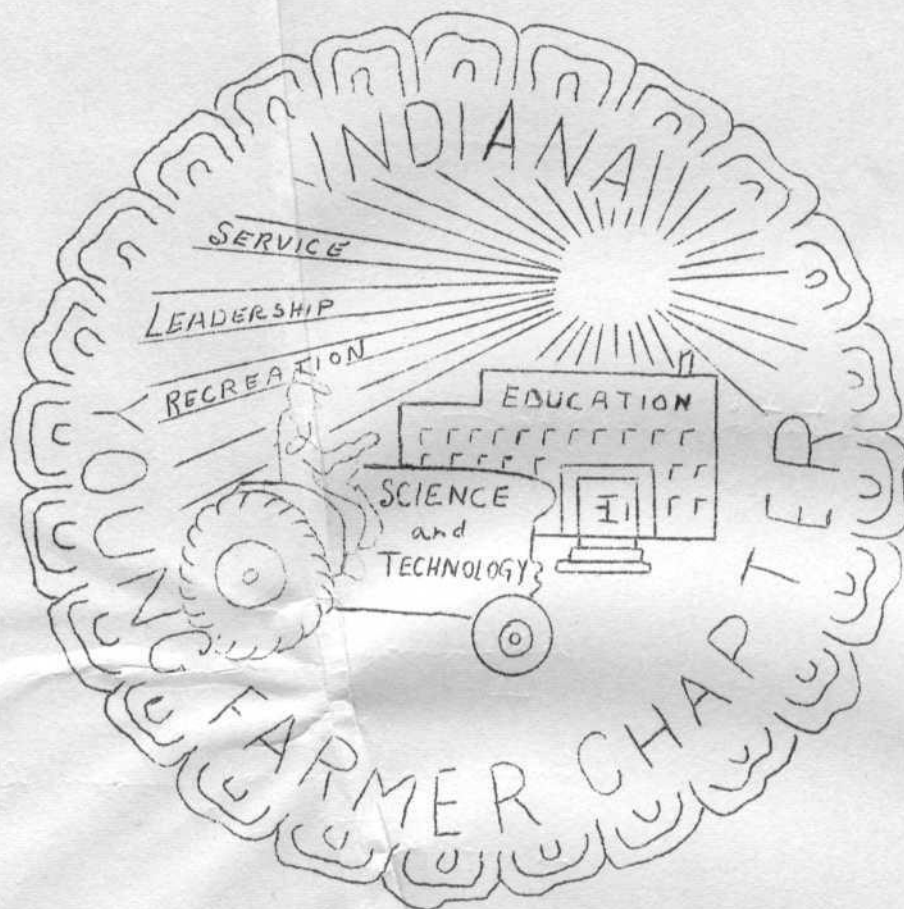


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- FOREWORD -

Volume 1, No. 1 of the Indiana Young Farmer was published in May 1962. Edition No. 1 contained a progress report of workshop activities, committee meetings and other efforts being made toward the organization of an Indiana Young Farmers' Association. The constitutional convention of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association was held at Purdue University on July 30, 1962. A limited distribution was made of the May 1962 edition to vocational agriculture teachers, young farmer students and others who had actively participated in the organization of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association.

Programs of instruction in vocational agriculture for the 28,500 young men 18-29 years of age who live and work on Indiana's farms have shown astonishing increases in both the numbers of programs conducted and the numbers of young farmer students enrolled. In 1955-56 only thirteen of the 383 high school vocational agriculture departments conducted formalized young farmer programs, with a total enrollment of only 178 students. In 1961-62 nearly fifty percent (156) of the 317 high school vocational agriculture departments conducted organized, systematic instruction in vocational agriculture for over 2500 regularly enrolled young farmer students. Members of local school boards, school administrators, vocational agriculture teachers, young farmers and other community leaders are to be commended for their leadership in developing instructional programs designed to assist Indiana's young farmers in becoming established in farming or in another occupation more compatible with the individual's interests, abilities, and opportunities.

Fortunately, research findings are available which suggest the nature and extent of the personal, social and economic problems facing the young farmer of today. The available research evidence also suggests the role and responsibilities of the modern, up-to-date community school toward satisfying the educational needs of the young farmer. AS A PART OF THE TOTAL PROGRAM OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE, THE SCHOOL SHOULD PROVIDE ORGANIZED, SYSTEMATIC INSTRUCTION FOR YOUNG FARMERS ON A YEAR-AROUND BASIS, INCLUDING BOTH GROUP AND INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION IN THE CLASS-ROOM AND ON THE HOME FARM OR OTHER FARM BUSINESS TEACHING-LEARNING SITUATION. The objectives and instructional content of the young farmer training program should be directed toward aiding the young farmer in becoming established in farming, a farm-related occupation or other occupation depending upon the individual's interests, his abilities, and his opportunities; developing an awareness of general personal and community problems; developing cooperative attitudes; and encouraging participation in wholesome social and recreational activities. In total, an instructional program for young farmers should include technical agriculture with emphasis on managerial decisions, social and recreational development, vocational guidance, and assistance in job placement both on and off the farm. Instructional activities should be conducted on a year-round basis with at least one group meeting per month plus individualized on-farm instruction. Each group or class meeting should provide some instruction in the economic-vocational, personal-family, and socio-civic areas of learning activities.

The instructional program for young farmers should be planned and conducted by the local vocational agriculture instructor, and other school and community people, in cooperation with a steering committee of key young farmers of the community. Following preliminary planning by the program-planning committee, the proposed program should be considered, accepted, or modified, and adopted by the entire class of young farmer students as their program. Research suggests.

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organizing the young farmer class into a formal group, club, or chapter with a set of officers and "Program of Work" committees, and the affiliation of the local group with a state association of young farmers significantly increases the quality and effectiveness of the instructional program for young farmers. Through the development and use of the club or chapter structure, members are provided an opportunity to belong to a group, to secure leadership training experiences, and to continue relationships earlier developed as Future Farmer-vocational agriculture students in high school. During 1961-62 more than twenty local young farmer chapters were organized in Indiana under the leadership of regular teachers of vocational agriculture and school administrators.

As the number of young farmer programs and the number of students enrolled has increased, so too has there been an increase in the needs for information on the organization and activities of local young farmer chapters and of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association. Likewise, there is an increasing need for newer and better ways and means of conducting young farmer instructional activities. As the official publication of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association, the primary objectives of the Indiana Young Farmer are:

1. To keep young farmer chapter members and advisers informed of significant activities and accomplishments of other young farmer chapters and members.
2. To keep young farmer chapter members and advisers informed of plans, programs, and activities of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association
3. To keep young farmer chapter members and advisers informed of significant activities and accomplishments of other State Young Farmer Association, Chapters, and members, and
4. To provide information helpful to young farmer students and their instructors toward organizing and operating a young farmer chapter in their school and community.

In keeping with the above objectives, Volume 1, No. 2 of the Indiana Young Farmer has been prepared for distribution to all high school vocational agriculture departments in Indiana. Since many individuals did not receive copies of the first edition, a brief history of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association is included in this edition. Activities of the constitutional convention of the Association, the state association constitution and by-laws, program of work, and other matters of importance to local chapters and members are included in this edition. Members, chapter advisers, and vocational agriculture teachers, and others are urged to retain this edition for future reference.

Chapter reporters, chapter advisers and others are encouraged to submit articles on significant events and activities of local members and chapters that others may learn and profit from these experiences. Contributions may be sent to Dennis Hieber, Route 1, New Haven, State Reporter of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association or to the executive secretary's office.

Dr. Phil Teske
Executive Secretary-Treasurer Indiana Young Farmers' Association

History of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association

During the Spring Semester, 1961, Mr. Ellsworth Christmas, a graduate student in agricultural education at Purdue University, corresponded with state supervisors and teacher trainers in agricultural education in each of the various states to determine the status and progress being made in organizing and conducting state young farmer associations. As an outgrowth of these activities, Mr. Christmas planned and developed a proposed Indiana Young Farmers' Handbook to be used as a guide in developing young farmer chapters in Indiana. Following editorial revision of the Handbook by staff members of the Department of Agricultural Education at Purdue University, the Handbook was distributed to selected young farmer groups, vocational agriculture teachers and others on an experimental basis as a guiding document for the further development of young farmer programs in the state. From September 1961 through May 1962, Mr. Morris Norfleet, instructor in agricultural education at Purdue University was assigned major responsibilities for the guidance and coordination of young farmer chapter activities on a statewide basis. To encourage and assist vocational agriculture teachers and young farmers with the organization and development of young farmer chapter activities, a Young Farmer Chapter Workshop was conducted at Purdue University on March 3, 1962. Mr.

Norfleet served as chairman and Dr. Phil Teske served as secretary for the workshop attended by four young farmers, sixteen vocational agriculture instructors, five teacher trainers and three state supervisors. During the one-day workshop consideration was given to the following: (a) trends in adult education in Indiana, (b) the "why" and "how" of young farmer chapters, (3) what other states are doing in young farmer education, (d) how a young farmer chapter was successfully established at the New Paris, Indiana High School, (e) benefits of a young farmer chapter to a teacher, (f) benefits of a young farmer chapter to members, and (g) values of a state association of young farmers. By action of the workshop participants, a planning committee was appointed to explore the possibilities of organizing an Indiana Young Farmers Association with affiliated local chapters. Members of the planning committee were:

<u>Chapter</u> New Paris	<u>Adviser</u> Dean	<u>Y. F. Member</u> Robert Lutes Gerald
Johnson Twp. High School	Ruhl	Laswell Robert Hensler
Rensselaer	Wayne Asche	(To be named by chapter)
Decker	R. S. Bundy	
	Paul Potts	

The Indiana Young Farmers' Association planning committee met March 23, 1962, at Purdue University. Mr. Robert Hensler was elected chairman and Gerald Laswell was elected secretary of the committee. Wayne Asche, R. S. Bundy, James Little, Larry Fleming*, Lyle Patchett*, Robert Hensler*, Gerald Laswell*, R. A. McKinney, Morris Norfleet, Dr. Phil Teske, and Dr. James Clouse participated in the committee meeting (*Young Farmers). Carl Hylton and a member of the young farmers group at Hagerstown, and Larry Watson and a young farmer, Roger Carter, from the Amo Chapter were added to the planning committee. The committee was advised the subject of organizing an Indiana Young Farmers' Association had been discussed by the state supervisory and teacher training staffs in agricultural education and that both groups were strongly in favor of organizing such an organization. Major decisions reached during the committee meeting were (1) continued efforts should be made to organize an Indiana Young Farmers' Association, which would have a relationship to the young farmer instructional programs in a manner comparable to the Future Farmers of America - vocational agriculture instruction for high school students.

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relationships; (2) A one-day constitutional convention should be called for July 30, 1962 to formally organize the Indiana Young Farmers' Association with delegates invited from among schools having "organized" young farmer chapters and clubs; and (3) in view of Mr. Norfleet's leaving Purdue University, the planning committee requested the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education to appoint an individual from the state supervisory or teaching training staffs to serve as the state adviser of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association when organized.

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The 4E's of Farming

Young farmers are enrolled in vocational agriculture young farmer programs and YFA chapters because they have an active interest in farming, rural life, and agriculture. Regardless of the degree of establishment in farming or other agricultural occupation, each young farmer has the desire to become successful in his chosen occupation. A successful farmer is one who achieves a good income in accordance with the standards of his community, who provides a good home for his family, and who participates in making the farm community a desirable place in which to live and work and raise a family. To be a successful farmer, the young farmer must know what, when how and why of technical agriculture. He must have farm management abilities, technical know-how, good health and physical stamina, good judgment, patience, persistence, the ability to work with others, etc. Of all the personal qualities needed for success in farming, skill in management of the farm business is the most important! The farmer must be observant, have imagination, be able to make sound decisions, put plans into action, and objectively evaluate the results obtained.

In addition to desirable personal qualities, success in farming requires having a good farm! A good farm is one that, with good management, will provide the farm family with a good home and satisfactory returns for their labor and their investment in the farm and its operations.

From another point of view, success in farming involves the "4 E'S of farming": Education, Experience, Environment and Efficiency. Education, in and of itself, will not guarantee success in farming but research suggests there is a positive relationship between the amount and type of education and success in farming.

Experience in farming is essential to success in farming. Our own experiences are our best teacher - we can also profit from the experiences of others. To grow up on a successfully operated farm or to work on a good farm (Environment) is valuable. Your environment is vital to your character and reputation as a farmer. High productivity is a prime goal of any business.

Productivity is the result of capacity (size and volume) times Efficiency (management).

PROGRAM
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
INDIANA YOUNG FARMERS' ASSOCIATION
Room 204, Memorial Center, Purdue University
July 30, 1962

9:00 a.m. - Registration - Robert Plunkett, President, Omega Chapter, Alpha Tau Alpha National Professional Honorary Agricultural Education Fraternity in charge

10:00 a.m. - "Building Young Farmers" - Dr. Paul Alexander, Head, Department of Education, Purdue University

10:15 a.m. - "Past, Present, Future" - Dr. E. E. Clanin, Head, Agricultural Education Section, Purdue University

10:45 a.m. - Business Session - Robert Hensler, Rensselaer Chapter, Chairman, Young Farmers'

Association Planning Committee in charge

Gerald Laswell, Johnson Township Chapter, Secretary, Young Farmers'

Association Planning Committee, Acting Secretary of the Association

a) Seating of voting delegates from local "organized" chapters

b) Association constitution and by-laws

c) Association Handbook

d) Association Emblem

Lunch

1:15 p.m. - Address - Mr. C. O. Neel, State Adviser, Kentucky Young Farmers' Association 2:15 p.m. - Association Program of Work for 1962-63

<u>Room</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Y. F. Chairman</u>	<u>Consultants</u>
111, M.C.	A- Leadership	Gerald Laswell	J. D. Foster Maurice Croxton
122, M.C.	B- Conduct of Meetings	Robert Misch	Leonard Vaught Roger Williams
124, M.C.	C- Farm Planning	Roger Ehle	R. S. Bundy Robert Hewlett
204, M.C.	D- Cooperation	Dennis Hieber	Ellsworth Christmas
204, M.C.	E- Community Service	David Bruch	Martin Grossman
313, M.C.	F- Public Relations	Larry Fleming	E. H. Kellogg Jerry Davis

3:30 p.m.-Discussion and adoption of Program of Work

4:00 p.m.-Election of Officers of the Association for 1962-63

5:30 p.m.-Banquet - East Faculty Lounge, Memorial Union

Toastmaster -Mr. Harold B. Taylor, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education

Invocation -Mr. Kenneth Gutwein, Rensselaer Young Farmer Chapter

Entertainment - Miss Jackie Morris, "Miss Lafayette of 1962" through the courtesy of Professor

R. R. McEmber, Assistant Director, Purdue University Bands

Address- Mr. Elton Noel, President, Kentucky Young Farmers' Association

Introduction of State Officers, Indiana Young Farmers' Association for 1962-63

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Resume of Business Transacted During
The Constitutional Convention
Indiana Young Farmers' Association
July 30, 1962

1. Robert Hensler, Rensselaer Chapter, and Gerald Laswell, Johnson Township Chapter (Versailles) served as president pro tem and secretary pro tem, respectively.
2. Each delegate and adviser to the convention were provided copies of the proposed constitution and by-laws, handbook and emblem on registration at the convention.
3. Following address by Dr. Paul Alexander and Dr. E. E. Clanin, the first business session was held. Two delegates from each of the following chapters were seated as "voting delegates" for the transaction of business: Lowell, Wheatfield, Woodlan, Young America, Orleans, Rensselaer, Johnson Township, Charlottesville, and South Whitley.
4. The proposed constitution and by-laws for the state association were considered. Following the acceptance of several amendments and/or modifications, the revised constitution and by-laws were adopted as the official constitution and by-laws of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association. The constitution and by-laws, as amended and adopted by the delegates, is presented later in this news letter.
5. The delegates were in general agreement with the contents of the proposed Handbook of the Association. It was moved and seconded the Handbook be revised to include the Association constitution and by-laws as well as a sample constitution and by-laws for a local chapter.
6. The nature of the official emblem of the Association was discussed at length. It was moved and seconded to postpone adoption of an official emblem until a further study of member desires could be accomplished.
7. Mr. C. O. Neel, Executive Secretary of the Kentucky Association distributed lapel pins consisting of the letters "YFA" to the delegates. He noted the Kentucky Association holds a franchise on the distribution of these recognition pins and that the Indiana Association might desire to use these pins for members of the Association. The question of securing lapel identification pins was referred to the Association executive committee for further study.
8. Six committees were appointed by the president pro tem to develop an Association program of work for 1962-63. Following committee work and discussion by the voting delegates, the program of work was adopted. The approved program of work for the Association is presented later in this newsletter.
9. Candidates for election to offices in the association were interviewed by a nominating committee appointed by the chairman. Members of the committee recommended one candidate for each office in accordance with provisions of the earlier adopted constitution and by-laws. Provisions for nominations from the floor were included in the election procedures. In accordance with the provisions of the constitution, a state adviser and state executive secretary- treasurer were appointed by the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education. Thus, in accordance with the above elections and appointments, the officers and adviser of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association for 1962-63 are as follows:

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President:Robert Hensler R. 4, Rensselaer
Vice President:Gerald Laswell R. 2, Versailles
Secretary:Robert Misch R. 1, Wheatfield
Treasurer:Roger Ehle R. 1, New Haven
Reporter:Dennie Hieber R. 1, New Haven
Executive Secretary-Treasurer:Dr. Phil Teske, Department of Education Purdue University
State Adviser: Mr. Harold B. Taylor, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education

10. State Supervisor H. B. Taylor served as toastmaster for the evening banquet session attended by fifty young farmers and their wives, vocational agriculture teachers and chapter advisers, teacher-training staff members and their wives, state supervisory staff members and their wives, and special guests. Miss Jackie Morris, "Miss Lafayette of 1962" presented several dances and songs enjoyed by all guests. Mr. Elton Noel, President of the Kentucky Young Farmers Association, left no doubts in the minds of all guests as to the many values of young farmer chapters and a state association. Most certainly, he "exhibited those qualities of leadership a young farmer should possess".
11. As specified in the Association constitution, the second annual conference of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association will be held in "July or August" of 1963. The 1962 constitutional convention must be evaluated as a success. The problem now is to have a bigger and better convention in 1963.