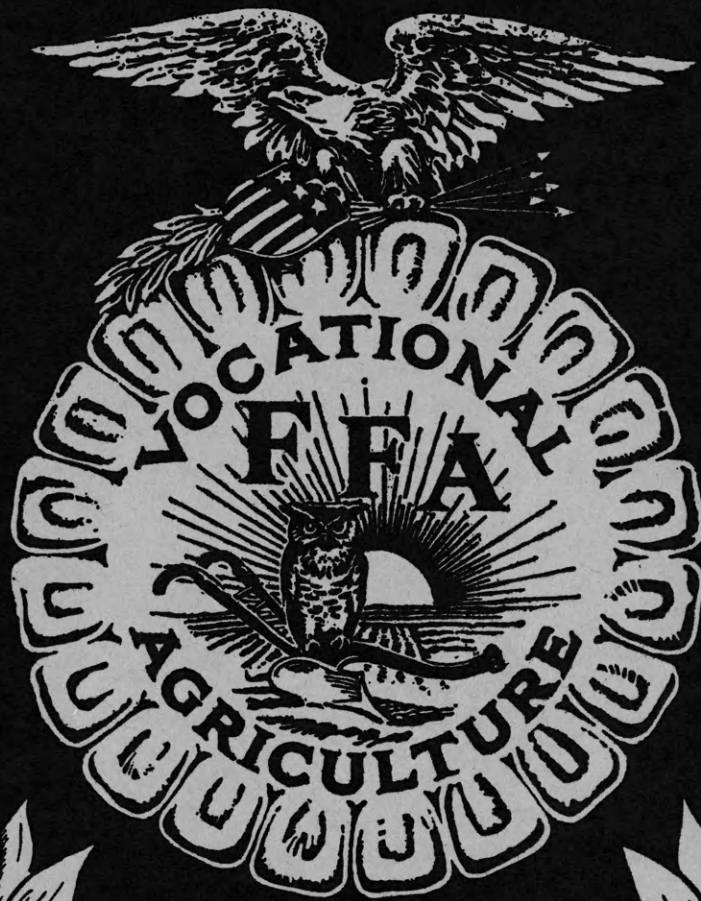


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THE VICTORY CONVENTION, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
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"My faith in my country has been renewed," said Roy Roberts, managing editor, in an article published in the October 25 issue of the Kansas City Star, concerning the thousands of farm boys from all over the Nation who were in Kansas City to attend the Victory Convention of the Future Farmers of America. "These boys," he wrote, "are the real symbol of America. Our Nation will be safe with their spirit at the reins of tomorrow."

After attending the Victory convention and seeing this fine group of young farm lads at work, we too, are not afraid of the future of America. * It is in safe hands!

It was a privilege, a delight, and a revelation to attend this, our first national FFA convention. Never have we seen such leadership, poise, and alertness as was displayed by the national officers and delegates who conducted the affairs and business of the biggest convention ever held by this national organization of the finest farm youth in America.

Armed with a thick note book in which we had carefully typed the events coming up, with blank space left for the notes we intended to take for making a report for the KANSAS FUTURE FARMER newsletter, we worked our way through the milling throng of thousands of Future Farmers filling the lobby and corridors of the Municipal Auditorium the first morning, to find a seat in the main arena where the convention was to open.

*Mrs. Helen Ankeny, Public Relations, Kansas State Board for Vocational Education, attended the Victory Convention in place of the editor who has been somewhat indisposed, and reports the convention in this newsletter. The special articles in this issue were also written by Mrs. Ankeny. The editor deeply appreciates the cooperation of Mrs. Ankeny in reporting the convention and making possible the publishing of the November issue of the Newsletter. A. P. D.

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From the time the meeting opened with a concert by the Pennsylvania and Utah FFA bands, until 11:30 that evening when the judges read their decisions on the public speaking contest, and our own Kansas boy, Marshall Schirer, of Newton, was announced as first place winner, our note book lay forgotten in our lap, as we sat spellbound. Never have we experienced such deep feeling as that which filled our heart as we listened to that splendid group of national officers open the convention, and as we witnessed the never to be forgotten memorial services and the unveiling of the FFA service flag.

It was a wonderful convention. Every minute of the four busy days were filled with inspiration. We wish it had been possible for each chapter in Kansas to have had a representative there so that every Future Farmer in the state could have heard a complete report of each day's events.

It was estimated that 15,000 farm boys from 47 states and Hawaii attended the convention. There was plenty of fine music furnished by the Pennsylvania and Utah bands, the Mississippi String Band, the Wisconsin FFA Chorus and the Albany, Oregon, orchestra.

HEADQUARTERS: Municipal Auditorium with registration in the Grand Foyer. All sessions in the Main Arena with the exception of the last day when the meetings were held in the beautiful music hall, so that the Main Arena could be prepared for the Chamber of Commerce banquet that evening.

NATIONAL OFFICERS: All national officers were present. We haven't the words with which to pay tribute to this group of national officers for the fine executive ability shown in handling the entire convention.

DELEGATES: Ninety-eight delegates from 47 states and Hawaii were present. Puerto Rico delegates were unable to attend because of conditions beyond their control. The Kansas official delegates, Bob Jones, Ottawa; Richard Chase, Eldorado; and William Edwards, Emporia, were in their seats every session, and gave a good performance of their ability to look after the interests of the Future Farmers of the Sunflower state. Bob also had the honor of serving as a member of the nominating committee.

AMERICAN FARMER: The American Farmer class this year totaled 179. Texas had the largest number of successful candidates, 19; Illinois 10; North Carolina 9; California and Wisconsin 8; and Arkansas, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee each had 7. Of the 47 states having FFA associations, 43 had successful candidates for the degree.

Kansas boys receiving this honor were Frederick Kissinger of the Ottawa chapter, and Allen Windhorst of the Minneapolis chapter.

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES: John L. McCaffrey, Chicago, president, International Harvester Co., Russell A. Firestone, Akron, Ohio, assistant treasurer of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.; Senator Walter F. George, Vienna, Ga., M. D. Mobley, Atlanta, Ga., director of vocational education; Wheeler McMillen, Philadelphia, editor-in-chief of the Farm Journal; Robert H. Reed, Philadelphia, editor of the Country Gentleman; and Roy Turner, Oklahoma City, president of the American Hereford association.

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STAR FARMER AWARDS: Star Farmer of America, William G. Carlin, Coatesville, Pennsylvania. Carlin also received the title of Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region, keeping the award in the family for the second straight year, his 21 year old brother, Walter D. Carlin, Jr., having won it in 1945. With this top honor went a check of \$500 from the Weekly Kansas City Star, presented by the former editor of the Star, Wilber A. Cochel.

Star Farmer of the Southern region, Bordy Lee Koon, Brashear, Texas, \$150 award.

Star Farmer of the Pacific region, Dennis O. Heitman, Garnerville, Nevada, \$150.

Star Farmer of the Central region, Paul H. Smart, Versailles, Kentucky, \$150.

Star Farmer of Kansas, Frederick Kissinger, Ottawa, \$100.

Star Farmer of Missouri, Jerry E. Stephens, Lutesville, Missouri \$100.

Star Farmer of Oklahoma, Kenneth R. Pults, Shawnee, Oklahoma, \$100.

Star Farmer of Arkansas, James Rowland, Harrison, Arkansas, \$100.

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST: First place winner was a Kansas boy, 17-years old, Marshall Schirer, of the Newton Chapter, who represented the Central region. Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schirer, spoke on "Soil, Our Wasted Heritage." With the honor goes an award of \$250.

Second: Lester Demmin, 17, a senior in the Hillsboro, Oregon, High School. Award \$200.

Third: Charles Mounce, Hamakuapoko, Maui, Hawaii, \$150.

Fourth: Bobby Porterfield, 16 years old, Powder Springs, Georgia, \$100.

Fifth: Theodore White, Madison, Connecticut, \$50.

Judges were Wheeler McMillen, editor-in-chief, FARM JOURNAL; Raymond W. Miller, president, American Institute of Cooperation; Wm. L. Clark, vice-president, J. I. Case Company.

CHAPTER AWARDS:

Gold Emblem Winners:

Buhler, Kansas Chapter, J. A. Johnson, adviser
 Alma Chapter, Alma, Michigan
 Neligh Chapter, Neligh, Nebraska
 Chenoa Chapter, Chenoa, Illinois
 Byron Chapter, Byron, Illinois
 Lafayette-Bryan Station Chapter, Lexington, Kentucky
 Versailles Chapter, Versailles, Kentucky
 Unidus Chapter, West Milford, West Virginia
 Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, Montana

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Albany Chapter, Albany, Oregon
South Emery Chapter, Ferron, Utah
Deland Chapter, Deland, Florida
Talbotton-Woodland Chapter, Talbotton, Georgia
Norman Chapter, Norman Oklahoma
Alpine Chapter, Alpine, Texas
Jasper Chapter, Jasper, Texas

SILVER EMBLEM WINNERS: Midland chapter, Midland, Michigan; Rugby chapter, Rugby, North Dakota; Canal-Winchester chapter, Canal Winchester, Ohio; Velva chapter, Velva, North Dakota; Hilliards chapter, Hilliards, Ohio; Magnolia chapter, New Martinsburg, West Virginia; Ermaus chapter, Ermaus, Pennsylvania; Limestone chapter, Limestone, Maine, Las Cruces chapter, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Tucumcari chapter, Tucumcari, New Mexico; Lake View chapter, Lakeview, Oregon; Shoshone chapter, Powell Wyoming; Binford chapter, Duck Hills, Mississippi; Sunset chapter, Sunset, Louisiana; Draper's Valley chapter, Draper, Virginia; Mary Persons chapter, Forsyth, Georgia.

BRONZE EMBLEM WINNERS: Mount Ayr chapter, Mount Ayr, Iowa; Canton chapter, Canton, South Dakota; Maryville chapter, Maryville, Missouri; Crescent chapter, Monmouth, Maine; Clinton Young Farmers chapter, Clinton, New York; Housatanic chapter, Falls Village, Connecticut; Yuma chapter, Yuma, Arizona; Holyoke chapter, Holyoke, Colorado; Malad chapter, Malad, Idaho; Medicine Lake chapter, Medicine Lake, Montana; Lakeside chapter, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Conway chapter, Conway, Arkansas; North River chapter, Mount Solon, Virginia; Benton chapter, Benton, Mississippi; Woodruff chapter, Woodruff, South Carolina; Smith County chapter, Carthage, Tennessee; Slidell chapter, Slidell, Louisiana.

HONORABLE MENTION WINNERS: Brookings chapter, Brookings, South Dakota, Nebraska City chapter, Nebraska City, Nebraska; Neosho chapter, Neosho, Missouri; Sherwood chapter, Sandy Springs, Maryland; Emmitsburg chapter, Emmitsburg, Maryland; Coolidge chapter, Coolidge, Arizona; Bledsoe chapter, Pikeville, Tennessee; Blaney chapter, Blaney, South Carolina.

FARM MECHANICS CONTEST WINNERS

First prize of \$250 was awarded to Lee Bennington, of Park River, North Dakota.

Other prize winners were Robert Barclay, Yuma, Arizona, \$225; Bert Gibbs, Justin, Texas, \$200; Howard Morton, Harrington, Delaware, \$175. The awards were made by the National Foundation of the Future Farmers of America.

FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST WINNERS: First place money of \$250 went to Alan J. McCoy, Lonepine, Montana.

Second place winner, Hubert Pratt, Spencer, Virginia \$225.
Third place, Eugene Merriam, Scio, New York \$200.
Fourth place, Kyle Doss, Kewanee, Illinois, \$175.

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President, Gus Ruben Douglass, Point Pleasant, West Virginia
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Second Vice President, William H. Morgan, Jr., Morgan City, Mississippi
Third Vice President, Paul H. Smart, Versailles, Kentucky

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Treasurer, D. J. Howard, Winchester, Virginia

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS PRESENT: Twenty-three past national officers of the Future Farmers of America attended the convention. These officers were called to the stage and introduced to the audience. Each officer gave a short talk, which we hope to publish in a later edition of THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER.

Past national officers present were: Robert Barthelmess, Olive, Montana; Julius B. Black, Ames, Iowa, Wallace Bryan, Memphis, Tennessee; Arthur E. Clifford, Bristol, Vermont; Robert A. Elwell, Gorham, Maine; Charles Fitzgerald, Sequim, Washington; Bryon Freeman, Blanchard, Iowa; Elmer L. Johnson, Winchester, New Hampshire; Ivan H. Kindschi, Marshall, Wisconsin; Oliver H. Kinzie, Cushing, Oklahoma; Roy G. Martin, Cotulla, Texas; Lex J. Murray, Santa Rosa, California; D. Harold Prichard, Boonville, Mississippi; John A. Reisz, Owensboro, Kentucky; O. B. Roller, Weyers Cave, Virginia; Sigvald J. Sandberg, Ortonville, Minnesota; Irwin J. Schenk, Vincennes, Indiana; Edgar Spiekerman, Goldendale, Washington; George W. Stelter, Albuquerque, New Mexico; William Stiers, Alexandria, Ohio; Andrew Sundstrom, Normandy, Missouri; Stanley Tschantz, Dalton, Ohio; Willard A. Visek, Ord, Nebraska.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

As the lights in the arena were turned to twilight dimness and a hush stole over the audience, 15,000 Future Farmers arose to their feet and stood in silence, as a procession of Future Farmers from New Jersey bearing the flags of the United Nations entered the arena and massed on the platform. Following this procession were sixteen young veterans, representing the four branches of service, all from the Shawnee Mission, Kansas, FFA Chapter, dressed in uniforms and wearing ribbons denoting all the theaters of combat, marched forward to martial strains played by the Utah FFA band, and took their places on the platform in front of the flags. Later as the band played the songs associated with the different branches of service, each group of four stood at attention. In a clear voice, Marion F. Baumgardner, Wellington, Texas, third national vice president, quoted from Isaiah 33: 15-16: "He that walketh righteously and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood; and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure."

"This is one of the most important ceremonies of our national Victory convention," said Baumgardner, "one in which we shall honor those young men who served so gallantly and courageously in the armed forces of our nation. Today, many of these young men have returned home, some more fortunate than others. There are those who left our country to defend our precious heritage who shall never return. It is with humbleness of spirit and sacredness of heart that we honor these young men today. Members of our organization have served in every branch of the service. They served well. They fought gallantly. They have brought honor to our organization and peace to our

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nation. They have brought liberty and freedom to the nations of the world. We can best honor these young men today by rededicating our lives to the ideals for which they fought. May we have the courage and ability to protect and insure the peace they have won. God grant that they shall not have fought in vain."

As the lights dimmed and as the Utah FFA band played "Our Country Tis of Thee," all eyes focused on the unveiling of the FFA service flag and its red bordered field of white with two stars--a gold star for the 7,188 members who gave their lives, and a blue star for the more than 260,000 members who wore their country's uniform.

Taps were sounded and the band played "Abide With Me."

Several uniformed veterans spoke briefly, among them was Roy Martin, past national officer in 1936-37, of Cotulla, Texas. A Lt. Colonel at 25, Roy piloted the famous "Boomerang" Liberty on 53 missions over enemy territory, credited with dropping a third of a million pounds of explosives and shooting down 12 fighters. His crew led the first Poleski Raid and returned with cornstalks clinging to the bomb bay.

"The future peace which the world is desirous of having," said Martin, "rests in the hands of the youth. No atomic bomb can maintain peace. Only the wisdom and technical skill of youthful minds can perpetuate it. As an investment in our future, the people must lend every available effort toward the development of its youth. It is this nation's solemn obligation to see that the citizens of the future have every opportunity in education, technical training, military training, and a thorough understanding of human relationship. May we never forget those who gave all their future to establish our freedom. May almighty God guide us to a great new era, the like of which man has never before known, where freedom, equality among men, justice, and the pursuit of happiness are everlasting."

Other veterans speaking included Sgt. John T. Flehmer of Pierce City, Missouri, who took part in the battles of Balet Pass, was wounded, and after spending three months in the hospital he went to Japan with his outfit; Lieut. Donald Dickey, with the 4th Marine division on Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima, where he lost an arm in his country's service; George Stelter, past president of the Kansas FFA Association, and past vice president of the national FFA organization, who was attached to the Underwater Demolition Team No. 18 of Task Force 51, Third Fleet, and was in the first group to land in Tokyo Bay just two days before the Japanese surrender.

J. Glyndon Stuff, Dixon, Illinois, national FFA president, told of the unstinting sacrifices which parents had made during the war. "It is impossible to express our gratitude personally to all parents," said Stuff, "but we can show our appreciation to one mother and one father as symbolic of those parents.

"Out near the northern shores of the Great Salt lake in Utah, in the small farming community of Thatcher, there is a farmhouse with five stars in the window. Four of them are gold. The four Borgstrom brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albon Borgstrom, lost their lives in the service of their country--Clyde in the Solomons; LeRoy in Italy; Rulon in France, and Rolon,

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his twin brother in England. Boyd, the fifth brother, a former Future Farmer, was recently released from the marine corps."

Mr. and Mrs. Borgstrom were then escorted to the platform and Mrs. Borgstrom was presented a large bouquet of red roses by Joseph Espey, Marysville, Missouri, fourth national vice president.

As Mr. and Mrs. Borgstrom took their seats on the platform, the Wisconsin FFA chorus of 60 voices sang, "Roger Young."

Through tear dimmed eyes, the audience rose and sang, "God Bless America," as the impressive memorial program was brought to a close.

VICTORY PAGEANT

An interesting part of the Wednesday morning program was the Victory Pageant illustrating the part played by Future Farmers on the home front in winning the war. On the stage was a large wooden "V", 33 feet long, with space for 53 containers, made by the members of the Shawnee Mission Chapter, with a background of United Nations flags. As the names of the states were called, a representative of that association, came forward bearing a tray on which was displayed an agricultural product produced in that state. Standing in the spotlight, the representative reported concerning the quantity of that product produced by members of his state, during the war years. The tray was then placed on the "V."

A summary of FFA achievements during the war showed that Future Farmers in Alabama produced 24,442,708 lbs. of peanuts; Arizona, 572,000 lbs. of long staple cotton; Arkansas, 6,000,000 bu. rice; California, 42,000,000 lbs. grapes; Colorado, 134,575 tons sugar beets; Connecticut, 16,860 lbs. wrapper tobacco; Delaware, 46,545,240 lbs. broilers; Florida, 50,000 boxes of oranges; Georgia, 576,248 bu. peaches; Hawaii, Future Farmers spent 750,000 hours of labor helping produce pineapples; Idaho, 90,600 lbs. of vegetable seed; Illinois, 1,611,975 bu. soybeans; Indiana, 4,050,615 bu. tomatoes; Iowa, 65,490,848 bu. corn; Kansas, 7,160,070 bu. wheat; Kentucky, 13,940,561 lbs. dark tobacco; Louisiana, 24,500 tons sugar cane; Maine, 9,341,686 bu. Irish potatoes; Maryland, Future Farmers kept 189,318 dairy cattle; Massachusetts, raised 10,838,035 pullets for egg production; Michigan, 1,038 tons cherries; Minnesota, 116,082,358 lbs. butter; Mississippi, 2,500,000 lbs. per year of pecans; Missouri, 171,967,383 dozen eggs; Montana, 266,113,370 lbs. beef products; Nebraska, 342,061,244 lbs. pork products; Nevada, 14,771,302 lbs. mutton; New Hampshire, 2,518,343 tons hay; New Jersey, 15,164,685 lbs. green beans; New York, 5,657,887,455 lbs. milk; North Carolina, 6,820,000 lbs. ripe tobacco; North Dakota, 2,547 acres flax; Ohio, 1,724,559 lbs. wool; Oklahoma, 1,154,610 tons alfalfa; Oregon, 38,907 tons hops; Pennsylvania, tremendous quantities of pulp wood, planted millions of trees on idle acres, and assisted in conservation of forests; Puerto Rico, 75,000 bunches of bananas, South Carolina, 192,304 bales of cotton; South Dakota, 9,418,954 bu. grain sorghums; Tennessee, 1,609,972 bu. sweet potatoes; Texas, raised an enormous quantity of grapefruit; Utah, 6,561,996 lbs. turkeys; Vermont, 2,120 gals. maple syrup; Virginia, 84,144 tons lespedeza; Washington, 1,320,501 bu. apples; West Virginia, 28,000 bu. buckwheat; Wisconsin, 123,672,650 lbs. milk; Wyoming, 31,323,764 lbs. lambs.

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In addition, Future Farmers purchased \$17,023,566.25 worth of bonds; constructed in school farm shops, 292,369 pieces of farm equipment; collected 424,467,134 lbs of scrap materials; repaired 621,900 farm machines in school farm shops as a part of their vocational agriculture programs.

FFA BROADCASTS

Many Future Farmers were heard on radio broadcasts made throughout the four days of the convention, over the Kansas station, WIBW, the Kansas City Star station, WDAF, and many other stations. Gene Shipley, farm service director for WIBW, took his mike to Kansas City, where he interviewed many Kansas Future Farmers as to their part in the convention. Kansas boys heard in broadcasts were members of the Shawnee Mission chapter and their adviser, H. D. Garver; Marshall Schirer, Newton; Bob Jones and Frederick Kissinger, Ottawa; Allen Windhorst, Minneapolis, members of the Buhler chapter and their adviser, J. A. Johnson. No doubt there were many others whose names we did not learn. Recordings of Marshall Schirer's winning speech and the interview with the Buhler chapter, winner of the Gold Emblem award, were made.

CONVENTION NOTES

The group singing on Wednesday evening program helped a lot in relieving the pent-up energy of the more than 14,000 Future Farmers who did not have an active part in the convention program. It would be a good thing if group singing could be made a part of every session at the annual convention..... For president of an international organization of Future Farmers, when such an organization is formed, Virgil Getto, Fallon, Nevada, national student secretary, '45-'46, is nominated. Young Getto's response to the address made by J. L. McCaffry, president, International Harvester Company, and chairman of the FFA Foundation, was a masterpiece. His sincerity and devotion to his duties was something to be remembered..... The popular Mississippi String Band which gave a number of performances featuring hill-billy music and songs, had a star performer in their bass viol player, Billy Duran, of Carthage, Mississippi, who kept the audience in a continual uproar with his antics and singing..... Much of the success of the convention was due to the two FFA bands from Utah and Pennsylvania; the Wisconsin FFA chorus of 60 male voices; and the Albany, Oregon FFA orchestra.... Another popular and unusual feature of entertainment was the "Green Corn Dance" by members of the Browning, Montana FFA chapter. With the exception of two boys, the cast was made up of Indian lads of the Blackfoot tribe, studying vocational agriculture. The narrator was Robert M. Sriver, a grandson of an early-day Indian trader in Montana, and an instructor in the Browning high school. The beaded costumes, sinew-sewed, and embellished with dyed quills, antedated the white man's invasion of Montana. The costume worn by the No. 1 chief, Winslow Devereaux, Star Farmer of Montana, was the garb worn by Two-Guns White Calf, the Blackfoot, who modeled for the Indian on the buffalo nickel. Devereaux, owner of 1,000 white-face cattle, flourished the Blackfoot battle flag of eagle tail feathers. The flag was handed down to the grandfather of Bob Edwards, and in turn was given young Edwards, one of the dancing warriors in the Green Corn dance.... Both the shortest and tallest Future Farmers seen at the convention came from Texas, 16 year old Richard Collins of Chillicothe, Texas, who measured a full 3' 10" in his beautiful hand-made child's No. 12 cowboy boots, and Roy Martin of Catulla, Texas, a former national officer, 6' 4". Young Collins with his beaming freckled face, had a grand time at the convention. Richard plans to be a journalist, not a farmer.

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He wants to write about farm problems and is studying vocational agriculture in order to learn about farming....The piano number, Concerto in B Flat, by Tschalkowsky, played by Rulon Bennee on the talent night program, was tops and a highlight of the evening's performance....Another number which pleased the audience and brought terrific applause, was the solo, "Long Time Gone," sung by Victor Faga of the Waco State Home Chapter, Texas,...Then there was the excellent performance of trick roping by Marvin Jolje and Francis Ellmgin, of Maddox, North Dakota. These young lads, they couldn't have been over 14 or 15, do all right when it comes to trick roping....As predicted by Mr. Davidson in his convention notes last year in the KANSAS FUTURE FARMER, of October 1945, an amendment to revise the constitution of the Future Farmers of America, making it possible for a state association to submit an American Farmer candidate for every 500 members, was an item of business coming before the delegates at the 1946 convention. This amendment was not recommended by the Board of Trustees, and came in for plenty of discussion, both pro and con, mostly con. The amendment was rejected 72 to 18, with the recommendation that a new amendment be submitted next year, which would do away with American Farmer applications being computed on the basis of number of active members in a state association. Instead it was recommended the qualifications for this degree be raised, and candidates elected only if they meet the requirements proposed. This amendment will be acted upon at the 1947 convention....It was also voted that an FFA exhibit be prepared by the national organization....Another recommendation made and carried was, that records of speeches, songs, band and orchestra numbers played at the Victory convention be made and compiled in an album for purchase by state associations and Future Farmer members....Another recommendation given consideration by the delegation and carried was the organizing of a national FFA band, to be composed of two representatives from each state association, the band to appear at the 1947 convention...The question of the advisability of state associations supporting the FFA Foundation to the extent that each chapter contribute \$1 each to the Foundation was brought before the House of Delegates. A motion was made and carried that this be done and that the state associations notify their chapters to that effect. Chapter contributions are to be made to the state associations, and in turn sent to the national office....A motion was made to bar from national competition for two years, all Gold Emblem winners in the National Better Chapter contest. This motion was voted down by a vote of 48 to 33, the delegates contending that chapters should be encouraged to compete in such a contest, and that if gold emblem winners were barred, winning the gold emblem would not mean too much, with consistent winners being out of the race....National president Glydon Stuff had the pleasure of presenting the American Farmer key to his brother, Gerald, who was discharged from the army just in time to attend the convention. ...The smile on the face of young Raymond Dick, when he went to the platform to receive the certificate given the Buhler, Kansas chapter for winning the Gold Emblem award in the Better Chapter contest, was something to see. He was about the happiest one person we ever saw. Young Dick was president of the Buhler chapter in 1945....Livestock judging contests will be resumed again next year, according to A. W. Tenney, national executive secretary. Announcement as to number of contests will be made later....A beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums was presented the Future Farmers by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cuff of Kansas City. Mr. Cuff has been a friend of Future Farmers ever since the organization of the FFA, and is greatly admired by the group. Mrs. Cuff, a gracious and lovely lady, is also held in high esteem by all Future Farmers....A new entrance on Mt. Vernon highway to the national FFA camp will be opened next spring....

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Large prints from a drawing of the Old Mill, made by a well known artist, can now be obtained at 25 cents each....The FFA camp will open next year, May 15 and close Sept. 10. Mr. Tenney urged all chapters to make reservations before visiting the camp....Wm. Morgan of the Morgan City, Mississippi chapter, made an excellent talk concerning his trip with 35 other citizens from Mississippi, who were sent by their home state with a shipload of cattle to the hungry citizens of Greece. Morgan, newly elected second national vice president, makes a fine appearance and has all the qualifications of a good officer....The entire group of newly elected national officers looked good to us, and we haven't any qualms as to how the affairs of the organization will be handled during the coming year....National president, Glyndon Stuff, brought a smile to the faces in the audience at the Thursday morning session, when he turned to the members of the Future Homemakers delegation and said, "Thanks, I enjoyed that very much," when they had finished singing, "I'll be Loving You Always," in response to the number, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," sung by the Wisconsin chorus. Greetings were brought to the FFA group from the national FHA organization by their president, Jacqueline Brown, Westminster, Maryland....Our own Mr. Davidson, executive adviser of the Kansas FFA Association, came into the limelight Thursday morning, when W. T. Spanton, national FFA adviser, made an announcement to the group that because of illness, Mr. Davidson was forced to miss the Victory Convention, the first he had missed in 19 years. Tribute was paid Mr. Davidson by Mr. Spanton for his good work in the FFA, and a motion was made and carried by the delegates that they extend a token of appreciation to Mr. Davidson for his leadership in their behalf....We've never attended a national political meeting, but we doubt if any more silver tongue oratory was ever heard in a national Democratic or Republican convention, than that heard from the delegates, when John Lanier of Hammond, Louisiana, placed in nomination from the floor, the name of John Tart, Goldsboro, North Carolina, for second vice president, after the nominating committee had made their report. The debate that followed was plenty hot, the group got mixed up in their parliamentary procedure rules, President Stuff, just as bewildered as the rest of the members, anxiously rapped for attention and called the official parliamentarian to the floor for a decision. Things were finally straightened out, and Tart and the candidate named by the nominating committee, Wm. Morgan, for second vice president, were called to the platform for inspection by the delegates. The boys finally settled back in their seats and voted on the candidacies of Tart and Morgan, and elected Morgan by an overwhelming vote....It was a privilege to attend this mighty fine convention and an experience we will never forget. Even after working with Future Farmers on the state level for more than ten years, we still continue to thrill at the performance of this splendid group of farm boys, and to see the evidence of their sincerity of purpose, their loyalty to their work and friends, and above all, their loyalty to the policies advocated by the Future Farmers of America. We are very grateful we were permitted to attend this greatest of all conventions, and to meet those men responsible for the success of the national organization, A. W. Tenney, executive secretary, and W. T. Spanton, national adviser. As long as these men are leaders of the organization, its success is assured and the Future Farmers will continue to be known as "the finest group of farm boys in the world."

SEEN AT THE CONVENTION: The first person to greet us at the convention was the genial James Pearson of the national office, who made it his business to see that we were supplied with everything except the key to the city. "Jimmy" as he is known to his friends, was a very busy person and was doing a good job of looking after a million jobs at one time....Then there was Russell L. Guin,

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vice president of the Interstate Printing Co., whom we've wanted to meet for years, ever since we first read his newsletter, THE GUIN NEWS. Guin is noted for his sharp wit. His correspondence with A. P. Davidson, especially along political questions, is something that should be preserved in the Smithsonian Institute. Guin had with him, Bob Romack, editor of FARM YOUTH, and "Tony," (we couldn't spell his last name if we wanted to), famous for his grin and his masterful performance on the accordion. Kansas FFA advisers will remember Tony for his appearance at a state meeting several years ago.... Farm born, Bob Reed, Kansan, and editor of the COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, whom we have known by name for many years, but had never met. Bob is a likable fellow, easy to know, and greatly admired by those in the agricultural field. With Reed was J. I. Bingham, associate editor.... E. J. Johnson of Montana, regional agent in agricultural education, who would be mighty fine public relations for any large industry.... From the American Vocational Association were L. H. Dennis, executive secretary; C. L. Greiber, president; M. D. Mobley, past president; and H. C. Fetterolf, vice president for agriculture, a mighty fine group of men.... Jack Gunning, Wisconsin, winner of the national FFA public speaking contest in 1937, and now doing a good job in Dairy Farm Service for the Kraft Foods company.... Glenn Cook, of Michigan State College, who has a revision of his Handbook almost ready for the press.... Milton R. Dunk, editor of BETTER METHODS OF FARMING, who is doing an excellent job with that publication.... A man hard to locate was R. Lano Barron, supervisor of vocational agriculture in Texas, who publishes one of the best FFA state newsletters in the United States. Barron was more than busy looking after the large delegation from Texas. Members of this delegation weren't any different than any other persons we've ever met from the Lone Star state. They didn't hesitate to let you know that Texas was the best, not only in the nation, but the entire world. Never-the-less, we found them to be a grand bunch of boys.... Dr. R. W. Gregory, Washington, assistant commissioner for Vocational Education, who made a splendid speech at the convention.... C. C. Cogswell, Master, Kansas State Grange, who made one of the better speeches heard during the four days.... C. L. Mast Jr., editor and publisher of the AGRICULTURAL LEADERS DIGEST, an interesting person to meet.... Jack Huff, director of public relations for the national FFA organization. A graduate of Cornell, Huff is doing a marvelous job for the Future Farmers.... Jow Jarvis, Omaha, Neb., general livestock agent for the Union Pacific. Sorry we didn't get a chance to say hello to Mr. Jarvis, but we did have the pleasure of meeting two of his Union Pacific agricultural agents, Wesley Soulier, Salt Lake City, and Lee Wagner, Boise Idaho.... Having a lot of fun was the good natured J. K. Coggin, State College Station, Raleigh, North Carolina, official "picture taker" for the national FFA organization.... There were many, many other "big names" present at the convention, whom we heard introduced from the platform and from the speakers table at the banquet, some of whom we met personally. One of the Well-known public relations men attending the convention was George P. Couper from California. We are sorry we didn't get to meet Mr. Couper. We wanted to thank him for an article which he wrote for AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION several months ago, from which we obtained many ideas for our maiden speech at the state convention of home economics leaders last summer.

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"I am only one of over 200,000 Future Farmers throughout the United States, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I ought to do, I can do. And what ^{national} I can do, by the grace of God, I will do."--Virgil Getto, Fallon, Nevada, Student Secretary, Future Farmers of America, in an address at the Victory Convention, 1946.

note: This "I am only one" poem was written by Cannon

EXCERPTS FROM CONVENTION REPORT OF

A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary

The national organization of Future Farmers of America was founded in Kansas City, Missouri, in the Fall of 1928. Each year since that date we have held a national convention in this city. This is our nineteenth annual convention. More than one million boys have enjoyed the privilege of membership in the Future Farmers of America.

Members of the Future Farmers of America played a vital part in our war effort. From 1941 up to the present time members of the F.F.A. performed many types of activities that helped with the war and reconversion efforts. The following national summaries show the scope of these activities for the past five years:

1. Total maturity value of war and Victory bonds purchased in the name of the State associations....	\$ 97,861.00
2. Total maturity value of war and Victory bonds and stamps purchased by chapters and individual members.....	17,023,566.26
3. Total maturity value of war and Victory bonds and stamps sold by chapters and individual members....	18,415,126.53
4. Pounds of scrap metal collected by chapters.....	352,885,162
5. Pounds of paper collected by chapters.....	65,187,206
6. Bushels of rags collected by chapters.....	5,884,630
7. Number of burlap bags collected by chapters.....	1,694,767
8. Pounds of rubber collected by chapters.....	6,394,766
9. Number of members who served in the armed forces of the United States (Active and Associate).....	260,450
10. Number of members who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces of our Country.....	7,188
11. Number of Victory Gardens grown by F.F.A. members.	221,314
Total acreage.....	111,261 $\frac{1}{2}$
Number of Victory Gardens grown by F.F.A. chapters	15,151
Total acreage.....	10,589
12. Number of farm workers placed on farms through the aid of the F.F.A.	50,218
13. Number of F.F.A. members who helped Victory Farm Volunteers to become acquainted with farm life ...	32,316
14. Number of Victory Farm Volunteers helped by F.F.A. members to become acquainted with farm life.....	41,804
15. Number of farm machines repaired by F.F.A. members	621,900

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16. Number of pieces of farm equipment constructed.....	292,369
17. Number of food conservation centers constructed and equipped with the assistance of F.F.A. chapters	2,352
18. Number of No. 2 cans of food processed by F.F.A. chapters.....	12,233,033
19. Number of No. 2 cans of food processed and sent to other Nations to assist in the alleviation of famine.....	1,000,000

These achievements have been recognized by your Government. Last year the U. S. Treasury Department presented a special citation to the F.F.A., which read as follows: "For distinguished services rendered in behalf of the War Finance Program this citation is awarded to the Future Farmers of America". The War Production Board gave a similar citation a few years ago for services rendered in behalf of the national scrap harvest. At our national convention in 1943 we were all thrilled to receive a telegram from our late president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, in which he said, "Congratulations to Future Farmers of America. Your work on the farm front is vital to our success on the battlefronts of the world".

State associations made many outstanding records during the war years. Hawaii has purchased \$11,000 worth of bonds in the name of the association; California \$9,000; Alabama, \$14,000; Texas, \$10,000; Mississippi, \$7,000; and Virginia, \$5,700. Impressive records have been made by F.F.A. chapters and members in many States in the purchase of war bonds and stamps. The following States have made significant contributions in this respect: Texas, \$2,807,230.57; Illinois, \$1,530,981.00; Kentucky, \$1,335,600.00; Oklahoma, \$1,044,994.92; Minnesota, \$928,997.00; and, Arkansas, \$633,735.00. Many State associations have been active in the sale of war bonds and stamps. Kentucky sold \$3,450,000.00; Virginia, \$1,687,041.66; Louisiana, \$1,516,986.25; and Texas, \$1,280,401.90.

In scrap metal collections Texas reported 47,628,752 pounds; Oklahoma, 20,975,575; Michigan, 10,758,448; and Kansas, 10,673,423.

Members of the Texas Association repaired 165,380 farm machines during the war years; Arkansas repaired 61,239.

Members of the Georgia Association processed 3,828,278 No. 2 cans of food; Texas canned 2,111,381.

We have received many thrilling stories concerning the service rendered by members of the F.F.A. who served in the armed forces of our Country.

Andrew King, a member of the Oregon Association was one of the first men to lose his life in the Navy at Pearl Harbor. An American Legion Post in the Hawaiian Islands has been named for him. Captain D. W. Hedrick, former State President of the Washington Association and American Farmer, received a Silver Star while flying with Chenault's Flying Tigers in China. Let us not forget that Roger Young, whose fame has been recorded in song, was an F.F.A. member from Ohio; that the first Yank soldier to enter Berlin,

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Germany, was Harvey Matchees, of the Toyock, Utah, F.F.A. Chapter and that at least two of our members received the Congressional Medal of Honor. These two were Jacob Lindsey, of the Rocky Creek, Mississippi, Chapter and Bob E. Bush, of Valley High School Chapter, in Washington.

The following report of accomplishments, for the year 1945-46, is based on the National Program of Work adopted at the national convention last year:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishments</u>
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for post-war demands	100% member participation	85.4%
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	54.0%
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	54.4% improved livestock 49.6% improved crops
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	91.1%
II. COOPERATION		
1. Cooperating with other groups on readjustment	100% chapter participation	87.4%
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	66.0%
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Assisting returning servicemen	100% member and chapter participation	52.5% chapters
2. Assisting with farm labor shortage	100% chapter participation	
3. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery	100% member and chapter participation	51.4 members 75.6 chapters
4. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State associations with safety programs	63.3% associations
5. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	46.7% members 66.6% chapters

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<u>Activity</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishments</u>
6. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	44.1% members
7. Salvaging needed materials	100% member and chapter participation	
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	69.4%
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books	83.6%
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	98 States 44.3 chapters
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	92.4%
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	100% States 79.1% chapters
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	75.5%
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	77.6%
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does	28.5% chapters issued news sheets and newsletters 60.5% chapters prepared publicity regularly 51.0% States sponsored radio series 15.8% chapters prepared and gave broadcasts

Excerpts from Convention Report of A. W. Tenney (continued)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Buying Victory bonds and stamps	100% of chapters participating in Victory Bond Drive	47.6% members purchased bonds and stamps
2. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	44.9% members 58.4% chapters
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Using official manuals	100% of members having access to official Manuals	84.9%
2. Using Official secretary and treasurer books	100% of chapters using both books	76.5% secretary's books 72.7% treasurer's book
3. Providing official meeting paraphernalia equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	78.2% chapters 89.8% associations
4. Using official ceremonies	100% of the chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	89.2% chapters
5. Planning State Victory conventions	100% of State associations holding Victory conventions	95.9%
6. Meetings	Every member attend at least 80% of chapter meetings	87.3% chapters held regular meetings 71.3% members
VII. SCHOLARSHIP		
1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	88.2% chapters helped members improve scholarship

Excerpts from Convention Report of A. W. Tenney (continued)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
VIII. RECREATION		
1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	66.9%
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Day	100% of State associations participating	53.0%
3. Maintaining National Camp	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition	(See Special Report)
IX. GENERAL		
1. Maintaining membership	204,000 active members	206,104 members

CAMPS

The National F.F.A. Camp was operated during the past year. Twelve State associations operated a camp for members during the summer. A number of associations are making plans to obtain a camp and start a camping program.

NATIONAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS

We received 57 reports in the National Chapter Contest in 1945-46. The quality of work done by F.F.A. chapters that submitted final reports is unusually high this year.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, is sponsoring two new national awards. These awards are Farm Mechanics and Farm and Home Electrification. American Farmer awards and prizes for winners in the National Public Speaking Contest will again be given by the Foundation. The Foundation also provides appropriate State awards.

SUMMARY

The summary of the work done by the various State associations for the year ending June 30, 1946, based on information obtained from their annual reports, is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters.....	6,000
Total number white departments of vocational agriculture without F.F.A. chapters.....	543
Total active membership in chartered chapters.....	206,104

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree.....	98,015
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree.....	99,651

Excerpts from Convention Report of A. W. Tenney (continued)

Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree.....	4,860
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree.....	296
Total active membership.....	204,547
Total number of Associate members (local).....	167,478
Total number of Honorary members (local).....	19,940
Total number of Honorary members (State).....	2,546
Grand total membership.....	381,980
I. SUPERVISED FARMING	
Number of members who participated in production of food	175,958
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs.....	111,374
Number of members who used improved livestock practices.	112,057
Number of members who used improved crop production practices.....	102,205
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work.....	5,466
II. COOPERATION	
Number of chapters cooperating with other groups.....	5,241
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort.....	136,114
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE	
Number of chapters that assisted returning servicemen to become readjusted to farm life.....	3,149
Number of servicemen assisted by chapters to become readjusted to farm life.....	27,796
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	105,876
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	4,533
Number of State associations having a safety program in operation.....	31
Number of members engaging in organized conservation work.....	96,290
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work.....	3,998
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment.....	90,861
IV. LEADERSHIP	
Number of State associations that nominated their full quota of American Farmers.....	34
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more F.F.A. books.....	5,015
Number of State associations that held a public speaking contest.....	48

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Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest...	2,659
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings.....	5,545
Number of State associations having a written continuing program of work.....	49
Number of chapters having definite continuing written program of work.....	4,747
Number of State associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheet regularly.....	37
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters.	1,710
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly.....	3,628
Number of State associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members.....	38
Number of leadership training schools or conferences provided.....	408
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences.....	4,174
Number of members participating in leadership training schools or conferences.....	29,988
Number of State associations sponsoring radio broadcast series.....	25
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs.....	946
Number of chapters within the State visited by State boy officers during the past year.....	1,133
Number of members attending last National F.F.A. convention.....	351

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of members who purchased Victory bonds and stamps.....	98,195
Number of chapters that purchased Victory bonds and stamps.....	2,112
Number of State associations purchasing Victory bonds and stamps.....	23
Number of members carrying out definite thrift practices.....	92,472
Number of chapters participating in thrift practices...	3,501

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of members who have access to the Official Manual.....	174,895
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book.....	4,589
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book.....	4,361
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	4,690
Number of State associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	44

Excerpts from Convention Report of A. W. Tenney (continued)

Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings.....	5,351
Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	5,240
Number of State associations holding a convention.....	47
Number of members who have attended at least 80% of chapter meetings.....	146,953

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship.....	5,289
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VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation.....	4,723
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities.....	137,819
Number of State associations having a State camp in operation during the year.....	12
Number of members attending State camps.....	9,828
Number of chapters represented.....	1,022
Number of State associations participating in National F.F.A. Day program.....	26

C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by active members as of January 1 of this year.....	\$26,605,066.32
Number of collegiate chapters of F.F.A. reported in operation.....	16
Reported membership in collegiate chapters.....	366

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KANSAS FFA HAS ENVIABLE ACHIEVEMENT RECORD

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America played an important part in the wartime activities report included in the national report made by National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, October 21, at the National Victory Convention of the Future Farmers of America.

Kansas Future Farmers under the supervision of state and chapter advisers started their intensive war program in the early days of the war and their efforts have been continuous. Records in the state office provide ample evidence of the important part played by active FFA members in winning the war on the home front.

From 1941 to 1946, the 4,500 Future Farmers in Kansas purchased a total of \$599,120 in war bonds and stamps as chapters and individuals; collected 10,673,423 lbs. of scrap iron; 2,391,537 lbs. paper; 60,469 lbs. rags; 360,440 lbs. of rubber.

Kansas FFA has Enviably Achievement Record (continued)

In food production they have the following record to their credit in total amount produced from 1941-'46: beef, 8,769,000 lbs.; pork, 6,372,000 lbs.; mutton, 288,000 lbs.; eggs 72,720 cases; chickens, 144,000 broilers and 139,000 pullets; turkeys, 38,000; dairy cattle, 2,391 head; milk, 2,160,000 gals.; lambs, 7,980 head; soy beans, 72,000 bu.; corn, 306,000 bu.; wheat, 1,920,000 bu.; hay, 3,432 tons; alfalfa, 3,582 tons; grain sorghum, 738,000 bu.; victory gardens, 6,759 acres.

In addition to the above Kansas FFA members found time to repair a total of 23,354 farm machines and constructed 15,097 pieces of farm equipment; 2,010 volunteer workers were placed on Kansas farms through the aid of Future Farmers; and 1,344 boys served as Victory Farm Volunteers.

A total of 5,628 active and associate Kansas Future Farmers served in the armed forces.

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KANSAS 1946 AMERICAN FARMERS

Among the 178 FFA members awarded the American Farmer degree at the National FFA Victory Convention in Kansas City, October 20-24, were two Kansas boys, Frederick Kissinger, Ottawa chapter, and Allen Windhorst, Minneapolis chapter. With the degree went a cash award of \$25 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

Frederick Kissinger was declared the Star Farmer for Kansas and received the Kansas City Weekly Star cash award of one-hundred dollars.

Climaxing a four year farming program in 1945 as a part of his course in vocational agriculture, Frederick Kissinger, a graduate of the Ottawa High School, with four production purebred Guernsey cows, three heifer and three bull purebred calves, and a half interest in the income and natural increase of 16 registered Guernsey milking cows and 139 acres of feed crops, was one of two members of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America to receive the American Farmer degree this year.

Frederick's achievement came from a modest start as a freshman in 1942, when he purchased a purebred Guernsey heifer from his father, which has served as a foundation cow for his Guernsey herd. This cow, Springdale Blondell, has two advanced registry production records of 359.9 and 422 pounds of butterfat per year.

Under the supervision of S.S. Bergsma, vocational agriculture instructor in the Ottawa High School, Frederick's farming program was carried out on his father's 130 acre farm, the Springdale Guernsey farm one mile east of Ottawa.

For the past five years his major purpose has been to establish a herd of registered Guernsey cattle. Through natural increase he now has full ownership of the four production cows, and six calves, and in addition owns a tractor, cultivator, tractor plow, side delivery rake, tractor mower, tractor disk, one milking machine, and one-half interest in another milking machine.

From a beginning inventory of \$284.02 in 1942, he finished his senior year in May 1945 with a net worth of \$3,877.66.

Kansas 1946 American Farmers (continued)

Following his graduation, Frederick formed a partnership agreement with his father, whereby he was to retain ownership of his livestock and equipment, and share 50 per cent in the income and natural increase from his father's herd of 16 cows, all but one of which are registered Guernseys.

The foundation cow of the senior Kissinger's herd was the famous Darrington Goldie VI, imported from England during World War I. The Kansas history text books carried a picture of Goldie VI for many years. All the Springdale herd traces back to this one cow. Mr. Kissinger has never purchased another female cow for his herd. In 1919 Goldie had an official butterfat record of 659 lbs.

The Kissingers plan to raise all of the feed for their dairy herd with the exception of concentrates. This year they had 139 acres of feed and pasture crops.

Last year the senior Kissingers moved to town leaving Frederick and his wife, the former Eleanor Seright of Ottawa, in charge of the dairy farm. The plan is that Frederick will gradually work into full ownership of the Guernsey herd.

Young Kissinger has had a lot of experience fitting cattle for the show ring at county and major fairs. He was active in school activities and was president of the Ottawa FFA Chapter and a member of the Student Council during his senior year. He played left guard on the Ottawa High School squad, and was a member of the Civil Air Patrol during his junior and senior years, and of the "O" Club, a high school organization of lettered athletes, during his last three years of school.

The other Future Farmer from Kansas to receive the coveted American Farmer Degree award was Allen Windhorst of the Minneapolis Chapter, who served as secretary to the Kansas Association of FFA during 1944-45.

Allen started his supervised farming program in the fall of 1941, under the supervision of Joe Greene, vocational agriculture instructor in the Minneapolis High School, with five steers valued at \$545.50 which he already owned. He sold the five steers in December and purchased five steer calves to fatten, a Shorthorn heifer calf and a Chester White gilt. In the spring he planted 10 acres of Atlas for feed.

Continuing with his Shorthorn heifer and five fattening steers, he purchased in his sophomore year, a Shorthorn cow, a heifer calf, 9 shoats to fatten, and 2 Poland China gilts.

He began his third year of vocational agriculture under the guidance of J. Willis Jordan, present instructor in the Minneapolis High School. Selling the five steers he was fattening and 15 fat hogs, he purchased 5 more steers in November and planted 10 acres of Atlas and 5 acres of hybrid as feed crops.

That summer he rented 160 acres of upland and seeded 90 acres to wheat, 29 acres were summer fallowed, and the rest was pasture land; sold his sows, 19 fat hogs and two 400 lb. calves of his own raising.

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In the fall of his senior year he sold 11 fat pigs of his own raising, 6 fat steers, and purchased a Shorthorn heifer calf and a registered Shorthorn heifer. The last heifer he bought with a cash award he received from the Firestone Co., as one of the outstanding State Farmers in 1944. That year he increased his net worth \$1,000. On January 1, 1946, he had a total net worth of \$3,145.03.

Allen's farming program has been carried out on his father's farm located 12 miles east of Minneapolis. Although he is attending Kansas State College, Manhattan, this year, he is continuing with his farming program started while a high school student of vocational agriculture. His program this year included 5 Shorthorn cows and their calves, 5 deferred fattening calves, 1 Chester White sow, 8 pigs, 100 acres wheat, 4 acres Atlas, 5 acres corn, 20 acres summer fallow. He and his father operate a total of 720 acres of land, including pasture. Driving home each Friday from college, he spends the week ends taking care of his field work and helping his father with other farm work.

Allen was very active in high school activities and ranked in the upper ten per cent of his class. In addition to serving as president of the Minneapolis FFA chapter in his junior year, he was a member of the glee club and band all four years of high school and a member of the high school orchestra the last two years; was a member of the student council and Hi-y in his junior year and a member of the senior play cast. He was also a member of the high school national Honor Society.

Allen has been a consistent winner of blue ribbons at county fairs in beef and crop classes ever since his first year in high school.

He has been especially strong in home improvement. He planned and helped convert the milk barn to grade A standards, painted all farm buildings, planted and cared for 125 shade trees and aided in landscaping the yard, built a hen house, planned and helped build a farm shop, wired two poultry houses, farm shop, one garage and barn with electricity, and built a fence around the yard. In addition he has done considerable motor overhauling, and tractor and farm machinery repair work. All equipment and farm machinery on the Windhorst farm is kept in first class condition.

Since graduation, Allen has worked in partnership with his father in operating the farm.

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The International Harvester Company dedicated their Sunday, October 20, NBC radio program "Harvest of Stars" to the Future Farmers of America.

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Because of the importance of reporting fully on the Victory FFA convention it was found necessary to defer publishing the chapter news in this issue, until a later issue. ---A.P.D.

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BUHLER CHAPTER WINS NATIONAL GOLD EMBLEM AWARD

The Buhler, Kansas Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, J.A. Johnson, adviser, was chosen one of 16 top-prize-winning local chapters throughout the country and was given the Gold Emblem Award at the F.F.A. National Victory Convention, October 23.

The "Gold Emblem" award was made to the Buhler Chapter before 15,000 FFA members from every state in the Union, Puerto Rico and Hawaii, the largest gathering of farm boys ever held in this country. The FFA organization is composed entirely of boy students of vocational agriculture in the high schools of the nation.

A well planned and well executed program of work brought the award to the Buhler chapter. It previously received the "Gold Emblem" recognition in 1944, thereby becoming the first Kansas chapter to receive two gold emblem awards in the National chapter contest. Both winning chapter programs were under the leadership of J. A. Johnson, local chapter adviser.

With major emphasis on food production, Buhler chapter members produced 50,581 pounds of meat and poultry, as well as 88,403 pounds of milk, 5,484 dozen eggs and 500 pounds of wool. Average number of productive projects completed per member was 3.2, with an average of 2.7 improvement projects per boy.

In addition to food produced by Buhler FFA members, they raised 190 tons silage, 935 bu. oats, 726 bu. milo, 210 bu. corn, 5,313 bu. wheat, 245 bu. barley, 11 tons alfalfa hay, 3,821 lbs. vegetables, and an average of 224 days of pasture per boy.

The entire in-school membership had planned four year farming programs; 90 per cent kept up-to-date records; 100 per cent used purebred sires; 100 per cent used pure seed, 50 per cent treated seed planted; each boy averaged 2.68 home improvements, and the members had an average of \$565.77 invested in their farming program. 91.4 members repaired an average of 1.9 farm machines.

Cooperative activities of the chapter included buying and selling pigs, purebred sheep, minerals, seeds, butterfat, mutton and wool. The chapter has been instrumental in establishing the use of certified seed in the community.

Cooperating with Uncle Sam they gave \$5 to the national war fund; \$10 to polio fund and were responsible for collecting \$75 in the community for the polio fund; \$10 to war relief in Europe; collected 1,000 lbs. paper, and made 47 tools from scrap iron.

Another worth-while cooperative activity carried on by this chapter for the past ten consecutive years is the preparation of a booth for Reno county in the County Agricultural Collective booth exhibit at the state fair at Hutchinson. In this exhibit the state is divided into divisions, eastern, central and western, due to variation in crop adaptability. Ten or more farms must be represented in each exhibit and all products must have been produced during the current year. For six consecutive years, first place in the central division has been won by the Buhler Chapter. This year for the second time, the Reno county booth prepared by this chapter won the grand champion award in all areas with a total score of 1119 out of a possible 1200.

Buhler Chapter Wins National Gold Emblem Award (continued)

As a service to farmers in the community, chapter members castrated 29 calves, 190 lambs; docked 285 lambs; vaccinated 129 calves, 120 pigs; culled 1,783 hens; treated 100 bu. grain; butchered 62 hogs, dehorned 108 calves; wormed 1,225 hens and 134 pigs; treated 192 head cattle for grubs, 171 pigs for lice, 1,459 hens for worms; drenched 380 ewes for worms; destroyed 4,765 pests in the past year, and repaired 75 pieces of farm equipment in the school farm shop.

In addition they promoted a campaign for prevention of livestock disease and parasites. The campaign was carried on by members, first learning to use supplies and equipment and in turn demonstrating to others. The chapters furnished a dipping vat, grub powder, vaccination needle, and information in disease and parasite prevention. Grubs in cattle have practically been eliminated in the Buhler area after four years of concerted effort. This year only 192 head were treated because so many cattle were free from grubs. The chapter has also made arrangements to buy a power sprayer, that can be used for sheep, cattle, hogs, barns, poultry houses, etc. They have set their goal to spray all livestock in the school district, which includes 104 square miles.

Service to the community by members of the chapter included landscaping the school grounds and setting out 18 oak trees, 3 Russian olive trees, 18 cedar trees and 3 pine trees; treated bindweed on the football field; produced 11,000 new varieties of sweet potato plants, and conducted a safety campaign which was put into actual practice at home with the result that no accidents occurred on the 40 home farms.

This year, the Buhler Chapter was host, October 15, to the FFA leadership school held for FFA officers in this district. This year marks the tenth consecutive year they have acted as host for the leadership schools held by the Kansas FFA Association in this district as one of 11 such schools held in the state.

The boys also made a cattle guard and set it in the opening to the barnyard of a farmer in the community who was ill. The guard was so built that the farmer could turn his sheep in to keep the weeds down thereby lessening his work. A plow and scraper were furnished by members for the work. Two days were spent in excavating and placing the box.

In home improvement 97 per cent of the members helped beautify their homes by trimming shrubbery, grading drives, setting out trees, and painting houses and buildings; 89.19 per cent of members practiced conservation. Gulleys were dammed, some farmed on contour, all practiced turning under all stubble, all manure was returned to the soil, and pasture rotation was practiced.

Raymond Dick was president of the chapter during the past year.

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W. A. Cochel, editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star, was honored at the Victory Convention with a citation by the national organization of Future Farmers of America for his continuous cooperation and leadership given the organization throughout the past 19 years of its history. Mr. Cochel stated that he hoped to continue to serve the FFA for many years to come.

MARSHALL SCHIRER WINS NATIONAL FFA SPEECH CONTEST

With the winning of first place by Marshall Schirer of Newton in the national Future Farmers of America public speaking contest, October 21, in Kansas City, Kansas added another name to its enviable record of top honor winners in regional and national contest held annually for the past 17 years.

Fifteen winners in the state contests held by the Kansas Future Farmers of America have competed in the 16 regional meets held since 1930. In 1943, a regional contest was not held; instead, a sub-regional meet was held. First place winners from 12 states vie for top honors in the regional elimination contest for the right to represent their state in the national.

The 15 Kansas Future Farmers participating in the regional contests have won four firsts, four seconds, two thirds, two sevenths, two ninths and one placed eleventh. A Kansas boy, Earl Mitchell of the Jayhawk Chapter, Lawrence, winner of the state meet in 1944, and a regional entry, was accidentally killed just a few days prior to the regional. Mitchell's paper had been rated No. 1 on content by Washington judges.

The four Future Farmers from the Sunflower state competing for national honors have won one first, one second and one fourth. Schirer's placing this year changes this to two firsts, one second, and one fourth.

On the basis of 12 states, competing in the regional, Kansas should have entered the national as representative 1.23 times. Instead, 1946, is the fourth time Kansas had had the honor of representing the regional at the national meet.

This is a record any state would be mighty proud to have and one of which Kansas is justly proud. It is hoped that Kansas Future Farmers will continue to evince an interest in agricultural problems and that they will be equally successful in the future in preparing and defending talks on subjects of their choice.

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SHAWNEE MISSION FFA MEMBERS IN MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Sixteen boys, all veterans of the Shawnee Mission Chapter of Future Farmers of America, served as the color guard for the unveiling of the FFA Service Flag at the special memorial services, held October 21 at the national victory FFA convention in Kansas City, honoring Future Farmers of the Nation who gave their lives in World War II.

With the exception of one, all 16 boys representing the Army, Navy, Air Corps, and the Marines, saw overseas combat service.

Representing the Army in the color guard were Albert S. Coates*, who served in India; Walter Smith, European Theater, and wearer of the Purple Heart; Conrad Flinn, United States; and Don Lawrence, Purple Heart and European Theater.

*President Kansas association 1937-38, third national vice-president 1938-39.

Shawnee Mission FFA Members in Memorial Program (continued)

From the Navy were Tom James with service in South Pacific and member of the Saratoga when she was attacked; Oren Page, South Pacific; Robert Purinton, European Theater; and Ralph Mullen, South Pacific and European Theater.

Air Corps veterans were Lawrence Bauer, a bomber with 35 missions to his credit; John Mumaw, who participated in many missions in the European Theater; Eugene Trent, pilot in European Theater; and Chet Sebert, European Theater.

Representing the Marines were Leroy Wisner, Melvin Wisner, Robert Wasson, and Louis McAnany, all with service in the South Pacific.

In charge of recruiting and training the color guard was veteran of World War I, H.D. Garver, vocational agriculture instructor and local adviser of the Shawnee Mission Chapter.

The first Future Farmer in Kansas to lose his life in World War II was Robert McAnany, a member of the Shawnee Mission Chapter. Seven members of this Future Farmer chapter made the supreme sacrifice from a total of 127 who served in the armed forces.

Mr. Garver said that it would have been possible for him to have furnished a color guard of 100 boys, with members of his chapter who served in World War II.

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WAMEGO FFA BOOTH WINS AT KANSAS FREE FAIR

The Wamego Booth built by members of the Wamego Chapter under the supervision of E. E. Stockebrand, local adviser, and shown at the Kansas Free Fair this year, won first place.

The booth, referred to by the TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL in a preliminary story before the booths were judged, as "promising to be the most attractive in the agriculture building," attracted unusual attention from the fair visitors.

The booth, representing many hours of work and thinking on the part of Stockebrand and his boys, told the story of successful Kansas farming through use of higher soil fertility, growing of better crops, practice of efficient farm management, breeding of better livestock and development of proficiency in farm mechanics.

A picture of the booth was carried in the October 5, 1946, issue of the KANSAS FARMER.

Officers of the Wamego Chapter include: Lewis Eckart, president; Robert Rawson, vice president; Charles Uhlrich, secretary; Delmar MacArthur, treasurer; Jim Jenkins, reporter; and Harry Shortt, sentinel.

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FARM EQUIPMENT EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

"The FFAs haven't had much fanfare on their efforts, but their exhibits just south of the army caravan has attracted a steady stream of spectators, chiefly farmers who want to know how to build their own odds and ends," said the HUTCHINSON NEWS-HERALD of September 20 in their story of the farm equipment display made and exhibited by Future Farmers in Kansas.

The display of farm equipment made of parts salvaged from worn out farm machines by the Future Farmer members of the vocational agriculture department farm shops in Kansas, was one of the outstanding exhibits at the fair. The exhibit which attracted so much attention showed much creative thinking and resourcefulness on the part of the young farmers in constructing the many labor saving devices from scrap iron, and provided new answers to many old problems which confront the farmer daily.

One hundred machines, representing 2,403 hours of work, displayed by members of nine FFA chapters in the state were on exhibit.

Among the outstanding pieces of equipment was a tractor mower, made by Mark Doyen of the Concordia Chapter, W. A. Rawson, advisor. The mower had a power take-off with gear shift taken from the transmission of an old Chevrolet and placed between the take-off shaft and pitman wheel, giving it three speeds regardless of speed of tractor.

An excellent example of a useful and well made piece of equipment was the ensilage trailer power dump made by E. J. McGuire of the Pratt chapter, W. N. Page, advisor. Valued at \$140, the trailer was a two-wheel affair equipped with windlass connected with the power take-off of the tractor, making it possible to dump the trailer contents readily.

Showing clever and original design was the direct drive propeller type lawn mower made by Bill Witmer of the Winfield chapter, Ira Plank and John Lowe, advisers. The base of the mower was made from a disc wheel and tire rim from an old car which put together in convex form provided a hollow place for tank for carrying the gasoline.

Chapters exhibiting included Beloit, Howard Bradley, advisor; Clay Center, Ray Morrison, advisor; Concordia, W. A. Rawson, advisor; Hugoton, E. D. Chilcott, advisor; Independence, Joyce Miller, advisor; Junction City, Irwin Miller, advisor; Manhattan, J. W. Taylor, advisor; Winfield, Ira Plank and John Lowe, advisers.

Cash prizes totaling \$1,000 were made by the fair association with all chapters sharing in the award money.

First place prize money went to the Manhattan chapter, 2nd to Concordia, and 3rd to Hugoton.

While the equipment shown by the Manhattan Chapter was made under supervision of H. L. Kugler, former vocational agriculture instructor in the Manhattan High School, now on the Kansas State College staff, credit for assembling and overseeing preparation for the exhibit, a big job in itself, goes to J. W. Taylor, formerly of Emporia, who took Kugler's place in the Manhattan High School.

BUHLER CHAPTER AGAIN WINS GRAND CHAMPION RIBBON

This year for the second time the Buhler Chapter of Future Farmers of America, J. A. Johnson, Adviser, has captured the grand champion rosette ribbon for their booth exhibit entry in the County Agriculture Collective Exhibit at the Hutchinson State Fair. In 1944 the Buhler chapter also won the grand champion award on their booth.

Entries in the county agriculture collective exhibit are divided into three areas due to the variation in crop adaptability, eastern, central and western. Five counties in each area may enter displays.

Of the 13 exhibits this year, six were made by FFA chapters. Buhler, Coldwater, Minneapolis, Alton, Stockton, and Hugoton.

The Buhler chapter winning first place in the central division for the sixth consecutive year, and grand champion award, made a total score of 1119 out of a possible 1200, to beat their own all time high of 1105 points scored in 1944.

Coldwater, with L. E. Melia, adviser, won first place in the western area for the 13th consecutive year and was runner-up for grand championship honors this year with a score of 1104 points. Coldwater has won the grand championship five times.

Minneapolis, J. Willis Jordan, adviser, won second place in the central area with a score of 1045; Alton, Everett Yoxall, adviser, was third in the central area; Stockton, Floyd Blauer, adviser, third in the western area, and Hugoton, E. D. Chilcott, adviser, fifth in the western area.

The Buhler booth this year had 42 contributors and 78 sample varieties of grains, vegetables and fruits. The educational feature used was the importance of pig brooder and pig rails in pork production. The educational value realized from the booth exhibits made the past ten consecutive years by the Buhler chapter, Mr. Johnson said, was the continual improvement in varieties used by FFA members and patrons of the community, in addition to giving the Buhler Future Farmers practice in selection, in decoration, and in cooperation.

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Executive Secretary L. F. Hall had charge of the Kansas delegation at the Victory Convention.

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Adviser L. B. Pollom, in attending the Victory Convention made it his 19th National FFA Convention. Mr. Pollom was in attendance at the organization meeting in 1928, and has attended every National Convention held to date.

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John Doak, Olathe chapter, won first on his fat lamb in the FFA division, and won reserve grand champion in the Junior Division at the American Royal Livestock Show, 1946.

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"Upon you, members of the FFA, rests the major part of the responsibility for the success of the future not only of agriculture but of peaceful national and international relations."--Carl S. Cogswell, Master, Kansas State Grange.