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DILWORTH IS NEW STATE SUPERVISOR OF VO-AG

Ben P. Dilworth, District Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in East Central Alabama for 24 years has been named State Supervisor of Vocational Agricultural Education. The appointment was made by Dr. Ernest Stone, State Superintendent of Education.

Mr. Dilworth, who has served as assistant state supervisor of vocational agriculture for the last three years and as administrator of the vo-ag field office in Auburn for five years, officially assumed the new position on Wednesday, October 28. He succeeds T. L. Faulkner who was recently named Director of Vocational Education for Alabama.

A native of Amory, (Monroe County) Mississippi, where he attended high school and was enrolled in vo-ag courses for four years, Mr. Dilworth received his B.S. Degree in Agricultural Education from Mississippi State University in 1937.

Since receiving his M.S. Degree in Agriculture Education from Auburn University in 1946, Mr. Dilworth has had courses in special training in planning for the future of vocational agriculture education at Ohio State University and has earned an AA Teaching Certificate.

In recent years Mr. Dilworth has studied special courses relating to vocational education in agriculture. Some of the courses which he has undertaken to further his knowledge of his field are: Farm Mechanics, Agricultural Occupations in Alabama, Adult Education, Problems of School

Administration, and A Design for the Future of Vocational Agriculture Education.

Before becoming a district supervisor, Mr. Dilworth taught vocational agriculture for 7½ years at Enterprise High School and at Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery for 2½ years.



BEN P. DILWORTH

NAT'L CONVENTION WRAP-UP

by Frankel Hunnicutt, State Reporter

"Involved in America's Future" was a fitting theme for the 43rd National Future Farmers of America Convention which closed after four days packed full of FFA business, presentation of awards, speeches by prominent business men as well as FFA'ers and participation in national contests. A record attendance of over 15,000 Future Farmers and their adult leaders from all over the United States registered for the convention.

National FFA President, Harry Birdwell, from Fletcher, Oklahoma, turned his gavel over to his successor J. Dan Lehmann of Pleasant Plains, Illinois, at the closing session. The other national officers are: John H. McCulley, National Secretary, of Malin, Oregon; Wayne L. Humphreys, National Vice President of the Central Region, from Crawfordsville, Iowa; George E. Allen, National Vice

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ALABAMA FFA WINS AGAIN !!!

The Alabama FFA captured more national awards at the National FFA Convention this year than any other state association. A total of seven FFA members from Alabama were recognized for their outstanding achievement in agricultural proficiency during the 43rd annual affair in Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16.

The award winners include Jeff McKenzie, Section FFA, first place in Natural Resource Development; Steve Adams, Crossville FFA, first place in Poultry Farming; Gerald Salter, Evergreen FFA, first place in Livestock Farming; Elton Romine, Rogersville FFA, fourth place in Agricultural Mechanics; Mike Mitchell, Gardendale FFA, second place in Ornamental Horticulture; Royce Jones, Section FFA, second place in Farm and Home Electrification; and Jimmy Brannon, Hartford FFA, fourth place in Placement in Agricultural Production.

According to C. W. Reed, executive secretary of the Alabama FFA Association, Alabama broke its own national record for states receiving agricultural proficiency awards. The record was set last year when Alabama placed in four out of the thirteen national proficiency awards. Three of these were first place winners. (No other state was represented more than once.)

Alabama's FFA Livestock Judging team from Hartford also took high honors in the national contest. The team, composed of Stacy Hatcher, Mike Cotton, and Eddie Dillard, placed 12th in the nation in competition against 46 other state teams. The team, coached by Paul C. Dean, teacher of vocational agriculture and FFA advisor at Hartford High School, received a silver emblem plaque for their efforts. Alabama's

In addition, members of the livestock judging team received individual awards for their high scoring. Eddie Dillard scored in the top 28 of 141 team members and received a gold emblem metal. Stacy Hatcher and Mike Cotton won silver and bronze emblem metals, respectively.

The Dairy Judging team from Linden represented Alabama in national competition. This team, consisting of Wayne Gibbs, Joey Griffin and Mastin Watson, and coached by Charles W. Killough, teacher of vocational agriculture and FFA advisor at Linden High School, received an honorable mention for participation in the contest.

The National Judging Contests are competitive activities in which FFA members test their ability to select top quality livestock needed for successful production and marketing. Each team in the contests has competed with other chapters in their state for the privilege of attending the national convention.

Five Alabama chapters received the National Chapter Award for their outstanding performance in programs of activities relating to the vocational agriculture and FFA programs in their local high schools.

Those chapters earning the award this year were: Fairhope FFA, gold emblem; Section FFA, gold emblem; Gurley FFA, silver emblem; Haleyville FFA, silver emblem; and Sparkman FFA, silver emblem.

Four chapters from Alabama were presented National Chapter Safety Awards for their extra efforts to promote safety in their communities.

The Haleyville FFA received a gold emblem award. Gurley FFA, Lawrence County FFA (Moulton) and Sylvania FFA each won a bronze emblem award.

The Alabama delegation of 90 FFA members and advisors was led by State FFA President Bill Cofield, Wedowee, and State Vice-Presidents Herbert Brown, Evergreen; Kenny Morrow, Red Bay; Jimmy Hayes, Goodwater; Frankel Hunnicutt, Kennedy; and Joel Jones, Elba.

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**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING !!**

NATIONAL CONVENTION WRAP-UP
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President of the North Atlantic Region, from Easton, New York; Daniel M. Dooley, National Vice President of the Pacific Region, from Hanford, California, and Jim Beard, National Vice President of the Southern Region, from Beggs, Oklahoma.

Birdwell and his fellow national officers were responsible for presiding over all the convention activities which began Tuesday night with a vespers program featuring Kansas City Chief's quarterback, Len Dawson.

The top recognition of the week went to two Future Farmers from Indiana and Pennsylvania. Merrill Kelsay, a member of the Whiteland FFA Chapter in Whiteland, Indiana, was named Star Farmer of America. The Star Agribusinessman of America award went to twenty-one-year-old Earl Weaver of Middletown, Pennsylvania. Both of these young men received \$1,000 from the National FFA Foundation.

Thirteen other FFA members received national proficiency awards in areas of agricultural production and agribusiness. These winners and the areas in which they won are Agribusiness Award, Wayne R. Morris, Fullerton, California; Agricultural Mechanics, Sheldon Huls, Oxford, Ohio; Crop Farming, Jackie Irvin, Wingate, Indiana, Dairy Farming, Richard Petres, Iuka, Illinois; Farm and Home Electrification, Charles C. Holz, Rippey, Iowa; Forestry, David Lynn Thureson, Alder, Washington; Home Improvement, Gary Deppermann, New Haven, Missouri; Livestock Farming, Gerald Salter, Evergreen, Alabama; National Resources Development, Jeff McKenzie, Section, Alabama; Ornamental Horticulture, Ted G. Kornder, Belle Plaine, Minnesota; Placement in Agricultural Production, Jerry W. Bradley, Modesto, California; Poultry Farming, Steve K. Adams, Albertville, Alabama; Soil and Water Management, Ron Anderson, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

"A Thing Called Leadership" was the title of the speech that earned the first place public speaking award for Kevin Hall of Germantown, Maryland. He was presented a \$300 cash award for his winning speech.

A host of prominent speakers appeared on the convention program throughout the week. Keynoting the

convention was Louis Strong, president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Other scheduled speakers included James Smith, Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration; Leon Minear, Director of the Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U.S. Office of Education; Ed Jones, U.S. Congressman from Tennessee; Fess Parker, television and movie star and Robert D. Ray, Governor of Iowa. Two unscheduled speakers making surprise visits to the National Convention were television stars Art Linkletter and Larry Storch of the well-known television program F-Troop.

In addition to the many Future Farmers receiving awards at the FFA meeting, many adults who have contributed to the organization were honored. Distinguished Service awards were presented to 20 men and women. Forty men in education, government, business and industry and 26 teachers of vocational agriculture received the Honorary American Farmer Degree, the highest honor bestowed on non-members of FFA.

Donors to the National FFA Foundation who this year contributed about \$250,000 for awards and other FFA activities, were honored Thursday night. Plaques were presented to 14 sponsors who have supported the Foundation for 15 to 25 years. The new chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the FFA Foundation is Fred Stines, publisher of Successful Farming Magazine, Des Moines, Iowa. He succeeds Sam White, Jr., vice president, Transmission Products Group, Borg-Warner Company.

Five national livestock and animal products judging contests were held in conjunction with the National Convention. Top teams recognized at the Friday morning session of the convention were Meats Judging, Parma High School team, Parma, Idaho; Poultry Judging, Stillwater High School team, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Dairy Cattle Judging, Hutchinson High School team, Hutchinson, Minnesota; Dairy Products Judging, Licking High School team, Licking, Missouri.

An important part of the convention proceedings was the business sessions conducted by the 113 official voting delegates. A number of proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws were voted on. One

amendment passed by the delegates provided for the organization of collegiate FFA chapters. An amendment failed that would have changed the names of FFA degrees of membership by deleting the word "farmer" so that instead of the Chapter Farmer Degree, the members would have received the Chapter FFA Degree, the State FFA Degree and the American FFA Degree. The delegates also voted down proposed amendments to change requirements for the various degrees, and one to change the makeup of the Committee which nominated the National Officers.

For the first time this year, the American Royal Queen was coronated in a special pageant held during the last business session of the National FFA Convention. Karen L. Kemp, 18, of Princess Anne, Maryland, the Maryland FFA Association's nominee was selected by the American Royal Queen Committee to reign over this year's American Royal Livestock and Horse Show. The show opened on Friday afternoon with a special program for FFA members. Karen is also Miss "AIC" Youth Scholar for 1971.

Another highlight of the convention program was the music provided throughout the week by the 126 member National FFA Band and the 97 member National FFA Chorus. These musical units were recruited by mail and had never played or sung together before arriving in Kansas City last Sunday. The National Band is scheduled to lead the opening parade for the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show.

The closing session of the convention was dominated by the recognition of outgoing National Officers and their parents and the installation of new officers.

Special entertainment was provided for the convention attendants following the closing ceremony by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

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**ARE YOU DOING YOUR
PART IN THE NEW
"BUILDING OUR
AMERICAN COMMUNITIES"
PROGRAM ? ?**

----- CHAPTER NOTES -----

Sargeant Johnny Richardson, a member of the 200th Infantry Special Forces, spoke to the Citronelle FFA members at their regular monthly meeting on October 20. He presented a very informative program on gun safety education. This program came at a very significant time because of the need to make all students and hunters aware of the safety precautions necessary when using any type of firearms.

During the meeting announcement was made that the Citronelle FFA had won a second place ribbon and \$130 for their exhibit in the Greater Gulf States Fair in Mobile.

The exhibit concentrated on the area of fertilizers by pointing out the possibilities of increased dollars in crop yields from the addition of secondary and minor nutrients in addition to the three major nutrients already being supplied to most crops. There are 12 nutrients necessary for proper plant growth and yields suffer whenever any one of these is not present.

Chapter President Mark McCain made all committee appointments and outline the program of activities for the year. Other officers include: Mike Brannon, vice-president; Joe Skipper, secretary; Marvin Gray, treasurer; Douglas Earle, reporter; and Ronald Turner, sentinel. Mr. George L. Terrell is chapter advisor.

Larry Webster, 17, an Auburn High senior and FFA member, won a \$125 educational scholarship for his efforts at the Chattahoochee Valley Fair in Columbus, Ga. recently.

To qualify for the scholarship Larry entered two departments in the fair, individual wood projects and the FFA Livestock Judging contest. A gun cabinet Larry built in the

school vo-ag shop netted him first place in wood projects, and he also walked off with high scoring honors on the AHS judging team.

Larry plans to study forestry when he enters Auburn University next year. Mr. Frank B. Killough is his FFA advisor at AHS.

Members of Plainview, Sylvania, Fyffe and Section FFA Chapters recently toured the Mobile Display Unit, which displays 170 uses of electricity in the home.

The unit is owned by the North Alabama Power Distributors Association and was temporarily located at the San Mountain Electric Co-op Headquarters Building in Rainsville.

FFA Chapters in Franklin County recently held a two-day Leadership Workshop in Russellville. During the first day Vina, Phil Campbell and Russellville were in charge. Red Bay and Belgreen had the programs for the second day.

Fairhope FFA Chapter participated in the Central Alabama Fair at Selma and took home many honors.

Their boar won Grand Champion Duroc Boar and Grand Champion of the Show while their gilts won Grand Champion Duroc Gilt, Reserve Grand Champion Duroc Gilt, and Reserve Grand Champion of the Show.

Randy Dowsey won showmanship at the fair.

The Goshen FFA Chapter won first place in the FFA division at the Pike County Fair for their very colorful exhibit showing the different branches of agriculture.

FFA FAIR EXHIBITS

State Fair---Birmingham

1st place---Fayette

"Pollution is Everyone's Problem"

2nd place---Boaz

"The Four Most Important Decisions--Education, Religion, Marriage, and Occupations"

2nd place---Lexington

"Agricultural Education Stresses--Kill Robber Rats"

3rd place---New Hope

"Choose Agriculture For An Interested Career"

3rd place---McAdory

"Land, Conservation, A Cooperative Effort"

South Alabama Fair---Montgomery

1st place---Andalusia

"Vo-Ag Provides Vocational Training For Alabama Rural and Suburban Youth"

2nd place---Smith Station

"Steps To Success Through Agribusiness, FFA, and Basic Trades"

3rd place---Wetumpka

"Accentuate The Clean-Up, Eliminate The Pile-Up"

4th place---Highland Home

"Agriculture Is More Than Farming"

Greater Gulf States Fair--Mobile

1st place---Grand Bay

"Safe Use of Chemicals"

2nd place---Citronelle

"Proper Fertilization"

3rd place---Foley

"Farming--Past & Present"

4th place---Moore Academy

"Agribusiness Occupations"

Central Alabama Fair---Selma

1st place of all exhibits---

Selma

"Agribusiness Occupations"

Columbus Fair---Dothan

Results not available at press time.