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Introduction

A glance back, and a long look to the future. The FFA's Golden Anniversary Celebration at the 51st National FFA Convention was a recognition of the progress vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America has made in the 50 years since its formulation in 1928, and it also serves as a challenge for the future. An address by former FFA member President Jimmy Carter, the awarding of 807 American Farmer degrees, participation in the National Contests, —the flurry of Convention activities show the increased realization of the value of the vo-ag/FFA system of classroom learning, practical application and leadership development.

The FFA has taken its place with other organizations and agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of life in both rural and urban communities. Without the support of State Boards of Vocational Education, State Supervisory Staff members and effective Teacher Education institutions, the strength of the vo-ag/FFA program within the total American educational system could not be realized.

The 51st National FFA Convention took place in the Municipal Auditorium and the H. Roe Bartle Exhibition Hall of Kansas City, Missouri, on November 7-10, 1978. This record of the Proceedings of that National Convention testifies to the prominence that the FFA has taken in the 20th century.



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THE EVENTS

A Golden Past—A Brighter Future

For the 51st year in a row, the Future Farmers of America returned to Kansas City, Missouri, for the National FFA Convention. From that group of thirty-three that gathered in the Hotel Baltimore back in 1928, the number has swelled to a registered attendance of nearly 22,000, representing a total FFA membership of 507,108. Yes, the size has changed, but the same solid spirit, forged in agriculture and varnished with professionalism, was still apparent, maintained through adherence to the original aim and purposes set forth for the FFA.

Members, advisors, parents and guests filled hotels within a 50-mile radius for the November 7-10 convention. Closed circuit televisions were installed in the main arena of the H. Roe Bartle building to handle the overflow crowd from the Municipal Auditorium during those select activities that tend to pack the arena to the rafters.

It was perhaps the biggest and best FFA Convention in the 50 year history of the organization, including addresses by President Jimmy Carter, Paul Harvey, and a commemorative marker ceremony held on blocked-off downtown streets of Kansas City viewed by thousands. It was on that site, at 11th and Baltimore Streets, where the old Hotel Baltimore stood that 33 delegates from 18 states gathered to formulate the Future Farmers of America on November 20, 1928.

THE PRESIDENT

President Jimmy Carter, the first former FFA member to be elected to the nation's highest office, addressed the crowd in the Thursday afternoon session, recalling his experiences in the FFA and relating those to his work as the nation's chief executive.

"The first thing I joined was a Baptist Church, the second thing was the FFA," Carter said of his early years. He referred back to his days as Secretary of the Plains FFA Chapter and how things in our organization and America have changed since those days, thirty-eight years ago. Carter challenged the members in attendance saying, "Whether you're the secretary of your FFA chapter as I was, or the President of the greatest nation on earth, it's our responsibility to make even greater the greatest nation on earth."





THE SPEAKERS

On Thursday morning, the crowd heard Paul Harvey share his comments on American agriculture and farming. Harvey, an American legend in news commentary, holds the prestigious citation of "Radio's Man of the Year" and "Commentator of the Year." His broadcasts are heard around the world. Harvey was sponsored by the Massey-Ferguson Company. Kyle Rote, Jr., the North American Soccer League's "Rookie of the Year" was described as "fantastic" following his presentation of remarks on Wednesday afternoon, November 8. Rote, who plays for the Houston Hurricanes, was the first keynote speaker to take the stage. Dr. Ernest L. Boyer, U.S. Commissioner of Education, addressed the Thursday evening session. Boyer, appointed Commissioner by President Carter in 1977, is the top U.S. official in education. Country comedian Jerry Clower brought his special brand of humor to the group and Mickey Mouse came back to his birthplace, Kansas City, to celebrate his 50th birthday along with the FFA's.

SPECIAL EVENTS

In honor of the FFA's founding, 50 years hence, a huge, bronze commemorative marker was installed at the spot of that founding in Kansas City. It was dedicated in a ceremony on Wednesday afternoon of the Convention and former U.S. Senators Carlson and Darby, who sponsored FFA's Federal Charter years earlier, were on hand for the event. A sketch of the marker can be found on the inside cover of this booklet. An FFA Time Capsule was filled in the main arena during a special pageant. Each association, in order of their chartering, contributed boxes holding mementos to the capsule, which will be opened at the 75th FFA Anniversary in 2003. Pat and Debby Boone appeared at an FFA Convention session and opened themselves to questions from the members. They were featured entertainers on Friday for FFA Day at the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show, held concurrently with the FFA Convention.

CONTESTS AND AWARDS

Over 2500 awards were presented to members at the convention; a rundown of these can be found on page 27. One hundred and fifty chapters were honored for their participation in the Building Our American Communities program with the Franklin Senior High Chapter of Franklin, Louisiana, taking the top award. National Safety Awards were presented to 108 chapters. Bronze, silver, and gold awards were presented to 368 chapters in the National Chapter Awards Program. Nearly 1,000 FFA members were involved in eight National Judging Contests. These judging contests ranged from livestock to mechanics, horticulture to business management.

Wednesday evening's National Public Speaking Contest drew a standing room only crowd to the auditorium to hear 17-year-old David Alders of Nacogdoches, Texas, deliver his winning speech, "The Future Farmer and Economic Freedom." Thursday evening was a very special night for two Future Farmers. Maynard Augst, 22, of Montgomery, Minnesota, was named Star Farmer of America and Mark Williams, 21, of Orlando, Florida, was selected as Star Agribusinessman of America. Another top winner at the Convention was Kaye McGinley, a young lady from Blanchard, Oklahoma, who was selected as Queen of the American Royal.

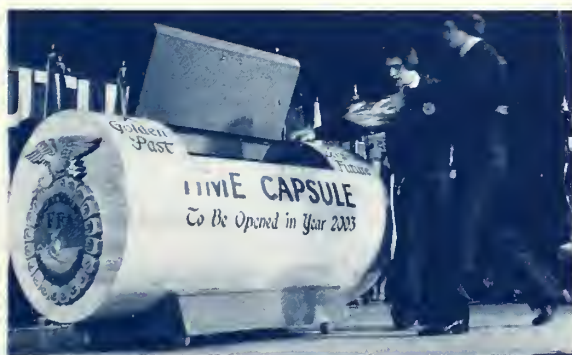
Twenty-two National Proficiency Award Winners involved in areas of production agriculture and agribusiness were named at the Convention and 807 FFA members were raised to the organization's highest degree, the American Farmer Degree. Special awards such as the Honorary American Farmer Degree, the Distinguished Service Citation and the VIP Citation were presented to many persons involved in education, industry, and agriculture for their continued support. The National FFA Foundation Sponsors were also recognized in a special slide presentation for their continued support of FFA programs and awards. Robert D. Lund, Chevrolet General Manager and Vice President of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan, was named 1979 Chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Sponsoring Committee. Clarke A. Nelson, Group Vice President of Carnation Company, Los Angeles, California, was applauded for his year of service in that post, a year that saw nearly \$940,000 raised for the FFA through the National FFA Foundation.

ALUMNI

FFA members in attendance also had the opportunity to attend five leadership workshops sponsored by the National FFA Alumni Association who held their convention in conjunction with the National FFA. One hundred and fifty-seven official Alumni delegates assembled to carry on the business of the 15,000 Alumni members nationwide. They honored the Denmark, Wisconsin, chapter as their outstanding Alumni Chapter and awarded Legion of Merit Certificates to 129 individuals. Outstanding Alumni Achievement Awards were given to Congressman Paul Findley of Illinois, Jay Benham of Ohio, and Larry Augenstine of California. The new Alumni Chairman selected for 1979 is Odell Miller, teacher-educator of The Ohio State University.

NEW OFFICERS

The final day of the convention, Friday, November 10, included special recognition of international exchange student guests and of American FFA members who have worked overseas on the Work Experience Abroad Program. Also on Friday before going in the afternoon to FFA Day at the American Royal, six new members were selected to lead the organization as the 1978-79 National FFA Officers. The six are: Mark H. Sanborn, 20, of East Orwell, Ohio, as National FFA President; Kelly Grant, 20, of Bolivar, Missouri, as National Secretary; Kevin Drane, 20, of Nineveh, Indiana, as Vice President of the Central Region; Jeff Rudd, 19, of Yanceyville, North Carolina, as Vice President of the Eastern Region; B. Dean Norton, 19, of Knoxville, Tennessee, as Vice President of the Southern Region, and Elvin L. Caraway, 20, of Spur, Texas, as Vice President of the Western Region. The Convention closed Friday evening with recognition of the retiring National Officers and their parents and advisors. Special entertainment for the session was provided by The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio. The 1978-79 officers, following their installation, closed the FFA's Golden Anniversary FFA Celebration.



Retiring Addresses — 1977-78 National Officers



WHAT A DIFFERENCE

J. Ken Johnson, National FFA President
Friday, November 10, 1978

"You have not made our quest easier, rather you have challenged us to achieve."



I have asked my fellow officers to join me on stage as I deliver my final address as a Future Farmer. What I wish to say this evening probably is as much a part of them as it is of me.

For the six of us the words and music of Ronnie Milsap take special meaning. In a matter of minutes our tenure as members of the Future Farmers of America will end. In retrospect we can honestly say, "What a Difference" this association has made in our lives.

It was late. A quick glance at my watch indicated that it would soon be midnight. Wearily, we made our way throughout the FFA Center to secure it for the night. Passing through the Supply Service, the stacks of crisp new FFA jackets caught my eye. Early the next morning they would be shipped across the nation to anxiously awaiting greenhands. For a moment time lapsed . . . it seemed just a short time ago that six excited greenhands pulled on their first FFA jackets. With it came the faith that their dreams would become reality. They dreamed of learning, but they weren't sure what. They dreamed of competing, but they weren't sure how. They dreamed of achieving, but they weren't sure when. Many times they encountered setbacks, but they kept the faith and never stopped

reaching for their dreams. Those dreams have led, the six of us, to this stage tonight. The lessons we have learned while in the FFA will live with us for years to come.

FFA, What a difference you have made in our lives.

We owe so much to so many. Our parents, advisors, friends, and of course you, the members of the FFA. You have not made our quest easier, rather you have challenged us to achieve. We have learned that no mountain is too high if we climb with care and confidence. You have taught us how to live.

It isn't what we have, but what we give.

It isn't where we are, but how we live.

It isn't what we do, but how we do it
that makes life worth going through it.

We understand the value of hard work and that the extra effort is often the difference between success and failure. It has been through the building of our dreams that we have found hope and courage to carry on. The patience, encouragement, and help that you have given us has played an important role in our past and will certainly influence our future.

What a difference each of you has made in our lives.

To the five individuals with whom I have shared concern, laughter, frustration, work and play, I must say, "What a difference you have made in my life." Each of you radiates a quality that has been with me each day of our term. *Peg*, your eagerness for action has shown me it's not what we intend to do, rather it's our action that makes us useful. Your concern for punctuality, *Dee*, has taught me that time is a commodity that we must use, not abuse. *Chris*, your ability to share humor has kept us relaxed and has shown me the contentment in using one's imagination. Throughout the year, *Rob*, your commitment to duty has taught me that true happiness comes from serving others. *Howard*, your confidence has given me faith in my own abilities. The kindness, understanding and support that each of you has given me has made my life richer. I wish for each of you the best.

One year has passed since I stood on this stage to accept the duties and responsibilities associated with a national office. I accepted then what I thought would be a year of service to the FFA. Reflecting, I can see that once again the FFA has given more than I. It has been a great year filled with challenges and many new experiences. It has also been a year of learning—learning more about our great organization and about life. It has been a year of realization—realization of the great task ahead of us as young people, contributing to the future of America.

While criss-crossing America this year, I have seen the beauty of this nation. I was stimulated by the bright lights and fast pace of city life. But, never will I forget the serenity and natural beauty of rural America. I marveled at the magnificent farms, richly wooded forests and crystal clear lakes of this abundant land. However, the true beauty of America is its people. The marvelous things they have accomplished and the possibilities of an even brighter future excites me.

America was built by men who took risks, pioneers who were not afraid of the wilderness, businessmen that were not afraid of failure, and scientists who were not afraid of the truth. All were dreamers that were not afraid of action.

They were people that didn't overlook the little things. A piece of charred cotton thread was the final link to Edison's development of the light bulb. The telescope was the outcome of a boy's fascination with two glasses in his father's shop. Goodyear neglected his skillet until it was red hot, and the accident led him to the making of vulcanized rubber. Little things! Yet how important they proved to be to men who had the desire to correlate these little things with the ideas in their heads.

What a difference our ancestors made in our lives.

To insure the future we must accept the risk and mind the little things—the little courtesies in life, little matters of personal appearance, little minutes of wasted time, and little details in our work. Nothing is too small to not command our attention.

There will always be new challenges and opportunity for those who dare. America is still calling:

Give me men to match my mountains.
Give me men to match my plains.
Men with empires in their purpose
And new ideas in their brains.

My friends, the best job hasn't been started, the best work hasn't been done, and agriculture has just begun.

What a difference you can make in your life.

A great benefit of the American Way is that it offers you the chance to choose the direction of your life and to go as far as your ambition and ability will carry you. As members of the Future Farmers of America, I cannot think of a more capable or prepared group of young people. I have seen you dreaming and achieving. I have seen you learning and competing. I have seen you caring and sharing. I have seen you preparing to lead and succeed. I challenge you to never limit your dreams, to never do less than your best; and never be less than you are capable of.

Remember this your lifetime through,
Tomorrow, there will be more to do.
And failure awaits all who stay,
With some success made yesterday.
Tomorrow, you must try once more
And even harder than before.

What a difference you can make.

I have great faith in your ability. I leave knowing that you will keep the FFA a strong and viable organization; ever growing and expanding to meet the needs of the membership. As an organization it will continue to make a difference in the lives of the young men and women who pass through its ranks.

Shortly, the gavel will sound and the 51st National Convention will be history. For the six of us it will culminate our active FFA career. We are grateful for the difference it has made in our lives and are confident that it will make a difference in yours.

Not saddened by the end, we leave you with these words of joy.

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

DON'T STOP HERE

Howard C. Morrison, National FFA Secretary

Wednesday, November 8, 1978

"I'm sure each of us can find within ourselves much more God-given ability than we have realized."



Gratitude

"How can I ever repay you?"
I've said it, and so have you.
How can I ever in all this world
Repay the things you do?
Perhaps I never can repay
To you—or you to me,
But we can pass that kindness on
To others we may see.
And though you never need my help—
I pray you never do—
By helping others, I'll repay
My heartfelt debt to you.

—Helen Lowrie Marshall

Helen Marshall's poem entitled, *Gratitude*, sums up my feelings of thanks. I will never be able to repay my parents, any other individual, or group of people like these fellow officers for the simple blessing of having this organization to help in my growth and development as a person. The only thing I can do to even come close is to continue my friendship with those who have provided this opportunity for me and to help in our efforts to see that others are provided with the same opportunities in the future.

I would imagine that anyone's retiring address from serving as a National FFA Officer for a year would have to bring back a certain amount of memories of years past. I, too, would like to share some of my thoughts from experiences as an FFA member along with those I've gathered from this year and my hopes for the years to come.

The very first recognition I ever received as a student of vocational agriculture and a member of the Future Farmers of America came during my Freshman year in high school. That first incentive came in the form of attaining my Greenhand degree. I can remember being so proud to receive this first medal I could pin on my new FFA jacket. I'll never forget the advice my three advisors provided that night. I was looking forward to all the recognition they could give, but with the medal they included much more of a challenge that has led me to this stage today. Yes, they all said congratulations, but added, "Don't stop here!" I must admit I wasn't looking very far forward that night, but those words have grown into reality for me whether as an FFA member, as an athlete or a student. I can't

help but think of my fellow members that received the Greenhand degree that same night. In looking at their progress, those that have achieved are those who took the advice and didn't stop, but went on and challenged themselves by setting higher ideals. I would like to ask each of you, have you stopped somewhere?

The most rewarding times this year have been those where I could observe the real potential of a member rising to the surface: seeing a timid Greenhand saying the FFA Creed at a chapter meeting, listening to a Sophomore give her view of what FFA means to her, or observing the results of a chapter officer team prepare an effective agenda for a chapter meeting. These examples were not born to succeed, they had no special breaks, or unusual situations. I've witnessed these FFA members in local chapters simply experiencing their potential. The unfortunate times, though, have been when I've seen the tremendous potential of an individual go to waste because of a temporary setback or just from the lack of encouragement from the right people.

A father was observing his five year old daughter one evening put her seventh teaspoonful of sugar in her weak tea. After seeing this, he couldn't hold back and said to her as he grabbed her small hand, "Darling, don't you think that will make your tea too sweet"?

"No, daddy," she responded, "Not if I don't stir it."

Those people who can take advantage of their own talents and don't let them settle to the bottom of their life by being satisfied with their present position are those who have challenged themselves right to the top of whatever they desire. Might some of us be accused of unused talent or potential that could be harnessed to do great things? I'm sure each of us can find within ourselves much more God-given ability than we have realized. The world is full of examples of those of whom we could say, "I thought they were just an average person," and then, "I didn't know they had it in them." It's time for each of us to look at ourselves and expect the very best.

Right in this auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, are hundreds of examples of what I've just mentioned. Tomorrow and through the days to come beyond this convention, the results of today's thoughts and efforts will surface. There is no telling how many future chapter officers are sitting within a few feet of you now. There may be a proficiency award winner a few rows back, or five or six state officers sitting in the next section that will return here to serve as state delegates, as well as the many American Farmer recipients that will return, and at least twenty-five to thirty individuals that will serve this organization as National Officers in the years to come. . . all right in this auditorium. The potential is yours, but so is the challenge to not stop here. You must go with the attitude that you will press on toward your own dreams, goals, and ideals. Morning Has Broken . . . to a convention full of opportunities for all in attendance.

I would ask each of you to not only enjoy yourselves, but to find some of the potential that is already planted within you, not be satisfied with your current progress, and convince yourself you will not let your abilities stay hidden. You all have that potential if you will only decide to start here. . . don't stop here! The morning breaks for other things as well. It will soon be breaking for the last day the six of us have to serve as your National Officers. But it shall also break to new challenges ahead; those challenges of not stopping, but to see our potential to capitalize on the abilities within us.

My prayer is that all of us will continue to move on with enthusiasm and a faith in God that Morning Has Broken today and will break tomorrow with opportunities from which we can grow.

May our Father's love, grace, and peace be a reality to each of you!

TAKE A STAND AND MAKE YOUR MARK

Peg Armstrong, National FFA Vice President

Friday, November 10, 1978

"I have learned that no matter who you are . . . you can change all . . . and become just what you want to be."



"We hold these truths to be self evident: That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights among them are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men. We solemnly publish and declare, that these colonies are and of a right ought to be free and independent states . . . And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour."

These words have come to be of more value to me as I have had the chance to travel across this country of ours from shore to shore and meet its people of agriculture. This pride has grown because of one thing I have learned. I have learned that no matter who you are, how much money you have, who your parents are, or how many mistakes you have made—here—you can change all of that and become just what you want to be.

These words represent a spirit that can't be tamed. It's full of energy, fire and fiery, and it is still evident in America today. I represent a pact among a band of radicals who chose to face dangerous challenges to secure what they believed in—freedom. Whether it was freedom to succeed or freedom to fail—it was to become their right. As I mentioned they were a motley group of people—little looked upon as heroes—some even called them uncivilized. Yet they formed a force that even mighty England could not defeat. Their faith in their cause and their dedication—to even risk their life—was stronger than all man made warfare. They took their stand and made their mark for independence.

This spirit has been caught up in the words of many poets and writers, but one special author is John Jakes. He wrote the bicentennial series that you are probably familiar with. These books capture the spirit and will of America in a family by the name of Kent. It carries this family of Kents all the way from immigrant times prior to the Revolutionary War, through the pages of history in our country, to present day challenges. This family of Kents always felt that it was theirs to travel the high road, the road of cause, contribution, and commitment.

The cause—was freedom.

The contribution—to make this place a better world than when you entered it.

The commitment—to protect this freedom no matter what the price.

These are the same principles of independence that our country was built on. These were the principles our forefathers pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred

honors to protect and secure. Holding to the American tradition, like our liberty bell—the Kents had their symbol of independence. It was a pocket watch. The most important part of this is not the watch itself—but the words that were engraved on it. Inside was written these words—“Take a stand and make your mark.”

The one thing that I said I have learned is that there are many people who carry just such a watch. They commit themselves to what they believe in. They contribute, they take a stand, they make their mark and have confidence in themselves. We know just those kinds of people—they are all around us. Some are known by many—some are not. But their fame—or their lack of it—is not as important as what they stand for. Their courage has made their mark.

Missionary work has become more appealing and challenging to people in recent years. One young man had decided he wanted to experience the challenge of missionary work himself. He had been asked to report for interviews at 5:00 a.m. in the morning. He had gotten there half an hour early to show he was sincerely interested. Yet, as time ticked by, no one arrived until 8:00 a.m. As the day passed by, he sat there as others were called in before him. Finally it was 4:00 p.m. and he was asked in. The only question he was asked as he sat there was “What is $2 + 2$ ”? His answer was a calm “4”. He was excused with no more questions. As he left, he felt disheartened and lonely. Yet the next day he was notified he had been accepted for his missionary challenge. They explained the day prior. He had been asked to arrive at an early time to test his dedication. They kept him waiting to test his patience. The simple question of $2 + 2$ was to test his humility and see if he thought himself too important to do a simple task. He had proven himself. He had taken his stand and made his mark for patience, dedication and humility.

I know still yet another young man who is here today, who had made a lasting mark in my life. Some of you may know him—some of you may not. That really isn't important. What is important is that he stands for the kindness of friendship. He and some comrades traveled to Russia on a trip. While there, they had the opportunity to meet the people of Russia. This young man had the opportunity to even play frisbee in the Red Square with a Russian child. The child enjoyed playing so much that a little later the little boy came back with a gift for the American. It was a simple postcard with a bouquet of flowers on the front. A very simple gift. It wasn't very expensive, but it was priceless because of the person giving it. Yet, the visiting American didn't keep it for himself. He shared this gift with a friend. Instead, Ron Wilson sent the postcard to me and that will remain a special memory to me for life. He took his stand of kindness and made his mark for friendship. Each of us have the same choice.

Finally, there was a man who brought joy and happiness to everyone who has encountered his work. What a gift—to be able to bring smiles to the faces of young and old alike. When he started he had no idea how far reaching his work would be, just as we never know how we may affect people around us. This man started making movies about nature and movies about cartoon characters like Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. Family entertainment was his business. He built a large amusement park, then later built an amusement world—for kids—young and old alike. You've long guessed by now that I am speaking of Walt Disney. He took a stand for making people laugh and smile and made his simple mark for happiness.

Common individuals—just like you and I. They believed in themselves and had the courage to take a stand because of what they believe in. They made their mark for patience, dedication and humility, for friendship and for happiness.

“We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal.” We are all capable of accomplishing what we set out to do. If we believe in ourselves and have the courage it takes. Ours is to travel the high road of cause, contribution and commitment.

Possibly we—like the Kent family—carry our own symbol of independence—a simple pocket watch to many, but special to us because engraved on the inside of our watch are these words,

“Take a stand and make your mark.”

"THIS ABOVE ALL..."

Robin C. Hovis, National FFA Vice President, Eastern Region

Thursday, November 9, 1978

"... the most interesting experiences in life are those we encounter as we try to... 'be true' to our best self."



"This above all, to thine own self be true,
and it follows like day follows night that
you cannot be false to any man."

William Shakespeare

When my sister and I were young, we had a standing rule at our house to keep us from fighting over who got the biggest piece of candy, cake, etc. Whenever there was something to be divided between us, one of us did the dividing, the other got first choice. Many times the divider would try to swindle the chooser by dividing the pieces unevenly, only to have the chooser measure each half with a ruler. When we would behave this way, mother would look at the offender and say, "Well, '...to thine own self be true...!'," which was her way of letting us know we had been selfish.

Today, however, this famous quotation from William Shakespeare has a much different meaning to me. After a few more years of experience, I now realize that Shakespeare had discovered something fascinating about people. He had discovered the secret of complete development of a man's potential; a secret well expressed in the following poem:

The Guy in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself
And see what that guy has to say,
For it isn't your mother or father or wife
Whose judgment, on you, must pass.
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the guy staring back from the glass.
He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest
For he's with you clean to the end;
And you've passed your most dangerous and difficult test
If the guy in the glass is your friend.
You may fool the whole world—down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass;
But the final reward will be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

So many of us cheat ourselves by not reaching for all we're capable of. And the most interesting experiences in life are those we encounter as we try to meet the challenges of the man in the mirror, trying to "be true" to our best self. Some good examples of these experiences are found in one of the most popular movies ever produced—"The Wizard of Oz."

You remember that after the cyclone had landed Dorothy in the Land of the Munchkins, she was told by them to "follow the yellow brick road!". Along the way she met three characters who really represent you and I in our quest for self improvement.

The first character was the Scarecrow.

The Scarecrow wanted a brain, so that he would be respected as a great thinker. Many of us share this craving for knowledge and understanding, but we soon become discouraged about learning because of the staggering amount of knowledge there is to absorb before we can *begin* to discover *new* things. Math and chemistry frighten me before I begin. We stand in awe of an Albert Einstein, believing that we couldn't hope to be his equal. We veto the challenges of our own inner being. But, you know, there is one basic truth about our ability to learn that is written on a sign in the library of my high school which says:

If you can read these twenty-six letters
—abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz—
then there is nothing about the universe
that you cannot learn.

The next character was the Tin Man.

The Tin Man wanted a heart so that he could love and be loved; so that he could enjoy the greatest of all human emotions. I once witnessed the stirring drama of love manifesting itself for one's fellowman. It happened during a school bus ride one morning during my year in kindergarten. There was a young boy who lived with his parents just two or three miles from our home, and he got on the bus after I did. They were very poor. It was during the winter and the house where we picked him up had not been maintained—the windows were covered with plastic instead of glass in some cases. This boy always came trudging through the snow to the bus with a dripping nose and his clothing never fitting properly. He always had a cold. He would board the bus amidst the name-calling and unkind remarks of the rest of us and sit alone. This particular morning he sat about two seats ahead of me, and in the seat between us sat a young girl who was in the fourth grade. I had never seen anyone be kind to this boy, but when a fellow passenger crudely informed him that he needed a handkerchief, I saw something I shall never forget. The young girl sitting ahead of me quietly opened her purse and pulled out a kleenex and handed it to him with a smile. The bus became very quiet, and all we heard was the young boy say "thank you." And in that moment when two hearts touched, the rest of us in our shame saw the majesty of human love rise with silent power to help one in need. It wasn't something inside of *him* that caused that act, it was something inside of *her*. To thine own self be true.

The third character was the Cowardly Lion. The Lion is my favorite. He was in a hopeless situation because he wanted courage, but was *afraid* to ask for it! If we are to be the master of our own destiny we must have courage. I discovered many times how rare courage is when I was younger, for I frequently found myself searching reluctantly to tell dad that I had just bent or broken a new piece of equipment!

History provides the example of a man who found the courage to change the course of events.

It happened in the late 1860's. President Abraham Lincoln had just been assassinated and President Andrew Johnson was determined to carry out Lincoln's kindhearted plans for reconstructing the South, which had been devastated by the Civil War. Congress, however, was determined to have revenge on the rebellious states. The Congressional leaders quickly realized that they could have their way if they could force Andrew Johnson from the White House. Congressmen convinced some of Johnson's Cabinet

members to oppose him, and then passed a law which made it impossible for him to fire the troublemakers in his Cabinet. The dispute climaxed in Johnson's impeachment trial in the Senate, where public opinion was strongly against the President. One senator's life was threatened if he didn't vote for impeachment. When the roll was called, the votes fell along party lines until finally the next vote would either save President Johnson or convict him. And the next Senator to vote was Edmund Ross of Kansas. The people in the crowded Senate Chamber immediately realized the situation, and all eyes were turned on Ross. Ross felt that the President had been treated unfairly, but also knew that he would sacrifice his promising political career if he supported the President. With two words—"Not Guilty"—Ross destroyed his own career—but earned a place in history as one who was true to himself above all by rising above the confines of dirty politics and personal ambitions to answer a human conscience which called for Justice.

These are examples of people who have *lived* the idea that Shakespeare was speaking of when he said "This above all, to thine own self be true. . . .". They dared to *learn*, to *love*, and to *lead*.

I think it is inspiring to review these true examples, but is it possible that you or I could blend all three into our own personality??

Yes, it *is* within the reach of all of us. I know this not because of someone whose life we can only appreciate from history books, but because of the example of a good friend who has had influence in my life.

"He was born in an obscure village,
the child of a peasant woman.
He grew up in still another village,
Where he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty.
Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher
He never wrote a book, He never held an office.
He never had a family or owned a house.
He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city.
He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born.
He did none of the things one usually associates
with greatness. He had no credentials but himself.
He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion
turned against him. His friends ran away.
He was turned over to his enemies and went through
the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross
between two thieves. While he was dying, his
executioners gambled for his clothing, the only
property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was
laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.
Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today
he is the central figure of the human race and the
leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that
ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed,
all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings
that ever reigned, put together, have not affected
the life of man on this earth as much as that
One Solitary Life."

And because of what He did, and the way that He did it, each of us, by the kind of life we lead, can have the very same kind of impact on the world today. And nothing would make Him prouder than if you did, or died trying.

"This—THIS ABOVE ALL—to thine own self be true, and it follows like day follows night that you cannot be false to any man."

Thank you.

ON TOP OF THE WORLD!

Chris Hardee, National FFA Vice President, Southern Region
Wednesday, November 8, 1978

"You, too, can stand on top of your world once you find purpose in life . . . and find enjoyment in helping others."



Such a feelin's comin' over me, there is wonder in most ev'rything I see, not a cloud in the sky got the sun in my eyes, and I won't be surprised if it's a dream. Ev'rything I want the world to be, is now coming true especially for me, and the reason is clear, it's because you are here, you're the nearest thing to heaven that I've seen.

I'm on top of the world lookin' down on creation and the only explanation I can find, is the love that I've found, ever since you've been around, your love puts me at the top of the world.

How well the music of Richard Carpenter fits this occasion. Such a feeling is coming over me—A feeling that is strong and difficult to describe. Although I feel on top of the world on this November day, there is something in the air that tells me the end of a seven year FFA career is drawing near—an FFA career that began years before I ever entered vo-ag class.

Twenty-one years ago a bright-eyed baby boy was born to loving parents and a beautiful farm family. During childhood many things can influence the thinking of a toddler; however, there was nothing that could compete with the values and lessons I learned at home.

An early lesson was learning the importance of honest, hard work and giving 100% to be on top of the world. Not the entire world, but the very real and practical world in which a person lives and learns and grows. Outside influences in my world could only supplement convictions and ambitions that were established during those early years—they certainly could not change them!

The Future Farmers of America has supplemented my life with opportunities to experience those things I aspired to do as a young boy. My affiliation with the FFA has immensely contributed and strengthened the already existing beliefs of my childhood. Four years as a Chapter member, one as a State Officer, a year as a college student, and the current year have caused me to search for the best from myself and encourage others to do the same. These adventurous years, filled with excitement and people, have momentarily put me on top of my world—not the entire world, no, but the very real world in which I live. This high that I feel did not come without the taste of defeat and disappoint-

ment. There were things to be learned and still things to learn in the days ahead—things to learn about life and people.

Opportunities in the FFA have allowed me to realize the importance of others and their need for happiness. Robert N. Test of the *Cincinnati Post*, beautifully captured my feelings with his thoughts entitled *To Remember Me*:

The day will come when my body will lie upon a white sheet neatly tucked under four corners of a mattress located in a hospital busily occupied with the living and the dying. At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped. When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of machine. And don't call this my deathbed. Let it be called the Bed of Life, and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face, or love in the eyes of a woman. Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain. Give my blood to the teenager who was pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play. Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist. Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that, someday, a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her window.

Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the crops grow. If you must bury something, let it be my faults and my weaknesses.

If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

As I rather selfishly look at my life, I see that the teenage years are over and a segment has been completed. I've for the moment reached the top of my world. You, too, can stand on top of your world once you find purpose in life, search for happiness, and find enjoyment in helping others. Now that the childhood lessons have been supplemented, I sense the challenges of tomorrow and another world that I must face for:

Something in the wind has learned my name, and it's tellin' me that things are not the same, in the leaves on the trees and the touch of the breeze, there's a pleasin' sense of happiness for me. There is only one wish on my mind, when this day is through I hope that I will find, that tomorrow will be just the same for you and me, all I need will be mine if you are here.

Yes, something has learned my name and it's truthfully telling me that things will not be the same. The end of an FFA career draws near but without sorrow for I've been fortunate to experience much good along with the bad. I've lived, learned, and grown and have done so with beautiful people. Now, I look forward to traveling down another path.

My adventure into the new world is a move I've long awaited for. It's the beginning of childhood dreams come true. I must undergo only a slight change for I become *Farmer* instead of *Future Farmer* and begin a life I dearly love. I happily walk away knowing that tomorrow's FFA and tomorrow's agriculture will be strong if you are here—so find your purpose, seek much happiness for others as well as yourself and proudly stand on top of your world!

SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Dee Sokolosky, National FFA Vice President, Western Region
Thursday, November 9, 1978

"Dare to be different. Dare to think bigger than you ever thought before."



You sheltered me from harm
Kept me warm, kept me warm
You gave my life to me
Set me free, set me free
The finest years I ever knew
Were all the years I had with you
I would give anything I own
I would give up my life, my heart, my home
I would give everything I own
Just to have you back again.

Yes, the finest years I ever knew were all the years I had with you. Over seven years. Eighty seven months to be exact. Eighty seven months of being a Future Farmer of America. In his song "Everything I Own," David Gates from Tulsa, Oklahoma, goes on to say:

Nobody else will ever know
The part of me that can't let go.

Nobody else can really know what it feels like to leave this year as a National Officer. The five young people that I served with are the only other ones that were given the opportunity to experience this feeling. And each of our feelings will differ from the feelings of the next. Even though words can never adequately express human feelings or emotions, I will attempt to share this year with you.

It all happened so fast. On Friday morning our names were called and we rushed up onto the stage. Before we ever left the stage, they had measured me for a ring and had taken my jacket size. The very next day our first jackets arrived and we started selecting speakers for this National Convention. Before I knew it, we were off visiting FFA members all across the country. I made over 100 plane flights, spent over \$8,000, and spoke to groups of ten people, to crowds of over 5,000.

During the year there were many enjoyable, unforgettable moments. Many of my favorite moments were those spent just visiting with you. I really enjoyed the questions . . . for instance:

"Dee, how come there isn't any writing on the back of your jacket?" Well, I am not really sure. That is just the way it has always been. "Dee, why do you always wear that gold chain?" Well, that is my American Farmer Degree and you can get one of those too,

someday. "Dee, don't you get tired of wearing a tie everyday?" Oh, sometimes I guess. And then my favorite of the year from an inquisitive Greenhand. "Mr. 'Soskawalaski,' are you really a Polock?"

Now some of these may sound a bit silly to you, but not to me. I loved everyone of them. They wanted to learn and find out why. They were searching for truth. That is what life is all about . . . the constant learning, searching, growing and experiencing.

One of the most often asked questions was, "How will you remember the year?" That was a tough one. How do you remember a year like this? You could remember the meetings, the conventions, the miles, the plane flights, or the speeches. But I will remember the year in another way . . . you, my friends. During the year, I received hundreds of letters and I have saved every single one. I want to share a few of them with you.

8/5/78

Dear Dee,

It was great to see you again at the sub-regional conference. I really learned a lot. Since my election I had been having some questions about my duties and abilities as an officer and the conference gave me answers to many of my questions . . .

Your friend,
Mark

Mark, as a chapter officer, state officer, and national officer, I have always been concerned about my duties and abilities. I didn't know if I could do the job. Many times I was plain scared. Mark, it was concerned friends like you that gave me the strength and confidence to carry on.

This letter is written in pencil on one-third of a sheet of notebook paper.

9/2/78

Mr. Sokolosky,

Please send me *all* your information on FFA. I need it for a speech.

Sincerely,
Martin

No need to waste any paper. That is my kind of guy . . . short and to the point. He needs some information. He is writing a speech. Martin, you and those like you are the speakers of the future. They will be here on this stage just like the national finalists last night.

6/29/78

Dear Dee,

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the Leadership Conference. I know you probably get letters all the time from people you have inspired, but it is with all sincerity that I say this. You know how to make a person feel like they have a definite place in the world . . .

Most sincerely,
Tammy

Tammy, you are the one that knows how to make people feel needed. You take the time to visit and take the time to write. Your smile and kind words made my visit to your conference very enjoyable.

And this letter is one of my favorites. This is from an FFA member who experienced the fantasies, the dreams, the goals, and the realities of the Washington Conference Program.

8/6/78

Dear Dee,

My letter is not going to be very long because it is almost my bedtime. I hope and pray that we meet again because I want to become a National Officer just like you. I want to have the responsibility to do what a National Officer does. But that is a fantasy and I hope it comes true just like yours did and Bobby's did. But I want to be like you because you are my hero.

Yours truly,
Tom

Tom, my friend, you are my hero. You have the desire, the dedication, and the determination to be whatever you want to be. Tom, I am going to keep coming back to these National Conventions because you and those like you are going to be taking my place.

Mark, Martin, Tammy, Tom, and the rest of my friends, thanks for making my year very special. Each of you, like myself, are searching for truth.

The freedom of mind is the freedom to be you. God gave you your mind and there is not another like it in this entire world. It is yours and what you do with it is entirely up to you. You are special. Dare to be different. Dare to think bigger than you have ever thought before. There is a multitude of avenues for achievement in this vast organization of blue and gold. You must search to find your avenue. Use your mind to search for truth.

The year was 1858 and a forty-nine year old rail-splitter felt a deep down conviction. He decided to speak out about his convictions. You and I refer to those speeches as the Lincoln-Douglas debates. In a series of seven debates, Abraham Lincoln challenged incumbent United States Senator Stephen Douglas with the philosophy that slavery was wrong. Lincoln spoke out in favor of a politically unpopular view. Abraham Lincoln, the president most noted for his honesty and integrity, spoke out about what he felt was right. Did he win? No, he wasn't elected to the United States Senate. But later, he was elected to a more prominent position and made a lasting mark in American history. As Lincoln spoke out, many times he was greeted by booing and jeering crowds. But Lincoln stood out above the crowd and declared "You can stone me because I am nothing, but truth is everything!" I am nothing, but truth is everything. Truth and searching for truth is everything.

To Mark, Martin, Tammy, Tom and each of you... I say thanks for this year and thanks for letting me search with you.





Agricultural Career Show

The National Agricultural Career Show expanded this year to the H. Roe Bartle Exhibition Hall where nearly two acres of exhibit space was available. Besides professional societies, non-profit trade associations, and educational institutions providing career materials and counseling in all areas of agribusiness, this year the expansion allowed for exhibits by National FFA Foundation Sponsors and to *The National FUTURE FARMER* Magazine advertisers who placed one or more pages of advertising in the current or past year. During its twelve year existence, thousands of FFA members and advisors have been able to assemble the latest information available on career opportunities in the broad field of agribusiness and renewable natural resources. In addition, high school counselors and school administrators become more familiar with the industry of agriculture through personal contact with the professionals manning the attractive career show exhibits.

This year's Agricultural Career Show was the largest ever and the addition of the Hall of States to the exhibit area made it better than ever.

A list of the Agricultural Career Show exhibitors, with their addresses, is maintained at the National FFA Center, and made available to vocational agriculture teachers. These exhibitors make career materials available throughout the year.

EXHIBITORS

ACTION: Peace Corps/Vista
 American Agricultural Editors Association
 American Angus Association
 American Association of Agricultural College Editors
 American Association of Nurserymen
 American Farm Bureau Federation
 American Fisheries Society, Missouri Chapter
 American Institute of Biological Sciences
 American Maine-Anjou Association

American Phytopathological Society (APS)
 American Quarter Horse Association
 American Society for Horticultural Science
 American Society of Agricultural Engineers
 American Society of Agronomy
 American Veterinary Medical Association
 Bureau of the Census
 Butler Manufacturing Company Foundation
 Carnation Company — Genetics Division
 Carnation Company — Milling Division

Ciba Geigy Corp., Agricultural Divn.
CROP
Crop Science Society of America
Deere & Company
De Laval Separator Company
Entological Society of America
Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute
Food & Energy Council
B. F. Goodrich Company
Heifer Project
Holstein Association of America
International Harvester-Na-Ag Equip.
Jackson Area Vo-Tech
Kansas State University
 Department of Grain Science and Industry
Kansas State University
 College of Agriculture
Koppers Company, Inc.
The Lee Company
Massey-Ferguson Inc.
Missouri Valley College
Mobay Chemical Corp.
Morgan Community College
National Agri-Marketing Association
National Association of Animal Breeders
National Association of Farm Broadcasters
National Grain and Feed Association
National High School Rodeo Association
National Society of Livestock Record
 Associations
National Vocational Agricultural Teachers'
 Association
National Weather Service
North Central Kansas Area Vo-Tech School
Northeastern Junior College
Park College
Pfizer Agricultural Division
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
Poultry Science Association

Professional Grounds Management Society
Rockhurst College
Santa Gertrudis Breeders International
Seald-Sweet Growers, Inc.
Self-Help
Shell Chemical Company — Agricultural
 Chemicals & Animal Health
Society of American Foresters
Society of Nematologists
Soil Science of America
Steiger Tractor Inc.
Texas A & M University System
Texas Longhorn Breeders Assn. of America
Tri-State Breeders Cooperative
U.S. Air Force Educational Division
U.S. Army Recruiting Command
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
U.S.D.A. — Farmers Home Administration
U.S.D.A. — Federal Crop Insurance Corp.
U.S.D.A. — Federal Grain Inspection Service
U.S.D.A. — Forest Service
U.S.D.A. — National Agricultural Library
U.S.D.A. — Science, Education &
 Administration
U.S.D.A. — Soil Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of H.E.W. — Basic Grants
U.S. Department of the Interior — Fish &
 Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of Labor — Employment &
 Training Administration
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Marine Corps
U.S. Navy Recruiting Command
Upjohn, Tuco Division
Veliscol Chemical
Wildlife Society
Wisconsin Homestead, Inc.

COMPETITION AND RECOGNITION

STAR FARMER OF AMERICA

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected from the American Farmer candidates who receive the degree at the time of the National FFA Convention. A check for \$1,000 went to the Star Farmer of America, and checks of \$500 were awarded to each of the other three regional "Stars."

Star Farmer of America—

Maynard Augst, Montgomery, Minnesota

Star Farmer, Southern Region—

Alton Wilson, Mt. Hermon, Louisiana

Star Farmer, Western Region—

Marlin Trissel, Mooreland, Oklahoma

Star Farmer, Eastern Region—

Robert Clowney, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania



STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN OF AMERICA



Beginning in 1969, the Star Agribusinessman of America has been selected from the American Farmer candidates. The Star Agribusinessman of America received a check for \$1,000 awarded from the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Each of the other regional "Stars" received \$500.

Star Agribusinessman of America—

Mark Williams, Orlando, Florida

Star Agribusinessman, Central Region—

Eric Galloway, French Lick, Indiana

Star Agribusinessman, Western Region—

James Christensen, Thomas, Oklahoma

Star Agribusinessman, Eastern Region—

Binford Nash, Jr., Gladys, Virginia



*Clockwise, Alders, Pitts,
Sternborg, and Markline*

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The National FFA Public Speaking Contest was the final elimination of a nationwide contest that started in local chapters, with winners progressing through area or federation competition, then state contests, and four regional contests.

Each of the four members who participated in the national contest already had won a medal at the local chapter level and a \$100.00 prize at the state level. The winner of the national contest received \$300.00. Other awards were \$275.00 for second; \$250.00 for third and \$225.00 for fourth. All awards and travel funds are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

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

SPEAKERS

First Place—David Alders, Nacogdoches, Texas

“THE FUTURE FARMER AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM”

Second Place—Greg Pitts, Scottsboro, Alabama

“WHEN I LOOK AT THE FARMER”

Third Place—David Sternborg, Estherville, Iowa

“THE JOYS AND DISCOMFORTS OF AGRICULTURAL LIFE”

Fourth Place—Karen Markline, Pylesville, Maryland

“THE GREAT AMERICAN FARMER”

THE FUTURE FARMER AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM

David Alders, Nacogdoches, Texas

Each year at the National FFA Convention, the chorus sings a most moving tribute to America. To the best of my memory, it goes like this: “This is my country, land of the free.”—Free to do what, free to make my own decisions?

I am seventeen. When I am grown, will I be able to farm? It is jokingly said, to become a farmer, you must either inherit a farm, or marry into one. To me, this is no joke. Neither is it funny to see my fellow farmers picketing the White House, begging for an opportunity to make a living farming.

Yes, we are at the crossroads in America. Hard decisions must be made. If you and I are to become farmers, America must turn down the road marked "Economic Freedom."

I ask you how many factory workers would go to work, sign their paychecks back to the factory, and give money out of their savings account for the privilege of working? This is what many of our farmers and ranchers are now doing.

Future Farmers, there will be no farming in your future, if America continues its present economic policies. Let me ask you a question. Why do farmers farm? For many reasons, but primarily for profit. There will be no farmers tomorrow if we cannot win the battle of economics today.

Agriculture must show a profit. We cannot afford to wait until next year. I have chosen this presentation as a beginning in this battle of survival.

What is the problem? From research, I find we have the best farmers, we produce more than ever before, produce it cheaper, yet the decisions which affect us are made by politicians unfamiliar with our problem. According to former Secretary of the Treasury, William E. Simon, nothing less than freedom is at hazard just now, owing to the explosion of government power. "When we see this monstrous growth of government, we must realize that it is not a matter of narrow economic issues. What is at stake is the fundamental freedom in one of the last and greatest democracies in the world."

To talk of the danger to capitalism is to talk of the menace to freedom. Freedom underwrites economic growth, and prosperity helps sustain freedom. Says Simon, we have no longer a true free enterprise economy: "We are today a mixed economy or welfare state."

This enormous growth of government has caused inflation. This inflation has resulted from the prevalence of a bankrupt idea within government, an idea that money solves problems. From the birth of the United States, it took until 1956 for the federal budget to exceed \$100 billion. Ten years later it had doubled and in four more years, in 1970, the budget had grown to \$300 billion. Presently, the federal budget is more than \$450 billion. Even with the federal tax collection growing at a rate of 110 percent over a decade, more than three times the rate of economic growth, the federal government has failed to live within its income.

President Carter forecast a fiscal 1979 deficit of 60.6 billion dollars, already the estimate is nearer 80 billion. The federal government is deficit financing at such a rate that the interest on public debt is currently \$48.6 billion, the third largest budgetary item.

Future Farmers, do you realize that the national debt is almost \$800 billion which amounts to \$3,291 for every man, woman and child in the nation. By 1982, if the debt continues on its present course, the burden for every individual will be \$4,400.

Your question might be "what effect does all this have on us as Future Farmers?" The answer is simple. This financial irresponsibility is costing many of us the opportunity to enter our chosen occupation. Unbalanced budgets cause inflation. Inflation causes farm costs to sky-rocket. This is why the cost to grow my corn was 35 cents more per bushel than the price I received for it. When will this end and what can we, as Future Farmers, do?

First, we must learn that to receive something, like a day's pay, a day's production must be given. No one can receive something for nothing.

Second, we must also learn to use only the resources that we really need. This means money, energy, materials, and everything else that people buy. There is nothing that drives costs up more than a buy-it-today, -it-will-be-higher-tomorrow attitude.

Third, we must become involved in the governmental process. We can no longer allow major farm decisions to be made by those outside agriculture. We can no longer afford to spend 35% of our gross national product for government. To insure a major victory, we

must tell and sell our story. You and I must shoulder this responsibility, because we have the most to gain—our future in farming.

Yes, this is our country, land of the free. Now is the time to exert a positive leadership to insure a future in farming. With this leadership involvement on the part of every Future Farmer, I am optimistic about the future of the American free enterprise system. If we have learned anything in the 1970's, it is that big government cannot solve problems, and that spending more of the taxpayer's money cannot turn a bad idea into a good one. From everything I read and listen to, I feel an undertone of helplessness. People know that something is out of kilter, but they don't know what to do about it. What we need today more than at any time in the history of the United States, is a new wave of leadership to turn this country around.

We need this leadership to fulfill the ideals and aspirations of a revolution which occurred over two hundred years ago. In the coming struggle for the survival and success of the American experiment, I call upon you, Future Farmers, not to be merely passive observers, but to be active participants. While I cannot speak for the actions of others, in my own case I mean not only to participate, I mean in that participation to lead.

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NATIONAL FFA CONTESTS

An important part of each National FFA Convention is the National FFA Contests. All eight National Contests—Agricultural Mechanics, Dairy Cattle, Farm Business Management, Horticulture, Livestock, Meats, Milk Quality and Dairy Foods and Poultry—are conducted in Kansas City. The winning teams and the national winners are listed below:

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS — 40 State Teams Participated

FIRST PLACE—UTAH. The team was composed of John Neilsen, Skip Worwood and Dave Nielsen, all of Nephi, Utah and coached by Jay Dalley. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Tom LeClere, Manchester, Iowa;
2. Michael Bruha, Ord, Nebraska;
3. Doug Sabourin, Petaluma, California;
4. Niel Stevens, Miller, South Dakota;
5. John Simpson, Winchester, Virginia.

DAIRY CATTLE — 46 State Teams Participated

FIRST PLACE—MISSOURI. The team was composed of Larry Wormington, David Kelling and Teresa Purdom, all of Purdy, Missouri and coached by Leonard McGee. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Larry Wormington, Purdy, Missouri;
2. Darren Ropp, Normal, Illinois;
3. Ron Warriner, Greenwood, New York;
4. Jerry Nance, Dora, New Mexico;
5. John Ingling, Columbus, New Jersey.

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT — 33 State Teams Participated

FIRST PLACE—INDIANA. The team was composed of Randy Kelsey, Joe Kessie and Keith Schuman, all of South Whitley, Indiana and coached by William G. McVay. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. David Baker, Medford, Wisconsin;
2. Don Stallman, Hebron, North Dakota;
3. Allen Meyer, Scotia, Nebraska;
4. Doug Gray, Tolleson, Arizona;
5. Randy Kelsey, South Whitley, Indiana.

HORTICULTURE — 42 State Teams Participated

FIRST PLACE—NORTH CAROLINA. The team was composed of Ronald Brooks, Jeff Shaw, Penny Brown and Teresa Welch, all of Bear Creek, North Carolina and coached by Ms. Julian Smith. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Ronald Brooks, Bear Creek, North Carolina;
2. Teresa Welch, Bear Creek, North Carolina;
3. Allen Backstrum, Everett, Washington;
4. Libby Beatty, Winchester, Virginia;
5. Fred Conrad, Frederick, Maryland.

LIVESTOCK — 47 State Teams Participated

FIRST PLACE—NEW MEXICO. The team was composed of Belinda Garland, Brett Vaughn and Linda Riley, all of Estancia, New Mexico and coached by George Marin. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Belinda Garland, Estancia, New Mexico;
2. Keith Kunde, Santa Rosa, California;
3. Greg Giertz, Bellflower, Illinois;
4. Marcia Kunde, Santa Rosa, California;
5. Joy Weinheimer, Fredericksburg, Texas.

MEATS — 34 State Teams Participated

FIRST PLACE—IOWA. The team was composed of Steve Mullenbach, Dick Pringnitz and Marcia Shoger, all of Osage, Iowa and coached by Lewis Lauterbach. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Cindy Chestney, Perkins, Oklahoma;
2. Marcia Shoger, Osage, Iowa;
3. Scott Otterson, Mesa, Arizona;
4. Craig Hooks, Eddyville, Kentucky;
5. Frank Orique, Hanford, California.

MILK QUALITY AND DAIRY FOODS — 29 State Teams Participated

FIRST PLACE—MISSOURI. The team was composed of Grant Heithold, Jeff Floyd and Todd Edgerton, all of Licking, Missouri and coached by Melvin E. Barnes. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Grant Heithold, Licking, Missouri;
2. Todd Edgerton, Licking, Missouri;
3. Paul Brodie, Skiatook, Oklahoma;
4. Jeff Floyd, Licking, Missouri;
5. Gail Brodie, Skiatook, Oklahoma.

POULTRY — 34 State Teams Participated

FIRST PLACE—MISSOURI. The team was composed of Evert Staib, Kevin Mittag and Rod McAffrey, all of Neosho, Missouri and coached by Donald C. Ward. The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Randy Epler, Cheyenne, Wyoming;
2. Rod McAffrey, Neosho, Missouri;
3. Karen Kunz, Fredericksburg, Texas;
4. Jerry Countz, Prague, Oklahoma;
5. Patty Waide, Eatonville, Washington.

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

The National FFA Chapter Award Program, conducted annually by the national organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and encourage improvement in local chapter programs of activities. The awards program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort, and in crystallizing chapter programs of activities into a series of worthwhile activities.

Chapters were grouped into Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem classifications, according to their record of accomplishments in supervised agricultural occupations experience programs, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, public relations, alumni, recreation and participation in state and national activities.

The top "Gold Emblem" (G) rating was awarded to 112 local chapters, "Silver Emblem" (S) ratings went to 112 chapters and "Bronze Emblem" (B) ratings to 144 chapters. Chapters earning awards for this year follow.

Alabama	S	Crossville, Scottsboro			S	Ashland, Avon, Franklin Center, Newman, Pinckneyville, Spartland, Teutopolis
	B	Fyffe, Grant			B	Belvidere, Clinton, Fairbury-Cropsey, LeRoy, Olney, Paris, Shabbona, Wapella
Arizona	G	Kofa				
	S	Chandler, Gilbert, Marana				
Arkansas	S	Stuttgart				
	B	Marshall		Indiana	G	Bremen, Brownstown Central, Clinton Central, Owen Valley, Prairie Heights, Reitz, Tri-County, Woodlan Southern Wells
California	G	Mt. Whitney				
	S	Fallbrook				
	B	Elk Grove, Redwood, Ripon		Iowa	G	Buffalo Center Bison, Maquoketa Valley, North Fayette, South Hamilton, Starmont
Colorado	G	Caliche, Eagle Valley, Sterling			S	Bloomfield, Crestwood, Manchester, North Linn, Waverly-Shell Rock
	S	Haxtun, Larimer County			B	Anamosa, Estherville
	B	St. Vrain Valley		Kansas	G	Arkansas City, Cherryvale, Erie, Hill City, Plainville, Russell
Connecticut	G	Housatonic Valley			S	Altamont, Osage City, Washington
	S	Lebanon Regional				
Delaware	B	Middletown, Smyrna		Kentucky	G	Barren County, Caldwell County, Calloway County, Lowes, Lyon County, Taylorsville, Trigg
Florida	G	Bartow Sr., Groveland Sr., Mulberry, Orlando-Colonial, Santa Fe Senior, South Sumter Sr.			S	Farmington
	S	Bronson, Gainesville			B	Bourbon, Breckinridge Co.
	B	Agribusiness, Zephyrhills Auburndale Sr., Baker County, Chiefland Sr., Pensacola Tate Sr., Santa Fe Jr.		Louisiana	G	Oak Grove, Saline, Slidell
Georgia	S	Berrien County, Jeff Davis, Early Co., Effingham Co., Moultrie, Patterson, Perry			S	Assumption Senior, Crowley, Kilbourne, South Lafourche
	B	Bainbridge, S.E. Bulloch, Commerce, Lowndes, Montgomery Co., Oconee Co., Peach County			B	Jena, Rayne, Tioga
Hawaii	S	Waialua		Maine	G	Limestone
	B	Kaneohe			S	Presque Isle
Idaho	G	Meridian		Maryland	G	Damascus
	S	Kuna			S	Boonsboro, Hereford
Illinois	G	Auburn, Galesburg, Georgetown, Jacksonville, Mt. Carroll, Roanoke-Benson, R.O.V.A., Salem, Southwestern, Sycamore, Warren		Massachusetts	S	Essex
				Michigan	S	Cassopolis, Corunna, Marshall, Uby
					B	Breckenridge, Hopkins
				Minnesota	G	Cannon Falls, Eagle Bend, Montevideo, New Ulm

	S	Forest Lake, Stillwater, Willmar, Worthington			B	Mifflinburg, H. G. Parkinson Grove City, Little Dutchmen, Twin Valley
	B	Bertha-Hewitt, Pipestone, Springfield	Rhode Island	B	Chariho, Davies Vo-Tech	
Mississippi	B	Northeast Jones, Pine Grove	South Carolina	B	James F. Byrnes, Pleasant Hill	
Missouri	G	Carl Junction, Carthage, El Dorado Springs, Mt. Vernon, Ozark	South Dakota	S	Doland, Scotland	
	S	Albany, Aurora, Cass County, Houston, Mexico, Montgomery County, Salem		B	Hoven, Roslyn	
	B	Chillicothe, Trenton	Tennessee	G	Bradley	
Montana	B	Columbus, Fairview		B	Dickson County, Dyersburg, Lebanon, Meigs County, Rhea Co., Riverside, Rogersville, Sevierian, West Greene	
Nebraska	G	East Butler, Kimball, Leigh, North Bend, West Holt	Texas	G	Hamin, Hull-Daisetta, Katy, Klein, Quana	
	S	Howells, Waverly		S	East Central, Frisco, Livingston, Lorena, Nacogdoches, Sulphur Springs, Ysleta	
	B	Rock County, Stanton		B	Agua Dulce, Aubrey, Blum, Booker, Boys Ranch, Chapel Hill, Cleburne, DeKalb, Dublin, Edinburg, Ferris, Floydada, Garland, Hearne, Honey Grove, Lamar, Lenier-Austin, Lindsay, Little Cypress Mauriceville, Loop, McKinney, Midway, Mission, Mt. Enterprise, Pleasanton, Raymondville, Valley View, Wylie	
Nevada	S	Ruby Mountain				
	B	Moapa Valley	Utah	G	Millard Eagle, Tooele	
New Hampshire	G	Colebrook		S	Bear River, Grantsville	
	B	Much-To-Do	Vermont	B	Lamoille Union, Middlebury	
New Jersey	S	Allentown, Belvidere	Virginia	G	Appomattox, Broadway, Carroll County, Montevideo, Turner Ashby	
New Mexico	B	Belen, Las Cruces		S	William Campbell, Caroline, Patrick Henry, Lancaster	
New York	G	Hamilton		B	R. E. Aylor, Gretna Senior, James River, Pulaski County, Smith Mountain, Stonewall Jackson Junior	
	S	Greenwich, Sidney	Washington	G	Elma, Evergreen	
	B	Lisbon		S	Enumclaw	
North Carolina	S	Bartlett Yancey, South Lenoir, West Columbus		B	Eatonville, Kelso, Ritzville	
	B	North Iredell, Princeton, Sun Valley	West Virginia	B	Mannington, Walton, Wirt County	
North Dakota	G	Walhalla	Wisconsin	G	Bloomer, Delavan-Darien, Denmark, Evansville, Granton, Green Bay East, Janesville-Parker, Mauston, Monroe, New Holstein Viroqua	
	B	Enderlin, Glen Ullin, Hebron, Jamestown, Williston		S	Marshfield	
Ohio	G	Big Walnut, Blanchester, Bowling Green, Buckeye Valley, Northwestern Clark, River View		B	Bay Port, Black River Falls, Westby	
	S	Loudonville, MCJVS, Southeastern-Clark, U.V.J.V.S.				
	B	Delaware Hayes, Fairfield Union	Wyoming	G	Buffalo Bill	
Oklahoma	G	Alex, Chickasha, Skiatook, Sulphur		S	Burns	
	S	Altus, Broken Arrow, Fairview, Jenks, Morrison, Owasso, Perry, Prague, Tecumseh, Thomas, Weatherford		B	Douglas	
	B	Alva, Central, Clinton, Garber, Madill, Mannford, McLoud, Muskogee, Sperry, Tahlequah, Tishomingo, Tuttle, Wellston				
Oregon	G	Cascade				
	S	Canby, Clatsop				
	B	Culver				
Pennsylvania	G	Cloister, Northern Lebanon				
	S	Grassland, Headwaters, Lehigh County, Middleburg,				

NATIONAL CHAPTER SAFETY AWARDS

The National Chapter Safety Awards Program is designed to stimulate activities by local chapters which will result in the more widespread use of safety rules, thus lessening the tremendous suffering and loss of life, time and property that is caused each year by preventable farm accidents and fires.

Each state is entitled to submit for national consideration at least two chapters or ten percent of all chapters receiving Superior Chapter awards. These applications were sent to their various regional offices where a panel of experts ranked them in the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Awards.

There were 25 Gold Emblem Chapters (**G**), 34 Silver Emblem Chapters (**S**) and 59 Bronze Emblem Chapters (**B**). The winning chapters are as follows:

Alabama	B	Jackson "Gold" Scottsboro "C"	Missouri	S	Carthage Ozark
Arizona	B	Florence Gilbert	Montana	B	Columbus Fairview
Arkansas	B	Judsonia Lavaca	Nebraska	G	North Bend
California	B	Visalia-Mt. Whitney		S	Clarkson
Colorado	G	Caliche Haxtun	Nevada	B	Churchill Ruby Mountain
Connecticut	S	Housatonic Valley	New Jersey	B	Belvidere Hunterdon Hills
	B	Mattabeset	New Mexico	S	Clovis
Florida	G	South Sumter	New York	S	Barker Sidney
	S	Bartow Sr. Zephyrhills	North Carolina	G	Sun Valley
Georgia	S	Berrien County		S	Princeton
	B	Perry		B	Southern Wayne
	B	Effingham County	North Dakota	S	Williston
Hawaii	S	Waialua		B	Hazen
Idaho	B	Sandpoint Twin Falls	Ohio	G	Bloom Carroll Bowling Green Loudonville Marysville Ridgedale
Illinois	G	Sycamore	Oklahoma	G	Alex
	S	Roanoke-Benson		S	Fairview
	B	Clinton Georgetown Mt. Carroll R.O.V.A. Winchester	Oregon	B	Roseburg Wallowa
Indiana	B	Prairie Heights Princeton	Pennsylvania	S	Northern Lebanon
Iowa	G	Dysart-Geneseo		B	Headwaters Little Dutchmen
	B	South Hamilton	Rhode Island	B	Chariho Scituate
Kansas	B	Erie Hill City Plainville	South Carolina	B	Andrews Pleasant Hill
Kentucky	G	Lyon County	South Dakota	S	Hoven Scotland
	B	Caldwell County		B	Roslyn
Louisiana	G	Saline	Tennessee	G	Warren County
	B	Oak Grove		S	Erwin
Maine	B	Limestone		B	Brighton Dyersburg
Maryland	B	Catoctin Hereford	Texas	G	Ysleta
Michigan	S	Cassopolis Marshall		S	Marble Falls Midway
Minnesota	G	Eagle Bend Montevideo New Ulm		B	Cleburne
Mississippi	S	Pine Grove	Utah	G	Millard Eagle
	B	Quitman	Virginia	G	Blairs Patrick Henry

	S	Turner Ashby West Point			New Richmond Oregon
	B	Carroll County Nottoway Sr.		B	Black River Falls Cadott
Washington	S	Capital Elma			Holcombe-Lake Holcombe Janesville-Parker Mauston Monroe
West Virginia	S	Mannington			
	B	Lewis County			
Wisconsin	G	Denmark Green Bay East	Wyoming	S	Burns
	S	Evansville		B	Buffalo Bill Gillette



BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

A contemporary, exciting and challenging program was recognized for the eighth time at this year's convention. The FFA-BOAC program is designed to provide total involvement of FFA members in meaningful programs designed to meet the determined needs of every community. It provides opportunities for FFA chapters to organize for action to make their community a better place in which to live and work and to take pride in telling about their accomplishments.

Gold Emblem (G) ratings were awarded to 28 chapters, Silver Emblem (S) to 41 chapters and Bronze Emblem (B) to 81 chapters. Four regional winners were selected and appropriate recognition given to them at the national convention. Regional winners were: Bartlett Yancey Chapter, Yanceyville, North Carolina—Eastern Regional Winner
Clear Lake Chapter, Clear Lake, South Dakota—Central Regional Winner
Elk Grove Chapter, Elk Grove, California—Western Regional Winner
1978 National Winner was:
Franklin Senior High Chapter, Franklin, Louisiana

Other chapters earning National BOAC awards this year were:

Alabama	B	Boaz Crossville	Arkansas	B	Greenwood Lavaca
Arizona	B	Chandler Mountain View	California	G	Elk Grove B Morro Bay

Colorado	B	New Raymer Otis	Mississippi	B	Pine Grove Water Valley
Connecticut	S	Lebanon Woodbury	Missouri	G	Aurora El Dorado Springs Hardin-Central Lewis County
Delaware	S	Saddle & Grate	Montana	B	Columbus
Florida	G	Gainesville Mulberry	Nebraska	G	Ainsworth East Butler Howells
	S	Santa Fe "Sr."	Nevada	B	Moapa Valley
	B	South Sumter Sr.	New Hampshire	S	Somersworth Alvirne
Georgia	G	Perry	New Jersey	B	Camden Tech Hunterdon Hills
	B	Franklin Co. Jr. Patterson	New Mexico	B	Clovis Santa Fe
Hawaii	G	Waialua	New York	S	BOCES Young Foresters Sidney
Idaho	S	Ririe Twin Falls	North Carolina	G	Bartlett Yancey
Illinois	G	Georgetown Sycamore Tri-Point		B	Princeton West Carteret
	S	Dixon Elmwood Franklin Center Mt. Carroll Roanoke-Benson	North Dakota	G	Jamestown
	B	Belvidere		S	Hebron Williston
Indiana	S	Prairie Heights		B	Kindred
	B	Brownstown Crothersville	Ohio	G	Montgomery County Upper Valley
Iowa	S	Buffalo Center North Fayette Co. Sac City Sumner		S	Big Walnut
	B	Garnavillo Maquoketa Valley Rockwell Starmont Waverly-Shell Rock	Oklahoma	G	Guthrie Morrison
Kansas	B	Abilene Central High Columbus Hill City Russell Uniontown	Oregon	S	Cascade Wallowa
Kentucky	G	Lyon County	Pennsylvania	B	Clearfield Manor Northern Lebanon
	B	Loves	Rhode Island	B	Davies Vo-Tech Scituate
Louisiana	G	Franklin Sr.	South Carolina	B	Edisto Wade Hampton
	S	Provencal Saline	South Dakota	G	Clear Lake
	B	Alexandria Assumption Sr. Centerville Oak Grove Rayne Winnsboro		S	Willow Lake
Maine	G	Presque Isle		B	Chamberlain Mitchell Scotland
	B	Limestone	Tennessee	B	Meigs County Riverside
Maryland	B	Boonsboro Hereford	Texas	G	Mathis
Michigan	B	Durand Stockbridge		S	Floydada Ysleta
Minnesota	S	Cannon Falls Montevideo		B	Clear Lake Lorena
	B	Fridley Willmar	Utah	G	Millard Eagle
				B	Layton
			Virginia	S	William Campbell Gretna James Wood
				B	Caroline
			Washington	S	Elma
				B	Eatonville Kelso
			West Virginia	S	Mason County
				B	Mannington

Wisconsin	G	Janesville-Parker	Denmark
	S	Cadott	Green Bay East
		Evansville	Holcombe-Lake Holcombe
		Stevens Point	Mauston
	B	Black River Falls	Monroe
		Bloomer	Wisconsin Dells
		Bonduel	
		Delavan-Darien	
			Wyoming
			S
			Buffalo Bill
			Burns



AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Eighty-eight regional winners of the 22 Agricultural Proficiency Awards met for a luncheon with persons from government, business and industry, who served as judges. The judging of each of the 22 areas was done on the basis of information submitted to the FFA by regional winners. National and regional winners received checks from the National FFA Foundation, as well as partially paid travel expenses to the National Convention. For the first time this year, the top individuals will also take part in an expense-paid international travel seminar to take place in March of 1979. Following are Agricultural Proficiency Award winners who were recognized at the 1978 National FFA Convention.

Name	City & State	Award
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AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION Sponsored by Food & Energy Council, Inc.

MARK WINT	Elizabethtown, Indiana	National Winner
LONNIE DAVIS	Lancaster, Virginia	Eastern Regional Winner
EDWARD HARGROVE	Camden, Tennessee	Southern Regional Winner
ROY E. MOSHER	Guthrie, Oklahoma	Western Regional Winner

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS Sponsored by International Harvester Company

JULIAN BROWN	La Grange, North Carolina	National Winner
TIMOTHY PTACEK	Wilson, Kansas	Central Regional Winner
JEFFERY OWENS	Woodbury, Tennessee	Southern Regional Winner
TOM MAY	Pine Bluffs, Wyoming	Western Regional Winner

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING
Sponsored by Carnation Company

DANIEL T. WEBER
RICKY DELA CRUZ
PHILLIP DOLLAR
MEGAN ARNOLD

Cuba City, Wisconsin
Hurt, Virginia
Springville, Alabama
Hilmar, California

National Winner
Eastern Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner
Western Regional Winner

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

MIKE TILLMAN
TIM BIEWER
JOHN W. WEILER
HAROLD DEAN HASEL

Marianna, Florida
Hawley, Minnesota
Stevens, Pennsylvania
Guthrie, Oklahoma

National Winner
Central Regional Winner
Eastern Regional Winner
Western Regional Winner

BEEF PRODUCTION
Sponsored by NASCO Division and Sperry New Holland

JON BROWN
CHESTER MCDOWELL
PAT FOLEY
STEVE DURRANCE

Chickasha, Oklahoma
Arcadia, Missouri
Kingwood, West Virginia
Wauchula, Florida

National Winner
Central Regional Winner
Eastern Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner

CROP PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Massey-Ferguson Inc.

MIKE RICHMOND
DENNIS ENGELHARD
JEFFREY D. PEEK
JAMES SCHLECHT

Nevada, Ohio
Unionville, Michigan
Athens, Alabama
Ninnekah, Oklahoma

National Winner
Central Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner
Western Regional Winner

DAIRY PRODUCTION
Sponsored by Avco New Idea Farm Equipment and The DeLaval Separator Company

STEVEN VAUGHAN
MATT LIPPERT
MARK RICHARDS
LEENDERT VAN PELT

Hartville, Ohio
Pittsville, Wisconsin
Millport, Alabama
Sunnyside, Washington

National Winner
Central Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner
Western Regional Winner

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

JOEL LITT
MARK PRESTON
DARRELL RATCHFORD
GENE ROTH

Lexington, Ohio
Armstrong, Iowa
Marshall, Arkansas
Palisades, Washington

National Winner
Central Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner
Western Regional Winner

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
Sponsored by Philip Morris Incorporated

KENT CROON
MAURA LONGDEN
RUSSELL RALSTON
DALE W. WEBER

Nokomis, Illinois
Holden, Massachusetts
Selma, Alabama
Lander, Wyoming

National Winner
Eastern Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner
Western Regional Winner

FLORICULTURE
Sponsored by National FFA Foundation General Fund

EMILY KAY NITSCHKE
TERRY SHELTON
DANIEL B. BATSON
F. DAVID P. DOTY

Fremont, Ohio
Crab Orchard, Kentucky
Perkinston, Mississippi
Canby, Oregon

National Winner
Central Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner
Western Regional Winner

FOREST MANAGEMENT

Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

CARL P. HOLLEY III	Xenia, Ohio	National Winner
BILL KNIGHT	Strawberry Point, Iowa	Central Regional Winner
JOEL BOND JR.	Perkinston, Mississippi	Southern Regional Winner
BEN BOETTCHER	Elbe, Washington	Western Regional Winner

FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

Sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation Fund

OTIS H. STANLEY	Davenport, Florida	National Winner
RONALD EATON	Spiceland, Indiana	Central Regional Winner
JEFFREY BRUCE	Doswell, Virginia	Eastern Regional Winner
RALPH KURAMOTO	Parlier, California	Western Regional Winner

HOME AND/OR FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT

Sponsored by Upjohn Company

DANIEL D. MAASS	Buffalo Center, Iowa	National Winner
WILLIAM STOWELL	Berne, New York	Eastern Regional Winner
TIM WATTS	Eclectic, Alabama	Southern Regional Winner
DAVID SARGENT	Layton, Utah	Western Regional Winner

HORSE PROFICIENCY

Sponsored by The American Morgan Horse Foundation

ANDY ELKINS	Mt. Hope, Alabama	National Winner
SABRINA GRAHAM	Rocheport, Missouri	Central Regional Winner
DONNA M. LANSBERRY	Lebanon, Pennsylvania	Eastern Regional Winner
BROOKE WEST	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Western Regional Winner

NURSERY OPERATIONS

Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

RONALD JUFTES	Kennett Square, Pennsylvania	National Winner
GREGORY A. SALATA	Streator, Illinois	Central Regional Winner
JAMES MILSTEAD	McMinnville, Tennessee	Southern Regional Winner
TREY BAKER	Perry, Oklahoma	Western Regional Winner

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Sponsored by White Farm Equipment Company

BUDDY NORMAN	Springer, Oklahoma	National Winner
MERV SPECKMAN	Sleepy Eye, Minnesota	Central Regional Winner
JOHN W. HUDSON	Weems, Virginia	Eastern Regional Winner
WILLIAM WATERS	Lake Butler, Florida	Southern Regional Winner

PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Sponsored by Hesston Corporation and Shell Chemical Company

FRED SCHNEIDER	New Prague, Minnesota	National Winner
DONALD SMITH	Union Bridge, Maryland	Eastern Regional Winner
MICHAEL E. REEVES	McCalla, Alabama	Southern Regional Winner
JAY SALLINGER	Garber, Oklahoma	Western Regional Winner

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund

DALE RANGE	New Athens, Illinois	National Winner
JOANN HRUPSA	Harrington, Delaware	Eastern Regional Winner
RICHARD METHVIN	Strong, Arkansas, (Louisiana)	Southern Regional Winner
CHAD H. BLACKHAM	Moroni, Utah	Western Regional Winner

SHEEP PRODUCTION

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation General Fund

KEVIN J. LANSING
RODERICK K. MILLER
ROBERT LARUE
MIKE HAWMAN

Decorah, Iowa
Bridgewater, Virginia
Rudy, Arkansas
Dundee, Oregon

National Winner
Eastern Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner
Western Regional Winner

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund

LESLIE BRORSEN
BRIAN MOHLING
KENNETH STAATS
RICHARD BRONSON

Perry, Oklahoma
Fredericksburg, Iowa
Somerville, New Jersey
Clermont, Florida

National Winner
Central Regional Winner
Eastern Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner

SWINE PRODUCTION

Sponsored by Pfizer Agricultural Division

RUSTY COE
DAVID REMUS
JOHNNY D. KITTLE
CLARK W. VILHAUER

Jeffersonville, Ohio
Sleepy Eye, Minnesota
Dawson, Alabama
Loyal, Oklahoma

National Winner
Central Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner
Western Regional Winner

TURF AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Sponsored by O. M. Scott & Sons Company

SCOTT F. MOON
TOMMY HUDSON
RONNIE SAVOY
JAMES ANDERTON

Hayfield, Minnesota
Weems, Virginia
Youngsville, Louisiana
Quinlan, Texas

National Winner
Eastern Regional Winner
Southern Regional Winner
Western Regional Winner

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Each year at the convention, members who have achieved the highest degree are recognized in an impressive ceremony. There were 807 who received the degree.

ALABAMA

Perry Abernathy
Randel Rickey Baker
Steve Bowdoin
Charles Raymond Caraway
Alfreda Childress
William Paul Clark
Gary Reagan Coker
Tommy Paul Conner
Michael Keith Dickman
Timothy Gilmore Ellis
Paul Solomon Ellis
Steven K. Farmer
Robert Gantt
Tim Hale
Kelvin Laney Harbison
David Hicks
Gregory Paul Jennings
Rickey Alan Jolley
Don Kessler
Joey Kreauter
Michael S. Lipscomb
Roger Dale Lucas
Mack Maddox
Thomas David Majors
Donald Emmitt Martin
Dennis Earl Massey
Mike Randall Mayfield
Dennis Wayne Mims
James R. Minor
DeLorese Morgan
Jeffery T. Morgan
Ricky W. Oswald

Danny Percival
Marcus Keith Pressnell
Mark Richards
Diane Rider
Jimmy R. Riebeling
William Spencer
R. Eric Summerford
Greg Summerlin
Robert Charles Tice, Jr.
James Welborn
George A. Woerner

ARIZONA

Brad Anderson
Carla Ann Brubaker
Phillip C. Hogue, Jr.
Phil M. Krentz
W. Todd Lamb
Mike Perez
Tina Taylor
Glenn Marshall Tyson

ARKANSAS

Jeffery David Bogan
David L. Branscum
Kenny V. Broadaway
Ricky Lane Carson
Charles D. Chapman
Kenneth Wayne Clark
Steven P. Cobb
Bruce Ellison

John Holt
Stephen Horton
Alvin Huck
Ronald Dean Huskey
John K. Hutchison
Charles Edward King, Jr.
Beth Lancaster
Murray Glenn Lyerly
Ronald Mantooth
Garland Martin
Timothy I. Mathias
Gary Michael Nixon
Kevin Ray Randolph
Simeon Brett Smith
James Brent Taylor
John Douglas Walker
Richard N. Watson

CALIFORNIA

James B. Andersen II
Danny L. Biggs
Jim Bos
Sheila Boydstun
Randel Len Burns
David Anthony Costa
Douglas W. Cox III
Frederick A. Denier
James Dessel
Joseph P. DiGrazia, Jr.
Ron Fisher
Stephen F. Gallagher
Alvin Louis Groppetti, Jr.
Mark Jude Haag

Michael E. Luis
James W. Mattes
Kate Metzger
Judith Carol Miller
Steven Pete Milanesio
Floyd Lester Patterson III
Debra Carol Paver
John P. Pedrozo
Kevin Thomas Pearcey
Kimberly Scott
Michael Edward Simpson
Stephen George Sommer
Robert William Sutter
Robert Verloop
Raymond Vierra
Brett D. K. Visser
Julia Ann Wright

COLORADO

Bill Annan
Del Chase
Randy Hines
Steven James Lebsock
Russell D. Leffler
Dan Koberstein
Bennie J. Rainbolt
John Louis Schenk

CONNECTICUT

Pamela P. FitzGerald
Clinton R. Flagg
Dawn M. Spielman

DELAWARE

Kenneth H. Carlisle
James G. Venderwende
Ernest Vogl, Jr.

FLORIDA

Lawrence E. Barthele
Loran Thomas Brookins
Bruce Dean Daugherty
Billy Ray Erixton
Scott I. Fowler
Derek LaMar Hall
Roger Harris
Wilburn W. Hildebrandt, Jr.
Delma P. Locke, Jr.
Frances Marie Lommerse
Ronald Lee Mann
Kathy Manookian
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The Honorary American Farmer Degree is also awarded to adults other than local advisors who have helped to advance agribusiness and the FFA, and who have given outstanding service on a national level. There were 113 receiving this recognition, including the parents and advisors of the national officers and the parents of the "Stars."

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VIP CITATIONS

There are many individuals, who from the beginning of the FFA, have continued to give support to the organization "over and beyond the call of duty." This year marks the seventh year that long-time friends and great supporters of the FFA have been recognized with a "VIP Award." Six distinguished people received this award.

Dr. Ralph E. Bender
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Myers

L. C. "Hap" Dalton
Virginia Nicholson

Donald N. McDowell

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS

There are many organizations that have provided outstanding service to the National FFA Organization. They have contributed personnel, time, and money to further the aims and purposes of the Future Farmers of America. This year three organizations received this Citation.

The AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR VOCATIONAL-INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
The AMERICAN RED CROSS—GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
The MIDCONTINENTAL FARMERS ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS

For 122 official voting delegates from across the nation, part of the convention is spent in conveying the thoughts and the needs of the members in their individual states to the National FFA Organization as a whole. Committee meetings and business sessions provide a forum for these members, representing others, to voice their ideas for betterment of the FFA.

Proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws were properly discussed by the delegates. The following amendments were approved. (Bold portions indicate modifications):

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII.

PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Section A, 3rd Paragraph

That **State Association is allowed to submit its most qualified candidates for the American Farmer Degree, regardless of whether they are in Agricultural Production or Agribusiness.**

(Replaces paragraph as follows: "When a State is eligible for 3, 6, 9, etc. American Farmer Degree candidates, one-third of the Degrees shall be awarded in the production segment, one-third in the agribusiness segment and one-third as determined by the State Association. When the number is not divisible by three, the remainder shall be determined by the State Association.")

ARTICLE XV.

DUES

Section A

Annual membership dues in the National Organization shall be fixed by a majority vote of the delegates present at a National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. The FFA membership year shall be **September 1 to August 31**. (Former dates were July 1 to June 30.)

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI.

THE FISCAL YEAR

Section A

The fiscal year of the corporation shall commence on the first day of **September** in each year and shall end on the **thirty first** day of **August** of the next succeeding calendar year. (Related to above adjustments of membership year.)

Proposed Revisions in the Official FFA Manual 1978 Edition

(Pages 30-31)

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Advisor's part in the Ceremony for Receiving Greenhands be changed to read:
Advisor: "The pin worn by Greenhands is made of bronze. Bronze, because of its hardness and endurance, has been used for ages by men who sought a good substitute for crude stone instruments. May those qualities of hardness and endurance carry you far in our organization. I take pleasure, therefore, in presenting each of you with the bronze emblem of the FFA.

Although you have done well and merit this recognition, let me remind you that there are heights yet to be attained. Just as there are metals more precious than bronze, there are rarer and more precious laurels to be worn in our organization. The silver pin of the Chapter Degree and the gold charm of the State Degree await those who earn

them. In order to attain the higher degrees, you must possess rare and golden qualities. You must be malleable, but never crushed; ductile, but never drawn into anything base or dishonorable; glowing with enthusiasm, but unaltered by the heat of conflict. It is my sincere wish that some of you may eventually be awarded the golden key of an American Farmer.

Your future is before you and you can attain the high place in the organization so eagerly sought by all worthy members.

Committee Reports

In other business, Delegate Committee Reports were amended and accepted in the afternoon business session on November 7, 1978. One committee report, that of the Nominating Committee, was not brought before the delegate body for acceptance until a Friday morning session of the delegates opened for new business. It was then the full slate of new National Officers was accepted. Also at this session, it was moved and seconded to set national dues at the sum of \$2.00. The motion was carried.

Committee reports follow in full.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Office for the year 1978-79. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applications, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President	Mark H. Sanborn, Ohio
Secretary	Kelly Grant, Missouri
Vice President, Central Region	Kevin Drane, Indiana
Vice President, Eastern Region	Jeff Rudd, North Carolina
Vice President, Southern Region	Barry Dean Norton, Tennessee
Vice President, Western Region	Elvin Caraway, Texas
National Treasurer	Julian M. Campbell, Richmond, Virginia
National Executive Secretary	C. Coleman Harris, Washington, D.C.
National Advisor	H. N. Hunsicker, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Caves, Mississippi (Chairman)
 Clay Christensen, Utah
 Rex Wilson, New Mexico
 Lance Chancellor, Mississippi

Michael W. Fowler, Louisiana
 Charles Wilfong, West Virginia
 Mark Telle, Wisconsin
 Mike Walsh, Wisconsin
 Bill Flannery, Maine

AUDITING

We, the members of the 1978 Auditing Committee, after careful examination and investigation of the financial status of the FFA organization, from the material presented by the National FFA Office for the fiscal year July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978, hereby make the following recommendations:

1. That the audit report of Stoy, Malone and Company be accepted as true and accurate.

2. That the national organization commend Mr. Julian Campbell, National FFA Treasurer; Mr. Edward Hawkins, FFA Administrative Director and the staff for their continuing efforts and overall efficiency and dedicated service for the betterment of the National FFA

Respectfully submitted,

David Pearce, Missouri (Chairman)
Tom Rogers, Illinois
Melissa Minor, Colorado
William Reily Brown, Delaware

Lynn Smith, Nevada
Kevin Page, Texas
Doug Rinker, Virginia
Wayne Jacobs, Indiana



COLLEGIATE AG-ED DEVELOPMENT

We, the members of the Collegiate Ag-Ed Development Committee, in realizing the need for qualified and progressive vocational agriculture instructors, also see the need for strong and educational Ag-Ed Collegiate Organizations. It is the feeling of the committee that the strength of the FFA is dependent on many factors, and one of these factors being the quality of agricultural education students. We, therefore, have divided the committee recommendations into three areas of responsibility—National suggestions, State suggestions and University suggestions—where we feel activities are needed. Our committee recommendations are also based on the findings of the "Strengthening the Role of Agricultural Educational Collegiate Organizations Workshop" held at Ohio State University this spring.

We would like to thank Mr. Byron Rawls and Mr. Doug Loudenslager for their assistance in our committee work. We would like to submit the following recommendations:

I. National Suggestions

- A. Recognition of Collegiate Ag-Ed Organizations.
 1. Superior Chapter Contest (something with same basic structure).
 - (a) Guidelines (developed by teacher education institution).
- B. Development of Sub-Regional Leadership Conferences
 1. Money has been budgeted.
- C. Assistance with national convention
 1. Courtesy Corps
 2. National Contests
 3. Other Activities
- D. Workshops at national convention
 1. Ag-Education students sharing ideas.
 2. Ag-Education students involved in a leadership development.
 - (a) Teacher educators from successful collegiate chapters assisting in presenting such a program.

- E. Continue to make available FFA curriculum material.
 - F. Magazine and Collegiate Newsletter.
 - 1. The National FUTURE FARMER continue to seek more feature stories on collegiate organizations.
 - 2. Newsletter be published by the National FFA Center for the collegiate ag-ed organizations.
- II. State Suggestions
- A. Involvement with state officers and state activities.
 - 1. State Convention
 - 2. Leadership Workshops
 - 3. State Camps
 - 4. Contest assistance
 - 5. Other activities.
 - B. Involvement in assisting chapter activities.
 - 1. Arranging an area in the Superior Chapter form dealing with the use of a collegiate ag-ed organization.
- III. University suggestions
- A. Promote the use of FFA materials in Ag-Ed courses.
 - B. Recruitment
 - 1. Sending ag-ed students and educators to high schools.
 - 2. Displays at state fairs.
 - C. Host Sub-Regional Leadership Conference.
 - 1. Collegiate ag-ed chapters who are interested in hosting such a conference need to submit a proposal to the National FFA Center.
 - D. Ag-ed departments encourage the development of effective and active collegiate organizations.

It is our sincere desire that these recommendations will be considered and acted upon to strengthen and promote agricultural education development on the collegiate level.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Bank, Kansas (Chairman)
 Alan Campbell, Oklahoma
 Donald Bullock, Delaware
 Mike Beatty, Pennsylvania

Shan Young, Georgia
 Terry Bryan, Maine
 Tommy Holden, Louisiana

INTERNATIONAL

We, the 1978 International Committee, in the hopes of strengthening the FFA International Program, submit the following recommendations and suggestions:

1. Encourage states to promote and publicize FFA International activities through:
 - a. State newsletters, radio, television and newspapers.
 - b. Regional state officer workshops.
 - c. State conventions.
 - d. Regional conferences within the state.
 - e. Stress WEA at the Advisors' Summer Conference.
 - f. Have more WEA material available to state officers.
 - g. Have WEA material presented to state officers at sub-regional conferences.
 - h. Have state officer packets include past WEA participants' addresses.
2. Encourage WEA participants to give presentations when they return and also recommend the WEA participants make a promotional tour of the area they are visiting.
3. Suggest that the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine serve as a coordinator between chapters interested in an interstate exchange program.
4. Recommend that serious consideration be given to the possibility of establishing a good-will concert tour of the national band and/or chorus to selected foreign countries.
5. Support the FFA's cooperation with U.S. and international organizations that provide assistance to youth programs in developing countries.
6. Encourage state associations to present the Certificate of Merit to participating chapters.
7. Encourage a greater number of local FFA Alumni Affiliates to sponsor outbound FFA members in the WEA program.
8. Encourage the continuation of the WEA affiliate of the FFA Alumni.
9. Encourage state associations and local chapters to make use of the WEA slide series which is now available through the FFA Supply Service.

10. Encourage increased participation of chapters hosting incoming foreign students.
11. Recommend that the 1978 WEA participants be listed in the 51st National Convention Proceedings and commend them for their participation.
12. Recommend that serious consideration be given to the establishment of an international exchange program with foreign agriculture schools for post-secondary students majoring in agriculture.
13. Encourage further support and assistance be given by the FFA to the Future Farmer Organizations around the world.
14. Improve WEA relationships with countries having other political systems.
15. Recommend that states consider scholarship programs for WEA participants.
16. Show appreciation and support to the FFA Foundation in funding sponsors for the FFA international program and also thank Mr. Gamage and his staff for their assistance.

We sincerely hope that these suggestions will aid in continuing the success of the International Program.

Respectfully submitted,

William Christ, Illinois (Chairman)
 Charles Howlett, Iowa
 Barry Brantley, Louisiana
 Patti Dunn, Alabama

Terry Smith, Texas
 Ray Goodroad, North Dakota
 Marie Wirotek, Michigan
 Tim Wood, Ohio
 Mike Stewart, Arizona

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We, the Membership Development Committee, have taken into serious consideration many issues as they relate to building membership in Vo-Ag-FFA. We recognize the need for Federal Vocational Education monies to be spent equally on all students enrolled in vocational education in the various subject matter areas. We further recognize that funds are necessary in order to offer students in vocational agricultural education quality programs both in and out of the classroom. We also submit that the experiences gained through involvement in the Future Farmers of America program are of benefit to all vo-ag-FFA students and should be available to all vo-ag-FFA students. Therefore, we support a program to attain 100% plus membership in FFA.

We see many barriers which prevent 100% plus membership. Since the vocational agriculture-FFA teacher is the nucleus of any successful chapter, his/her enthusiastic support and involvement is essential. Many students do not join the FFA because the instructor has failed to effectively utilize the FFA as an intracurricular teaching tool. Lack of exposure and knowledge of the FFA eliminates many would be members. This can be attributed to many things.

Many vo-ag-FFA instructors are not products of the FFA and have had little or no training as an FFA advisor prior to accepting their teaching assignments. In other cases the instructor may be simply underestimating his/her role as a promoter of the FFA. We also recognize that family beliefs, religious beliefs and many other non-tangibles are all factors which may have a negative effect on membership.

We feel that increasing membership involves the sale of a product. Public image and public relations, therefore, are important. We must avoid stereotyping ourselves thus making FFA unappealing to non-traditional vo-ag-FFA students. The FFA's image has been stereotyped and our public relations or product sales techniques must be re-evaluated. Advertising has been too narrowly focused. We are not effectively reaching the student population which is not the traditional vo-ag-FFA students but who would benefit from experience in the FFA. Furthermore, it is necessary to sell our product differently in Los Angeles or New York City than in Owasso, Oklahoma.

Having briefly identified some concerns with regard to membership development, and being advocates of 100% plus membership, we submit the following recommendations for consideration:

1. Provide incentives on the national, state and local levels which encourage the attainment of 100% plus membership.
2. Achieve 100% plus membership by maintaining membership of high school graduates.
3. Develop a public relations-membership development program that can be used to sell FFA in urban and rural communities alike.
4. Develop a program which instills an interest in and an understanding of FFA in Jr. High School students.
5. Place more emphasis in developing leadership programs for the first and second year vo-ag-FFA students.
6. Develop a program to emphasize the involvement of every vo-ag-FFA student in the "Essentials of a Successful Chapter." (Pages 10-11, 1978 Official FFA Manual).
7. Every vo-ag-FFA student shall be involved in the chapter program of activities.
8. The FFA must assume a more active roll in the development of vo-ag-FFA instructors. This responsibility includes placing emphasis on collegiate FFA chapters and teaching the concept of FFA as an integral part of vo-ag. Teacher training in vo-ag must include training as an FFA advisor.
9. Develop more effective communication methods which relay the issues facing vo-ag-FFA instructors. For example, the current increase in vo-ag enrollment and decrease in FFA membership.
10. Research be done to project future vo-ag-FFA enrollment.
11. Establish a research and planning committee to study the effect of student/teacher ratio on percentage of FFA membership.

It may be necessary to develop a funding system which would negate the need for collecting dues. We offer the following suggestions in order of preference:

1. Chapter Fee Assessed in relation to the number of vo-ag-FFA students enrolled. To be financed by:
 - a. Chapter fund raisers
 - b. Local school district
 - c. FFA Alumni
2. Individual Laboratory Fee—Financed by:
 - a. Charging each vo-ag student for the use of facilities
 - b. Local school district
 - c. FFA Alumni

The aforementioned concepts and recommendations are offered with the sole intent of increasing vo-ag-FFA membership and improving the quality of vo-ag-FFA programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Benson, California (Chairman)
 Gerald Barlowe, North Carolina
 Mark Brayman, Connecticut
 Dave Koeneman, Indiana

Carl Luther, Washington
 Lonny Powell, Idaho
 Penny Steward, Missouri

NATIONAL ALUMNI

The 1978 National Alumni Committee recognizes and commends the National Alumni Association for its service to and support of vocational agriculture and the FFA. With the assistance of Mr. Robert Cox and Mr. Bob Holloway, which was much appreciated, we respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That the FFA Alumni concentrate its thrust in the area of public relations, making available to state officers, state staff and local chapters, a thrust packet including updated educational and promotional materials on the Alumni Association and by establishing a National FFA Alumni Week.
2. That Alumni Affiliates become actively involved in governmental and legislative actions affecting the FFA and take positive action to secure the future of the FFA programs.
3. That Alumni articles be published in state association newsletters and the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
4. That the National Alumni continue and expand their National Leadership Workshops at the National FFA Convention.
5. That Alumni and its programs be emphasized by the National FFA Officers at regional workshops.
6. That each state make available on a free-loan basis to local chapters, audio visual materials on the Alumni.
7. That state associations provide space for use by FFA Alumni groups for promotion of the Alumni at state conventions and other related FFA activities.
8. That states with an Alumni Association be encouraged to revitalize existing programs.

9. That chapters developing their Program of Activities be encouraged to involve the Alumni Affiliate.
10. That all State FFA Associations set a goal to increase the number of FFA Alumni Affiliates of their local FFA chapters and work toward a State Alumni Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Etzel, Oregon (Chairman)
 Demetrius Daniel, Alabama
 Sara Putnam, New York

Gary A. Souza, California
 Jeff O'Neal, Georgia
 Dixie Berg, Minnesota

NATIONAL AWARD PROGRAMS

The committee recommends that a letter be sent to each state association advising state officers to encourage chapters to personally contact the local news media concerning the chapter award programs.

The committee recommends that the national organization allocate more money to the National Chapter Award program to fund special awards for Superior Chapters.

The committee recommends that the national organization send a letter to each state association suggesting that the state officers explain and encourage the use of the resource system and encourage participation in the chapter recognition programs, to increase participation in the above-mentioned activities.

The committee proposes that an award be created to recognize outstanding service to the handicapped and/or underprivileged to be awarded to chapters on the state and national levels.

The committee recommends that next year's committee discuss the following questions and make specific recommendations to improve these activities.

1. Indicate suggested changes in basic requirements for Superior rating in the National Chapter Awards Program.
2. The Safety application was revised in 1977. Please review it for suggested changes.
3. Suggest modifications in the basic list of the BOAC questions.

The National Awards Program committee would like to commend the National FFA Foundation for the publication of the Agricultural Proficiency Award winners booklet. We feel that this booklet will be an incentive for members to participate in the Proficiency Awards program.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Tanner, Florida (Chairman)
 Eric Caldwell, North Carolina
 Lisa Nobles, New Mexico
 Robert Hendricks, Alaska

Matthew Maltus, Massachusetts
 Cleve Clark, Texas
 Glen Staebner, Connecticut
 Jim Hoffman, Minnesota

NATIONAL CONTESTS

We, the 1978 National Contests Committee, wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Ted Amick, Leon Wagley, Delmar Dalton, Walter Upton, Dick Carter and all contest superintendents for their outstanding efforts in conducting the 1978 contests. In addition we would like to thank Larry Judy and Everett Stoll of the American Hereford Association, for computer processing the contests, and the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show for providing dairy cattle. Our appreciation and special thanks are extended to the sponsors of the national contests:

John Deere; Mid-America Dairymen, Inc.; The Vitality Seed Co.; American Association of Nurserymen, Inc.; Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc.; Gulf Crop Pro-

tection Products; The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.; Ralston Purina Co.; Associated Milk Producers, Inc.; Oscar Mayer & Co.; Jones Dairy Farm; Wilson Foods Corp.; Geo. A. Hormel & Co.; Victor F. Weaver, Inc.; National Farm Bureau Federation and the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

We submit the following recommendations:

NEW CONTESTS

1. That strong consideration be given by the National FFA Board of Directors to develop a special committee to study the proposal of developing a Horse Judging Contest, with divisions such as Arabian, Morgan, Quarter Horse and Thoroughbreds (separate from the National Livestock Contest) for state use in 1980-81 and implementation into a National Horse Judging Contest in 1982.
2. That a committee be formed to examine the possibility of a formal showmanship contest to be implemented for state use in 1980-81 and become a national contest in 1982.
3. That a National FFA Creed Speaking Contest be held (limited to first year students in the 9th and 10th grades) with a question and answer period following the presentation of the Creed.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

1. That a committee be formed to explore the level of difficulty involved in the Farm Business Management Contest.
2. That all regions be encouraged to conduct sub-regional public and extemporaneous speaking contests prior to the convention week.
Rationale following:
 - a. Save time during national convention week.
 - b. With the extemporaneous contest this is an important consideration.
 - c. Regions will have to use their own discretion as to whether they can hold these contests prior to convention week, with sufficient time to submit the names of the winners, wherein the names may be included in the official program of the convention. Some consideration should be given in relation to the amount of time and money that can be spent.
3. That the separate National Contests Awards banquets be combined into one awards banquet to highlight the national contests.

Respectfully submitted,

Fritz Zook, Montana (Chairman)
Tammy Arnold, Wyoming
Milo Fischer, Massachusetts
Kerry Powell, Idaho

Jamie Widner, New Mexico
Roy Brantley, Texas
James Festge, Wisconsin

NATIONAL CONVENTION

As members of the Golden Anniversary Edition of the National Convention Committee, we encourage all FFA members to consider the following commendations and suggestions. A special thanks to:

The National Advisor, Mr. H. N. Hunsicker; National Executive Secretary, Mr. Coleman Harris; National Treasurer, Mr. Julian Campbell and the National Board of Directors.

Ken, Howard, Rob, Dee, Chris and Peg for providing much of the Faith, Love and Hope of our Golden Anniversary year.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Company for once again ending our convention in excellent fashion.

President Jimmy Carter for addressing the convention and relating his experiences as a former FFA member.

Kyle Rote, Jr. for his outstanding keynote address.

Paul Harvey for his exciting and inspirational message and to Massey-Ferguson Inc. for making his visit possible.

Honorable Charles B. Wheeler, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

Jerry Clower, a true Southern gentleman with a story to tell.

Bill Harsh, Chairman of the FFA Commemorative Committee.

Mrs. Pauline Coiner for her long time and much appreciated service to the blue and gold.

Robert Lund, 1979 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee and the exciting goal of raising one million dollars for the FFA.

The Joint Armed Services Color Guard, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Past National President, C. James Bode, for bringing the opening invocation.

We also wish to express our thanks to Colonel James Lewin; Raellen Lescault; Scott McKain and Ron Wilson; Alex P. Mercure and Dr. Ernest Boyer. We also congratulate our new American Royal Queen, Linda McGinley and each Queen candidate: convention organist Bob Roen and Marvin Myers, Roger Heath and Don Erickson for their respective groups. We also extend special recognition to all sponsors of the FFA, national staff and consultants, and all award and degree recipients.

After having carefully evaluated the 51st National Convention, we submit the following recommendations to allow for a more cooperative and professional image during our national convention:

That a direct lighting system be installed between the secretary's station and the podium to notify the chairman of the need for upcoming announcements.

That American Farmer recipients be required to return to their seats after receiving their award and remain until the closing ceremonies.

That the length, content and effectiveness of the Wednesday night session be examined.

That the hours of the Agricultural Career Show be extended.

That the Alumni Workshops be taped and made available to FFA chapters for use.

That more emphasis should be placed on the originality of material in the regional and national public speaking contests and that contestants be scored accordingly.

That due to the importance of the material enclosed, all committee reports be duplicated and made available for the delegates to consider.

That a copy of the National FFA Budget be included in the delegate packets.

That the National Chorus consider preparing additional songs to be used for toasting guest speakers when several tributes are used in the same session.

Respectfully submitted,

Noble Sokolosky, Oklahoma (Chairman)
Hal Phillips, Florida
Kelly Arnold, Maryland
Craig Berry, Michigan

Kim Inman, Iowa
Stephen Cobb, Alabama
Curtis Brown, Kentucky
Jeff Yarrow, Kansas

OFFICIAL FFA CALENDAR

We, the Official FFA Calendar Committee, submit the following recommendations to encourage participation in the FFA Calendar program:

1. Present an FFA promoter award on local, area and state levels to participating chapters.
2. Emphasize importance of the Calendar program to agriculture teachers at agriculture teachers' meetings, as well as through the present mailing system.
3. Send letters to chapters from State Presidents to promote Calendar program.
4. Offer 10% discounts to chapters who first participate in the Calendar program.
5. Make available a display for use at Leadership Training Camps, State Conventions and other state activities.

Also, we wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Jack Pitzer, Manager of the Official FFA Calendar Program and his staff for their continued efforts toward the Calendar program and also overall concern for the FFA.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Gibson, Illinois (Chairman)
George O. McDonald, Tennessee
Randy Green, Texas
Jim Eisentrout, West Virginia

Doug Gray, Arizona
Dan Keasler, South Carolina
Kerry Hart, Kentucky
Gary Souza, California

NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE

We, the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee, wish to extend our appreciation and commendations to Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor, the editorial staff, advertising staff and all persons connected with the publication and distribution of a most informative and enjoyable publication. After careful deliberation and consideration, we submit the following recommendations and proposals to:

1. Encourage advisors to discontinue use of the so-called "brother-sister option" unless otherwise specified by individual members. This is in regard to the official dues roster.
2. Increase national dues to compensate for the deficit of the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
3. Suggest that the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine publish a series concerning outstanding former members and their present life.
4. Suggest that chapter rosters be completed as soon as possible and sent to the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, containing correct names and addresses to further insure proper and improved circulation of the publication.
5. Encourage involvement of the magazine in classroom discussions.
6. Encourage chapters to continue to obtain bulk orders of the fall issue of the National FUTURE FARMER to distribute to incoming Greenhands, thereby overcoming the lag in circulation processing.
7. Encourage state and chapter input to the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Nouyokas, Colorado (Chairman)
Bruce Farquhor, Oklahoma
Tony Brannon, Tennessee
David Franklin, Vermont

Jim Baker, Alabama
Eddie Randolph, Arkansas
David Conway, New Hampshire
Danette Tessmann, Wisconsin

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

We, the members of the National Program of Activities Committee, have carefully reviewed and inspected the proposed 1979 National Program of Activities and submit the following recommendations and proposed program to the Boards of National FFA Officers and Directors for consideration:

1. To distribute calendars to all dues-paying members.
2. Recommend that the committee for the selection of national awards be increased and that one of the new members be a local vo-ag teacher and that it be on a regional rotating basis.
3. Recommend that visitations be made to all Regional Star Farmers.
4. Recommend that visitations be made to all American Farmers nominated for Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman.
5. Use National Officers in State Leadership Conferences.
6. Look into the possibility of holding a multi-state leadership conference. We suggest that the regions be split up.
7. A program of activities for the Alumni be established.
8. Promote the availability of visual aids on the chapter level.
9. Promote the availability of audio visual aids to civic groups, school and community organizations.
10. Encourage public audiences at all public speaking contests.
11. We recommend that each state hold a workshop for first year teachers and student teachers.
12. Recommend to create and make available a President's Handbook through the National FFA Supply Service.
13. National Organization cooperate with the NVATA in making available vocational agriculture and career opportunity information to high school guidance counsel departments.
14. We promote the use of present programs before implementing new additional programs.
15. The committee supports the proposed Amendment—Article XV, Section A

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Thell, Minnesota (Chairman)
Mark Baker, Texas
Rodney Cude, Kentucky
Glenn Caves, Mississippi

Cynthia Hamlen, New Jersey
Wes Untied, Ohio
Minerva Cordero, Puerto Rico
Dana Millar, Rhode Island

NATIONAL FFA SUPPLY SERVICE

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

1. That a space be provided on the existing Supply Service Order Form to show the date that the merchandise is preferred by.
2. That unsatisfactory merchandise purchased from the Supply Service be promptly returned so that the supplier may be notified and the problem corrected.
3. That the "FFA at 50" tie be continued, but that the letters "FFA" replace the slogan "FFA at 50" on the tie.
4. That a pocket calendar/date book be offered by the Supply Service and that such information as the Motto, Creed, Aim and Purposes, colors, dress code, etc. be included.
5. Investigate the possibility of having a handkerchief offered with the letters FFA woven in.
6. That the present official FFA dress for all members be continued and that the official dress be clearly stated in the Official FFA Manual and that the 50th Anniversary scarf be continued as a part of the official dress.
7. Investigate the possibility of offering a durable, outdoor FFA emblem.
8. That the Supply Service develop small, low cost items such as balloons to be used as giveaway items.
9. That the Supply Service offer the white shirt required for the official FFA dress.
10. That a zip-a-lope pouch be offered by the Supply Service.
11. That the Supply Service urgently continue their efforts in developing a jacket tailored to fit female FFA members.
12. That a list of merchandise and services not listed in the Supply Service catalogue be provided by the Supply Service.

We, the Supply Service Committee, commend Mr. Harry Andrews and his dedicated staff for the outstanding service and devotion to the FFA organization beyond the call of duty. In order to show your appreciation to the Supply Service staff, please send in your completed order forms early to allow ample time for the orders to be filled and returned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Maxwell, North Carolina (Chairman)
Jill Beckman, Nebraska
Craig Rogers, Arkansas
Justin Godbehere, Hawaii

Alonzo Osgood, Maine
William Wyckoff, Vermont
Tim Fiegen, South Dakota
Gerald Anelon, Alaska

NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES

We, the members of the 1978 National Information Services Committee, after careful consideration of existing FFA information programs, have defined five audiences that the FFA should improve communications to. Overall, we feel communications should be expanded in these three areas—agriculture, agricultural careers and the FFA.

We have identified the following audiences and messages appropriate to each.

1. Improving the communication to Jr. High level students and guidance counselors by stressing information about agriculture, careers and FFA, by using the following methods:
 - a. A guide developed by the national organization implementing agriculture, FFA and careers including methods to convey these messages.
 - b. Develop a communication, perhaps a career guide for the use of chapter officers to inform guidance counselors.
 - c. The use of existing films and the development of new films, to explain what agriculture is all about.
 - d. Expand on the accomplishment and the influence of the FFA in the lives of past members and supporters who have become prominent figures in America.
2. Improving the communications to collegiate level members by stressing FFA and careers. Special emphasis should be given to those involved in agricultural education by using the following methods.
 - a. Stress the use of existing resource material.
 - b. Develop FFA information locator poster, similar to the guide found in the 1978 Manual. The purpose of this poster would be to familiarize future ag teachers with the resources available and how they can make these resources work for them.
3. Improving the communications with the general public by stressing the importance of agriculture and how FFA relates to this field. We suggest the following methods:

- a. Use of TV spot and radio announcements.
 - b. Use of new and existing films to explain what agriculture is all about.
 - c. Expand on the accomplishments and the influence of the FFA in the lives of past members and supporters who have become prominent figures in America.
4. Improving the communications with local advisors and local chapters, stressing ag careers and FFA by using the following methods:
 - a. Stress the use of existing resource materials.
 - b. Develop an FFA information locator poster similar to the guide found in the 1978 Manual.
 5. Improving the communication to students enrolled in vocation agriculture classes but who are not members of the FFA. We suggest the following methods:
 - a. The use of existing and new films to explain what the FFA is all about and how it can influence their lives.
 - b. The use of state officers and state staffs to motivate and encourage participation in the FFA.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Poeschl, Nebraska (Chairman)
 Nancy Carhart, New York
 Joe P. Garcia, Texas
 Nadra Millar, Rhode Island

Darla Phillips, Nevada
 Wayne Waldrop, Virginia
 Mitchell Brian, Arkansas

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

We, the members of the National Leadership Conference Committee, have reviewed and evaluated all aspects of the Washington Conference Program and Conference staff recommendations for the summer of 1979, and hereby submit the following proposals:

Chapter Conference Program

1. The continuation of the policy that the conference program be restricted to only active FFA high school students who will be enrolled in high school for the year *following* the conference.
2. Develop a promotional plan for the Washington Leadership Conference Program which should include contacting local advisors, chapter presidents and the usage of visual aids which could be used by local chapters, state officers, state associations and previous conference participants.
3. To encourage local chapter advisors, especially new advisors to attend the Washington Conference Program where sessions will be designed for their needs.

State Presidents' Conference

1. That one representative of the state staff be encouraged to attend the State Presidents' Conference. These representatives will have the opportunity to attend sessions designed for professional development in the area of the FFA.
2. To evenly disperse speakers throughout the conference program for better effectiveness, in order to establish a well rounded program for the participants.
3. That a summary be prepared on current agriculture issues and legislation to be presented to participants in the State Presidents' Conference upon registration.

Chapter and State Presidents' Conferences

1. We support the proposal that the Washington Leadership Conference Program be expanded to two conference sites with conferences running simultaneously. This would consist of 13 Chapter Conference Programs and one State Presidents' Conference during a seven week period.
2. That a female be employed on each staff.
3. That the fee for the Washington Conference Program be raised to cover the cost of additional conference staff members and conference materials, and to encourage an Advisors' Conference.
4. Continue emphasis on Congressional visits and have the staff work with Congressmen to coordinate these visits.

To followup the 1978 National Leadership Conference, we recommend the following resolutions go on record at the 51st National FFA Convention:

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates and at this time would like to issue a very special thanks to President Jimmy Carter, former FFA member and Life FFA Alumni member, for taking time to meet with the State Officers. Special thanks to the White House staff for their hospitality and cooperation.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the efforts and

cooperation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, with special thanks to Secretary of Agriculture, Robert S. Bergland, and his assistant, Carol Foreman, for taking time to meet with participants during the conference.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the cooperation and sincere interest of the Commissioner of Education, Ernest Boyer, and the U.S. Office of Education.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the efforts of Jane Shaw, Manager of the Yeng-Cheng Palace; John Stevenson, Vice President of the Alexandria Management Company and Gail Baxley, Manager of the Olde Colony Motor Lodge for their commendable cooperation and service to the Washington Leadership Conferences.

Be it resolved that the National FFA Organization commends and appreciates the work and guidance of the national conference staff—Ron Wilson, Bobby Tucker, Mike Jackson, Julie Smiley, Robb Boyd, Bruce Maloch and especially the Director, Scott McKain, and the national officers for making the 1978 Conference Program a tremendous success. Special thanks go out to the bus drivers and tour guides—Bill Johnson, Virgil Cline, Bob Cantrell and Tom Rudderforth, who made the National Conferences so warm, personable, informative and fun. A very sincere thanks goes out to all involved in the program who made it such a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Barrett, Ohio (Chairman)
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REGIONAL STATE OFFICERS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

We, the members of the 1978 Regional State Officer Leadership Conferences Committee, recognize the significant improvements that have been made in past years in these conferences. We identify the objectives of these conferences to be:

1. To motivate and inspire state officers.
2. To improve communicative ability.
3. To assist participants in evaluating themselves as persons and officers.
4. To meet other state officers and exchange ideas.
5. To develop feelings of national and organizational patriotism.
6. To develop, emphasize and practice social graces.
7. To encourage more "learning by doing."
8. To have more informative sessions on National Programs and Activities.

We would like to commend the 1977-78 National Officers for their personal interest in our State Associations and in ourselves during the regional conferences.

In pursuit of further development of these conferences, we offer the following recommendations:

1. Impromptu and extemporaneous public speaking be a high priority covered in workshops.
2. Conference be structured for maximum interaction (intermingled state association room assignments, etc.).
3. Encourage the sharing of eyeopeners, group dynamics, program ideas, etc.
4. All State Associations be encouraged to participate in regional leadership conferences, bringing all state officers.
5. The number of state associations at these conferences should be no more than seven and no less than three.
6. Prepare news releases for newspapers, radio and TV to be filled out by the delegates at conference time and use in the media in and around the host city and in the participants' home areas.

7. The host state be responsible for arranging for local media representatives to interview various conference participants.
8. Encourage national officers to draw information from state officers in their presentations.
9. Special emphasis should be placed on the "What makes a good state officer" session.
10. The resource system should be covered and explained how we could use it.
11. All state executive secretaries should receive, prior to their state conventions, a State Officer Handbook and Official Manual to be presented to the new officers. At that time they should receive order blanks for the following materials:
 - a. FFA Leadership & Personal Development series.
 - b. Student Handbook
 - c. Reporters' Handbook (for chapter officers)
 - d. Secretary and Treasurer books (for chapter officers)
12. At the regional leadership conferences all state officers should receive an Advisor's Handbook, FFA Activity Handbook and a Chapter Guide to FFA Activities.
13. Show conference participants how to conduct similar programs in their home states.
14. Encourage national officers to develop a chapter management session.

Respectfully submitted,

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED INCOME

	Year Ended June 30, 1978	Year Ended June 30, 1977
OPERATING INCOME:		
Sales	\$4,447,802	\$3,944,556
Less cost of goods sold	3,220,513	2,892,440
Gross profit	1,227,289	1,052,116
 Magazine income:		
Advertising income—net of agency commissions and discounts	501,538	442,418
Subscription income	412,790	404,075
Calendar income	168,873	154,109
Membership dues—FFA	380,531	382,399
Membership dues—Alumni Association	48,089	44,647
Convention registration income	107,339	84,501
Management services—special projects	12,500	25,000
International program—net	461	560
Service charge income	77,564	63,411
Summer conferences—net	(4,698)	6,389
Emphasis registration income	6,352	—
Grants and royalties	—	325
 Total operating income	 2,938,628	 2,659,950
 OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Salaries	787,170	735,694
Magazine costs:		
Production	529,709	475,453
Advertising	123,916	100,422

Circulation	87,858	86,876
Editorial	35,167	31,614
Calendar cost and expense	164,078	146,465
Freight and postage	153,595	126,516
Travel	119,903	90,946
National convention	107,723	78,579
Maintenance and utilities	104,581	90,199
Depreciation	45,756	39,626
Retirement expense (note 4)	75,347	69,744
Printing, stationery and supplies	35,681	32,525
Payroll taxes	60,705	57,016
Advertising	44,330	34,320
Council member expense	3,467	1,937
Membership list maintenance	2,998	4,506
Regional leadership conference	2,434	2,825
National meeting expense	977	946
Newsletter and membership cards	3,643	3,356
Public relations	51,053	31,384
Wrapping and shipping supplies	27,078	21,619
Archives	4,273	1,228
Awards	11,366	10,321
Legal and accounting	25,377	26,357
National leadership conference scholarship	1,890	1,800
National officers' scholarships	9,000	9,000
Payroll expense	1,841	1,864
Insurance:		
Disability	35,706	32,852
Group hospitalization	14,112	12,383
Other	15,692	9,586
Sponsor recognition program	4,050	4,530
International activities	9,025	11,926
International specials	1,794	—
Telephone and telegraph	28,788	20,488
Discontinued and obsolete merchandise	38	1,521
Merchandise losses	2,900	3,247
Office equipment repairs	7,198	6,704
Office expense	1,609	1,432
Subscriptions expense	1,117	746
Truck and auto expense	1,473	1,699
Miscellaneous	4,035	5,132
Clothing and equipment—national officers	2,693	2,616
State life reimbursement expense	1,218	904
Educational materials	21,744	10,482
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Total operating expenses	2,774,108	2,439,386
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Operating income	164,520	220,564

OTHER INCOME:		
Interest income	29,172	28,453
Discounts received	9,152	4,799
Miscellaneous	14,389	11,865
Gain on disposition of property and equipment	—	190
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Total other income	52,713	45,307
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Cash discounts	8,541	8,187
Discounts and allowances	5,882	4,601
Interest expense	10,974	13,862
Bad debts	5,625	1,078
Loss on disposition of property and equipment	292	—
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Total other expenses	31,314	27,728
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Net other income	21,399	17,579
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NET INCOME	185,919	238,143
APPLICATION OF NET INCOME:		
Additions to Property and Equipment	109,422	261,144
Loan Payments to Foundation	37,690	37,578
Paving and Landscaping	13,267	—
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	160,379	298,722
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	*25,540	** (60,579)
RETAINED INCOME:		
Balance, July 1	2,453,387	2,215,244
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Balance, June 30	2,639,306	2,453,387
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*Transferred to Working Capital

**Transferred from Operating Reserve

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RANDY GREEN, Gorman
KEVIN PAGE, Bryan
MARK BAKER, Arlington
DAVID LOUDER, Stanton
CLEVE CLARK, Mansfield
ROY BRANTLEY, Belton

UTAH

CLAY CHRISTENSEN, Riverton
VALERIE FORSYTHE, Salina

VERMONT

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DAVID SWENSON, Newberry

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WAYNE WALDROP, Montpelier
DOUG RINKER, Winchester

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CARL LUTHER, Puyallup

WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLES WILFONG, Dunmore
JIM EISENTROUT, Hazelton

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WYOMING

CRAIG SPATZ, Hillsdale
TAMMY ARNOLD, Newcastle



NATIONAL FFA BAND

The National FFA Band, under the direction of Roger Heath of San Luis Obispo, California, assisted by Phillip D. Wharton, Florida, and Roland Rutz, Minnesota, participated in special programs, added greatly to the pageantry and gave spirit to the convention program. The band led the American Royal Parade as well as playing for the opening of the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show. Carnation Company of Los Angeles, California sponsored the band, providing money for travel and housing. Following is a list of the 109 band members from 39 states.

Band Members

ALABAMA

William C. Shoots
Tony White

ARIZONA

Brett Lackey
Ronn Nelson
Richard Dodds

ARKANSAS

Jeff Jackson

CALIFORNIA

Debra L. Rayl
Jerry Fenwick

FLORIDA

Frank Mercer

GEORGIA

Cindy Rowan

IDAHO

Kevin Gowland
Marty Rochford

ILLINOIS

Deanna Stoll
Mike Juenger
Mike Finnegan
Dave Mendenach

INDIANA

Marcia Neitzel
Kraig Doub
Jayne Weatherholt
Mark Conley
Kevin Krohn

IOWA

Dan Gehler
Malinda Dittberner
David Ingwersen
Norris Wahl
David Meester
Kim Dunn
Tom Anderson

KANSAS

Joe Neumann
Brenda Hundley
Jim Severance
Mike Mills

KENTUCKY

Joseph B. Phillips

LOUISIANA

Dennis Smith
Gary Landry

MAINE

Michael Cote

MICHIGAN

Gary Rumpitz
Sue Kleyn
Laura Berty

MINNESOTA

Nancy Jo Stoudt
Gervase Langer
Jerome Tetzloff

MISSISSIPPI

Paul Forsyth
Gene Barnett
Kevin Surrette
Guy See
Bobby Beaver

MISSOURI

Judy Warren
Mike Conner
Lynne Girard
Mike Johnston
Darryl Wagner
Steve Himmel

MONTANA

Heidi Walters
Beverly Geddes
Brian Cavey

NEBRASKA

Gayle Thomsen
Lori Zimmerman
David Fricke

NEVADA

Thomas Hansen

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Gail Sherwood

NEW JERSEY

Maria Machalla

NEW MEXICO

Laurie Pallesen

NEW YORK

Maryann Zielenieski
Robert Lawton
Thomas Busmire

NORTH DAKOTA

Ronald Kachena

OHIO

Pam Beam
Brenda Lord
Debbie Koehler
William Waidelich
Ronald Wesler
Todd Watson

OKLAHOMA

Trigg Theimer
Chris Markes
Kevin Harris
Eldon Smith

OREGON

Susan Dymond
Sofia Vasquez
Lesley Stinson

PENNSYLVANIA

Don Moon
Doug Moon
Bonnie Horning

SOUTH CAROLINA

Jeff Moore

SOUTH DAKOTA

Valarie Ogren

TENNESSEE

Randy Wade
Harold Valentine
John Strother

TEXAS

Cass Garner
Kelly Dennis
Grace Aguilar
Stephanie Irwin
Jason Millican
Andy Glover
Russell Corbitt
Bart Moyers

UTAH

Tammy Schmidt

VIRGINIA

Robert Shelton

WASHINGTON

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Cathy Keck
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John Arnevik
Michael Reedy

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Ed Starkey



NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

The National FFA Chorus, under the direction of Marvin D. Myers, West Lafayette, Indiana, assisted by A. L. Carlson, North Carolina, and Dr. William Williams, Pennsylvania, provided many excellent musical numbers to "fit the occasion." Their role in providing music for special occasions gave spirit to the convention. Following is a list of the 119 chorus members representing 39 states.

CHORUS MEMBERS

ARIZONA

Royce Briggs
Katrina Stonoff

ARKANSAS

Victoria Benson
Tony Pearson

CALIFORNIA

Cynda Clary
William McCrary

CONNECTICUT

Mary-Ella Welsh
Ralph Wetherell

DELAWARE

Karen Reed

FLORIDA

Michael Andrews
Bobby Ellis
Lenette Erickson
Victor Thomas

GEORGIA

Amelia Hull
Debbie Newberry
Bobby Patterson
Russell Randall

IDAHO

Linda Hill
Scott Rigby

ILLINOIS

Carolyn Bilyeu
Gary Bitter
Ken Hymes
Tim Merritt

INDIANA

Suzy Alberts
Tim Ballinger
Mark Hieber
Morris Kelsay
Daphne Rayburn
Rebecca Sottong

IOWA

Anthony Dexter

MARK JACOBS

David Kruger
Don Lamker
Nancy Muhlenbruch
Richard Robinson
Jeff West

KANSAS

Virginia Crowell
Kevin Ericson
Dan Gillig
Richard Parks
Paul Porter

LOUISIANA

Clarence Manning
Arland Purvis

MAINE

Lori Lynch

MARYLAND

Steve Brady
Gerry Cornett
Robert Levering, Jr.
Diane Perdue

MICHIGAN

Catherine Eftman
Steve Zuhlke

MINNESOTA

Brenda Crider
Pat Duncanson
Kathy Fuller
Dave Harrison
Dave Miller
Connie Ray
Tim Sorenson

MISSISSIPPI

Joy Moss

MISSOURI

Jeri Bretthorst
Martin Marlow
Georgia Sellers
Jerome Wingate

MONTANA

John Casterline
Alan Craver
Jeff Pack
Richard Snyder

NEBRASKA

Dan Funk
Marty Morehead
Loren Neujahr
Philip Rihanek

NEW JERSEY

Mark Marsters

NEW MEXICO

Sue Pruitt
Brad Riley
Robbie West

NEW YORK

Lorie Furniss
Gregory Grower
Mark Horton
Daryl Johnson

NORTH CAROLINA

John Cobb
Mark Cobb
Stanley Oakley
Bruce Vernon

NORTH DAKOTA

Palmer Job
Leanne Rieger
Lynette Rieger

OHIO

John Freeze
John Grover
Jane Groves
Brian Smeck
Terry Wilson

OKLAHOMA

David Earl Beck
Jon Kuhn

OREGON

Bill Nisley
Deborah Patterson

PENNSYLVANIA

Leon Moll
Kenneth Wanner

SOUTH DAKOTA

Todd Eggleston
Katherine Klein
Steve Kurkowski
Leighton Lien

TENNESSEE

Kevin Cruze
Judy Ann Elkins
Myra Jean George

TEXAS

Kyle Milford
Kreg Roberts

UTAH

Kendall Cowley

VIRGINIA

Daniel Flora
Kurt Ritchie
Norman Williams

WASHINGTON

Don Himmelberger

WEST VIRGINIA

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WISCONSIN

Kathleen Cartwright
Neal Herold
Thomas Kitzerow
Pam Mayer
Linda Walters

WYOMING

Tim Ditton
Vonda Shuck
Bradley Vercinak



1978 NATIONAL FFA TALENT PARTICIPANTS

NAME	CHAPTER	STATE	NAME	CHAPTER	STATE
Andy McKenzie	Fairhope	Alabama	John Antonich	Belt Valley	Montana
Aleta Marques			Morgan Antonich		
Cindy Welker			Shelly Maulsby	Amistad	New Mexico
Florence King			Sherry Maulsby		
John Grace			Dawna Jacobs		
Mike Stewart	Agua Fria	Arizona	Rudy Jacobs		
Kevin Kuykendall	Watsonville	California	John Burns		
John Roberts			Brad Nygren	Mead	Nebraska
Richard W. Allyn	Housantonic Valley	Connecticut	David Nygren		
Tina Lapinsky	Lake Forest	Delaware	Kent Johnson		
Nancy McCullough			Robert Parkins		
Cecelia Kosiorowski			Cameron Hale	Mandaree	North Dakota
Teresa Hubbard			Lonnie Mead	Pymatuning	Ohio
Bruce VonGoerres			Terry Read	Westville	Oklahoma
Ricky Glass	Groveland	Florida	Scott Hocevar	North Valley	Oregon
Colene Flowers			Joan Harms	Canby	Oregon
Randy Story			Lequita Risinger	Orangefield	Texas
Danny Story			Robert Smith		
Pam Madison			Diana Ohlund	Bethel	Washington
Scott Rowell	Dade City Senior	Florida	Kirk Wolf	Deer Park	Washington
David Beaumont			Laurel Turner	Deer Park	Washington
Billy Larkin			Larry Casteel	Bruceton Mills	West Virginia
Mark Ballard			Jim Britton		
Ted Johnson					
Norman Geiger					
Vicki Lei Sellers	Moore Haven	Florida			
Trina Shoemaker	Vienna	Illinois			
Marty Vandeventer	Bloomfield	Indiana			
Lisa Larson	Buffalo Center	Iowa			
Mike Roberts	Nelson County	Kentucky			
Dwight Brown	Jonesville	Michigan			
Tom Marshall	Quincy				
Mark Vandercook	Britton-Macon	Michigan			
Joe Groskreutz	Wells	Minnesota			
Randy Feist					
Greg Mikolai					



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Victoria Guest, Florida	Darryl Sickles, Illinois	Bernice Herrera, New Mexico
Kevin Toohey, Illinois	Marcella Burke, Iowa	Cindy Velasquez, New Mexico
Roscoe Ames, Washington	Eddie Clark, Oregon	Robb Boyd, North Dakota
Brenda Bennehoff, Oregon	Kevin Hewlett, Iowa	Barbara Gilbert, Indiana
Diana Houston, Montana	Jeremy Branscomb, Nevada	Terrie Jeffrey, North Dakota
Barry Laws, Iowa	Mark Vachavake, Wisconsin	Mark Mitchell, Wisconsin
Eric Wolf, Wisconsin	Mark Lindquist, Illinois	Cheryl Ballenger, Missouri
Kim Burkhart, Illinois	JoAnn Stafford, Delaware	Richard Fink, Wisconsin
Nicholas Kristof, Oregon	Eric Williams, Montana	Nancy Saiz, New Mexico
Deborah Bobb, Pennsylvania	Jonathan Hescocock, Vermont	Steven Gratz, Ohio
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