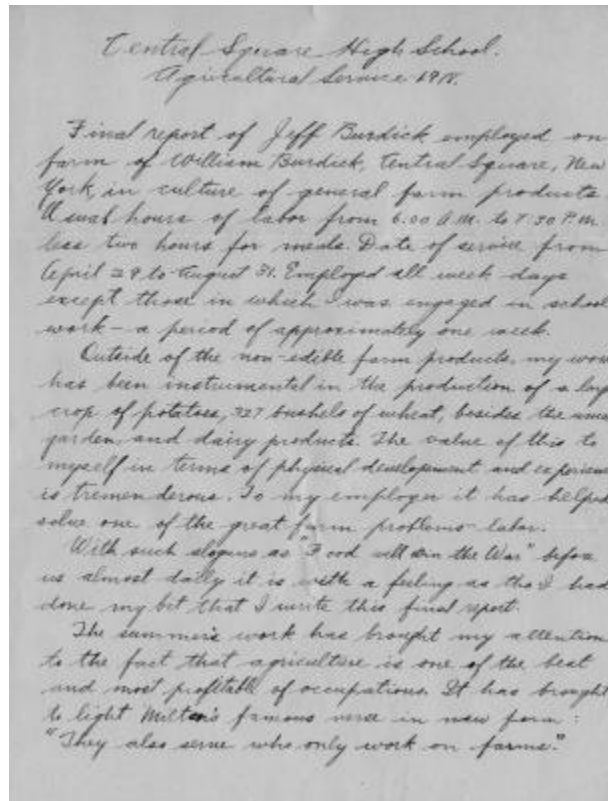


## Central Square High School Agricultural Services - 1918



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Final report of Jeff Burdick employed on farm of William Burdick, Central Square, New York, in culture of general farm products. Usual hours of labor from 6.00 A.M. to 7.50 P.M. less two hours for meals. Date of service from April 29 to August 31. Employed all week days except those in which I was engaged in school work - a period of approximately one week.

Outside of the new edible farm products, my work has been instrumental in the production of a large crop of potatoes, 727 bushels of wheat, besides the usual garden and dairy products. The value of this to myself in terms of physical development and experience is tremendous. To my employer it has helped solve one of the great farm problems - labor.

With such slogans as "Food will win the War" before us almost daily it is with a feeling as tho' I had done my bit that I write this final report.

The summer's work has brought my attention to the fact that agriculture is one of the best and most profitable of occupations. It has brought to light Milton's famous verse in new form: "They also serve who only work on farms."

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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