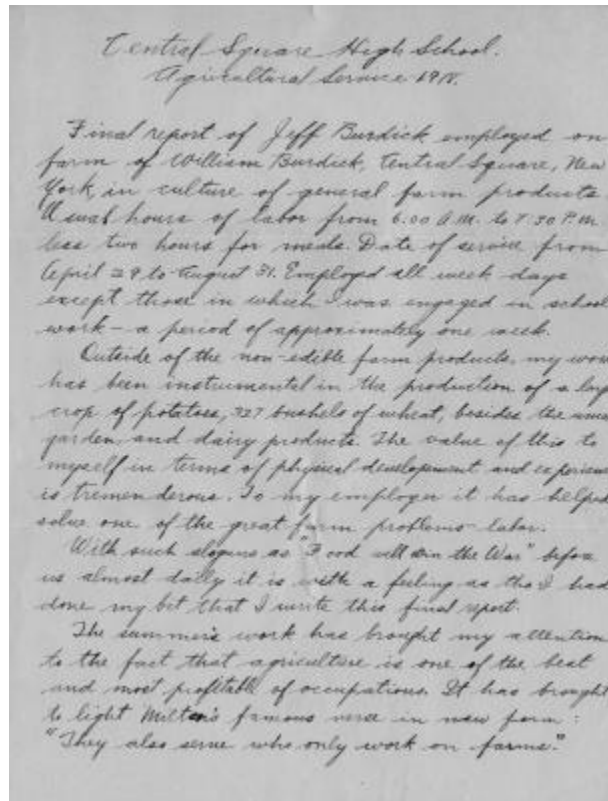


Central Square High School Agricultural Services - 1918



In 1917, the New York State Education Department began a program that allowed students between the ages of 16 and 18 in good academic standing to sign up and become Farm Cadets. Many teens jumped at the chance to become a Farm Cadet, and to leave their homes in the cities and towns and to assist with the war effort by replacing the laborers who had enlisted in the military and gone to fight overseas. From April-September, students worked on farms throughout the state and, in order to receive academic credit for their contribution, wrote essays about their experience. This essay is Jeff Burdick's final report for the farm cadets; the report tells of his experience working for a relative (most likely his father) on a farm in Central Square, NY.

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