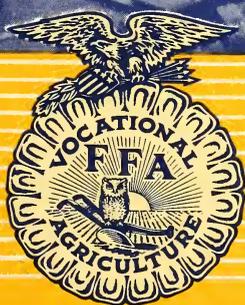


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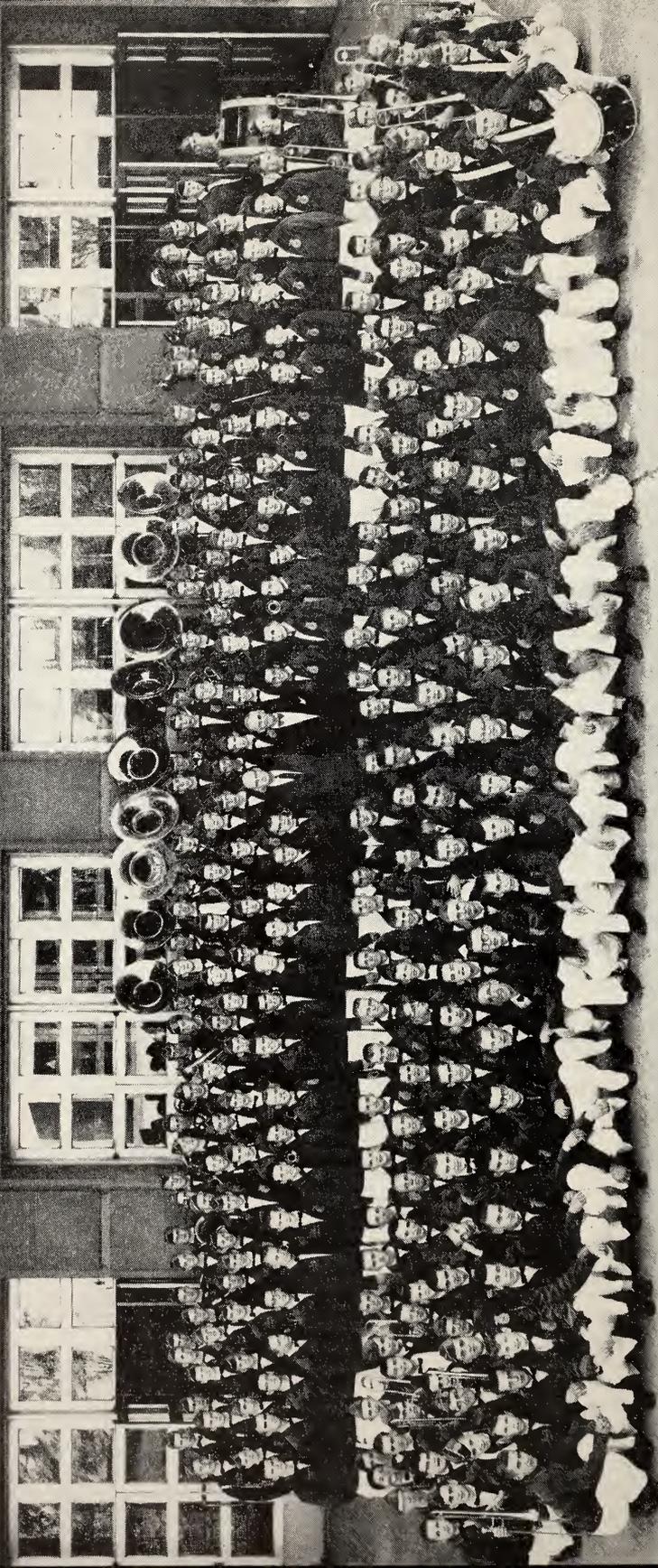
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**THE NATIONAL FFA BAND AND CHORUS**

The first National FFA Band, under the direction of Dr. Henry S. Brunner was organized in 1947. A year later, the National FFA Chorus, under the direction of Dr. James W. Hatch was organized. Often called the "mail order" band and chorus, because the members are selected through correspondence, they represent approximately forty States. These musicians are always a hit and contribute much to the success and enjoyment of each national convention.

## INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1958, the active membership totaled 377,922 in 8,993 chapters of 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

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

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

The Thirty-First National Convention was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16, 1958. Delegates from fifty State associations, and approximately 12,000 individuals attended the convention. "The FFA at 30" was featured with special emphasis on how the FFA program is helping farm boys better prepare themselves for citizenship and life on the farm.

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

WM. PAUL GRAY

National Executive Secretary

## OFFICIAL DELEGATES

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Indiana.....	John King..... R.R. 2, Butler	William E. Dorsey R.R. 2, Syracuse
Iowa.....	Harvey D. Johnson..... Forest City	Gary A. Bernau R.R. 2, West Bend
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Nevada.....	Ted deBraga.....	Edward Achurra Jiggs
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New Jersey.....	Anthony Cerami.....	Richard Van Auken Newton
New Mexico.....	Garrey Carruthers.....	Jimmy Doherty Folsom
New York.....	George Heidemann.....	Glen W. Warner Verona
North Carolina.....	Roger Mazingo.....	Nurham Warwick Rt. 5, Clinton
North Dakota.....	Loren Stadig.....	Ronald Ginsbach Edmunds
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Pennsylvania.....	Glenn W. Fetrow.....	Dean Hoffer R.D. 3, Manheim
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Rhode Island.....	Frederick Browning.....	William Menzi Fort Hill Farm Portsmouth
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South Dakota.....	Terry Rook.....	Gary Meland Sisseton
Tennessee.....	Jerry Lowery.....	Tommy Walker Box 592, Dyersburg
Texas.....	Bill McDowell.....	W. R. Collier Rt. 1, Idalou
Utah.....	Kent Staheli.....	Max Forsberg Garland
Vermont.....	Lawrence Hamel.....	George Hartman Richford
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Wisconsin.....	Ralph Rabach.....	Dean Abbott Rt. 4, Menomonie
Wyoming.....	Jack Crews.....	Leo Thiele Box 69, Campstool Route Cheyenne

# NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13—7:45 P. M.

## CHAIRMAN

Howard Downing, National FFA President

Opening Ceremony

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

Explanation of Contest

Drawing for Speaking Order

## SPEAKERS

Gregory Click, Ephrata, Washington

*"Your Vocation in Agriculture"*

Carl Pyo, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

*"Happiness and Prosperity Through Farm Safety"*

James Oesterreicher, Chesaning, Michigan

*"The Organization of an FFA Steer Cooperative"*

Ben F. Keahey, Dumas, Arkansas

*"The Farmer's Future"*

Stuart Lamb, Hamilton, New York

*"Farm Cooperatives in the Changing Agriculture Picture"*

Music—National FFA Chorus, James W. Hatch, Kinderhook, New York,  
conducting

Presentation of Awards

Closing Ceremony

## JUDGES

Roy Battles, Assistant to the Master, The National Grange, Washington, D. C.

William Morgan, President, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

Stillman J. Stanard, State Director of Agriculture, Springfield, Illinois

## TIMEKEEPERS

Harold E. Heldreth, Coordinator of Youth Activities, National Safety Council,  
Chicago, Illinois

Harold Street, Farm Editor, Hartford Courant, Hartford, Connecticut

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

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

Opening Ceremony

Music—National FFA Band

Invocation—Jerry Litton, National FFA Student Secretary,  
1956-57

Report On Delegate Credentials

Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates

Minutes of the Thirtieth National Convention — Nathan  
Reese, National Student Secretary

Appointment of Constitutional Committees

Nomination of Honorary American Farmers—W. T. Spanton, Director, Agricultural Education Branch, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees upon Vocational Agriculture Teachers and Administrators

Introduction of "Kansas Citizens"

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

National Treasurer's Report—R. E. Bass, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State Board of Education, Richmond, Virginia

The Future Farmers Supply Service—Edward J. Hawkins, Manager, Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia

Addresses of Retiring Officers

The National Future Farmer Magazine and FFA Calendar—Wilson W. Carnes, Editor, The National Future Farmer, Alexandria, Virginia

National Executive Secretary's Report—Wm. Paul Gray, Agricultural Education Branch, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

New Business

Music—National FFA Band and Chorus

Recess

2:00 P. M. Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Call To Order

Music—National FFA Chorus

Unfinished Business

Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees Upon Business and Industry Leaders

Address of retiring officers

Music—National FFA Band

Address—Ivan Kindschi, Marshall, Wisconsin, National FFA President, 1939-40

American Farmer Degree Ceremony

Closing Ceremony

8:00 P. M. Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Opening Ceremony

Music—National FFA Band and Chorus

Massing of State Flags—State Star Farmers

Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards

Recessional

Closing Ceremony

Special Entertainment—FFA Talent Show

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

Opening Ceremony

Unfinished Business

New Business

Introduction of Foreign Visitors

An Interview With Participants in the International Youth Exchange by John McDonald, Farm Director, WSM, WSM-TV, Nashville, Tennessee

*Future Farmers of America*

Lindsay Townsend

Norman Husa

Kenton Harvey

Perry Zumwalt

*National Federation of  
Young Farmers' Clubs*

Michael Beer

George Dixon

John Brooke

Edward Syvret

- Introduction of Future Farmers of the Philippines, by Jerry Ringo, National Vice-President, 1956-57  
 Greetings from the Future Farmers of the Philippines—Sotero Lasap, Jr., National Officer, FFP  
 Address—Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.  
 Pageant—The FFA at 30  
 Closing Ceremony
- 1:00 P. M. Tours To Points of Interest
- 1:45 P. M. Fifth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
 Call To Order  
 Appointment of Committees  
 Recess for Committee Work
- 8:00 P. M. Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
 Opening Ceremony  
 Music—National FFA Band and Chorus  
 Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.  
 Introduction of Platform Guests  
 Introduction of Past Chairmen of Sponsoring Committee, Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.  
 Greetings—Glen B. Miller, President, Allied Chemical Corporation, New York, New York  
 Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Awards  
 Farm Mechanics  
 Farm Electrification  
 Soil and Water Management  
 Farm Safety  
 Dairy Farming (announced)  
 Honoring Parents of 1957-58 National FFA Officers  
 Closing Ceremony  
 Music—National FFA Band  
 Special Entertainment—Courtesy, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 8:45 A. M. Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
 Opening Ceremony  
 Music—Frazee, Minnesota, Band  
 Addresses of Retiring Officers  
 Committee Reports  
 Music—Isola, Mississippi, String Band  
 Unfinished Business  
 New Business  
 Music—Dade City, Florida, String Band  
 Presentation of Budget for 1958-59  
 Annual Dues for 1958-59  
 Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Award Program  
 Report of Nominating Committee  
 Election of Officers  
 Installation of New Officers  
 Presentation of Past Officers' Pins, Certificates and Service Plaques by New President  
 Closing Ceremony by New Officers
- 2:30 P. M. Special Entertainment, Courtesy, Saddle and Sirloin Club (By invitation only)
- 7:00 P. M.

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**THE OLD AND NEW NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS**

Old Officers standing, left to right—Howard Downing, Jerry Cullison, Nathan Reese, Royce Bodiford, Jerry Rulon and Leon Smith.  
New Officers sitting, left to right—Adin Hester, Bryan Hafen, Norman Brown, Lee Todd, Thomas Stine and Richard Van Auken.

# Minutes of the Convention

**Monday, October 13, 1958**

Evening Session

The Future Farmers of America thirty-first national convention convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas, City, Missouri, at seven forty-five. National President Howard Downing of Nicholasville, Kentucky, presiding. National Vice Presidents Royce Bodiford, Jerry Cullison, Jerry Rulon and Leon Smith, were present, as well as Student Secretary Nathan Reese, Advisor W. T. Spanton, Executive Secretary Wm. Paul Gray, and Treasurer R. E. Bass.

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

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

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

**Tuesday, October 14, 1958**

Morning Session

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

Following a concert by the national band, the invocation was pronounced by Jerry Litton, National Student Secretary, 1956-57.

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

The Minutes of the Thirtieth National Convention were read by Student Secretary Reese, and approved unanimously in their entirety.

President Downing announced the appointment of the Auditing, Program of Work and Nominating Committee.

Pacific Regional Vice President Jerry Cullison presented his report. Dubroff of Florida moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Bryce of Idaho and carried.

Advisor Spanton presented the names of the following persons who were considered and recommended by the National Board of

Directors and National Board of Student Officers to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree:

### Honorary American Farmers

- James A. Bailey, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Jefferson City, Missouri
- Roy Battles, Assistant to the Master, The National Grange, 744 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D. C.
- Herbert C. Brewer, Vice President and Director, Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, New York
- Parke C. Brinkley, State Commissioner of Agriculture, Richmond, Virginia
- John T. Brown, Chairman of the Board, J. I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin
- Howard A. Cowden, President, Consumers Cooperative Association, P. O. Box 2359, Kansas City 13, Missouri
- J. B. Dillingham, Vice President, American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show, Room 402, Live Stock Exchange Building, Kansas City 2, Missouri
- W. C. Greenway, Public Relations, Sears, Roebuck and Company, Atlanta, Georgia
- Emory M. Howard, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board for Vocational Education, 610 Main Street, Boise, Idaho
- Owen E. Kiser, former State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, State Agricultural College, New Brunswick, New Jersey (Posthumously)
- Harry W. Kitts, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Education, University of Minnesota, University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minnesota
- J. A. Marshall, Assistant Director, Vocational Agricultural Education, Texas Education Agency, Austin 11, Texas
- S. D. McMillen, State Director of Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Charleston 5, West Virginia
- Glen B. Miller, President, Allied Chemical Corporation, 61 Broadway, New York 6, New York
- Jack Reynolds, Manager, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, Massachusetts
- Hugo Riemer, 80 Whittredge Road, Summit, New Jersey
- J. G. Smith, 1232 S.W. 3rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida
- Stillman J. Stanard, Director, Department of Agriculture, Springfield, Illinois
- James N. Reese, Mooreland, Oklahoma
- A. W. Bodiford, Route 1, Millsap, Texas
- Lester G. Rulon, Route 1, Arcadia, Indiana
- Stanley E. Smith, RFD 2, Rome, New York
- J. J. Jarnagin, Sr., Hanston, Kansas
- Arthur D. Niles, Whispering Willows Farm, Loleta, California
- James H. Speer, Sr., Blairs Mills, Pennsylvania
- C. S. Bazemore, Wetumpka, Alabama
- S. J. Gibbs, Sulligent, Alabama
- Herman Diekman, 300 S. Floral Avenue, Lodi, California
- Charles F. Bailey, 637 East Evans Street, Bainbridge, Georgia
- H. R. Madison, Box 239, Cairo, Georgia
- J. L. McMullan, Jefferson, Georgia
- O. H. Rhodes, Sycamore, Georgia
- Kenneth W. Knell, Mahomet, Illinois
- Virgil A. Telfer, 460 So. Mulberry Street, Martinsville, Indiana
- Ira L. Plank, 1305 East 10th Street, Winfield, Kansas

Glen W. Nesman, Route 1, Springport, Michigan  
John L. Mowrer, Unionville, Missouri  
John A. Stump, 18 Hillside Terrace, Newton, New Jersey  
Harry Mack Ketcham, RD, Greenville, New York  
Glen P. Boling, 430 McDonald, Wooster, Ohio  
J. Ralph Harner, 846 N. Monroe Street, Xenia, Ohio  
Lewis Rader, Dunkirk, Ohio  
Jack Harper, Cordell, Oklahoma  
Ben E. Blackwell, Box 51, Duncan, South Carolina  
J. F. Wyse, 509 Roland Avenue, Johnston, South Carolina  
Erland W. Gustafson, 406 North Commercial, Clark, South Dakota  
O. J. Mattil, 1013 Emmett Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee  
Sam E. Reed, Dyersburg, Tennessee  
V. S. Payne, 217 Hird Street, Gainesville, Texas  
Aubrey T. Adams, Smithfield, Virginia

It was moved by Tindel of Florida to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the individuals whose names were read; motion seconded by Johnson of Iowa and carried.

The Honorary American Degree was conferred upon vocational agriculture teachers and administrators by President Downing.

Mr. John A. Stump, Vocational Agriculture Instructor from Newton, New Jersey, read a memoriam to the late Mr. Owen E. Kiser, former State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in New Jersey.

A number of outstanding "Kansas Citians," who have supported the FFA program over the past years were introduced, and recognition given them for their interest and support of the Future Farmers of America.

President Downing introduced the Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, after which Mayor Bartle gave an address.

Mr. R. E. Bass, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Lively of Massachusetts moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Boster of California and carried.

Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, gave a brief report on the Supply Service. Farrington of Alabama moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Heidemann of New York and carried.

Central Regional Vice President Jerry Rulon presented his report. Nesbitt of Idaho moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Browning of Rhode Island and carried.

After a few numbers by the National FFA Chorus, Mr. Wilson W. Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on the magazine and official calendar. Watson of Arkansas moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Uhlir of Nebraska and carried.

The meeting recessed at eleven fifty-five o'clock.

**Tuesday, October 14, 1958**

## Afternoon Session

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

Several musical selections were rendered by the national chorus.

Student Secretary Nathan Reese presented his report. Many of Oregon moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Watkins of Oklahoma and carried.

Student Secretary Reese read a proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution, submitted by the Maryland Association. This would amend Article IV, Section B, "Active Membership," by deleting the phrase "upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting." Fulmer of Arkansas moved to accept this amendment; motion seconded by Mercier of Massachusetts and carried.

Two other proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution, which were submitted by the Maryland Association were read. One would amend Article V, Section B, "Green Hand Degree," by deleting paragraph 4; the other would amend Article V, Section C, "Chapter Farmer Degree," by deleting paragraph 8. Both of these amendments were rejected.

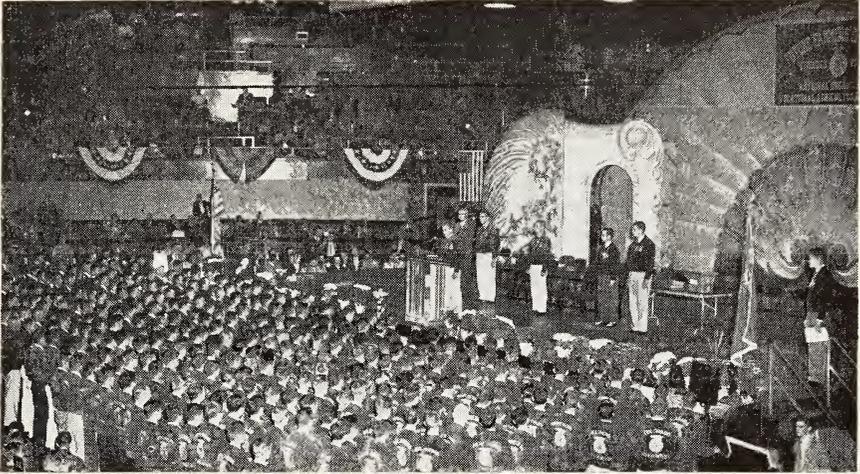
A proposed amendment to the Constitution submitted by the Virginia Association was then read. This would amend Section A of Article II, "Organization," by changing the last sentence in that paragraph to read as follows: "It shall consist of chartered State Associations which, in turn, are composed of not less than four local chapters chartered by a State Association and having a total active membership of not less than 125". Hill of California moved to accept the proposed amendment; motion seconded by Justice of Oregon. Dubroff of Florida moved to amend this amendment by adding the words, "No organized State Association may have its charter revoked if it drops below 125 members and four chapters"; motion seconded by Stone of Georgia. The proposed amendment as amended was carried.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon business and industry leaders.

North Atlantic Regional Vice President Leon Smith presented his report. Caulk of Delaware moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Warner of New York and carried.

President Downing introduced Mr. Ivan Kindschi, National FFA President in 1939-40, after which Mr. Kindschi presented an address.

The American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the following candidates by the national officers:



**AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CEREMONY**

Three hundred and sixty-one members received the American Farmer Degree at the 31st National Convention.

**Alabama**

- Roy Albert Amos, Foly
- Haywood H. Bartlett, 836 Park Avenue, Montgomery
- James B. Brindley, Route 2, Blountsville
- Coyle Campbell, Route 1, Elora, Tenn.
- Wayland Cross, Route 1, Courtland
- Thomas Daniel Fuqua, Route 2, Clayton
- John Clinton Hardin, Jr., P. O. Box 354, Moulton
- Charles Milton Jacks, Route 2, New Market
- Robert Lasseter, Route 1, Gadsden
- Wilson Lee, Star Route 4, Cantonment, Fla.
- Thomas Yaymon Paul, Route 2, Samson
- Larry Lynn Pruett, Route 1, Baileytown
- John Marvin Smith, Route 2, Andalusia
- Thomas Edward Wilcox, Route 1, Ethelsville

**Arizona**

- Ernest W. Dipple, Route 1, Box 210, Chandler
- Bobby Joe Ratliff, P. O. Box 230, Elfrida

**Arkansas**

- Danny Bourland, Route 1, Box 200, Manila
- Hall McCoy Calhoun, III, Morrilton
- Doyle Ray Campbell, Dardanella
- James C. Carlton, Beedeville
- Billy Darrell Carter, Leachville
- Donald Eugene Cochran, Barber
- Delbert Leon Dowdle, Delight
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- Willie Spruell, Route 1, Bradley

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Homestead  
Glen Shepherd, Bell  
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Box 605, Tampa 10

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Greenville  
Billy Ray Butler, Route 1, Box 199,  
Donalsonville  
Perry George Cross, Route 3, Col-  
quitt  
Robert E. Lee Dale, Parrott  
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Uvalda  
William Bernard Hart, Route 2,  
Uvalda  
Winfred Grady Jones, Route 3, Tif-  
ton  
Felix Martin Kimbrel, Route 3, Col-  
quitt  
Richard H. McLendon, Route 1,  
Dawson  
William Fred Parker, Route 3, Box  
216, Donalsonville  
Thomas Olin Reed, Lincolnton  
Stanley Steadham, Route 2, Bain-  
bridge  
Danny Strickland, Route 2, Claxton  
Lewis Addison Strickland, Route 2,  
Nahunta

Joe Nell Wang, Route 2, Lavonia  
Robert Larry Young, Route 2,  
Chickamauga

**Hawaii**

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Hakalau

**Idaho**

Gary Lee Custer, Route 1, Twin  
Falls  
Clifton L. Eldred, New Plymouth  
Robert R. Schofield, Route 1, Sugar  
City

**Illinois**

Carl D. Bruegger, Brownstown  
Donald L. Clapper, R. R. 3, Cham-  
paign  
Lee C. Eichhorst, R. R. 4, Cham-  
paign  
John Thomas Harner, Odell  
Kenneth Ralph Hartman, R. R. 4,  
Box 6, Waterloo  
Eugene R. Kamradt, R. R. 2, Box  
602, Tolono  
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Eddie Lindskog, R. R. 2, Box 148,  
Prophetstown  
Louie E. Murry, Tamaroa  
Ronald Leon Pulliam, Colfax  
Kenneth E. Ringhouse, Easton  
Wayne F. Torman, R. R. 2, Earl-  
ville  
Dennis L. Vetter, R. R. 3, Carroll-  
ton  
Milton (Dick) Wade, Clifton  
Roy Alvin Windler, R. R. 2, Urbana  
Alvin Leroy Wire, R. R. 1, Winslow  
Dwayne Marshall Zipse, Mt. Morris

**Indiana**

Daniel Larry Bowman, R. R. 3,  
New Castle  
Donald L. Burrell, R. R. 1, Chal-  
mers  
Reuel Marcus Crum, R. R. 2,  
Frankfort  
Rodger M. Endsley, R. R. 1, Van  
Buren  
Larry K. Fleming, R. R. 3, Rensse-  
laer  
Max Alton Gosnell, R. R. 1, Shelby-  
ville  
Roger Tilman Kemper, R. R. 1,  
Lexington  
Kenneth R. Orem, R. R. 1, Bring-  
hurst  
Preston Grant Rinker, R. R. 2,  
Noblesville

**Iowa**

Alvin C. Bierbaum, Guttenberg  
 Robert Morris Brown, R. R. 3, Webster City  
 Edward Dennis Devereaux, Laurens  
 David W. Hawkins, Route 5, Le Mars  
 Harvey D. Johnson, Forest City  
 Leland J. Klaus, Earlville  
 Kenneth Lee Polsley, Blanchard  
 William J. Sandquist, R. R. 2, Adel  
 John R. Shoup, Jr., Whitten  
 Bert William Vandenberg, Donnellson  
 Leland J. Watts, R. R. 2, Clarion

**Kansas**

Donald D. Alexander, Coldwater  
 Larry Dutton Gilmore, Highland  
 Darrell Goss, R. R. 1, Garden City  
 Jimmie John Jarnagin, Jr., Hanston  
 Calvin L. Massey, Star Route, Eureka  
 Norman Leroy Nelson, Long Island  
 Charles Freeman Sander, R.F.D. 2, Stockton

**Kentucky**

James Chapman, Woodburn  
 Carter Coomer, Route 2, Park City  
 Douglas Downing, Route 3, Nicholasville  
 John Douglas Evans, Route 2, Tompkinsville  
 Delbert Lobb, Route 3, Box 196A, Greensburg  
 Shelby Joe McCarty, Route 1, Edyville  
 James Alexander Rose, Jr., Route 2, Winchester  
 Dudley Byrd Sisk, Route 1, Lexington  
 Charles E. Truitt, Route 4, Owensboro  
 Charles A. Watson, Route 6, Princeton  
 Dean Wilmoth, Route 2, Cecilia

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 Lawrence D. Bruchhaus, P. O. Box 146, Elton  
 Nolan Coleman, Route 1, Epps  
 Jerry Cox, P. O. Box 86, Plain Dealing  
 Richard Dearman, Route 2, Delhi  
 Thomas Fredrick Hippler, Route 1, Many  
 Richard M. Johnson, Route 2, Box 86, Chestnut  
 Bill G. Lambert, Box 41, Kinder

**Maine**

Donald W. Chandler, Route 2, Presque Isle

**Maryland**

George Bowman, West Friendship  
 Gerald Downs Cavanaugh, Williamsport

**Massachusetts**

Arthur C. Thatcher, Plainfield

**Michigan**

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 Earl Ray Benedict, Route 1, Saranac  
 Kenneth A. Bortel, Route 1, Britton  
 Bruce D. Brown, Route 1, Onsted  
 Norman Allen Brown, 209 E. Temperance Road, Temperance  
 John Crawford, Route 1, Lakeview  
 Harold J. Foldenauer, Route 1, Howell  
 Patrick J. McAvoy, Route 3, Owosso  
 Ted I. Noble, Route 1, Williamston  
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 Larry Arthur Young, R. R. 2, Howard City

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Van Dimberg, Ortonville  
 Elroy B. Flom, Kenyon  
 James Foss, Kenyon  
 Warren A. Jacobson, Clarissa  
 Orville C. Johnson, Manchester  
 James Cubert Lura, Route 4, Owatonna  
 Lyle George Mehrkens, Route 4, Red Wing  
 Arno R. Norman, Route 1, Fairmont  
 Edgar L. Olson, Route 3, Box 162, Fosston  
 Keith E. Stoos, Route 2, Faribault  
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Madison Travis Collins, Route 3, Utica  
 Kenney Earl Gray, Dorsey  
 Clarence Hinton, Route 7, Corinth  
 John Coleman Hubbard, Route 1, Courtland  
 Freddie Loveless, Route 1, Booneville  
 Edward Elmer McCoy, Route 1, Booneville  
 James Eugene Moffitt, Route 1, Corinth

**Missouri**

Carl Allee, Tipton  
 Stanley Eugene Berry, Pattonsburg  
 James Robert Daggs, Arbela  
 Vernon Dwight Dunn, Rogersville  
 Robert N. Garton, Bronaugh  
 C. Marvin Gill, R. R. 3, Richmond  
 Raymond Lowell Haile, RFD, Pleasant Hill  
 Raymond Earl Requat, Wright City  
 Rex Riggs, Pleasant Hill  
 Estill G. Skinner, Jr., Unionville  
 Arthur Eugene Spears, Route 1, Granby  
 Thomas Edgar Stine, Ozark

**Montana**

Merle J. Clark, Marmarth, N. Dak.  
 Iver J. Johannesen, Loring

**Nebraska**

Loel A. Joyce, Osmond  
 Jerald B. Lewis, Van Tassell, Wyo.  
 John A. Reitz, Fowling Route, Alliance  
 Carl York, Cozad

**Nevada**

Ted deBraga, East Star Route, Fallon

**New Hampshire**

Monty Hazen Goodrum, R.F.D. 2, Colebrook

**New Jersey**

Frank George Gromlich, Lafayette  
 Richard James Van Auken, Box 25, Monroe

**New Mexico**

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**New York**

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 Calvin C. Collins, R. F. D. 1, Blossvale  
 Laurence Harold Cooke, Oak Hill  
 Paul Cornelius Perl, Johnsonburg

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 William Chester Carrigan, Route 1, China Grove  
 Ernest H. Cutler, Route 1, Box 201, Blounts Creek  
 David B. Edwards, Route 2, Box 395, Concord

William C. Elliott, Route 1, Hertford  
 Dale Bryce Hedrick, Route 6, Lexington  
 Lacy T. Langdon, Route 2, Angier  
 Hymon Willis Lewis, Aurora  
 John Benton Mabry, Jr., Route 2, Norwood  
 Gary Franklin McMillan, Route 1, Box 163, Stedman  
 Robert Lynn Nethercutt, Route 1, Snow Hill  
 Frank W. Nolen, Route 1, Franklin  
 Thomas Frank Oehler, Route 7, Box 668, Charlotte  
 James Bruce Phillips, Route 1, Box 245, Mars Hill  
 Thomas Allen Pierce, Route 1, Apex  
 Charles Edwin Russell, Jamesville  
 Ronald Wilson Shearon, Route 2, Wake Forest  
 James E. Sinclair, Jr., 107 West Road, Clinton  
 Billy Smith, R.F.D., Fuquay Springs  
 James Thomas Spence, III, Route 1, Pink Hill  
 Guy Wally Vick, Route 3, Nashville  
 Charles Everett Voncannon, Route 1, Midland  
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Walter L. Haberman, Jr., LaMoure  
 Ronald Wald, Velva

**Ohio**

William Bowersock, Route 1, Spencerville  
 John Thomas Clinger, Route 5, Upper Sandusky  
 Lawrence Earhart, Route 3, Troy  
 Frederick Milton Isler, Route 2, Prospect  
 Wesley Lee Kavanagh, Ridgeway  
 David W. Landis, Basil  
 Richard Dean Martin, Route 1, Fayette  
 Richard Corvin Mull, Route 2, Delta  
 Robert L. Ramga, Route 3, Wapakoneta  
 Alan Schaffner, Fayette  
 Jay Carlton Seibert, Route 1, Spencerville  
 Edwin Dwight Taylor, Route 4, Delaware  
**Oklahoma**  
 Dale Chlouber, Kingfisher  
 Jimmie Dee Cook, Route 2, Cushing

Ronald Irman Cramer, Elmwood  
 Robert J. Hartz, Billings  
 Jimmy Pete Jensen, Route 2, El  
 Reno  
 LeeRoy Kalka, Route 3, Chandler  
 Charles W. Kolar, Jr., Box 684,  
 Prague  
 Ronald Dee Kramer, Loyal  
 Ethan Labrier, Kenton  
 Max W. Lindsay, Route 1, Box 229,  
 Fort Gibson  
 George Moore, Inola  
 Barton Rackley, Mountain View  
 James Emmett Robison, Route 1,  
 Ripley  
 Frankie Joe Sebranek, Jr., Garber  
 Floyd Simmons, Route 3, Stilwell  
 Dale Wendt, Route 2, Kingfisher

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Adin Alfred Hester, Route 2, Box  
 40, Aurora  
 William Adam Kessi, Box 274,  
 Scappoose  
 Noel Wade Neal, Route 3, Box 49,  
 The Dalles  
 David Ornduff, Route 4, Box 230,  
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 Grove City  
 Lee Kaltenbach, R. D. 6, Wellsboro  
 Aaron S. Landis, R. D. 1, Strasburg  
 Kenneth M. Rutt, R. D. 2, Peach  
 Bottom  
 Irwin M. Sechler, R. D. 2, Kempton  
 Charles G. Shoun, R. D. 1, Avon-  
 dale  
 James H. Speer, Jr., Blairs Mills  
 Charles Richard Sterner, R. D. 1,  
 Gettysburg  
 John D. Stoner, R. D. 7, Lancaster

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 376, Jayuya  
 Teodoro Torres Zayas, Orocovis

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 Pendleton  
 Charles Cooke, Route 4, Loris  
 Gene A. Daves, Route 3, York  
 Willis Randall Hanna, Route 2,  
 Pamplico  
 Timmons McBride Hoffmeyer, Rt. 2,  
 Florence  
 Ralph Thomas Link, Route 1, Pen-  
 dleton

**South Dakota**

Richard H. A. McGraw, Clark  
 John Albert Smallfield, R.F.D., Elk-  
 ton  
 Ronald W. Teal, Aurora

**Tennessee**

John D. Elliott, Route 1, Dyersburg  
 Kenneth Fritts, R.F.D. 1, Heiskell  
 Dean Howard, Decatur  
 Scotty Long, Route 3, Lenoir City  
 Arlie M. Montgomery, Jr., Route 1,  
 Sparta  
 James Paschall, Route 1, Ridgely  
 Johnny E. Powell, Big Springs  
 Buddy Levon Reynolds, Granville  
 Sonny Delon Reynolds, Granville  
 Robert J. Russell, Jr., Route 3, Co-  
 lumbia  
 Barry O. Simmons, Martin  
 Robert Lee Sliger, Route 2, Decatur  
 Wm. Lee Todd, Bells  
 Charles Preston Wilson, Route 3,  
 Mount Juliet  
 DeWitt Woodmore, Jr., Hartsville

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 Bill Bass, 3407 Raguet Street,  
 Nacogdoches  
 Jim Beasley, Route 4, Cleburne  
 Byron Brannum, Sherman  
 Jack T. Campbell, Route 1, Box  
 682, Amarillo  
 Dwain Cannon, Route 1, Coleman  
 Stanford L. Collier, Marble Falls  
 W. R. Collier, Route 1, Idalou  
 Billy Cornutt, Route 3, Colorado  
 City  
 Nathan Dorsett, Route 3, Box 418,  
 Nacogdoches  
 Deayne Freeman, Route 2, Whitney  
 John W. Galloway, Box 252, Bee-  
 ville  
 Harrel Gilbreath, Route 1, Dublin  
 Jimmy Don Goldsmith, Route 3,  
 Sulphur Springs  
 Joe Griggs, Route 11, Caddo Mills  
 Henry Holcombe, Route 1, Apple  
 Springs  
 Bobby J. Johnson, Route 4, Olton  
 James T. Knight, Route 2, Box 53,  
 Mathis  
 Leon Kubena, Route 3, Box 120,  
 Caldwell  
 James W. McAdams, Star Route 2,  
 Henrietta  
 Marion Mitchell, Deport  
 Marvin Allen Radle, Route 2, Mar-  
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Ronnie Ray, Route A, Lamesa  
 Edgar Ray Raymond, R.F.D. 1,  
 Mabank  
 Bobby Rice, Route 1, Box 253,  
 Cleveland  
 Edwin Schluter, Rhome  
 John Y. Stewart, Box 84, Barksdale  
 Walton Terry, Route 1, Tahoka  
 Wilbert James Vorwerk, Route 3,  
 Box 12, Taylor  
 Eddie Nelson Wallace, Route 2,  
 Morton  
 Marvin Wells, Route 2, Lockney  
 Melvin Wentreek, Route 1, Granger  
 Larry Woodley, Route 3, Box 208,  
 Marshall  
 William Thomas Woody, Route 6,  
 Gainesville

#### Utah

Kent H. Barton, Ferron  
 Willard Burke Johnson, Box 7, Au-  
 rora  
 Johnny Peterson, Box 116, Fillmore

#### Vermont

James S. Lewis, Woodstock

#### Virginia

Danny W. Bird, R.F.D. 2, Bland  
 Robert Pierce Jenkins, Etlan  
 Nowlin Maddox, Route 2, Box 313,  
 Lynchburg  
 John David Messersmith, Woodlawn  
 Arthur Wesley Mitchell, Mt. Solon  
 Gilbert Thomas Perry, Route 2,  
 Troutville  
 Riley Floyd Wagner, Bridgewater  
 Maxwell W. Watkins, Church Road

#### Washington

Donald E. Bowe, Star Route, Addy  
 David Harvey Leonard, 1499 Meri-  
 dian Road, Bellingham

Marvin H. Norris, Route 1, Golden-  
 dale  
 Darrell Duane Ricci, Route 1, Mon-  
 roe  
 Jerry Ronald Small, Route 2, East  
 Stanwood  
 Donald E. Sorenson, Route 2, Box  
 337-A, Ellensburg

#### West Virginia

Bennie Richard Comer, Wikel  
 Raymond Leon Ellyson, Cox's Mills  
 James Atlas Hubbs, R. D. 2, Cam-  
 eron  
 John R. Johnston, Williamsburg  
 Robert L. Kelly, Route 1, Pt. Ma-  
 rion, Pa.

#### Wisconsin

Gary Becwar, Glen Haven  
 Richard Henry Bjerstedt, Route 3,  
 River Falls  
 Donald Haldor Christensen, Pal-  
 myra  
 Roger C. Fust, Route 5, Wausau  
 John A. Gurtner, Route 1, Cumber-  
 land  
 Harold Herwig, Route 3, Plymouth  
 John W. Louis, Route 2, Richland  
 Center  
 Thomas G. McCutchin, Arena  
 Raymond H. Manderscheid, Route  
 1, Malone  
 Calvin John Meider, Route 2, Box  
 177, Hartland  
 Watford Gerald Seguin, Jr., Route  
 1, Eleva  
 John Francis Srnka, Route 1, Al-  
 goma  
 Ronald A. Zastrow, Markesan

#### Wyoming

Kenneth Dalke, R. R. 2, Powell  
 Stanley Norman Lang, Carpenter

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

## Tuesday, October 14, 1958

### Evening Session

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

Musical selections were presented by the national band and chorus.

The Massing of State Flags by the State Star Farmers was presented after which the National Vice Presidents presented the Star Farmer Awards for 1958.

President Downing then conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the fathers of the Star Farmers and special certificates were awarded to the mothers.

Following the closing ceremony an FFA Talent Show was held.



ISOLA, MISSISSIPPI, STRING BAND

A Talent Show staged by FFA members, featured string bands, variety acts, and singers was present at the Tuesday evening session.

### Wednesday, October 15, 1958

#### Morning Session

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

Southern Regional Vice President Royce Bodiford presented his report. Thomas of Georgia moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Howington of Mississippi and carried.

Mr. John McDonald, Farm Director, WSM, WSM-TV, Nashville, Tennessee, interviewed the participants in the International Youth Exchange. The representatives from the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs were Michael Beer, George Dixon, John Brooke and Edward Syvret. The FFA representatives were Lindsay Townsend, Norman Husa, Perry Zumwalt, and Kenton Harvey.

President Downing introduced Jerry Ringo, Central Regional Vice President, 1956-57, who in turn introduced Sotero Lasap, Jr., National Officer of the Future Farmers of the Philippines, and his advisor Mr. Jovencio Bacalso. After a brief greeting by Sotero, Honorary Membership was conferred upon him and Mr. Bacalso.

President Downing introduced the Honorable Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, after which Secretary Benson gave an address.

A pageant entitled "The FFA at 30" was then presented.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

### **Wednesday, October 15, 1958**

#### **Afternoon Session**

The fifth session of the convention was called to order at one forty-five o'clock with the opening ceremony. President Downing presiding.

Watkins of Oklahoma moved that the following message be sent to Mrs. Raymond C. Firestone: "Ten thousand members of the Future Farmers of America miss you at their annual FFA convention. We send you our warm greetings and best wishes"; motion seconded by Farrington of Alabama and carried.

Student Secretary Reese read two proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution submitted by the Texas Association. The first would amend paragraph 9, Section D, "State Farmer Degree," of Article V "Active Membership Degrees and Privileges." The second would amend Section A, Article VI, "Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the American Farmer Degree." Both of these amendments were rejected.

Presiding Downing appointed committees and the meeting then recessed for committee work.

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

### **Wednesday, October 15, 1958**

#### **Evening Session**

The sixth session of the convention was called to order at eight o'clock. President Downing presiding.

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

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

President Downing presented a special plaque to Mr. Glen B. Miller, Chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Sponsoring Committee. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was then conferred upon Mr. Miller, after which he made a brief address.

Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated Awards for 1958 were made by the national officers.

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



The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the national officers. The mothers and wives were awarded special certificates, and were also presented with leis by the Hawaiian Association.

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

### Thursday, October 16, 1958

#### Morning Session

The final session of the convention was called to order at eight forty-five o'clock with the opening ceremony. President Downing presiding.

A few musical selections were presented by the Frazee, Minnesota, Band.

Vice President Bodiford assumed the chair.

President Downing presented his report. Caulk of Delaware moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Mozingo of North Carolina and carried.

President Downing resumed the chair.

Gary Burden of Maine presented the report of the Auditing Committee. Staheli of Utah moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Kelly of West Virginia and carried.

Tommy Walker of Tennessee presented the report of the Foundation Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Peugh of Washington and carried.

Lloyd Dubroff of Florida presented the report of the Public Speaking Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Lowery of Tennessee and carried.

A few musical selections were presented by the Isola, Mississippi, String Band.

Garrey Carruthers of New Mexico, presented the report of the American Farmer Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Dorsey of Indiana and carried.

Lawrence Hamel of Vermont presented the report of the National Chapter Award Program Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Wong of Hawaii and carried.

Lyle Carpenter of Colorado presented the report of the Convention Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Lyda of Washington and carried.

Jim Thomas of Georgia presented the report of the Dedication of the FFA Building Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Browning of Rhode Island and carried.

Bob Stewart of Missouri presented the report of the Magazine Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Alberle of Kansas and carried.

Bob Scott of Kentucky presented the report of the National Leadership Conference Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Rhoad of South Carolina and carried.

Ed Bryce of Idaho presented the report of the Official Manual Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Rook of South Dakota and carried.

A few musical selections were presented by the Dade City, Florida, String Band.

Student Secretary Reese read three proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution. The Oregon Association proposed to Amend Article III by adding an Item 4, under Section C; The West Virginia Association proposed to amend Article V, Section D, paragraph 2; and the Connecticut Association proposed to amend Article IV, Section A. These three proposed amendments were rejected.

Thomas Garnett of West Virginia presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Bowman of Maryland and carried.

Skogberg of Minnesota moved that the Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given authority to edit all committee reports, and to approve or disapprove any committee reports not submitted; motion seconded by Abbott of Wisconsin and carried.



Congratulations to a new Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Mr. Merritt Hill, Chairman, with Vice Presidents Royce Bodiford, Jerry Rulon and Leon Smith.

Farrington of Alabama moved that the Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given power to act on any unfinished business and to act on any business between conventions; motion seconded by Johnson of Iowa and carried.

Gray of Mississippi moved that the Annual FFA dues remain at ten cents per member; motion seconded by Walker of Tennessee and carried.

The presentation of awards in the National Chapter Award Program was made by Vice Presidents Cullison and Smith.

Executive Secretary Gray presented the budget for 1958-59. Staheli moved the acceptance of this budget; motion was seconded by Todd of Kentucky and carried. (Mr. Gray dispensed with the Executive Secretary Report since it will appear in this proceedings).



Outgoing President Howard Downing presents gavel to Incoming National President Adin Hester.

# National FFA Budget

JULY 1, 1958 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1959

Balance on Hand—July 1, 1958..... \$ 43,275.49

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:**

Dues .....	37,300.00
Royalties .....	44,420.00
Future Farmers Supply Service—Rent .....	20,000.00
National FFA Magazine—Rent .....	10,000.00
Future Farmers Supply Service—Grant .....	40,000.00
Old Mill .....	3,240.00
Miscellaneous .....	50.00

Total—"Balance on Hand" plus "Estimated Receipts" \$198,285.49

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:**

I. TRAVEL .....	\$ 19,400.00
II. CONVENTION .....	20,598.00
III. AMERICAN FARMER KEYS .....	3,000.00
IV. PRINTING .....	1,800.00
V. NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE .....	31,630.00
VI. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM .....	1,500.00
VII. JUDGING EXPENSE .....	750.00
VIII. FFA GROUNDS AND BUILDING .....	33,150.00
IX. OLD MILL .....	3,490.00
X. PAYMENT ON LOAN (to FFA Foundation) .....	38,000.00
XI. CONTINGENT FUND .....	1,692.00

Total .....	\$155,010.00
Estimated Balance—June 30, 1959 .....	43,275.49

Total—"Estimated Expenditures" plus "Estimated Balance" \$198,285.49

Gorden Hill of California presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Watkins of Oklahoma. The candidates for national office were called to the platform. There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved by Burden of Maine that the candidates be elected to national office; motion seconded by Clark of Montana and carried.

The newly elected President, Adin Hester, presented Past President Downing with the gavel he used to open the convention.

President elect Hester then presented each of the past officers with official national officer pins, certificates and service plaques.

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

# Committee Reports

## Report of Auditing Committee

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have inspected the books kept by the National Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Bass, and reviewed the audit prepared by Leach, Calkins & Scott, Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958, and find all records accurate and in proper order.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY BURDEN, Maine (Chairman)  
 RONNIE RAYNER, Arizona  
 RALPH VON ECKER, Connecticut  
 TOMMY W. CLARK, Illinois  
 BUDDY FARRINGTON, Alabama  
 HARVEY JOHNSON, Iowa

## Report of the Committee on American Farmer Applications

We, the committee on American Farmer Applications recommend the following changes in the application for the year 1959:

1. Under "Interpretation of Minimum Qualifications for the American Farmer Degree . . .", Number 2, Paragraph B, the words "personal responsibility" should be in bold face.

2. Under "Interpretation of Minimum Qualifications for the American Farmer Degree . . .", Number 2, Paragraph D (1), the words "or guardian" should be inserted.

3. Under "The Star American Farmer Awards," the words "with his application" should be added to the end of the first paragraph.

4. Under "The Star American Farmer Awards," a Number 3 should be added, to read as follows: "One good, clear, glossy-finished bust photograph (3" x 5")."

5. Under "VI. Candidate's Leadership and Cooperative Activities," Item C, the words "land reclamation, soil conservation, reforestation" should be added after ". . . farming enterprises . . .".

6. Under "VI. Candidate's Leadership and Cooperative Activities," Item C, five additional columns should be added, consisting of local, federation, district, State and National headings. (Level of Participation).

7. Under "VI. Candidate's Leadership and Cooperative Activities," Item D, the words "radio and TV activities" should be added after ". . . crop judging," and "(FFA-FHA, hayride, etc.)" should be deleted.

8. Under "VI. Candidate's Leadership and Cooperative Activities," Items D and E, five additional columns should be added, consisting of local, federation, district, State and National headings. (Level of Participation).

9. Under "Statement of State Staff Member visiting Candidate," the words "(Do not use a form statement on all candidates)," should be added.

10. Number 21 of the check list, should be deleted.

Respectfully submitted,

GARREY CARRUTHERS, New Mexico  
(Chairman)  
JOHN KING, Indiana  
ROBERT BOSTER, California  
CHARLES TURNER, Alabama  
BROCK WATSON, Arkansas  
PAUL LIVELY, Massachusetts  
GEORGE BOWMAN, Maryland

### **Report of the Committee on the National Chapter Award Program**

We, the committee of the National Chapter Award Program, having given careful thought, and surveying the application form, and taken into consideration last year's committee report, feel that there is no change necessary at this time, since a change would tend to decrease chapter participation. Because of this, we recommend that this program be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE HAMEL, Vermont  
(Chairman)  
GARY BERNAU, Iowa  
WESLEY SEGELKE, Colorado  
RODNEY CAULK, Delaware  
BOB FULMER, Arkansas  
BARRETT SMITH, Georgia

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

We, the members of the committee on the national convention discussed and propose the following recommendations:

1. Each State association be requested to supply at least one, and if possible two alternate delegates to be available at all convention sessions.

2. Recognizing the work done by the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors, and would like

to request that the responsibility of preventing amateur photographers from interfering with the convention program be left up to the ushers.

3. The United States Flag and the Official FFA Flag be displayed on the stage at all times during the convention.

4. The delegates adhere to the official ceremony in regard to the rule of rising to the taps of the gavel (i.e., rise together after the third tap of gavel—not before).

5. Maintain the effectiveness of the Star Farmer Ceremony by having the regional vice presidents escort the regional star farmers to their places.

6. No pictures be taken of contestants at the national public speaking contest while they are speaking.

7. Maintain a well posted bulletin board for the use of all delegates pertaining to the activities and meetings of the convention.

8. All members in attendance be asked to dress and act appropriately when attending the convention (i.e., wear the jacket correctly and act like gentlemen at all times and places).

9. Encourage all members to take educational tours.

10. Review the possibility of obtaining a more reasonable price for the tickets to the delegate luncheon.

11. Propose that there be a special educational tour exclusively for state delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Chairman)  
CALEB ATWOOD, New Hampshire  
RONNIE POOR, Kansas  
JOEL WONG, Hawaii  
BOBBY GENE TODD, Kentucky  
CECIL TINDEL, Florida

### **Report of the Committee on the Dedication of FFA Building**

We, the Building Dedication Committee, wish to make the following recommendations for the ceremony in which the National FFA Building will be dedicated:

The ceremony be held during the week preceding the July, 1959 meeting of the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors.

A minimum of two and maximum of six Future Farmers, along with two advisors, be present from each State.

Have a service band perform.

Have massing of flags in order of granting of charter to State association. Each flag to be borne by a State President and placed in a holder located on the east side of the circle drive so that the flags form a semi-circle with a break in the circle in front of main entrance of the building.

Have each State present a tree suitable for the building grounds for complete landscaping.

Have brief remarks from the following individuals: Dr. W. T. Spanton; Commissioner of Education Lawrence Derthick; Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Arthur Flemming; Leslie Applegate (first National FFA President); National FFA President.

If feasible a picnic lunch should be held at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Guided tours be held to show the complete facilities of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

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GENE NESBITT, Idaho

DALE CHILDS, West Virginia

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EDWARD ACHURRA, Nevada

GLENN W. FETROW, Pennsylvania

### **Report of the Committee on FFA Foundation**

On behalf of the entire delegation and national FFA membership, we, the Foundation Committee, wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the many generous donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

These funds have improved the national organization by creating an incentive for our members to work to attain greater goals and achievements in the Future Farmer organization. We feel that the FFA has contributed greatly to the rural life in America.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. Glen B. Miller, President of Allied Chemical Corporation, for his services as Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee this year. We also wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Hugo Riemer, former President of the Nitrogen Division of Allied Chemical Corporation, who served as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee the first part of 1958.

We would like to encourage state associations who are organizing or who have in operation a State foundation to use as a

guide the rules, policies and purposes of the national foundation. At State conventions where awards are made from funds of both State and National Foundations, proper recognition should be given to each.

Again, thanks to our donors and may they continue to prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

TOMMY WALKER, Tennessee  
(Chairman)

GERALD NEIL, Michigan  
FREDERICK BROWNING,  
Rhode Island

TED deBRAGA, Nevada

RICHARD HAYNES, Louisiana

WALLACE CAULK, Delaware

W. R. COLLIER, Texas

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

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

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

2. Encourage all States to strive toward 100 per cent participation. Commend the practice of awarding plaques to States achieving this goal and this practice be continued.

3. Encourage each State executive committee to emphasize the importance of 100 per cent subscriptions.

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

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

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

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

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

9. Each State association encourage local chapters to contact businessmen in their local community to advertise with the National Future Farmer Calendar.

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

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

The Editor, Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors are to be given full authority to make any and all changes deemed necessary and advisable for the betterment of the magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

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 ROGER MOZINGO, North Carolina  
 DANIEL O'BRIEN, Michigan  
 JERRY O'HAIR, Montana  
 BENJIE RHOAD, South Carolina  
 NORMAN MERCIER, Massachusetts  
 DONALD CHANDLER, Maine

### **Report of the Committee on the National Leadership Training Conference**

We the committee on the National Leadership Training Conference make the following recommendations for presentation to the Board of Student Officers:

1. That the National Leadership Training Conference be held in Washington, D. C.
2. Dates for the National Leadership Training Conference to be July 22-25, 1959, in conjunction with the dedication of the National FFA Building.
3. The purposes of the conference shall be:
  - a. Give selected FFA members an opportunity to learn about the national Government and especially about national policies pertaining to agriculture.
  - b. Give selected FFA members an opportunity to promote public relations and develop an understanding with leaders of government, business and industry regarding the FFA.
  - c. Give selected FFA members an opportunity to learn about Washington, D. C., as the capital of our nation.
    - (1) Tour White House
    - (2) Mt. Vernon, via steamer excursion trip
    - (3) National Capitol
    - (4) Washington Monument
    - (5) Lincoln Memorial
    - (6) Library of Congress
    - (7) Archives Building

- (8) FBI Building
- (9) Smithsonian Institution

d. Give the FFA members an opportunity to learn more about the FFA on a national level.

e. Give selected FFA members an opportunity to participate in the dedication ceremonies of the National FFA Building near Mt. Vernon.

f. Give training in conducting State conventions and leadership conferences.

4. That the number of representatives from each state not exceed five members. This would include the advisor.

5. That the representatives be carefully selected by the State advisor, and that they be of high quality, preferably new State officers.

6. That this national leadership training conference be put on a trial basis, and may later be considered as an annual event.

7. In the event of any alterations or changes, this committee suggests that the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors have full authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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 GEORGE HEIDEMANN, New York  
 JOHNNY SKOGBERG, Minnesota  
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 TERRY ROOK, South Dakota  
 JIMMY DOHERTY, New Mexico

### **Report of the Official Manual Committee**

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

1. Delete the words "upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting," in Article IV, Section B of the National Constitution and Bylaws.

2. Add paragraphs 12 and 13 to "The Proper Use of the Official FFA Jacket," to read as follows:

12. Refrain from wearing the jacket with sleeves rolled up or with a sport shirt hanging below the jacket. Also avoid wearing a jacket that is soiled, faded or ill-fitting.

13. Do not clutter jacket with pins, medals, and letters of the FFA or other organizations. Only three medals to be worn on the jacket, that of the highest office held, highest FFA degree elected to, and highest award.

3. Add under "Legislation and Policies" on page 118, (Public Law 740, 81st Congress) (Chapter 823 — 2nd Session) (S. 2860).

4. Add the word "Incorporated" after "The Future Farmers of America Foundation" on pages 3 and 91.

5. Add under Bibliography, "Leadership Training and Parliamentary Procedure for FFA" by Gray and Jackson.

6. Amend Section A. Article II (Organization) of the National Constitution by changing the last sentence in that paragraph to read as follows: "It shall consist of chartered State Associations which, in turn, are composed of not less than four local chapters chartered by a State Association, and having a total active membership of not less than 125. No organized State Association can have its charter revoked if it falls below the minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

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KENNETH KAGAWA, Hawaii

JACK LEE, Mississippi

WILLIAM POWELL, Maryland

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

We, the committee on Proceedings for 1958 recommend that the general outline of last year's Proceedings be followed.

- I. The following pictures accompanied by appropriate articles be included:
  1. Ivan Kindschi, Marshall, Wisconsin, National FFA President, 1939-40
  2. Sotero Lasap, Jr., National Officer of Future Farmers of the Philippines
  3. Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture
  4. Glen B. Miller, President, Allied Chemical Corporation, New York, New York
  5. Raymond C. Firestone, President, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company
- II. Include articles and pictures (if available) of the following:
  1. Group picture of parents with retiring National FFA Officers
  2. Talent Show
  3. Pageant (FFA AT 30)
  4. Kansas Citians

5. Group picture of Honorary American Farmer Degree candidates
6. Group picture of foreign visitors
7. Front view of auditorium with members entering and leaving convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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 JERRY LOWERY, Tennessee  
 CHARLES WALLACE, Arizona  
 ARCHIE HOLOUBECK, Nebraska  
 NURHAM WARWICK, North Carolina

### Report of Committee on a Guide for Local Chapters to Use in Developing the 1958-59 Program of Work

We, the Committee on the 1958-1959 Program of Work, recommend that the following Guide for Use of Local FFA Chapters be used in planning the chapter program of work:

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
<b>I. SUPERVISED FARMING</b>		
1. Producing food and other farm products	100% member participation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Every member to have a comprehensive farming program consisting of two or more productive enterprises.</li> <li>b. Encourage members to have a home garden.</li> <li>c. Conduct a tour of farming programs.</li> <li>d. Conduct farm surveys to determine farming capabilities.</li> <li>e. Establish goals for labor income and production.</li> <li>f. Encourage student ownership of farming programs.</li> <li>g. Arrange for loans through regular commercial firms or through chapter loan fund.</li> <li>h. Rent chapter equipment to members.</li> <li>i. Conduct production contest.</li> <li>j. Encourage members to maintain and operate farm equipment.</li> <li>k. Provide public recognition for outstanding farming program.</li> <li>l. Assist members to obtain facilities for the supervised farming program.</li> <li>m. Give award to member of each class with most outstanding farming program.</li> <li>n. Give Star Farmer Award.</li> <li>o. Give Dairy Farming Award.</li> </ol>

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Each member to develop a farming program to the extent of his opportunities for establishment in full-time farming.</li> <li>b. Schedule student and former student guest speakers at chapter meetings to emphasize supervised farming programs.</li> <li>c. Have chapter farming program committee assist Green Hands in planning farming programs.</li> <li>d. Stimulate size and number of farming programs through use of an adult advisory committee.</li> <li>e. Encourage cooperation between student, parents and vocational agriculture instructors in developing and planning a long-range supervised farming program.</li> </ul>
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Use recommended and tested practices in regard to seed, fertilizer and quality of livestock.</li> <li>b. Test seed, soil and milk.</li> <li>c. Spray crops and livestock with approved material.</li> <li>d. Aid members to obtain suitable seed and improved livestock.</li> <li>e. Maintain purebred sires for breeding.</li> <li>f. Use proven sires for breeding.</li> <li>g. Use recommended feeding practices.</li> <li>h. Cull poor animals.</li> <li>i. Use artificial insemination associations.</li> <li>j. Form livestock and crop improvement associations among members.</li> <li>k. Post list of livestock and seed sources.</li> <li>l. Follow recommended irrigation practices.</li> <li>m. Control weeds.</li> </ul>
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members.</li> <li>b. Protect livestock through vaccination.</li> <li>c. Eliminate farm hazards.</li> <li>d. Improve loading and shipping facilities.</li> <li>e. Control growth of poisonous or noxious plants.</li> <li>f. Improve housing facilities.</li> <li>g. Use strict sanitation practices.</li> <li>h. Control parasites, insects and diseases.</li> <li>i. Encourage control of rabies and eradication of animals carrying this disease.</li> </ul>

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
5. Farm Management practices	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge the keeping of accurate farm records.</li> <li>b. Improve management practices.</li> <li>c. Urge sound soil conservation practices.</li> <li>d. Make Soil &amp; Water Management award.</li> <li>e. Use crop and livestock insurance for self protection.</li> </ul>
6. Stress reconditioning of farm machinery and equipment	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have chapter members service, repair and adjust machinery and equipment.</li> <li>b. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from weather.</li> </ul>
7. Maintaining farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage all members to discover and make needed repairs.</li> <li>b. Sponsor clean-up and paint-up campaigns.</li> <li>c. Give awards for Farm Mechanics.</li> <li>d. Sponsor activities that will help chapter members build or repair home farm shops.</li> </ul>

## II. COOPERATION

1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities.</li> <li>b. Encourage members to become familiar with local, State and national cooperatives.</li> <li>c. Encourage members to join cooperatives.</li> </ul>
2. Investigate legal aspects and liabilities of chapter cooperatives.	100% member participation	Urge chapters to secure legal counsel.
3. Cooperate with civic clubs, agricultural agencies and other organizations.	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have chapter members appear on programs of other organizations.</li> <li>b. Participate in activities sponsored by other organizations, such as scrap collections, the prevention of fires and community clean-up campaigns.</li> <li>c. Assist with fairs and shows.</li> <li>d. Become members of other worthwhile organizations.</li> <li>e. Chapter to cooperate with other organizations in school.</li> </ul>
4. Assist in promoting world-wide understanding and improvement of agriculture	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cooperate with recognized agencies such as CROP and CARE.</li> <li>b. Observe and support special resolution on international relations as adopted by the 28th convention of Future Farmers of America.</li> </ul>

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
5. Cooperate with local Civil Defense organiza-	100% member participation	c. Use material on international relations available through special presidential aid on world peace. d. Support and utilize farm youth exchange program. Contact local officials and offer assistance where needed.
<b>III. COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>		
1. Guarding and protecting life and property	Chapter conduct safety program	a. Conduct fire and accident prevention surveys. b. Devote special meetings to farm safety. c. Show safety films to farm groups. d. Present safety programs to civic clubs. e. Display safety posters. f. Sponsor radio and TV programs on safety. g. Prepare appropriate releases for press on safety. h. Sponsor Fire Prevention Week. i. Conduct community clean-up drives. j. Emphasize farm safety at school assembly. k. Distribute farm safety literature to farmers. l. Keep first aid measures available. m. Present Farm Safety award to member who does the best work in safety promotion.
2. Conserving resources	100% member participation	a. Plant trees. b. Build and repair terraces. c. Run contour lines. d. Construct drainage diversion ditches. e. Construct grass waterways and check dams. f. Construct farm ponds. g. Obtain legume seed for farms. h. Practice strip cropping. i. Make farm surveys. j. Set up a demonstration farm. k. Encourage wise use of fertilizers. l. Publicize the need for conservation. m. Send delegates to camp to learn more about conservation practices. n. Offer awards to members who achieve most in conservation. o. Develop wildlife areas. p. Plant food crops for wildlife.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
3. Improve the community through home and school improvement projects	100 % member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>q. Provide wildlife feeding stations.</li> <li>r. Cooperate with wildlife officers and conservation agencies.</li> <li>a. Improve school facilities and landscape grounds.</li> <li>b. Sponsor campaigns for the eradication of pests and rodents.</li> <li>c. Complete home beautification and improvement projects.</li> <li>d. Promote community landscaping.</li> </ul>
4. General	100 % member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sponsor educational programs for community improvement.</li> <li>b. Contribute to charitable organizations.</li> <li>c. Sponsor going-to-church campaign.</li> <li>d. Sponsor campaigns to encourage citizens to register and vote in elections.</li> </ul>
<b>IV. LEADERSHIP</b>		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	Advance members to appropriate degrees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge careful and early explanation of requirements for degrees to Green Hands and members.</li> <li>b. Have official ceremonies used for the conferring of degrees.</li> <li>c. Make it mandatory that all officers know from memory their parts in all ceremonies involving themselves.</li> <li>d. Purchase magazine subscriptions.</li> <li>e. Borrow books from circulating libraries.</li> </ul>
2. Public Speaking	100 % member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hold a contest with all members participating.</li> <li>b. Chapter winner to appear in District contest.</li> <li>c. Present local Chapter Public Speaking award.</li> </ul>
3. Parliamentary Procedure	Conduct meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide parliamentary training to all members.</li> <li>b. Enter parliamentary procedure contest.</li> <li>c. Provide each member with a booklet on parliamentary procedure.</li> <li>d. Elect a chapter parliamentarian.</li> <li>e. Hold chapter parliamentary team contests.</li> </ul>
4. Programs of Work	Have a written program of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Revise program of work early.</li> <li>b. Form standing committees early in the year.</li> <li>c. Assign each member to one or more committees to carry out programs.</li> </ul>

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
5. Leadership Training	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Encourage member participation in developing the program of work.</li> <li>e. Submit program to chapter for discussion and approval.</li> <li>f. Print and distribute programs of work to all members and others who should receive it.</li> <li>g. Send program of work to State Association.</li> <li>h. Prepare and post activity calendar.</li> <li>i. Be familiar with recommended Guide for Developing Program of Work as found in the latest Convention Proceedings.</li> <li>a. Participate in State and district leadership training schools and conferences.</li> <li>b. Provide at least one local leadership training school or conference during the year.</li> <li>c. Participate in leadership training activities at State FFA Camp.</li> <li>d. Attend leadership training programs sponsored by other organizations.</li> <li>e. Provide committee experience for every chapter member.</li> <li>f. Invite State FFA officers to visit chapter.</li> </ul>

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Thrift	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prepare a chapter budget.</li> <li>b. Keep chapter funds in a local bank or in school account.</li> <li>c. Organize an FFA thrift bank.</li> <li>d. Have treasurer make a report at each meeting.</li> <li>e. Call for periodic reports from auditing committee.</li> <li>f. Emphasize thrift at one or more chapter meetings.</li> <li>g. Encourage members to make regular thrift deposits.</li> <li>h. Encourage members to invest in farming.</li> <li>i. Present awards to members who have done outstanding work in thrift activities.</li> <li>j. Check candidates earnings before raising to next higher degree.</li> <li>k. Distribute U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to buy United States Savings Bonds.</li> <li>l. Members and chapter purchase United States Savings Bonds.</li> </ul>
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Item	Goals	Ways and Means
2. <b>Earning money for the local chapter</b>	Earn enough money to finance chapter activities	a. Follow criteria in FFA Manual to evaluate money-making activities. b. Have a group farm production enterprise. c. Operate concessions. d. Win contest and fair awards. e. Sell magazine subscriptions and books. f. Assess chapter dues. g. Sell seeds, plants, and nursery stock. h. Rent chapter equipment. i. Work for farmers. j. Sell greeting cards. k. Cooperate in sale of FFA calendar.

## VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. <b>Official Manual</b>	100% of members have access to Official Manual	a. Have every Green Hand purchase a Manual. b. Each other member to own a Manual. c. Study the Manual.
2. <b>Official Secretary and Treasurer Books</b>	Chapters use both books	a. Purchase books from Future Farmers Supply Service. b. Have books kept up to date by officers. c. Have the secretary and treasurer books completed and filed as a part of permanent chapter records.
3. <b>Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies</b>	Provide standard materials with which to work	a. Acquire all necessary paraphernalia and equipment. b. Arrange all paraphernalia before starting meeting. c. Arrange for adequate storage space for equipment. d. Wear official jackets at meetings. e. Construct special officer stands for use during meetings. f. Have standard wall brackets made so officer stations may be placed on wall when desired.
4. <b>Official Ceremonies</b>	Use proper official ceremonies at all meetings	a. All officers to learn and rehearse their parts. b. Provide special training on ceremonies for new officers. c. Prepare appropriate demonstrations.
5. <b>State Conventions</b>	Chapter participation	a. Have delegate or delegates attend State convention. b. Counsel delegates prior to State convention. c. Urge each candidate for the State Farmer Degree to attend.

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

**VII. SCHOLARSHIP**

1. Improved Scholarship	100% of members to attain a satisfactory scholarship record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Develop appropriate scholarship goals for chapter members.</li> <li>b. Award suitable prizes to members with outstanding scholarship.</li> <li>c. Post honor rolls on bulletin board.</li> </ul>
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Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Assign big brothers to help others.</li> <li>e. Devote special meetings to stress the importance of good scholarship and how to study.</li> <li>f. Require good scholarship for eligibility to be elected as a chapter officer.</li> <li>g. Encourage members to qualify for the honor roll and for honor societies.</li> <li>h. Check grades when reports are made and give necessary aid.</li> <li>i. Conduct special study periods and have advanced students serve as tutors.</li> <li>j. Invite former members now in college to give talks on the value of scholarship and of graduating from high school.</li> </ul>
2. Chapter Library	Have an adequate library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have members and others contribute books.</li> <li>b. Purchase books for library.</li> <li>c. Elect chapter librarian.</li> <li>d. Purchase magazine subscriptions.</li> <li>e. Borrow books from circulating libraries.</li> <li>f. Chapter have at least five FFA books on reference shelf.</li> </ul>

### VIII. RECREATION

1. Supervised Recreation	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sponsor parent and son banquet.</li> <li>b. Sponsor recreation program in the local community.</li> <li>c. Organize a camping trip for the chapter.</li> <li>d. Encourage chapter members to attend State camp.</li> <li>e. Plan social parties.</li> <li>f. Engage in athletic competition.</li> <li>g. Conduct an educational tour.</li> <li>h. Provide recreational facilities for chapter members.</li> <li>i. Organize a chapter string band or quartet.</li> </ul>
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### IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Membership	Every eligible boy a member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge all boys who are enrolled in vocational agriculture to become members of the FFA.</li> <li>b. Encourage boys who have completed high school to retain membership in the FFA as long as they are eligible.</li> </ul>
2. Promoting FFA	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Make extensive use of local, county and State newspapers.</li> <li>b. Obtain more and better pictures of FFA work for use in publicity.</li> </ul>

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Present radio and television programs.</li> <li>d. Sponsor at least one local display.</li> <li>e. Keep in touch with former FFA chapter members.</li> <li>f. Encourage the use of official FFA clothing by members.</li> <li>g. Provide subscriptions to <b>The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine</b> to influential persons and to public libraries.</li> <li>h. Provide speakers for civic and other organizations.</li> <li>i. Present programs at school assemblies.</li> <li>j. Invite guests to attend meetings.</li> <li>k. Elect honorary members.</li> <li>l. Have public showings of FFA motion pictures.</li> <li>m. Invite public on tour to observe farming programs of members.</li> <li>n. Chapter maintain a scrapbook.</li> </ul>

**X. PARTICIPATION IN STATE AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

1. State Conventions	Chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have delegate or delegates attend State convention.</li> <li>b. Counsel delegates prior to State Convention.</li> <li>c. Urge each candidate for the State Farmer Degree to attend.</li> <li>d. Prepare members to assist in the convention program.</li> <li>e. Have members in State FFA Band and Chorus.</li> <li>f. Compete in State contests.</li> <li>g. Wear Official FFA Jacket to convention activities.</li> </ul>
2. National FFA Week	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Observe National FFA Week during the week of George Washington's birthday.</li> <li>b. Use material supplied by the State Association in the promotion of FFA Week.</li> <li>c. Have appropriate official proclaim FFA Week.</li> <li>d. Present displays on FFA during this week.</li> </ul>
3. National FFA Foundation	Chapter participation	<p>Qualified members make application for National Foundation awards.</p>
4. National Convention	Chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Qualified members participate either as official delegates, Band or Chorus members, Courtesy Corps members, ushers, or as chapter representative.</li> <li>b. Use official registration procedures.</li> </ul>

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| 5. National FUTURE FARMER Magazine | 100 % of members subscribe to magazine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Include subscription rate in dues.</li> <li>b. Provide complimentary subscriptions to community leaders and public libraries.</li> </ul>   |
| 6. Official FFA Calendar           | Chapter participation                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Chapter obtain sponsor for calendar.</li> <li>b. Urge all boys to use calendar.</li> </ul>   |
| 7. National Chapter Award Program  | 100% chapter participation             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Submit copy of Program of Work to State advisor's office.</li> <li>b. Meet the standards for a Superior Chapter.</li> <li>c. Elect committee chairmen in spring or early fall.</li> <li>d. Committee chairmen and chapter officers consolidate each committee's accomplishments for judging by State Association.</li> </ul> |
| 8. Judging activities              | Chapter and member participation       | Enter judging contests sponsored or directed by State Association.   |

Respectfully submitted,

JOE HUGHES, JR., South Carolina  
(Chairman)

ANTHONY CERAMI, New Jersey

ARDEN UHLIR, Nebraska

JERRY JUSTICE, Oregon

DON HOWINGTON, Mississippi

LARRY WARNS, Ohio

KENT STAHELI, Utah

### Report of the Public Relations Committee

We, the committee on Public Relations for 1957-58, go on record as recommending the following:

1. That we as Future Farmers of America encourage the cooperation and expansion of the Student Exchange Program between the United States and other countries.

2. That local chapters be encouraged to select outstanding members and representatives to speak before farm, business, civic, and youth groups, etc.

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

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

5. That the 3rd edition of the pictorial brochure, "Future Farmers of America . . . In Action," be completed by the public relations department before the 1959 national convention.

6. That local chapters and State Associations make a determined effort to see that the National Future Farmer Magazine is subscribed to by all members and is placed in high school, college, and public libraries. We also recommend that the magazine be sent to friends of the Future Farmers of America Organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN W. WARNER, New York  
(Chairman)

MAURICE PEUGH, Washington  
RONALD GINSBACK, North Dakota  
JUAN ANTONIO REYES, Puerto Rico  
WILLIAM MENZI, Rhode Island  
STAN AUGUSTUS, Ohio

### **Report of the National Public Speaking Contest Committee**

After reviewing the Announcements and Rules of the National Public Speaking Contest carefully, we the members of the 1958 National Public Speaking Contest Committee suggest:

Section II ELIGIBILITY, Paragraph 2 be reworded to read as follows:

"The national contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age still enrolled in vocational agriculture or completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school. Contestants must be active members of chartered FFA chap-

ters in good standing with a State Association and the national organization during the school year of 1958-59. A State winner is eligible to compete only in the next succeeding sub-regional and regional contests. A regional winner is eligible to compete only in the next succeeding national contest. A member representing a State association may participate in a sub-regional, regional or a national contest only once."

Section IV TIME LIMIT, be reworded to read as follows:  
 "Each speech shall be a minimum of eight minutes in length and a maximum of ten minutes. Five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges. (Each contestant be allowed to completely answer all questions asked by the judges.) Deductions of 20 points per minute or major fraction thereof, will be made for speeches under eight minutes or over ten minutes in length."

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD DUBROFF, Florida  
 (Chairman)

LEO THIELE, Wyoming

GEORGE HARTMAN, Vermont

DEAN ABBOTT, Wisconsin

LOUBRIEL COLLADO, Puerto Rico

GARY C. MELAND, South Dakota

### **Report of the Committee on Resolutions**

Be it resolved that we, the Committee on Resolutions for 1958 on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, extend our most sincere thanks and expression of appreciation to the following persons and organizations who participated in or contributed to the success of the national convention.

1. The 1957-58 national officers for their untiring efforts and unselfish work in planning and conducting the convention in a most commendable manner.

2. The members of the Board of Directors for their able supervision and assistance in making this year's convention successful.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. All individuals and organizations who participated in furnishing entertainment at the 31st national convention.

13. All those who participated in the FFA talent show.

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

15. All organizations and companies from which participants in the national FFA convention have benefitted.

16. All honored guests of the 31st national convention.

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

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

19. All donors of prizes not previously mentioned.

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

21. All other individuals serving the FFA and assisting with the 31st national convention.

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

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

24. All people who attended the 31st national convention.

25. All companies that were hosts to the FFA boys at their plants.
26. Mr. Raymond Firestone and his company for sponsoring the magnificent entertainment.
27. Mr. Ivan Kindschi, Marshall, Wisconsin, for his address to the 31st national convention.
28. Mr. Glen B. Miller, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc. for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Foundation.
29. Honorable Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, for his presence and inspiring address to the 31st convention.
30. Philippine representation of the Future Farmers of the Philippines.
31. All those who participated and contributed to the success of the pageant, "FFA at 30."
32. The State Associations that prepared exhibits.
33. Honorable Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, for his presence at the 31st national convention.
34. Mr. R. E. Bass, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Virginia and National Treasurer of the FFA, for donating his time and ability to the financial matters of the Future Farmers of America.
35. The ushers and courtesy corps for the work they have done.

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

Be its resolved that the delegates at this convention, do hereby endorse the need for the Agricultural Hall of Fame and endorse the Roanridge Farm as the most suitable location in the Kansas City area for this Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS GARNETT, Virginia  
 (Chairman)  
 RONALD JOHNSON, Minnesota  
 HARRY L. LYDA, Washington  
 RALPH RABACH, Wisconsin  
 JERRY KING, West Virginia  
 MAX FORSBERG, Utah

**Report of the Nominating Committee**

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Officers for the year 1958-59. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates consideration:

- President.....Adin Hester, Aurora, Oregon
- Student Secretary.....Norman Allen Brown, Temperance, Michigan
- North Atlantic Vice President,  
Richard J. Van Auken, Monroe, New Jersey
- Southern Vice President.....Wm. Lee Todd, Bells, Tennessee
- Central Vice President.....Thomas E. Stine, Ozark, Missouri
- Pacific Vice President.....Bryan Hafen, Mesquite, Nevada
- Advisor.....W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C.
- Executive Secretary.....Wm. Paul Gray, Washington, D. C.
- Treasurer.....R. E. Bass, Richmond, Virginia

Respectfully submitted,

- GORDEN S. HILL, California  
(Chairman)
- BRUCE BULLOCK, Oklahoma
- WILLIAM LAWSON, Virginia
- LOREN STADIG, North Dakota
- WILLIAM E. DORSEY, Indiana
- DEAN HOFFER, Pennsylvania
- NATHAN R. CUSHMAN, Connecticut
- JACK CREWS, Wyoming
- KEN WILLIAMS, Arizona

## Quotations from Addresses Delivered at the Convention



Mayor H. Roe Bartle pays tribute to the FFA and the outstanding leadership of President Howard Downing.

### H. ROE BARTLE Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri

"Thirty years ago some eighteen States were represented when a handful of Future Farmers assembled at the Baltimore Hotel . . . these young men from rural America had faith, courage and determination, and believed they had a great program that they wanted those who would follow them to enjoy the fullness and the richness thereof.

". . . Gear yourself more fully to your educational program, give more vigorously of yourself to the Future Farmer program, not only at the chapter but at the State level and at the national level. As you assume your majority and reach age twenty-one, then become truly a participating citizen of the greatest nation God has ever blessed, and make it greater, not only for yourselves but for generations unborn. That is your job, Mr. Future Farmer."



Ivan Kindschi, National FFA President, 1939-40, addressed the candidates for the American Farmer Degree. He is now a successful dairy farmer at Marshall, Wisconsin and very active in farm organizations and his support to vocational agriculture.

**IVAN KINDSCHI**  
**National FFA President—1939-40**

“Those who have received the Honorary American Farmer Degree probably never were out after the degree purposely. You were interested sincerely in the serving and the building of the FFA Organization.

“To you FFA boys it is different when you attain the goal of an American Farmer . . . having the degree bears with it responsibility. The people in your community will judge the value of that degree by what you fellows make of yourselves after having received the degree. You are in a better position to serve society now because of your experience in the FFA . . . and through this organization we are going to go far in fulfilling the need for good agricultural leadership . . . You men have a responsibility to do your part in furnishing agricultural leadership and take your

positions of leadership in society by developing a Christian home . . . assume roles of leadership in your communities and your country, your schools, churches, town governments, State Legislatures, Halls of Congress and farm organizations. . .

“ I want to tell you fellows as we go out in our adult life, the most important job we have is to maintain our sense of values. I encourage not only you American Farmer Degree winners, but everybody throughout the FFA, that above and beyond keeping our sense of values, we should do our best to render real service to society and to American agriculture, and then to be sure that we do credit to the organization that put us on our way, the Future Farmers of America.”



**EZRA TAFT BENSON**  
Secretary of Agriculture

**EZRA TAFT BENSON**  
Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture

“The future of American farming, the future of America itself depends on young men like you who are in this auditorium this morning. You represent the greatest asset in America. You will found families, furnish food, and provide raw materials for our

great industry. Your strength is America's strength. You will be our agricultural leaders. It will be up to you to keep agriculture strong and healthy. . .

"May I say to you that the family farm has been, is now, and in my judgment always will be the backbone of American agriculture. Ninety-six percent of our farms today are family type operations, the same percentage as thirty years ago. True, the family farm is changing because of the increased efficiency of our farmers. Because of mechanization a farmer can handle more acres and needs more acres in order to have an efficient unit today than he did when he was operating with horses. But it is still a family operation, and the family farm in my judgment is more solid today than ever before in our memory. . .

"How fortunate we are to live in this land, choice above all others! How grateful we should be, and how determined to keep our country free and strong."



Sotero Lasap, Jr., representing the Future Farmers of the Philippines, discusses FFA with Adin Hester, Incoming National President.

### SOTERO "TERRY" LASAP, JR.

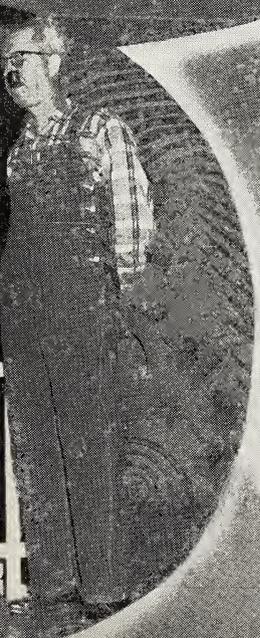
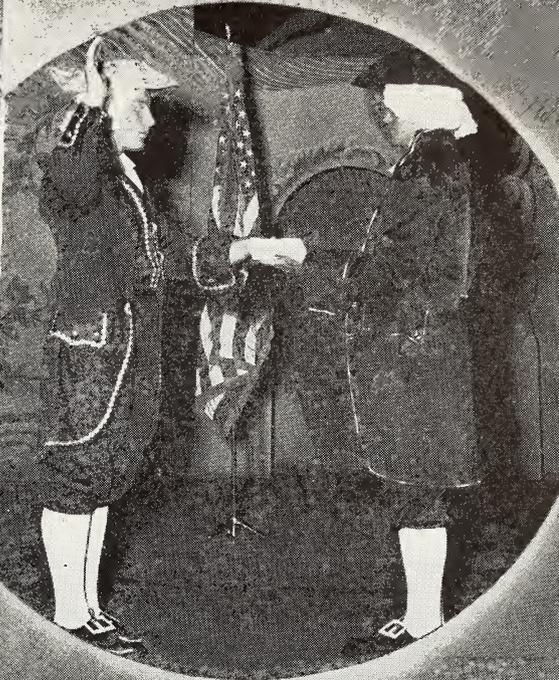
National Officer, Future Farmers of the Philippines

"On behalf of the 10,000 members of the Future Farmers of the Philippines, I wish to extend my warmest greetings to the

# Scenes From "THE



# A AT 30" PAGEANT



Future Farmers of America on the occasion of their Thirty-First National Convention. . .

“Most countries on the other side of the globe, including the Philippines, realize that in time of war and in time of peace the farmer is the backbone of the nation. The strength of any nation is primarily determined upon the strength of her farmers. The farm boys, therefore, should be given an equal opportunity with those boys from the urban areas to group themselves and form their own opinions. My friends, you will agree with me this convention is the realization of that proposition.

“I have enjoyed very much the company of the FFA boys. I always feel confident, safe and happy wherever I go. I certainly have learned a lot from the FFA which the Future Farmers of the Philippines can profit much.

“We certainly believe that if nations could have a better chance of proper guidance for the youth of today who will be the strong leaders of tomorrow to have a common understanding and binding interest among themselves, then our goal for world peace is at hand.”

# National Student Officer Reports

## Report of the National President

At the conclusion of last year's convention, I participated in a leadership training session, presided over the awards banquet and had the pleasure of riding in the American Royal Parade.

After returning home I spoke before service clubs and FFA chapters. I attended the National Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago, and later spoke at a Rotary Club meeting in Illinois.



HOWARD DOWNING  
*President*

In Washington I attended the Board of Student Officers' meeting, participated in leadership training, and met with representatives of the donors to the National FFA Foundation, Inc. We officers visited with Vice President Nixon; Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Edward Foss Wilson; and Commissioner of Education, Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick. We enjoyed dinners with Wheeler McMullen, Vice President of "Farm Journal," Herschel D. Newsom, Master of the National Grange, and J. Kenneth Stern, President of the American Institute of Cooperation.

We were the weekend guests of Mr. Raymond Firestone, President of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and appeared on the "Voice of Firestone" Television show.

Concluding our Board meetings in Washington, your national officers began the annual Good-Will Tour, where we visited donors to the FFA Foundation. We discussed FFA with these men, but we also talked about common problems between agriculture and industry—and our interdependence upon each other.

Our first stop was Baltimore when we visited Hynson, Westcott and Dunning Pharmaceutical Laboratories, and toured the Black and Decker Manufacturing Company. The following day we went to Wilmington, Delaware, where we visited the Hercules Powder Company and the E. I. duPont deNemours and Company. Our next meeting was with the Boy Scouts of America at New Brunswick, New Jersey, where we laid plans for a cooperative FFA-BSA project to improve Farm Safety. That afternoon we visited the research facilities of U. S. Rubber Company, and later we were treated to a wonderful dinner and stage show.

The first few days in New York we visited with the Board of

Directors of Esso Standard Oil Company, presented a program before the Garden Clubs of America, visited the Corn Products Refining Company research laboratory, and the Allied Chemical Corporation, where we met Mr. Glen Miller, Chairman of this year's Foundation Sponsoring Committee. We were their guests at a most enjoyable dinner and Broadway stage show. Over the weekend we toured the Empire State Building, took a tugboat trip around Manhattan, and visited the United Nations Building. The American Cyanamid Company made films of our New York activities for use in a farm news film. We were introduced at the Ed Sullivan Show on Sunday.

During the week we appeared on the Arthur Godfrey TV Show, visited the Dairymen's League, the New York Central Railroad System, and the New York State Bankers Association where we saw billions of dollars in gold bullion. Mr. Victor Emanuel of Avco arranged for us to visit the Stock Exchange, have dinner and attend a show at Radio City Music Hall.

We arrived in Pittsburgh the next day and visited the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, the H. J. Heinz Company, the Aluminum Company of America, Westinghouse Electric Corp. and toured the Homestead Works Refinery of the U. S. Steel Corporation.

In Akron we toured facilities of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, General Tire and Rubber Company and the B. F. Goodrich Company. We were impressed with the research these companies are doing to improve the quality of products for farmers.

We spent a most enjoyable weekend visiting with the families of friends of the FFA in Cleveland. We toured the Republic Steel Corporation, and the Eaton Axle Manufacturing Company. A highlight of our trip was the luncheon with the Cleveland Farmers Club, donor representatives, and many Future Farmers and their advisors from that area.

In Toledo we visited with the DeVilbiss Company and the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company.

In Detroit, we were guests of General Motors, Stran Steel, Massey-Harris-Ferguson, S. S. Kresge Company, Ford Motor Company, and Dodge Division of Chrysler Motors. We enjoyed our tour of Greenfield Village, the Henry Ford Museum.

On February 22 I made a guest appearance on the Allis-Chalmers "Farm and Home Hour." After a nice dinner they were treated to a professional basketball game. I joined my fellow officers in Minneapolis and we toured the Ringer St. Croix Company facilities, where many of our FFA jackets are made. A wonderful reception was held in St. Paul where we were made Honorary Citizens of the State. We also met many State Government officials, University of Minnesota personnel and hundreds of FFA

members and their advisors. The next day Minneapolis-Moline, Pillsbury Mills, Archer-Daniels-Midland and General Mills served as hosts to us.

On February 25, in Milwaukee, the Wisconsin Motor Corporation and Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, had interesting tours for us through their plants. In Racine, we visited with the J. I. Case Company.

The final week of the Good-Will Tour was spent in Chicago where we visited with Charles Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau, the Oliver Corporation, National Safety Council, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System, Standard Oil of Indiana and Portland Cement Association.

We toured the huge plant of the Corn Products Refining Company at Argo. Later we met with officials of Quaker Oats, Allied Mills, Inc., and Swift & Company. We spoke at one of the sessions of the Central Regional Conference for workers in Agricultural Education. This was followed by a visit to Armour and Company, and International Minerals and Chemical Corporation. On March 5 we concluded our tour by visiting Kraft Foods, International Harvester Company, and Sears Roebuck. After an evening of entertainment, we departed for our homes, tired but pleased with the reception that we had received on the tour, and the tremendous respect shown to the FFA organization by those we worked and visited with. We are fortunate indeed to have friends in business and industry who are willing to generously give their time, talents and material support to the FFA.

I would be derelict if I failed to mention how pleased we officers were to work with the State Presidents and the staffs in each of the States we visited.

The next few weeks I appeared before many service clubs and FFA chapters. March 24-28, I toured Kentucky on our Kentucky Farmer-Banker Workshop meetings. On April 8, I spoke before the Kentucky Farm Press and Radio Association. On April 11, I began a week's visit with the Future Farmers of the Trinity-Neches Section of Texas.

I was greeted at the airport in Columbia, Missouri by over 500 members. Roger Heins, State President, and his fellow officers conducted an excellent State convention.

On April 24, I worked with Tommy Walker and his fellow officers at the Tennessee convention, where the public speaking and parliamentary procedure contests added much to the convention program.

April 27, found me in Kansas for the annual State Convention. Bob Krehbiel presided over this convention. Excellent judging and farm mechanics contests were held at the same time.

On May 1, I joined Jerry Cullison at the California convention.

Their program was well-planned and conducted by Gorden Hill and his fellow officers.

Nathan Reese and Jerry Rulon honored me by attending my home chapter banquet. My fellow chapter members really unfolded the welcome mat for the two visiting national officers.

On June 4-7, I attended the Kentucky convention. Roger Vinson headed up a challenging program and the awards night program was one of the highlights of the three-day meeting.

Joe Hughes and his fellow officers are to be commended for the excellent leadership at the South Carolina convention. I was impressed with this State's outstanding camp facilities.

On June 16, I attended the Virginia Convention where Bill Lawson and his fellow officers did a commendable job of planning and conducting the convention program. Dr. Walter Newman, one of the early leaders in the founding of the FFA, extended greetings to the Future Farmers in attendance.

On June 22, Nathan, Jerry Rulon, Jerry Cullison, Jerry Litton and I spoke at the annual meeting of the Garden Clubs of America in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. We all enjoyed the opportunity to become acquainted with the many historic Revolutionary War Shrines.

Jimmy Sinclair and his fellow officers headed up a fine convention program at North Carolina. The State band added much to the convention.

On July 18, I visited the West Virginia Convention. Bob Kelly and his fellow officers conducted a most successful convention in spite of the inclement weather. This group is to be commended for their 30th anniversary pageant and for having a number of former national officers and public speaking winners present.

Following our Board of Student Officers' meeting the week of July 21, I flew to Georgia, where Stewart Bloodworth and his officers did an excellent job of leadership. I was impressed by their efficient hard-working nominating committee. Following the Georgia convention, I attended the Kentucky Vo-Ag teachers conference where Bob Scott, Jerry Ringo and I spoke to the group.

Leon Smith and I had the pleasure of representing the FFA at the American Institute of Cooperation meeting, August 24-26 on the campus of Pennsylvania State University.

Following this, I represented the FFA at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis, Tennessee.

There are many to whom I am deeply indebted for making the past year so enjoyable and successful—Mr. Harlan Veal, local advisor; Mr. W. C. Montgomery, State FFA Executive Secretary; State staff personnel and the 12,000 Future Farmers of Kentucky.

For the hard work and sacrifices of my mother, brother and

sister, I will always be indebted and wish to express my deepest appreciation.

To Dr. Spanton, Mr. Gray, Mr. Farrar and the entire Washington staff, as well as the Future Farmers Supply Service and personnel of the National Future Farmer Magazine, I will always be grateful.

The friendship and cooperation of Nathan, Royce, Leon, Jerry Cullison, and Jerry Rulon will be a part of my memories of FFA. My personal best wishes go out to you for continued success.

This richly rewarding experience has pointed out to me that there are many plateaus yet to be attained both for the FFA organization and for you as members of the FFA. We are counting on you fellows to continue the good work and to set high goals for yourselves and the FFA. Only you can make the FFA worthy of your highest ambitions. I am confident that you can and will continue to make it the finest farm boy organization in the world. May God's richest blessing guide our organization as we work toward these goals.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD DOWNING

### **Report of the National Student Secretary**

After I left the National FFA Convention last year, I spent the next three months participating in many FFA activities throughout the State. I flew to Washington, D. C. on January 19 for the meeting of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors. While on the Good-Will Tour, we talked with many leaders in business and industry who gave us encouragement and expressed a keen interest in the Future Farmers of America.

On March 17, I left home for the Wyoming Convention. It was an inspiration to see Don Thoren, State President, and his fellow officers conduct an excellent convention. I went to Utah for a three-day convention. Kent Killian and the other State officers did a fine job as they conducted a well-attended convention.

The next eight days were devoted to more FFA banquets, before I departed for the Nebraska Convention. I wish to compliment the Nebraska Association for its excellent meeting and contests. Roger Doane and his fellow officers impressed me with their ability and their hospitality.



**NATHAN REESE**  
*Student Secretary*

On April 15, I visited with Jerry Litton, past National Student Secretary, and Howard Downing at the Missouri Convention, which was well-attended and most interesting. Much of the success was due to the very capable officers under the leadership of Roger Heins. The reception for parents of FFA members really added to the effectiveness of this convention.

April 23-26 I attended my home State Convention. Max Lindsay, State President, did a commendable job of presiding over the convention, which was attended by nearly 3,000 boys. After devoting a week to FFA banquets, I left for Colorado on May 3. I was impressed by the leadership of the State officers under the guidance of Jim Ferguson. The appearance of Governor McNichols and Dr. Spanton added much to their convention. From there I went to Lexington, Kentucky, where I was met by Howard and Jerry Rulon. Our visit to the Bluegrass State was highlighted by the Nicholasville FFA Banquet. I spent June 4-7 in North Dakota. This convention was very colorful. State President Maynard Iverson and other officers did a magnificent job. I was impressed by the State Farmer Ceremony which added much to this well-attended convention. The number of parents of FFA members who were in attendance at this convention was remarkable.

June 22-25 were spent with my fellow officers on a tour of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We spoke before a national meeting of the Garden Clubs of America. This group has extended to the national officers many opportunities to meet people interested in agriculture. July 20, I left for Washington, D. C. for our Second Board Meeting and a very enjoyable, yet busy week of activities.

Two weeks later, I arrived in Arizona where Jerry Cullison, Royce and I participated in a very inspiring convention which was capably led by Len Richardson. The convention ended with an impressive banquet, a colorful Star Farmer Ceremony and an address by Governor McFarland.

I left for Waterloo, Iowa, on September 26, for five days work at the National Dairy Cattle Congress, with Jerry Rulon. I visited with many Future Farmers, participated in the awards program, worked with the fine advisory committee and spoke to civic groups.

Many people have helped to make possible the experiences and opportunities I have enjoyed as a Future Farmer. I wish to thank Dr. Spanton; Mr. Gray; Mr. Farrar and other staff members in Washington; my State advisor, Mr. J. B. Perky, and his staff; and my local advisor, Mr. Clyde Triplett. I've never known a greater group of fellows than my fellow officers. Their friendship will be most cherished. Adequate words fail me in expressing my appreciation to my dad for making my opportunities in FFA possible. The help and encouragement I've received from my step-mother and my wife have meant much to me as a national officer.

May I encourage you FFA members to always be alert and realize your opportunities in FFA to improve agriculture, your community and yourself. This past year has taught me that people expect a Future Farmer to exemplify the best qualities of young manhood and to live to serve others. May I challenge you to help the FFA keep this reputation. May God bless each of you in your efforts to do "this inspiring task."

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN REESE

### Report of the Central Regional Vice President

My duties as a national officer began on October 30, when I began a three-day good-will tour with the Indiana State Officers. I had the pleasure of renewing many old acquaintances and making new friends.



JERRY D. RULON  
*Central Vice President*

It was my pleasure to appear on the program of the Palmyra, Wisconsin, Corn and Grain Show with Governor Thompson on November 21st.

January 20 found me in Washington, D. C. for the January meetings of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors. Following these meetings we started the Good-Will Tour. It was inspiring to meet outstanding leaders of business and industry and to learn of their interest in agriculture.

I traveled to Lansing, Michigan for my first state convention on March 23-25. Gerald Neil presided over an exceptionally well-planned and organized convention. The meeting hall resembled the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium in many ways.

I flew to Washington, D. C. for the Automotive Safety Foundation's Youth Leaders Seminar on Traffic Safety. I presented a report on the activities and accomplishments of our leading chapters in the FFA Farm Safety Program.

March 27-29 I returned to Purdue for the Indiana convention. John King handled the convention very nicely. Following this I attended my local chapter banquet. The South Dakota convention was held at Brookings, April 19-23. Bill Fuller and his capable officers conducted a very business-like convention. The next four days I spent in Sioux City, Iowa where Daryl Murken conducted a large convention with over 2,000 registered. The band and chorus added much to an impressive convention.

I participated in the Minnesota convention May 4-6. The manner in which Jim Foss and his officers conducted the convention was commendable. Following the close of the convention I attended the Alexandria, Minnesota, Parent and Son Banquet. In mid-May I joined Nathan in Kentucky where we had a very enjoyable visit with Howard and his family, and visited many farms and attended his chapter banquet. I spoke at the Ohio Convention where Stan Augustus presided in a capable manner on June 5-7. I was impressed by their awards banquet. June 9-10 I attended the Wisconsin Convention at Green Lake. Alan Spors and his fellow officers contributed excellent leadership that resulted in a very successful convention. Don Kimmel did a very commendable job as he presided over the large Illinois convention. Their awards ceremony was very effective. The public relations activities, especially the use of radio and movies were good.

June 22-24 I met my fellow officers in Boston and spoke at a national meeting of the Garden Clubs of America. Following this meeting I attended the New Jersey Convention and observed Owen Pool and his officers conduct a well-balanced business and recreational program. The next day I met with FFA members at the Maryland convention where David Harry was the presiding officer. On July 3 I participated in the Indiana Leadership Conference. I spoke to the Indiana State Vocational Agriculture Teachers Conference on the 10th. I joined my fellow officers again in Washington the week of July 20 for the Boards of Student Officers and Directors meetings. We worked hard but we also found time for picnics, boating and swimming.

I enjoyed assisting with the Central Regional Public Speaking Contest held in conjunction with the Minnesota State Fair on August 20. The FFA activities play a big part in that fair. Nathan and I also enjoyed the National Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, September 27-October 1, where I met many outstanding young dairy farmers and friends of the FFA.

Many fine people have greatly helped me during my seven years as an FFA member. I want to say thank you to my local advisors, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Scott and Mr. Bridge; Mr. Kerr, my high school principal; Dean V. C. Freeman, School of Agriculture at Purdue University; as well as Mr. Kiltz, State Executive Secretary and Mr. Harold Taylor, State Advisor.

I owe a debt of gratitude to all of my friends in my home community. It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Spanton, Mr. Gray and other members of the Washington staff.

I wish to thank my mom and dad for the Christian home they have given me and for their unlimited sacrifices. My brothers, Doyle and Lee have helped through the extra farm work done while I was on official FFA duties. I shall always cherish the friendship and my association with my fellow national officers.

I am grateful to God for the opportunities, wisdom, health, and the happiness He has granted me.

I am indebted to the Future Farmers of America for the opportunity to serve as a national vice president and the wonderful experiences which I have enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

JERRY D. RULON

### Report of the North Atlantic Regional Vice President

October, 1957, will long be remembered as the start of the most educational and thrilling year of my life. Before I left Kansas City, I participated in the American Royal Parade, leadership training, and got acquainted with my officer duties. Upon my return home I attended many meetings of FFA groups in leadership training schools, chapter banquets, school assemblies, civic clubs and State Executive Committee meetings. I also met at the stockholders annual meeting of one of our donors and did radio interviews on the FFA.



LEON SMITH  
*North Atlantic  
Vice President*

From January 21-31, I attended leadership training and meetings of the National Boards in Washington, D. C. From February 3 to March 5, I was on the National Officer Good-Will Tour.

On March 26, at Cornell University, I represented the FFA on a panel which discussed the future of agriculture, and the part we Future Farmers have in determining farm policies.

I participated in the Massachusetts Association Convention April 10-12. President Winston Lavalley and his executive committee presented a well-planned, carefully-executed convention.

On April 15 and 16, I attended and spoke to the North Atlantic Regional Conference for Supervisors and Teacher Trainers in Agricultural Education, held in New York City.

On May 7, I attended the Delaware Convention. The program was interesting. I attended the Rhode Island State Vo-Ag Field Day on May 14, where I assisted in the various Statewide Judging Contest Activities. May 15-17, I attended the New York State Convention. President Larry Button and his fellow officers conducted the largest convention which I attended. Program features were the band, chorus and the speaking contest.

My second largest convention was in Pennsylvania, where the excellent band and chorus added much to the convention. President Glenn Fetrow ran a smooth convention that was filled with many activities, including an evening with the FHA girls.

On June 19, I greeted the educational exchange students from Great Britain and toured New York City with them. Later, I went to Maine's convention from June 23-25. The convention was well-organized and featured a State Chapter Meeting Contest. Neil Crane did an exceptional job.

I traveled to New Hampshire where Jerry Pendleton and his fellow officers conducted their convention, June 26 and 27. On July 1-3, I participated in the interesting Vermont convention, which was held on the grounds of a beautiful New England estate. President Louis Trepp and his capable officers are to be highly commended for the fine job at the Connecticut convention, which I attended July 13-15.

July 20-25, I spent attending the National Board Meetings in Washington, D. C.

I visited the first State FFA Fair held in Connecticut, August 1-2. I particularly enjoyed discussing FFA with Governor Abraham A. Ribicoff, while he toured the fair grounds with the State officers. I wish to commend the Connecticut Association on this excellent activity which can do much to promote the FFA.

I served as advisor of the Youth Host Committee at the American Institute of Cooperation meeting at Pennsylvania State University. I further assisted President Downing at this meeting.

On September 12 and 13, I participated in the program of FFA activities at the Eastern States Exposition, which included the Regional Public Speaking Contest, and was toastmaster for the Awards Banquet.

October 6-7 was spent at the annual meeting of the North-East Poultry Producers Coop in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. While there, I served as emcee of a "Youth Wants to Know" panel, featuring outstanding men of the poultry industry.

I owe a great deal to many persons for the part they played in making this year of wonderful experiences possible to me; Among which, are Mr. R. C. S. Sutliff, my State advisor; Mr. J. O. Sanders, State executive secretary; State staff members; and Mr. Paul Craner, my local advisor.

The friendship of each of my fellow officers will always be treasured. Many thanks go to my wife and family for the many sacrifices in time, energy and money they made to enable me to carry on my duties as a national officer.

Fellow Future Farmers, let us look forward to a bountiful future in agriculture. May we be the leaders of tomorrow and

influence the important roles which agriculture will continue to play in molding the economy of our nation.

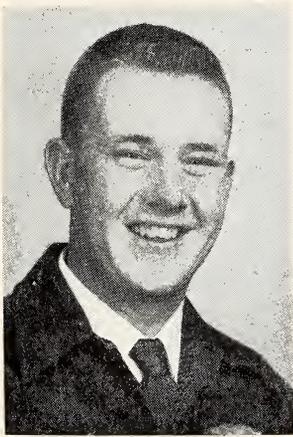
Good luck to all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON C. SMITH

### Report of the Southern Regional Vice President

When I left the national convention last year, I was filled with eagerness and excitement, yet solemnly aware of the great responsibility and many obligations which were before me. I found myself faced with a heavy schedule of civic club meetings and various FFA activities.



ROYCE BODIFORD  
*Southern Vice President*

On January 21, I attended the Boards of Directors and Student Officers meetings in Washington, D. C. followed by the annual Good-Will Tour.

March 26, I flew to Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend the Southern Regional Teachers' Conference. I found the conference to be very informative and educational, and I left there with a satisfied realization that Vocational Agricultural Education in the nation is in very capable hands.

My first State convention was May 26th in Arkansas, where I witnessed a very excellent convention, conducted by State President Claude Ramey and his fellow officers. On June 5, I attended the Alabama State Convention, where President Bob Helms and other officers had a very successful meeting. On June 8, I went to Florida where I was met by a number of State officers, Stewart Bloodworth, State President of Georgia, and Jerry Lowery, State President of Tennessee. Lloyd Dubroff and his fine slate of officers did a marvelous job of planning and conducting their convention that had many unique features.

I arrived in Louisiana on June 11, to find a splendid convention in full swing, under President Bill Lambert and his hard working fellow officers. Their sweetheart contest was quite outstanding. On June 23, Mr. Gray and I visited the Mississippi Convention, where I thought State President Kenney Gray and his officers did a fine job. Both Mr. Gray and I were honored when the Honorary Mississippi Farmer Degree was conferred upon us. July 14 found me at the Texas State Convention. The Lone Star Future Farmers,

under the capable direction of State President Billy Penn, had one of the finest conventions in the history of our association. I was joined here by Dr. Spanton who brought honor, inspiration and distinction to the meeting. The convention was climaxed with a State Farmer Banquet with two thousand in attendance.

July 21-25 I attended my second National Board meetings in Washington, D. C. I attended the New Mexico convention August 4-6 with Jerry Cullison and Arizona State President, Len Richardson. We enjoyed a fruitful convention under the leadership of S.M. Davis, State President. Jerry and I received the Honorary State Farmer Degree. On August 13, I went to Tucson to attend the Arizona State Convention. In Len Richardson and his officers I saw unusual ability and strong leadership as they conducted one of the best conventions I attended.

I want to express my sincere thanks to every member of the FFA for making this year of wonderful experiences and lasting friendships possible. Working with my fellow national officers has meant more to me than I can express. May our bond of friendship last forever. To the entire staff of Dr. Spanton's, go my thanks for assistance and guidance. I am greatly indebted to Mr. George H. Hurt and Mr. E. C. Weekley, State staff members, and Mr. Sam Rector my Chapter Advisor.

I want to express gratitude to my parents for their advice and for the many sacrifices they have made for me. The love and encouragement of my wife, Helen, has helped make my duties as a national officer easier.

Fellow Future Farmers, I urge you to take advantage of all the limitless and boundless opportunities offered through FFA. Set your goals high and work hard following the principles of our FFA Motto and Creed.

May God richly bless all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

ROYCE BODIFORD

### **Report of the Pacific Regional Vice President**

Fellow Future Farmers: With sincere humility and appreciation, I thank you for the greatest year of my life. I shall long remember the gracious hospitality many of you extended to me and also the privilege I had of meeting the top executives of industry, business and agriculture throughout the country. It has been an inspiration visiting with many of you.

There were many highlights in the past year. They started with the Arizona State Fair in November. Later I flew to Colorado Springs to represent the FFA at the National Grange Con-



JERRY CULLISON  
*Pacific Vice President*

vention. I enjoyed working with Wib Justi, Chuck Ross, and former Vice President of the FFA Fred Reed. I was initiated into the seven degrees of the National Grange during the convention.

A week later I spoke at the State convention of the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation. In January, Len Richardson, Arizona FFA President and I participated in the Arizona National Livestock Show. On January 20, I attended the meetings of your National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers in Washington, D. C. After a week of leadership training, I spent from February 3, to March 5 on the National Officer Good-Will Tour.

I attended my first State FFA Convention at Bend, Oregon, on March 18. State President Adin Hester and his fellow officers are to be commended on a most outstanding convention. The public speaking and parliamentary procedure contests were indeed impressive.

I flew to Boise, Idaho, on March 25, to attend the Idaho Convention. President Clif Ellred and his fellow officers conducted their convention in an admirable manner and hosted a well-planned banquet. At the close of the convention, I visited Clif and his fine family on their farm at Fruitland, Idaho. I then flew to Pullman, Washington, to attend the Washington State Convention. Under the leadership of Bob Hutchins and his officers the convention was a big success.

In April I spoke at chapter banquets in Arizona before going to California on the 30th to join Howard Downing for the California State Convention at San Luis Obispo. President Gorden Hill and his fellow officers presented a well-organized program and are to be complimented on a job well done.

Upon leaving San Luis Obispo, Howard and I traveled to San Margarita, California, for a delightful visit with Mrs. Raymond C. Firestone and her parents on their ranch.

The Nevada State Convention held at Elko on June 9 and 10, was headed by President Fred Crook. Governor Charles H. Russell delivered a most inspiring speech at the banquet—a fitting climax to a fine convention. On my trip home I visited with Bryan Hafen, 1957 Regional Star Farmer from Nevada.

On June 21, I flew to Boston, Massachusetts, where I joined Howard, Jerry, Nathan, former National Student Secretary Jerry Litton and Mr. H. N. Hunsicker, to participate in the national con-

vention of the Garden Clubs of America. We visited many historical sites and enjoyed the beauty of New England. We also visited the submarine, U. S. S. Darter and had dinner with its officers.

The national officers met in Washington, D. C. on July 20 for the summer meetings with the national board of Directors. We enjoyed a picnic with the staffs and families of the U. S. Office of Education, Magazine, and Supply Service. Another evening, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foss Wilson graciously entertained us aboard their yacht on a cruise down the Potomac, a novel experience for one reared on the desert.

Royce Bodiford and I met in Albuquerque, New Mexico on August 3 to attend the New Mexico State Convention. President S. M. Davis and officers conducted an interesting and inspiring program. George Dixon, British exchange student, returned to Arizona with me.

On August 13, Nathan, Royce, Bryan Hafen and I participated in the Arizona Leadership Conference. Arizona enjoyed playing host to George Dixon and FFA visitors from New Mexico. The strong leadership of Len Richardson and his fellow officers was evident throughout their excellent convention. I enjoyed the crowning of the State FFA Sweetheart. The banquet honoring the Star State Farmer and Arizona Man-of-the-Year in Agriculture was most impressive.

This has been a wonderful year. I owe much to Mr. Bob E. Taylor, State Advisor and his staff, and my chapter advisors, Mr. Wendell Smith, Mr. Paul Bell and Mr. Elmer Felton. I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Gray and other staff members for their counsel and assistance. I shall always cherish the friendship of my fellow officers. I wish them the best of everything in the future. Words cannot adequately express what my parents have done for me.

I thank my Father in Heaven for his guidance and protection while I have served as a national officer.

To each of you Future Farmers, I would like to say that never have I been more proud than when I wore the blue jacket of our organization. The friends I have made in the FFA are the treasures I shall keep through life. Even though I shall discard my jacket, I will always be interested in your activities and extend a helping hand if and when it is ever needed.

Respectfully submitted,

JERRY CULLISON

# Report of the National Executive Secretary

*Wm. Paul Gray*

This year, we are celebrating the "FFA at 30." It is, therefore, appropriate that your convention feature some of the outstanding achievements made by your organization since it was organized.

We take pride in the number of former FFA members who have made a beginning and an advancement in farming through vocational agriculture. The knowledge and abilities used by today's successful farmer have been obtained through a well-planned educational program based upon the needs of the individual. The fact that farm production has increased over 30 per cent since the FFA was organized offers ample proof that our FFA members are not only learning to produce farm commodities efficiently, but they are becoming proficient in organizing and coordinating their entire farm into a well organized and skillfully managed farm business. Our members are meeting the complexity of farm marketing by studying and applying sound financing and marketing programs and practices. Interwoven with the above is the proper use of soil and water management to conserve our natural resources. Because FFA members live and work on the land they are aware of the importance of improving and maintaining the farm home and farm for desirable social and economic environment and better living. The rural leadership that has been learned through the FFA training has prepared our members for both living and competing in a society and agriculture that has grown exceedingly complex the last 30 years. This leadership has influenced many of the trends and policies that affect agriculture. May we continue to grow in achievements and expect greater things of the Future Farmers in the years to come.

The following report on accomplishments of the Future Farmers of America is for the year ended June 30, 1958:

## Report on Accomplishments

Item	Goal	Accomplishment
<b>I. SUPERVISED FARMING</b>		
1. Producing food and other farm products	100% members having a comprehensive farming program in operation	72%
2. Improving livestock and crop production	100% chapter participation	73% livestock 90% crop
3. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	55%
4. Farm management practices	100% chapters urge keeping of accurate farm records	70%

Item	Goal	Accomplishment
<b>II. COOPERATION</b>		
1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	45% livestock cooperative activity 40% crop cooperative activity
<b>III. COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>		
1. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% States and chapters with a safety program	86% States 55% chapters
2. Conserving resources	100% chapter participation	64%
3. Maintaining farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	41%
4. General	100% chapters completing school beautification projects	57%
<b>IV. LEADERSHIP</b>		
1. Public Speaking	100% chapter participation	52%
2. Parliamentary Procedure	100% chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings	80%
3. Programs of work	100% States and chapters having a revised written continuing program of work	94% States 88% chapters
4. Leadership training	100% States holding leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members	90% States 66% chapters participating 10% members participating
<b>V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS</b>		
1. Thrift	100% chapters preparing a budget	73%
2. Earning money for local chapter	100% chapters earned enough money to finance chapter activities	85%
<b>VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS</b>		
1. Official Manual	100% members having access to latest revised official Manual	63%
2. Using official Secretary and Treasurer books	100% chapters using both books	82% Secretary's 80% Treasurer's

<b>3. Official meeting paraphernalia equipment and supplies</b>	100% States and chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in Manual	96% States 73% chapters
<b>4. Official ceremonies</b>	100% chapters using the official opening and closing ceremony for regular meetings	91%
<b>5. State conventions</b>	100% States holding convention	100%
<b>6. Meetings</b>	100% chapters holding regular meetings during school term	86%

**VII. SCHOLARSHIP**

<b>1. Improving scholarship</b>	100% chapters conducting activities designed to stimulate members to improve scholarship	78%
<b>2. Chapter library</b>	100% chapters with libraries which include 5 or more different FFA books	81%

**VIII. RECREATION**

<b>1. Supervised recreation</b>	100% chapters provide supervised recreation	81%
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**IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

<b>1. Publicity material</b>	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	76% chapters preparing publicity material reg. 88% States issued State paper, periodical or news letter
<b>2. Radio and TV</b>	100% States and chapters participate in radio and TV programs	68% States arranged radio programs 35% chapters participated in radio programs 68% States arranged TV programs 14% chapters participated in TV programs
<b>3. National FFA Week</b>	100% chapter participation	83%

Your national officers have worked hard for you this past year. They have won many friends to the FFA because they are friendly, very capable, sincere, and possess excellent qualities of leadership.

Our records indicate that each State Association held a convention during the past year. National officers attended 47 of these conventions. Many States gave special recognition to friends interested in FFA, parents, teachers and school administrators.

Forty-five State associations held special leadership schools to provide leadership training to over 5,917 chapters. During the past year 19 State associations also operated camps.

One hundred twenty-nine reports on chapter accomplishments were received in the National Chapter Award Program this past year—an increase over the number last year. We are pleased with the increased interest and also continued improvement in the quality of work these chapters are doing in FFA.

Because of adverse conditions it has been impossible to complete the landscaping of our new FFA building. However, the land has been cleared, leveled and seeded to rye grass. Final lawn seeding will be done in the summer of 1959. A new road has been built and the parking lot area increased.

We are pleased that the Future Farmers Supply Service has continued to show growth and at the same time not lose sight of the importance of quality and price in providing service to you.

You have indicated a fine growing interest in your National Future Farmer Magazine through the increased number of subscribers. May we congratulate the States who now have 100 per cent of their membership supporting the magazine through subscriptions. From the progress that is now being made we can look forward to the very near future when every FFA member may be receiving the magazine.

Many chapters are taking advantage of using the Official FFA Calendar as an excellent FFA promotional activity and also a means of fund raising. We look to the future with confidence for increased chapter participation in this excellent means of selling FFA.

The Future Farmers of America have greatly influenced rural youth organization development in other countries through an educational exchange program. We are proud of our "good will" ambassadors who have done such an outstanding job representing the FFA abroad. We appreciate the work you have done with our foreign visitors in helping them develop a better understanding of agriculture through an exchange of ideas and to establish a strong bond of good will, friendship and mutual understanding between the rural youth of the countries involved.

Our members are greatly indebted to more than 300 donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. for the awards

that have been given by the FFA Foundation. We are pleased with the accomplishments of our members who have been recognized for outstanding work in agriculture and leadership.

**SUMMARY**

The Summary of Work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1958, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

**A. ORGANIZATION**

Total number chartered active local chapters .....	8,993
Total active membership in chartered chapters .....	377,922
Total number eligible departments of vocational agriculture without FFA chapters .....	21

**B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS**

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree .....	162,227
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree .....	200,400
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree .....	14,680
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree .....	615
Total active membership .....	377,922

**C. PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK**

**I. SUPERVISED FARMING**

Number of members who have a comprehensive farming program in operation .....	271,400
Number of chapters that conducted activities specifically designed to improve livestock production of FFA members .....	6,543
Number of chapters engaged in organized activities designed to promote livestock loss prevention .....	4,933
Number of chapters that conducted activities specifically designed to improve crop production of FFA members .....	8,085
Number of chapters that sponsored activities specifically designed to improve the keeping of farm records and accounts .....	6,376
Number of chapters that sponsored activities specifically designed to provide proper training in farm mechanics .....	6,667
Number of chapters that sponsored activities that helped FFA members build or improve home farm shops .....	5,258
Number of chapters that conducted tours of FFA members farming programs .....	4,999

**II. COOPERATION**

Number of members who were provided experience in local chapter:	
a. Livestock cooperative activities .....	171,375
b. Crop cooperative activities .....	164,724
Number of chapters that provided cooperative activities that involved in group planning, group financing and group participation .....	7,174

**III. COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Number of members completing home beautification or improvement projects .....	155,573
Number of chapters completing school beautification projects .....	5,160
Number of chapters that conducted a safety campaign .....	4,906

Number of State Associations having a safety program in operation .....	43
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work .....	5,737
IV. LEADERSHIP	
Number of members who participated in a public speaking contest .....	52,913
Number of chapters that held a public speaking contest .....	4,677
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings .....	8,054
Number of chapters participating in a parliamentary procedure contest, above the chapter level .....	5,227
Number of chapters having revised, written, continuing program of work .....	7,890
Number of State Associations having a revised, written continuing program of work .....	47
Number of State Associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members .....	45
Number of members participating in leadership training schools or conferences .....	37,586
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences .....	5,917
Number of chapters within the State visited by State boy officers during the past year .....	3,438
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS	
Number of chapters that prepared a budget .....	6,516
Number of chapters that earned enough money to finance chapter activities .....	7,621
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS	
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual .....	7,431
Number of State Associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual .....	48
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing ceremonies for regular meetings .....	8,175
Number of chapters using official degree ceremonies .....	7,618
Number of State Associations holding a convention .....	50
VII. SCHOLARSHIP	
Number of chapters that conducted activities specifically designed to stimulate members to improve their scholarship .....	6,984
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more FFA books .....	7,321
VIII. RECREATION	
Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation for its members .....	7,286
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year .....	19
Number of members attending State camps .....	19,346
Number of chapters conducting an educational tour .....	6,195
IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS	
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly.....	6,923
Number of State Associations issuing State paper, periodical, or news letter .....	44
Number of chapters that have participated in one or more radio programs .....	3,136
Number of radio programs arranged by State Associations.....	815
Number of chapters that participated in one or more TV programs .....	1,233

Number of TV programs arranged by State Associations.....	519
Number of members showing livestock at fairs .....	79,971
Number of members showing crop products at fairs .....	61,300
Number of chapters preparing educational or promotional exhibits for public display .....	5,120
Number of chapters presenting one or more programs to a civic club or other organizations .....	4,529
Number of chapters presenting high school assembly programs	4,726
Number of chapters conducting a parent-son banquet .....	5,752
Number of State Associations conducting a good-will tour of State officers to promote the FFA program .....	14
<b>D. PARTICIPATION IN STATE AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES</b>	
Number of chapters submitting applications for one or more candidates for the State Farmer Degree .....	4,460
Number of chapters nominating candidates for the American Farmer Degree .....	1,021
Number of members participating in judging contests sponsored or supervised by the State Association .....	57,206
Number of chapters that participated in FFA Week .....	7,448
Number of members attending last National FFA Convention	12,142
Number of chapters having members attend last National FFA Convention .....	2,494

The fine record of accomplishments during the past year under the leadership of your officers and the guidance of your teachers of vocational agriculture is noteworthy. May we continue to improve ourselves and our organization through setting high goals and accepting real challenges. One challenge is to increase our membership. Not all students enrolled in vocational agriculture are FFA members. These students should belong to the FFA to help themselves and to strengthen our organization. May we also look to the future with confidence for a continued increase in members and local chapters participating in all FFA activities on a State and national level.

# Report of the National Treasurer

July 8, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books of account and record of R. E. Bass, Treasurer, Future Farmers of America, Richmond, Virginia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1958, and submit herewith our report, consisting of the statements listed in the foregoing index together with our comments thereon. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditures present fairly the financial position of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1958, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT,  
*Certified Public Accountants*

## Financial Position

The assets and liabilities of the organization at June 30, 1958, are shown in detail in the Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A". A summary showing a comparison of the financial position of the organization at June 30, 1958, with that at June 30, 1957, follows.

ASSETS:	June 30, 1958	June 30, 1957	Increase (Decrease)
Cash—regular account.....	\$ 43,275.49	\$ 6,218.95	\$ 37,056.54
Loan receivable.....	44,500.00	44,500.00	—
Prepaid expense.....	—	341.05	(341.05)
Fixed assets.....	346,559.89	245,638.17	100,921.72
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b><u>\$434,335.38</u></b>	<b><u>\$296,698.17</u></b>	<b><u>\$137,637.21</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Note payable.....	\$100,000.00	—	\$100,000.00
<b>SURPLUS.....</b>	<b><u>334,335.38</u></b>	<b><u>296,698.17</u></b>	<b><u>37,637.21</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS.....</b>	<b><u>\$434,335.38</u></b>	<b><u>\$296,698.17</u></b>	<b><u>\$137,637.21</u></b>

**Revenue and Expenditures**

Operations of the organization for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1958, resulted in an excess of expenditures over revenue of \$63,284.51. A statement of revenue and expenditures for the year is presented in detail in Exhibit "B", a summary of which follows.

<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Membership.....	\$ 37,792.20	
Royalties .....	38,180.05	
Old Mill.....	1,970.99	
"The National Future Farmer"—rent.....	7,500.00	
Future Farmers Supply Service:		
Rent.....	\$ 20,000.00	
Grant .....	30,000.00	50,000.00
Miscellaneous.....		37.90
<b>TOTAL REVENUE .....</b>		<b>\$135,481.14</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Travel.....	\$ 21,322.28	
Convention.....	17,057.70	
"American Farmer" keys.....	3,004.71	
Printing .....	5,488.53	
National office expense.....	28,397.40	
National Camp and Old Mill.....	4,614.14	
Judging expense .....	677.12	
Future Farmers of America building fund.....	100,921.72	
Future Farmers of American building—maintenance.....	16,055.51	
Retirement plan (net cost).....	1,226.54	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....</b>		<b>198,765.65</b>
<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE.....</b>		<b>\$ 63,284.51</b>

**Receipts and Disbursements**

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

**Explanatory Comments**

CASH IN BANK was verified by direct correspondence with the depositary and reconciliation of the balance reported with the amount shown by the books. All recorded cash receipts were traced to the record of their deposit in bank, and all disbursements through the bank account were evidenced by properly executed, cancelled checks, with the exception of checks outstanding at June 30, 1958. The addition of the cash books was verified by us.

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

Cash advances.....	\$36,786.20
Expenses paid.....	7,713.80
TOTAL.....	<u>\$44,500.00</u>

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

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

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

The national office building is stated at cost.

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

NOTE PAYABLE, in the amount of \$100,000.00, represents monies borrowed from Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, at 3% interest. This was used to help finance the cost of the new building.

SURPLUS is analyzed in the balance sheet.

**Balance Sheet**

June 30, 1958

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash in bank (Exhibit "C")..... \$ 43,275.49

**OTHER ASSETS:**

Loan receivable:

"The National Future Farmer":

Cash advances..... \$ 36,786.20

Expenses paid in prior periods..... 7,713.80

**TOTAL OTHER ASSETS**..... 44,500.00

**FIXED ASSETS:**

National Camp:

Land..... \$ 12,343.23

Buildings ..... 15,317.16

Equipment..... 3,288.28 \$ 30,948.67

National office:

Furniture and fixtures..... \$ 1,031.46

Building site..... 11,582.35

Building..... 302,997.41 315,611.22 346,559.89

\$434,335.38.

**LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS**

**LIABILITIES:**

Note payable:

Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated,  
interest rate 3%..... \$100,000.00

**SURPLUS:**

Balance, July 1, 1957..... \$296,698.17

Add:

Construction costs of new office building expended  
through Building Fund..... 100,921.72

\$397,619.89

Deduct:

Excess of expenditures over revenue (Exhibit "B").... 63,284.51

Balance, June 30, 1958..... 334,335.38

\$434,335.38

## Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1958

REVENUE:	REVENUE		Budget Estimate	Exhibit "B"
	Detail	Total		Excess over Estimate
Membership dues (Schedule 1).....		\$ 37,792.20	\$ 38,000.00	\$ (207.80)
Royalties:				
Future Farmer Supply Service .....	\$ 30,000.00			
Custom Cal Company.....	1,452.00			
Kemper-Thomas Company.....	6,255.99			
The Fair Publishing House.....	348.53			
St. Louis Button Company.....	123.53	38,180.05	40,000.00	(1,819.95)
Other revenue:				
Old Mill.....	\$ 1,970.99			
"The National Future Farmer"—net.....	7,500.00			
Future Farmers Supply Service:				
Rent.....	20,000.00			
Grant .....	30,000.00			
Miscellaneous .....	37.90	59,508.89	62,850.00	(3,341.11)
<b>TOTALS</b> .....		<b>\$135,481.14</b>	<b>\$140,850.00</b>	<b>\$(5,368.86)</b>
Appropriated from surplus to balance budget.....			110,000.00	(110,000.00)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> .....		<b>\$135,481.14</b>	<b>\$250,850.00</b>	<b>\$(115,368.86)</b>
EXPENDITURES:	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Travel:				
National officers.....	\$ 11,059.89		\$ 10,500.00	\$ (559.89)
Board of directors.....	2,463.74		2,500.00	36.26
Special travel—National advisor, secretary, and other.....	3,547.79		2,500.00	(1,047.79)
International.....	4,250.86		5,000.00	749.14
<b>TOTALS—TRAVEL</b> .....		<b>\$ 21,322.28</b>	<b>\$ 20,500.00</b>	<b>\$ (822.28)</b>
Convention:				
Delegate expense.....	\$ 4,295.47		\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4.53
Special features.....	6,203.54		6,450.00	246.46
Buttons, badges, and programs .....	1,589.09		1,400.00	(189.09)
Stenotypist .....	353.15		275.00	(78.15)
Photographs and publicity .....	569.11		450.00	(119.11)
Decorations and stage help.....	1,315.50		1,000.00	(315.50)

	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
(Forwarded).....		\$ 21,322.28		
Equipment rental and supplies.....	549.99		300.00	(249.99)
Building service.....	72.00		70.00	(2.00)
Communications.....	111.45		100.00	(11.45)
Secretarial travel expense	1,057.71		1,000.00	(57.71)
Awards and certificates....	592.16		500.00	(92.16)
Plaque—Chairman of sponsoring committee ..	25.00		25.00	—
Miscellaneous.....	323.53		300.00	(23.53)
<b>TOTALS—CONVENTION</b> .....		17,057.70	\$ 16,170.00	\$ (887.70)
“American Farmer”—keys: Total expenditures.....		3,004.71	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (4.71)
Printing: Literature and proceedings.....	\$ 3,720.70		\$ 3,800.00	\$ 79.30
Stationery, forms, etc.....	1,767.83		2,000.00	232.17
<b>TOTALS—PRINTING</b> .....		5,488.53	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 311.47
National office: Secretarial salaries: Executive secretary’s office.....	\$ 4,459.89		\$ 4,480.00	\$ 20.11
National treasurer’s office.....	2,099.85		2,037.50	(62.35)
Director of Public Relations: Salary.....	9,412.42		8,990.00	(422.42)
Travel.....	1,675.78		2,000.00	324.22
Secretary—salary.....	4,116.26		3,940.00	(176.26)
Telegraph and telegraph.....	328.73		400.00	71.27
Postage, express, etc.....	200.75		250.00	49.25
Bond premiums and taxes	371.30		400.00	28.70
Supplies, equipment, and rents.....	1,033.89		1,500.00	466.11
Auditing.....	190.00		225.00	35.00
Photographs.....	948.89		750.00	(198.89)
Complimentary subscriptions to magazine.....	373.25		300.00	(73.25)
National FFA week.....	2,423.22		2,500.00	76.78
Social security tax .....	478.15		550.00	71.85
Miscellaneous .....	285.02		500.00	214.98
<b>TOTALS—NATIONAL OFFICE</b> .....		28,397.40	\$ 28,822.50	\$ 425.10
National Camp and Old Mill: Mill attendant—salary ....	\$ 2,407.91		\$ 2,300.00	\$ (107.91)
Insurance.....	211.27		250.00	38.73
Maintenance.....	512.99		500.00	(12.99)
Operating expense .....	1,481.97		200.00	(1,281.97)
<b>TOTALS—NATIONAL CAMP AND OLD MILL</b> .....		4,614.14	\$ 3,250.00	\$ (1,364.14)

	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
(Forwarded)				
Judging expense.....	\$	677.12	\$ 750.00	\$ 72.88
Future Farmers of America Building Fund.....		100,921.72	\$155,000.00	\$ 54,078.28
Retirement plan.....		1,226.54	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (26.54)
Future Farmers of America building—maintenance .....		16,055.51	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (1,055.51)
Contingent.....			\$ 1,357.50	\$ 1,357.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....</b>		<b>\$198,765.65</b>	<b>\$250,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,084.35</b>
<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE (Exhibit "A").....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>63,284.51</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$ 63,284.51</b>

### Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements— General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1958

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1957.....				Exhibit "C" \$ 6,218.95
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Membership dues (Schedule 1).....	\$	37,792.20		
Add: Membership dues refunded .....		1.00	\$ 37,793.20	
Royalties .....			38,180.05	
Old Mill.....			1,970.99	
Future Farmers Supply Service:				
Rent.....	\$	20,000.00		
Retirement plan.....		4,364.28	24,364.28	
"The National Future Farmer":				
Retirement plan.....	\$	2,930.64		
Rent.....		7,500.00	10,430.64	
Income tax withheld from employees.....			3,614.11	
Employees' old-age benefits .....			534.22	
Employees' retirement contributions.....			733.51	
Loan from Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.....			150,000.00	
Miscellaneous.....			37.90	
Expense refunds:				
Travel.....	\$	1,131.67		
Convention:				
Tours.....	\$	1,217.00		
Expenses.....		949.31	2,166.31	
National office.....		2,725.83		
Old Mill.....		300.00		
Building maintenance.....		185.71	6,509.52	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS.....</b>				<b>274,168.42</b>
				<b>\$280,387.37</b>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel.....	\$ 22,453.95
Convention.....	19,224.01
"American Farmer" keys.....	3,004.71
Printing.....	5,488.53
National office expense.....	31,123.23
National Camp and Old Mill.....	4,914.14
Judging.....	677.12
Retirement.....	9,254.97
Building Fund.....	70,921.72
Building maintenance.....	15,900.17
Refund of excess employees' social security.....	56.11
Withholding tax remitted to Federal Government.....	3,548.75
Withholding tax remitted to District of Columbia.....	65.36
Employee social security taxes paid.....	478.11
Refund of dues.....	1.00
Payment on loan.....	50,000.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..... 237,111.88

BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1958..... \$ 43,275.49

**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements—  
Building Fund**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1958

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1957..... Exhibit "D"  
\$ —

RECEIPTS:

Grant from Future Farmer Supply Service.....	\$ 30,000.00
Transfers from General Fund.....	70,921.72
Repayment of loan by Future Farmer Supply Service.....	20,000.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS..... 120,921.72

\$120,921.72

DISBURSEMENTS:

For construction costs of new office building (from July 1, 1957, to completion):	
Travel expense.....	\$ 239.40
Architect's fees, etc.....	1,594.56
Seeding, etc.....	151.69
Interest.....	1,625.00
Construction costs.....	97,311.07
Loan to Future Farmer Supply Service.....	20,000.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..... 120,921.72

BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1958..... \$ —

**Membership Dues Collected**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1958

		Schedule 1	
ASSOCIATIONS	AMOUNT	ASSOCIATIONS	AMOUNT
Alabama.....	\$ 1,412.50	New Hampshire.....	34.80
Arizona.....	168.80	New Jersey.....	150.20
Arkansas.....	1,289.60	New Mexico.....	235.00
California.....	1,194.10	New York.....	650.70
Colorado.....	214.40	North Carolina.....	2,308.60
Connecticut.....	52.40	North Dakota.....	235.00
Delaware.....	67.70	Ohio.....	1,163.50
Florida.....	828.60	Oklahoma.....	1,559.80
Georgia.....	1,740.30	Oregon.....	362.60
Hawaii.....	97.40	Pennsylvania.....	997.00
Idaho.....	308.50	Puerto Rico.....	578.90
Illinois.....	1,652.50	Rhode Island.....	20.00
Indiana.....	979.60	South Carolina.....	733.50
Iowa.....	1,050.50	South Dakota.....	304.60
Kansas.....	724.50	Tennessee.....	1,547.50
Kentucky.....	1,172.50	Texas.....	3,523.90
Louisiana.....	1,010.50	Utah.....	265.90
Maine.....	107.60	Vermont.....	64.20
Maryland.....	228.70	Virginia.....	814.10
Massachusetts.....	96.70	Washington.....	550.80
Michigan.....	1,082.30	West Virginia.....	480.10
Minnesota.....	1,197.10	Wisconsin.....	1,402.20
Mississippi.....	966.00	Wyoming.....	150.50
Missouri.....	1,230.10		
Montana.....	206.10	TOTAL DUES	
Nebraska.....	539.70	COLLECTED	
Nevada.....	40.10	(Exhibits "B" and	
		"C").....	<u>\$37,792.20</u>

**FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE**

**Balance Sheet**

June 30, 1958

**ASSETS**

<b>CURRENT:</b>				
Cash in Bank.....			\$ 67,770.77	
Cash in Bank—Contingent Fund.....			972.63	
Petty Cash.....			50.00	
Accounts Receivable—Customers.....			15,137.01	
Accounts Receivable—Other.....			891.59	
Merchandise Inventory.....			115,267.56	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....</b>				<b>\$200,089.56</b>
<b>PREPAID EXPENSE:</b>				
Stationery and Supplies.....			4,650.00	
Insurance.....			2,439.63	
Postage.....			274.81	
Taxes.....			555.84	
Salaries.....			440.94	
Miscellaneous.....			865.02	9,226.24
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>				
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accumulated</b>	<b>Net</b>	
Furniture and Fixtures .....	\$ 46,088.54	\$ 12,511.11	\$ 33,577.43	
Trucks.....	5,230.23	3,712.14	1,518.09	
	<u>\$ 51,318.77</u>	<u>\$ 16,223.25</u>	<u>\$ 35,095.52</u>	35,095.52
<b>OTHER:</b>				
Utility Deposit.....				45.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>				<b><u>\$244,456.32</u></b>

**LIABILITIES**

<b>CURRENT:</b>				
Accounts Payable.....			\$ 20,974.00	
Withheld Taxes.....			2,160.00	
Employee Deductions.....			196.43	
Federal Excise Taxes Payable.....			417.36	
State Sales Taxes Payable.....			894.33	
Accrued Payroll.....			1,684.07	
Accrued Taxes.....			293.98	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....</b>				<b>\$ 26,620.17</b>
<b>DEFERRED INCOME:</b>				
Deposit on Sales.....				2,395.34
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>				<b>29,015.51</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>				
Accumulated Excess of Income, July 1, 1957.....			\$179,057.97	
Add: Excess of Income for the Year (Exhibit B).....			66,382.84	
Less: Grants to Future Farmers of America— New Building.....			245,440.81 30,000.00	
Accumulated Excess of Income, June 30, 1958.....				215,440.81
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH.....</b>				<b><u>\$244,456.32</u></b>

## THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

### Balance Sheet

June 30, 1958

#### ASSETS

<b>CURRENT:</b>			
Cash in Bank.....		\$ 27,931.56	
Accounts Receivable:			
Advertisers.....	\$ 1,413.75		
Subscribers.....	104.60		
Calendars.....	1,373.59		
Other.....	16.18	2,908.12	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b> .....			<b>\$30,839.68</b>
<b>PREPAID EXPENSE:</b>			
Calendar Costs.....		2,400.00	
Magazine Costs.....		2,774.29	
Travel.....		1,853.11	
Stationery and Supplies.....		1,621.66	
Insurance.....		287.49	
Advertising.....		222.23	
Miscellaneous.....		26.21	9,184.99
<b>FIXED:</b>			
Furniture and Equipment.....		15,870.99	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation.....		4,695.79	11,175.20
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....			<b><u>\$51,199.87</u></b>

#### LIABILITIES

<b>CURRENT:</b>			
Accounts Payable*.....		28,565.11	
Calendar Commissions Payable.....		3,756.66	
Refunds Payable.....		123.38	
Employees' Withheld Taxes.....		1,365.68	
Accrued Social Security Tax Expense.....		167.70	
Loan Payable—Future Farmers of America .....		44,500.00	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> .....			<b>\$78,478.53</b>
<b>UNEARNED INCOME:</b>			
Subscriptions.....		33,080.55	
Advertising.....		744.00	33,824.55

#### NET WORTH

Operating Deficit, July 1, 1957.....		(74,074.26)	
Add: Refund on 1956 Mailing List Conversion.....	\$ 1,000.00		
Excess of Income over Expense (Exhibit B).....	11,971.05	12,971.05	
Operating Deficit, June 30, 1958.....			(61,103.21)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</b> .....			<b><u>\$51,199.87</u></b>

\* There is contractual liability as of June 30, 1958 to purchase 1959 calendars at a minimum cost of \$22,750.00.

# National FFA Foundation Awards and Contests

## Star Farmer Awards



### STAR AMERICAN FARMERS FOR 1958

Jimmie John Jarnagin, Jr., of Jetmore, Kansas, the Star Farmer of America, stands in the center of the star platform. Regional Star Farmers, left to right, are James Speer, Blairs Mills, Pennsylvania; Malcolm Niles, Loleta, California, and Eithan Labrier, Kenton, Oklahoma.

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates who receive the Degree at the time of the National Convention. A check for \$1,000 went to the Star Farmer of America, and checks for \$500 were given to the other three Star Farmers. The 1958 winners were:

Star Farmer of America—Jimmie John Jarnagin, Jr., Jetmore, Kansas

Star Farmer, Pacific Region—Malcolm A. Niles, Loleta, California

Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region—James H. Speer, Jr., Blairs Mills, Pennsylvania

Star Farmer, Southern Region—Ethan Labrier, Kenton, Oklahoma

The records of outstanding candidates were reviewed by the following individuals:

Mr. Glen B. Miller  
President  
Allied Chemical Corporation  
61 Broadway  
New York 6, New York

Senator Harry Darby  
President  
The Darby Corporation  
First and Walker  
Kansas City 15, Kansas

Mr. Clark W. Davis  
General Manager  
Grasselli Chemicals  
Department  
E. I. duPont deNemours  
& Co., Inc.  
Wilmington 98, Delaware

Mr. Raymond C. Firestone  
President  
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.  
1200 Firestone Parkway  
Akron 17, Ohio

Mr. Merritt D. Hill  
General Manager  
Tractor and Implement  
Division  
Ford Motor Company  
2500 East Maple Road  
Birmingham, Michigan

Mr. Roger M. Kyes  
Vice President  
General Motors Corporation  
General Motors Building  
3044 West Grand Boulevard  
Detroit 2, Michigan

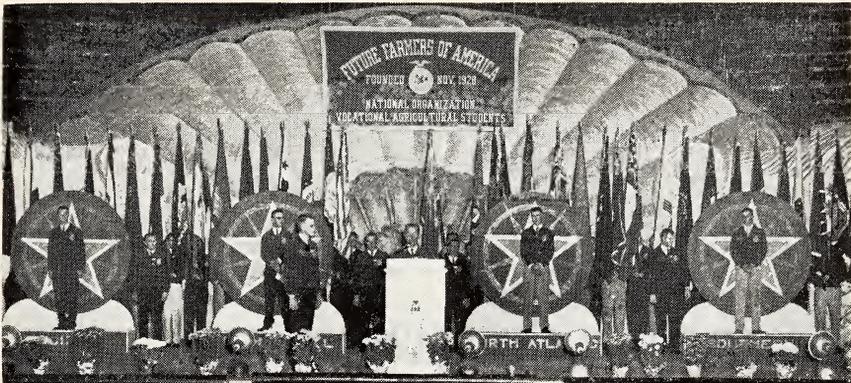
Mr. E. J. Thomas  
President  
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.  
1144 Market Street  
Akron 16, Ohio

Mr. Frank W. Jenks  
President and Executive  
Officer  
International Harvester Co.  
180 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 1, Illinois

Mr. Chester H. Lang  
1002 North Country Club  
Drive  
Schenectady 9, New York

Mr. A. F. Davis  
Secretary  
The James F. Lincoln  
Arc Welding Foundation  
Cleveland 17, Ohio

Mr. Roderick Turnbull  
Editor  
WEEKLY STAR FARMER  
Kansas City, Missouri



### 1958 STAR FARMERS

The highlight of the Tuesday evening program featured the Massing of State Flags. Following this, the Star American Farmer Awards were presented.

**JIMMIE JOHN JARNAGIN, JR.**

Star Farmer of America

The 1958 Star Farmer of America is a 21-year-old wheat and cattle farmer from the dryland farming section of southwestern Kansas where agriculture is largely influenced by the whims of nature and prosperity depends upon the farmer's fortitude to stick when times are hard, and management foresight to strike for big stakes when the rains come.

Such is the story of Jimmie John Jarnagin, Jr., who weathered two years of searing drouth but came back during the past two years to earn more than \$30,000.00. Jimmie had unusual help from his father in getting started in farming. He added unusual management ability and hard work of his own to develop a 1600-acre farming and ranching program with a gross value of \$111,071.11. His program this year included 413 head of beef cattle, 230 acres of wheat, 155 acres of silage and grain sorghums, and about 1200 acres in grass. He owns 1280 acres and rents the remaining 320.

Jimmie's early years as a vocational agriculture student were not particularly impressive. Even though his father had bought a 160-acre farm in Jimmie's name in 1945, the boy's supervised farming program as a freshman in the Hodgeman County Community High School at Jetmore consisted of only two registered Hereford heifers to begin his beef cattle herd. As a sophomore he added 12 sheep and half interest in 70 acres of milo. Drouth got most of the milo, and he lost money on both the sheep and the cattle. His net labor income for those first two years was \$126.80.

It was then, in 1954, that his high school vocational agriculture instructor, George Turnbull, got father and son together for a long talk about the boy's future. The elder Mr. Jarnagin had a

large farming operation and he was past 65. His older son and two daughters already were married and away from home. He made arrangements for Jimmie to purchase 800 acres of the home farm for \$24,000.00 on a time payment basis. There was a 450-acre growing crop of wheat on the land at the time of the purchase. Jimmie expanded his beef herd to 24 and his sheep to 20. The wheat crop was good, and he harvested 6,500 bushels. His labor income at the end of the year amounted to \$13,889.50. With it, he paid off \$12,000.00 of the amount owed his father.

That was to be his last good wheat crop until this past summer. In 1955 he netted \$142.00 from 400 acres. There were failures again in '56 and '57, although he did get returns of about \$2,400.00 during each of those two years from land placed in the Soil Bank.

In the meantime, Jimmie sold his sheep and attempted to expand his beef herd. In 1955 he pastured and fed 70 head of his father's cows for one-half the calf crop. Selling his share of the calves, he bought more cows. Then the drouth got worse. At the beginning of 1956 Jimmie had 52 cows, 4 heifers, and 2 bulls. Because of feed and water shortage, he sold his entire calf crop and 20 of the poorer cows.

The rains came in the spring of 1957, too late for that year's wheat crop but a blessing on the native buffalo and bluestem pastures. Jimmie bought 320 acres more of grassland from his father for \$15,000.00, and leased 320 acres from his mother at \$2.50 per acre, per year. He got 31 calves from his 34 cows. In the fall he borrowed more money to buy 214 head of stocker steers and cows. He was so heavily in debt by this time that another failure of wheat and pasture could have resulted in his loss of the entire farm.

But the 214 cattle represented a particularly timely purchase. He paid \$21 per hundred pounds for them, wintered them on wheat pasture and milo stubble. By last spring the steers had gained an average of 250 pounds each, and prices had gone up. He sold 107 at \$30 per CWT, getting enough to pay off his note and still keep the remainder of the steers and cows to eat this year's good pastures.

At the time he filed his application for the FFA's American Farmer degree last spring, young Jarnagin had nearly \$30,000.00 worth of cattle, \$70,000.00 in land and buildings, and \$11,071.11 in machinery and other miscellaneous items. He still owed \$33,000.00 on the land, \$14,500.00 on the cattle, and \$965.00 in other liabilities, for a net worth of \$62,606.11.

Of that amount he could count \$53,634.05 gained in actual earnings from farming and other sources over a period of six years. The remainder represented his father's gift of the original 160-acre farm, and increased inventory value of the land he had purchased.

Jimmie is married and has a two-year-old son. He and his wife, Charlene, with some help from her father, have built an attractive rambler-style home on the ranch. They're still working on the development of landscaping, a garage, shop, corrals, and other structures needed around the farmstead.

In high school Jimmie was a leader in the FFA, Student Council president, captain of the football and basketball teams, and played in the school band. He and Charlene are active in community affairs now, particularly in the activities of Farm Bureau and their local United Presbyterian Church.

Jimmie continues his interest in vocational agriculture by participating in a young farmers class conducted by the present teacher, Hubert Mai. Mai visits the Jarnagin farm frequently to help with the development of plans for improving the farm.

Jimmie has joined the Soil Conservation District and is in the process of developing a complete conservation program for the farm, including a large farm pond where he hopes to store enough water to irrigate some of his crops. Jimmie started building a garage last spring, and had plans ready for a machine shed. Most of the lumber needed for corrals and loading facilities was on hand. "My immediate goal is to maintain a herd of 100 cows which will be used to produce feeder calves," Jimmie said. "I plan to continue to winter stocker steers whenever feed and pasture are plentiful. My farmstead will grow as rapidly as my time and funds are available."

#### ETHAN LABRIER

##### Star Farmer—Southern Region

The America Star Farmer of the South for 1958 is a 21-year-old rancher from Kenton, Oklahoma, Ethan Labrier. Kenton is at the far western end of the Oklahoma panhandle. Part of young Labrier's ranch is in New Mexico.

Ethan manages the family estate ranch of 5,300 owned and 8,500 leased acres, and in addition leases 4,400 acres of range land under his own name. He personally owns 76 cows, 106 young stock, and 302 steers with a total value of \$62,465.00. In addition, he has a partnership interest in the estate herd totalling about 375 cows and their calves, 60 heifers, and 24 registered Hereford bulls. The value of his share of the partnership stock is estimated at about \$21,000.00.

Mr. Labrier died in June, 1950, a year before Ethan was to enter high school. It became the boy's responsibility to help his mother, Mrs. Kathleen Labrier, operate the ranch.

Ethan transferred to Boise City High School, 40 miles from Kenton when he was a sophomore, so he would be able to take the

vocational agriculture course offered there. He boarded in town during the school year, returning home weekends to help with the ranch work. He started accumulating beef cattle of his own, and was permitted to keep them on the home ranch in return for his labor with the family herd.

At Boise City he was president of the FFA chapter, letterman in baseball, football, basketball, and track.

When he finished high school in the spring of 1955 Ethan married his high school sweetheart and assumed full managership of the ranch. His two brothers help out on the ranch in the summer.

Ethan's mother leaves no question about who is responsible for operating the ranch: "Ethan is full manager of our ranch and has been since June, 1955," she says. "He is charged with all responsibilities including the purchase and selling of cattle, purchase of feed, hiring of help, and all decisions on care and management of the herd."

Hardly had Ethan taken over management of the ranch until a four-year drouth and steady decline in cattle prices began, but the young rancher kept his cattle, feeding them when necessary, and burning cactus with a blow torch for them to eat. His management training paid off. He continued to buy good registered bulls for his herd, even though times were hard. He maintains a 20 to 1, cow to bull, ratio because "it pays off in a better calf crop."

Ethan held his herd while others were selling, and was well stocked with good cattle when the rains came in 1957 and the price pendulum swung to the better in the fall.

He keeps a sharp eye on the cattle market. Part of his management plan is to locate corrals at central points where he never has to move cattle great distances. This is important to him at marketing time, for cattle lose pounds every mile they must be moved. Ethan and his brothers can handle most of the work by themselves with this arrangement. As on most ranches, the working day begins at 5 a.m. when cattle are easier to handle and weight loss is kept to a minimum.

Ethan checks his herd often. With well-trained horses and a trailer that he can pull close to most of the ranges, he sees a lot of country in a day. This close checking helped him save cattle during the big panhandle blizzard in the spring of 1957. He didn't lose a single head.

Vocational agriculture training has encouraged him to develop other improvements on the ranch and with his cattle. He is now a cooperater with the Cimarron County Soil Conservation District and with the ASC. Part of his conservation program is the building of new ponds and lakes on the ranch for soil and water con-

servation and the building of diversion ditches to spread water on the range.

The young rancher continues to look to his former vocational agriculture teacher, John Coltharp, for advice.

Last year, Ethan stepped out on his own to lease 5,000 acres of land in Cimarron County. He stocked it with cattle, then sold it in January of this year at a nice profit. Later, in nearby New Mexico, he leased 4,400 acres of ranch land. Ethan bought 302 head of steers to stock it, using profits from previous operations and a \$24,200.00 loan from his Clayton, New Mexico, banker. This note is the only liability on Ethan's balance sheet. He has assets of \$132,128.00, leaving a net worth of \$107,928.00. Of that amount, \$54,358.00 came by inheritance; the remainder from hard work and good management.

Ethan plans to buy land in the near future. Last summer, he was busy contracting heifers for fall delivery so he could enlarge his own cow herd. He's staking his future on farming and ranching.

#### MALCOLM A. NILES

##### Star Farmer—Pacific Region

Malcolm A. Niles, Star Farmer of the Pacific Region, from Loleta, California, was graduated from the Fortuna Union High School in the spring of 1956. His vocational agriculture instructor is Roland F. Wentzel. He is now maintaining a farming program at home while studying agricultural engineering at the Davis branch of the University of California.

His farming record indicates that lessons in agricultural production were learned well in high school vocational agriculture. But the three ranches he will operate have serious problems of flooding and soil erosion, along with the need for installing an irrigation system. That, combined with need for more skill in the efficient use of farm machinery, prompted him to sacrifice good income from farming for four years to take the college engineering course.

Malcolm has a 50 percent interest with his father in the home "Whispering Willows" farm of 80 acres where they maintain a milking herd of dairy cows, and the nearby 157-acre "Sea Breeze Ranch" where they winter dairy and beef heifers and calves, and raise hay for the stock.

A third place, "Blue Camass Ranch" has 657 acres and is devoted to beef production. Malcolm owns one-half interest in this ranch with his mother.

His personal ownership of livestock includes 36 registered Guernsey dairy cows, a bull, and 18 heifers; 18 head of registered Hereford cattle and 80 head of grade Herefords. He estimates the

total value of his cattle at \$31,055.00. In addition, he owns outright about \$6,000.00 worth of farm machinery and estimates the value of his share of machinery and equipment owned in partnership to be about \$11,000.00.

Young Niles has an outstanding record of leadership in his school and FFA chapter. In high school he won a \$1,000.00 prize for an essay on the uses of cement. Later he won \$250.00 in State and national prizes in a soil conservation essay. On completion of high school he was awarded four college scholarships totaling \$1,100.00.

When he entered high school in 1952 Malcolm carried a farming program in vocational agriculture of 18 registered Guernseys, and two registered Hereford calves, using land and facilities of the home farm in return for his labor. He has continued to expand his dairy herd yearly and in 1955 was given a one-fourth interest in the farm. The following year, serious floods caused considerable damage to the farm and Mr. Niles agreed to increase his ownership interest to one-half, providing the income from Malcolm's milk would be turned into the farm recovery and operation.

In the past four years he has been able to pay for his share of the ranch from beef income, buy machinery and equipment for making hay, and put in about \$2,000.00 worth of improvements.

His agreement provides for complete management of the Blue Camass Ranch, and to maintain the small herds of his brother and sister there. Income from the beef, above that needed for operation of the ranch, belongs to Malcolm and is used for his college expenses or expansion of his herd.

His complicated partnership agreements necessitate much record keeping. When he submitted his application for the American Farmer degree, his State FFA Advisor, Byron J. McMahan, commented:

"This is one of the most complete sets of FFA records ever submitted to the State FFA office."

The records show that Malcolm has earned nearly \$50,000 from farming since he began as a vocational agriculture student in high school six years ago. Much of that amount has been income from milk that is being used to pay for his share of the Whispering Willows and Sea Breeze farms. Other income has helped to build up his inventory of livestock and machinery, and for his college expenses. The total value of his holdings is estimated at \$137,619.76. This includes his share of the home farm that is still being paid for with his milk.

Malcolm's records have been an important factor in improving the quality of dairy cattle on the farm. By keeping individual cow records and culling low producers, Malcolm and his father were able last year to increase the average annual milk production per

cow from 7,019 pounds to 8,403 pounds, and butterfat from 347 pounds to 424 pounds. They now have 27 cows averaging more than 400 pounds butterfat.

There's a lot more work to be done to bring the farms up to top shape. Last winter the nearby Eel River changed course and washed away five acres of the Whispering Willows farm lowland. As if that were not enough, in March high winds destroyed two barns on the Blue Camass Ranch.

Those items, plus the planned irrigation program offer considerable challenge for the young farmer and budding engineer.

JAMES H. SPEER, JR.

Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region

A young dairy farmer from Pennsylvania who has developed a small herd of Holstein cows with outstanding production records is the Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region.

James has 18 producing cows. During his last full year of record keeping his herd averaged 12,900 pounds of milk and 496 pounds of butterfat per cow.

"I consider any cow producing less than 10,000 pounds of milk and 400 pounds of butterfat a cull animal," James says.

James has known he wanted to be a farmer ever since he was six years old. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Speer, Sr., encouraged him, gave him a heifer calf that he later carried as a 4-H Club project. By the time he got to high school and old enough to join the FFA he had two producing cows and a heifer calf. His interest in farming by then was such that he passed up the nearest high school and enrolled at the Juniata Joint High School at Mifflintown, 37 miles away, where he could get the vocational agriculture course.

"I spent three hours a day on the school bus, leaving home at 6:45 a.m. and returning at 5:00 p.m.," he relates. "During the winter months I left home before daylight and returned after dark."

James began a program of gradual expansion of his dairy herd through natural increase and with money he earned on the home farm. As a sophomore in high school, and with the help of his vocational agriculture instructor, Lloyd E. Guiser, he began the job of keeping farm accounts for his father's entire 325-acre dairy operation. He won first place in the State three successive years in a farm records contest.

Upon James' graduation from high school in 1955, Mr. Speer offered him a full partnership in the farm. James worked with him on this basis one year. But the farm was too small to provide adequate income for both partners; there was a younger brother

coming along, and Mr. Speer, at 44, was not thinking about retiring. In January, 1957, James made arrangements to buy an adjoining 350-acre farm, complete with livestock and machinery. He paid \$17,200.00 for everything.

The livestock had been poorly handled, neither did he have any use for the machinery which, although fairly new, had been allowed to deteriorate. James went to work feeding and grooming the cattle, repairing and repainting the machinery, and in April held a public auction. The sale netted \$10,541.17, leaving him an investment of \$6,658.83 in the farm land and buildings.

He moved his good cattle to his own farm and with planning help from the Soil Conservation Service has made larger fields for more efficient use of modern machinery and has laid out fields for contour farming. Complete soil tests of the land have been made, with the accompanying application of 55 tons of limestone and 18 tons of fertilizer to the land. He repainted the barn, rebuilt the machine shed, and removed some obsolete poultry houses. Of the total farm, 230 acres are in timber with the remainder tillable or in pasture.

James' current farming program includes 18 producing cows and 7 head of young stock. He also raises registered Hampshire swine, with six brood sows and a boar. He fed out 25 hogs last winter; had 40 more in his spring pig crop.

Last spring 16 of his gilt pigs were sold to other Future Farmers for breeding stock in their supervised farming program.

Crops on the farm this year included 16 acres of corn, 14 acres of oats, 6 acres of barley, 7.5 acres of wheat, and 56.5 acres for hay and pasture. He owns outright one tractor, a manure spreader, and milking equipment. Other needed machinery is owned in partnership with Mr. Speer. Father and son save much of the overhead cost on their two farms by swapping labor and cooperative use of machinery.

The total of James' assets is estimated at \$33,101.44. He owes \$3,400.00 on the farm, leaving a net worth of just under \$30,000.00.

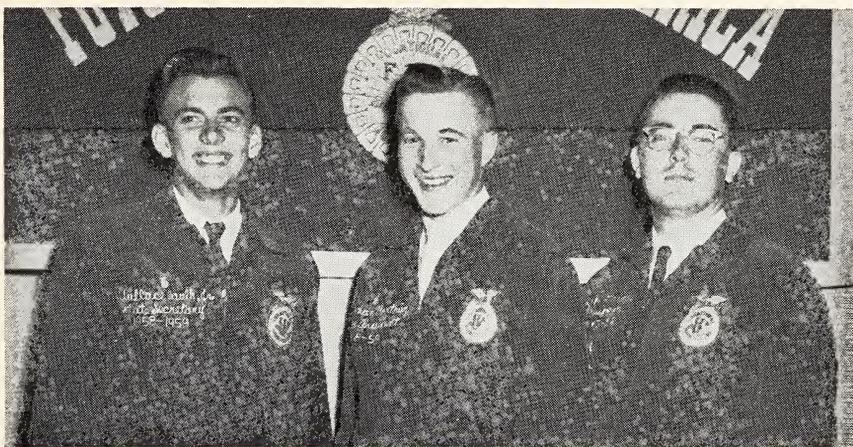
In addition to being tops in farming, James also has been one of Pennsylvania's outstanding young leaders. He served one year terms as vice president and president of the Juniata FFA Chapter, then president of his area FFA group. In 1956 he was elected president of the State FFA Association. While in school he was an honor student, and baseball letterman.

At present, he is active in church activities, a member of Farm Bureau, and Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and a member of the young farmers class conducted by Vo-Ag teacher Lloyd Guiser at the Juniata Joint Union High School.

### Dairy Farming

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

1st Place—Wallace Caulk, Jr., Woodside, Delaware .....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Paul Luellig, Coolidge, Arizona .....	200.00
Southern Region—Richard Trice, Mineral, Virginia .....	200.00
Central Region—	
Nathan Earl Hartwig, Monroe, Wisconsin .....	200.00



WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL DAIRY FARMING AWARDS  
(left to right)—Wallace Caulk, 1st Place Winner; Nathan Hartwig, Central Regional Winner and Richard Trice, Southern Regional Winner. Paul Luellig, Pacific Regional Winner was not in attendance.

### Farm Mechanics

Farm Mechanics Award winners were presented by Vice President Smith, and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

1st Place—Tom Graham, Santa Rosa, California .....	\$250.00
Southern Region—	
James Edward Davis, Lakeland, Florida .....	200.00
Central Region—	
Eugene James Jedlicka, Schuyler, Nebraska .....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—	
James Ellis Shaw, Hamden, New York .....	200.00



**WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM MECHANICS AWARDS**  
 (left to right)—Tom Graham, 1st Place Winner; Eugene Jedlicka, Central Regional Winner; James Davis, Southern Regional Winner; and James Shaw, North Atlantic Regional Winner.

### Farm Electrification

Farm Electrification Award winners were presented by Vice President Cullison and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

1st Place—Edward Bornholt, Elberta, Alabama .....	\$250.00
Central Region—	
Robert Harold Franklin, Lewisburg, Kentucky .....	200.00
Pacific Region—LeRoy Virgil Lim, Canby, Oregon .....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—	
Edward R. Moore, Wyoming, Delaware .....	200.00



**WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM ELECTRIFICATION AWARDS**  
 (left to right)—Edward Bornholt, 1st Place Winner; Robert Franklin, Central Regional Winner; Edward Moore, North Atlantic Regional Winner; and LeRoy Lim, Pacific Regional Winner.

**Soil and Water Management**

Soil and Water Management Award winners were presented by Vice President Bodiford and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

- 1st Place—Boyd Sims McLocklin, Statham, Georgia .....\$250.00
- Central Region—
  - Emil Bradshaw Haney, Jr., Baltimore, Ohio ..... 200.00
- Pacific Region—Michael W. Rinkes, West Linn, Oregon 200.00
- North Atlantic Region—
  - Danny Hutchinson, Kenna, West Virginia ..... 200.00



**WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL SOIL AND WATER  
MANAGEMENT AWARDS**

(left to right)—Boyd McLocklin, 1st Place Winner; Michael Rinkes, Pacific Regional Winner; Emil B. Haney, Jr., Central Regional Winner; and Danny Hutchinson, North Atlantic Regional Winner.

**Farm Safety**

Farm Safety Award winners were presented by Vice President Rulon and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

- 1st Place—Bottineau Chapter, North Dakota ..... \$250.00
- Pacific Region—Berthoud Chapter, Colorado ..... 200.00
- Southern Region—McEwen Chapter, Tennessee ..... 200.00
- North Atlantic Region—
  - Lord Baltimore Chapter, Ocean View, Delaware ..... 200.00



**REPRESENTATIVES OF CHAPTERS WINNING NATIONAL FARM  
SAFETY AWARDS**

(left to right)—Sheldon Olson, Bottineau, North Dakota, 1st Place Winner; W. A. Mitchell, McEwen, Tennessee, Southern Regional Winner; Leroy Timmons, Lord Baltimore, Delaware, North Atlantic Regional Winner; and Dale Miller, Berthoud, Colorado, Pacific Regional Winner.

### **National Chapter Award Program**

One hundred and twenty-five Future Farmers of America local chapters were honored at the 31st national convention in Kansas City during the presentation of awards in the organization's National Chapter Award Program.

The National FFA Chapter Award Program, conducted annually by the organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work. Both the interest shown and the actual accomplishments over a period of years give ample evidence of the effectiveness of this event. The Award Program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile undertakings.

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

Each chapter in the contest had been selected locally to be entered in the national competition. Winners receiving an emblem rating for the first time were given plaques. Other received spurs to place on plaques previously awarded. The one hundred and

twenty-five chapters in the national contest represent the best from the Future Farmers of America's 8,993 local chapters. The 1958 winners were:

#### Gold Emblem Classification

Riverton Chapter, Huntsville, Alabama	Murray Training Chapter, Murray, Kentucky
Amphitheater Chapter, Tucson, Arizona	Sulphur Chapter, Sulphur, Louisiana
DeQueen Chapter, DeQueen, Arkansas	Cove Chapter, Accident, Maryland
Hanford Chapter, Hanford, California	Wicomico Chapter, Salisbury, Maryland
Madera Chapter, Madera, California	Cassopolis Chapter, Cassopolis, Michigan
Berthoud Chapter, Berthoud, Colorado	Marshall Chapter, Marshall, Michigan
Eaton Chapter, Eaton, Colorado	Forest Lake Chapter, Forest Lake, Minnesota
Guilford-Madison Chapter, Madison, Connecticut	Nature Builders Chapter, Ortonville, Minnesota
South Dade Chapter, Homestead, Florida	Winona Chapter, Winona, Minnesota
Quincy Chapter, Quincy, Florida	Inverness Chapter, Inverness, Mississippi
Blakely-Union Chapter, Blakely, Georgia	Scooba Chapter, Scooba, Mississippi
Perry Chapter, Perry, Georgia	Huntley Project Chapter, Worden, Montana
Washington-Wilkes Chapter, Washington, Georgia	Ansley Chapter, Ansley, Nebraska
Fielding Chapter, Paris, Idaho	Hooper Chapter, Hooper, Nebraska
Sugar-Salem Chapter, Sugar City, Idaho	Churchill County Chapter, Fallon, Nevada
Brussels Chapter, Brussels, Illinois	Wah-Pung-A-Haben Chapter, Lovelock, Nevada
Sycamore Chapter, Sycamore, Illinois	Newton Chapter, Newton, New Jersey
Williamsfield Chapter, Williamsfield, Illinois	Woodstown Chapter, Woodstown, New Jersey
Audubon Chapter, Audubon, Iowa	Floyd Chapter, Floyd, New Mexico
Waverly Chapter, Waverly, Iowa	Dansville Aggies Chapter, Dansville, New York
Atchison County Chapter, Effingham, Kansas	Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, New York
Athens Chapter, Lexington, Kentucky	Bath Chapter, Bath, North Carolina

Wesley Chapel Chapter,  
 Monroe, North Carolina  
 Bottineau Chapter,  
 Bottineau, North Dakota  
 Rugby Chapter,  
 Rugby, North Dakota  
 Fairfield Chapter,  
 Leesburg, Ohio  
 Jeromesville Chapter,  
 Jeromesville, Ohio  
 Alva Chapter,  
 Alva, Oklahoma  
 Mooreland Chapter,  
 Mooreland, Oklahoma  
 Welch Chapter,  
 Welch, Oklahoma  
 Canby Chapter,  
 Canby, Oregon  
 Laurel Chapter,  
 New Castle, Pennsylvania  
 Little Lions Chapter,  
 State College, Pennsylvania  
 James F. Byrnes Chapter,  
 Duncan, South Carolina

Woodruff Chapter,  
 Woodruff, South Carolina  
 Clark Chapter,  
 Clark, South Dakota  
 Jere Cooper Chapter,  
 Dyersburg, Tennessee  
 Smith County Chapter,  
 Carthage, Tennessee  
 Azle Chapter,  
 Azle, Texas  
 Whitesboro Chapter,  
 Whitesboro, Texas  
 Winters Chapter,  
 Winters, Texas  
 Bear River Chapter,  
 Tremonton, Utah  
 Brookville Chapter,  
 Lynchburg, Virginia  
 Louisa County Chapter,  
 Mineral, Virginia  
 Ripley Chapter,  
 Ripley, West Virginia  
 Palmyra Chapter,  
 Palmyra, Wisconsin

#### Silver Emblem Classification

Douglas Chapter,  
 Douglas, Arizona  
 Star City Chapter,  
 Star City, Arkansas  
 Housatonic Valley Chapter,  
 Falls Village, Connecticut  
 Mulberry Chapter,  
 Mulberry, Florida  
 Moultrie Chapter,  
 Moultrie, Georgia  
 Geneseo Chapter,  
 Geneseo, Illinois  
 Pennville Chapter,  
 Pennville, Indiana  
 Bloomfield Chapter,  
 Bloomfield, Iowa  
 Lawrence Chapter,  
 Lawrence, Kansas  
 Owen County Chapter,  
 Owenton, Kentucky  
 Delhi Chapter,  
 Delhi, Louisiana

Slidell Chapter,  
 Slidell, Louisiana  
 Wachusett Chapter,  
 Holden, Massachusetts  
 Deckerville Chapter,  
 Deckerville, Michigan  
 Kossuth Chapter,  
 Kossuth, Mississippi  
 Monett Chapter,  
 Monett, Missouri  
 Flathead Chapter,  
 Kalispell, Montana  
 Artesia Chapter,  
 Artesia, New Mexico  
 Coats Chapter,  
 Coats, North Carolina  
 Mowrystown Chapter,  
 Mowrystown, Ohio  
 Davenport Chapter,  
 Davenport, Oklahoma

Scituate Chapter,  
North Scituate, Rhode Island  
Webster Chapter,  
Webster, South Dakota  
Bradley Chapter,  
Cleveland, Tennessee  
Dickson Chapter,  
Dickson, Tennessee  
Cleburne Chapter,  
Cleburne, Texas  
Sherman Chapter,  
Sherman, Texas  
Victoria Chapter,  
Victoria, Texas

Millard Eagle Chapter,  
Fillmore, Utah  
North River Chapter,  
Mt. Solon, Virginia  
Wapato Chapter,  
Wapato, Washington  
Shady Spring Chapter,  
Beaver, West Virginia  
Monroe Chapter,  
Monroe, Wisconsin  
Wittenberg Chapter,  
Wittenberg, Wisconsin  
Sod-Buster Chapter,  
Carpenter, Wyoming

#### Bronze Emblem Classification

Foley Chapter,  
Foley, Alabama  
Montevallo Chapter,  
Montevallo, Alabama  
Paris Chapter,  
Paris, Arkansas  
Kapaa Chapter,  
Kapaa, Hawaii  
Konawaena Chapter,  
Kealahou, Hawaii  
Carlisle-Haddon Chapter,  
Carlisle, Indiana  
Hagerstown Chapter,  
Hagerstown, Indiana  
Stockbridge Chapter,  
Stockbridge, Massachusetts  
Carl Junction Chapter,  
Carl Junction, Missouri  
Marshall Chapter,  
Marshall, Missouri  
Colebrook Chapter,  
Colebrook, New Hampshire

Spaulding Chapter,  
Rochester, New Hampshire  
Bladenboro Chapter,  
Bladenboro, North Carolina  
Granite Quarry Chapter,  
Granite Quarry,  
North Carolina  
Crater Chapter,  
Central Point, Oregon  
Central Bucks Chapter,  
Doylestown, Pennsylvania  
Clifton Chapter,  
Clifton, Texas  
Granger Chapter,  
Granger, Texas  
Danville Chapter,  
Danville, Vermont  
Mt. Baker Chapter,  
Deming, Washington  
Chilton Chapter,  
Chilton, Wisconsin  
Snowy Range Chapter,  
Laramie, Wyoming

#### Public Speaking Contest

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



#### NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Stuart Lamb, 1st Place Winner, is congratulated by regional contestants. (left to right) Ben Keahey, 4th place winner; Stuart Lamb; Carl Pyo, 2nd place winner; James Oesterreicher, 5th place winner; and Gregory Click, 3rd place winner.

The Twenty-ninth National FFA Public Speaking Contest took place in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Monday, October 13. The five finalists placing in the order indicated were:

1. Stuart Lamb, Hamilton, New York—"Farm Cooperatives in the Changing Agriculture Picture"
2. Carl Pyo, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii—"Happiness and Prosperity Through Farm Safety"
3. Gregory Click, Ephrata, Washington—"Your Vocation in Agriculture"
4. Ben F. Keahey, Dumas, Arkansas—"The Farmer's Future"
5. James Oesterreicher, Chesaning, Michigan—"The Organization of an FFA Steer Cooperative"

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

The contest was judged by three competent persons. Prior to the contest the judges were furnished with typewritten copies of the contestants' productions which they read and graded on content and composition. At the contest the judges scored each contestant on his production. A maximum of 300 points was allowed for the

written production and 700 points for delivery. Questions were asked by the judges to test each contestant on his ability to think on his feet and on general knowledge of his subject.

## **Farm Cooperatives in the Changing Agriculture Picture**

By—Stuart Lamb, Hamilton, New York

Today we are living in an age of automation, an age where big business is dominant. To keep pace with this age of big business individual groups have had to work together to realize their demands. Farming is no different from any other business today—it is big business. Buyers of farm produce are fewer in number but much stronger. The trend is toward large volume purchase of quality merchandise. Therefore, I believe that to keep up with the times and to keep farming in the hands of farmers, they must work together in the cooperative effort. The individual farmer is such a small part of the overall picture he can't gain much by himself.

The best way for farmers to improve their income and to secure the type of farm programs they want is to join and support their local farm organizations and cooperatives.

Farmers started forming cooperatives in the early 1800's. Labor didn't organize until the late 1800's. However, today labor unions have merged into powerful groups, with millions of members. Farmer cooperatives grew to a certain size and stopped, while labor and industry marched right on by, and grew and grew. Thus it seems to me it is not only a problem of farmer participation in cooperatives, it is a matter of merger into larger cooperatives.

Are large cooperatives to be "frowned upon"? Certain individuals regard big business as evil. Certainly the position of General Motors, duPont and even foremost dairies came about largely through mergers. Some cooperatives have merged, but not to the extent it has occurred in labor or industry. Mergers cut procurement cost, increase efficiency and lower distribution costs. To those who are pessimistic about cooperatives growing larger, I offer this statement made by the editor of the Farm Journal. "How visionary is a Carpenter's Union that bargains for 850,000 carpenters in 3,000 locals throughout an entire nation?"

As a minority group, farmers must become more aware that legislation for their own benefit must come through group action. Most farmers have a full time job with their own business, and thus the job of organizing and working for legislation may have to be delegated to individuals who understand and will work to satisfy the farmer's needs. The Farm Bureau and the Grange can secure needed legislation, if they receive sufficient funds to afford the type of individual who will look after their interests. Through

such local groups at the Kitchen Conference and the local Grange, farmers can make their needs known. I also believe that the Farm Bureau and the Grange should work together, so that they can recommend farm programs that do not conflict.

As I look over our farm situation today, I believe that our major weakness is in the field of marketing. Yes, we have marketing co-ops, and in many areas they are providing outstanding service, such as those offered by the Empire Livestock Co-op and the New York State Canning Crop Growers Co-op. This doesn't alter the fact that there is room for improvement.

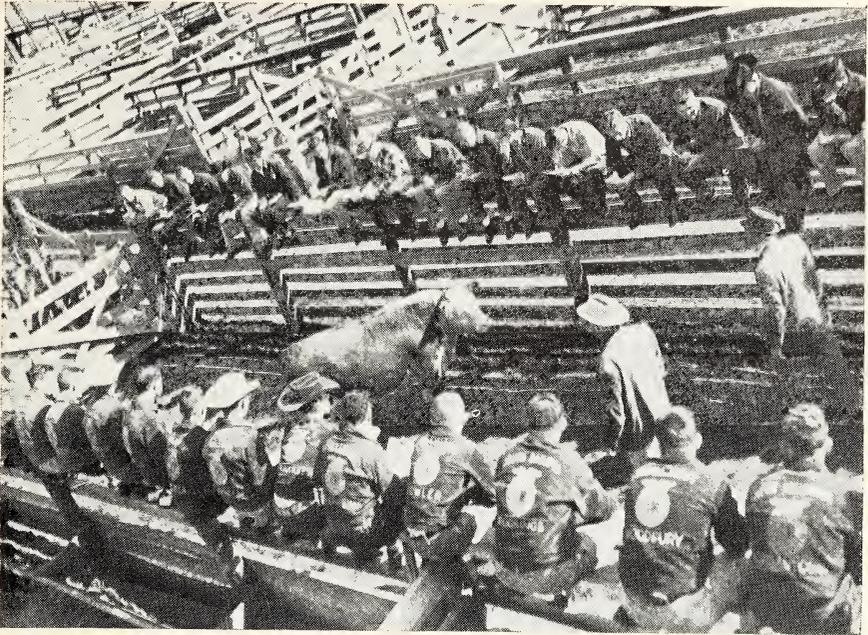
What has happened in Madison County? Bean growers, especially the smaller ones, have been faced with increased marketing costs and lower returns. In my own case, our farm partnership was recently faced with signing a sweet corn contract with a canning factory to grow a certain variety of corn. According to all the data which we have been able to collect, this particular variety yields one ton less per acre than the variety we grew last year, yet the price per ton would be the same. The grower has no choice. If you don't sign the contract at the processor's price and terms, he can go elsewhere and get another grower to sign.

I would like to see a vegetable crop co-op organized, by the best men in the field. Then the co-op could bargain with the canning factory. I would even go further, to the extent that money, time and the necessary personnel could be obtained. Organize a co-op that would actually process and distribute the farmer's products, and thus eliminate the middleman. Quality would be the determining factor in setting prices for a farmer's produce. Establish a brand name and build up an advertising program. The supply of produce for various markets could be controlled, and the small farmer would be on an equal basis with the larger grower. It would take capital, and it would mean securing the highest type of management personnel.

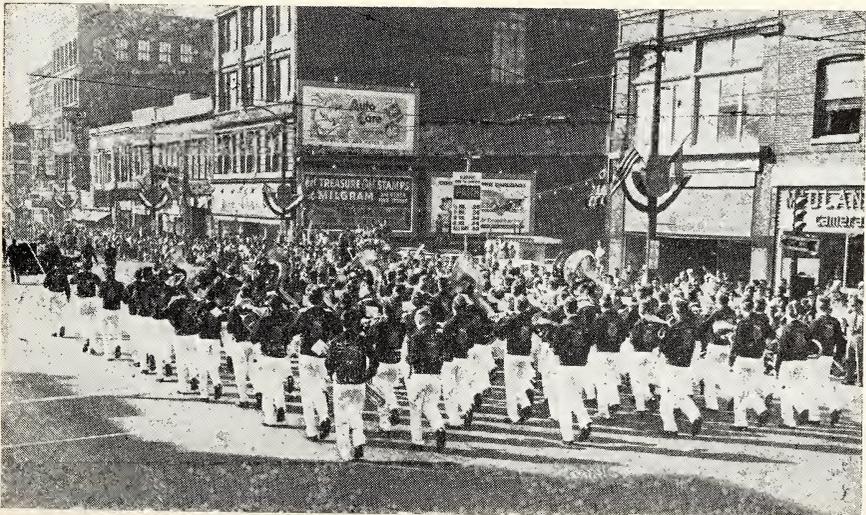
What about milk marketing? Have you ever read Order Number 27? I profess that I couldn't even begin to understand it. If I belong to a milk cooperative, I know that there are individuals employed by the co-op whose business it is to understand the implications of such an order. My question is, "Why can't by-gones be by-gones?" Instead of bickering with one another and patting ones-self on the back when its own pet program is approved, our milk cooperatives could make better use of their time. They should get together, forget their past grievances, and come solid behind a program. How long have we got to wait for an advertising program for milk?

Through collective bargaining, commodity by commodity, co-operatives could control marketing. It is a matter of dealing as powerful groups, not as individuals. The individual farmer is going to have to surrender to the will of the group, if he wants farmers to control farming.

### **Shots of Convention Activities**



Grading beef animals, just one of the many national judging activities.



National FFA Band leading the American Royal Parade.

Perhaps now the question is not whether farmers should cooperate, but will they cooperate. No one is stopping farmers from organizing but themselves. Farmers, I think, have always been independent in character and have wanted to be alone in their business. Lately, we have been hearing a lot about integration, and the role certain farmers have begun to play as hired men. Integration in farming is here. It has taken over the broiler industry, and is making rapid strides in the pork business. Integration in itself offers certain economic advantages, and we will probably see more of it. If a co-op buys, processes and markets a farm product, it is integration. As I look at it, it is not a question of integration, but who is to be the integrator.

There will always be farmers who will lean over the neighbor's fence and complain, but who will never attend a meeting of the local co-op. Among my fellow students, there is a tendency to go along with their father's opinion. If the father has no use for a farm organization, it is carried over to the son. However, the Future Farmers of America has as one of its purposes, "Cooperation." Cooperation is demonstrated in our classes, and in carrying out the FFA program of work. Continuous contacts are made with farm organizations, and with boys who make use of cooperatives. Without the cooperation of its members, the FFA is nothing more than a name.

Education about cooperatives and farm organizations is a must if we are to work together toward greater cooperation. We who are in school now realize the need for cooperation, perhaps more than the older generation. I think our minds are more open, and we are impressed with the need for group action.

Will all farmers cooperate for their own good? No, I don't think we can expect this for some years to come. This doesn't mean we should approach the matter of cooperation with a negative attitude. I expect to see more interest and participation. I look for larger cooperatives through the merger of smaller ones. Farm cooperatives demonstrate the American ideals of democracy and equality. They made their greatest strides when conditions were tough. We need vigorous, active leadership and an active membership. The need for cooperation is here, and I believe farmers will solve their problems in the cooperative effort.

The fine contribution which the FFA Courtesy Corps made toward the success of the 1958 National FFA Convention is worthy of high praise from FFA members, advisors, residents of Kansas City and others.

This organization of hard-working FFA members, advisors and teacher trainers has fulfilled a real need at our convention. Their duties and responsibilities are varied but definitely they have helped FFA members become better acquainted with the convention and the session programs, aided our members to become familiar with Kansas City and gave advice and counsel when the need arose. We are proud of the complimentary remarks made about this group.

The Ushers did an excellent job in making the convention more enjoyable and meaningful to those in attendance. The spirit of cooperation shown by these boys in helping with session arrangements, running errands and extending the hand of "welcome" to Future Farmers and guests is worthy of high praise. We hope this group will continue to grow and become a very important part of every national convention.

Recognition is given to all FFA members in attendance for their fine cooperation with the above two groups, and also for the manner in which they conducted themselves according to the FFA Code of Ethics. Let us be diligent in our efforts for continued improvement so we can be proud to say "The Future Farmer is Always a Gentleman."

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*"Learning to do  
Doing to learn  
Earning to live  
Living to serve"*