

REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY  
Johnny Jenkins  
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Four years ago this fall, I enrolled in Vocational Agriculture at Geneva High School and shortly afterward joined the Geneva FFA Chapter.

At that time I didn't realize that three years later I would be one of the leaders of the State Organization. But with the encouragement of my advisor I set my goal to become a state officer.

That dream became a reality last June when I was selected for the office of State Secretary of the Alabama Association of FFA. After the Convention I attended a short conference with Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Cannon, Mrs. Mizell, my district supervisor and my advisor, along with the other state officers. Here we made plans for the coming year and our first executive committee meeting. I returned home from the Convention with an increased feeling of pride and confidence in our Organization and a feeling of gratefulness for the opportunity of accepting a larger role in its operations. Yet, I was aware of the problems and responsibilities that would confront me in the coming year.

September 13 - 15 I journeyed to Auburn to attend our first Executive FFA Committee Meeting.

On September 28th I spoke to the student body at Geneva High School.

October 14 - 20 I traveled to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City with the Alabama delegation. This was one of my most enjoyable experiences. I had the opportunity to watch our national association in action and it really was impressive.

Returning from the National FFA Convention on October 20, I was met in Dothan by my advisor and appeared on WTVY-TV to give a 30 minute report on the Convention.

I returned home to find myself busy preparing newsletters for the chapters in my district.

November 8th I attended an area meeting of vocational agriculture teachers at Midland City, on the mailbox improvement program. Here I watched a most interesting demonstration on the proper uses of cement by Mr. Roberts of the Portland Cement Association.

November 23 I attended a discussion on Farm-City Week which was taped and broadcast Sunday, November 25 at 2 p.m. Again I prepared a newsletter for farmers in cooperation with the Geneva Chamber of Commerce.

January 14-15 I attended our second Executive Committee Meeting in Auburn. January 14 I appeared on the Auburn Educational TV Station along with the other state officers as guests of Tom Eden.

February 13-15 I journeyed to Birmingham to attend the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce meeting where the state officers and county presidents were guests of the Agricultural Committee. Here the state officers received recognition awards.

February 15 I appeared on TV with the other state officers in Birmingham.

February 18 found me back at Dothan, Alabama where I appeared on WTVY-TV for 30 minutes.

February 19<sup>and</sup> 21 I appeared on radio station WGEA of Geneva, to direct two radio programs in observance of National FFA Week.

March 22 I attended my first banquet at Midland City where I was guest speaker.

On March 28th I spoke to the members of the Geneva Rotary Club.  
April 7-8-9 found me back in Auburn for our third Executive Committee Meeting.

Saturday, April 20th I attended the Southeast Alabama District FFA Field Day. Here I was in charge of the Radio Program Contest and helped present the awards.

May 3 I was guest speaker at the Florala FFA Chapter Annual Banquet. *WHERE I MET THE STATE FFA SEC.*

May 9th I attended the Ozark Annual FFA-FHA Banquet. May 13th I returned to Geneva to take part in our Annual Parents' Night Program. Here the Geneva Chapter presented me with a trophy for my year's work in the FFA.

June 2 I again hit the road for Auburn for our last Executive Committee Meeting and the State Convention. This was to terminate my career as State Secretary.

The following is a summary of my year's activities.

Speeches made	12
Radio and TV Programs	12
Letters Received	61
Letters Written	54
Newsletters Written	555
Days spent in interest of FFA	<del>48</del>

To my fellow officers, Ronald, George, Lawrence and Jacky I would like to say that I have enjoyed working with you during the past year and I know we will always remember our pleasant experiences together. I know that the fieldnship which we all share can be continued throughout the years to come.

To Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Sellers, Mr. McGraw, Mr. Dailey, and the other *Mr. Muzik* staff members, I would like to express my thanks for their sound advice, continued assistance and competent guidance which contributed much to my year's activities as a State Officer.

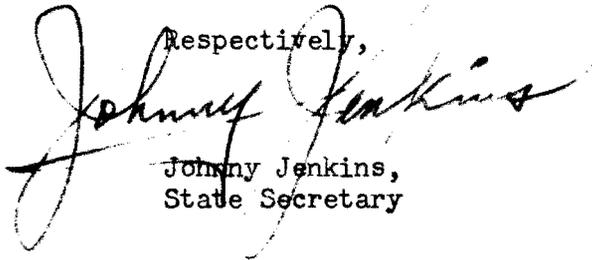
To my agriculture teacher and advisor, I would like to express my sincere thanks for his patience, his encouragement and his support. Without him I realize I would never have had such a successful year.

To my parents, thanks, for your patience and encouragement.

I wish to express my confidence in the incoming officers and assure them that a full year of rewarding experiences await them.

To all FFA members in Alabama, I would like to say I have appreciated the privilege of serving you and I wish you the best of everything as we enter into another great year. May God bless our Organization and Future Farmers everywhere.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Johnny Jenkins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Johnny Jenkins,  
State Secretary