Achievements of the Building Our American Communities Program (BOAC), initiated in 1971 to provide a vehicle for Future Farmers of America members to make direct contributions to their communities and to practice good citizenship and develop leadership skills, are summarized in this 1985 annual report. The report begins with messages from President Ronald Reagan, J. Tyler Wilson (Chairman of R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., corporate sponsor of BOAC), and Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block. Projects of the Marion County (West Virginia) chapter, national winner, are reviewed, including their efforts in promoting progress in tourism, sponsoring a community pride contest, and conducting beautification projects. Activities of the second place national winner chapter (Avon Park, Florida) are described, including construction of a fairground hog barn, completion of 63 home improvement projects, and development of forest and ecological demonstration areas. Projects of 35 Gold Medal Chapters from 20 states are outlined. Projects ranged from constructing baby animal farm buildings at a county fairground, landscaping community sites, and renovating historic buildings to obtaining blood donors, compiling county organization directories, and conducting parties for the handicapped. Silver and Bronze emblem winning chapters and all participating BOAC chapters are listed. Names and addresses of the 26-member BOAC National Advisory Committee are provided. (NEC)
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President Reagan salutes BOA's FFA State Winners in the Future Farmers of America's Building Our American Communities program at a recent White House ceremony. The students were in Washington, D.C., for the FFA's National Community Development Conference, sponsored by R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. Joining in the presentation of a commemorative clock to President Reagan were (left to right) Jamie Moore, Wallace, W.Va.; Matthew Smith, Bowling Green, Ohio; Secretary of Agriculture John Block; John T. Estes, vice president, R.J. Reynolds Industries; Stuart Keller Jr., Franklin Grove, Ill.; Jeff Saharsky, Green Bay, Wis.; President Reagan; Secretary of Education William Bennett; and Steve Meredith, national FFA president, Glendale, Ky.
THE PRESIDENT. I thank all of you. It is wonderful to have you visit here in the Rose Garden where you can still see a little of the summer's crop is left.

I have been very interested in the Future Farmers of America, your program of building our American communities. And I commend all of you individually for your wonderful work in helping our rural communities. It is gratifying to me to see young people like yourselves volunteering your time to keep these communities strong. And everything you have done, including Operation Care and Share, and working with local churches and various groups and other private sector initiatives is indispensable to the future of our farm communities.

I want you to know that I have been thinking about the problems of the farm these past few years. In fact, we are, all of us here in this big house, constantly concerned about the challenges faced by American farmers during these difficult days. We are a farming nation. We always have been. The American farmer not only feeds this country that is 238 million strong, the American farmer feeds the world.

And so when we contemplate the problems farmers are facing these days, we realize that we are dealing with a problem that speaks to the heart of how America lives and what America is.

We have been trying to encourage a national farm bill that will help the farmer and insures that you have a future in farming by making American agriculture more competitive. We want to put the agriculture industry on a firm and sound basis once and for all so that by the time you are ready to own and work a farm you can count on being part of a strong and vibrant industry.

And my great hope for you, for those of you who do aspire to farm for a living, is that you will be as wonderful as your parents are - those people who are feeding a great nation and the world. They are the mainstay, the backbone of a great country. And I have got a little special place in my heart that is devoted to them alone.

So, again, thank you all for being here. God bless all of you. (Applause.)

MR. MEREDITH. Mr. President, you have long been recognized as having a tremendous desire to serve both education and agriculture, a desire reflected by the appointment of Secretaries Bennett and Block. As young people preparing for careers in the agriculture industry, and as part of a vocational education program in agriculture, we are excited about our futures. In particular, we are pleased to have you as a part of this national FFA conference on community development and would like to present you with a special gift from the Future Farmers of America and R. J. Reynolds Industries, Incorporated, and invite you to attend the 58th National FFA Convention, with over 22,000 members in attendance, November 14 through the 16th, in Kansas City, Missouri. Thank you. (Applause.)
Rural communities in America face great challenges coping with the economic problems confronting many small farmers.

Emerging with this deep concern is renewed evidence of the pride and resourcefulness of rural communities. No better example of this community pride is the Future Farmers of America's Building Our American Communities program.

A spirit of self-reliance and a willingness to help others are two qualities that have made our country strong and proud. As Future Farmers of America participating in the BOAC program, you have demonstrated your understanding of these concepts.

As corporate sponsor of the FFA's Building Our America Communities program, R J Reynolds Industries is proud of your accomplishments. Virtually all the products of our key businesses are agriculturally based, giving us a keen interest in your future and the future of agriculture in America.

Our company supports the BOAC program because we believe that Future Farmers of America represents the future leaders of agricultural America. Through BOAC, you have the opportunity to develop personal leadership skills that will help you as you move into agricultural professions. At the same time, you are making lasting contributions to your community.

There is no greater testimony to your talents and capabilities than the more than 17,000 BOAC projects that have been successfully undertaken in the past 15 years.

We share your commitment to rural America, and the pride you have demonstrated in yourselves and your communities. You have our enthusiastic support as you continue the job of Building Our American Communities.

Sincerely,

J. Tylee Wilson
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Agriculture is changing and rural America is changing with it. The results are bringing a challenge that will test all the skills you have.

I'm sure that all of you are familiar with the problems facing American farmers—many of you first hand, if not in your own families, at least in your own communities. I am convinced these different conditions will be overcome.

The same spirit that has brought abundance to America can restore growth. The challenge facing the citizens and the leaders of tomorrow is to preserve the best of rural life and continue progressing into the future.

Farming is changing. The frontier farmer has given way to today's modern producer/businessman. You sometimes hear successful farmers say, "I think of myself as a businessman first and a farmer second." It's not enough to raise a good crop. The farmer must be concerned with all phases of production—planning the use of resources, the actual production of commodities, and the marketing of the products.

There is still opportunity in farming for those who use modern agricultural techniques and who adapt strong marketing strategies. As long as people eat, the world will need good farmers.

Just as agriculture is changing, rural towns will have to change to survive in the future. Dynamic towns in the midwest are thriving because they have diversified their opportunities. Of course, agribusiness is an important segment of the economy, but the towns also are centers for government, insurance, finance, industry and retailing.

Transforming the small towns of America will be the task and the responsibility of civic leaders, of merchants and of business operators. The hands-on experience that FFA members receive in the BOAC program can prepare them for the job ahead.

This year's top BOAC projects are meeting the challenges in rural America. In Avon Park, Fla., FFA members developed a citrus demonstration, built a swine barn for the county fair and conducted extensive home improvements throughout the county.

The Marion County, W. Va., FFA Chapter helped revitalize the area's economy by developing tourism. The Cabool, Mo., FFA BOAC project provided a new agricultural mechanics laboratory to enhance educational opportunities in the town. The Cherokee High School FFA Chapter in Rogersville, Tenn., undertook "Project STEP" to determine the economic impact of changes in the burley tobacco program and to explore alternatives available to farmers.

Adaptability to changing situations and diversity of opportunities will permit the rural way of life to continue. Localities can control their own destinies to a large extent by pursuing new businesses, new financial sources, new marketing opportunities and new approaches to their specific problems.

In the face of adversity, why does one town fade and another town blossom and grow? It's leadership that makes the difference.

It is the kind of leadership, of community involvement and cooperation that can make our rural areas and small towns great places to live. The lessons of the BOAC program can help make you the leaders to preserve the best our nation has to offer.
Building Our American Communities

The Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Program was initiated in 1971 and has since grown into a nationwide and highly significant effort in community development. Over 17,000 individual chapter projects have received "Area" BOAC recognition with more than 4,000 local FFA chapters involved. The BOAC program has received the President's Volunteer Action Award in 1982, 1983 and 1984.

Personal commitment by many individuals and groups has contributed to the program's success. The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have supported the BOAC program since its inception. Vocational agricultural instructors, agricultural teacher educators and state supervisors of agricultural education have worked as a team in implementing BOAC into the nation's secondary schools. BOAC is funded as a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation and sponsored by R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

BOAC serves and enhances its communities in two ways. First, the projects make a direct contribution to the lifestyle in their small, rural communities. And second, the young people involved practice good citizenship and develop leadership skills.

THE 1985 NATIONAL and EASTERN REGION CHAPTER WINNER
Marion County, West Virginia

A severe coal-mining slum, brought need for new jobs and new interest in FFA's "Promoting Progress in Tourism." Chapter-initiated public forums resulted in formation of independent Marion County Tourist Council (MCTC). Involvement of state and federal representatives by FFA improved working relationships between government agencies and private sector. Governor signed hotel tax bill mandating 3% hotel revenues be spent on tourism, stipulating all counties to form Tourism Councils. Marion was among first to qualify. Chapter sponsored a "Pride Contest" to deal with litter and encourage community pride; landscaped, planted and seeded road-side for beautification. Assisted Historical Society in cleaning museums, painting a caboose (photo above) acquiring and renovating antique machinery, and conducting tours. County-wide clean-up day resulted in 1100 loads of garbage and litter collected, removal of several old buildings and abandoned autos.
Achievement in Volunteerism

Achievement in Volunteerism awards were started in 1983 and created to honor the individual leadership and volunteer spirit that is the foundation of BOAC's success. FFA members from each of the states are recognized for their personal efforts in their chapters' BOAC programs. These members and their FFA advisors receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the National FFA Conference on Community Development. Conference participants receive training in community development designed to help them in promoting participation and involvement of individuals and chapters in community development efforts in their respective states. National winners of the Achievement in Volunteerism program will be announced at the awards luncheon. Each state winner receives $200.00 and a plaque. The top ten Finalists receive cash awards for use by their chapters: (First - $1,000; Second - $750; Third - $500 and Fourth through Tenth, $400 each.)

THE 1985 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN VOLUNTEERISM WINNER
Jeff Saharsky
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Jeff, shown here with Gwain H. Gillespie, Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration, and Chief Financial Officer, R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., and Congressman Toby Roth, Wisconsin, receiving First Place Award, has been BOAC Chairman in the Denmark Chapter for two years. He has been involved in all aspects of the Outdoor Lab Program, from surveys through evaluation. He has emceed programs, met with almost every identifiable group and has personally supervised and participated in every Denmark FFA community development project. The Outdoor Lab, which was once only a nature trail, is now developed in two trails, a picnic area and an outdoor classroom, and is a real asset to the school and community. As senior chapter vice-president, Jeff has been active in Students Against Drunk Driving, golf and baseball, and won the "Star Greenhand" and Junior Star Chapter Farmer designations.
1985 NATIONAL AND STATE ACHIEVEMENT IN VOLUNTEERISM WINNERS

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SECOND PLACE NATIONAL and SOUTHERN REGION WINNER—Avon Park, Florida

The project set out to define the community, identifying needs, gathering information, exploring alternative solutions, organizing for action and evaluation. Results of the project were construction of 40'x60' hog barn completed in time for the county fair; starting and finishing 63 home improvement projects— including planting nearly 3,000 shrubs, laying almost 6600 square yards of sod, planting nearly 100 trees, each member raised a vegetable garden; members raised nearly 2000 annuals and hanging baskets, cleaned four+ miles of road ditches, more than doubled the size of the 18-variety citrus arboretum, planting 76 varieties, nearly half of which were lost during the January freeze, but will be replanted in fall of 1985; development of a 15-acre wildlife conservation area, development of a 40-acre forest demonstration area; a completed ecological demonstration area, and a chapter safety program.
Conversion of a condemned 1912 school house, located outside reservation, as a community hall, was experience in cooperation and coordination with non-Indian community. Members redid inside walls, ceiling, floors, replaced all wiring, plumbed lavatories, repaired stairway, made basement into a small library, replaced the roof, built a bell tower, constructed a ground level entrance with porch and outside lighting, repaired cabinets and tables, and improved road. Prepared outside for painting. Constructed iron handrails and cement access ramps at elementary school and Senior Citizens Center. Implemented a computer program for reservation land-use planning and sponsored a Hunter Safety Course, reaching nine boys without fathers, teaching them basic skills, and responsible handling of guns.

THIRD PLACE NATIONAL and WESTERN REGION WINNER:
Duck Valley, Nevada

Faced with a need for a new Agricultural Mechanics Laboratory, believed infeasible because of cost, FFA members undertook to build it themselves. Working with more than 300 volunteers, and with contributions of labor and materials, they constructed a new building containing 50'x80' work area, 16'x35' storage area and a 16'x18' furnace room. They remodeled part of existing building to create new home for the vo-ag department and FFA chapter. The new building allows expansion of the vo-ag curriculum, and more individualized instruction in the laboratory. Because of the new building, the art department was able to add a classroom, and storage is available for tools, wood, metal and for the industrial arts department.

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1985 BOAC Gold Medal Chapters

ANTELOPE UNION CHAPTER
WELLTON, ARIZONA
- Reconstruction of Kiwanis Turkey Shoot Park. A 3-year project. Storm damaged park severely in '84. For '85 Chapter rebuilt cook shack, shelter and barbecue pit.
- Community survey identified need through local Kiwanis Club, park sponsor.
- Basic planning calls for further development of park in future years.
- Chapter worked with other community groups for donated materials and other cooperation.

ST. DAVID CHAPTER
ST. DAVID, ARIZONA
- Multi-year development of Community Recreation Facility. Following projects in '83 and '84, the '85 projects were:
  - Constructed permanent and portable bleachers.
  - Developed Par/Jogging Course.
  - Assembled and set up signs and stations.
  - Installed chain link fence for baseball field.
  - Worked with other community groups for publicity, donated materials, equipment and manpower.
  - Planning made multi-year project fit together for completed community park.

CEDAREDGE CHAPTER
CEDAREDGE, COLORADO
- With County Blood bank, updated donor list; obtained new donors.
- Built livestock pens for County fair grounds.
- With Historical Society, developed pioneer village and museum.
- Planned and built 12'x12' storage building for track program.
- Built display case for local Cow Bells organization.
- Planned and constructed 16 5'x12' panels for a portable corral and two 16 ft. portable calving sheds for a local dairyman.

SUFFIELD REGIONAL CHAPTER
SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUT
- Landscaped sewage pumping station, school grounds; planned landscaping for police station; constructed retaining wall; firewood provided to town's needy families.
- Maintained forest management plan; cleared windblown trees; maintained forest fire fighting crew; established town nursery.
- Maintained nature trail; constructed two 30' trail bridges across nature trail ravines. Soil conservation projects. Constructed 10'x10' concrete pad for athletic events.

DELAND JUNIOR HIGH CHAPTER
DELAND, FLORIDA
- To assist county Fair Association, built wash rack for fair cattle; redesigned 90 swine pens.
- To improve new 20-acre school grounds, developed landscape plan, built sidewalks, planters.
- Cleared 10 acre farm area, developed pasture for steers; established fenced demonstration area for plants; developed new improved pens for chapter steers.

NORTHEASTERN WAYNE CHAPTER
FOUNTAIN CITY, INDIANA
- Completed grass seeding project around elementary parking lots
- Constructed 6'x16' educational display building for Soil Conservation Service. Ordered 4600 hardwood, pine seedlings for distribution as windbreak stock.
• Constructed bleachers at county fairgrounds; 80,000 people at Rose Festival parade saw chapter's float promoting dairy industry, vocational agriculture and FFA.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS CHAPTER
PRAIRIE HEIGHTS, INDIANA
• Developing 230 acre Community School Farm to a “Living Heritage Farm,” moved and reconstructed 18'x18' log cabin as part of reconstructed pioneer village, designed as learning center, for link to past. Already has had 2,000 visitors.
• Planned and constructed multiplex rustic playground structure at Farmstead Park: swings, slide, tire walk, sandbox etc.
• Continuing maintenance of Community Center, caring for Wildlife Study Area, reporting to U.S. Weather Bureau, tours and demonstrations, expanding an Ag Museum, hosting Community “Heritage Festival” etc.

ROSSVILLE CHAPTER
ROSSVILLE, INDIANA
• Constructed 1500 square foot superintendent’s building to replace temporary structure; landscaped.
• Acquired almost all needed construction skills including concrete work, bricklaying, plumbing and wiring.
• Chapter annually landscapes entire school grounds.

ALGONA CHAPTER
ALGONA, IOWA
• As follow-up to 1983 “Algona Welcomes You” project, working with town, constructed second welcome sign for opposite side of town.
• Landscaped around softball diamond; inventoried past plantings, replacing as needed; planted trees at elementary school.
• Developed plan for attractive entrance to fair grounds; landscaped around Children’s Barn.

PRAIRIE CHAPTER
PRAIRIE, IOWA
• Continuing 5-year plan to preserve local historic artifacts, currently relocating and restoring Chicago Northwestern Railroad Depot to serve as museum, chapter has:
  • Completed concrete foundation.
  • Removed old roofing, repaired roof and installed new roofing.
  • Installed wainscoating in building.
  • Leveled around foundation, prepared for seeding.

WEBSTER CITY CHAPTER
WEBSTER CITY, IOWA
• Work on two sites: County fairgrounds and wildlife refuge for migrating waterfowl.
  • At fairgrounds: Completed construction of Horse Arena; constructed two sets portable bleachers; landscaped area; erected five flagpoles; conducted county flag design contest during county fair.
  • At Beemer Lake, enclosed lake with woven wire; released 39 Canadian geese (wings clipped) as call flock to migrating geese and ducks.

FRANKLIN CENTER CHAPTER
FRANKLIN GROVE, ILLINOIS
• To further their goal of “50,000 by Ninety” (attracting 50,000 people to local preservation area by 1990 to stimulate tourism) chapter has accomplished:
  • Construction of handicapped nature trail.
  • Added additional picnic shelter plus ten grills, and ten new picnic tables. Painted and repaired 49 picnic tables.
  • Improved access road; added two miles of nature trail, plus maintaining three existing miles; maintained shelter areas.
  • Adding creek crossings into scenic and historic areas of park; built signs; beginning plan to map park.
LINN CHAPTER
LINN, KANSAS

- Constructed 400 meter track for school and community use.
- Staked out, poured concrete for curbing.
- Surfaced track with crushed rock
- Built railing in vo-ag shop.
- Constructed new foundation for press box at new location.
- Planted and painted.

MARION CHAPTER
MARION, KANSAS

- Planned and developed new community park playground for young children:
  - Removed old unsafe equipment, repaired and reconditioned benches, removed old paint and repainted; benches placed on brick patio areas.
  - Constructed unique structure of heavy timbers, held by carriage bolts, featuring monkey bars, swinging bridge, cargo net, fireman’s pole, tire swings. Smaller scale used for smaller children.

LYON COUNTY CHAPTER
EDDYVILLE, KENTUCKY

- Acquired and renovated historic Cobb-Hussey House, the oldest home in the county.
- Removed porches, incompatible additions and partitions. Roof repaired and guttering installed. Porch repaired and painted, windows repaired or replaced, new doors installed; inside walls repaired.
- When restored, house will contain museum for relics and Indian artifacts; art guild and historical society office and meeting rooms.

SPENCER COUNTY FFA
TAYLORSVILLE, KENTUCKY

- Fairground improvement Construction of swine facilities, washack, loading chute; funding for 50’x80’ exhibition hall; management of swine, dairy and beef shows; maintenance of livestock area. Collecting gate money for fair.
- Construction of 25 picnic tables, 13 benches for lake park and courthouse.
- Landscaped Court House; planned, constructed city park tables, playground equipment.
- Blood drive; operation ID for theft prevention.
- Preparation, distribution rodent poison; starlicide.

CLEAR SPRING HIGH CHAPTER
CLEAR SPRING, MARYLAND

- To maintain, preserve historical sites: constructed flower beds; graded, cleared railroad land; cleared and repaired historic house; constructed trim, windows to match existing woodwork; constructed rail fence.
- To provide recreational areas: cleared trails, split wood, repaired targets; seeded, landscaped 15 acre site; implemented erosion control, planted corn for wildlife; helped clean paths for handicapped visitors.
- To help serve citizens: landscaped greenhouse; taught farming practices; constructed walkway, planted seedlings; helped Annual Community show, March of Dimes.

AURORA CHAPTER
AURORA, MISSOURI

- Goal: aiding those unable to help themselves.
- Christmas party, programs, visits and transport, Nursing Center residents. Brought farm animals for residents to enjoy an “Animal Day.”
- Assisted in fund-raiser for Heart Fund; car wash, popped corn.
- Decorated Christmas tree on City Hall lawn.
- Rebuilt burned caboose for city park play area.
- Built portable bleachers; collected and distributed food for needy; provided assistance at Christian Service Center.
LAMAR CHAPTER
LAMAR, MISSOURI

- Worked with 82 clubs and civic organizations to replace entrance way to major large meeting place in county.
- Compiled up-to-date directory of all organizations in county.
- Constructed 10'x19' all-weather entry way to major community meeting place: structure of concrete, steel and aluminum, double-insulated smoked plexiglass, east and west entries. Landscaped area around entry which will serve 10,090 people each year.

OSCEOLA CHAPTER
OSCEOLA, MISSOURI

- Constructed County Fair exhibit building; extensive grounds work; building sites, parking, seating, etc.
- Storage building for school: wood frame, poured concrete; hung doors, constructed racks, shelves, storage. Grounds work.
- Bloodmobile operation: educated public, especially young people, to state need.
- Shared ideas in magazines, etc., presented BOAC Programs to other chapters in state; participated in 20 + community development projects during the year.

BLOOM-CARROLL CHAPTER
CARROLL, OHIO

- The chapter's goal of improving wildlife resources took on many aspects:
  - Improved state wildlife lands.
  - Built wren, bluebird, duck and squirrel nest boxes, placed throughout central Ohio.
  - Made wildlife refuges on area farms; planted trees, shrubs, plants for wildlife cover, food.
  - Raised pheasants, quail to improve population. Repaired, painted community members' tractors, lawn mowers. Enacted wildlife education and hunting program in FFA-VoAg Department.

GODDARD CHAPTER
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

- Continuing projects included Christmas party for school for handicapped; collecting and repairing toys; decorated tree for senior citizens. Program at 15 elementary schools emphasizing Halloween and bicycle safety.
- Assist Bureau of Land Management range land demonstration for killing off brush without harming grasses. Recording rainfall, quarterly plant species evaluations.

BOWLING GREEN CHAPTER
BOWLING GREEN, OHIO

- Established "Old Farm" Complex at Fairground. Moved four 1880s barns to fairground. Display 30' working windmill with pump, 35 major pieces horse-drawn farm machinery, steam engine, threshing rig, antique small engines, 27 restored antique tractors, antique farm tools.
- Large and baby farm animals, petting farm for children, agricultural demonstrations.
- Two rest areas dedicated as Township Groves for 19 agricultural townships in county, a history, a shade tree and a park bench for each placed in grove. Split rail fence, raised flower beds, flower boxes and main sign erected.
BUCKEYE VALLEY CHAPTER
DELAFER, OHIO
- Economic needs in community suggested goal of helping increasing number of people facing hardship.
- Took lead among 40 organizations in planning, collecting, distributing food, clothing, other needed items.
- Collected and distributed $13,000 worth of goods to 1441 individuals during Christmas season.
- Surveyed organizations; enlisted helpers and drivers; worked with representatives of other organizations; enlisted aid of media.

GROTON CHAPTER
GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
- In cooperation with City of Groton, built a half-mile walking course in City Park for senior citizens. Fourteen exercise stations located along course.
- Constructed portable stockade panels for livestock producers.
- Conducted sunflower variety test for crop producers.
- Constructed benches for downtown, City Park and swimming pool.
- Started tree farm of 250 small trees to replace dead and dying trees in community.

PURCELL CHAPTER
PURCELL, OKLAHOMA
- Community is concerned to become efficient in producing a product at smallest marginal cost and highest net profit.
- Chapter developed and administered swine weight gain test program. Constructed building and feeding floor; installed automatic feeders, waterers. FFA, farmers and 4-H members could keep swine there or on their own facilities.
- FFA members weighed pigs on test versus control group, kept records of feed consumed, cost of 100 pounds of feed, and average daily gain. Test results made available to all area swine producers. Banks added $500 bonus.

MULLINS HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER
MULLINS, SOUTH CAROLINA
- Three projects: one tangible, two resulting in good will and better understanding.
- Football field built for Mullins High School over past two years (completed in April '85).
- Farm City Week, promoting better communication between urban/rural residents.
- Pet zoo carried to elementary schools — Appeared on TV.
- Tobacco Festival used to promote mutual respect, cooperation and communication.

HARRISBURG CHAPTER
HARRISBURG, SOUTH DAKOTA
- Goal: to improve education and recreation facilities in community. Helped plan and construct 3-acre park; wheelchair accessible picnic tables, new seeded lawn, fence.
- Renovated old storage building into new library facility; planted trees, shrubs, etc. moved over 800 volumes to new facility.

BARTLETT CHAPTER
BARTLETT, TENNESSEE
- Started C.A.R.E. program for community esteem.
- 100-year old landmark house, rescued by historical society, painted, cedar picket fence erected, grounds cleaned and landscaped, concrete work done, etc.
- Constructed lathe house for plant specimens.
- At request of mayor and aldermen, rejuvenated park and landscaped city hall. Prepared flower beds and landscaped school campus with plants raised in FFA green house.
Hosted Children’s Barnyard during Kindergarten Day at Mid-South Fair; 10,000 children visited.

- Distributed 25,000 pine seedlings. Made and placed 50 wood duck boxes.

BROADWAY CHAPTER
BROADWAY, VIRGINIA

- In cooperation with community organizations, goal was to improve and expand recreational facilities which receive no funding from government for repair and maintenance.
- Constructed 12 heavy duty picnic tables for community center and park. Constructed 17 pieces poolside furniture for park.
- Constructed 3’x8’ barbecue pit for park.
- Built 9 wool packing racks for wool producers’ association.

ELMA CHAPTER
ELMA, WASHINGTON

- Constructed new baby animal farm building at county fairgrounds; from blueprints to completion. Installed pens, constructed hay loft and an FFA office. Conducted two baby animal farms for 115,000+ youngsters.
- In addition to spawning thousands of salmon (a continuing project), caught 16,626 adult salmon for spawning. Collected 11,057,000 eggs. Operated 11 salmon egg hatchery boxes on eight local streams, releasing over 40,000 salmon fry. Assisted department of fisheries plant 3,500,000 salmon fingerlings in rivers.
- Planted 234,780 seedlings on 470 acres.
- Built 16.1 miles of 4-foot wide fire trail.
- Did reforestation work in six counties.

WINLOCK CHAPTER
WINLOCK, WASHINGTON

- To complete Sports Complex, begun last year:
- Further work was done on baseball and football facilities: constructed a weight room: floor, rafters, siding, roof, insulation and finish; landscaped sports complex; painted fence posts; pruned shrubs around school.
- Participated in National Care and Share week.
- Founded Community Food Bank; collected food door to door; Remodeled and operated concession to earn money for food.
- Built benches at cemetery.
- Pruned fruit trees for senior citizens.

BLANCHARDVILLE-PECATONICA CHAPTER
BLANCHARDVILLE, WISCONSIN

- Goal: to make community energy-conservation conscious; to improve energy conservation.
- Conducted energy audits on community buildings.
- Fire Department and chapter members designed and constructed special storm windows. Reduction in energy cost for year, $100.
- Overhead doors in Industrial Arts and Agriculture shops needed better insulation. Energy cost saving to date is $260.
- Energy audit conducted at homes of members: home, farm buildings, transportation and tractors; developed plan to correct; hundreds of dollars of savings, more comfortable living conditions and better operation of equipment.

DENMARK CHAPTER
DENMARK, WISCONSIN

- Goal: to generate ideals, pride and involvement in community life.
- A 240-seat outdoor classroom, picnic area and nature trail added to outdoor laboratory. Social events developed for members and elderly: pride in past, and hope for future.
- Served as test panel for “Double Line for Safety” program. 200% improvement in seat-belt use.
- Organized clean-up/spruce-up campaign. “Pride in Agriculture”, related occupations. Open houses on farms; tours etc.
- Awareness programs in vandalism prevention, farm safety, poison prevention, first aid.
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1985 BOAC Silver and Bronze Chapter Awards

FFA chapters enrolling and meeting qualifying standards in the BOAC program are presented Area Awards. The chapter is thus eligible to compete for national Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. In addition, a qualifying chapter may nominate an individual for an “Achievement in Volunteerism” award.

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- Citronelle "Blue"
- Colbert Heights
- Crossville
- Curry
- Dale County
- Daleville
- Douglas
- Elkmont
- Evergreen
- Fairview
- Five Points
- Foley
- Fort Payne
- G.W. Long
- Gardendale "Blue"
- Geraldine
- Gordo
- Grove Hill "Blue"
- Grove Hill "Gold"
- Houston County
- Ider
- Jackson "Gold"
- Kate Duncan Smith
- DAR
- Kinterbish
- Lafayette
- Lineville
- Livingston High
- Loachapoka
- Lyeffion
- Maplesville
- Marbury
- McAdory "Blue"
- Montevallo
- Muscle Shoals AVTC
- Opelika AVTC "Gold"
- Ranburne
- Russellville
- Scottsboro
- Selma
- Skyline
- Smiths Station "C"
- Spring Garden
- Talladega City AVTC
- Tanner "A"
- Tanner "B"
- Walker AVTC
- Waterloo
- West Blocton
- West Limestone
- Winterboro

**ARKANSAS**
- Bergman
- County Line
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Chapters enrolled in the 1985 program are encouraged to continue their participation in 1986 and beyond. Chapters not previously enrolled are strongly urged to participate. A seven step procedure recommended for beginning a BOAC program includes:

1. Identify and study community needs
2. Select a BOAC chairperson and committee
3. Select a high priority BOAC project
4. Make a plan for the project selected
5. Publicize the BOAC project
6. Recognize individuals and groups that support the project
7. Apply for chapter recognition

For more information chapters should refer to the Teacher Manual, Student Manual and BOAC Committee Handbook. These comprise the Community Development-FFA Style series and contain references to additional materials and supplies.

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