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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November of 1928 the organization has grown steadily and rapidly until upon July 1, 1936 the active membership totaled 117,000 boys in 4,341 chapters of 47 States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is the development of agricultural leadership. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work; creating interest in a more intelligent choice of farming occupation; creating and nurturing a love of country life; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; promoting thrift; improving scholarship; encouraging organized recreational activities among rural people; and supplementing by means of boy-initiated and boy-directed activities the systematic instruction offered to prospective farmers enrolled in vocational agricultural courses.

The Future Farmers of America is a non-profit organization of voluntary membership designed to take its place among other organized agencies for the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. Emphasis is placed on citizenship, patriotism, agricultural leadership, and efficient farming. National Headquarters of the Future Farmers of America are located in the U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C. National Conventions are held annually in Kansas City, Missouri, at the time of the American Royal Livestock Show.

The Ninth National Convention occurred October 19-22, 1936, and was held in conjunction with the National Vocational Agricultural Judging Contests. Delegates were present from all chartered Associations except Puerto Rico. Nearly 5,000 students of vocational agriculture were registered for these two events.

These Proceedings constitute a report on all activities participated in by Future Farmers of America members. The complete minutes of the general convention sessions held October 19th to 22nd are included along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory of the Convention activities. The notes of both the Student-Secretary and Executive-Secretary were used in preparing the minutes of the Convention.

W. A. ROSS,
Executive-Secretary

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PROGRAM

Monday, October 19th

9:00 A. M.—Opening Session.

Music.
Opening ceremony.
Report on delegate credentials.
Roll call of states and seating of delegates.
Address of welcome.
Minutes of Eighth Convention.
Officers' reports—
 President
 Vice-Presidents (in order of seniority)
 Student-Secretary
 Executive-Secretary
 Treasurer
 Adviser.
Nominations for American Farmer Degree.
Distribution of state reports.
Announcements.
Adjourn for lunch.

1:30 P. M.—Second Session.

Call to order.
Music or entertainment.
Special reports.
Addresses by sponsors and guests.
Unfinished business.
Appointment of committees.
Discussion of American Farmer applications.
Election and raising to American Farmer Degree.
Announcements.
Closing ceremony.

7:30 P. M.—Public Speaking Contest preceded by concert given by Michigan State F. F. A. Band. Power & Light Building.

Tuesday, October 20th

9:00 A. M.—Third Session.

Opening ceremony.
Announcements.
Committee work.

11:30 A. M.—Radio broadcast of Public Speaking Contest—N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour.

2:30 P. M.—Attend American Royal Horse Show.

Vocational Agriculture Day

6:00 P. M.—Buffet Supper, Municipal Auditorium.

8:00 P. M.—Special parade in Arena of American Royal led by Michigan F. F. A. Band.

Announcement and presentation of Star Farmer Awards.

Wednesday, October 21st

9:00 A. M.—Fourth Session.

Opening ceremony.
Music or entertainment.
Committee reports.
New business.
Adjourn for lunch.

1:30 P. M.—Fifth Session.

Call to order.
Announcement and awarding of prizes to outstanding chapters and State Associations.
New business (continued).
Closing ceremony.

6:30 P. M.—Banquet, Hotel Kansas Citian.

PROGRAM (Cont'd.)

Thursday, October 22nd

9:00 A. M.—Sixth Session and Seventh Session.

Opening ceremony.

New business (continued).

Election of officers.

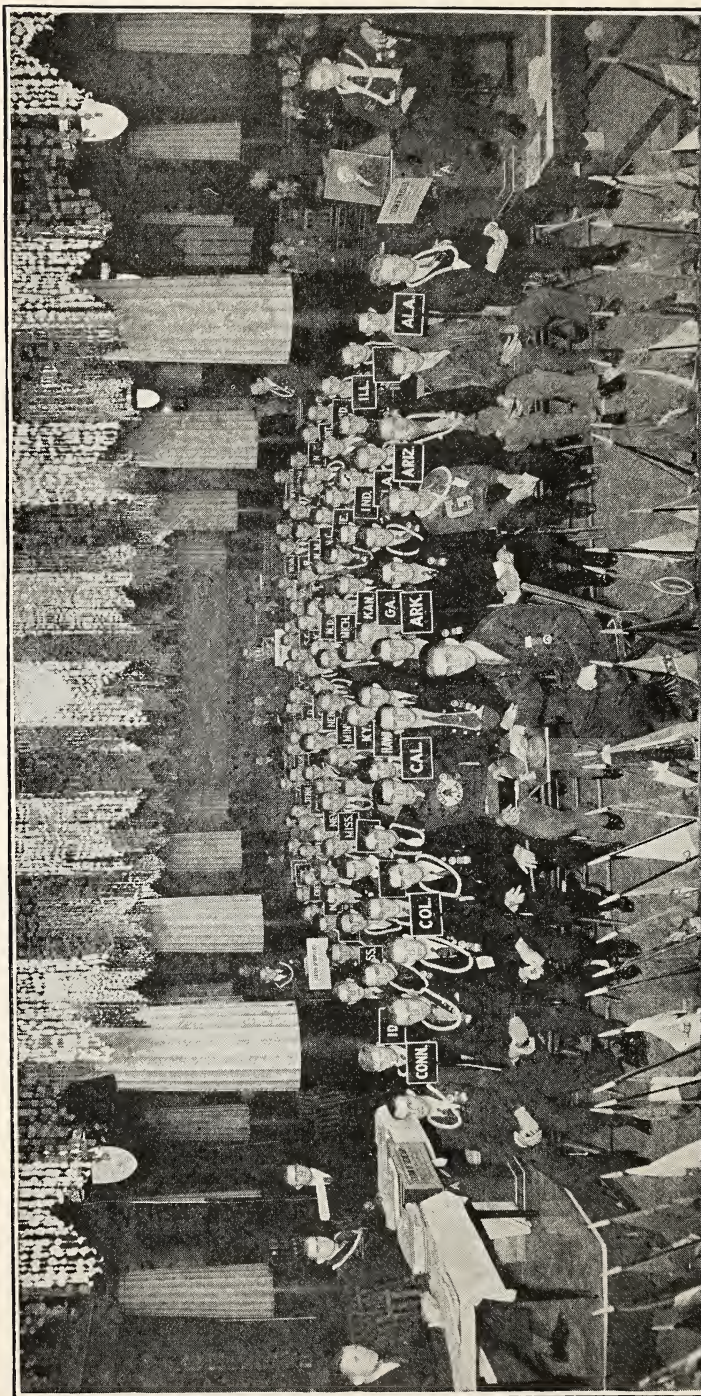
Address by retiring president.

Closing ceremony and convention adjournment.

4:00 P. M.—Joint Executive Session of 1935-36 and 1936-37 Board of Trustees.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES

Alabama.....	C. W. Wells, Jr.....	Roger Nance
Arizona.....	LeRoy Gavette.....	
Arkansas.....	Eugene Warren.....	Oral Hutchinson
California.....	Lex Murray.....	Avon Carlson
Colorado.....	Tom Beede.....	Lowell Bland
Connecticut.....	Francis Salemma.....	John Landon
Delaware.....	Harry Webb.....	Emerson Van Sant
Florida.....	Myron Grennell.....	Lester Poucher
Georgia.....	Hugh Knight.....	I. J. Medders
Hawaii.....	Masayuki Nii.....	
Idaho.....	Howard Annis.....	Melvin Ehlers
Illinois.....	Charles Volland.....	Harvey Schweitzer, Jr.
Indiana.....	Donald Cromer.....	
Iowa.....	Cecil Carr.....	Clarence Dean
Kansas.....	John Dean.....	Arnold Lohmeyer
Kentucky.....	Homer Hagman.....	Julian Pierce
Louisiana.....	Eric Waller.....	Alton Tassin
Maine.....	Hugh J. Murphy.....	
Maryland.....	Clarke Nicholson.....	
Massachusetts.....	Charles S. Clinch, Jr.....	
Michigan.....	Wilbur Lohr.....	Normal Hull
Minnesota.....	Jerome Rypka.....	Albert Anderson, Jr.
Mississippi.....	James Jones.....	Thomas Barber
Missouri.....	Garth Espey.....	William Johnson
Montana.....	Oswald Brownlee.....	William Davidson
Nebraska.....	Marvin Kruse.....	Kenneth Swanson
Nevada.....	Herbert Hackett.....	Cleo Frehner
New Hampshire.....	Robert Colburn.....	
New Jersey.....	Robert Aten.....	
New Mexico.....	Mannie Smith.....	Duane Logan
New York.....	Ross Friar.....	Elmer Drummond
North Carolina.....	Loy Crowder.....	Russell Moles
North Dakota.....	Arden Burbidge.....	Kenneth Dahl
Ohio.....	William Stiers.....	Norman Leininger
Oklahoma.....	Paul Louvier.....	Cleo Garrett
Oregon.....	Jack Looney.....	Raymond Kooch
Pennsylvania.....	Clayton Hackman, Jr.....	Sylvester Casciola
South Carolina.....	Charles Barrett.....	T. B. Falkenberry
South Dakota.....	Beeman Mullinix.....	Donald Sorenson
Tennessee.....	Nelson Maddux.....	Elmo Johnson
Texas.....	Joe Roper.....	Jack Meador
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Wisconsin.....	Richard Schuster.....	Kenneth Savacool
Wyoming.....	Wayne Macy.....	Dean Pence



NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
HOTEL BALTIMORE ~ KANSAS CITY, MO. ~ OCT. 17-24, 1936

Minutes of Convention Sessions

MONDAY, OCTOBER NINETEENTH, 1936

Morning Session

The Ninth National Convention of Future Farmers of America was opened with the regular ceremony at 9:00 a. m. in the Pompeian Room of the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, by President William Shaffer. Preceding the opening ceremony music was furnished by the Michigan State F. F. A. Band under the direction of Virgil Rowland.

The convention hall was appropriately decorated in the official blue and yellow colors of the organization. Officers' stations were properly designated with the correct symbols and special platforms were provided at each station. The delegates were seated in the center of the room under a set of attractive new State standards. Visitors occupied the remaining space outside the delegate section.

When the Convention had been called to order in proper form, President Shaffer called for the Report of the Committee on Credentials which, as read by Student-Secretary Julius Black, was as follows:

"Your Committee on delegate credentials begs leave to report that at 8:30 a. m., October 19, there were 89 delegates certified from 47 Associations of Future Farmers of America, all of whom are entitled to participate in this, the Ninth National Convention.

A complete delegate roll call was then made and the official seating of delegates followed.

President Shaffer gave the following instructions:

Delegates who had not turned in their credentials to the Secretary, do so at once.

Delegates to use the seats assigned during the entire convention and be on time for each session.

Delegates to state their name and that of the Association represented each time upon addressing the chair.

Example: "Mr. President, Delegate Smith of Alabama".

Delegates to face the American Flag at the right of the platform when giving the F. F. A. flag salute in connection with the closing ceremony.

In case delegate substitutions become necessary, they could be made at any time if properly certified or vouched for by the State Associations concerned.

Each delegate entitled to one vote; majority vote only necessary on all matters except changes in the constitution which requires 2/3 majority vote.



Following these announcements a cablegram of greetings from the Future Farmers of Greece read by President Shaffer brought forth prolonged cheers.

A short but inspiring address of welcome was then given by Mr. George Catts, Director of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

Clarence Wood, member from Kentucky, favored the convention with two splendid piano numbers.

The chair then called for the reading of the minutes of the Eighth National Convention. There being no objection the minutes were read in abbreviated form beginning with the business session on Tuesday morning, October 22, 1935. This procedure was followed due to the fact that complete Minutes had been published in the Proceedings of the Eighth National Convention, copies of which had been supplied to all State officers, delegates, and local chapters in January of 1936. The Minutes in their entirety were approved by unanimous action without change or correction.

Delegate Pence of Wyoming was then recognized and requested that Black be seated in place of Macy as a delegate for Wyoming. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The next order of business was officer reports. President Shaffer gave a brief oral report of his work and travels during the year and was followed in turn by Andy Fulton, Owen Owens, Stanley Tschantz, and Leon Hubbard, Vice-Presidents, and Student-Secretary Julius Black.

The chair then called for the annual report of the Executive-Secretary which was presented by W. A. Ross. This was followed by the report of the Treasurer, read by Henry Groseclose. Both reports were adopted by unanimous action. (See pages 37 and 46).

The last officer report called for was that of the National Adviser given by J. A. Linke. At the conclusion of his oral report Mr. Linke submitted the names of the following candidates for the degree of American Farmer:

Active Membership List

Clyde McGinnis, Rogers, Arkansas	Arden Burbidge, Park River, N. Dakota
William Crawford, Marion, Alabama	Norman Leininger, Jeromesville, Ohio
James H. Eager, Live Oak, California	Richard Varney, Chardon, Ohio
Louis Marciochi, Fresno, California	Carl Jennings, Mt. Vernon, Ohio
David F. Schlothauer, Ft. Morgan, Colo.	Robert James, Fredericktown, Ohio
Frank Salemma, Baltic, Connecticut	Leo Hull, Mechanicstown, Ohio
Lester Poucher, Largo, Florida	Raymah Carter, Ponca City, Oklahoma
I. J. Medders, Sylvester, Georgia	Raymond Kooch, Enterprise, Oregon
Howard Annis, Twin Falls, Idaho	Jack Looney, Albany, Oregon
Harmon Gilbert, Mt. Vernon, Illinois	Sylvester Casciola, Rea, Pennsylvania
John Kuhn, Streator, Illinois	Clayton Hackman, Jr., Myerstown, Pa.
Charles Volland, Chenoa, Illinois	Martin Muchow, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota
Myron Mueller, Taylor Ridge, Illinois	Adam Strasser, Nashville, Tennessee
James Nelmes, Cuba, Illinois	Houston T. Ezell, Nashville, Tennessee
Donald Cromer, Rensselaer, Indiana	Franklin B. Arnold, Trenton, Tennessee
Clarence Meyer, Iowa Falls, Iowa	Dibrell M. Boyd, Cooksville, Tennessee
Arthur Kirchhoff, Humboldt, Iowa	Elmo Johnson, Maynardville, Tennessee
J. W. England, Jr., Merriam, Kansas	Roy Martin, Cotulla, Texas
Wilbert Duitsman, Washington, Kansas	Harris Wright, Dublin, Texas
Julian Pierce, Stamping Ground, Ky.	James Shoultz, Grapeland, Texas
James F. Lebold, Utica, Kentucky	Randall Moore, Pilot Point, Texas
Alton Tassin, Marksville, Louisiana	Basil Goodrum, Colmesneil, Texas
Bill Martin, Ida, Louisiana	J. Phelon Malouf, Glenwood, Utah
Hugh J. Murphy, Fort Fairfield, Maine	Wayne Larrowe, Woodlawn, Virginia
Clark Nicholson, Poolesville, Maryland	Vernon Trivilian, Gloucester, Virginia
Kenneth Olsen, Fowlerville, Michigan	Hayes Sadler, Dixie, Virginia
Robert K. Eifert, Mason, Michigan	Garvis Huff, Hillsville, Virginia
Harry D. Barger, Sweet Springs, Mo.	Marvin Huff, Hillsville, Virginia
Robert Friesz, Keytesville, Missouri	Berlin Webb, Hillsville, Virginia
Edward Kuhler, Brunswick, Missouri	Paul Nay, West Milford, West Virginia
Arnold Norskov, Loretto, Nebraska	George Hall, Mill Creek, West Virginia
Robert Aten, Stockton, New Jersey	Gardner A. Orsted, Baileys Harbor, Wis.
Elton Borden, Greenwich, New York	Joseph H. Black, Sheridan, Wyoming

Honorary List

J. W. STUDEBAKER, Washington, D. C.
W. E. DRIPS, Chicago, Illinois.
M. W. WELCH, Chicago, Illinois.
GEORGE W. CATTS, Kansas City, Missouri.
FRANK LATHROP, Washington, D. C.
W. I. MYERS, Washington, D. C.
C. E. BUNDY, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Attention of the delegates was called to the fact that ample time for discussion of the records of the candidates who were not recommended would be given during the afternoon session.

Jack Wait, member from Kentucky, favored the Convention with some clever harmonica numbers.

State reports were then distributed to the delegates and the session was adjourned for lunch at 12 o'clock to convene again at 1:30 p. m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER NINETEENTH, 1936

Afternoon Session

The Convention was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the President and the Missouri State F. F. A. Band played several numbers.

The first order of business was that of special reports. President Shaffer gave an account of the organization's participation in the Up-Stream Engineering Conference held during September, 1936, at Washington, D. C. This report dealt with the conservation activities of F. F. A. members throughout the United States. The Executive-Secretary gave a summary on the use made of Farm Credit facilities during the year by F. F. A. members in financing the development of individual farming programs.

Addresses by sponsors and guests was the next item on the afternoon's program. Mr. L. J. Taber, Master of the National Grange, gave an inspiring talk in which he emphasized the advantages of adult farm organizations and encouraged F. F. A. members to look forward to rendering service in such organizations following the period of F. F. A. membership. Following Mr. Taber's address, Mr. W. E. Drips, Agricultural Director of the N.B.C., Farm and Home Hour, was recognized and spoke briefly to the group assembled as did Mr. E. P. Taylor, Editor of the Agricultural Leaders' Digest, and Mr. K. Nitta, local F. F. A. Adviser from Hilo, Hawaii.

Musical selections were then given by members Crites and Thompson of Oklahoma and leis were presented by Masayuki Nii on behalf of the Hawaiian Association, to all delegates present. Miss Berry and Miss Kim of the Hawaiian Future Home Maker's Association were escorted to the

platform at this time and an ovation given them. Moved by Davidson of Montana, seconded and carried, that in appreciation of the interest shown by the Hawaiian people, the leis be worn throughout the Convention.

The Convention was then declared open under the heading of unfinished business and the first matter for consideration was Extemporaneous Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure Contests. Malouf of Utah requested that the report of the committee on this subject be read. However, the report was not available at this time and Hagman of Kentucky urged that such contests be held next year in connection with the national convention. In the discussion which followed, it was pointed out that, although such events were splendid devices for teaching members to think on their feet, attention might be diverted from the regular Public Speaking Contest. Moved by Poucher of Florida, seconded and carried that the entire matter be tabled for the present.

Changes in the Chapter Contest were next discussed. Moved by Jones of Mississippi, seconded and carried that the suggestions made by the Board of Trustees be approved and referred to the committee on Chapter Contest.

Degree pins and keys was the next item of unfinished business. The President called upon the Executive-Secretary for information regarding recent progress made by the Board of Trustees. He explained that in view of the sentiment and after a trip to the Balfour factory to confer with various officials, it seemed possible and desirable to make the following changes in F. F. A. degree pins and keys:

For Green Hands.....	bronze pin or button
For Future Farmers.....	silver pin or button
For State Farmers.....	gold charm

It was pointed out further that in this plan all of the above degree designations would carry the complete F. F. A. emblem thereon (including eagle); that no change was recommended in either the American Farmer Key or Collegiate members' pins; and that a special design was being worked out to be used by older F. F. A. members who maintain their affiliation with the organization. A complete display as outlined above was placed before the delegates.

In the discussion which followed attention was called to the fact that only American Farmers would wear keys if the changes in design were made as outlined and that the new pins and keys would not be available until changes covering this matter were agreed upon and inserted in the national F. F. A. constitution. Moved by Brownlee of Montana, seconded and carried that the recommendations of the Board of Trustees regarding degree pins and keys be accepted.

Reimbursement for official bands coming to the national convention was then discussed. Moved by Poucher of Florida, seconded and carried that the reimbursement be made on a mileage basis but that the plans for

such assistance be left to the Board of Trustees. The action of the Board in apportioning the \$800 provided to the bands from Michigan and Missouri this year was approved.

Dishes with the F. F. A. emblem thereon was discussed next. President Shaffer stated that the Board of Trustees after considering the matter carefully recommended that they be made available. Moved by Davidson of Montana, seconded and carried that this recommendation be accepted. It was then suggested that samples be prepared and submitted to Mr. Ross and Mr. Groseclose who were empowered to act with respect to type, design, and securing a company to manufacture the dishes.

The use and abuse of the national F. F. A. emblem was explained by the Executive-Secretary in detail. Moved by Brownlee of Montana, seconded and carried that a committee be appointed to draw up a resolution on this matter.

No further action was taken on the matter of the "400" Game.

Upon motion of Hagman of Kentucky, seconded and carried, a five-minute recess was taken at this time.

By unanimous consent, the appointment of committees was deferred until the next morning.

President Shaffer then went through the applications for the American Farmer Degree and explained why certain applicants were rejected. Moved by Kooch of Oregon, seconded and carried that the action of the Board of Trustees in that matter be upheld. Maddux of Tennessee moved that the candidates recommended by the Board of Trustees be allowed to receive the degree of American Farmer; motion seconded and carried.

The impressive fourth degree ceremony followed and the 66 candidates who had been nominated at the morning session were raised to the Degree of American Farmer.

The session was closed at 4:10 p. m. with the closing ceremony.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER TWENTIETH, 1936

Morning Session

The session was called to order at 9 a. m., by President Shaffer, with the opening ceremony.

Eager of California led the delegates in group singing with Wood of Kentucky at the piano.

Knight of Georgia, speaking for the Georgia Association, presented president Shaffer with a gavel made from red cedar coming from the farm of Dudley M. Hughes.

Carr of Iowa requested that Seveirs be substituted for Dean of Iowa for October 20th.

Dean of Kansas requested that England be substituted for Lohmeyer.
Burbidge of North Dakota requested that Jacobson be substituted for Dahl.

Friar of New York requested that Virgo be substituted for Drummond.

Barrett of South Carolina requested that Gough be substituted for Falkenberry.

These substitutions were properly vouched for and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

The last event of the session was the appointment of Committees and the remainder of the morning was given over to committee work under the groups listed here:

Activity Guide:

Ehlers, Idaho
Roper, Texas
Volland, Illinois
Macy, Wyoming
Maddux, Tenn. (Ch.)

American Farmer Degree:

Espey, Missouri
Leiningner, Ohio
Anderson, Minn.
Barber, Miss.
Louvier, Okla. (Ch.)

Auditing:

Knight, Georgia
Gavette, Arizona
Aten, New Jersey
Schweitzer, Ill. (Ch.)

Chapter Contest:

Beede, Colorado
Annis, Idaho
Kruse, Nebraska
Landon, Conn. (Ch.)

Emblem:

Brownlee, Montana
Barrett, South Carolina
Mullinix, South Dakota
Casciola, Pa. (Ch.)

Judging Prizes, National:

Hutchinson, Arkansas
Drummond, New York
Murphy, Maine
Gough, South Carolina (Ch.)

Nominations:

Johnson, Tennessee
Davidson, Montana
Hagman, Kentucky
Kooch, Oregon
Cromer, Indiana
Crowder, North Carolina
Reynolds, Vermont
Via, Virginia
Hackman, Pennsylvania (Ch.)

Participation Certificates:

Van Sant, Delaware
Logan, New Mexico
Dahl, North Dakota
Wells, Alabama (Ch.)

Proceedings of Convention:

Mowrer, Washington
Friar, New York
Swanson, Nebraska
Clinch, Massachusetts (Ch.)

Program of Work:

Larrowe, Virginia
Tassin, Louisiana
Dean, Iowa
Poucher, Florida
Jones, Mississippi
Malouf, Utah (Ch.)

Public Speaking Contest:

Lohmeyer, Kansas
Taylor, Utah
Paquette, Vermont
Frehner, Nevada
Hull, Michigan (Ch.)

Radio:

Grennell, Florida
 Webb, Delaware
 Carr, Iowa
 Waller, Louisiana (Ch.)

State Association Report and Awards:

Smith, New Mexico
 Moles, North Carolina
 Houghton, Maine
 Garrett, Oklahoma (Ch.)

Resolutions:

Stiers, Ohio
 Carlson, California
 Johnson, Missouri
 Warren, Arkansas
 Nicholson, Maryland (Ch.)

Tenth Convention Celebration:

Murray, California
 Pierce, Kentucky
 Nii, Hawaii
 Schuster, Wisconsin
 Nay, West Virginia
 Salemma, Connecticut
 Looney, Oregon (Ch.)

Song Book:

Lohr, Michigan
 Colburn, New Hampshire
 Savacoll, Wisconsin
 Dean, Kansas (Ch.)

Treasurer and Thrift Book:

Medders, Georgia
 Sorenson, South Dakota
 Hackett, Nevada
 Rypka, Minnesota (Ch.)

Star Farmer Awards:

Nance, Alabama
 Bland, Colorado
 Meador, Texas
 Burbidge, North Dakota (Ch.)

Uniforms:

Pence, Wyoming
 Brown, West Virginia
 Hamilton, Washington (Ch.)

(NOTE: The convention was not in session on Tuesday afternoon, October 20th. This being Vocational Agriculture Day at the American Royal Livestock Show, all officers and delegates attended the afternoon show held in the Arena of the American Royal Building.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER TWENTY-FIRST, 1936

Morning Session

The convention was called to order with the opening ceremony and the Michigan Band played several numbers.

President Shaffer read a telegram of greeting from R. L. Hahn, State Adviser in Connecticut.

Mullinix of South Dakota entertained with harmonica solos.

Mr. W. R. Ogg, Secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation was introduced and extended greetings from his organization.

A picture was taken of the convention in session.

The following delegate substitutions were then made by unanimous consent:

Purcell for Knight of Georgia.
Drummond for Virgo of New York.
Mains for Hackman of Pennsylvania.
Black for Macy of Wyoming.

Mr. Linke introduced Dr. Warburton, Director of Extension Work, United States Department of Agriculture.

Committee reports was the first order of business. Moved by Wells of Alabama, seconded and carried that the Board of Trustees be empowered to edit all committee reports. Reports of the various committees were then made.

Landon of Connecticut presented the report of the Chapter Contest Committee and moved its adoption. An amendment by Annis of Idaho that the entry date be changed to January 15th was accepted and the report adopted in its amended form.

Hull of Michigan presented the report of the Committee on the Public Speaking Contest and moved its adoption. In the discussion which followed, it was pointed out that it would be difficult to get six nationally known judges to be present at the contest. Acceptable modifications were, therefore, made and the report was adopted.

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F. F. A. Hawaiian Delegation:

Masayuki Nii

Mr. Nitta (Adviser)



Garrett of Oklahoma presented the report of the State Association Report and Awards Committee which was adopted as read.

Burbidge of North Dakota presented the report of the Committee on Star Farmer Awards which was adopted as read.

Rypka of Minnesota presented the report of the Committee on Treasurer and Thrift Book which was adopted as read. It was suggested that the book be made up so that more than one year's records might be included.

Dean of Kansas presented the Song Book Committee report which was adopted as read. It was the sense of the meeting that an official F. F. A. Song Book would find a ready sale.

Wells of Alabama presented the report of the Committee on Participation Certificates which was adopted as read.

Clinch of Massachusetts presented the report of the Committee on Convention Proceedings which was adopted as read.

Schweitzer of Illinois presented the report of the Auditing Committee which was adopted as read.

Upon motion of Mullinix of South Dakota a five-minute recess was taken at this time.

Upon reconvening Aten of New Jersey entertained the convention with piano numbers. Thompson of Oklahoma sang, providing his own guitar accompaniment.

Mr. Reuben Brigham of the Regional Contact Division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration was introduced by Mr. Linke and spoke briefly to the delegates. He emphasized the relationship of his work to vocational agriculture and the F. F. A.

Mr. A. L. Crable, Oklahoma Superintendent of Schools, was introduced to the group.

Crites of Oklahoma presented a special report on the work of the "F. F. A. Alumni" in Oklahoma. He emphasized the desire of older members to keep in close contact with the F. F. A. organization while they were finding their places in adult farm organizations.

Waller of Louisiana presented the report of the Radio Committee and moved its adoption. Lost for want of a second. A motion by Poucher of Florida to reconsider was carried. Brownlee of Montana moved to strike out the clause "no outside talent be used"; seconded and carried. Maddux of Tennessee then moved the adoption of the report; seconded and carried.

Pence of Wyoming presented the report of the Uniform Committee which was adopted as read.

Maddux of Tennessee presented the report of the Committee on the Activity Guide which was adopted as read.

A motion by Brownlee of Montana to adjourn at 11:45 a. m. was lost.

Gough of South Carolina presented the report of the Committee on F. F. A. Prizes for National Vocational Judging Contests which was adopted as read.

Jones of Mississippi rose to a point of order and called attention to the fact that in putting a motion the mover should say "I move" rather than "I make a motion".

Louvier of Oklahoma presented the report of the Committee on American Farmer Degrees which was accepted but upon motion of Looney of Oregon this report was referred to the Committee on Constitution.

Nicholson of Maryland presented the report of the Resolutions Committee which was adopted as read.

Upon motion by Tassin of Louisiana the meeting was adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER TWENTY-FIRST, 1936

Afternoon Session

The convention was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the President.

Davidson of Montana asked permission for the Nominating Committee to retire and proceed with the interviewing of prospective nominees. It was so ordered.

Turner was substituted as delegate for Wells of Alabama.

Brownlee of Montana presented the report of the Emblem Committee which was adopted as read.

Mr. Linke introduced Dr. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, whose remarks were challenging but full of encouragement.

President Shaffer then announced the winners of State Association and Chapter Contest awards. Presentation of prizes were made at this time.

The convention was then declared open under the heading of new business.

Merchandise contracts were considered first. Moved by Annis of Idaho, seconded and carried, that the jewelry contract with the L. G. Balfour Co. be renewed for a period of two years. Moved by Maddux of Tennessee, seconded and carried, that the felt goods contract with the Staunton Novelty Co. be renewed for a period of two years. Moved by Jacobsen of North Dakota, seconded and carried, that the Universal Uni-

form Co. be offered a two-year contract instead of the merchandise agreement previously used. Moved by Tassin of Louisiana, seconded and carried, that the French-Bray Printing Co. be offered a two-year contract instead of the merchandise agreement previously used. Moved by Swanson of Nebraska, seconded and carried, that the St. Louis Button Co. be offered a two-year contract on buttons, badges, etc., instead of the merchandise agreement previously used.

Moved by Black of Wyoming, seconded and carried, that the request of the *Southern Agriculturist* for the use of the F. F. A. emblem in connection with a proposed advertising campaign be rejected.

W. R. Ogg, Secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation was then recognized and an invitation was extended to the F. F. A. to be represented at the next national meeting of this organization.

Moved by Nay of West Virginia, seconded and carried, that official F. F. A. representatives be sent to the national meetings of the Grange and American Farm Bureau Federation.

The matter of an official F. F. A. Chapter directory was discussed at length. Moved by Malouf of Utah, seconded and carried, that such a directory be published by the national organization.

Moved by Annis of Idaho, seconded and carried, that Henry Groseclose be designated as national parliamentarian for the F. F. A. organization.

The question of providing pictures of Abraham Lincoln for local chapters was presented for consideration. Moved by Voland of Illinois, seconded and carried, that no action be taken relative to this matter.

The question of the national F. F. A. providing awards in connection with Regional or Interstate vocational agriculture activities was called to the attention of the delegates. Moved by Warren of Arkansas, seconded and carried, that no awards of this kind be provided from the national treasury.

A request was made at this time that Simmons of Florida be substituted for Poucher.

Jones of Mississippi moved that the Board of Trustees take action on having the rising sun painting reproduced in a smaller size suitable for distribution to local chapters of F. F. A., seconded and carried.

A five-minute recess was declared at this time upon motion of Waller of Louisiana.

G. M. Rohrbach of Deere and Co. was introduced to the group.

Carlson of California extended the F. F. A. an invitation to hold the Twelfth National Convention (1939) in San Francisco, California. Annis of Idaho moved that a vote of thanks be extended to California and that the matter be referred to the National Board of Trustees; seconded and carried.

Mr. Warner of the Staunton Novelty Co. exhibited blue sweaters with the F. F. A. emblem thereon for the delegates' inspection. After some discussion, Carlson of California moved to adopt the sweater on a one-year trial agreement with the company; seconded and carried.

The last item of business for the afternoon was the reading of the proposed revision of the national F. F. A. constitution upon which action was deferred by unanimous consent until Thursday morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p. m. with the closing ceremony.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER TWENTY-SECOND, 1936

Morning Session

The convention was called to order at 9 a. m. with the opening ceremony, after which the Hawaiian Delegation delighted the group with special entertainment features.

The following delegate substitutions were made:

Muklow for Sorenson of South Dakota.

Deppe for Savacool of Wisconsin.

Eager for Carlson of California.

Whitmer for Voland of Illinois.

Jennings for Leininger of Ohio.

Shearer for Nay of West Virginia.

Black for Macy of Wyoming.

The convention then proceeded under the heading of new business.

Johnson of Tennessee moved that each year the national organization of F. F. A. give a set of dishes at Christmas time to the mother of each of the retiring officers; motion seconded and carried.

Davidson of Montana moved that final action on the revision of the constitution be postponed; motion seconded and carried.

Owens of Wisconsin moved for a five-minute recess; seconded and carried.

Roper of Texas moved that the Report of the Constitution Committee, together with the suggestions from the floor, be accepted as a report of progress and that the Board of Trustees continue, as a Constitution Committee, to bring together in final form the revision for ratification at the Tenth National Convention; motion seconded and carried.

Drummond of New York moved and the motion was seconded, that a scrapbook be kept by each State of the activities carried on by the State and chapters and that the said scrapbook accompany the annual report. It was pointed out that such a scrapbook would create more interest, serve

as the history of each year's work and eventually might lead to a contest. Annis of Idaho moved that the above motion be tabled; seconded and carried.

Moved by Maddux of Tennessee, seconded and carried, that the national organization furnish copies of the "General Order on Profanity" issued by George Washington in 1776, to all F. F. A. chapters.

Moved by Brownlee of Montana, seconded and carried, that delegates be reimbursed from national F. F. A. treasury funds for transportation to the 1937 convention on the same basis as in the past year.

Moved by Ehlers of Idaho that a prize be given for news articles; motion lost for want of a second. Moved by Brownlee of Montana, seconded and carried, that no prizes be given for news articles or radio productions.

Moved by Dean of Kansas, seconded and carried, that the national organization take out a membership in the American Country Life Association.

Homer Paul Andersen, representative and managing editor of the *American Farm Youth* magazine, was then recognized and expressed his appreciation for the support of the F. F. A. organization.

The meeting was adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER TWENTY-SECOND, 1936

Afternoon Session

The convention was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by President Shaffer.

Delegate substitutions were made as follows:

Dennison for Anderson of Minnesota.

Stiers for Jennings of Ohio.

Looney of Oregon gave the report of the Tenth Convention Celebration Committee and moved its adoption. During the discussion which followed, Malouf of Utah suggested that the report be modified by changing the clause covering bands to read "at least three bands" and Brownlee of Montana suggested that the clause "free passes to past presidents" be stricken out. The changes being acceptable to the Committee the report was adopted.

Moved by Black of Wyoming, seconded and carried, that the music to "Hail the F. F. A." be kept available in sheet form.

The matter of a special pin for F. F. A. band members was discussed at some length. Some delegates thought that this item should be included in the F. F. A. jewelry list; others felt that band caps with the emblem

thereon were sufficient. Upon a motion by Waller of Louisiana, seconded and carried, the matter was referred to the Board of Trustees.

Moved by Taylor of Utah and seconded that time be set aside at next year's convention for a leadership training conference. Poucher of Florida moved to amend that such a conference be an annual event; motion seconded and carried as amended.

Delegate Clinch of Massachusetts was then recognized by the chair and spoke briefly concerning the girl membership situation in Massachusetts after which the Student-Secretary was called upon to read the recent recommendation of the National Advisory Council concerning this situation which was as follows:

"Recommended that since the present national F. F. A. constitution is being revised, that during this process of revision, consideration be given to the making of satisfactory provision for meeting State constitution requirements with respect to membership in the F. F. A."

Moved by Maddux of Tennessee and seconded that the recommendation of the Advisory Council be accepted. Poucher of Florida offered an amendment to the effect that the existing resolution adopted in 1935 at the national F. F. A. convention be continued until next year and that the Massachusetts Attorney General's interpretation be obtained. The motion as amended was carried.

A national F. F. A. publication was the next item for discussion. It was brought out that such a publication whenever issued should come from within the organization. The recommendation of the National Advisory Council which was as follows was then read by the Student-Secretary:

"Recommended that the Board of Trustees consider the advisability of publishing through the national F. F. A. office a national magazine and report to the Regional Conferences for further consideration."

Moved by Kooch of Oregon, seconded and carried, that no national magazine be published this next year. Moved by Brownlee of Montana that this action be incorporated with the report of the National Advisory Council which was accepted.

Malouf of Utah presented the report of the Program of Work Committee which was adopted with the understanding that other very important items might be added by the Board of Trustees if necessary.

The Executive-Secretary was then called upon by the chair to present the proposed budget for 1936-37. After some discussion it was agreed that an additional \$5,000.00 be included for the Tenth Convention Celebration. Moved by Brownlee of Montana, seconded and carried, that the budget which was as follows be adopted:

(From the close of the Ninth National Convention and after all items chargeable to the 1935-36 year have been paid, to the close of the Tenth National Convention, including all expenses incurred during the period)

1. Travel of National Officers and designated officials or representatives (to national convention, special meetings, meetings of Board of Trustees, regional public speaking contests and other authorized trips)	\$ 2,500.00
2. Tenth National Convention Celebration (for supplies, programs, new equipment, special entertainment, exhibits, decorations, official bands, stenographic assistance, hotel service, publicity, and general expense)	6,200.00
3. American Farmer Keys	506.25
4. National prizes and awards (to include public speaking contests, chapter contest, State Association awards, Star Farmer award, prizes for judging, special awards, and participation certificates)	2,500.00
5. General Printing (for stationery, letterheads, report forms, etc.)	150.00
6. Special Printing (for Proceedings of Ninth National Convention, Activity Guide, etc.)	1,000.00
7. National Radio Program (to bring representatives of State Associations to New York, Chicago, and Washington, D. C., to participate, and to secure special talent)	500.00
8. National Office (to include supplies, small equipment, postage, general publicity, communication, etc.)	500.00
9. Clerical Assistance (for National Executive-Secretary and National Treasurer)	3,000.00
10. Delegate expense (to pay transportation expense of one delegate from each State Capital, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico, to the Tenth National Convention)	2,300.00
TOTAL	\$19,156.25

Moved by Black of Wyoming, seconded and carried, that William Shaffer be made an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees for 1936-37.

Moved by Ehlers of Idaho, seconded and carried, that the National dues for 1936-37 remain at 10 cents per member.

Moved by Swanson of Nebraska, seconded and carried, that the Executive-Secretary write to all States and delegates and inform them of proposed constitution changes and new business prior to the next national convention.

Taylor of Utah, speaking for the Utah Association, asked permission to furnish a band for the Tenth National Convention, as well as ice cream, chocolates, and celery for the banquet. Bland of Colorado, speaking

for the Colorado Association, stated they would like to furnish potatoes. Annis of Idaho, speaking for the Idaho Association, also offered potatoes. The Texas delegation requested opportunity to bring their band. Appreciation was expressed to each of these States and the offers referred to the Board of Trustees.

At this time National Adviser Linke spoke briefly on the loss of Robert D. Maltby and Dr. H. O. Sargent from the staff of the Agricultural Education Service of the United States Office of Education. In memory of their interest in and work for the F. F. A. organization, the entire convention stood for one minute in silent tribute upon motion of Maddux of Tennessee.

Hackman of Pennsylvania was then called upon to present the report of the Nominating Committee, which was adopted, and upon motion of Annis of Idaho the Student-Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the following national officers to serve during the 1936-37 year:

PRESIDENT, Joseph Black, Sheridan, Wyoming.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Julian Pierce, Stamping Ground, Ky.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Clark Nicholson, Poolesville, Md.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT, J. Phelon Malouf, Glenwood, Utah.

FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT, Roy Martin, Cotulla, Texas.

STUDENT-SECRETARY, Elmo Johnson, Maynardville, Tennessee.

EXECUTIVE-SECRETARY, W. A. Ross, Washington, D. C.

TREASURER, Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg, Virginia.

ADVISER, J. A. Linke, Washington, D. C.

The newly elected officers were presented with leis by the Hawaiian Delegation. Brief responses were made by Joseph Black and others of the new officers. Farewells were made by the retiring officers.

Moved by Tassin of Louisiana, seconded and carried, that all unfinished business be referred to the Board of Trustees.

Wood of Kentucky entertained with piano selections and Salemma of Connecticut played accordian numbers.

The Convention was brought to a close at 4:30 p. m. with the closing ceremony.

Committee Reports

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACTIVITY GUIDE

After careful consideration we, the committee on the Activity Guide, recommend the publication of such a book and further recommend that it include at least the following sections:

SECTION I—Fundamentals

- a. Education
- b. Character building
- c. Sportsmanship
- d. Cooperation
- e. Recreation
- f. Conservation
- g. Thrift
- h. Patriotism
- i. Development of Leadership

SECTION II—Great Americans

- a. A short summary of the lives of Washington and Jefferson, stressing principally their success in agriculture.

SECTION III—1. Advancement of F. F. A. *Members*

- a. Degrees
- b. Early, accurate, systematic, and conscientious work on degree advancement
- c. Judging, athletics, public speaking, etc.
2. Advancement of F. F. A. *Chapters*
 - a. Participation in local, State and national contests
 - b. Cooperating with farm organizations and farm movements
 - c. Conducting meetings to improve the knowledge of members on parliamentary procedure

SECTION IV—Informing the Public of F. F. A. Activities

- a. Radio
- b. News reports
- c. Yearbooks
- d. Local, State, and national history

SECTION V—Chapter Meeting Equipment

- a. Care of equipment
- b. Proper use of equipment

SECTION VI—Public Speaking

- a. Subjects
- b. Material used

- c. Training and proper coaching
- d. Qualifications of judges

SECTION VII—Radio

- a. Programs
- b. Radio helps

SECTION VIII—Books

- a. Chapter library
- b. Songs
- c. Stunts
- d. Plays
- e. Programs of work

SECTION IX—Essays

- a. Rules for the writing of essays
- b. Suggestions on different types of essays

SECTION X—Hobbies

- a. Landscaping, etc.
- b. Graphs on prices of farm products
- c. Music
- d. Farm Engineering
- e. Experimenting
- f. Pure bred livestock raising

NELSON MADDUX, Tennessee, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The Committee on American Farmer Degree applications wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. That No. 8 under Section E of the national constitution be changed to read, "Be in the upper third of his class, or have a grade of 85 or the equivalent thereto during his period of instruction in high school".
2. That in By-Law VII of the national constitution Part 5 be changed to read, "applications for the American Farmer Degree shall be forwarded by the State Adviser to the National Executive Secretary by September 1st.

We further recommend that the National Board of Trustees revise their interpretations of American Farmer Degree Qualifications with more emphasis upon accomplishments than upon plans.

PAUL LOUVIER, Oklahoma, Chairman

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, after a lengthy interview with Treasurer Groseclose and after careful examination of the National Treasurer's records, do hereby declare the figures accurate to the best of our knowledge, the books well kept, and the reports in excellent condition.

HARVEY SCHWEITZER, Jr., Illinois, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPTER CONTEST

We, the Committee on the Chapter Contest, have reviewed and studied the details and procedure followed in connection with the Chapter Contest and recommend the following:

1. That, by all means, this worth-while event should be promoted among the States and local chapters, and chapters should be encouraged to the fullest extent, by the various State Associations, to participate in the contest.
2. That the date on which the entry blank is to be sent in to the national office, be moved forward to January 15th.
3. That a detailed explanation of purpose, scoring, method of entry, materials needed, method of preparation, cash prizes, and number of States entered last year, be sent by each State office to each local chapter not later than January 1st, 1937.

JOHN LANDON, Connecticut, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EMBLEM COMMITTEE

The Committee on the F. F. A. Emblem submits herewith the following report:

1. We recommend that the use of the F. F. A. Emblem be confined to F. F. A. activities; that it not be used in advertising commercial goods; and that it not be used as a "trademark" on products sold by commercial concerns, chapters, or individuals where the use of the letters "F. F. A." would be just as appropriate and effective.
2. We also recommend that special permission to use the emblem on the part of *any* commercial concern be secured from the National Board of Trustees.
3. We further recommend that in displaying or using the emblem it should not be defaced in any way. No parts should be removed nor additions made. No parts should be covered but the whole emblem displayed intact.

SYLVESTER CASCIOLA, Pennsylvania, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIZES FOR NATIONAL VOCATIONAL JUDGING

The Committee on F. F. A. Prizes for National Vocational Judging events after careful consideration of the prizes now offered, both to teams and individuals, find them to be appropriate and satisfactory. We recommend that no major changes be made in these prizes for the year 1937.

CORNELIUS GOUGH, South Carolina, Chairman

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Nominating Committee, after thorough consideration, do respectfully submit the names of the following candidates for national office in the F. F. A. for 1936-37:

For President.....	Joseph H. Black, Wyoming
For First Vice-President.....	Julian Pierce, Kentucky
For Second Vice-President.....	Clark Nicholson, Maryland
For Third Vice-President.....	J. Phelon Malouf, Utah
For Fourth Vice-President.....	Roy Martin, Texas
For Student-Secretary.....	Elmo Johnson, Tennessee
For Executive-Secretary.....	W. A. Ross, Washington, D. C.
For Adviser.....	J. A. Linke, Washington, D. C.
For Treasurer.....	H. C. Groseclose, Virginia

CLAYTON HACKMAN, Jr., Pennsylvania, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES

Your committee recommends that appropriate national certificates be issued to chapters taking part in the chapter contest, outstanding State Associations, Star Farmers and Public Speaking contestants.

We suggest, therefore, going back to 1928 and providing these certificates to those entitled to them and that such certificates be issued yearly in the future.

Sizes of certificates suggested for the various events are:

For Chapter Awards.....	15" x 18"
For State Association Awards.....	17" x 21"
For Star Farmer Awards.....	12" x 15"
For Public Speaking Awards.....	9" x 12"

C. W. WELLS, Jr., Alabama, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION

The Committee on the Proceedings of the Ninth National Convention of F. F. A. presents the following report and recommendations based on the reactions obtained regarding previous Proceedings and on the information now at hand:

1. That the publication of the Proceedings be continued.
2. That more pictures be included, such as pictures of American Farmers, prize winners, National Officers, etc.
3. That copies be sent out as in the previous years.

CHARLES CLINCH, Jr., Massachusetts, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM OF WORK COMMITTEE

Your Committee on the National Program of Work for 1936-37 presents the following items and goals for consideration:

1. MEMBERSHIP
Strive for increase in membership.
Goal—132,500 active members by the time of the Tenth National Convention.
2. MANUALS
Stimulate interest in the use of the official Manual.
Goal—100% of the active members owning or having access to Manuals.
3. SECRETARY AND TREASURER BOOKS
Provide official chapter secretary and treasurer books and encourage their use.
Goal—100% of chapters using these records when available.
4. SONG BOOK AND ACTIVITY GUIDE
Provide these two official publications and encourage their use by chapters.
Goal—one copy of each of these books in every chapter when available.
5. UNIFORMS
Encourage use of the official uniform by members.
Goal—75% of chapter officers using uniform in connection with F. F. A. activities.
6. LIBRARIES
Encourage and assist chapters to build up chapter libraries.
Goal—50% of the chapters with libraries.

7. **THRIFT AND FARMING PROGRAMS**
Encourage the organization and use of chapter banks and development of member long-time farming programs.
Goal—50% chapter participation.
8. **CEREMONIES**
Stimulate interest in the use of opening and closing ceremonies.
Goal—100% of chapters using ceremonies regularly.
9. **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**
Encourage chapters to hold meetings for special instruction and to conduct regular meetings according to approved procedure.
Goal—100% chapter participation.
10. **PUBLIC SPEAKING**
Encourage greater member participation in public speaking.
Goal—100% of the chapters holding a public speaking contest.
11. **HOME IMPROVEMENT**
Encourage home improvement by members to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and conveniences.
Goal—80% chapter participation.
12. **FIRE PREVENTION**
Encourage and improve rural fire prevention programs through education and demonstration.
Goal—50% chapter participation.
13. **CONSERVATION**
Encourage long-time conservation programs to include work with soils, water, trees, prevention of forest fires and protection of wild life.
Goal—80% chapter participation.
14. **PEST ERADICATION**
Encourage the control of farm pests.
Goal—65% chapter participation.
15. **STATE CAMPS AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING**
Encourage establishment and operation of State camps with Leadership Training schools held in connection with these camps.
Goal—100% State participation.
16. **STATE BANDS**
Encourage organization of State Bands and other musical organizations.
Goal—25% State participation.
17. **STATE PUBLICATIONS**
Encourage establishing and maintaining official State publications and their exchange with other State Associations.
Goal—100% State participation.

18. STATE RADIO BROADCASTS
Encourage organized State radio broadcasts operating on a systematic basis.
Goal—50% State participation.
19. NATIONAL F. F. A. DAY
Prepare special Farm and Home Hour radio broadcast. Request chapters to listen in and schedule Parent and Son Banquets on that day. Date to be set three months in advance.
20. DEGREE ADVANCEMENT
Encourage early and systematic preparation on the part of all members wishing to advance in degree membership.
21. NATIONAL OFFICER VISITS
Arrange as far as possible, to have some national officer visit each State during the year.
22. CONSTITUTION
Complete revision of national constitution to include some definite provision for graduate members and have it ready to be acted on by delegates at the Tenth National Convention.
23. TENTH CONVENTION CELEBRATION
Hold outstanding convention and celebration including State Officer Leadership Training Conference in October, 1937.
24. WORLD'S POULTRY CONGRESS
Designate official representatives to assist with plans for this Congress to be held in the United States in 1939.
25. PROCEEDINGS
Publish and distribute to every chapter the Proceedings of the Ninth National Convention.

PHELON MALOUF, Utah, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Committee on the National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest recommends the following changes and additions in connection with rules and regulations for the 1937 event:

1. That part 2 under Method of Selecting Winner be revised as follows:
 - (a) Have six competent and impartial persons selected to judge the contest, three of whom are to be agriculturists, who will judge the content of the manuscript and formulate questions. The other three are to be competent public speaking judges to judge the delivery and question the speakers.
 - (b) The Committee further recommends that the same score card as that of last year be used, but that part I be put on a

separate card from part II and that the judges on delivery confer to compute part III.

NORMAN HULL, Michigan, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RADIO

The Committee on Radio submits the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. The continuation of the monthly F. F. A. Radio Programs through the cooperation of the N.B.C.
2. That the theme for the year be "The Farm Home", including sub-topics, education, recreation, home improvements, farmstead improvement, electricity, conveniences, and the like.
3. That the following States be considered for taking part in the year's programs—Michigan, Georgia, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Nevada, Colorado, Alabama, Tennessee, Vermont, Ohio, North Carolina, and Arkansas.
4. That the national organization of F. F. A. continue to allow transportation expenses not to exceed \$50.00 to participating States east of the Rocky Mountains and \$100.00 to participating States west of the Rocky Mountains.
5. That the date of the program remain the same—the second Monday in each month.
6. That every effort be made to improve the methods of presentation—
 - a. Talent to be selected by elimination.
 - b. Electrical transcriptions.
 - c. Voice test before going on program.
 - d. Conversation as a method of presentation rather than long speeches.
7. That State Advisers inform every Chapter as to the program and insist that they listen in and mail comments to the N.B.C.
8. That the two main features of the national F. F. A. radio programs remain as in the past—music by the United States Army Band and the Bulletin Board given by the Executive-Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC WALLER, Louisiana, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Resolutions Committee of 1936, on behalf of the F. F. A.

wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following organizations, groups, and individuals contributing to the success of the organization and the Ninth National Convention:

1. To the 1936 National officers of the F. F. A. for their untiring and unselfish efforts in carrying through the activities and making adequate provision for the development of the organization through cooperation with the various State Associations and local chapters.
2. To the members of the National F. F. A. Advisory Council and the Kansas City Advisory Committee for their splendid efforts in making this year the most outstanding and profitable since the beginning of this organization.
3. To the city officials, businessmen, and management of the 1936 American Royal Livestock Show for their efforts and interest in making possible this most enjoyable trip to Kansas City; for the various prizes and awards offered; and for the educational opportunities provided.
4. To Mr. George Catts and the Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce for the many courtesies provided, especially the banquet and buffet supper.
5. To the Kansas City, Kansas, Chamber of Commerce for special entertainment provided.
6. To Sears, Roebuck and Co. for the luncheon served to vocational agriculture students.
7. To the Baltimore Hotel for the services and reduced rates provided.
8. To the Agricultural Education magazine for maintaining a section devoted to F. F. A. activities.
9. To the Agricultural Leaders' Digest for maintaining a section devoted to F. F. A. activities.
10. To the American Farm Youth for its interest in our organization and for the space given to F. F. A. news.
11. To Swift and Co. for the continued donation of pictures of Washington and Jefferson.
12. To John Deere Co. for the continued donation of miniature plows.
13. To the U. S. Army Band for their assistance in connection with our national radio broadcasts and to the Michigan and Missouri Bands for the music furnished during the Ninth National Convention.
14. To the railroads encouraging F. F. A. efforts and offering valuable educational prizes.
15. To Puerto Rico and the States visited by our national officers for making possible these trips.

16. To the National Grange for cash awards offered to outstanding State Associations.
17. To Mr. W. A. Cochel and the Weekly Kansas City Star for their liberal support in providing appropriate prizes to the Star Farmers.
18. To Mr. W. E. Drips and the National Broadcasting Company for making possible the continuance of the National F. F. A. broadcasts as a part of the Farm and Home Hour.
19. To Dr. J. W. Studebaker, Mr. E. P. Taylor, and others who gave inspiring addresses during the Convention.
20. To Mr. L. J. Taber, Mr. Wheeler McMillen, and Mr. George Melcher for acting as judges of the National Public Speaking Contest, and to the Kansas City Power and Light Company for the use of their auditorium.
21. To Dr. Bruce L. Melvin, Mr. S. M. Ransopher, and Mr. J. K. Coggin for acting as judges of the National Chapter Contest.
22. To Mr. George Couper and his publicity staff for their efficient publicity work.
23. To the State Associations supplying individual talent for entertainment during the Convention.
24. To other donators of prizes not previously mentioned.
25. To other publications not previously mentioned.
26. To all other individuals serving the F. F. A. and assisting with the Ninth National Convention.

The National Organization of F. F. A. takes this occasion to express deep regret over the loss of Robert D. Maltby and Dr. H. O. Sargent from the field of agricultural education.

CLARK NICHOLSON, Maryland, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE SONG BOOK

We, the Committee on the Official F. F. A. Song Book, recommend that the sample book, as set up by the Hall McCreary Publishing Company, be adopted with the following alterations:

1. The addition of four to six Christmas songs, such as:

Silent Night

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

The First Noel

2. The addition of one or two blank pages for special selections desired by local chapters.

We recommend that 10,000 copies be printed of the first issue.

JOHN DEAN, Kansas, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STAR FARMER AWARDS

The Committee on Star Farmer Awards recommends the continuance of the present arrangements regarding the Star Farmer Awards. The Committee further recommends that for the convenience of inquirers, the complete exhibits of both Regional and National Star Farmers be retained in the National Office for a period of one year following such selection and designation.

ARDEN BURBIDGE, North Dakota, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE ASSOCIATION REPORT AND AWARDS

We, the Committee on State Association Report and Awards, find the report blank now in use to be quite complete and in good form. We, therefore, recommend that no major changes be made in it for the ensuing year.

CLEO GARRETT, Oklahoma, Chairman

REPORT OF TENTH CONVENTION CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on the Tenth Convention Celebration, recommend:

1. That a permanent Tenth Convention Celebration Committee be established consisting of the Board of Trustees for 1935-36 and the Board of Trustees of 1936-37. This Committee shall be authorized to act on all problems arising in connection with the Tenth Convention Celebration program.
2. That the following major activities be included in the program:
 - a. Obtaining the President of the United States and the Secretary of Agriculture as speakers at the Convention.
 - b. Filming interesting events of the Convention.
 - c. Continuing this year's contests and events.
3. That \$5,000 be set aside in the National Budget for the Tenth Convention Celebration.
4. That one delegate be reimbursed from each State as in former years. That a special invitation be extended to past National Officers of the F. F. A., American Farmers, and State representatives to attend. That the Tenth Convention Celebration Com-

mittee investigate the possibility of the railroads extending special rates for those attending the Convention.

5. That at least three bands be reimbursed to the extent of a maximum of \$1,500 to be paid on a mileage basis and that other State bands be invited to attend.
6. That local chapters raise money to send at least one representative to the Tenth Convention Celebration.
7. That parents of delegates and local advisers attend the convention as far as possible.
8. That the National Board of Trustees investigate the matter providing of special entertainment in Kansas City.

JACK LOONEY, Oregon, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER AND THRIFT BOOK

Your Committee on the Treasurer Book and Thrift Book, after careful consideration, respectfully submits the following:

1. The sample copy of the Treasurer's Book and Thrift Bank Book as submitted by the Board of Trustees, has been found to the best of our knowledge, to be complete and satisfactory for use in all F. F. A. Chapters and Associations.
2. We recommend the adoption, printing, and distribution, of this combination Treasurer and Thrift Bank Book.

JEROME RYPKA, Minnesota, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNIFORMS

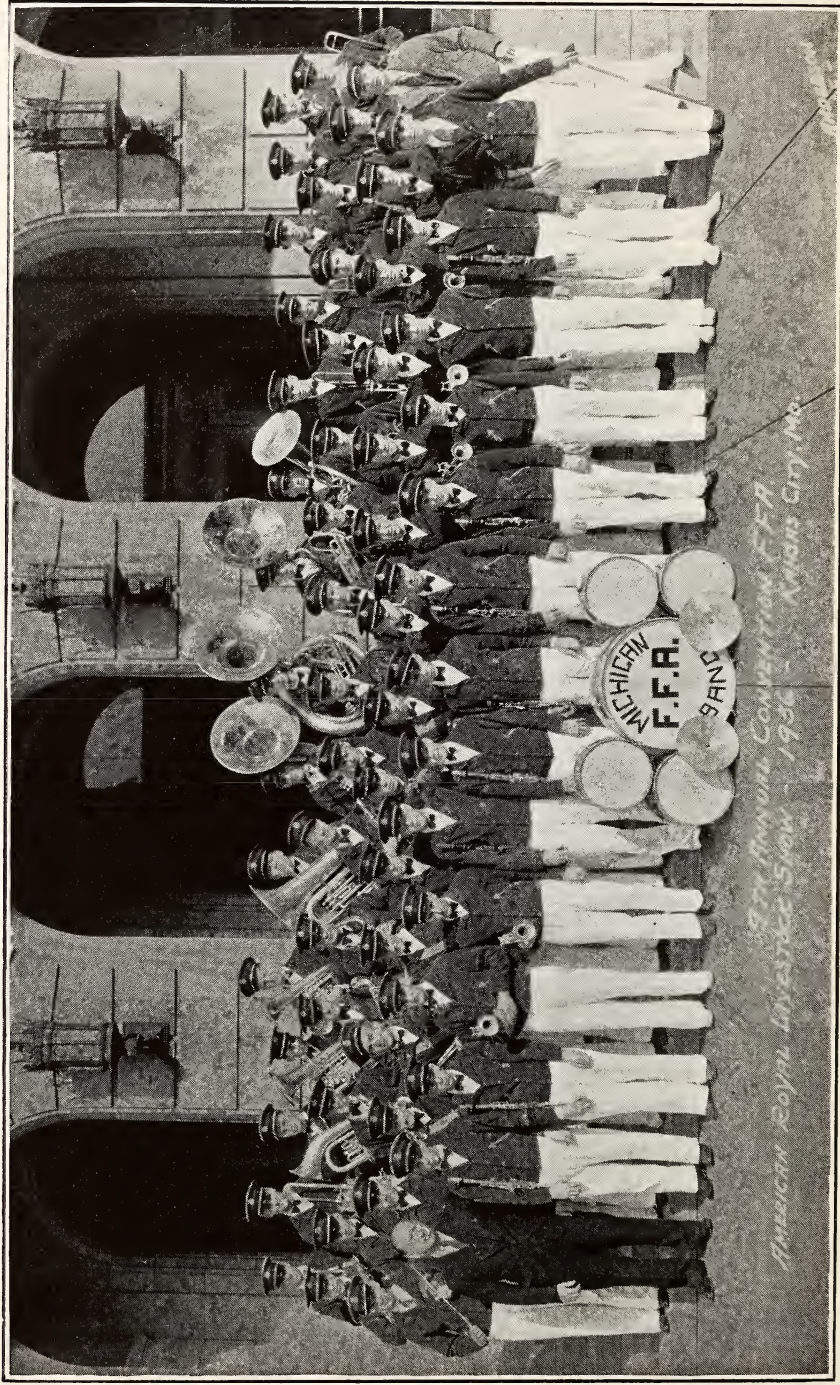
We, the members of the Uniform Committee, recommend that the style of the uniform remain in its present form. Since the Universal Uniform Company has reduced the price on this style, we recommend that this be declared the sole official uniform.

We also suggest that the jacket with the emblem on the back be used and that arrangements be made for standardized lettering to include, when appropriate, name, state, town, and office held by the individual, if any.

We also recommend that delegates wear swagger caps and that band caps be worn by the members of official bands and similar official groups.

We recommend a reduction in the price of the trousers as we feel that \$3.10 is out of reason for the quality of material used.

ERNEST HAMILTON, Washington, Chairman



AMERICAN ROYAL LIVESTOCK SHOW - 1936 - Kansas City, Mo.

Annual Report of the Executive Secretary

(For the period October 1, 1935 to October 1, 1936)

To Officers and Delegates:

Greetings! In coming before you today I stand with the 117,000 members looking back on not one year alone but several years of achievement in an organization which has taken its place as one of the most vital forces in American country life. That organization is the Future Farmers of America. But today we also look forward into the years of opportunity ahead and in the immediate foreground is the "ten-year milestone".

While my report is essentially one of progress regarding the period from October 1, 1935 to October 1, 1936, it is impossible to exclude material dealing with both the past and future as it bears upon F. F. A. progress. Perhaps no other student organization has enjoyed the enthusiastic support and popularity which has come to your organization. We are reaching a place now where our experience is being "ripened with wisdom" to some extent. And, experience, after all, we must remember is the only real teacher.

Years ago when the Panama Canal was under construction, the attention of the world was focused on this gigantic undertaking. There were staggering problems to be solved and baffling situations to be met. The best brains and talent of the time were utilized in the digging of the so-called "Big Ditch". History tells us, however, that this undertaking was not accomplished in one big "swoop". It was a series of carefully planned steps, jobs, and projects. The work was done in units and conditions varied. Practices followed in one section could not be followed in another. Certain parts of the canal had to be dug and then dug again. Landslides occurred time and time again bringing tons of earth tumbling into the carefully cut channel, all of which had to be removed. But finally after years of painstaking intelligent effort the Panama Canal was finished. Since that time great ships pass through it continuously. It stands today as a monument to American persistence and efficiency.

This is the history of any big undertaking. Having cut a channel through the strata of immediate difficulties there are always new problems and unforeseen circumstances to be met and—"slide-ins" to be taken care of. After the dream becomes a reality there is still the problem of maintenance to insure a clear passageway.

Thus it is with the Future Farmers of America organization. You have built your Panama Canal so to speak but not without the "slide-ins" and the "redigging" in certain instances. New problems constantly appear; they will continue to do so. Maintaining a healthy growing, valuable organization means that the members under the guidance of competent leadership will constantly move forward, but may go back when necessary to

“redig” the channel in certain places so as to keep it clear, navigable, and in first class condition. Otherwise progress will be slowed up or held back completely.

As delegates, you came here to represent your Associations. Your motives are unselfish. Every one of you want to do the best thing for the Future Farmers of America organization—the greatest good to the greatest number. You have the interests of each other at heart. You have the interests of your Country at heart. State lines mean little, here at this national meeting, because the F. F. A. is a *national* organization.

It is interesting to note the natural development and member demands of the F. F. A. At the time the first constitution was drafted, I think there was no thought in the mind of the framers that, in less than ten years, provision might need to be made for two additional divisions of this organization. I refer to Collegiate Chapters, on the one hand, for the purpose of training F. F. A. advisers, and some sort of affiliated membership which will provide opportunity for the older F. F. A. members to maintain contact with their organization. Apparently members find it hard to say “goodby” to active membership and want to hold fast to their F. F. A. connection. It seems to me this speaks well for the organization, its ideals and purposes.

The Ninth National Convention was planned by your Board of Trustees last spring. Since that time we have been working steadily, looking forward to this morning’s session. The attendance is gratifying and the representation quite complete. While delegates from Puerto Rico failed to arrive, the Hawaiian Association is again represented.

A year ago in this room, a national program of work was set up and adopted by the delegates. Let us review that program and note the results:

1. Encourage membership increase.

Goal—125,000 members.

Accomplishment—117,000 members.

2. Encourage use of opening and closing ceremonies in chapter meetings and State Conventions.

Goal—100% of chapters and State Associations using ceremonies regularly.

Accomplishment—3,616 chapters in 45 States used the ceremonies.

3. Encourage possession and use of official Manual by every member.

Goal—75% of members owning a Manual.

Accomplishment—32,385 members in 46 States own Manuals.

4. Encourage parliamentary procedure meetings.

Goal—90% chapters have one meeting on instruction.

Accomplishment—3,054 chapters in 46 States held at least one meeting on parliamentary procedure.

5. Encourage organization of thrift banks and long-time project programs.

Goal—50% chapter participation.

Accomplishment—938 chapters in 40 States had thrift banks.

6. Encourage participation in public speaking contests.

Goal—100% chapter participation.

Accomplishment—2,114 chapters and 48 Associations held public speaking contests.

7. Encourage home improvement including landscaping, beautification, repair and providing conveniences.

Goal—100% chapter participation.

Accomplishment—2,844 chapters in 45 States engaged in organized home improvement work, including landscaping, beautification, labor-saving devices, modern conveniences and repairing.

8. Encourage rural fire prevention programs.

Goal—50% chapter participation.

Accomplishment—1,249 chapters in 37 States reported fire-prevention programs.

9. Encourage conservation programs.

Goal—75% chapter participation.

Accomplishment—2,425 chapters in 45 States engaged in organized conservation work with soils, trees, wild life, etc.

10. Encourage pest eradication.

Goal—50% chapter participation.

Accomplishment—1,522 chapters in 38 States engaged in pest eradication.

11. Encourage State F. F. A. camps and leadership training conferences.

Goal—100% State participation.

Accomplishment—26 State Associations provided a State-wide Leadership Training School or Conference for local chapter officers and members.

12. Encourage State F. F. A. Bands and similar musical groups.

Goal—25% State participation.

Accomplishment—6 State Associations have bands, orchestras or some other form of state-wide musical organization.

13. Encourage exchanges of State F. F. A. publications (including Hawaii and Puerto Rico) and suggest that these be kept on file by the State Adviser.

Goal—75% State participation.

Accomplishment—30 State Associations keep on file all or part of other State publications.

14. Encourage State radio broadcasts.

Goal—State participation.

Accomplishment—24 State Associations sponsored radio broadcasts.

15. Have national Father and Son Banquet night program with national F. F. A. radio broadcast at noon previous to banquet.

1,019 chapters participated in National F. F. A. Day, April 13, 1936.

16. The Proceedings of the Eighth National Convention were published and distributed to every chapter of F. F. A.

Growth and Status

Last year at this time, we had 100,039 members and 3,977 chapters. Today we have 117,000 members and 4,341 chapters in 47 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. One state yet remains without a charter. Alaska is reported to be in the process of organizing, according to information which comes to the national office from time to time. However, no application for charter has yet been made.

Interest in the organization has increased considerably. Hundreds of letters of inquiry were received during the year from people in all walks of life. In addition to this, visitors and official government representatives from several foreign countries have called at the national office to discuss rural youth organization and to secure literature as well as first hand information about the F. F. A. Inquiries have come from the Union of South Africa, Rhodesia, Brazil, China, England, Finland, and Australia.

This may not be considered unusual since the present-day thinking is strongly toward youth problems. But the significant thing is that, without exception, these representatives from foreign lands praised the ideals, purposes, accomplishments and efficiency of your organization. To many it was a revelation. Shall I tell you from the practical business viewpoint what seems to appeal most? It is the fact that you boys are developing your own program, financing your own organization, and that you are paying your way as you go.

Numerous invitations have been received to have the F. F. A. represented at various youth, agricultural and general meetings, both national and regional scope. Steadily and surely the F. F. A. is moving into position as a vital factor in the life of the agricultural community and in the permanent national rural advancement picture.

The Treasurer's report will give assurance of our financial status. A considerable portion of the surplus which has been accumulating will be needed in connection with the Tenth Convention activities.

Contests and Awards

The changes made in the chapter contest last year apparently had some effect. The number of chapters participating is still smaller however than

it should be. The simplified report met with quite general favor as did the idea of awards to each state participating.

The public speaking contest seems to remain at the top in favor among national contests and awards. This event shows the highest percentage of participation.

The idea of Regional Star Farmer awards has created new interest in the American Farmer Degree.

The award offered by the National Grange to the five outstanding State Associations was doubled this year, the present total being \$200.00.

American Farmers

One hundred and two applications for this degree had been forwarded to the national office on September 21st. While there were some splendid applications among them, the general level was not quite as high as in certain preceding years. Apparently more trouble was encountered this year on meeting minimum requirements, various interpretations, accuracy and compiling the applications in good form.

I am firmly convinced that both members and advisers should attempt to "re-focus their headlights" on the purpose of the degree and develop a more suitable "yardstick" to determine whether or not the honor is to be conferred on an individual.

Radio

Increased interest in radio broadcasting among States and chapters has been marked this year. Twenty-four Associations are sponsoring State F. F. A. broadcasts in various forms. 772 chapters in 42 States produced one or more radio programs during the year.

Using as the annual theme "Rural Institutions", the national F. F. A. radio program went into its sixth year as a regular feature of the N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour. Programs occurred on the second Monday of the month with two exceptions when Saturday coast-to-coast hook-ups were obtained. Some 57 stations as far west as Billings, Montana take the national F. F. A. program regularly. States participating in the national broadcast this year included Pennsylvania, Florida, Connecticut, Kentucky, California, Oregon, Washington, Texas, Maryland, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Kansas and Iowa. New skits were developed and distributed to States.

The August 29th broadcast having as its theme "Travel as a Rural Institution" drew nation-wide attention. Seven thousand miles of switches were made to seven different radio stations; seven states were represented and fourteen members participated.

Although we know the "F. F. A. family" appreciates the program, our fan mail does not prove it. The response from chapters and individuals is small. During the entire year we received at the national F. F. A. office

and through the N.B.C. stations, 199 postal cards and 73 letters; only 1313 listeners were actually reported.

Travel

Your Executive Secretary has made trips into the following states for the purpose of assisting on F. F. A. problems: Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Kentucky, Colorado and South Dakota.

Cooperation with Adult Farm Organizations

Representatives were sent to two of the national farm organization meetings. President Shaffer participated in the Farm Bureau meeting in Chicago and James Eager of California represented us at the Grange meeting held in California.

New Equipment and Supplies

During the year, certificates for over 500 American Farmers were prepared and sent to the States. This included the groups elected to this degree from 1928 to date.

A chapter secretary's book was completed and is now on sale for 25 cents from the French-Bray Printing Company, Baltimore.

Electric transcriptions of the "F.F.A. March" and "Hail the F.F.A." were made available for radio and phonograph use through the U. S. Recording Company, Washington, D. C.

An official chapter treasurer's book, a song book and an activity guide for the assistance of chapters are in process. They will be available later and State Advisers will be notified.

Tenth Celebration

Everyone is looking forward to 1937. The representation will be large. Preliminary plans are shaping up nicely. Dozens of ideas have been offered. This event should be the high point reached thus far in F. F. A. progress. We should spend considerable time on this matter at this convention.

Publicity

Considerable progress has been made. The public is "hungry" for information, however. It seems that we should therefore consider this responsibility from the standpoint of informing the public and govern ourselves accordingly.

F. F. A. sections were maintained in Agricultural Education Magazine; the Agriculture Leader's Digest; the A. V. A. Journal; School Life; and American Farm Youth. Numerous contributions were also made to numerous other publications of various types and kinds.

Constitution Revision

It is evident that the time has come when we need a revision of the constitution. The Board of Trustees acting as a Committee on Constitu-

tion has spent considerable time on this problem. Suggestions will be offered later in this convention.

Suggestions for Future Improvement

On this subject your Executive Secretary has the following to offer :

1. Consider a definite constitutional provision for older F. F. A. members and other out-of-school farm boys desiring an affiliated type of membership.
2. Take adequate steps to further protect the F. F. A. emblem. It is now being used, in some instances, in connection with private enterprise.
3. Provide a chapter directory to include the whole U. S.
4. Less rapid advancement from Future Farmer to State Farmer Degree. Apparently some states are "pushing" member advancement too fast. This situation is reflected in the American Farmer applications.
5. More actual study of policies and requirements concerning all F. F. A. matters. We all need to be better informed on the details affecting us or those associated with us. Imaginary requirements appear in the minds of many with regard to such things as American Farmer qualifications.
6. More closely knit State Associations.
7. Definite systems of records and accounts for State Associations and local chapters.
8. Development of more State F. F. A. musical organizations.
9. Development of more State leadership and recreation activities.
10. Encouraging members to set a goal for the American Farmer Degree early in their F. F. A. careers.
11. Continued emphasis on the development of radio programs and chapter libraries.
12. Continued emphasis on conservation and home improvements.
13. Provision for more travel by national officers.
14. Constant attention to the matter of retaining our identity as the F. F. A.
15. Developing a national Leadership Training Conference.

State Summary

A Summary of the work done by the various State Associations for the year ended June 30, 1935, follows :

1. Total number of Federally aided (white) departments of vocational agriculture in F. F. A. States (48 states reporting) 5,012
2. Total enrollment in vocational agriculture, F. F. A. States (all-day, day-unit and part-time) (48 states).....200,013
3. Total number of chartered F. F. A. chapters (49 states)..... 4,341

4. Total reported active membership (48 states).....	121,623
5. Total number new chapters chartered (46 states).....	472
6. Total number "Green Hands" (47 states).....	70,492
7. Total number "Future Farmers" (47 states).....	46,552
8. Total number "State Farmers" (47 states).....	2,538
9. Total number "American Farmers" (44 states).....	410
10. Total paid-up active membership (47 states).....	115,318
11. Total number associate members (local) (39 states).....	9,141
12. Total number of honorary members (local) (46 states).....	7,079
13. Total number of honorary members (State) (45 states).....	916
14. Grand total members reported (47 states).....	136,544
15. Total number chapters having full meeting equipment as listed in Manual (45 states).....	2,618
16. Total number members owning copy of the Manual (45 states)	32,324
17. Total number of members with long time project (40 states)...	61,126
18. Total number of chapters using opening and closing cere- monies for meetings (45 states).....	3,616
19. Total number of chapters using official metal markers (35 states)	1,156
20. Total number of chapters using official uniform (27 states)...	359
21. Total number of chapters having libraries (43 states).....	2,702
22. Total number of chapters having thrift banks (39 states).....	934
23. Total number of chapters holding parent and son banquets (47 states)	2,651
24. Total number of chapters engaged in organized home im- provement work (44 states).....	2,842
25. Total number of chapters engaged in organized conservation work (44 states)	2,423
26. Total number of chapters engaged in organized cooperative buying and selling work with farm supplies and commodities (44 states)	1,921
27. Total number of chapters engaged in organized pest eradica- tion (38 states).....	1,522
28. Total number of chapters assisting in Federal programs (40 states)	2,259
29. Total number of chapters entering national chapter contest (37 states)	410
30. Total number of chapters holding a public speaking contest (47 states)	2,111
31. Total number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters (45 states)	1,008
32. Total number of chapters owning radio sets (39 states).....	631
33. Total number of chapters not owning but having access to radios (43 states)	2,175

34.	Total number of chapters that have listened in regularly to National F. F. A. Radio programs (39 states).....	746
35.	Total number of chapters that have listened in occasionally to National F. F. A. Radio programs (42 states).....	2,450
36.	Total number of instances when the entire school has listened to one or more of the National F. F. A. Radio programs (36 states).....	842
37.	Total number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs (42 states).....	772
38.	Total number of chapters holding 10% or more of their members as active during the three year period following completion of or leaving high school (38 states).....	750
39.	Total number of members of chapters participating in National F. F. A. Day (32 states).....	1,019
40.	Total number of members of chapters holding one or more meetings on parliamentary procedure (45 states).....	3,049
41.	Total number of chapters participating in State recreational meetings (20 states).....	1,709
42.	Total number of members attending State recreational meetings (20 states).....	11,103
43.	Total number of members attending State Leadership training school or conference for local chapter officers and members (27 states).....	11,840
44.	Total number of delegates attending State Convention (46 states).....	6,060
45.	Total number of honorary State Farmer degrees given at convention (33 states).....	149
46.	Total amount actually invested in farming by active members (37 states).....	\$4,740,755.99
47.	Total number members in Collegiate Chapters (13 states)....	668
48.	Total number members of alumni members (13 states).....	2,848
49.	Total number States publishing an association paper, periodical or news sheets regularly (23 mimeographed and 15 printed) (38 states).....	
50.	Total attendance at state conventions (44 states).....	24,676
51.	Total number members raised to state farmer (47 states)....	1,204
52.	Total number of chapters holding a fire prevention program (36 states).....	1,249

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. ROSS,
Executive Secretary.

Annual Report of the Treasurer

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements October 1, 1935 to October 1, 1936

Receipts

National dues collected 1935-36	\$11,687.12	
National dues collected 1935-36 for 1934-35	19.00	
Refunds from dealers:		
L. G. Balfour Co.	\$ 1,881.00	
St. Louis Button Co.	67.93	
French-Bray Printing Co.	128.79	
Staunton Novelty Co.	476.24	
Universal Uniform Co.	108.87	2,662.83
Other income:		
Interest on Savings	287.65	
Travel refunds	43.34	
Travel funds furnished by Puerto Rico	80.00	
Checks outstanding on 1934-35 report returned to Treasurer and cancelled:		
Check No. 619 delegate travel Puerto Rico	120.07	
Check No. 672 officers travel C. A. Duplantis	50.00	581.06
Total Receipts		\$14,950.01

Disbursements

Checks No. 682 through 892	\$13,112.20	
Less checks used to transfer funds from checking account to savings account	4,356.25	
Total Disbursements		\$ 8,755.95
Net gain for the year		6,194.06
Balance October 1, 1935		14,552.19
		<u>\$20,746.25</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

Checking account as shown by the records of the Future Farmers	5,672.42	
Less checks outstanding at close of business October 1, 1936	926.17	
Check book balance at close of October 1, 1936		\$ 4,746.25
Savings account October 1, 1936		16,000.00
		<u>\$20,746.25</u>

NOTE:

Balance as shown by bank	5,642.94	
*Check charged to F. F. A. account June 1, 1936	29.48	
	<u>5,672.42</u>	

*See statements on pages following

NATIONAL DUES COLLECTED

(October 1, 1935 to October 1, 1936)

Alabama	\$ 350.00	Nebraska	\$ 136.70
Alaska		Nevada	16.90
Arizona	25.60	New Hampshire	17.30
Arkansas	156.50	New Jersey	54.20
California	607.70	New Mexico	67.90
Colorado	63.60	New York	492.60
Connecticut	19.90	North Carolina	694.40
Delaware	36.70	North Dakota	91.60
Florida	191.60	Ohio	573.30
Georgia	390.60	Oklahoma	339.10
Hawaii	130.30	Oregon	159.30
Idaho	137.50	Pennsylvania	264.30
Illinois	627.30	Puerto Rico	191.50
Indiana	105.40	Rhode Island	
Iowa	199.50	South Carolina	200.00
Kansas	216.40	South Dakota	125.82
Kentucky	246.20	Tennessee	518.60
Louisiana	305.40	Texas	1,203.20
Maine	58.00	Utah	241.10
Maryland	165.70	Vermont	20.80
Massachusetts	34.00	Virginia	567.50
Michigan	362.20	Washington	200.30
Minnesota	15.20	West Virginia	151.60
Mississippi	126.50	Wisconsin	316.60
Missouri	285.20	Wyoming	67.80
Montana	117.70	Total—	\$11,687.12

Respectfully submitted,
 HENRY C. GROSECLOSE,
National Treasurer

I have examined the records maintained by Mr. Henry C. Groseclose, the National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, for the period from October 1, 1935 through October 1, 1936 and have prepared therefrom the following statements hereto attached.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the period from October 1, 1935 through October 1, 1936.

Statement of National Dues collected from the State Chapters for the period from October 1, 1935 through October 1, 1936.

All receipts as recorded by Mr. Groseclose the Treasurer were deposited in the National Bank of Blacksburg, Blacksburg, Va. The balances in this bank at the close of business October 1, 1936 were verified by the bank statements, savings deposit book, and further certified to by a letter from Mr. J. M. Kessler, Cashier of the National Bank of Blacksburg—letter attached—NOTE—there is a discrepancy between the bank balance as shown by the F. F. A. audit and the balance as shown by the Bank, due to a charge against the F. F. A. account by the bank and not supported by a check. The bank is endeavoring to trace this check and we can only wait for a report from them on this item which may take from one to two weeks.

(Signed) GEORGE B. GOSE

STATE OF VIRGINIA:

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, *to wit*:

I, H. A. Chrigrupel, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, do certify, that George B. Gose whose name is signed to the above writing has this day acknowledged the same before me in my State and County.

This is the 5th day of October, 1936.

(Signed) H. A. CHRIGRUPEEL

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No. 12229

THE NATIONAL BANK OF BLACKSBURG

Blacksburg, Va.

October 5, 1936

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Gentlemen:

Our books show that at the close of business October 1, 1936 you had on deposit in this bank

Checking Account	\$ 5,642.94
Savings Account	16,000.00

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. M. KESSLER,

Cashier

No. 12229

THE NATIONAL BANK OF BLACKSBURG

Blacksburg, Va.

October 9, 1936

MR. H. C. GROSECLOSE, *Treasurer*
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Dear Mr. Groseclose:

I am pleased to inform you that the difference between your account and that of the bank as of October 1, amounting to \$29.48 has been located and we have given you credit for it. The correction credit is dated on our books October 8, 1936.

Assuring you we regret very much that this has happened. We appreciate your consideration in the matter.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. M. KESSLER,

Cashier

REPORT ON BUDGET FOR 1935-36

(From close of the Eighth National Convention to the Ninth National Convention—approximately November 1, 1935 to November 1, 1936.)

	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT EXPENDED
I. Travel of National Officers (to attend the national convention of F. F. A., the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees in Washington, and other special travel authorized by the Board of Trustees)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,970.68
II. Ninth National Convention (to include supplies, printing, new equipment, decorations, hotel service, clerical assistance, a band and general convention expense)	1,200.00	1,260.31
III. American Farmer Keys	506.25	506.25
IV. National Awards (Public Speaking Contest, Chapter Contest, State Association Contest, Judging Contest, Star Farmer, and special contests)	2,100.00	2,157.38
V. General Printing (Stationery, letterheads, report forms, etc.)	100.00	48.34
VI. Special Printing (Proceedings of the Eighth National Convention and Handbook)	800.00	634.05
VII. National Radio Program (To bring State Associations representatives to Chicago, New York, and Washington to participate)	600.00	302.46
VIII. National Office (For supplies, equipment, postage, telephone and telegraph)	400.00	380.05
IX. Clerical Assistance (National Office)	1,700.00	1,838.99
X. Delegate Expense (Transportation of one delegate from each Association from State Capital to Kansas City and return; fare and one-third basis)	2,280.00	2,306.95
	<u>\$11,686.25</u>	<u>\$11,405.46</u>

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY C. GROSECLOSE, *Treasurer*
W. A. ROSS, *Executive Secretary*

Cooperative and Special Activities

Since the National Convention of Future Farmers of America is held in conjunction with the national contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture there are numerous joint activities. The following general activities were, therefore, of special interest to the members in attendance:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 8:00 A. M.—Judging Calves exhibited by vocational Agricultural students.
11:00 A. M.—Judging swine and sheep exhibits.
6:00 P. M.—Banquet for vocational agricultural livestock exhibitors and members of judging teams; the Kansas City, Kansas. Chamber of Commerce, hosts.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 1:45 P. M. to
4:30 P. M.—Automobile tour of Kansas City. Assemble at Hotel Baltimore. Guests of Kansas City Implement, Hardware and Tractor Club.
2:30 P. M.—Special entertainment, Arena, American Royal Building.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 9:30 A. M.—Milk Judging Contest.
1:00 P. M.—Poultry Judging Contest.
6:00 P. M. to
7:15 P. M.—Viewing the lighted city from the illuminated tower of the Power and Light Building, corner 14th and Baltimore Streets.

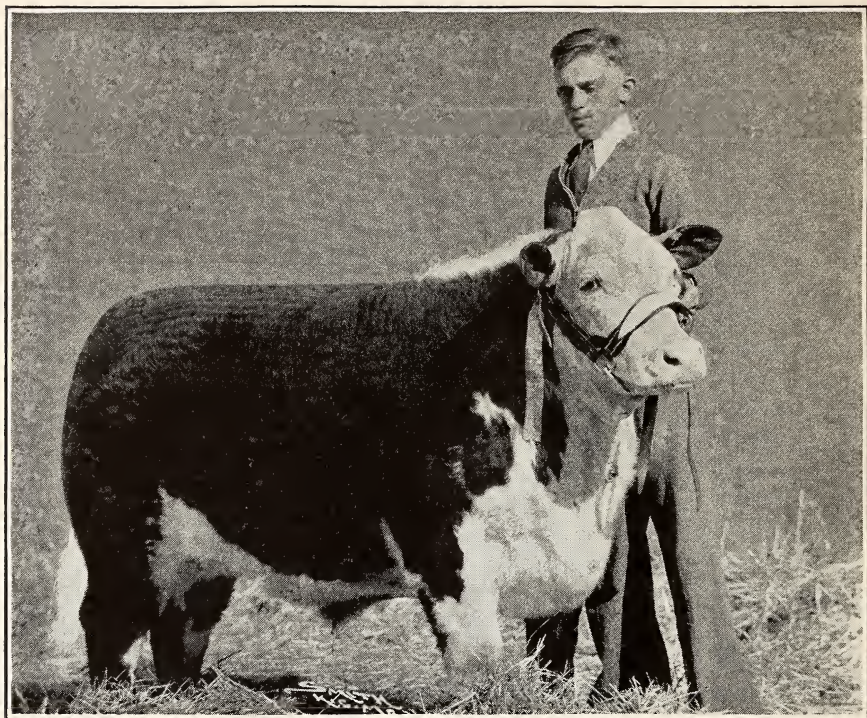
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DAY AT THE AMERICAN ROYAL

- 7:30 A. M. to
10:30 A. M.—Livestock Judging Contest.
7:30 A. M.—Dairy Judging Contest.
10:30 A. M.—Sheep and Hog Judging Contest.
2:30 P. M.—Matinee Horse Show, Arena, American Royal Building. Guests of American Royal.

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DAY.

- 4:30 P. M.—Horse and Mule Pulling Contests, Arena, American Royal Building.



Raymond Lowry, Leeton, Mo., vocational agriculture student whose Hereford steer, purchased as a feeder calf from the Kansas City stockyards, was fitted to the grand championship of the entire junior show at the American Royal, Kansas City. Lowry's steer topped all vocational calves and then won over the 4-H club entry shown by Waltman Miller, Granger, Mo., for the grand championship.

6:00 P. M.—Buffet Supper, guests of Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, Missouri, Municipal Auditorium, Courtesy City Manager, H. F. McElroy.

8:00 P. M.—Parade of Michigan Band, National F. F. A. officers, American Farmers, winners of National F.F.A. awards, official delegates, and members of judging teams, Arena, American Royal Building.

8:30 P. M.—Evening Horse Show, Arena, American Royal Building. F. F. A. Delegates, Public Speaking Contestants, Band, Judging Teams, Educational Prize Winners, and Officials were guests of the American Royal.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 A. M.—Day's Trip.

9:00 A. M.—Feeder Calf Sale for Vocational Boys.

- 9:15 A. M.—Visiting Packing Plant of Armour and Company.
12:00 Noon—Lunch. Guest of Sears, Roebuck and Company.
1:00 P. M.—Meat Identification Contest.
2:00 P. M.—Viewing Carlot Fat and Feeder Cattle.
6:30 P. M.—Annual Vocational Agricultural Banquet, Hotel Kansas Citian. Speaker, Dr. J. W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education. Awarding of Prizes. F. F. A. Delegates, 1936 American Farmers, F. F. A. Band, Members of Judging Teams, Educational Prize Winners, and Public Speaking Contestants, were guests of the Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 8:30 A. M.—Auction sale of lambs exhibited by Vocational Agricultural Students.
10:00 A. M.—Auction sale of fat calves exhibited by Vocational Agricultural Students.
1:00 P. M.—Auction sale of fat swine exhibited by Vocational Agricultural Students.

About 5,000 vocational agriculture students were registered at headquarters booths located in the Hotel Baltimore and at the American Royal Building. Representatives from 47 States and Hawaii were in attendance. About 1,500 attended the buffet supper and 500 marched in the arena parade. Approximately 850 were served at the vocational banquet in Hotel Kansas Citian on Wednesday evening.

The Hotel Baltimore, F. F. A. headquarters, reflected an air of holiday festivity due to the hoardes of boys moving about as the story of the F. F. A. was proclaimed by large banners hung in the hotel lobby.

The F. F. A. organization donated \$50 in cash and four felt banners as prizes for winners in the vocational judging contests.

The Michigan State Association provided an official 65 piece F. F. A. Band which was directed by Virgil Rowland. The Michigan group was headed by E. E. Gallup, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture. Special credit is due the Michigan Association for the fine showing made. All band members were dressed in smart F. F. A. uniforms. Since the national organization was unable to defray all expenses of the band the Michigan group assumed major responsibility for this item.

Credit is also due the Missouri Association for providing a second F. F. A. Band for the occasion.

Banquet contributions were made by the following states: Idaho, potatoes; Virginia, Michigan and Washington, apples. Special thanks are due these states for their cooperative attitude.

Delaware had the honor of exhibiting the prize ear of corn which was used at the secretary's station during the F. F. A. convention.

The nation was kept informed on the activities of the convention by radio and frequent news releases. Through the courtesy of Mr. W. E. Drips, Agricultural Director of the National Broadcasting Company, the public speaking contest was presented Tuesday on the Farm and Home Hour. Vocational Agriculture representatives appeared on four other broadcasts during the week. George Couper of California and his able staff were in charge of the public information program.

Afternoon matinee horse shows at the American Royal were open to vocational students. Through the courtesy of the American Royal officials, horse show tickets were provided those participating in the Arena Parade Tuesday night. Transportation for the various city trips was provided through the courtesy of the Kansas City Public Service Company.

In the vocational livestock exhibits, Raymond Lowry's Hereford was designated as Grand Champion of the American Royal Junior Show. The steer, "Lucky Strike" sold on the auction block at \$80 per hundred and brought its owner over \$800. This price equaled that paid for the Grand Champion of the senior division. Raymond is a member of the F. F. A. Chapter at Leeton, Missouri. An interesting sidelight is the fact that Raymond purchased the steer at the American Royal the previous year from some unknown trader.

State Association Award



James Via, president, Virginia Association, winner State Association contest for 1936, Future Farmers of America National Convention

There are 49 chartered Associations of F. F. A. including Hawaii and Puerto Rico. These Associations submit annually to the national office, reports on accomplishments for the year ended June 30. The National Board of Trustees, acting as a committee, studies these reports and scores them at the time of the National Convention in order to determine and reward the outstanding Associations. The four main items upon which the scoring is based are: (1) organization; (2) growth and advancement; (3) activities and accomplishments, and (4) savings and investments.

The 1936 award went to Virginia with Louisiana, Utah, Georgia, and Montana placing respectively in the order named. Through Mr. L. J. Taber, Master of the National Grange, prizes of \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30 and \$20 were offered the winners. In addition to the cash prize, the national F. F. A. organization presented the winner with a bronze plaque. The Groseclose Challenge Trophy or Founders' Cup also presented will remain in the custody of the winner for one year. All presentations were made during the regular convention session on the afternoon of October 21.

Space does not permit complete reports of accomplishment here but summaries of winners are included. Complete information is on file in the national office.

VIRGINIA

The Virginia Association was chartered in October, 1928 receiving charter number one. Worthy of mention here is the fact that Virginia also received the State Association award in 1930, the first year such a presentation was made. A membership of 5,675 or an increase over the previous year of 8.3% was reported from 202 active chapters. A total of 24 American Farmers have been produced by the Virginia Association. Practically 100% of the agricultural departments have chapters and 100% of students are members where chapters are maintained. 188 chapters belonged to federations. A Collegiate Chapter of 93 members is located at V. P. I. Twenty-six chapters have organized Alumni units with an enrollment of 441.

A strong annual program of work consisting of 106 items revealed a high percentage of completion; the items dealt with the development of self government, cooperative effort, community improvement, recreation, conservation and leadership. Outstanding chapter accomplishments showed that 75% of them engaged in cooperative buying and selling; 88% assisted in community improvements; 52% staged community fairs; 99% conducted farm tours or camping trip; 99% held father-son-get-togethers; 82% had chapter libraries; 99% were represented at the State Rally and Convention; 92% had entries in Public Speaking Contest; and 88% were represented in leadership training schools. The members had \$103,000 in local chapter thrift banks and \$360,000 invested in farming.

Outstanding also was the annual State budget amounting to \$7,200. Of this amount \$1,000 was spent in staging the annual convention and \$1,400 used in financing out-of-state judging teams and delegates to the national convention at Kansas City. Virginia's representation at this convention in 1935 was 22 members.

The year's highlight was reached in June when 1,200 members participated in the State Rally.

A printed state publication, "Chapter Chats" reaches each member bi-monthly.

LOUISIANA

In the Louisiana State Association there are 93 chapters all of which have 100% F. F. A. membership totaling 3,054. A total of \$1,926 was on deposit in local thrift banks and \$154,750 was reported as invested in farming. Six radio broadcasts were presented by the Association during the year. Outstanding accomplishments were: 78 chapters have chapter libraries; 83 held father and son banquets; 54 engaged in cooperative buying and selling; 50 engaged in organized conservation work; 79 prepared chapter news letters; all chapters held public speaking contests; and 88 chapters entered the national Chapter Contest. Over 600 members attended the State Convention and 300 take advantage during the summer, of the state camp.

UTAH

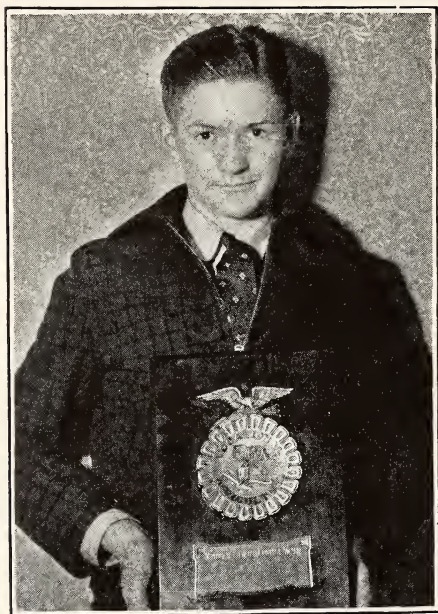
The Utah Association had 40 chapters including 2,411 members which represents 100% chapter organization. Outstanding in the Utah report were the facts that: 26 chapters own radios; all chapters have libraries; 33 chapters held public speaking contests; 29 chapters held special meetings devoted to parliamentary procedure; 24 chapters engaged in cooperative buying and selling; 27 chapters held father-son banquets; and 28 chapters use the official F. F. A. uniform. All chapters participated in a state-wide recreational program and 34 chapters were represented in a State Leadership Training School. The State Association sponsored monthly radio broadcasts over two stations. A state newsletter was published and a State F. F. A. band was supported.

GEORGIA

In the Georgia Association, chapters have been chartered in 154 of the 155 local vocational agriculture departments. The active membership list totals 3,906. At the State F. F. A. camp 119 chapters were represented and there were 1,500 members in attendance at the State convention. Thrift banks have been organized in 22 chapters with total deposits amounting to \$2,270. The report showed also a member investment in farming of \$112,000. Local chapters cooperated with the Forestry Service in conducting fire prevention surveys covering thousands of acres. In the State School for Leadership, 95% of the local chapters were represented. Newsletters were regularly prepared by 33 chapters.

MONTANA

The Montana Association report showed 100% chapter organization in 39 departments with a membership of 1,177. In thrift banks a sum of \$1,430 was on deposit and \$131,00 was reported as invested in farming by members. Leadership schools were conducted by 28 chapters, as were father-son banquets. A printed State paper was published and distributed. The Association conducted a local Adviser's Training School. Safety programs were sponsored by 37 chapters. Delegates representing 38 chapters attended the State Convention and an educational exhibit was sponsored at the two major State Fairs.



Donald Robinson, president Scenic City Chapter, Iowa Falls, Iowa, with plaque awarded to the Iowa Falls Chapter, winner of the 1936 national chapter contest, national Future Farmers of America convention.

The Chapter Contest

The National F. F. A. Chapter Contest conducted annually by the organization is designed to encourage and reward Chapter effort. 294 chapters were entered in the 1936 event and 30 States were represented in the competition.

The selection of the winners was based on the scope and quality of the chapter's program of work and on the actual accomplishments of the chapter as revealed in the final report submitted. Emphasis was given to activities organized and carried through by the chapter as a group. Participation was limited to active members.

In scoring a chapter's program of activities, consideration was given to (1) the importance and appropriateness of the items included; (2) the goals of accomplishment set; and (3) the methods and devices used to attain goals. This applied to each item on the score card.

In scoring accomplishments, consideration was given to (1) total accomplishment of the chapter on each item of its program; (2) percentage of membership participation; (3) average accomplishment per member where such statement was feasible; and (4) the general accomplishment and progress of the chapter group in terms of goals set.

Competing chapters were urged to exercise initiative and originality in activity programs adapted to their situations and conditions. Emphasis throughout the contest focused on evidence indicating "chapter consciousness" and group activity. The Chapter Contest has been a valuable aid in stimulating cooperative effort and crystallizing chapter programs of work into worth-while undertakings.

The following score card was used in making the selection of outstanding chapters:

	<i>Program of Work</i>	<i>Accomplish- ments</i>
I. Supervised practice	50	150
II. Cooperative activities	40	120
III. Community service	40	120
IV. Leadership activities	30	90
V. Earnings and savings	30	90
VI. Conduct of meetings	20	60
VII. Scholarship	20	60
VIII. Recreation	20	60

The placing of the chapters for 1936 was as follows:

First Prize	Scenic City, Iowa
Winner, Southern Region	Homestead, Florida
Winner, North Atlantic Region	Cairo, West Virginia
Winner, Western Region	Boise, Idaho

State Winners

Violonia, Arkansas	Saint Edward, Nebraska
Ramer, Alabama	Churchill County, Nevada
Modesto, California	Gouverneur, New York
Fort Collins, Colorado	Aurelian Springs, North Carolina
Guilford-Madison, Connecticut	Bisbee, North Dakota
Sale City, Georgia	Fredericktown, Ohio
Tolono, Illinois	Spiro, Oklahoma
Columbus, Indiana	Eastern High, South Dakota
Jay Hawk, Lawrence, Kansas	Beeville, Texas
Moreauville, Louisiana	Chester, Vermont
Presque Isle, Maine	Hillsville, Virginia
Norborne, Missouri	Belmont, Wisconsin
Judith Basin, Montana	John B. Kendrick, Sheridan, Wyoming

The first prize was \$150.00 in cash and a bronze plaque; Regional prizes were \$75.00 each in cash; and State prizes were \$15.00 each in cash. All prizes were given by the National Organization of F. F. A.

Judges for the Chapter Contest were:

S. M. Ransopher of the C. C. C. Education Service of the United States Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Bruce L. Melvin, Principal Research Supervisor, Rural Research Unit of P. W. A., Washington, D. C.

J. K. Coggin of North Carolina State College.

SCENIC CITY CHAPTER, IOWA FALLS, IOWA

First place in the national chapter contest and in the North Central Region for 1936 went to the Scenic City Chapter, Iowa Falls, Iowa, with a well compiled and attractive record of group activities and individual accomplishment.

Organized in the fall of 1929, the Scenic City chapter then had 53 active members which was a 100% record. This group won honorable mention in the national competition of 1930 and member La Vern Newton was national vice-president of the F. F. A. in 1931.

Each member of the Scenic City chapter took an active interest in the varied activities of the chapter. Cooperation was an especially strong point since within the chapter there were three subsidiary organizations, namely: the Duroc Breeders Association with 37 members; the Crops and Soils Improvement Association, having 23 members; and the Mutual Duroc Insurance Association with 17 members. The first two of these subsidiary organizations indicated had been in operation since 1930. In addition there was a cooperative loan fund for individual project work.

The Duroc Jersey Breeders Association owns a boar, and members own more than 300 head yielding a labor income of \$3,000 last year. The association purchased 27 head of pure bred for its members, and sold 29 head at the cooperative sale for \$893.00. The association also purchased and mixed over four tons of minerals and protein feeds for members. The mutual insurance idea was started to protect the boys against swine losses; 37 gilts were insured for \$1,417.50.

Each member had full ownership of at least one of his enterprises of which there were 87. A total investment in supervised practice enterprises of \$4,526.00 yielded a labor income of \$5,401.00 or more than \$102.00 per member. Eleven freshmen had corn projects up to six acres, three had poultry, others had potatoes, garden, popcorn and dairy cows. The upper class members had 22 swine projects, 12 in corn, seven in poultry, two oats, two potatoes, one sheep and one soybean. The total member investment in farming was listed at \$15,363.00 and a long-time farming program was being developed by each member.

Among the improved practices were included proven methods in producing corn, potatoes, legumes, pastures, hay crops, livestock, poultry, dairy cattle, beef cattle and sheep. These practices dealt with better breeding, selection, testing and keeping adequate records.

The boys also put on an extensive home improvement program which included 181 projects such as painting, home plumbing systems, landscaping, repairing buildings and the like which make for better rural living. A corn yield test on 66 plots was conducted by the chapter. The group also interested older boys in enrolling in part-time classes, and parents in taking part in evening classes.

Local newspapers carried, during the year, 453 column inches of reading matter concerning the activities and accomplishments of the Scenic City Chapter. The average scholarship grade for all members was 84.84 which was slightly above the general school average. The weekly meetings of the chapter showed 96% attendance.

The chapter owns a radio and also presents radio programs. Members have secured swine loans from banks to the extent of \$735.00. A camping trip was taken during the summer. Conservation of bird life and an organized noon hour recreation program for the entire school were unusual features of the Scenic City report which was neatly bound and artistically assembled in blue and gold.

Much credit is due President Roland Hamilton and Advisers C. E. Bundy and V. R. Johnson for the guidance and encouragement which stimulated and vitalized the chapter's accomplishments.

HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA

Catching the spirit of service in the F. F. A., right from the beginning, the Homestead Florida chapter dedicated their program and their record of achievement to the citizens of the Homestead Community. Claiming for these citizens the distinction of conquering the last frontier in the domain of Uncle Sam, these boys went on to show how inevitable it was that a chapter of F. F. A. be progressive in such surroundings. The unique story of the founding of this community served as a background and inspiration for these enterprising lads.

The Homestead Chapter made up of 36 members apparently captured an alligator, and bound with his hide a beautiful 340 page book telling of their accomplishments.

The report showed that the chapter obtained 47 acres of land where both individual and cooperative projects were undertaken by the members. Included in the chapter equipment were: a tractor; harrow; potato planter; cultivator; four battery brooders for chicks, two fattening brooders; and three poultry houses.

The members of the group joined cooperatively to brood 3,000 chicks; to produce $9\frac{1}{2}$ acres of crops; to manage and work a 10 acre forestry plot upon which 1,000 mahogany trees were planted this year; to purchase 10 tons of poultry feed, 25 tons of fertilizer and 600 bushels of seed potatoes; and to can 500 (No. 2 size) cans of produce.

This report also showed that each member carried an average of five projects, became proficient in an average of 11 farm skills and introduced into their work an average of ten improved farming practices. Thirty-one per cent of the projects were continuation projects from former years and the crops projects average 6.4 acres in size. The average labor income for these boys from their project activities was \$213.61.

This outstanding chapter of the Southern Region published a paper "*The F. F. A. News*", held a dance, had an old-fashioned chicken supper and went on an exchange tour to Kansas. While enroute they visited twenty-three F. F. A. chapters in Florida, Alabama and Kansas.

More remarkable than any other item is the fact that in every project undertaken nearly 100% of the members participated. As a result they finished the year with \$827.50 to the credit of the chapter; with an average investment in farming for each member of \$100.37; and an average of \$36.00 in savings.

The report for this wide-awake group was signed by President John Frederick and Adviser, George N. Wakefield.

CAIRO, WEST VIRGINIA

The Cairo, West Virginia Chapter designated as the outstanding chapter in the North Atlantic Region reported a membership of 48 and was organized in 1928.

Walnut grown on the farm of a member of the Cairo Chapter, sawed into lumber by another member and fashioned into a box in the school farm shop became a modern "Pandora Box" when a book setting forth the program and accomplishments of the Cairo group contained therein was examined.

Right from the beginning these boys demonstrated that they knew co-operation by cooperating. Collectively they purchased 20 tons of fertilizer; 9,000 pounds of feed; 4,900 baby chicks; 140 bushels of potatoes; 2,000 broilers; 681 pounds of wool; a truck for the chapter use; an electric hot-bed and other necessary items to the extent of \$5,299.76. They also rented a 400 tree orchard, financed a pure bred Shropshire sheep enterprise, operated a 500 capacity brooder as well as a greenhouse.

The Cairo group established an F. F. A. library of 30 volumes in the local school and 80% of the members made use of the special library service. Some \$3,000.00 worth of business went through the chapter bank account during the year which indicates the sound financial basis of chapter operation.

However, it has not all been work, for these Future Farmers report they conducted two tours, held a father and son banquet; organized a soft ball team and contests; spent two days at the Ohio State Fair; and made arrangements for chapter members to play golf on the Cairo Golf Club links.

John Pyle was listed as the president and P. D. Wickline as the Adviser.

BOISE, IDAHO

The Boise, Idaho Chapter composed of 56 active members presented a book of 70 illustrated photographs and snapshots and over 200 column inches of publicity describing their accomplishments to win the Pacific Region award.

The report indicated the use of an average of 11.5 improved farming practices and the acquiring of an average 10.4 skills per member. Total member investment in farming was given as \$43,345.85.

In cooperative activities, 60% of the members having dairy projects sold milk to cooperative creameries; 60% of the members conducting egg projects sold their eggs to cooperative egg associations; and 60% of the chapter members bought feed from cooperative associations. At the F. F. A. Livestock Show, 100% of the members participated in some capacity.

Members of this chapter, all of them, took part in bringing in rodents and pests in a control program. They tested cows for farmers, and assisted with disease and pest control. In the State Horticultural contest, the Boise team placed first and individuals ranked first, second and third high point men in the contest. Members also held 34 positions of leadership during the year.

In their recreation program, this chapter sponsored or engaged in an all-school dance, a father and son banquet, a picnic, a summer camp, basket ball games and similar sports.

The President of the Boise Chapter, Ben Dobson, is an outstanding leader, having been secretary of the district organization and president of the State Association. He was a delegate to the 1935 National Convention of F. F. A. In addition, young Dobson is a cartoonist of distinction, and has been art editor of the year book for three years. His work was in evidence all through the Boise report. John Bauer was listed as the chapter Adviser.



SPEAKER:

KENNETH JACK

Pennsboro, West Virginia

Winner of the 1936

**National F. F. A. Public
Speaking Contest**

The Public Speaking Contest

The seventh annual National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest was held in the Thomas A. Edison Hall of the Power and Light Building at 7:30 P. M. on Monday, October 19. Kenneth Jack of the Pennsboro, West Virginia, chapter won the event. Louis Parkinson of Madison Chapter, Rexburg, Idaho; Lowell Huckstead, Neillsville, Wisconsin; and Elmo Johnson of the Horace Maynard Chapter, Maynardsville, Tennessee placed in the order named.

Since the controlling purpose of the F. F. A. is the development of aggressive rural and agricultural leadership, provision for training and participation in public speaking is looked upon as essential. The four youths who appeared in this national contest had come up through local, state, national and regional elimination events similar in all respects to the national event sponsored by their own organization. During the year thousands of other F. F. A. members in the 47 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico had benefitted by participation in the preliminary and elimination events and while substantial prizes were offered to the national winners, the training received by the large number of members stands out as the lasting value in connection with the competition.

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

It was in 1930 that Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas started the national F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest and for two years he offered cash prizes to the four winners. Since that time the national organization of F. F. A. has been sponsoring this contest and offering the following awards:

First Place.....	\$250 in cash and a gold F. F. A. medal.
Second Place.....	\$200 in cash and a silver F. F. A. medal.
Third Place.....	\$150 in cash and a bronze F. F. A. medal.
Fourth Place.....	\$100 in cash and a bronze F. F. A. medal.

The judges were: Mr. L. J. Taber, Master of the National Grange, Columbus, Ohio; Mr. Wheeler McMillen, President of the Agricultural Editors' Association, New York City; and Professor George Melcher, Superintendent of Schools, Kansas City, Missouri.

Preceding the contest the Michigan State F. F. A. Band under the direction of Virgil Rowland presented an excellent 45 minute concert. This 65 piece band not only made quite a hit musically but in appearance as well.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1930—Edward Drace, Keytesville Chapter, Keytesville, Missouri.

Subject: "Equalization of Taxes as a Source of Farm Relief."

1931—R. Hugh Conn, Worcester Chapter, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Subject: "The Tariff and the Debenture Clause."

1932—William Bagot Searson, St. Paul Chapter, Younges Island, South Carolina.

Subject: "Give Them a Chance."

1933—Albert W. Richardson, Reading Chapter, Reading, Massachusetts.

Subject: "Why Be a Farmer."

1934—J. Phelon Malouf, Richfield Chapter, Richfield, Utah.

Subject: "The Farmer's Part in a Planned Agriculture."

1935—Mont Kenney, Fillmore Chapter, Fillmore, Utah.

Subject: "Land Use."

WHAT NEXT?

By **KENNETH JACK**
Pennsboro, West Virginia
(Winning Speech)

This question, we, the farm boys of West Virginia, must answer and answer soon. A month from today thousands of us will have received our High School Diplomas. We will have made our start in life.

Of course a small per cent will be able to continue their education in schools of higher learning. For the vast majority of us, however, High School will mark an end of our formal education.

What is our goal? What do we expect from life? A meager living? Surely we are entitled to more than that. Ours is no Utopian dream. We have no illusions of a rosy future to be attained without effort. We expect to earn by honest labor, the homes and luxuries and happiness we covet.

Can we attain this end as farmers? We answer. Well established facts prove that given intelligent management, West Virginia farms are very profitable. What is intelligent management? It does not necessarily mean the growing of two ears of corn or two blades of grass where only one grew before. It means the production on our West Virginia farms of such products as we can profitably market in competition with other producers. Farming is a competitive business. To be successful we must recognize it as such. Many farmers have been unsuccessful for this very reason. They have tried to grow crops unsuitable to their land. For example, corn and wheat cannot be grown on a large scale to compete with the amount produced on the western plain.

We do not mean that we are to entirely eliminate these crops. They are essential in most of our crop rotation schemes. All that is produced, however, should be fed on the farm, thereby maintaining the fertility of the soil.

Then too, no attempt should be made to farm marginal land. It should never have been cleared. It must be reforested. The wooded acres remaining which are unfit for farming must be conserved. Wood lots properly managed are profitable. They will prove a source of even greater revenue as our lumber supply is depleted.

Our united action in this matter will go a long way towards conserving the soil on our steep hill-sides. It will lessen our flood hazards and insure for our children and their children's children an adequate supply of timber. Thus their heritage may be fertile fields and wooded slopes, not unsightly rain-washed gulleys. You may ask what kind of farming is profitable in West Virginia?

Due to our topography, our varied soils and our geographical position, diversified farming will prove most profitable for the average farmer.

Our gentle-sloped hills are well adapted to the grazing of live stock. We have sufficient tillable ground to grow feed for wintering and fattening. Many of our soil types are suited to the production of small fruits. Such areas are generally too small for specialization, but will yield an important cash return to the general farmer.

West Virginia is within easy trucking distance of many of our country's largest cities. Our railroad facilities are adequate and convenient. This tends toward diversified farming.

• This is the kind of farming we propose to do.

In West Virginia we can produce many products of the highest quality. Our cattle, lambs, potatoes and fruits are unexcelled. And these are but a few of many I might mention.

We will cooperate in planning our production to insure a stable supply of our products to meet the demand. We will strive to eliminate surpluses of one commodity and scarcities of others. We will standardize. "Produce the Best" will be our motto. And having produced it we will grade, mark and pack it in such a manner that it will be recognized as a superior brand. The citrus fruit growers have demonstrated the value of this method of marketing. Customers everywhere will come to realize the excellence of an article which we guarantee or which bears our stamp. This is no idle boast. Our climate, soil texture and nearness to markets make it possible, if we will rigidly adhere to high standards of quality.

To accomplish this we cannot think of farming in terms of thousands of individual units. Each farmer, doing as he pleases and paying no heed to his neighbors. We must organize. We must unite our efforts.

We must plan and buy and sell cooperatively. Our organization must believe. They must have the right to fix standards and the power to see that once fixed these standards of excellence are maintained.

Our cooperative marketing will not have as its purpose the eradication of the middle man. But it will limit his profit to a fair wage plus interest on his *investment*. There will be times when we must borrow for programs of individual expansion. Our cooperative loan associations will furnish us money for proper security to meet our needs and on terms far better than could be obtained in any other way. Such associations have been successful for many years in various farming sections throughout the United States.

Farming is a business which challenges the best of intellects and the keenest of minds. As Future Farmers we will meet this challenge. The possibilities of farm life have never been fully appreciated. Our training as the farmers of tomorrow will enable us to reap the benefits of a happy farm life. A life which excels all others in freedom and independence. On our farms we will institute business methods. We will utilize improved farm practices. We will farm intelligently.

LAND CONSERVATION

By LOUIS PARKINSON

Madison Chapter, Rexburg, Idaho

(Second Place Speech)

The problem of land use has been for many years the outstanding problem of the average American farmer. It increases by leaps and bounds every year, because of wind, water, and overgrazing erosion. It has increased to the point that 50,000,000 acres once cultivated in the United States no longer produce crops. These "idle acres" bulk into an area as large as that of the combined states of Indiana and Ohio, more than all the wheat land harvested in the United States last year.

This land lies idle. A large part of it is unprotected by surface vegetation. Each heavy rain deepens the already tragic gullies, as well as creating new ones, which scar this once productive land like some terrible disease. They carve out of the heart of our farm land a monument to national folly. Nature has written her protests on our dusty walls, on the desks in Washington, and on the food bills of every consumer in America. Her warnings have come time and time again in the form of smothering dust storms.

*"According to the soil conservation service, more than three billion tons of top soil are washed and blown from our fields every year. The cost of this erosion to farmers in lost fertility alone is about \$400,000,000 annually. More than three billion tons of rich loam are washed away to sea each year from the fields of the Mississippi Valley."

In addition to the 50,000,000 acres which have been forcibly retired from production by over-cropping and over-grazing, the best top soil has been largely washed away from one hundred twenty-five million acres more. This represents an acreage as large as the more productive parts of Kansas, Illinois, and Iowa combined. Still another tract of 100,000,000 acres is starting in the direction of that soil stripped barren land.

In China, history has written a story of famine, drought, and death. At one time, she too was rich with a resource of fertile land. Chinese farmers seized these lands, stripped them of all their fertility, and then moved on, leaving them drained of plant food and humus content, to be washed down to the ocean by the seasonal rains.

The Chinese passed on to the future generations the burden of paying for their intensive cultivation and soil exploitation. And today's generation is paying the price in starvation, poverty, and sorrow. Our payments are on the way.

The Navaho country in the Southwest offers a good example of this. There, an area half as big as the state of Iowa is practically a desert, largely because man has made it so. The white men found it covered with palatable grasses. There were wooded mountains and broad valleys. Today those

valleys are scarred by ugly gullies cutting deeper and deeper every year. The land was forced to support too many sheep, cattle, and goats. This destroyed the vegetative cover of the hills. When it rains, soil and water, unchecked by the natural grasses, run down to the sea by the ton as mud. This area is by no means out of production, but it is on the way out.

If you knew that an invading foe would, in the next five years, steal from the United States 175,000,000 acres of productive land; steal \$2,000,000,000 from the farmers of our Nation, wouldn't you, and every other red-blooded American, rise up to defend our nation from this enemy? This is about what the farmer's foe, soil erosion, will take.

There is a solution to this problem. It lies in proper management of our soils. On virgin land, if it is not disturbed by man, there is almost invariably a good cover of vegetation. When this vegetation escapes the plow and is not weakened by excessive grazing, serious erosion is impossible. The above-ground parts of the plant break the force of the wind and rain. Their shade hinders the sun from shining directly upon the soil, thereby retarding drying and cracking of the surface. Under vegetation the soil becomes neither as hot in the summer nor as cold in the winter. The vegetation moderates the erosive forces of the climate.

The plant tops are a further protection in that they form innumerable barriers to water which would otherwise run off, and take soil with it. The small or broken up parts of the leaf and stem and bits of partly decayed organic matter together with dense mats of surface roots form thousands of tiny dams and terraces which hold the excess water until it has been absorbed by the soil.

An interesting demonstration was conducted by the Soil Conservation Service to show the absorption powers of different kinds of soil. Three jars of the same sizes were used. In the first jar they put seven inches of soil taken from a dense forest. In the second jar they used soil from a field that had been in a good crop rotation system. In the third jar, soil was used from a field that had produced wheat for twenty years. A small stream of water was run on to the soil in each jar. In the first two jars all the water seeped down through the soil and out at the bottom. But with jar number three the water soon ran over the top of the container, carrying a burden of soil with it. This definitely proved that soils low in humus have poor absorption powers.

******The plant roots may force through the soil to depths of five or more feet. This enables the water to penetrate readily, especially after the decay of the roots. The roots work on the soil and mold it into the granules, leaving it in a loose, porous condition. Often half of such a soil may be pore space.

It is evident, therefore, that vegetation acts to prevent erosion, (1) by moderating the erosive forces of the climate, (2) by forming a mechanical resistance to the forces tending to move soil particles, and (3) by so modifying the soil as to cause more water absorption and less runoff.

We need our land and its fertility, for it is our greatest national resource. We also need a good erosion control program to keep it where it belongs, in good condition. The first step in solution of the erosion problem is to build up the organic content of the soil as far as possible toward its original condition. **"Erosion may be controlled by proper management of grazing areas, rotation, tillage, and utilization of any stubble or growth from crops." Further measures are: Strip cropping, breaking up long slopes by planting grasses, and leaving stubble standing over winter in eroded areas.

Whenever a combination of these measures will not control erosion, as on steep slopes, draws, and "Blow soils", the land should be taken out of cultivation and protected by a permanent cover of grass, trees, or other vegetation."

Grasses are very valuable in erosion control. Reports to the Soil Conservation Service prove this. *"On the first of July, 1933, a two and one-half inch rain fell near La Crosse, Wisconsin. There was neither soil nor water run off on a certain hillside covered with blue grass, but thirty-nine tons of soil per acre were washed from an adjacent cornfield by the same rain. This land was the same type as the other with the same kind of slope."

If grasses or some legume crop is planted in a rotation every four to six years and then plowed under, the humus and organic content of the soil will be greatly restored. Hence, these plants are extremely valuable in erosion control.

This practical program of erosion control which will build up the soil, put the maximum amount of moisture in the ground, where it is needed, and will prevent the ground from excessive erosion, should be the aim of every patriotic American farmer.

The problem of soil erosion is a challenge to every individual in the United States. Are we as American citizens, going to sit idly by and see our land become valueless through misuse and poor management? Of course the answer will be "No!" Let us answer this challenge, defeat our foe, and leave our heritage, America's soil, enriched and unimpaired for future generations.

*"Lost Acres" by Chester C. Davis.

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WHY JOHNNY NASON DIDN'T WANT TO BE A FARMER

By **LOWELL HUCKSTEAD**

Neillsville, Wisconsin

(Third Place Speech)

I met Johnny Nason during my first day in high school. It seems as though we were both rather lost in our new atmosphere, so it was probably quite natural that we should strike up a conversation.

When we left the building at noon we each had a small card showing what courses we were to study that year. Our schedules were the same except that Johnny had chosen Arithmetic for his elective subject, while I had decided on Vocational Agriculture.

Since Johnny had already told me that he was a farm boy, I asked him why he hadn't selected agriculture, and he replied, "The only reason I am going to high school is in order to get an education and get away from the farm." I was very much surprised to hear a statement like that from a boy who had lived on a farm all of his life, so I asked him why he disliked living on the farm. But I didn't get much satisfaction from his answer, for he just hung his head and mumbled, "Oh I don't know." But somehow I felt that Johnny knew very well why he did not enjoy living on the farm.

I didn't have the occasion to discuss this matter with Johnny again until school was nearly out the following spring. I was testing our home herd for butterfat production in the testing room at school one noon when Johnny happened to drop in. He spent more than half an hour watching the operation and asking questions. After I had finished putting the last piece of equipment in place, Johnny brought up the subject of living on the farm again. He said, "Lowell, you remember last fall when I told you that I didn't like to live on the farm don't you?" Of course, I told him I did, especially since I had been thinking of it almost constantly during our last half hour together. "You remember that you asked me why I wanted to get away from the farm and that I told you I didn't know? Well, I have been thinking about that a great deal lately, and I believe I know what makes me dislike farming so much. I think the biggest reason is that I never get a chance to do any of the really pleasant kind of work, I mean work that requires managerial ability. I have a grown brother at home, and he and father look upon me as just a kid who is too young to do anything except carry wood and water, pull weeds in the garden, and do other drudgery jobs of that type. Now, if I had a chance to learn to do some of the really man sized jobs, I could feel proud and say, "This month I have learned how to prune apple trees, or I have learned to inoculate legume seed." As it is, I am not trusted to do any job that

calls for any skill or thinking on my part. I really want to do things and really be somebody, but it looks as though I am not going to get that chance at home.

"Another reason I don't like the farm is that our family never seems to have any time for recreation. Dad always seems to work so hard that he forgets all about having a little fun. They always have some swell social gatherings down at the school house every summer, but we never are able to persuade Dad to take us. Mother, too, seems tired out most of the time. I often feel that if she only had a washing machine and running water in the house that she would get a great deal more enjoyment out of life."

"Another reason I would like to live in town," Johnny continued, "is that people always seem to have such pretty yards and lawns there. Our place always looks like a wreck. I wanted to get some shrubs and flowers and landscape the yard last year, but Dad doesn't care much for fancy things, so he thought it would be just a waste of money. But I feel that if Dad could just forget how busy he is once in awhile and really have some fun and enjoy some of the things that don't make any money, our whole family would be a lot happier."

It has been over two years since I had that talk with Johnny Nason, but I have thought about it many times. I can't see why we need to have on any of our farms conditions that tend to make living there distasteful. I believe that if we would think a little less of the farm as a money making proposition and try to develop it as a place to really enjoy life, that we would have very few Johnny Nasons in the future.

I would like to discuss a plan that I believe would do a great deal to help us enjoy living on the farm.

First, every man, woman, and child on the farm should become intimately acquainted with the things of nature that are about him in his everyday life. The common plants of the field and woods are not common if you know something about them, can call them by name, know how they seed and grow, and realize what they are good for. Insects are not just bugs if you know something about their transformation and uses, their classifications, and the elements composing them.

Second, the home surroundings should be made a place of beauty through proper landscaping and planting. There is something about well planted home grounds that seems to tell that contentment and happiness reign in the home of the family that lives there.

Third, the interests of the children must be considered and encouraged. What is more pitiful than to see the eager hope die out of the boy's eyes as the father tells him that he hasn't time to join the F. F. A. at school, or what is more unfair than for a mother to discourage the daughter from taking work in cooking and sewing in high school and then teach her only to wash dishes and sweep the floor at home.

Fourth, if we are to enjoy a complete life on the farm, we must have pleasant relations with our neighbors. Most communities now have social organizations of one type or another. But how many of the farmers take part in their activities? Many families in nearly every community have been so busy trying to make money that they have hardly realized that such an organization existed. Is there any better way for the farm family to find pleasant social relationships than by taking part in such community activities as home talent plays, community singing, picnics, and athletic events?

Fifth, there should be more attention to the health of the family. The farmer who has money to paint his barn to keep it from decaying but not to repair the decaying teeth of his family certainly has not caught the true spirit of worth while living on the farm. As long as farmers continue to vote against appropriations for county health nurses to inspect their children's health, they are certainly still placing the emphasis on the material things.

And sixth, the farm should have as many conveniences and labor saving devices as the income will permit. Many times these things are necessary if the family is to have the proper amount of time to devote to the activities that I have just discussed. Newspapers, radios, and labor saving devices are certainly necessary if the family is to develop a worth while life on the farm.

Many families have been so busy with the material side of farming that they have failed to develop the human side of life on the farm. They have been taught, and in turn, are teaching their children, that life means working from daylight until dark, leaving practically no time for recreation and social activities. Isn't it to be expected that their children, like Johnny Nason, will become discouraged and discontented when all thought of home and social life is neglected?

I can see no reason why the farm cannot be made just as attractive a place to live as the city. It certainly has many advantages to offer that the city has not. But it must be remembered that the farm serves a double purpose; it is the workshop of the farmer and also the home of the family. Forget the latter, and we will have many Johnny Nasons. Combine the two in a sound manner, and we will develop sturdy and contented farmers of tomorrow.

THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN FARMER

By **ELMO JOHNSON**

Horace Maynard Chapter, Maynardsville, Tennessee

(Fourth Place Speech)

The crisis through which the American Farmer is passing is the result of many causes, some of them intricate and old in their origin; others easily recognized and of recent development. Our national growth resulted largely from the limitless opportunities of our vast national resources and the tremendous human energy and ambitions of our citizenship. Yet these very forces have in the last quarter of a century and more, received four distinct shocks and dislocations that have not been fully understood. First, the frontier is gone. There are no more new lands or virgin prairies or limitless forests to lure the unemployed or to become a refuge for those who are discouraged or discontented with life in the older sections. For two centuries, the western frontier has been the safety valve absorbing the pressure of growing population, of lack of adjustment and discontent. Our fathers can probably remember a grandmother wiping the tears from her eyes with a faded apron as her youngest son or one of her grandsons started for the great West, away from worn hillsides, in search of fame and fortune. Thus in a lifetime of this generation the greatest corrective force and the greatest asset of any people—unlimited public domain, with rich and fertile soil—has faded, and with this change comes problems that are difficult to comprehend.

The machine age, with its development and the multiplying out of all proportion to past progress the power of human hands, has created the second shock. Mechanized industry and agriculture have made for happiness and wealth, and yet at the same time they create a challenge of mass production, surplus goods, closed factories, unemployment, hunger and want. The machine has been one of mankind's greatest blessings, lightening burdens and lifting loads. While the machine is even yet in its infancy, we must change our attitude and consider it made to help man and not man to operate the machine. We now face a period of readjustment more serious and pronounced than the English Revolution a century ago following the development of steam. We cannot stop progress but we must humanize what machinized life has created.

The third great factor has been the development of the corporate structure in business and finance. Corporations have been used for generations, but it is only in the last half century that it was possible for giant organizations to absorb dozens, scores, hundreds and sometimes thousands of production or retail establishments. Thus under one management and one corporate existence, good can be accomplished that was never dreamed of before, and along with the good comes the evil that can crush the very

life out of farmers. Mass production, chain distribution and high-pressure advertising are factors that in a very short time have placed the unorganized American farmer at a hopeless disadvantage. The corporation, like the machine, is here to stay, but like the machine, it must be the servant and not the master of human welfare.

The fourth dislocation has been the decline, and in some cases, loss of foreign markets. For one hundred years our cheap land and our abundant fertility enabled the American farmer to compete in the world's markets and to sell wheat and meat in competition with the rest of the world and at the same time create a trade balance that has been a beneficial factor to our national development. The increasing value of land, the mounting tax cost and declining fertility and lowered world prices, created a condition driving some farm products from the world market. But more serious than the matter of price decline has been the mad race for self-sufficiency so that some of our markets are lost never to return.

All these factors have profoundly affected the American farmer and have changed currents of national advancement and progress, affecting people in every walk of life. There are some basic factors which should not be forgotten. It should be remembered that in the final analysis, modern civilization with its congested cities, its skyscrapers and its network of railways and highways, like a spider-web across the continent, only became possible because the farmer has learned to produce enough for his family and surplus to spare. In 1776 it took the labor of more than ninety men to feed themselves and a few people in town. One hundred and fifty years later thirty people fed themselves and seventy people in the city, village, and town, and at the same time produced an unconsumed surplus that challenged the stability of an economic structure and our nation itself. Thus the ability of the American farmer to produce abundantly to feed and clothe himself and all those who live under the flag is a primary factor in his development and progress.

The American Farmer stands at the crossroads of one of the most important periods in his history. A suffering farmer, confused by a magnitude of problems, finds himself facing many roads toward the future and with the necessity of immediately determining which of the highways he will travel. The reactionary, without scraping the moss from the past, would try to turn the progress of the farmer into that highway which would let nature take its course, in the hope that privilege and ruthless power might again dominate and control.

The noisy radical, the well meaning demagogue, the Utopian dreamer, would have the American farmer follow a revolutionary highway into a dream world unmindful of the fact no individual, County, State, or Nation has ever or ever can, without terrible suffering destroy all connection with the past.

The highway that the feet of the American farmer should press to the end is the middle road of progressive, constructive, forward looking advancement, with his feet on granite rock of experience and American ideals,

his head above the fog, his eyes and mind focused on the fact that we live in a new and changing world.

The American farmer now and in the future must change his agricultural practices and policies. He must see to it that farm practices are not continued that deplete the farms of their greatest wealth, the soil under his feet. The American farmer should in the future use methods and practices that will enable him to operate his farm and prevent as far as possible, the loss from erosion by run-off water. The fertility does not belong alone to those who hold the deed to the farm. It is not the wealth of this generation, it is the property that belongs in part to those who will live in centuries to come.

The American farmer should think of conservation in its broadest sense. While his first task is to find bread and butter to preserve the lives, and funds to pay the debts of this generation, he must invest in the future in a conservation program that is sound, constructive and helpful. Millions of acres of marginal land should be withdrawn from cultivation and put back into forestry. We must make the wood lot of every farm a store house of timber and the farmers of the future must protect these natural resources with which we were once so richly endowed.

The thoughtful efforts being made by the United States Department of Agriculture to develop a long-time Agricultural program that can meet the changing conditions confronting our farm life are to be commended. Land utilization should be studied. The American farmer, through organization and education, will put his agricultural house in order. More important, he will seek a balanced agricultural program that will give him a clearer picture of his responsibility to cooperate with his fellows in maintaining a more profitable rural life.

The goal of the long time policies of the American farmer, should be the preservation of the family, and the medium-sized farm unit. The American farmer, through cooperation and organization, and through governmental guidance, can hold his own for generations provided he keeps step with the changes that take place about him. The goal of the American farmer must be farm ownership. A man operating his farm with his family, employing a small amount of year-round and seasonal help is now and will ever remain the backbone of American Agriculture.



1936 CONVENTION—STAR FARMERS:

(Standing—left to right)

Raymah Carter, Star Farmer of Oklahoma.

Wilburt Duitsman, Star Farmer of Kansas

Edward Kuhler, Star Farmer North Central Region and State of Missouri

Clyde McGinnis, Star Farmer of Arkansas

(Seated—left to right)

Houston T. Ezell, Star Farmer, Southern Region

Clayton Hackman, Jr., Star Farmer of America and of North Atlantic Region

Howard Annis, Star Farmer, Pacific Region

Star Farmer Awards

Amid the cheers of his fellows and a great crowd assembled in the arena of the American Royal building, Clayton Hackman of Myerstown, Pennsylvania, was crowned Star American Farmer of the F. F. A. by his National Adviser, J. A. Linke on the evening of October 20. At the time young Hackman received his award Edward Kuhler of Missouri, Howard Annis of Idaho, and Houston Ezell of Tennessee were designated also as Star Farmers of their respective Regions and Raymah Carter of

Oklahoma, Clyde McGinnis of Arkansas, and Wilbert Dutisman of Kansas were named Star State Farmers.

Through Mr. W. A. Cochel of the Weekly Kansas City Star a five hundred dollar check was presented by Mr. Linke to Hackman and a one hundred dollar check to each of the Regional and State Farmers named. The microphones of W.D.A.F. carried the presentation ceremonies to interested and anxious listeners "back home". It was a splendid demonstration of "Farm Youth Triumphant".

Clayton Hackman as well as the others received their honors modestly and sincerely. These lads were happy because they had won a victory but they were not forgetting the hours of thought and labor which were responsible for the recognition which had come to them.

The story of Clayton Hackman is a story of ideals, definite purpose and well directed energy. He is the only member of his family to choose farming aside from his father, Clayton Hackman, Sr., with whom he is in partnership in operating a 100-acre farm in Heidelberg township on a 50-50 basis. Hackman graduated fourth in his class of 35 from Schaefferstown high school in May of 1935 and received the State Farmer degree on January 22, 1933. He has been active in Future Farmers of America work since 1931 and specialized in poultry, swine, grains, vegetables, etc. At the time Clayton applied for the American Farmer degree he had 180 New Hampshire Red hens, 257 New Hampshire Red pullets, 19 cock birds, nine pure-bred registered Duroc Jersey sows, two pure-bred registered boars, and four Duroc Jersey litters totaling 35 pigs. He was also renting 13 acres of land. His total labor income from his 5-year supervised farming program totaled \$3,497.04 and his investments in farming amounted to \$2,500.00.

Hackman was president of the senior class of Schaefferstown high school when he graduated. He also served as secretary and later as president of the Schaefferstown Chapter, F. F. A.; president of the science club in high school; business manager of his high school newspaper; and served as vice-president of the State F. F. A. last year. He is also active in various church movements and has taken an active part in county and State farm shows for several years. He was also a delegate to the 1935 and 1936 national conventions of the F. F. A.

Four years ago young Hackman added potatoes to his project list, planting two acres with certified seed with the result that he has attained membership in Lebanon county's "400 bushel club". The same year, 1932, Hackman added poultry to his program, starting with 400 chicks and last summer he had a laying flock of nearly 200 New Hampshire Reds, averaging 200 eggs per bird. He raised 300 New Hampshire Red cockerels for the early market and later in the spring he purchased 400 Red-Rock cockerels which he caponized and fed for the holiday trade.

The youthful farmer has added many modern improvements to his farm plant such as electric lights in the laying house, use of certified seed

potatoes, self feeders for hogs and a portable colony-type hog house. He has had his pure-bred hogs vaccinated against cholera, and has always been careful about the selection and balancing of rations. A pasture enclosed by an electrified fence is another of his modern ideas.

It was in 1927 that the Hackmans moved to their present location in Lebanon County. The home place is well landscaped, an undertaking in which Clayton has had a special interest. Clayton's room in the big stone farm house is his office. Here he keeps his files and records, types letters, and studies. The walls of his room are decorated with F. F. A. pennants, banners, certificates, medals, and ribbons—reminders of past achievement and also the opportunities for service as a farmer of the future.

In making the award the following statement was issued by the judges who selected the Star American Farmer :

"Your judges, after careful analysis and long deliberation, have decided that the award of the Weekly Kansas City Star to the outstanding student in agriculture in 1936 should be made to Clayton Hackman, Jr., of Myerstown, Pennsylvania. There were so many contestants and the presentations were of such distinctly high order that the task of your judges in making this award hung on almost a fractional decision. Every point in competition was weighed with care but in the final outcome we feel that we can conscientiously commend and congratulate Clayton Hackman, Jr., for his outstanding record as a farmer and as a citizen. His plans as outlined for the future give promise of continued success in his chosen vocation.

To be a successful farmer requires the highest type of scientific, mechanical, and executive ability. It challenges the imagination and the training of our ablest young men in rural life. The plan of vocational agricultural teaching of which this competition and award is an outcome is a most important constructive factor in the development of our national life.

We believe that this award will be a stimulus to higher attainment to every student in America as well as being a personal triumph to the winner.

It is our hope and expectation that the teaching of vocational agriculture in America will continue to extend to more of our high schools with every year as we are convinced that its outcome will be a more prosperous agriculture and a more satisfying country life."

W. H. JOHNS

OWEN D. YOUNG

R. H. CABELL

Briefs of the Records of 1936 American Farmers

The American Farmer Degree which is the fourth and highest in Future Farmers of America organization is awarded only at national conventions. This degree represents outstanding member attainment and the minimum qualifications, as set up in Article IV, Section E of the national constitution, are as follows:

1. Satisfactory membership for at least three years in the F. F. A.
2. Hold active membership and the degree of State Farmer for at least twelve months previous to the national convention at which nominated for the American Farmer Degree.
3. Possess demonstrated ability to farm by having conducted an outstanding program of supervised farming throughout the period of vocational training and active membership in the F. F. A.
4. Be engaged in a farming occupation or have definite plans for becoming a farmer.
5. Earn and deposit in a bank, or otherwise productively invest at least \$500.00. (In cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.)
6. Possess demonstrated ability to work with others by having participated in some agricultural cooperative enterprise or movement.
7. Be in the upper third of his class in scholarship during the period of his instruction in school.
8. Be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a National Convention of Future Farmers of America.

Briefs of the records of the sixty-six members who received this degree on October 19th, 1936 are inserted at this point in the Proceedings in order to set forth the main accomplishments of each successful candidate. However, no attempt has been made to include details. Complete records are on file in the national office. The briefs follow:

CLYDE McGINNIS of Rogers, Arkansas—Twenty years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and F. F. A. membership and has held his State Farmer Degree since August, 1934. He owns 15 head of cattle and holds a one-third interest in 403 acres of land, 7 cows and 4 horses. Clyde's present farming enterprises include alfalfa, strawberries, tomatoes, beans, corn, wheat, sorghum, peaches, swine, and beef. He plans to continue these projects until the completion of a college course at which time he will assume managerial responsibility of the entire home farm. Despite two years of drouth, Clyde has earned

\$893.30 from his supervised farming program and \$160.00 from other agricultural work. He now has \$738.00 invested in farming besides his partnership interest estimated at \$5,909.00. Clyde has sold strawberries and livestock cooperatively and has participated in the community auction sale day. He has been secretary and president of his local F.F.A. chapter, president of his county F.F.A. federation, freshman, junior, and senior classes, student body, and State F. F. A. Association. In three years Clyde has won two seconds and a third in the State F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest. He ranked sixth in a class of 65 in scholarship.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD, of Marion, Alabama—Seventeen years of age, received his State Farmer Degree in July, 1935 and has been an active member of this organization since 1933. William is the proud owner of forty acres of rich sandy loam farm land which he has been utilizing for the production of crops and livestock. He owns eight head of beef cattle, eight head of hogs, two head of horses and 100 chickens. He is also renting 150 acres of land which he uses for a pasture for his cattle. William intends to go to college and study agriculture as soon as he finishes high school. After completing his course in college, he plans to return to the farm and continue his work in agriculture, mainly dealing in livestock production. His ability as a farmer has been demonstrated by his efficiency in the following home projects: corn, orchard, hens, and sow and litter. From these projects he has made a labor income of over \$1,540.00 in three years. He has been responsible for the introduction of pure bred livestock on his farm with beef cattle, swine and poultry. He has also been quite instrumental in keeping records on this farm. William has been president of his chapter and vice-president of the State Association. The candidate has been in the upper third in scholarship in his class, from which he will graduate in May, 1937.

JAMES H. EAGER of Live Oak, California—Eighteen years of age, received his State Farmer Degree in December, 1934. He graduated from high school in June, 1936. He owns ten registered sows, 61 pigs and one-half interest in a boar. His goal in his present work is to develop the finest herd of Hampshire hogs in the world. He is renting 13 acres of barley, five acres of alfalfa—his rent given for return of work on farm. His enterprises for the past year have comprised the above mentioned products. His labor income for the past four years has amounted to \$1,595.00 besides earning \$421.00 from other agricultural work. His present investments in farming amount to \$2,735.00 and other assets are listed as \$764.00. Through James's influence his father has changed his attitude on cover crops and believes there is nothing like them for aiding in big peach crops. He designed twelve pen farrowing houses. He has consistently been a leader of boys since he has been in high school and finally reached the president's chair for the California Association of Future Farmers of America. His participation in State Fair exhibition of stock shows has been prevalent, netting him over \$200.00 in prizes. He graduated from high school in June, 1936 ranking ninth in a class of 31.

LOUIS MARCIOCHI of Fresno, California—Nineteen years of age, graduated from Central Union High in May, 1935, receiving his State Farmer Degree in September, 1934. At the time Louis received the American Farmer Degree he owned three registered sows, one registered boar, six grade barrows, seven milk cows and six heifers. He was able to buy this livestock with money he obtained from previous swine sales from his projects and money earned from odd jobs. He rents 180 acres of sandy loam land which he is using as pasturage for his cattle. Over \$1,600.00 was used in conducting the above ownerships plus an enterprise in alfalfa hay for cow feed. Louis has an expansion plan to follow in developing his projects for the next five years—for example, he plans to have 20 cows instead of the present seven; eight sows instead of three. His labor income amounted to over \$1,000.00 from the projects conducted while taking his vocational agriculture courses. Present investments in farming are listed at \$771.00 with \$2,038.00 in miscellaneous assets. Persistently, he has participated in agricultural contests and fairs showing and judging swine, cattle and poultry.

DAVID SCHLOTHAUER of Fort Morgan, Colorado—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture, receiving his State Farmer's Degree in April, 1935. Through farm labor and profit from agricultural projects, David has secured one-third interest in 12 grade shorthorn calves and eight Poland China hogs. He is renting 9.6 acres which has been irrigated for producing alfalfa, sugar beets, barley seed corn and seed cucumbers. Using his Union Pacific scholarship for entering Colorado Agricultural College, he intends to pursue an agricultural course from which he plans to return to the farm. His home projects for the past four years have been beets, Poland China hogs, seed corn, alfalfa hay and cucumbers. From his supervised farming program David has earned \$864.00. He now has \$205.00 invested in farming and \$790.00 in miscellaneous assets. Evidence of his managerial ability is shown in taking care of the farm during the absence of other members of his family; cease corn irrigation early to force maturity before frost. David has been vice-president and president of his local chapter and president and secretary of his class. He has been active in F. F. A. Public Speaking Contests as well as judging contests. He was in the upper third scholarship rating of his class.

FRANCIS SALEMMA of Baltic, Connecticut—Twenty-two years of age, graduated from Windham High School in June, 1934, receiving his State Farmer Degree in December, 1934. Frank owns 470 cockrels, 2,332 hens, 1,775 Rhode Island Red pullets and an 8,640 egg capacity incubator besides renting 13 acres which he uses for crops and poultry range. With this poultry enterprise he had \$500.00 working capital. He has made definite plans for incubation, pullet raising and egg production for the future years—planning to build a three story laying house by 1940. His home projects have been mainly poultry and its many phases, from which he has earned a total labor income of \$6,400.00. His investments in farming total \$6,200.00 and he has \$2,030.00 invested in other assets. Francis has been instrumental in promoting and helping with numerous farmstead improvements. He built a garage for his car; painted the home and remodeled it with a sun porch. He has been very successful as a poultry and egg judge and exhibitor, having won first, second and fourth awards on eggs at State egg shows. Frank has been active in his State Association holding the offices of secretary and president.

LESTER POUCHER of Largo, Florida—Seventeen years of age, graduated from Largo High School last June, obtaining his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. He owns one acre of land, 50 Rhode Island Red Hens, one Jersey cow and rents eleven acres of land which is cultivated for truck gardening, pasturing and nursery. Lester has definite plans for staying on the farm. He plans to buy a farm of 80 acres and has indicated the products he plans to grow on this farm, increasing his present projects into more extensive fields. His total labor income has amounted to over \$800.00 derived from the enterprises of strawberries, swine, chickens and truck gardening. Lester has been responsible for the beautification of his farmstead and improving the running water system on the farm. He devoted his entire time to egg laying contests in Pinellas County Fair which the chapter sponsored in January, 1935. He effected the practice of keeping complete, accurate records on his home farm. This boy aided in the organization of the Largo F. F. A. Chapter and was instrumental in organizing an F. F. A. thrift bank. Being president of his senior class, Largo F. F. A. Chapter, Epworth League and Florida Association of F. F. A., he has shown capabilities necessary in a leader. He has taken an active participation in the Pinellas County Fair, entering products of his projects. He was valedictorian of his senior class of thirty.

I. J. MEDDERS of Sylvester, Georgia—Twenty-four years of age, graduated from McPhaul Institute, receiving his State Farmer Degree in 1933. He owns 101 acres of land—60 acres in cultivation and 41 acres in woodland. Also from the proceeds of farming he has purchased 75 chickens, 14 hogs, two mules and six cattle. Besides this livestock he is carrying enterprises of beans, peanuts, cotton, sweet potatoes, and cane. He plans to make farming his life profession and expects to develop a good soil conserving and building program. During his

six years of supervised farming he has earned a total labor income of \$4,510.00 and \$73.00 from other agricultural work. His net investments in farming are listed as \$2,603.00 and other assets at \$240.00. I. J. has bought feed and fertilizer co-operatively and uses only good foundation stock. He took the initiative in getting farmers to attend evening classes. He has been president of his local chapter and ranked fifth in his class of thirty-two.

HOWARD ANNIS of Twin Falls, Idaho—Has completed four years of vocational agriculture and received his State Farmer Degree September, 1934. At the time of application for American Farmer, Howard owned 5 pure bred Poland China hogs, one colt, and one-fifth partnership interest in four horses and 18 head of cattle. Howard plans to continue farming with his father, after using the Union Pacific College Scholarship he won with his supervised practice program. He has made a total labor income of \$989.00 from his supervised farming and \$500.00 from other agricultural work. He now has \$1,400.00 invested in farming and \$2,135.00 in other assets. Howard has cooperated in mixing feed in the local F. F. A. Swine Association and in the management of the F. F. A. farm. His leadership ability is evidenced by being secretary and president of his local F. F. A. chapter, president of district F. F. A. Association and vice-president of the State F. F. A. Association. He has an outstanding record as a judge and exhibitor, having won over \$200.00 in cash in the latter. He has demonstrated his public speaking ability by having placed in the State Contest and ranked in the upper third of his class of 165 in scholarship.

HARMON GILBERT of Mt. Vernon, Illinois—Eighteen years old, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and received his State Farmer Degree June, 1934. Harmon owned six registered Guernsey cattle, five registered Shropshire sheep, and five stands of bees, all of which were obtained through former project returns. The home farm is managed by Harmon on a partnership basis with his father. During the period of supervised farming he has carried the enterprises of dairy, sheep, bees, swine, garden, oats and lespedeza. He is a freshman at the University of Illinois where he plans to major in Dairy Husbandry, returning home to continue the building and improvement of the home herd upon graduation. Harmon's total labor income is listed as \$2,663.00 with \$797.00 invested in farming. The saleable livestock is sold cooperatively. He was president of his local F. F. A. chapter two years and State F. F. A. secretary-treasurer in addition to having been a class officer each year during high school. Harmon has an outstanding record of exhibition with cash awards totalling over \$100.00. In scholarship he ranked 46th in a class of 172.

JOHN KUHN of Streator, Illinois—Seventeen years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and received his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. He owns 31 head pure bred Angus cattle, 4 pure bred baby beeves, 50 pure bred Hampshire hogs, 100 laying hens, 350 baby chicks, 200 pullets, and four stands of bees also cash renting five acres of land. Upon completion of a college course, John intends to return home and become a premier breeder of pure bred livestock. From his supervised farming program he has earned a labor income of \$3,852.00 with present net investments in farming listed as \$4,621.00. John buys and sells cooperatively through the local F. F. A. chapter and has assisted and led the group in many other enterprises. He has been secretary and reporter of his local F. F. A. chapter and sectional F. F. A. vice-president. John's record as a livestock showman is truly an enviable one. From showings, he has received in cash awards over \$1,346.00. He was chosen as the outstanding student of agriculture in the high school for 1935 and ranked 19th in a class of 176 with a scholarship grade of 89.6.

CHARLES VOLAND of Chenoa, Illinois—Seventeen years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and received his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. When applying for American Farmer, Charles owned 29 hogs and two beef calves, besides cash renting 22 acres of land on which he raised corn, alfalfa, and rye. Upon completion of high school and an agricultural course at the University of Illinois, Charles expects to return home and farm in partnership with his father. From his supervised farming program he has made a labor

income of \$1,561.00. His present investment in farming is listed as \$733.00 with \$866.00 in miscellaneous assets. Charles has been president, vice-president and secretary of his class, captain of his football team, treasurer of his local F. F. A. chapter and State F. F. A. president. As a livestock judge and showman, Charles has demonstrated marked ability having won over \$90.00 in the latter. With a scholarship grade of 90, Charles ranked sixth in a class of 38.

MYRON MUELLER of Taylor Ridge, Illinois—Seventeen years old, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. He owns 43 pure bred Poland China hogs, four Angus cattle, 13 sheep, 350 white leghorn laying hens and cash rents seven acres of land for corn and pasture. Upon completion of high school and a course at the College of Agriculture, Myron plans to make farming his life occupation. A total labor income of \$1,571.00 was derived from his supervised farming program and \$1,983.00 is invested in farming with \$150.00 listed in other assets. He markets his livestock through a cooperative marketing association of which he is president. He has been president of his local F. F. A. chapter and reporter of the Illinois F. F. A. Association. From exhibition of crops and livestock, Myron has received cash awards totalling over \$260.00. Through his efforts pure bred livestock has been introduced and bred on the home farm. He ranked 15th in a class of 63 with a scholarship grade of 90.

JAMES NELMES of Cuba, Illinois—Eighteen years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and four years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1934. He owns 110 pigs, 14 sows, one boar, 75 White Rock laying hens, one colt, two cows; cash rents ten acres of land for pasture; and rents on a one-half partnership basis 40 acres of land for corn production. James expects to farm in partnership with his father until he is able to buy his own farm. He plans to keep abreast of the advanced farming methods by attending short courses at the State University. While developing the above enterprises he has earned a total labor income of \$3,507.00 and \$200.00 from other agricultural work. His investments in farming are listed as \$2,102.00 with \$732.00 in other assets. James has built and equipped a farm work shop from his savings. He has purchased his pure bred gilts and boars through the local F. F. A. chapter. In his local chapter he has been president and secretary-treasurer and was president of his junior class. In local fair exhibitions he has won over \$340.00 in cash awards and received the American Legion citizenship award for his high school in 1936. He was salutatorian in a class of 47.

DONALD CROMER of Rensselaer, Indiana—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in January, 1935. At the time of application for the American Farmer Degree, Donald owned nine horses and 18 registered hogs. He rents 15 acres of land for hybrid corn production; holds a one-fourth partnership interest in 40 acres of land, 16 Hampshire hogs, and 28 sheep, and holds one-half interest in three beef cattle. Donald plans to attend Purdue University to which he has won a four year scholarship after which he expects to engage in an agricultural field and carry on his farming operations. From his supervised farming program a labor income of \$5,455.00 has been derived besides \$150.00 from other agricultural work. Present investments in farming are listed as \$1,155.00 and \$440.00 in other assets. Donald is a member of the Jasper County Cooperative Club and committeeman of the County Corn Show. In the F. F. A. he has been president, vice-president, reporter, and treasurer in his local chapter; and reporter and president of the State Association. He ranked seventh in a class of 85 in scholarship.

CLARENCE MEYER of Ackley, Iowa—Nineteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years of active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1934. He owns 17 pure bred spotted Poland China hogs, 22 pure bred Duroc hogs, two pure bred Holstein cattle, cash rents 48 acres of land for growing of corn, oats and hog pasture; and holds one share in a Duroc Breeders' Organization boar. Clarence intends to continue the development and expansion of his present production of

small grains and pure bred hogs. He has made a total labor income of \$4,686.00 from his supervised farming program and \$68.00 from other agricultural work. He has \$1,861.00 invested in farming and \$988.00 in other assets. Clarence is a member of various crop improvement and breeder associations and owns a share in a cooperative elevator. His leadership ability is evidenced by the following offices he has held; president and secretary of his local F. F. A. chapter; president of Corn Breeders Association, two years; manager junior league base ball, four years; and president of Farm Crops and Soils Improvement Association. He has won over \$450.00 in cash awards on his exhibits of grain and livestock. In scholarship, he ranked 34th in a class of 75 with an average grade of 87.7.

ARTHUR KIRCHHOFF of Humboldt, Iowa—Twenty-one years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree May, 1934. He owns seven brown Swiss cattle and 20 White Face steers and holds one-third partnership interest in 181 acres of land, one brown Swiss bull, 16 hogs, and 97 pigs. From the supervised farming enterprises of beef, dairy, and corn, Arthur has realized a total labor income of \$406.00. He has made \$1,256.00 from other agricultural work. Arthur plans to rent the home farm from his father on a share crop basis since he has done practically all the field work for the past three years. At present he has \$1,500.00 invested in farming and \$8,758.00 in other assets including the estimated value of his partnership interest in the home farm. He is a member of an adult evening school, the Farm Bureau, the Humboldt County Agricultural Association and the Cooperative Creamery. In the F. F. A. he has been vice-president and president of his local chapter and vice-president and president of his State Association. Arthur has served as Sunday School teacher two years and ranked in the upper fifth of his class of 59 with a scholarship of 85.6.

J. W. ENGLAND, III, of Merriam, Kansas—Seventeen years old, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1935. At time of application for American Farmer, J. W. owned three dairy cattle, 16 pigs, and two sows; and rented two horses. He plans to major in Dairying at Kansas State College and after graduation to take over his father's dairy and develop it further. From his supervised farming program which included the enterprises of poultry, swine, dairy, beef, and corn he has realized a labor income of \$1,039.00 and from other agricultural work he has earned \$512.00. He now has \$565.00 invested in farming. J. W. operates the home dairy during the summer and was instrumental in effecting many improved practices. He is a stockholder in a brooding project; secretary and stockholder in a grinder association; and took a leading part in providing two F. F. A. officers' schools. He was reporter of his local F. F. A. chapter and president of his State F. F. A. Association. J. W. was also president of the local Honor Society chapter, the local Hi-Y and Student Council. J. W. placed fourth in the National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest in 1934 and stood 12th in a class of 130 in scholarship.

WILBERT DUTSMAN of Washington, Kansas—Eighteen years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1934. He owns seven Shropshire ewes; eight pure bred rams; four pure bred ewe lambs; two pure bred fat lambs; ten grade Shropshire ewes; five grade ewe lambs; 120 white leghorn hens; 330 pullets; 25 roosters; three pure bred Holstein heifers; two Poland China sows; 13 Poland China hogs. By sharing the crops and paying cash for some pasture lands, Wilbert is able to rent 52 acres of upland. Wilbert will make dairying his chief enterprise supplemented by swine, poultry and sheep projects. He plans to increase his corn and oats acreage but to use wheat as the major crop. Young Duitzman was voted the most outstanding athlete and the best citizenship award by his fellow classmates at the end of the high school course, and was the only graduate to make a letter in base ball and basket ball all four years. He was Salutatorian of the graduating class of 1935. As president of his local Future Farmer chapter and Treasurer of the State Association, Wilbert has taken an active interest in the Future Farmers of America organization.

JULIAN PIERCE of Stamping Ground, Kentucky—Eighteen years old, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in August, 1934. When applying for American Farmer he owned five registered and 28 pure bred spotted Poland China hogs, 200 pure bred White Leghorn chickens, one registered Angus heifer, and a 500 egg capacity incubator. Upon completion of an agricultural course at the University of Kentucky, Julian plans to purchase a farm and continue raising and developing tobacco, swine, sheep, poultry, cattle, and legume roughages. He has derived \$1,470.00 labor income from his supervised farming program and earned \$110.00 from other agricultural work. He now has \$860.00 invested in farming and \$625.00 in other assets. He is an active member of the local F. F. A. Feed Cooperative, F. F. A. Poultry Club and spotted Poland China Record Association. Julian has cooperated with his local F. F. A. Adviser in getting larger attendance at evening schools. He has been president of his local F. F. A. chapter and secretary of his State Association. He was also Editor-in-chief of the local F. F. A. newsletter. He stood fifth in a class of 16 in scholarship.

JAMES F. LEBOLD of Utica, Kentucky—Has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in August, 1933. At time of applying for American Farmer, James owned 20 ewes, six beef calves, two dairy heifers and a sow and litter. On becoming twenty-one years of age, James's father has agreed for him to have full ownership of a 99 acre farm which is now a part of the home farm of 292 acres. From the supervised farming program developed he has made a labor income of \$2,439.00. He lists \$690.00 as invested in farming and \$150.00 in miscellaneous items. He has been president of the local F. F. A. chapter, secretary of his sophomore class, and vice-president of the local F. F. A. alumni. He has been actively engaged with the local F. F. A. chapter in cooperatively purchasing calves, feeds, fertilizer, and breeding stock. James ranked 14th in a class of 67 in scholarship.

ALTON TASSIN of Marksville, Louisiana—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of all-day vocational agriculture and a year part-time instruction and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in July, 1935. When applying for American Farmer he owned 40 acres of land, four dairy cattle, 22 hogs, 75 laying hens, eight stands of bees, one horse and one mule. Alton plans to continue farming, growing into the business slowly but carefully. He expects to purchase 30 acres adjoining that which he now owns. Alton derived a labor income of \$505.00 from his supervised farming program and earned \$423.00 from other agricultural work. Alton is capable of surveying land and has the necessary instruments for doing this work. He has developed a successful method of controlling seepage water from the Red River. His present investments in farming are \$2,656.00 and \$150.00 is listed in other items. Alton managed the local F. F. A. chapter cotton project, buys seed and sprays cooperatively, and sells much of his produce cooperatively. He has been treasurer, reporter, parliamentarian, and captain of basket ball team of his local F. F. A. chapter. He was vice-president of his State F. F. A. Association and ranked tenth in a class of 38 in scholarship.

BILL MARTIN of Ida, Louisiana—Seventeen years of age, has completed four years of all-day vocational agriculture, one year of part-time instruction and five years of active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in July, 1935. He owns two horses and five head of swine, rents $14\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land for cotton, corn, alfalfa, potatoes, and cane; and holds one-sixth partnership interest in 120 acres of land and one-fourth partnership interest in three horses, three cows, ten hogs, and 100 laying hens. Bill's father is dead, so young Bill manages the entire holding. He plans to buy full interest of his partnership holdings and continue farming. From the supervised farming program developed he has earned a labor income of \$2,124.00 with \$720.00 listed from other agricultural work. Bill now has \$2,360.00 invested in farming and \$275.00 in other items. He buys supplies and sells produce cooperatively with neighboring planters. He has held many offices in his local F. F. A. chapter and was vice-president of his State F. F. A. Association. In scholarship he ranked sixth in a class of 25.

HUGH J. MURPHY of Fort Fairfield, Maine—Sixteen years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and received his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. When applying for American Farmer Degree he owned eight pigs and 225 chickens and rented 11 acres of land which was utilized for his cultivated crops. Upon graduation from an agricultural course at the University of Maine he plans to engage in some field of agriculture. From his supervised enterprises of potatoes, oats, barley, clover, poultry, swine, beans, and baby beef, Hugh has earned a labor income of \$1,872.00. He has \$497.00 in miscellaneous assets. He is a director of the local F. F. A. Cooperative Association and a member of the Production Credit Association. Hugh has been secretary and treasurer of his local F. F. A. chapter and secretary of his State F. F. A. Association. In scholarship he ranked ninth in a class of 74.

CLARK NICHOLSON of Poolesville, Maryland—Seventeen years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in October, 1935. He manages the home farm of ten acres in which he holds a one-fourth partnership interest. Clark owns 384 chickens and six rabbits. He plans to enter the University of Maryland, specializing in poultry production, before starting farming on a full-time basis. From the supervised practice program developed Clark has derived a labor income of \$920.00 besides \$184.00 earned from other agricultural work. He now has \$527.00 invested in farming and \$802.00 in other miscellaneous assets. Clark was president of the local F. F. A. potato buying cooperative and is at present assisting in the organization of a local Grange. He has been president of his local F. F. A. chapter and State F. F. A. Association. Clark placed fourth in the Regional F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest in 1934 and won first honor in the State Project Contest in 1934. Clark ranks eighth in a class of 27 in scholarship.

KENNETH OLSEN of Fowlerville, Michigan—Nineteen years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1934. At time of application for American Farmer he owned 16 head of cattle and one colt; rented 20 acres of land for alfalfa; had one-half partnership interest in the home dairy farm of 160 acres; and owned one-half interest in 20 head of cattle, three horses, ten pigs and 300 laying hens. Kenneth intends to continue farming and to increase the business gradually. From the enterprises of dairy, poultry, potatoes, beans, swine, wheat, corn, oats and rye, Kenneth has earned a total labor income of \$538.00 and from other agricultural work he has made \$50.00. Present investments in farming are given as \$3,611.00 with \$270.00 in miscellaneous items. Kenneth has demonstrated skill in surveying, drainage and carpentry. He is a member of the local adult calf club, president of the local Junior Farm Bureau, leader of the local orchestra, secretary of a rural telephone company, member of local Dairy Improvement Association, and member of a Cooperative Elevator. He was president of his local F. F. A. and senior class. In scholarship he stood 25th in a class of 81 with a grade of 90.5.

ROBERT K. EIFERT of Mason, Michigan—Nineteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1935. His record shows that he owns three brown Swiss cattle, two registered and the other eligible for registration; and he rents 39 acres of land for crops. His father is making adjustments so that they will be partners on the home farm in 1937. Robert rents land from his grandfather and intends to increase this rented acreage. He plans to attend winter short courses at Michigan State College, specializing in pure bred livestock. His supervised farming program yielded a labor income of \$1,633.00 and he has earned \$18.00 from other agricultural work. Robert now has \$1,183.00 invested in farming. He is an active officer of the Grange; is secretary-treasurer of the local Junior Farm Bureau; and was general superintendent of the Williamston High School Fair. He was president of his local F. F. A. chapter and vice-president of his senior class. In scholarship he ranked tenth in a class of 35.

ROBERT FRIESZ of Keytesville, Missouri—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1935. He owns four pure bred Hampshire sows and 46 pigs and cash rents 11 acres of land for pasture and hay. From the enterprises of hogs, corn, and red clover, Robert has realized a labor income of \$1,320.00. He intends to use this money toward a course at the Missouri College of Agriculture, upon graduation from which he intends to engage in farming. He has \$225.00 invested in farming and \$1,415.00 in miscellaneous items. Robert makes a practice of studying market reports and purchasing power cycles. By doing this he has been enabled to make neat profits from his hogs at times when other farmers were marketing at a loss. Robert presented a radio to his F. F. A. Chapter in appreciation of valuable training and assistance rendered him. He has bought feed and supplies through the F. F. A. cooperative and has shipped livestock through the same channels. He has been secretary and president of the Keytesville F. F. A. chapter and vice-president of his State F. F. A. Association. He was captain of his 1936 basket ball team and was awarded a \$135.00 college scholarship by ranking fifth in a class of 22 with a grade of 91.

HARRY D. BARGER of Sweet Springs, Missouri—Seventeen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and has been an F. F. A. member since 1932. He owns three cows; one calf; seven Chester White hogs and 54 White Rock pullets. He also rented 29¼ acres of land which he cultivated for wheat, oats, corn and potatoes. Harry plans to go to Missouri College of Agriculture, during which time he expects to increase his herd of pure bred Jerseys, hens and hogs to the greatest possible extent. He has obtained an income of over \$1,600.00 from the above projects mentioned. Harry has developed farming skills in woodwork, blacksmith and mechanical work as well as the regular farm duties. His present investments in farming are \$517.00. While in high school he was a member of the Student Council; vice-president of the Student Body and secretary of the Missouri F. F. A. Association. He has participated extensively in fairs, exhibits and contests. In his graduating class of 37 he was valedictorian.

EDWARD KUHLER of Brunswick, Missouri—Nineteen years of age, received his State Farmer Degree in May, 1934, graduating from high school May, 1935. At the time he applied for fourth degree he rented 200 acres of silt loam land which he utilized for general livestock and crop farming. He also held one-half partnership interest in two pure bred Chester White sows, 19 pure bred Chester White pigs; one Chester White boar; 18 Shropshire ewes; six ewe lambs; 10 pure bred Angus cows; five pure bred Angus heifers; nine pure bred Angus calves; and one pure bred Angus bull. Edward intends to continue on the farm on a partnership basis with his father; his father is employed by the local land bank and the entire management and responsibility of the home farm is carried by Edward. His home projects have been conducted with baby beeves; beef cattle; yellow dent corn; pork; sheep; oats; red clover and timothy hay. From these projects he has made a labor income of over \$2,000.00. Edward has been president of his local chapter; reporter of the Missouri Association and a member of the National Honor Society. His participation in agricultural contests, fairs, shows and exhibits has been exceedingly extensive. He has been in the upper third in scholarship in his high school course.

ARNOLD NORSEKOV of Loretto, Nebraska—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in April, 1934. He owns ten cattle, two horses, 17 hogs and rents 160 acres of land for crops and pasture. Arnold plans to continue farming and has rented 310 acres of land on which he will cultivate wheat, corn, rye, oats, hay and pasture for the forthcoming season. From the enterprises of dairy, corn, oats, and swine he has derived a labor income of \$1,546.00 and has earned \$246.00 from other agricultural work. He now has \$1,729.00 invested in farming and \$427.00 in miscellaneous assets. He has made a study of farming conditions and practices and has adjusted himself accordingly. Only recently

he purchased a new tractor to continue his farming operations. He was reporter of his local chapter and secretary and treasurer of his class in high school. He is a member of the community band and orchestra. He stood fourth in a class of 84 in scholarship.

ROBERT ATEN of Stockton, New Jersey—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in October, 1934. His record shows that he owns 190 laying hens and 190 pullets besides holding 50% interest in 684 laying hens. Robert expects to expand his poultry business gradually and to experiment with the various phases of poultry. He has earned a labor income of \$1,552.00 from his supervised farming program and \$70.00 from other agricultural work, including working in a baby chick hatchery to receive first hand information. He now has \$669.00 invested in farming and \$200.00 in miscellaneous assets. Robert has joined the Flemington Egg Auction and now sells all of his eggs and poultry there. He purchases feed through the G. L. F. and helped construct the F. F. A. poultry house at New Brunswick. He has been treasurer of his F. F. A. chapter and Epworth League and secretary of his Sunday School. In scholarship he stood second in a class of six.

ELTON BORDEN of Schaghticoke, New York—Seventeen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active membership in the F. F. A., receiving his State Farmer Degree in September, 1935. He owns six head of cattle and 23 sheep. Upon completion of a post-graduate course at Greenwich High School and a two year course at the Cobleskill State School of Agriculture, Elton plans to enter farming. From the supervised farming program he has made a labor income of \$527.00. He has \$725.00 invested in sheep and cattle and \$227.00 in miscellaneous assets. Elton is a Grange member and has sold his milk through the Dairymen's League Cooperative. He won the 4-A award of the American Agriculturist for outstanding cooperative activities. He was reporter of his local F. F. A. chapter, vice-president of his State F. F. A. Association and has been master of the local Juvenile Grange for the past five years. As an exhibitor of livestock, Elton has won over \$140.00 in cash awards. In scholarship he was salutatorian of his class of 64.

ARDEN BURBIDGE of Park River, North Dakota—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years of active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1934. At time of American Farmer application he owned five head of cattle, 300 laying hens and one horse; rented 15 acres of land for potatoes and poultry raising; and held one-half interest in 160 acres of land in partnership with his father. This partnership was formed by Arden paying his father \$1,000.00 in cash and agreeing to return home and manage the farm upon graduation from North Dakota Agricultural School where he is now a sophomore. He has derived a total labor income of \$2,973.00 from his home supervised farming program. His investments total \$1,515.00 and other assets are listed as \$125.00. He sells his potatoes through a local cooperative and has been president and reporter of his local chapter, president of his senior class and vice-president of his State F. F. A. Association. He has been student manager of the Winter Fair two years and on the annual staff two years. He was salutatorian of a class of 52.

NORMAN LEININGER of Jeromesville, Ohio—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. He owns six registered Ayrshire cattle, one pure bred Holstein cow, one registered Jersey cow and has one-half partnership interest in 12 registered Duroc hogs and 110 Rhode Island red layings hens. He rents 17 acres of land for potatoes and corn. Norman plans to enter into farming as his father's partner and to build up a herd of pure bred Ayrshire cattle. From the enterprises of dairy, swine, poultry, potatoes, corn and orchard, Norman has made a labor income of \$1,141.00. He is business manager of an F. F. A. sprayer; he has \$815.00 invested in farming and \$10.00 in other assets. Norman is a member of the Farm Bureau and purchases equipment and supplies through this agency. He was reporter of his F. F. A. chapter and general

secretary of his county junior fair. He has an enviable exhibition record, having won a silver trophy in 1932 as the best all-around exhibitor in the Ohio State Junior Fair. He is a member of the Duroc Breeders Association. In scholarship he was in the upper ten per cent of his class of 160.

RICHARD VARNEY of Chardon, Ohio—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1935. He owns 12 registered Guernsey cattle. Richard is enrolled as a freshman in an agricultural college this fall and upon graduation expects to farm, specializing in the breeding of pure bred Guernsey cattle. From his supervised farming of potatoes, corn, poultry, and dairy, he has earned a total labor income of \$1,120.00. His investments in farming are listed as \$995.00 with \$225.00 in miscellaneous assets. He has been instrumental in effecting the change from grade Holsteins to pure bred Guernseys on the home farm and is a member of the Cow Testing Association. He has purchased fertilizer and supplies cooperatively and is a shareholder in a cooperative F. F. A. orchard project. He has been secretary and treasurer of his F. F. A. chapter, president of his senior class, assistant steward of his Grange and a church deacon for three years. He has received quite a bit of advertising by showing his herd at fairs, having exhibited at five fairs during the past summer. As a dairy judge he won the state contest in 1936. He is a member of the Farm Bureau and stood seventh in a class of 59 in scholarship.

CARL JENNINGS of Mt. Vernon, Ohio—Twenty years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. He owns seven pure bred Southdown sheep and one Chester White sow and cash rents in partnership 100 acres of land for pasture. Carl's father is reaching the age of retirement and Carl, an only child, has the greater portion of labor and management upon himself. Under a partnership agreement Carl receives one-half the farm income and virtually holds one-half interest in the 193 acre farm, utilized for corn, wheat, hay and pasture, and 203 sheep, 26 hogs, 21 cattle, 275 laying hens and four horses. Carl intends to continue the management of the home farm under the present arrangement replacing all grade stock with pure bred stock. From his supervised farming program, Carl has derived a total labor income of \$2,565.00. He now has \$315.00 invested in farming and \$706.00 in a savings account. He purchases and sells seed cooperatively and was president of his F. F. A. chapter. He is a Grange member and has been a member of the high school band and orchestra for four years. He belongs to the Hi-Y and the Southdown Breeders Association. Carl stood 41st in a class of 124 with a scholarship grade of 88.

ROBERT W. JAMES of Fredericktown, Ohio—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years of F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1934. He owns 28 registered Shropshire sheep, 12 registered Southdown sheep, one ewe and lamb; cash rents 1½ acres of land for strawberries and potatoes; and holds one-half interest in a pure bred Southdown ram. Robert is an only son and his father is anxious that he stay on the farm. They plan to manage the farm together and to develop a flock of about 100 pure bred sheep which they will raise in partnership. Robert's records show that he made a labor income of \$1,778.00 from his supervised farming program consisting of sheep, dairy, corn, potatoes and strawberries. He lists \$75.00 as earned from other agricultural work. At present he has \$899.00 invested in farming and \$200.00 in other assets. He purchases seed and supplies through the F. F. A. Cooperative and sells wool through the Ohio Wool Grower's Cooperative. He has been president and vice-president of his F. F. A. chapter and president and reporter of his class. He is an accomplished solo trumpeter and has been student instructor on this instrument. In scholarship he ranked satisfactorily.

LEO HULL of Mechanicstown, Ohio—Nineteen years old, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1935. He owns two sows, 17 pigs, 12 ewes, one ram, 50 lambs, two cows, one bull, and one heifer; share rents 160 acres of

land; and holds one-fourth interest in 24 head of cattle. Leo's father and uncle own his home farm and he hopes to secure his uncle's interest and farm in partnership with his father. His supervised farming program of corn, potatoes, soybeans, swine and poultry has returned a labor income of \$1,309.00. He has \$745.00 invested in farming and \$500.00 in miscellaneous assets. Leo is an officer in his local Grange and has been president of the Christian Endeavor Society two years. He was vice-president of his F. F. A. chapter. In scholarship he stood 21st in a class of 79.

RAYMAH CARTER of Ponca City, Oklahoma—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in March, 1935. He owns 20 acres of land, one dairy cow, one calf, four registered Duroc sows, six pigs, eight ewes, 180 White Leghorn pullets and 12 cockerels; rents 70 acres of land; and has one-half partnership interest in a team of mules, harness and a ram. Raymah's father met death accidentally several years ago and after a year of careless management by a tenant, Raymah assumed the management of the home farm. Last year a cyclone demolished all his buildings and did considerable damage to his pecan grove. Despite these adversities Raymah, with a carpenter, planned and built a new five room bungalow. He has been running the home farm on a partnership basis with his mother. Next year he plans to rent 160 acres in addition to his present holdings. His partnership with his mother will dissolve in order that younger brothers will have an equal chance. From his supervised farming program he has derived a labor income of \$1,205.00 with \$205.00 listed earnings from other agricultural work. His present investments in farming are \$2,167.00 with \$82.00 in other assets. He is a member of the Farmers Union and has been president of his F. F. A. chapter. He stood in the upper ten per cent of his class of 167 in scholarship.

RAYMOND KOOCH of Enterprise, Oregon—Nineteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years of F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1935. He owns two registered Duroc sows, one registered Duroc boar, and 18 pure bred Duroc pigs; rents 80 acres of wheat land; and holds one-fourth partnership interest in an entire herd of pure bred Ayrshire cattle as follows: 16 cows, 17 heifers, one bull, nine calves, and two steers. Ray has definite plans to continue in farming and plans to own 320 acres of excellent farm land on which he will raise only pure bred livestock. He will specialize in hogs, dairy cattle, and draft horses. He has realized \$3,043.00 from the development of his supervised farming program and earned \$355.00 from other agricultural work. Ray has demonstrated proficiency in irrigation. He now has \$2,450.00 invested in farming. He buys and sells through several different local adult cooperatives. In the F. F. A. he has been president and secretary of his local chapter and president of his State Association. In 1935 he won a college scholarship of \$100.00 but refused it so that he might continue his farming activities. Of a class of 44 he ranked 12th in scholarship.

JACK LOONEY of Albany, Oregon—Nineteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1935. He owns nine registered Hampshire ewes, six lambs, three cows, one registered Chester White sow, eight pigs, five fat hogs, 34 goats and one registered Angora billy; rents 27 acres of land; and holds one-half partnership interest in 14 pigs. Jack is a freshman at Oregon State College where he is majoring in Animal Husbandry. After graduation he will rent 160 acres adjoining the home farm and will farm in partnership with his father. From his supervised farming program he has derived a labor income of \$890.00 and earned \$430.00 from other agricultural work. Jack's present investments in farming are listed as \$480.00 and \$595.00 in other assets. He is a member of the Grange, a milk testing cooperative, and F. F. A. cooperative bean project. He was vice-president of his F. F. A. chapter and State F. F. A. Association. He was a member of the high school band and orchestra for four years and is a member of the De Molay. He ranked in the upper third of his class of 128 in scholarship.

SYLVESTER CASCIOLA of Rea, Pennsylvania—Twenty years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his "Keystone" Farmer Degree in January, 1935. He and his elder brother rent, in partnership, a 272 acre farm. Sylvester has a one-half interest in all livestock on his farm including four horses, 19 head of cattle, one shoat and 900 chickens. The brothers are specializing in dairying, poultry, and truck gardening and from the supervised farming program, Sylvester has earned a labor income of \$2,097.00. His half-interest investment in the above mentioned farm amounts to \$1,683.00. His other assets amount to \$667.00. He is definitely established in the farming business and intends to continue renting the farm with his brother until they can purchase a farm in partnership. He is culling his home herd of cattle and is replacing each cull with a better bred animal. In a class project of planting 1,000 seedlings, he acted as foreman of the setting detail. He has purchased his garden seeds cooperatively and sells his milk through the Dairyman's Cooperative Sales Association. He was treasurer of his F. F. A. chapter during its inaugural year. He was base ball manager and assistant foot ball manager one year each. He ranked ninth in a class of 34 in scholarship.

CLAYTON HACKMAN, Jr., of Myerstown, Pennsylvania, winner of the 1936 Star American Farmer Award. See page 77.

MARTIN MUCHOW of Sioux Falls, South Dakota—Seventeen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1935. He owns 14 Poland China hogs, ten Hampshire ewes, 12 lambs, three Red Polled cows, and two calves. He cash rents 11 acres of land for flax and potatoes. He is staying on the home farm and will rent 50 acres of land on a share basis. From his supervised farming program of swine, potatoes, popcorn, flax, dairy, and sheep he has derived a labor income of \$539.00. His investments in farming are listed as \$582.00 and he reports \$108.00 in miscellaneous items. Has participated in F. F. A. cooperative buying, mixing and selling of feed and hog minerals. He was president and vice-president of his F. F. A. chapter; secretary of his State F. F. A. Association; president of his junior class; treasurer of the school band; and president and vice-president of the Student Association. Martin possesses demonstrated musical ability as evidenced by having been a member of the glee club, operetta cast, chorus, and having rendered vocal and saxophone solos. In scholarship he was 5th in a class of 32.

ADAM STRASSER of Woodbine Station, Nashville, Tennessee—Twenty-three years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in 1932. He owns 22 acres of land in his own right and has the managerial responsibility for his father's farm of 110 acres, since his father's health is not good. He owns two mules and six cows and holds one-fourth interest in 110 acres of land. Adam plans to continue operating the home farm together with his present holdings, eventually combining the two, to specialize in truck gardening with a small dairy. From the supervised farming program consisting of swine, truck garden, dairy, hay, and sorghum, a labor income of \$3,358.00 has been realized. In lieu of wages for managing the home farm Adam received the 22 acres valued at \$3,300.00. He now has \$4,325.00 invested in farming and \$620.00 in other assets. Adam has been president, vice-president, and reporter of his F. F. A. chapter; treasurer of his State F. F. A. Association; president of his local F. F. A. Alumni chapter and reporter of his State F. F. A. Alumni Association. He is a member of a community spray ring and purchases poisons and supplies through this channel. In scholarship he stood third in a class of 195.

HOUSTON T. EZELL of Woodbine Station, Nashville, Tennessee—Twenty-one years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and six years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1933. He owns 40 acres of land, five pure bred Jersey cows, two grade Jerseys, 11 Jersey heifers, three pure bred Jersey bulls, four beef steers, three calves, one mule, and 50 laying hens. He share rents 20 acres of land and holds one-sixth partnership interest in 130 acres of land, eight mules, one filley, two horses, and one cow.

Houston has definite plans to continue farming, making dairying and poultry his specialties. His supervised farming program of corn, dairy, poultry, potatoes, sheep, mules, turkeys, garden, orchard, hay, and beef has given him a labor income of \$2,539.00. He has earned \$950.00 from other agricultural work. His present investment in farming is \$6,985.00 and he lists \$335.00 in other assets. Houston buys his seed and sells his livestock cooperatively and has been vice-president of Davidson County Cooperative Bull Association. He was president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of his F. F. A. chapter; vice-president of his district F. F. A. chapter; and vice-president of Camp Clements. He is church song leader and ranked 40th in a class of 235 in scholarship.

FRANKLIN B. ARNOLD of Trenton, Tennessee—Twenty years old, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in April, 1934. He owns 40 acres of land, one team of mules, three cows and one calf; and holds one-half partnership interest in 93 acres of land. He intends to sell his 40 acres and devote full time to the management of the home farm of 93 acres which he owns jointly with his mother. From the enterprises of corn, cotton, sweet potatoes, strawberries and hay he has realized a labor income of \$1,922.00. He now has \$4,441.00 invested in farming and \$372.00 in other items. He sells his cotton through a local cooperative association and buys his seed through the F. F. A. cooperative. He is a member of the Farm Bureau and was reporter of his F. F. A. chapter two years. He was vice-president of his Sunday School class and ranked 12th in a class of 42.

DIBRELL M. BOYD of Cookeville, Tennessee—Twenty-one years old, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and six years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1934. He owns two horses, five cows, two heifers, two calves, five hogs and 60 hens. He holds one-fourth interest in 160 acres of land and one bull. Dibrell is now a junior in the College of Agriculture of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. Upon completion of his course there he intends to return home and assume the management of the home farm, developing a high producing herd of Jerseys. He has realized a labor income of \$1,657.00 from his supervised farming program and \$1,000 from other agricultural work. He has \$1,760.00 invested in farming and \$250.00 in other assets. Quite a portion of his earnings have gone toward his education as he paid his way through high school and is doing the same in farming. He was president, reporter, and treasurer of his F. F. A. chapter and president of Camp Clements. He has been a Sunday School teacher. In scholarship he stood fourth in a class of 54.

ELMO JOHNSON of Maynardville, Tennessee—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in April, 1935. He owns 20 acres of land, one horse, three dairy cows, nine hogs, one baby beef, 75 laying hens, ten sheep, and three stands of bees. He owns one-half interest in one horse, three hogs and five cows. Elmo is enrolled in an agricultural course at the University of Tennessee. After graduation he expects to continue in farming. A labor income of \$2,126.00 has been derived from the supervised enterprises of tobacco, dairy, corn, pasture, bees, swine, poultry and potatoes. He has \$649.00 invested in farming and \$613.00 in other assets. Elmo has an enviable leadership record as evidenced by having been president of his F. F. A. chapter, District F. F. A. chapter, State F. F. A. Association, school literary society, junior class and senior class. He was secretary-treasurer of the Union County Soil Conservation Association and winner of the F. F. A. Southern Regional Public Contest in 1936. In scholarship he rated in the upper fourth of his class of 38.

ROY G. MARTIN of Cotulla, Texas—Seventeen years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his "Lone Star" Farmer Degree in July, 1935. He owns ten acres of land, 12 cows, eight calves, one bull, two saddle horses, one mare, one sow, five pigs and 15 goats. He cash rents 250 acres of grazing land. Roy is a freshman

at Texas A. and M. College. After graduation he plans to enter into a partnership with his elder brother in the operation of a 10,000 acre ranch. From his home project program of corn, swine, tomatoes, cattle, poultry, grass, and goats, Roy has derived a labor income of \$1,290.00. He now has \$1,207.00 invested in farming and \$450.00 in other assets. Roy has an unusual leadership record having been president of his freshman, sophomore, and senior classes, F. F. A. chapter and secretary of his State F. F. A. Association. He was captain of his high school basket ball team. Roy has travelled over 10,000 miles in the interest of the F.F.A. making about one-half of this mileage on official trips. He was salutatorian of his class of 29.

HARRIS WRIGHT of Dublin, Texas—Seventeen years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and four years F. F. A. membership, receiving his "Lone Star" Farmer Degree in July, 1935. He owns 40 acres of land, two dairy cows, three heifers and four hogs. He cash rents 12 acres of land for crops. Harris plans to take an agricultural course at Texas A. and M. College and to engage in a field of agriculture upon graduation. From his supervised farming program including the enterprises of dairy, swine, milo, and oats, Harris has made a labor income of \$877.00. His record shows that he has \$515.00 invested in farming and \$20.00 in other assets. He has worked on the chapter owned terracer and purchased seed through his F. F. A. chapter. He has been president and treasurer of his F. F. A. chapter, captain of high school foot ball and track teams and president of his senior class. He has participated in the national F. F. A. radio program and earned six certificates of merit awarded by the Texas F. F. A. Association for outstanding achievement. He ranked fourth in a class of 57.

JAMES SHOULTZ of Grapeland, Texas—Seventeen years old, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and four years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his "Lone Star" Farmer Degree in July, 1935. He owns two acres of land, two hogs, and three cows. He rents ten acres of land for feed crops and holds one-fifth interest in a 10 acre orchard. James is enrolled at Texas A. and M. College and plans to intensify his farming operations upon graduation. He has earned \$447.00 from his supervised farming program of peas, peanuts, maize, beans, orchard, poultry, swine and dairy. He now has \$460.00 invested in farming and \$312.00 in miscellaneous assets. He was president of his junior class, secretary of his senior class, president and reporter of his F. F. A. chapter, president of the local band and reporter of the State F. F. A. Association one year. He placed first in the Texas F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest in 1934 and has quite a reputation as a debater. He was a member of the Texas F. F. A. Band. In scholarship he stood fourth in a class of 20.

RANDALL MOORE of Pilot Point, Texas—Nineteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his "Lone Star" Farmer Degree in August, 1934. He owns two mares, two colts, 13 ewes, one ram, 11 lambs, and two Shorthorn cattle. He rents 110 acres of land for crops. He has already rented 100 acres of land for the 1937 crops and plans to purchase 160 acres as soon as enough money can be saved to make first payment. His supervised farming program of swine, corn, oats, sheep, cotton, wheat, poultry, mares, and hay has given Randall a labor income of \$925.00. He has made \$195.00 from other agricultural work. His present investments in farming amount to \$1,138.00 in addition to \$80.00 in checking account. He was a member of a spray ring and has bought seed through cooperative organizations. He has been treasurer, reporter, and president of his local chapter. He was treasurer of the Community Fair Association. Randall has an excellent record of exhibits and awards. He was in the upper fourth of his class of 24.

J. BASIL GOODRUM of Colmesneil, Texas—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his "Lone Star" Farmer Degree in July, 1935. He owns 15 cattle, ten hogs, 11 sheep, 15 goats, 57 laying hens, and one colt. He rents 135 acres of land for crops and pasture, and one horse. Basil is a freshman at Texas A. and M. College. He is paying most of his expenses at school with project earnings and

upon graduation plans to become established in farming as a life occupation. His home project program consisting of cotton, corn, peanuts, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, swine, and capons, made a labor income of \$1,500.00. He lists \$577.00 as earned from other agricultural work. Basil has \$582.00 invested in farming and \$304.00 in other assets. He has been reporter and secretary of his F. F. A. chapter, secretary of his sophomore class, area F. F. A. president, and State F. F. A. vice-president. He possesses public speaking, judging and athletic abilities and has made creditable showings in each. He was valedictorian of his class of 20.

J. PHELON MALOUF of Glenwood, Utah—Twenty years of age, has completed three years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in May, 1935. He owns one-fourth interest in the home farm of 15.7 acres which was purchased in partnership with his father, mother and elder brother in 1930. By general improvements the value of the farm has been increased to about six times the original investment. Phelon does practically all the work and management and pays the irrigation taxes. By agreement he receives 40% of the net proceeds from the farm. He owns one pure bred Jersey cow, one pure bred Jersey heifer and one-fourth interest in 11 hogs and 43 hens. Phelon lists definite farming plans for the future including the purchase of an adjacent tract of land. From the supervised enterprises of truck gardening, poultry, sheep, and swine a labor income of \$1,194.00 has been derived. He has earned \$321.00 from other agricultural work. His investment in farming is \$1,922.00 and he has \$237.00 in other assets. He was reporter of his F. F. A. chapter and State Association; commissioner of high school honor league; and president of the Utah F. F. A. Alumni. He won the National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest in 1934. He tied for valedictory honors in a class of 84.

WAYNE LARROWE of Woodlawn, Virginia—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership. Due to the fact that his father's health is poor, Wayne manages the home farm of 160 acres and the livestock thereon including 20 cows, 12 calves, 22 sheep, two horses, 21 hogs, and 50 laying hens. For this work Wayne receives his board, clothing and one-third of all net proceeds of the farm, continuing on this basis until his younger brother completes his high school course at which time Wayne expects to enter Virginia Polytechnic Institute to study Agricultural Education. From the supervised farming program developed, a labor income of \$1,204.00 has been derived. He has \$565.00 invested in farming and \$25.00 in miscellaneous assets. Wayne buys and sells through the F. F. A. co-operative, is a member of the County Agricultural Advisory Board, and president of his F. F. A. Alumni. He was president of the high school student body, F. F. A. chapter, literary society, Christian Endeavor society, F. F. A. federation, and State F. F. A. He was selected the outstanding student of Woodlawn High School for 1935 and ranked third in scholarship in a class of 24.

VERNON TRIVILIAN of Plain View, Virginia—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and six years of F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1933. He owns 560 White Leghorn laying hens, three dairy cows, two brood sows, and 1,900 broilers. Vernon holds one-half interest in 150 acres of land, two horses, one colt, one mule, two cows and two brood sows. He is now farming with his father and plans to continue this, enlarging and developing his poultry, swine, and dairy enterprises. From his supervised farming program of poultry, wheat, corn, soybeans, orchard, swine, hay, and cattle, a labor income of \$973.00 has been realized. He now has \$1,229.00 invested in farming and \$304.00 in other assets. Vernon has participated in the local F. F. A. cooperative. He has been president and vice-president of his local F. F. A. chapter; president of his F. F. A. federation; and Sunday School president for three years. He ranked third in a class of 28 in scholarship.

HAYES SADLER of Dixie, Virginia—Twenty years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and six years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1933. He owns 400 laying hens, 400

pullets, one hog, one cow and one horse. He cash rents eight acres of land and holds one-third partnership interest in 50 acres of land. A labor income of \$3,838.00 was derived from the supervised farming program of poultry, corn, potatoes, wheat, orchard and gardening. He now has \$1,365.00 invested in farming and \$1,939.00 in other assets including \$1,087.00 in savings and F. F. A. thrift account. Hayes is now actively engaged in the farming business with his two brothers, both of whom are F. F. A. alumni. Hayes has been vice-president of his F. F. A. chapter; president and vice-president of the Tri-County F. F. A. Federation; president of his junior and senior classes and his literary society; and secretary of his Sunday School. He was awarded a plaque for having the highest combined average based on scholarship, loyalty, and achievement. He ranked third in scholarship in a class of 15.

GARVIS HUFF of Hillsville, Virginia—Twenty-one years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. He owns one cow, five steers, eight sheep, 60 laying hens, and 100 capons. Garvis has carried his home enterprises of corn, sheep, beef cattle, cabbage, capons, buckwheat, turkeys, sorghum, wheat, rye, swine, and poultry in partnership with his brother, Marvin, and has derived a labor income of \$1,711.00. He is now a sophomore at Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he is studying Agricultural Education. He has plans for teaching vocational agriculture at least until he becomes established in farming. He has \$575.00 invested in farming and \$1,025.00 in other assets. He has invested over \$300.00 in his education thus far. Garvis was a director of the Carroll County Cooperative Marketing Association and has marketed lambs and wool through this organization. He has taken an active part in high school athletics, was president of the Pure Seed Club, and Circulation Manager of the school paper. His scholarship grade was 85.3. (See brief of Marvin Huff, below).

MARVIN HUFF of Hillsville, Virginia—Twenty-one years or age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. He owns eight sheep, five steers, one sow, 60 laying hens, and 100 capons. Throughout the entire period of supervised farming, Marvin and his brother, Garvis, have carried the same enterprises, each having kept records on only one-half the total enterprise. Therefore, Marvin's farming program is identical to that of Garvis (above) and in many other instances the records and accomplishments are similar. The present investments are the same and Marvin is also a director of the Carroll County Cooperative Marketing Association, being elected to this position four years ago. The brothers live on a 335 acre farm and are responsible for many of the improved practices and the developments instituted thereon. Marvin was vice-president of the F. F. A. chapter and the Corn-Cabbage-Capon Club and director of the community fair. He was business manager of the school paper and was active in high school athletics. He had a scholarship grade of 87.

BERLIN WEBB of Hillsville, Virginia—Twenty-two years old, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. He owns seven registered Hampshire sheep, three head of Shorthorn cattle, one brood sow, 22 turkeys, 50 pure bred Jersey Black Giant hens and 50 capons. Berlin is managing the home farm of 226 acres and is responsible for most of the work thereon. He plans to continue farming with his father until he has the funds to purchase a farm of his own. From the supervised farming program of corn, turkeys, poultry, oats, sheep, cabbage, swine, clover, and beef, he has realized a labor income of \$1,190.00. He has \$542.00 invested in farming and \$540.00 in other assets. He is a director of the Carroll County Cooperative Marketing Association. He has been reporter and vice-president of his F. F. A. chapter, president of the Biology Club and Lime-Legume-Livestock Club. He was salutatorian of his class of 32 members.

PAUL NAY of Jane Lew, West Virginia—Eighteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1933. He owns five head of dairy

cattle, four brood sows, 30 laying hens, and three stands of bees. He rents 15 acres of land for corn and potatoes. He plans to take over the management of the 96 acre home farm specializing in dairying and broiler production. A labor income of \$2,696.00 has been derived from the supervised home enterprises of dairy, swine, potatoes, corn, soybeans, and bees. He has \$1,676.00 invested in farming and \$150.00 in miscellaneous assets. Paul is a member of the Farm Bureau. He has participated in the local chapter cooperative by buying seed, fertilizer, and spray material through this channel. He has helped with the operation and management of the chapter hatchery and greenhouse. He was reporter and vice-president of his F. F. A. chapter; reporter, secretary, and president of the West Virginia F. F. A. He has an enviable exhibition record with cash awards amounting to over \$110.00. In scholarship he stood eighth in a class of 29.

GEORGE B. HALL of Mingo, West Virginia—Twenty-one years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and active F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in June, 1935. He owns 95 acres of land, 21 ewes, one ram, three pigs, two horses, and 50 pullets. George inherited half of the above land and purchased the other half from his mother. He is in the farming business now and plans definitely to continue in this line. His supervised farming program consisting of sheep, corn, potatoes, soybeans, wheat, poultry, swine, oats, clover hay, and onions has given him a labor income of \$1,346.00. He earned \$100.00 doing local soil conservation work. George is under agreement to support his mother and by doing so he owns the entire farm in which he has an investment of \$4,686.00. He lists \$1,400 in other assets. He has shipped lambs and purchased fertilizer and seed through the local F. F. A. cooperative. In the F. F. A., George has been secretary, treasurer, and reporter of his local chapter and vice-president of his State Association. He is chairman of the district committee on soil conservation. He stood sixth in a class of 25 in scholarship.

GARDNER A. ORSTED of Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin—Nineteen years of age, has completed four years of vocational agriculture and five years of F. F. A. membership. He owns 60 acres of land, two pure bred Guernsey cattle, two pure bred Guernsey calves, 19 White Leghorn laying hens and 75 broilers. He plans to improve his land and will use the above cattle as foundation stock for a herd of pure bred Guernsey cattle. He now has logs and some lumber cut for the construction of a barn. From the home enterprises of poultry, wheat, hay, buckwheat, barley, potatoes, dairy, and beans, a labor income of \$892.00 has been derived. He lists his investments in farming as \$1,854.00 and \$50.00 in miscellaneous assets. He assisted with a group incubator hatching project. Gardner was secretary and vice-president of his F. F. A. chapter and vice-president of his State F. F. A. Association. He stood fifth in a class of 15 in scholarship.

JOE H. BLACK of Sheridan, Wyoming—Nineteen years of age, graduated from Sheridan High School, Sheridan, Wyoming in 1936, having completed three years of vocational agriculture and F. F. A. membership, receiving his State Farmer Degree in April, 1935. He cash rents 45 acres of land for potatoes and corn and he and his brother rent 35 acres of corn land. He holds one-half interest in 23 sows and 135 pigs. Joe is using his project earnings toward a college education. Due to the fact that he has three younger brothers he will be unable to manage the home farm, but upon graduation he plans to secure a farm near his home and engage in raising certified seed potatoes and pure bred hogs. From his supervised farming program he has realized a labor income of \$2,532 and \$52.00 from other agricultural work. His record shows that he has \$2,101.00 invested in farming and \$118.00 in other assets. Joe has been president and secretary of his F. F. A. chapter, president of the Wyoming F. F. A. Association, president of the Student Council, and president of the Young People's Society of Decker. He was captain of the high school base ball team in 1936. He was selected as the most outstanding student of the entire high school of 970 and ranked in the upper third of his class of 167 in scholarship.



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