
International Activities.....	7,820.61	
Awards.....	6,516.77	
Discontinued and Obsolete Merchandise.....	2,189.04	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	5,235.95	
Insurance.....	5,512.79	
Health Insurance.....	3,554.60	
Taxes and Licenses.....	1,415.80	
Office Expense.....	2,047.26	
Merchandise Losses.....	1,948.06	
Truck and Auto Expense.....	717.96	
Repairs.....	481.20	
Expired Due Bills.....	82.30	
Judging Expense.....	699.48	
Bad Debts.....	600.40	
Printing Supplies.....	387.27	
Miscellaneous Expense.....	906.00	
Total Expense.....		1,044,014.59
Net Excess of Expense for the Year.....		<u>\$ (5,490.05)</u>

**Future Farmers of America — General Fund****Future Farmers Supply Service****The National Future Farmer****Consolidated Analysis of Accumulated Excess of Income**

	June 30, 1967	
Balance, July 1, 1966.....		\$1,324,174.86
Add: Increase resulting from merger with "New Farmers of America" (See Footnote 1).....	\$ 12,321.15	
Prior Year Adjustment—Recording Supply Inventory.....	992.93	13,314.08
		<u>\$1,337,488.94</u>
Less: Excess of Expense for the Year (Exhibit B).....	5,490.05	
Transfer to Depreciation Reserve Fund.....	9,686.57	15,176.62
Balance, June 30, 1967.....		<u><u>\$1,322,312.32</u></u>

# Budget

## Future Farmers of America

JULY 1, 1967 — JUNE 30, 1968

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

Dues.....	\$229,000.00	
Royalties.....	112,325.00	
Rent—Future Farmers Supply Service.....	25,000.00	
Rent—National FFA Magazine.....	10,000.00	
Rent—FFA Foundation Coordinator's Office.....	1,000.00	
Interest on Savings.....	5,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts.....		\$382,325.00
To be Appropriated from Surplus.....		42,975.00
Total Amount Budgeted.....		<u>\$425,300.00</u>

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES**

<b>I. NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE</b>		
Salaries.....	\$ 66,000.00	
Travel—National Staff (4).....	10,000.00	
Equipment.....	2,700.00	
Supplies (Regional Leadership Material).....	1,000.00	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	200.00	
Postage and Express.....	400.00	
Repair and Adjustment.....	200.00	
Legal and Auditing.....	1,300.00	
Subscriptions to Professional Journals.....	50.00	
Stenographic Expense for National Officers.....	700.00	
Clothing and Equipment for National Officers ..	600.00	
Brochures.....	100.00	
Insurance.....	1,300.00	
Social Security Tax.....	2,750.00	
Miscellaneous.....	500.00	\$ 87,800.00
<b>II. NATIONAL FFA MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.....</b>		
		185,000.00
<b>III. PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>		
National FFA Week Material.....	\$ 3,000.00	
Complimentary Subscriptions to Magazine.....	900.00	
FFA Calendars.....	800.00	
Photographs.....	1,750.00	
Special Publicity and Promotion.....	1,500.00	
Special Activities.....	1,000.00	8,950.00
<b>IV. TRAVEL</b>		
National Officers.....	\$ 25,000.00	
Board of Directors.....	2,500.00	
Board Meetings—Coiner.....	100.00	27,600.00
<b>V. NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>		
Delegate Expense.....	\$ 5,700.00	
Printing.....	8,500.00	
National Band.....	2,800.00	
National Chorus.....	2,000.00	
Secretarial Travel and Expense.....	1,200.00	
Pageant Program.....	500.00	
Talent.....	1,000.00	

Exhibits.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Career Show.....	1,000.00	
Leadership Training Demonstration.....	500.00	
FFA Donors Reception.....	500.00	
Stenotypist.....	450.00	
Photographs and Publicity.....	1,000.00	
Communications.....	400.00	
Rental of Equipment.....	2,700.00	
Supplies.....	500.00	
Decorations.....	3,000.00	
New Equipment.....	1,000.00	
Express on Trunks.....	100.00	
Labor.....	2,000.00	
Travel Expenses—Officers' Parents to Convention	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous.....	1,500.00	\$ 39,350.00
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VI. NATIONAL FFA CENTER		
Buildings—Maintenance, Fuel, Repair.....	\$ 30,000.00	
Taxes.....	2,400.00	
Center Development Fund.....	8,000.00	
FFA Archives.....	2,500.00	
Depreciation Reserve Fund.....	10,000.00	52,900.00
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VII. PRINTING		
Stationery, Forms and Brochures.....	\$ 6,500.00	
Handbooks and Reference Material.....	350.00	
Miscellaneous.....	200.00	7,050.00
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VIII. AWARDS		
American Farmer Keys.....	\$ 4,500.00	
Certificates and Awards.....	2,200.00	6,700.00
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IX. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE.....		1,500.00
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X. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES		
Travel and Subsistence.....	\$ 7,000.00	
Printing FFA Materials (Foreign).....	500.00	
FFA Brochures, Manuals, Etc.....	300.00	
Color Slides of FFA Activities.....	100.00	
Incidentals (Medical, Ins., Etc.).....	100.00	
Miscellaneous.....	200.00	8,200.00
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XI. CONTINGENT .....		250.00
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TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.....		\$425,300.00



# Committee Reports

## Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Officer for the year 1967-68. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegate's consideration.

<i>President</i> .....	GREG BAMFORD, Colorado
<i>Secretary</i> .....	PAUL DIEHL, Missouri
<i>Central Vice President</i> .....	WILLIAM BOEHM, Wisconsin
<i>No. Atlantic Vice President</i> .....	RICHARD JONES, New York
<i>Pacific Vice President</i> .....	JOHN GEMMILL, Arizona
<i>Southern Vice President</i> .....	ROBERT RISH, South Carolina

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Olson, Minnesota, *Chairman*  
 Rick Beck, Montana  
 Barry Fujiishin, Oregon  
 Bill Fizzell, New Hampshire  
 Dewey Whitmore, Delaware  
 Damon Talley, Kentucky  
 Dean Pike, Nebraska  
 Larry Ray, Arkansas  
 Eddie Holbrooks, Georgia

## Report of Auditing Committee

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have inspected the general records of the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America. We found that the accounts kept by J. M. Campbell, National Treasurer, and Mrs. Pauline Coiner, his secretary, for the fiscal year July 1, 1966 through June 30, 1967, were in sound financial condition. We also reviewed the audit of Leach, Calkins and Scott, Certified Public Accountants.

We wish to commend Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Coiner for their fine job in keeping the FFA accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Pieper, Jr., Maryland, *Chairman*  
 Jerry Moore, South Carolina  
 Steven Strege, North Dakota  
 James A. Butler, Maine  
 Cliff Morgan, Arizona  
 Paul Kresge, California

### **Report of the Convention Proceedings Committee**

We, the Committee on Convention Proceedings for 1967, do hereby, recommend the following for the 40th National Convention Proceedings:

1. That the major sections of the contents of the Proceedings be arranged in much the same manner as last year's Proceedings.
2. That more photographs of the many varied activities be used in the Proceedings and if cost permits that color pictures be used.
3. Include a picture of Talent Show participants, together with their names.
4. The Report of the National Executive Secretary be included in the Proceedings.
5. The names of the band and chorus members be listed on or near the picture of the groups.
6. A page be devoted to the purposes and proper uses of the National Convention Proceedings.
7. A copy of the Proceedings be sent to: Donors to the National FFA Foundation, convention speakers, local chapters in all States, State Officers.

More copies should be made available to chapters, if needed, through the Future Farmers Supply Service or the National Office. State officers, chapter officers and advisors should interest younger members in the Proceedings and keep a copy or copies on file in the chapter library.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Kinney, Florida, *Chairman*  
Dee Goedeke, Missouri  
Norris D. Brisson, Vermont  
Marvin Weaver, Mississippi  
Juan B. Nuñez, Puerto Rico

### **Report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee**

After reviewing the 1967 Future Farmers Supply Service catalogue, we, the members of the 1967 committee recommend:

1. That items 201 and 201-W blue and white sport dress shirts respectively, be modernized in style, incorporating long tails, a modern perma-press fabric, and a modern collar, the name and emblem to stay as they presently are.
2. That consideration be given to reinstating FFA coveralls in the Supply Service inventories and catalogue, if demand so warrants.
3. That a ring-type loose-leaf notebook of the type National Officers carry, be made available to State Officers through the Supply Service. Size to be approximately 4 by 8 inches.

4. That an optional inside pocket to accommodate the notebook in item 3 be made available at extra cost on FFA jackets.
5. That as soon as emblems for the three new Foundation Awards (Agribusiness, Placement in Agricultural Production, and Natural Resources Development) are created, appropriate award plaques be made available.
6. That consideration be given to providing matching pictures of Jefferson and Washington for the chapter degree ceremonies.
7. That a sign saying "A Future Farmer Lives Here" be made available as well as the present one saying "FFA Member Lives Here."
8. That statuettes for trophies be modernized to more accurately reflect trends in livestock conformity.
9. That consideration be given to placing a notice in the catalogue stating that special order awards will be made for orders meriting such consideration.
10. That quality recordings of the National FFA Band and FFA Chorus concerts be made at the 41st National Convention and that these records be made available to chapters through the Supply Service.
11. That consideration be given to the possibility of supplying tape recordings of the National Public Speaking winners through the Supply Service.
12. That chapters' recommendations for improved service be made in writing before January 1, of each year, and mailed to the Supply Service.
13. That ALL chapters plan their orders so as to prevent the FFSS from having to handle RUSH orders and paging the special delivery on rush orders.
14. That the Future Farmers of America commend the management and staff of the Supply Service for their prompt and dedicated service to the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Pope, Ohio, *Chairman*  
Wells Hall, North Carolina  
Steven J. Stewart, New York  
Johnny Green, New Mexico  
Bob Lamb, Colorado  
Mike Nickell, Missouri

### **Report of the Leadership Training Committee**

We, the members of the Leadership Training Committee for 1967, recommend the following as a means of encouraging leadership:

1. Encourage leadership on the local level.
  - a. Urge State officers to visit as many chapters as possible.



- b. State officers to attend district leadership schools.
  - c. State officers to conduct leadership training sessions for chapter officers in their respective areas at State conventions and leadership camps.
  - d. Urge all chapters to hold a local Creed contest.
  - e. Urge chapters to emphasize leadership training for future local officers by electing junior officers.
2. Promote leadership activities on the State level by the following means:
    - a. Continue regional leadership training sessions.
    - b. Establish a parliamentary procedure contest on the national level.
    - c. Urge State student officers to work with the immediate past student officers to familiarize themselves with the duties.
  3. We recommend the appointment of a committee to look into the possibility of organizing a national contest to rank States in their leadership promotional activities.

The committee also felt that the plans for the national FFA leadership center were too elaborate and a more conservative plan might be instituted.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Wiederstein, Iowa, *Chairman*  
Alvin Woods, Mississippi  
Roy Johnson, Minnesota  
Ralph Perkins, Colorado  
Dale Raymond, Kansas  
Bab Brand, Alabama  
Robert Crawley, Idaho

### **Report of the National FFA Calendar Committee**

We commend the FFA Calendar staff, under the direction of Mr. Jack Pitzer, for the excellent manner in which the calendar program is being developed and promoted, and encourage them to seek new ideas for continued improvements.

In order to further promote the distribution of the Official National FFA Calendar, and realizing that the calendar is one of the most important FFA public relations activities, we make the following recommendations:

1. To bring about increased participation on the chapter and state level we suggest:
  - a. That the local chapters and state associations form an official FFA Calendar Committee, as a part of its public relations program.
  - b. That local chapters use the material received from the calendar department, to inform the chapter members concerning the calendar program.
  - c. That all State officers and/or other state officials stress the importance of the official calendar program at all State

- Leadership Camps and officer training sessions, preferably during public relations sessions; and that State Officers be encouraged to include brief comments about the calendar program during chapter visits.
- d. That State Advisors and executive secretaries assist in providing information to the new state officers and calendar committee and emphasize the importance of the National FFA Calendar Program.
  - e. That the calendar department provide appropriate informative articles to be included in the National and the State FFA publications to familiarize each chapter with the three plans of the calendar program.
  - f. That chapters be encouraged to give calendars as a token of appreciation to supporters of the FFA.
  - g. That all chapters be encouraged to provide interesting "color" action pictures for possible publication on the FFA calendar, and in the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
2. To increase number of calendars being distributed, we suggest:
    - a. Chapters impress upon prospective sponsors the benefits and advertising values of the calendar to his business.
    - b. Chapters and sponsors be encouraged to include non-FFA homes in calendar distribution.
    - c. Chapters provide the Official FFA Calendar as the room calendar for all classrooms in their local school system.
    - d. Local chapters and State calendar committees be familiar with Plans A, B, and C, of the official calendar programs and encourage participation in Plan A if fund raising is desirable.
  3. The encouragement of distribution of all three calendar styles (home and office, desk, folding poster) should be continued.
  4. Chapters should be encouraged to place all orders by October 1, of the preceding year, to facilitate a more efficient calendar program.
  5. Calendars should be distributed, where they will accomplish the greatest public relations benefits for the FFA.
  6. The Official Calendar Program be included in the National, State and local program of activities as a separate sub-heading under the Public Relations Section, and the goals be to have the State Association and local chapters participate more actively in the calendar program, possible by utilizing Plan B of the Official Calendar Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Cosner, New Mexico, *Chairman*  
Michael Lemons, West Virginia  
Jeff Lundberg, Wyoming  
Calvin O'Harrow, Wisconsin  
Lee Austin, Tennessee  
Ed Bogner, Kansas  
Frank Vernon, North Carolina

### **Report of the National Foundation and Awards Committee**

On behalf of the National FFA Organization, we, the National Foundation and Awards Committee of the 40th Annual National Convention, express our appreciation to the many generous donors whose aid has made it possible to develop the aims and purposes of this organizations, inspire members to reach high goals and be recognized accordingly.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. M. G. O'Neil, President, The General Tire and Rubber Company, for his dedicated services as Chairman of the 1967 Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

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

1. Give appropriate recognition to the National FFA Foundation, Inc., at the local level by:
  - a. Explanation of the National Foundation Awards Programs at the chapter banquets and other meetings by State FFA Officers.
  - b. Chapter Advisors go over awards frequently and in detail with all members.
  - c. Stress to Advisors at State and District Vocational Agriculture Teacher's Conferences the importance of and needed interest in the awards program.
  - d. Invite all donors to local chapter functions.
2. Recognize the National FFA Foundation on the state level by:
  - a. Inviting national donors to the state convention for appropriate recognition.
  - b. Inviting a National Officer or other qualified person to explain the activities of the National Foundation at the state convention.
  - c. Stressing participation in Foundation awards programs by state officers during local chapter visits and at leadership conferences.
3. A neat and practical display of all Foundation Award medals be made available to local chapters and State associations at cost by the Future Farmers Supply Service.
4. Place in the opening pages of the Student Project Record Book a dynamic statement concerning the various Foundation Awards, requirements, and the achievements possible.
5. Reactivate the "Pilot Programs" for the year 1970 which have been discontinued this year.
6. National, State and Local award winners send thank you letters of appreciation to the Chairman of the National Foundation Sponsoring Committee.
7. Recommend following the eligibility rules as stated by the July 1967 Board of Trustees in regard to the Proficiency Awards.



8. A special article for the National FFA Magazine be prepared to encourage the increased use of National Foundation and Awards program activities.
9. Make the following changes in the National Score Sheets:
  - a. Public Speaking: Page 4, Part 3 in the "Points Allowed" column for undertime and overtime, deductions specify 20 points per *minute*.
  - b. Chapter Safety: Urge each chapter and all its members to participate in Safety Award Contest.
  - c. National Chapter Award Program: Use increased publicity thru State Newsletters and publications in order to improve participation in Bronze, Silver and Gold Chapter awards.

We also highly commend the Boards of National Officers and Directors for recognizing the National Foundation donors through the donor reception, during the National Good-Will Tour, and we recommend that these activities be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny McElroy, Oklahoma, *Chairman*  
 Ron Mosser, Indiana  
 Robert Miller, Connecticut  
 Roger Bietz, South Dakota  
 Lou Thomas, Texas  
 Larry Columbia, Vermont  
 Ronald Lewis, North Dakota

### **Report of the International Education Activities Committee**

We, the Committee on International Education Activities for 1967, submit the following recommendations for consideration:

1. That the present program already in existence be continued and other similar programs be initiated in other interested developing countries.
2. That the National FFA Office set up and promote new programs when asked to do so by the State Department, AID, FAO, UNESCO, etc.
3. That the National FFA Office serve as a "clearing house" and orientation center for all participants in these programs.
4. That the expenses of these programs be financed cooperatively through National and State Offices and by the individual participants.
5. As FFA funds become available, make members, staff, or officers available to any country which requests it, and that we be ready to accept the representatives of other countries to the United States.
6. Coordinate State Associations' programs, either in providing essential material needed or an exchange program in developing countries.

7. That the study-tour of Europe be continued and other similar programs be initiated to include other developing countries and continents.
8. That the National Office cooperate with the International Agricultural Exchange Association of Copenhagen, Denmark and other interested countries, in promoting the exchange of rural youth, improving international understanding and increasing the level of agricultural education in the participating countries.
9. That International Educational Activities be included in the National Program of Activities.
10. That the FFA sponsor an Educational Tour to Europe in 1968 to involve outstanding FFA members, together with state and national vocational agriculture staff representatives as well as other interested adults. This activity to be in cooperation with state associations.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom E. Johnson, Illinois, *Chairman*

Camile Gaspard, Louisiana

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Jeff Hanlon, Oregon

Jerry White, Oklahoma

Keith Smith, Utah

### **Report of the National Future Farmers Magazine Committee**

We, the members of the 1967 National Magazine Committee submit the following recommendations for consideration:

1. Encourage members, advisors and parents to write letters to the editor giving inspirational, educational and technical suggestions, and/or their personal views for the improvement of the magazine.
2. Suggest FFA Chapters follow up correspondence with the magazine when members fail to receive their copies.
3. Suggest the continued use of inspirational articles by or about the National Officers, National Award Winners, outstanding FFA members and former FFA members.
4. Encourage members, local chapters, collegiate chapters and the state associations to submit unusual articles and/or pictures to the magazine for use in "FFA in Action," "From the Mailbag," "Photo Roundup," "Joke Page," and the "Chapter Scoop." All members, chapters or associations submitting articles and/or pictures which are published will be reimbursed. All articles and/or pictures should conform to the standards set by the FFA Organization (see manual).
5. Encourage local chapters, state associations and the National Organization to give complimentary subscriptions of the mag-

azine to honorary members, business men and other friends of the FFA and have the magazine made available in as many public places (school library, business office, etc.) as possible. We suggest the continuation of a letter designating from whom a complimentary copy is sent.

6. Encourage former members and others interested in FFA to subscribe to the magazine.
7. Suggest that state and local officers mention the National FFA Magazine in chapter meetings, point out the value of the magazine and ways to encourage members to take full advantage of the magazine.
8. Encourage the magazine to use its resources to properly portray the image of agriculture in America today.
9. Encourage continued use of pre-convention and post-convention articles in appropriate issues.
10. Encourage chapters and state associations to set an early deadline for payment of dues to assure new members of earliest possible delivery of the magazine.
11. Urge members to use their correct full name, proper address and zip code when submitting subscriptions.
12. Suggest the National Future Farmer Magazine Committee report highlights be published in the magazine, and/or newsletter by the magazine.

As Future Farmers we are proud that our magazine ranks 7th in circulation among farm magazines. We commend Mr. Carnes and staff on a commendable job. With a circulation of nearly one-half million copies per issue, we wish them continued success.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

1967 - 1968

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
<b>I. SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM AND/OR OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>		
<b>1. Awards for Achievements In Agriculture</b>	Cooperate in administering and promoting the FFA Foundation Awards Program to provide appropriate awards for agricultural	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Administer and give Achievement in Farming Awards to FFA members.</li> <li>b. Distribute to local chapters appropriate Foundation medals.</li> <li>c. Present awards at appropriate ceremonies.</li> </ol>



Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
	achievements by FFA members	d. Revise and distribute forms as necessary.
<b>2. Publicity of Achievements</b>	Give recognition for outstanding achievements	a. Prepare and distribute news releases about national award winners. b. Publicize achievements of award winners. c. Encourage the coverage of national award winners in the National Future Farmer Magazine.
	Cooperate in making films in the following areas: 4 Star Farmers; Farming Today; Agriculture — Dynamic — Challenging	a. Make records available to producers. b. Assist in showing of film at national convention. c. Make film available at local, State and regional levels. d. Make an off-farm occupational experience film available at local, state and national levels.

## II. COOPERATION

<b>1. National Farm Organizations</b>	Cooperate in appropriate activities with all national farm organizations	a. Have annual meetings of National FFA Officers with Officials of American Institute of Cooperation, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Grange, American Farm Bureau, Farmers Educational & Co-operative Union, Farm Institutes and others. b. Have an officer attend and take part in the program of national farm organizations when requested.
<b>2. Dairy Cattle Congress</b>	Participate in Congress	a. Hold National Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and National Dairy Products Contest. b. Confer National Dairy Farming awards. c. Arrange for public appearances by award winners and officers. d. Make national officers available for programs and public relations activities.
<b>3. American Royal Live Stock Show</b>	Participate in American Royal	a. Have National Livestock Judging Contests held at the Royal. b. Have National FFA Band march in American Royal Parade. c. Provide time in the national convention program for FFA representatives to participate in the American Royal FFA Day. d. Exhibit livestock at the American Royal by FFA members.
<b>4. Farm Expositions or Fairs</b>	FFA to be represented at Regional and National Expositions	a. Arrange for FFA National Officers to attend and participate. b. Assist with exhibits, exposition, pageants, etc. c. Provide assistance to State associations on all programs and exhibits which stress the activities of the FFA.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
5. <b>International Educational Exchange Programs</b>	Coordinate and assist State Department in training program with Future Farmers from other countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Continue training program for trainees and coordinate programs with State associations.</li> <li>b. Continue to have the exchange students attend important FFA and agricultural events.</li> <li>c. Arrange for a national officer and staff member to participate in the exchange program when desired by State Department.</li> </ul>
6. <b>American Vocational Association</b>	Participate in AVA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Arrange for a national officer to attend if requested.</li> <li>b. Consider having an exhibit by a local chapter, State association or the national organization.</li> </ul>
7. <b>National Safety Council</b>	Participate in National Safety Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have a National FFA Officer attend and participate in the NSC meetings in Chicago.</li> <li>b. Cooperate with the State associations and the NSC in the development of both programs and materials to promote farm safety.</li> </ul>
8. <b>Farm-City Week</b>	Participate in Farm-City Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Use national officers or other personnel to assist in promoting and conducting activities in Farm-City Week.</li> </ul>
9. <b>Business, Industry and other Organizations</b>	Foster better understanding of business and industry to agriculture, and encourage service to the FFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Assist in the development of motion pictures, filmstrips, and pamphlets for use by the FFA.</li> <li>b. Encourage cooperation with State associations and local chapters.</li> </ul>
10. <b>Youth Organizations</b>	Participate in worthwhile activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide national officer representation at national meetings of other youth organizations when invited.</li> <li>b. Invite representatives of other youth organizations to national FFA convention.</li> <li>c. Encourage State Associations to provide State officer representation at State meetings of other youth organizations when invited.</li> <li>d. Encourage State Associations to invite representatives of other youth organizations to State FFA Conventions.</li> </ul>
11. <b>Civil Defense</b>	Cooperate with civil defense agencies in programs related to rural areas, agriculture, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Work with Civil Defense Department in Washington to make surveys and coordinate program.</li> <li>b. Provide local chapters and State associations information on fallout shelters, civil defense needs, etc.</li> <li>c. Encourage local chapters and State associations to contact appropriate civil defense agencies concerning the distribution of information on fallout shelters, civil defense, etc.</li> </ul>

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
12. Peace Corps	Cooperate and assist Peace Corps in recruitment activities and overseas operations	a. Use national officers and other personnel to assist Peace Corps in leadership activities. b. Arrange for the national office to prepare and distribute current information on FFA Peace Corps projects. c. Encourage State associations and chapter advisors to inform FFA members about FFA Peace Corps projects and agricultural opportunities in the Peace Corps. d. Encourage FFA chapters to devote one meeting per year to a program on "opportunities in international agriculture through the Peace Corps."
13. National Youth Conference on Natural Beauty and Conservation	Cooperate on a National and State Level with Conference officials	a. Provide national officer/s at National Youth Conference on Natural Beauty and Conservation. b. Each State provide one or more representatives to the National Youth Conference on Natural Beauty and Conservation if requested. c. National FFA Organization promote ideas and goals of National Youth Conference on Natural Beauty and Conservation.

### III. SERVICES TO STATE ASSOCIATIONS, LOCAL CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

1. National Officers	To make maximum use of National FFA Officers	a. Have each State convention attended by one national officer. b. Participate in other important State FFA leadership activities, i.e., State officers training, etc. c. Participate in other activities where and when of value to the FFA.
2. Future Farmers Supply Service	Make available official FFA supplies from one source	a. Administer operation of Future Farmers Supply Service. b. Maintain high quality of merchandise sold through the Supply Service. c. Have staff members of the Future Farmers Supply Service attend State conventions.
3. The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine	Provide a National magazine for members	a. Administer publication of magazine b. Keep States and local chapters informed of FFA activities and events. c. Have staff attend State activities, or regional meetings. d. Members and States submit articles for publication. e. Complimentary copies be given to honorary members.
	100% of all FFA members to subscribe to magazine	a. Magazine subscription rate be collected with FFA membership dues on a chapter level.
4. Official FFA Calendar	Make available an Official FFA Calendar	a. Administer publication of calendar. b. Keep States and local chapters informed on how to use calendar.



Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
5. <b>Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.</b>	To make maximum use of Foundation awards	c. States and chapters to use calendar for effective public relations as well as a money-making activity.
	Recognize emerging agricultural occupations All States participate in Public Speaking, Chapter Award Program, Agricultural Proficiency Awards and Judging contests	a. Acquaint State associations and local chapters with Foundation. b. Prepare and distribute appropriate information about awards available from Foundation. c. Administer the selection of regional and national Foundation award winners. d. Direct the distribution of Foundation Awards to State associations. a. Develop a program of awards to stimulate interest in the emerging agricultural occupations. a. Acquaint State associations and chapters with awards programs. b. Prepare, simplify, and distribute forms. c. Supervise Public Speaking Contest, Judging Contests, National Chapter Award Program and Agricultural Proficiency Awards. d. Make available appropriate plaques, awards, certificates, etc.
6. <b>FFA Building and Property</b>	Supervise, operate and maintain real estate, building and equipment owned by the FFA	a. Administer operation and maintenance of FFA Building. b. Landscape and maintain beauty of building grounds. c. Rent basement and 1st floor to Supply Service. d. Rent 2nd floor to The National Future Farmer Magazine. e. Keep adequate insurance. f. Build and maintain adequate facilities.
	Build appropriate FFA marker	a. Use State stones, large emblem, etc.
	Expand FFA property	a. Send material informing the State Associations and their Chapters.
7. <b>Publications</b>	Provide State associations and chapters with needed publications	a. Prepare and distribute Proceedings of National FFA Convention.
		b. Revise and keep up to date through the FFSS an information booklet on Vocational Agriculture and the FFA, that can be used by lay people and prospective students of vocational agriculture.
		c. Revise and keep up to date a Handbook for National FFA Officers and this be published by July 1 for use in training of State officers.
		d. Prepare and distribute a Handbook on Collegiate FFA Chapters.
		e. Revise and keep up to date the Official FFA Manual.
		f. Assist with the preparation of FFA Foundation publications.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
8. FFA Filmstrips	Produce filmstrips and colored slides which provide general information on FFA, National FFA Convention, Good-Will Tour and Proper Use of the FFA Jacket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Slides and filmstrips to be used by FFA members and others when speaking before groups.</li> <li>b. Have filmstrips and slides sold by Future Farmers Supply Service.</li> </ul>
9. FFA Tape Recordings	Produce tape recordings of National Public Speaking Contest and highlights of National FFA Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Recordings to be used by FFA members and local chapters.</li> <li>b. Have recordings sold by Future Farmers Supply Service.</li> </ul>
10. Correspondence	Provide information on FFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Acquaint State associations and chapters with new developments pertaining to FFA.</li> <li>b. Acquaint others with important activities of the organization.</li> <li>c. Handle correspondence in relation to FFA problems by chapters, State associations and others.</li> </ul>

#### IV. LEADERSHIP

1. Leadership Training	Emphasize training in citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage program on citizenship at national convention.</li> <li>b. Provide materials on citizenship to State associations and local chapters.</li> </ul>
	Hold Regional Leadership Conferences for State Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Assist and cooperate with State associations.</li> <li>b. Assign national officers to participate.</li> <li>c. Furnish material, personnel, etc., as needed for conferences.</li> <li>d. Encourage 100% of State officers to participate in a Sub-Regional Leadership Conference.</li> </ul>
	Provide leadership training at national convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide financial assistance for State leadership demonstrations.</li> <li>b. Provide time on program for leadership training.</li> </ul>
2. Citizenship Training	Provide training in citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Include in leadership training at national convention and also at the regional training conferences.</li> <li>b. Make citizenship material available.</li> </ul>

#### V. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. National Meetings	Administer FFA affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hold three meetings annually of Board of National Officers and National Board of Directors.</li> <li>b. Attend and assist with the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of FFA Foundation.</li> </ul>
	Hold National Convention in Kansas City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Conduct the National FFA Convention in cooperation with State associations, Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and others.</li> <li>b. Continue to organize a Courtesy Corps and Usher Committee to assist in the national convention activities.</li> </ul>

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



Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		e. Attend national meetings of American Agricultural Editors' Association.
6. Informational materials	Keep and distribute informational materials	a. Maintain a supply of materials about the FFA. b. Provide such materials to give to people desiring information about FFA. c. Keep up to date a mailing list of people who should receive information about organization. d. Cooperate with the State Department making FFA information available upon request.
7. Educational Exchange with Foreign Countries	Develop understanding of FFA among foreign countries  National FFA Office coordinate foreign exchange programs	a. Cooperate with the International Education Division of the USOE in working with foreign visitors. b. Provide informational material to these people. c. Invite visitors from foreign countries to attend the National FFA Convention. d. Help foreign visitors schedule visits to State associations. a. Cooperate with State Associations in educational programs with friendly countries. b. Sponsor Educational Tour to Europe. c. Sponsor visits of National Officers to developing countries for Future Farmer program development. d. Make national officers and other personnel available to serve upon request.
8. Exhibits	Make available exhibit materials	a. Provide pictures, charts and other materials and information for the FFA exhibits. b. Arrange for exhibits to be used at national meetings, educational conferences, agricultural fairs and other occasions. c. Exhibits at national convention should conform to National FFA Week theme.
9. National FFA Week	Emphasize FFA nationally	a. Prepare aids for State associations and chapters, including suggestions for radio and TV scripts, news stories, mats, seals, speeches and chapter activities. b. Arrange for materials to be purchased through the Supply Service by State and local chapters. c. Have material for FFA week on display at national convention. d. Sell outdoor billboard posters through the Future Farmers Supply Service. e. Make success stories available to local and regional publishers.
10. Promote Agriculture	Emphasize the importance and also the op-	a. Develop and use publicity on a national level.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
	portunities in agriculture	b. Solicit the support of national magazines and newspapers. c. State associations work with their State colleges and/or universities of agriculture.
11. Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the FFA	Suitable awards on the national, State and local levels to be given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the FFA	a. Confer the honorary degree upon those earning award. b. Use appropriate and impressive ceremony. c. Make appropriate plaques and other awards available for presentation. d. Confer appropriate plaque for service to the organization.
12. Honorary Degree	Award to persons whose contributions to the FFA have been outstanding	a. Confer the honorary degree upon individuals who have served FFA and have helped advance vocational agriculture. b. Use appropriate and impressive ceremony.

### VIII. RECREATION

1. FFA Talent Program and Recreation	Provide good talent and entertainment at the national convention	a. Use adult assistants. b. Audition musical units and talent numbers for program. c. Provide for talent show on convention program. d. Provide for financial assistance for talent members.
	Provide recreation	a. Organize tours to points of interest. b. Use Kansas City Advisory Committee to assist with tours.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Domingo Laracuente, Puerto Rico  
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### Report of the Program of Activities (Local Guide) Committee

After studying the Guide for Local Chapters to use in developing a program of activities, the committee feels that the present guide as printed in the 1967 Official FFA Manual is complete and accurate, except for the recommendations in the following divisions:

1. Division I, Activity 4, goal number 1 to read, "75% members build and/or maintain home farm shops."
2. Division II, Activity 3, add c, d, e under Ways and Means to read:
  - c. "Chapter encourage placement of members in off-farm agricultural occupations for work experience."

- d. "Provide speakers for service clubs during Farm and City Week."
- e. "Invite urban residents to be hosted on members' farms."
- 3. Division III, Activity 1, goal number 2 reading: "Chapter send one member to National Safety Congress in Chicago."
- 4. Division X, Activity 1, add c under the Ways and Means of goal number 2, to read "Help State Staff erect an FFA exhibit."

Respectfully submitted,

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Gene King, Tennessee  
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Wayne Burkett, Rhode Island  
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### **Report of the Public Relations Committee**

We, the Committee on Public Relations for 1967-68, go on record as recommending the following:

- 1. That the National Officers continue the Good Will Tour with the possibility of visiting more states in different areas of the Nation. State associations and local chapters are also encouraged to conduct more of these tours.
- 2. That the FFA educational exchange program between the U.S. and foreign countries be encouraged and supported at all levels, with the recommendation that such programs be coordinated by our National FFA Organization.
- 3. National Officers be the highlight of a state convention, and that every state association encourage the exchange of officers at state conventions.
- 4. That each Future Farmer be required to familiarize himself with the "Code of Ethics" prior to receiving the Green Hand degree, with special emphasis on the jacket.
- 5. That special emphasis be put on public relations training for officers of all levels of the FFA.
- 6. That local chapters select outstanding representatives to speak before farm organizations, business, civic and youth groups, emphasizing a Farm City Youth Week and Farm Safety Week. That cooperative activities with other vocational youth organizations be encouraged at all levels.
- 7. That outstanding farmers, businessmen and others who are helping to promote the FFA be invited to and given recognition at the state convention, and local banquets in order to promote a better working relationship between them and the FFA.



8. That all levels of the FFA provide publications, including the National Future Farmer Magazine for distribution to the membership, Foundation donors and other interested parties.
9. That delegates, award winners and individuals at the national, state, and local functions, express their appreciation to the sponsors and donors by personal note of thanks.
10. That state associations and local chapters make use of films, and other educational materials pertaining to agriculture, agricultural business and the FFA by providing them for clubs, banquets and assemblies.
11. That the FFA continue to express appreciation by presentation of honorary degrees and certificates of appreciation on the local, state and national levels to worthy individuals who have contributed to the FFA.
12. That a special effort to observe National FFA Week by the increased use of newspaper coverage, display ads, advertisement folders, billboard signs, radio and television, and by speaking to farm, business, civic and youth groups be exerted. That each state recognize National FFA Week by having the Governor issue an official proclamation declaring the week as National FFA Week, and that local chapters make some public presentation to familiarize the local community with the FFA.
13. That more interviews, speeches and planned programs be presented on radio and TV stations to inform and create more interest in the FFA.
14. That the local chapters and state association be encouraged to use more educational exhibits, and provide more educational material explaining the FFA program. More effective use of "Children's Barnyard" at local and state fairs would be very helpful.
15. That the state exhibits at the National FFA Convention be continued and expanded, and that those in attendance be encouraged to view them.
16. That the state reporter make a list of outstanding public relations activities from their state, and submit it to the national magazine for publication.
17. That the use of the FFA Calendar be used on all levels and recognize the official use of all FFA attire in these publications.
18. The following theme for FFA Week 1969 is suggested: *FFA—Sharing Agricultural Knowledge.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Curtis Parker, Utah  
Henry Choy, Hawaii

### Report of the Official Manual Committee

After reviewing the 1967 Official FFA Manual and the report of the 1966 Committee, we recommend the following for the 1968 edition:

1. Change the size of the Official FFA Manual to an enlarged size, preferably 8½" x 11" (notebook size).
2. Holes be punched in the Manual in order that it can be attached in a notebook, preferably to fit a three-hole notebook or binder.
3. Pictures accompany the "Proper Use of the Official FFA Jacket" (For example: The proper wearing of medals and emblems and that this be displayed by two pictures, one showing the proper use of the jacket and one showing the improper use of the jacket.)
4. Pictures be up-dated in terms of quality and clarity.
  - a. Actual picture of the National FFA Center be on Page 4.
  - b. Update the picture on Page 67, possibly having all the individuals shown wearing clothing depicting the FFA organization.
  - c. Clarification be improved on Page 54.
5. That the pictures of Mr. Gray and Mr. Hunsicker be placed in the Manual and that this be with the newly elected national officers.
6. Review of activities on Page 44 (check the omission of the national convention during the month of October).
7. Edit and make all other necessary changes to be included as a result of convention business, especially pertaining to ceremonies and rituals.

Respectfully submitted,

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### Report of the Resolutions Committee

The success of any convention is determined to a large extent upon the cooperation, participation, and contribution which the organization receives.

The Future Farmers of America wishes to express appreciation and sincere thanks to all those who have made this 40th National Convention an overwhelming success. We can only hope that they will continue to give us their much needed support in the future. We, therefore, resolve that the following receive recognition that they truly deserve:

1. The members of the National Board of Directors, staff of the National FFA Organization, FFA Fellowship Students, and State staffs for their conscientious influence, effort and continuing assistance to the Future Farmers of America members.
2. To the 1966-67 National Officers who have dedicated their untiring enthusiasm, time, and devotion to the constant progression of the National Organization.
3. To Mr. M. G. O'Neil, Chairman of the 1967 Foundation Sponsoring Committee, and to the (453) donors for their continued efforts in the National FFA Foundation.
4. To the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States of America, for taking time from his busy schedule to address the convention.
5. To Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and residents of Kansas City for their hearty and sincere welcome.
6. To Senator Carlson and former Senator Darby, both of Kansas, and Ambassador Vasec Leitao Da-Cunha for their attendance and participation.
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8. To all members who participated in the National Band, National Chorus, Courtesy Corps, Talent, Ushers and Stage Crew.
9. To the outstanding guest speakers who appeared on our program; Gus Douglass, Orion Samuelson, Ken Curtis, James Gray, and Donald Slayton, and to many other guests for their inspirational greetings and remarks.
10. To Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, National Executive Secretary of the FFA, for writing "50 Golden Years," and to the State Associations who participated in the Pageant.
11. To the Honorable Wayne Morse, United States Senator from Oregon, who took time from his regular duties to address the membership.
12. To R. Cedric Anderson, I. S. Glover, Don Erickson and their assistants for their outstanding work with the National FFA Band, Chorus, and Talent which performed so magnificently.
13. The Wurlitzer Organ Company for again generously loaning us an organ for the convention and to Joseph Golden, of the Texas Association, for the outstanding way he served as National Convention organist.
14. To all the individuals and companies who sponsored the many meal function, and other activities for our members.
15. To the Trade and Educational Association for the dynamic Agricultural Career Exhibits, and all State Associations for their informative exhibits.



16. To National Officers and members of other youth organizations in Vocational Education, who by their participation made our convention more successful.
17. To express our gratitude to the American Royal Association for their educational and recreational benefit to the Future Farmers while in Kansas City.
18. To all respected officials and participants who took part in the various contests and awards programs and other special events.
19. To the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for an extremely entertaining evening program.
20. To all honored guests and distinguished visitors from foreign countries, and exchange students for their contributions to our convention.
21. To the Armed Services for posting our national colors ceremony.
22. All organizations of the press, TV and radio that so kindly publicized the events occurring at this convention.
23. To Mr. and Mrs. Venard and the Keystone Steel and Wire Company for providing the inspirational movie "1967 Star Farmers."
24. To the Honorable Jacob K. Javits, New York, for the flag that was flown over the Nation's Capitol.
25. To the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cuff as an expression of gratitude for their past interest, dedication, and support of the Future Farmers of America. They were truly the Mom and Dad of the FFA.

As Future Farmers it is our individual responsibility to inform the above mentioned persons and groups of our appreciation by a short note of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Postle, Jr., Delaware, *Chairman*  
Ross Young, West Virginia  
Ronald Deiter, Wisconsin  
Dennis Stuckley, Wyoming  
Ron Friend, Ohio  
Dennis Fogarty, New Hampshire  
Earl Weaver, Pennsylvania

### **Report of the National Convention Committee**

We, the members of the 1967 National Convention Committee, commend the national officers for their outstanding performance in conducting a dynamic, impressive and very inspiring 40th annual convention. We truly feel that the national convention has been the climax of an outstanding year in FFA.

We wish to make the following recommendations to the National Board of Directors and Board of National Officers for their

consideration in the hope of improving the 1968 national convention:

1. Each State association must give instruction and supervision to FFA members to insure proper FFA dress, good conduct, strict adherence to the Code of Ethics and attendance at all sessions during the convention.
2. Delegates arrive in Kansas City in time to attend the Officer-Delegate orientation program.
3. The municipal auditorium be decorated in the future as effective as it has been this year.
4. Continue the effort to use more State associations throughout the convention.
5. All committees and chairmen be selected and notified at least two weeks prior to the convention in order for each delegate to have sufficient time to prepare for committee work. Continue to select the nominating committee at the time of the national convention. We suggest continuing to send convention information in the delegate folders to the State Executive Secretaries with a letter explaining the distribution of the delegate folders, as has been done in the past.
6. Encourage participation in tours to points of interest.
7. The National Convention Committee continue to present its report on Friday evening.
8. Increase the number of career booths and signs designating them.
9. Continue the Vespers Service with full participation by the national officers.
10. Continue the emphasis on the relationship of FFA as an intra-curricular program of vocational agriculture.
11. Continue the "How to Do" in FFA in the displays of top achievement reported in the exhibit area.
12. Photographers be restricted from entering within the delegate area.
13. The high standards of the conventions of the past and this year be pursued in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

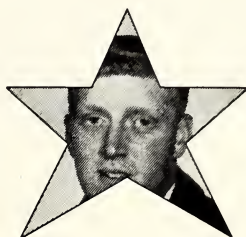
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# National FFA Foundation Awards and Contests

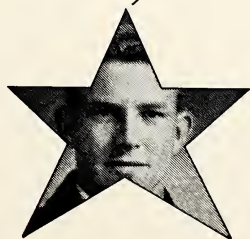
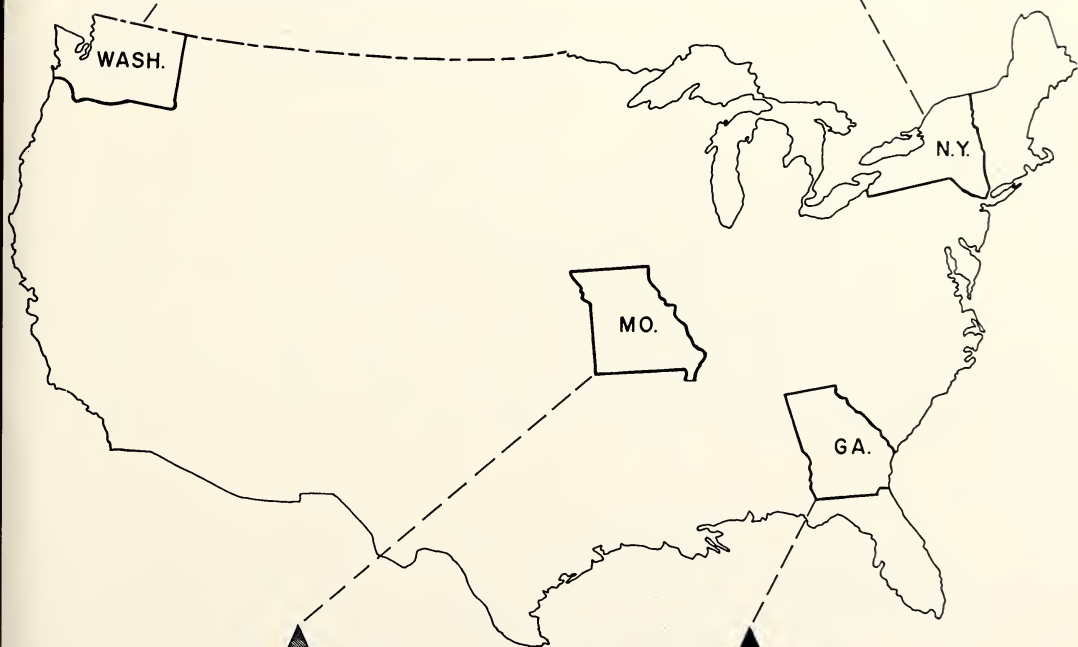
## STAR AMERICAN FARMERS 1967



R. A. "RANDE" KUMMER



DAVID J. MOSHER



WILLIAM E. FALLS



WILLIAM T. ROBERTS



The American Farmer Degree is presented annually to approximately one in one thousand of the total FFA membership. Each of the 448 American Farmers started as Greenhands with a small supervised experience program and desire to develop themselves and know more about agriculture. With the cooperation and assistance of their parents and instructors of vocational agriculture, these FFA members have expanded their supervised experience programs and developed their leadership abilities.

Each year since 1929 the Star Farmer from each region (the Southern, North Atlantic, Pacific and Central) has been selected from the American Farmer candidates. One of these four Regional Star Farmers is named Star Farmer of America at the National FFA Convention. The 1967 *Star Farmer of America* was David J. Mosher, Greenwich, New York.

The three Regional Star Farmers are:

William T. Roberts, Hahira, Georgia

William E. Falls, Stet, Missouri

R. A. Kummer, Deer Park, Washington



**STAR FARMER OF AMERICA — FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA  
JUDGES 1967**

Seated: Left to right—Joe Moore, 1955 Star Farmer of America, Granville, Tenn.; Elvin Walker, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Norman Park, Georgia; O. G. Voss, Executive Vice President, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois; Tony T. Dechant, President, National Farmers Union, Denver, Colorado; Roderick Turnbull, Agricultural Editor, Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri; M. G. O'Neil, President, The General Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Honorable R. B. Tootell, Governor, Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D.C.; and

Standing: Left to right—H. N. Hunsicker, Chief, Agricultural Education, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C.; James M. Kemper, Jr., Chairman of the Board, Commerce Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri; Edwin H. Gott, President, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; James B. Pendergast, President, Agricultural Division, Allied Chemical Corporation, New York, New York; Wallace E. Wilson, Vice President in Charge of Manufacturing Staff, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; Curry W. Stoup, President, AVCO - New Idea Farm Equipment Division, Coldwater, Ohio; Russell DeYoung, Chairman of the Board, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Merritt D. Hill, Chairman of the Board, J. I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin; John A. Morgan, Chairman of the Board, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri; R. B. Hulsen, President, Moorman Manufacturing Company, Quincy, Illinois, and L. W. Davis, Vice President, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### **National Chapter Awards Program**

One hundred and forty-eight local chapters of the Future Farmers of America were honored at the 40th annual national FFA convention in Kansas City when awards were presented in the organization's National Chapter Awards Program.

The National FFA Chapter Awards Program, conducted annually by the organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of activities. Both

the interest shown and the actual accomplishments over a period of years give ample evidence of the effectiveness of this event. The Awards Program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile activities

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

The top "Gold Emblem" rating was awarded to 54 local chapters in a special presentation Wednesday night.

Thursday morning, "Silver Emblem" awards were presented to 58 chapters, and "Bronze Emblem" to 36. The chapters were awarded for their outstanding activity records during the 1966-67 school year. Each chapter received a special plaque or, in the case of those who have received a plaque in former years, a spur for attachment to the plaque.

The Future Farmers of America has approximately 9,500 local high school chapters, with associations in 49 States, and Puerto Rico. Each State FFA Association was permitted to enter two or more chapters, depending upon State FFA membership, in the national contest. Judging was done by selected State and National staff members, representing each of the four FFA regions.

The winning chapters, *listed by States*, follow:

ALABAMA.....	Clements Chapter, Athens, silver emblem; Section Chapter, Section, silver emblem; Fairhope Chapter, Fairhope, bronze emblem; Sparkman Chapter, Toney, bronze emblem.
ARIZONA.....	Coolidge Chapter, Coolidge, gold emblem; Tempe Chapter, Tempe, silver emblem.
ARKANSAS.....	Mansfield Chapter, Mansfield, gold emblem; Leachville Chapter, Leachville, silver emblem; County Line Chapter, Ratcliff, bronze emblem; Harmony Grove Chapter, Camden, bronze emblem.
CALIFORNIA.....	Chowchilia Chapter, Chowchilia, silver emblem; Madera Chapter, Madera, silver emblem; Modesto Chapter, Modesto, silver emblem; Hanford Chapter, Hanford, bronze emblem.
COLORADO.....	Eaton Chapter, Eaton, gold emblem; Platte Valley Chapter, Kersey, gold emblem.
CONNECTICUT.....	Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, gold emblem; Lyman Hall Chapter, Wallingford, silver emblem.
DELAWARE.....	Greenwood Chapter, Greenwood, silver emblem.
FLORIDA.....	Santa Fe "Senior" Chapter, Alachua, gold emblem; Bartow Senior Chapter, Bartow, silver emblem; Fort Pierce Chapter, Fort Pierce, silver emblem.
GEORGIA.....	Greenville Chapter, Greenville, gold emblem; Winder-Barrow Chapter, Winder, gold emblem; Moultrie Chapter, Moultrie, silver emblem; Patterson Chapter, Patterson, silver emblem; Ringgold Chapter, Ringgold, silver emblem; Seminole Chapter, Donaldsonville, bronze emblem.



HAWAII.....	Kaneohe Chapter, Honolulu, bronze emblem; Lahainaluna Chapter, Mani, bronze emblem.
IDAHO.....	Gooding Chapter, Gooding, silver emblem; Twin Falls Chapter, Twin Falls, bronze emblem.
ILLINOIS.....	Maroa Chapter, Maroa, gold emblem; Sycamore Chapter, Sycamore, gold emblem; Warren Chapter, Monmouth, gold emblem; Paxton Chapter, Paxton, silver emblem.
INDIANA.....	Clinton Central Chapter, Michigantown, gold emblem; Coal Creek Central Chapter, New Richmond, gold emblem; Hagerstown Chapter, Hagerstown, gold emblem.
IOWA.....	Bloomfield Chapter, Bloomfield, gold emblem; Audubon Chapter, Audubon, silver emblem; Waverly-Shell Rock Chapter, Waverly, silver emblem.
KANSAS.....	Atchison County Chapter, Effingham, gold emblem; Garden City Chapter, Garden City, gold emblem.
KENTUCKY.....	Anderson County Chapter, Lawrenceburg, gold emblem; Memorial (Lincoln) Chapter, Waynesburg, gold emblem; Boyle County Chapter, Danville, silver emblem; Metcalfe County Chapter, Edmonton, silver emblem.
LOUISIANA.....	Saline Chapter, Saline, gold emblem; Slidell Chapter, Slidell, gold emblem; Oak Grove Chapter, Oak Grove, silver emblem.
MAINE.....	Mars Hill Chapter, Mars Hill, silver emblem; Presque Isle Chapter, Preque Isle, silver emblem.
MARYLAND.....	Damascus Chapter, Damascus, gold emblem; Gaithersburg Chapter, Gaithersburg, silver emblem.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	Wachusett Chapter, Holden, gold emblem; Silver Lake Chapter, Kingston, bronze emblem.
MICHIGAN.....	Cassopolis Chapter, Cassopolis, gold emblem; Corunna Chapter, Corunna, gold emblem; Ovid-Elsie Chapter, Elsie, silver emblem.
MINNESOTA.....	Jackson Chapter, Jackson, gold emblem; Faribault Chapter, Faribault, silver emblem; Forest Lake Chapter, Forest Lake, silver emblem; Stillwater Chapter, Stillwater, bronze emblem.
MISSISSIPPI.....	Inverness Chapter, Inverness, gold emblem; Morton Chapter, Morton, gold emblem; Scott Central Chapter, Forest, silver emblem; Collins Chapter, Collins, bronze emblem.
MISSOURI.....	Francis Howell Chapter, St. Charles, silver emblem; Perryville Chapter, Perryville, silver emblem; Salem Chapter, Salem, bronze emblem.
MONTANA.....	Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, silver emblem; Fergus of Lewistown Chapter, Lewistown, bronze emblem.
NEBRASKA.....	Ainsworth Chapter, Ainsworth, gold emblem; Pierce Chapter, Pierce, silver emblem.
NEVADA.....	Ruby Mountain Chapter, Elko, gold emblem; Virgin Valley Chapter, Mesquite, bronze emblem.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	Colebrook Chapter, Colebrook, silver emblem.
NEW JERSEY.....	Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, silver emblem; Newton Chapter, Newton, silver emblem.
NEW MEXICO.....	Roswell Chapter, Roswell, gold emblem; Hatch Chapter, Hatch, silver emblem.
NEW YORK.....	Barker Chapter, Barker, gold emblem; Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, gold emblem.
NORTH CAROLINA.....	North Iredell Chapter, Olin, gold emblem; Central Chapter, Fayetteville, silver emblem; Fuquay-Varina Chapter, Fuquay-Varina, silver emblem; Chicod Chapter, Greenville, bronze emblem; Bartlett Yancey Chapter, Yanceyville, bronze emblem; Franklin Chapter, Franklin, bronze emblem; Sun Valley Chapter, Monroe, bronze emblem.
NORTH DAKOTA.....	A. S. Gibbens Chapter, Maddock, gold emblem; Minot Chapter, Minot, gold emblem.

OHIO.....	Big Walnut Chapter, Sunbury, gold emblem; Fairfield Union Chapter, Lancaster, gold emblem; Marysville Chapter, Marysville, gold emblem.
OKLAHOMA.....	Broken Arrow Chapter, Broken Arrow, gold emblem; Fletcher Chapter, Fletcher, gold emblem; Minnekah Chapter, Minnekah, silver emblem; Owasso Chapter, Owasso, silver emblem.
OREGON.....	Albany Chapter, Albany, silver emblem; Corvallis Chapter, Corvallis, bronze emblem.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	Grassland Chapter, Grassland, gold emblem; Kutztown Chapter, Kutztown, gold emblem; North Lebanon Chapter, North Lebanon, gold emblem.
RHODE ISLAND.....	Coventry Chapter, Coventry, bronze emblem; Scituate Chapter, Scituate, bronze emblem.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	Dorman Chapter, Spartanburg, silver emblem; Woodruff Chapter, Woodruff, silver emblem; James F. Byrnes Chapter, Duncan, bronze emblem; Loris Chapter, Loris, bronze emblem.
SOUTH DAKOTA.....	Scotland Chapter, Scotland, silver emblem; Wessington Springs Chapter, Wessington Springs, silver emblem.
TENNESSEE.....	Bradley Central Chapter, Cleveland, silver emblem; Calhoun Chapter, Calhoun, silver emblem; Dayton Chapter, Dayton, silver emblem; Meigs County Chapter, Decatur, silver emblem; McMinn Chapter, Athens, bronze emblem.
TEXAS.....	Azle Chapter, Azle, gold emblem; Midway Chapter, Midway, silver emblem; Pleasanton Chapter, Pleasanton, silver emblem; Tatum Chapter, Tatum, silver emblem; Weatherford Chapter, Weatherford, silver emblem; Grandview Chapter, Grandview, bronze emblem; Huntsville Chapter, Huntsville, bronze emblem; Nacogdoches Chapter, Nacogdoches, bronze emblem; New Braunfels Chapter, New Braunfels, bronze emblem; Sherman Chapter, Sherman, bronze emblem; Sulphur Springs Chapter, Sulphur Springs, bronze emblem; Trent Chapter, Trent, bronze emblem.
UTAH.....	Bear River Chapter, Garland, gold emblem; Millard Eagle Chapter, Fillmore, gold emblem.
VERMONT.....	North Troy Chapter, North Troy, silver emblem; Lyndon Chapter, Lyndon, bronze emblem.
VIRGINIA.....	Robert E. Lee Chapter, Appomattox, gold emblem; C. T. Smith Chapter, Ladysmith, gold emblem; Tunstall Chapter, Dry Fork, gold emblem; Montevideo Chapter, Penn Laird, silver emblem.
WASHINGTON.....	Reardan Chapter, Reardan, bronze emblem; Walla Walla Chapter, Walla Walla, bronze emblem.
WEST VIRGINIA.....	Ripley Chapter, Ripley, gold emblem; Terra Alta Chapter, Terra Alta, gold emblem.
WISCONSIN.....	Monroe Chapter, Monroe, gold emblem; Delavan-Darien Chapter, Delavan, silver emblem; Mondovi Chapter, Mondovi, silver emblem; Mosinee Chapter, Mosinee, bronze emblem.
WYOMING.....	Frontier Chapter, Cheyenne, gold emblem; Buffalo Bill Chapter, Cody, silver emblem.

## CHAPTER SAFETY AWARDS

In line with the continued efforts by the FFA to encourage participation in safety by chapters, a system for national recognition was initiated this year. In the past, only one chapter from each of the four regions was recognized at the national level. Us-

ing the same basis as in the National Chapter Contest, that is, one chapter was allowed for every 5,000 members or major fraction thereof, from each State.

The best applications from thirty-four States were sent to their various regional offices where a panel of experts ranked them in to Gold, Silver and Bronze emblem awards. There were 24 gold emblem chapters, 19 chapters received silver emblems, and 14 were bronze emblem.

The following winners are listed by States:

ALABAMA.....	Gurley Chapter, Gurley, silver emblem; Section Chapter, Section, silver emblem.
ARIZONA.....	Marana Chapter, Marana, bronze emblem.
CALIFORNIA.....	Ceres Chapter, Ceres, silver emblem.
COLORADO.....	Eaton Chapter, Eaton, gold emblem; Platte Valley Chapter, Kersey, bronze emblem.
FLORIDA.....	Santa Fe Chapter, Alachua, gold emblem; Hamilton Chapter, Jasper, silver emblem; Bartow Chapter, Bartow, bronze emblem.
GEORGIA.....	Pelham Chapter, Pelham, gold emblem.
ILLINOIS.....	Tonica Chapter, Tonica, gold emblem.
INDIANA.....	Crothersville Chapter, Crothersville, gold emblem; Hagerstown Chapter, Hagerstown, gold emblem; Hancock Central Chapter, Maxwell, silver emblem.
IOWA.....	Audubon Chapter, Audubon, gold emblem; Belle Plaine Chapter, Belle Plaine, gold emblem; Mount Ayr Chapter, Mount Ayr, gold emblem.
KANSAS.....	Fort Scott Chapter, Fort Scott, gold emblem.
LOUISIANA.....	Cloutierville Chapter, Cloutierville, gold emblem; Oak Grove Chapter, Oak Grove, gold emblem; Saline Chapter, Saline, gold emblem.
MAINE.....	Mars Hill Chapter, Mars Hill, silver emblem.
MARYLAND.....	Damascus Chapter, Damascus, silver emblem.
MICHIGAN.....	Portland Chapter, Portland, gold emblem.
MINNESOTA.....	Ortonville Nature Builders Chapter, Ortonville, silver emblem.
MISSISSIPPI.....	Stone Chapter, Wiggins, silver emblem; Big Black Chapter, Kilmichael, bronze emblem; Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, bronze emblem; Scott Central Chapter, Forest, bronze emblem.
MISSOURI.....	Francis Howell Chapter, St. Charles, silver emblem; Perryville Chapter, Perryville, silver emblem; Salisbury Chapter, Salisbury, bronze emblem.
MONTANA.....	Cascade Chapter, Cascade, bronze emblem.
NEBRASKA.....	Ainsworth Chapter, Ainsworth, silver emblem.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	Colebrook Chapter, Colebrook, bronze emblem.
NEW JERSEY.....	Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, gold emblem.
NEW YORK.....	Salem Chapter, Salem, gold emblem.
NORTH DAKOTA.....	A. S. Gibbens Chapter, Maddock, gold emblem; Minot Chapter, Minot, gold emblem.
OHIO.....	Big Walnut Chapter, Sunbury, gold emblem.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	Middleburg Chapter, Middleburg, silver emblem.
SOUTH DAKOTA.....	Hoven Chapter, Hoven, silver emblem; Wessington Springs Chapter, Wessington Springs, bronze emblem.
TENNESSEE.....	Ripley Chapter, Ripley, silver emblem.
TEXAS.....	Nacogdoches Chapter, Nacogdoches, gold emblem; Azle Chapter, Azle, silver emblem.
UTAH.....	Hurricane Chapter, Hurricane, silver emblem.
VIRGINIA.....	Louisa Chapter, Louisa, gold emblem; Tunstall Chapter, Dry Fork, silver emblem; Turner Ashby Chapter, Dayton, silver emblem.
WASHINGTON.....	Quincy Chapter, Quincy, gold emblem.
WEST VIRGINIA.....	Ripley Chapter, Ripley, gold emblem.



WISCONSIN.....	Beaver Dam Chapter, Beaver Dam, bronze emblem; Brookwood Chapter, Ontario, bronze emblem; Fort Atkinson Chapter, Fort Atkinson, bronze emblem; Sevastopol Chapter, Sturgeon Bay, bronze emblem.
WYOMING.....	Frontier Chapter, Cheyenne, gold emblem.

### National FFA Public Speaking Contest

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

Each of the four boys who participated in the national contest already had won a medal at the local chapter level and a \$100 prize at the State level. The winner of the national contest received \$300. Other awards are \$275 for second, \$250 for third, and \$200 for fourth. All awards and travel funds are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation. The FFA Foundation provided \$2,975 to help pay the travel expenses of State winners to regional contests.

Each contestant spoke from 6 to 8 minutes on an agricultural subject of his own choosing, then was subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges. Scoring was done on the basis of speech delivery, manuscript, and answers to questions.

#### JUDGES:

John A. Banning, General Operations Manager, Ford Motor Company, Tractor and Implement Operations, Birmingham, Mich.

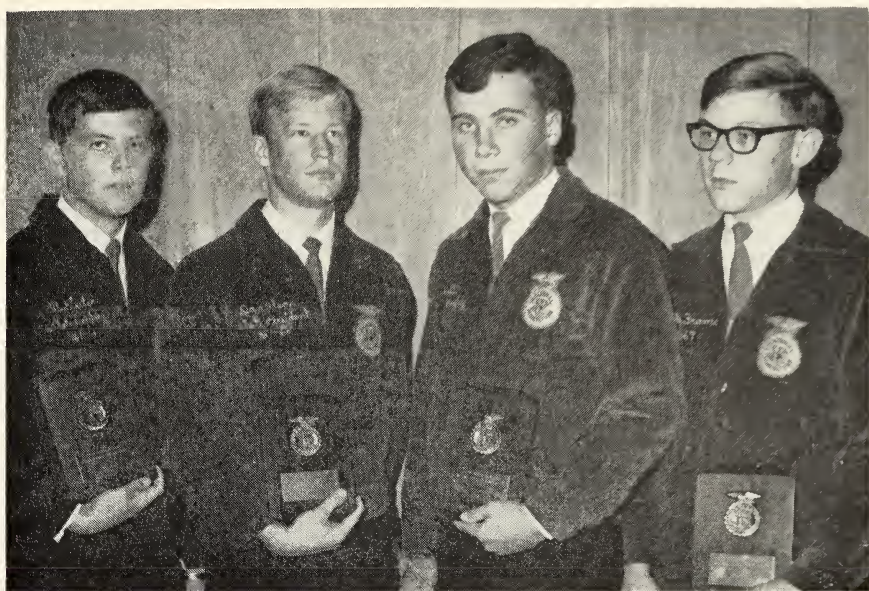
E. T. York, Provost of Agriculture, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Kenneth D. Wells, President, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

#### TIMEKEEPERS:

Paul W. Emmler, Vice President, Commercial Department, American Electric Power Service Corporation, New York, New York

D. E. Fricker, Director, Public Relations, J. I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin



#### WINNERS IN NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

*First Place*—Albert Carter, Appomattox, Virginia—"The Role of American Agriculture in a Changing World" (left) \$300.00

*Second Place*—Daniel Olson, Halstad, Minnesota—"Why VO-AG?" (left center) \$275.00

*Third Place*—Jeff Hanley, Gresham, Oregon—"The Starving Masses" (right center) \$250.00

*Fourth Place*—Bobby D. Frame, Normantown, West Virginia—"Water Pollution" (right) \$200.00

### The Role of American Agriculture In A Changing World

by ALBERT CARTER  
Virginia Association

The world we live in today is vastly different from that of a century ago. It is constantly changing in order to keep pace with our growing society with its new customs and ideas. The signs of change are all around us. We see them in better and faster transportation and communications systems. They are also apparent in the new methods and ideas in teaching, living, and working.

What will be the role of American agriculture in this changing world? During the next few minutes, I will discuss with you what I consider to be the role of American agriculture. I will center my discussion around three areas, namely: (1) the feeding of

a growing population; (2) stabilizing our economy; and (3) defending our nation and the rest of the free world. America's agriculture will play a vital role since perhaps these areas present us with our most pressing and immediate problems.

Today, the American farmer, with the help of his many friends in Agri-Business, produces more with less labor and at a lower cost than ever before in history. Authorities tell us that the American farmer is able to produce enough food for himself and thirty-seven persons. However, if this nation is to continue to have the highest standard of living in the world then American agriculture will have to surpass even these achievements. It is anticipated that by 1980, the farmer must be able to feed himself and sixty-five other persons. In order to fill the demands of American consumers by 1980 the farmer will have to produce forty to fifty percent more beef, fifteen percent more pork, fifty percent more poultry meat, and twenty percent more milk.

We find that as American agriculture must become more productive, it must be able to do so with fewer workers actually engaged in farming. At present, farmers total approximately five and three tenths percent of the total working population in the U.S. Predictions for the future indicate that the percentage of farmers over the next decade will fall below that of the nation's unemployed.

The world is now facing a population explosion unparalleled in all history. The world's population is said to be increasing by 165,000 births a day. The population of our own country is expected to exceed 240 million by 1980. To feed this ever increasing United States population will be the responsibility of America's agriculture. How much of the responsibility our country will assume in feeding undeveloped countries of the world is still a question which has not been fully resolved. Undoubtedly, we will share part of our food resources with these countries as we have done in the past. As we accept this challenge to feed more people, the ingenuity of American agriculture to produce more food with less farm labor and on less land will be put to a severe test.

Now let us consider agriculture's role in stabilizing our economy. Today our economy is continually bubbling upward. Agriculture has played an important part in bringing our country to the high standard of living it enjoys today, and will play an equally important part in keeping it there.

Last year agricultural exports totaled six and seven tenths billion dollars. These exports earned five billion dollars worth of exchange and greatly reduced the pressure on America's balance of payments. One out of every four acres of cropland harvested in the U.S. is exported. Farm product exports make up twenty-five percent of all products sold abroad.

To emphasize what agriculture has done for the U.S. economy, let's consider Western Europe. Today Western Europe is enjoying the highest standard of living it has ever known. The consumer in



Western Europe, however, has to spend between thirty and forty-five percent of this take-home pay for food. On the other hand, the American consumer spends eighteen percent of his pay check for food. The fact that our food is taking such a decreasing part of the consumer's income has done much to stabilize our economy. In addition to this, the American consumer has a larger variety of superior quality food to choose from.

Furthermore, our agricultural system is a creator of employment. Four out of ten jobs in private employment are related to agriculture. While creating jobs in the industries connected with agriculture, workers have been released from the actual production of food. These released workers then become the individuals who help create, design, and produce items that our consumers want and need.

American agriculture has been called upon to furnish the land for urban development and recreation. Therefore, America's agriculture will not only supply food for our growing population but will also be called on to furnish the land for it to live and play on. Construction as well as recreation has become big business, thanks to the help of America's agricultural industry.

American agriculture will play a vital part in defending our nation and the rest of the free world. Usually when we speak of defense our thoughts center around fallout shelters, nuclear missiles, and other armed equipment. Today, however, in Southeast Asia and other points around the world, we see threats to our security and the security of many other nations. Communist subversion and guerilla warfare have become widespread.

It may seem odd to think of America's agriculture as a defense weapon. If we consider, however, the main reason for the Communist successes in the undeveloped regions of the world, we can begin to realize what part American agriculture can play toward defense. The peasants of Vietnam support the Communists because they believe that the Communists can provide the solution to their everyday problems; those of hunger, disease, and ignorance.

The leaders of our country are just beginning to realize what an advantage we have in the efficiency of our agriculture. With our knowledge and new techniques in the area of agriculture, we can teach these people to become self-sufficient and to better their conditions. Through the use of American agricultural advisors to teach and to work with these people, we can help them to help themselves.

If we can succeed in winning the support of these people, through legitimate actions, not through hollow promises, then we will have taken a tremendous stride toward the goal of final victory.

In conclusion, it has been said that all the world is a stage and the people in it are actors. Today, on the stage of life, we see America's workers in agriculture playing a leading role in this, our changing world.

### Agricultural Proficiency Awards

Each year, FFA members receive more than \$191,000 in awards that are provided by the National Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Approximately 80,000 members receive medals. These awards are given to encourage FFA members toward the goals of Establishment in Agricultural Occupations, Development of Leadership and the Practice of Good Citizenship. Following are National Proficiency Award Winners who were recognized at the 1967 National FFA Convention:

#### Soil and Water Management

##### 1st Place—

Johnny McElroy, Snyder, Oklahoma .....	\$250.00
Central Region—Jimmy Joe Below, Delta, Missouri .....	200.00
Pacific Region—Rick Beck, Avon, Montana .....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—Steven James Stewart, Bath, New York .....	200.00

#### Farm and Home Electrification

##### 1st Place—

Danny Meagher, Crothersville, Indiana .....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Robert S. Armitage, Eagle Point, Ore. ....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—David Jacquier, East Canaan, Conn. ....	200.00
Southern Region—David Wayne More, Lynchburg, Va. ....	200.00

#### Agricultural Mechanics

##### 1st Place—

Norman W. Groat, Jr., Walton, New York .....	\$250.00
Southern Region—Gene Salzmman, Mifflin, Alabama .....	200.00
Central Region—Harold Hughes, Leesburg, Ohio .....	200.00
Pacific Region—John Piekarski, Elko, Nevada .....	200.00

#### Crop Farming

##### 1st Place—

Jackie Lynn Courson, Hickory Flat, Mississippi .....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—Kenneth E. Smith, Middle- burg, Penn. ....	200.00
Central Region—James A. Scott, Piercetown, Ind. ....	200.00
Pacific Region—Conley Wolfswinkel, Mesa, Ariz. ....	200.00

#### Livestock Farming

##### 1st Place—

William E. Falls, Stet, Missouri .....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Kent A. Barber, Burlington, Colo. ....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—Ralph Warren, Jr., Lewis- burg, W. Va. ....	200.00
Southern Region—Mike Cornell, Balko, Okla. ....	200.00

**Forestry**

1st Place—

Paul Early, Kalamazoo, Michigan .....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—James Edward McCaulley, Bellwood, Penn. ....	200.00
Southern Region—Charles McCarty, Sylvester, Ga. ....	200.00
Pacific Region—William Radke, Corvallis, Ore. ....	200.00

**Dairy Farming**

1st Place—

Jack Wesley Gibbons, Clymer, New York .....	\$250.00
Southern Region—Taddy Scott, Omega, Okla. ....	200.00
Central Region—Roger Bloss, Swartz Creek, Mich. ....	200.00
Pacific Region—Richard G. Cotta, Los Banos, Calif. ....	200.00

**Poultry Farming**

1st Place—

Robert D. Moorefield, Shady Spring, West Virginia .....	\$250.00
Central Region—Maynard Birkey, Foosland, Ill. ....	200.00
Pacific Region—Willie Benedetti, Sonoma, Calif. ....	200.00
Southern Region—Charles Sanders, Forest, Miss. ....	200.00

**Home Improvement**

1st Place—

Gary Winegar, Ellensburg, Washington .....	\$250.00
Southern Region—Gerald Helms, Clio, Ala. ....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—Donald Emery, Brookville, Pa. ....	200.00
Central Region—Kenneth Gillaspay, Crothersville, Ind. ....	200.00

**Ornamental Horticulture**

1st Place—

Anthony E. Di Salvatore, Egg Harbor City, N.J. ....	\$250.00
Central Region—Jerry D. Longren, Manhattan, Kan. ....	200.00
Pacific Region—Scott B. Jones, Longview, Wash. ....	200.00
Southern Region—Robert Thomas, Fort Myers, Fla. ....	200.00

**National FFA Judging Contests**

A very important activity held at the time of the National FFA Convention was the National Judging contests. The winning teams were as follows:

**LIVESTOCK JUDGING:** (42 teams participated)

**First Place—MISSOURI**

Team composed of James Deppe, Maurice Eagan, Roger Rottman, all of Washington; coached by Nelson H. Hall, Vocational Agriculture Instructor in the Washington High School.



**MEATS JUDGING: (33 teams participated)****First Place—*CALIFORNIA***

Team composed of Daniel Dooley, Robert Azeveno, Leonard Souza, all of Hanford; coached by Thomas A. Mora, Vocational Agriculture instructor at Hanford High School.

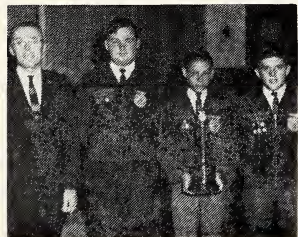
**POULTRY AND EGG JUDGING: (35 teams participated)****First Place—*TEXAS***

Team composed of Ronny Allen, Danny Brown, Rod Edwards, all of Abilene; coached by Bill G. Scott, vocational agricultural instructor in the Abilene High School.

The Dairy Cattle Judging and Dairy Products Judging contests were held in connection with the National Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo, Iowa. The winning teams were:

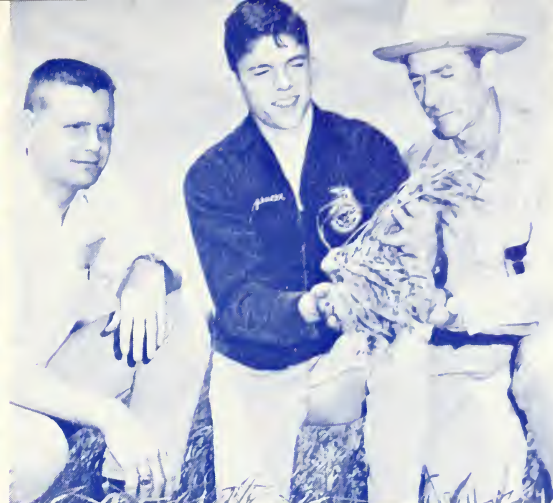
**DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING: (41 teams participated)****First Place—*MARYLAND***

Team composed of Norman Creeger, Donny Crothers and Joe Ayres, all of Rising Sun; coached by Ralph McDonald, vocational agriculture instructor in the Rising Sun High School.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS JUDGING: (31 teams participated)****First Place—*MISSOURI***

Team composed of Larry Harris, Larry Jones and Ronald Moncrief, all of Licking, coached by Melvin E. Barnes, vocational agriculture instructor in the Licking High School.







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Doing to Learn  
Earning to Live  
Living to Serve*

