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## Address

By George T. Peckham, Jr., Research Director, Clinton Foods, Inc.  
on the Occasion of the Presentation of the Clinton  
Foods Science Scholarship Awards

We are assembled here today to bring to its thrilling conclusion the Sixth Iowa Science Talent Search and to present to the winners, the Clinton Foods Science Scholarship Awards.

Ever since the inception of the Clinton Foods Awards, it has been my privilege, as well as my pleasant duty, to make these presentations.

On behalf of Clinton Foods I want to say that we are proud of the part we play in encouraging young scientists at the high school level, by rewarding their meritorious efforts and by aiding the further training of these talented young people at the college level. We are proud of our part. But we are fully aware of the indispensable part played by the Iowa Academy of Science and its Special Committee for the sponsorship and administration of the contest and the ranking of the entries. We are deeply grateful to the Academy, and especially to the Committee, for the endless man-hours they have contributed and for the difficult decisions they have to make in selecting this group of winners out of the hundreds of entries. We wish especially to extend our thanks to your President Professor F. E. Brown who has fostered this program from the beginning.

You who know him well may not think of Professor Brown as a salesman; but he is. He thoroughly sold Clinton Foods on this program. I have compared the Iowa awards with those of other states. You will be pleased to know, I am sure, that these awards, made by Clinton Foods through the Iowa Science Talent Search are by far the largest awards made by any state in the nation.

I am going to take a couple of minutes to re-emphasize for you the impact of science and technology on our modern social structure.

The impact is already here. There is currently a staggering shortage of 55,000 scientifically trained workers in the United States. But even more staggering is the fact that the rate of increase in demand is expanding exponentially. This gap must be filled, and it will be. More and more students by the thousands will take up applied science. But all these thousands of would-be scientists will be lost if they do not have adequate leadership.

It is the selection and training of this leadership that is the re-

sponsibility of all of us here. Leadership is required in all three broad fields of teaching, business administration, and scientific acumen. It is in the early detection and training of young people endowed with this tendency toward leadership, that the Science Talent Search makes its most important contribution. Thus it is that what you see before you today on this platform, is not just ten of Iowa's brightest high school science seniors. This group of young people is Iowa's hope for the scientific leadership of the next generation. Whether they may later settle in Iowa or whether they travel throughout the world, this group of ten young scientists will forever reflect credit on Iowa as their home and their heritage.

Before announcing the placings of these entries, I would like to ask that we all rise and give them as a group a fitting acclaim.