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## IT'S THAT TIME - - - - CALL TO 46th CONVENTION

by The 1974-75 State Officers



### BE INFORMED

*Paul Stanfield*  
President

The time for our State Convention grows nearer and nearer. Everyone is beginning to prepare for their part in the convention. You, as an FFA member, have a responsibility, a part. You have the job of dictating what is to happen in the Alabama FFA in years to come. To do this you must be informed. Know about the various FFA programs, your FFA Constitution and By-laws, and the FFA contests. Most of all—know what's happening.



### MEET NEW FRIENDS:

*John Summerford*  
Secretary

This year's theme is "FFA: A CHANCE FOR GROWTH." Truly this convention is an opportunity for growth. The best way to be sure of growth is to make friends. There will be many FFA members from across the state for you to meet. Seek out the state officers; stop the state winners and ask them for pointers on their success. You will make lasting friendships during this convention.



### BE ON TIME:

*Danny Williams*  
2nd Vice President

As Second Vice-President, it is my privilege to invite you to attend the 46th Alabama State FFA Convention. My fellow state officers and I foresee one of the greatest state conventions ever. Each of us brought back ideas from the National Convention which we feel will make this year's convention better than ever. We hope you have fun. The sessions are scheduled so that you will have time to relax and go sight-seeing. By all means spend your time wisely, try to attend all sessions. One of the most important items in making anything successful is that all persons involved with the convention be **ON TIME.**



### PROPER DRESS:

*Eddie Blizzard*  
1st Vice President

The State Officers set a goal last June to have the best State Convention ever in '75. This was a tremendous challenge, but we, as State Officers, have accepted the challenge. We were a little negligent on our part as we left out the most important element, YOU! You, the 27,000 Future Farmers in this great state of Alabama. You, the members make the convention, not me, not the other state officers or the state staff, but you.

May I remind you that official delegate dress will be an official FFA T-shirt, tucked neatly into a pair of dress pants. These shirts will be on sale at the convention. No faded blue jeans or slouchy shirts will be allowed. Please shine your shoes, shave your beard and **LOOK SHARP!**



### VISIT HISTORIC MONTGOMERY:

*Hamp Tew*  
Treasurer

Fellow FFA members—We are looking forward to the State Convention this year. We have planned an eventful convention and hope that you have an enjoyable time. With thoughts of celebrating our Bicentennial, be sure to include the historic sites of Montgomery into some of your plans. This will be an excellent opportunity to visit our own historic Capitol City. We hope you will be prepared to do your best in the state contests. See you at the convention.



### A CHANCE FOR GROWTH:

*Ric Payson*  
Reporter

For almost two hundred years, America has been giving its future patriots what every young adult desperately needs—A chance for growth.

America is suffering like many countries from a multitude of problems, but unlike the less fortunate nations of this world, America has one fantastic resource which can and will cure her of her ills. This resource is her youth. America's one chance for holding on to the qualities that made her great are the young adults of the United States of America.

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A young adult is like a seed of corn. In the dark surrounded by a cold, unsuitable environment, it cannot grow and prosper. On the other hand if this same seed is placed in a warm, fertile environment, it will grow into a sturdy plant which can be put to many uses. America's young people are just like the seed, all we need is—A *Chance for Growth*.



**BE A GOOD COMPETITOR:**

*George Cargile*  
Sentinel

Competition is always evident at the FFA Convention. Again this year there will be competition in public speaking, quartets, string bands, and in one session, we will be able to judge these talents. There will be great competition in the various judging contests and proficiency awards. There will also be friendly competition between the delegates.

We, as state officers, will also be competing with state officers of the past.

## Editor's Pen

The Marines are looking for a few good men. They will find them because there are some good men still around.

Now what about agriculture? Agriculture needs a few good men. Will these good men go into the Marines or will they go into agriculture?

So—you as a good man have a choice—to defend the country or feed the country. Which do you think is the most important, *defense or food?*

You know, from my desk, it appears that we can't do without either! Currently, the cost-price squeeze is forcing farmers to cut back on food production.

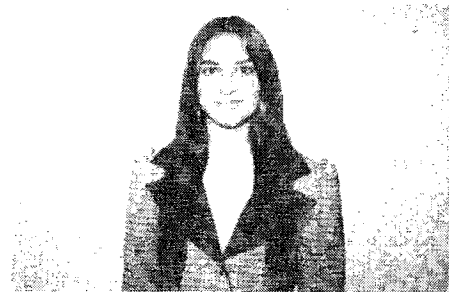
Cutting back? Yes, just ask a beef cattleman. His costs are forcing him to cut back when more and more food is needed to feed this growing nation and many other nations that are facing starvation.

Future Farmers, if one group is cutting back due to the inflation-cost spiral, and the consuming group is calling for *more, more, what will this mean?*

Let me suggest an answer—higher prices, more demand, more opportunities for a few good men who stick it out and stay with agriculture.

Stay with AGRICULTURE Future Farmers. It may be tough, like the Marines, but in just a few short years, anyone with the ability to grow a successful crop of beans is going to be well paid for his talents. Good Marines—Good Farmers are hard to find.

F.B.K.



**GORDO FFA SWEETHEART**  
*Karla Harvey is a sophomore at Gordo High School.*

PROGRAM  
GARRETT COLISEUM  
MONTGOMERY, ALA.  
June 3,4,5, 1975

MONDAY, JUNE 2

P.M.  
2:00 - Interview of new Officers

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

A.M.  
8:00 - 12:00 - Registration - Garrett Coliseum  
9:00 - Horticulture Judging Contest (Auburn)  
Forestry Judging Contest (Auburn)  
Livestock Judging Contest (Auburn)  
Dairy Judging Contest (Auburn)  
Land Judging Contest (Auburn)  
Semi-Final Eliminations Public Speaking (Richard Beard Building)  
Semi-Final Eliminations String Band (Garrett Coliseum)  
Semi-Final Eliminations Quartet (Coliseum)  
11:00 - 12:00 - Courtesy Corps Meeting

P.M.  
1:00 - Delegate Orientation  
Opening Ceremony  
Seating Delegates  
Greetings  
Business Session  
Appointment of Committees  
Closing Ceremony  
3:45 - Meeting of Local Advisors

TUESDAY EVENING

P.M.  
7:00 - Music - Tam Easterwood  
7:30 - First General Session  
Presentation of Flag  
Opening Ceremony  
Recognition of Foundation Donors  
Quartet Finals  
Future Farmer of the Year Award  
Awards to Quartets  
Announcements  
Vespers Program - State Officers  
Closing Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

A.M.  
8:30 - Music (First Place Quartet)  
9:00 - Second General Session  
Opening Ceremony  
String Band Finals  
Student Leaders  
Address - Gary Kelley, National V.P.  
Activity Program  
State Officers' Report  
Awards to String Bands  
1:30 - State President's Message  
Awards, Judging, etc.  
Address - Honorable Geo. C. Wallace  
Proficiency awards  
Closing Ceremony

WEDNESDAY EVENING

P.M.  
7:00 - Music (First Place String Band)  
7:30 - Third General Session  
Opening Ceremony  
Invocation - Elton Bouldin, Past State Pres.  
Star Farmer Ceremony  
Honorary State Farmer Degrees  
Public Speaking Finals  
Honor Parents of 1974-75 State Officers  
Awards to Public Speakers  
Announcements  
Closing Ceremony

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

A.M.  
9:00 - Last General Session  
Opening Ceremony  
Slides - 47th National FFA Convention  
State Farmer Degree Ceremony  
Installation of New State Officers  
Presentation of Past Officer Pins  
Presentation of Gavel to Past President  
Announcements  
Closing Ceremony  
New Officers and Local Advisors Meeting

## FFA Dates To Remember

March 22	.....	Southeast District Eliminations
March 29	.....	South Central District Eliminations
April 1	.....	Proficiency Awards
April 5	.....	Southwest District Eliminations
April 12	.....	North Central District Eliminations
April 15	.....	Chapter Award
April 19	.....	West Central District Eliminations
April 26	.....	Northeast District Eliminations
May 1	.....	American Farmer Application
May 3	.....	North District Eliminations
May 15	.....	Honorary American Farmer Degree Applications
June 1	.....	FFA Report
June 3-5	.....	State FFA Convention

# WE APPLAUD

## CHAPTERS WITH MEMBERSHIP OVER 100%

School	Advisor
Alex City Jr.	Campbell
Ardmore	Cornelison
Baldwin Co.	McCants
Baldwin Co.	Pate
Bay Minette AVC	Nelson, Porter, Taylor
Belgreen	Todd
Bibb Co. AVC	Brothers
Brookwood	Cunningham
Carbon Hill	Gober
Clarke Co.	Garrick
Cleburne Co.	Turner
Conecuh Co.	Ward
Corner	Reaves
Crossville	Hamilton
Dallas Co. AVS	Rahn
Danville	McCay
Daphne Middle	Barnes
Elmore, Stanhope "A"	Holland
Etowah AVS	Borden
Fairhope	Beasley, Trione
Falkville	Bryan
Foley	Carver, Rhodes
Fyffe	Galloway
Geneva Co.	Dean
Glencoe	Webb
Hatton	Thompson
Hayneville	Lewis
Jemison	Hayes
LaFayette	Pittman
Leroy	Gissendanner
Livingston	Kennedy
Maplesville	Cheatham
Millry	Crawford
Mobile Co.	Pugh
Montevallo	Thornton
Montgomery, M. G.	Green
Neal, W. S.	Ellis
New Site	Fuller
Opelika AVC	Pearson
Pennington, J. B.	Jones
Pickens Co.	Hughes, Smith
Ranburne	Ott
Randolph Co.	Heard, Wortham
Repton	Ellis
Robertsdale AVS	Cowan, Jackson, Walters
St. Clair Co.	Mashburn
Sand Rock	Pate
Stevenson	Cornelius
Sylvania	Butler
Thorsby	Britton
Verbena	Dennis
Vina	Morrow
Weogufka	Porter
West Point	Strickland, Allredge
Woodland	Bishop
York West End	Epps

## CHAPTER WITH OVER 100 MEMBERS

School	Advisors	Members
Jacksonville Lab	Smith, Todd	236
Foley	Carver, Rhodes	227
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## SPOTLIGHTING OUR—

## LOVELY SWEETHEARTS



### BROOKWOOD FFA SWEETHEART

Mara Ward, is the Brookwood FFA Sweetheart for 1974-75. Mara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Ward of Rt. 2, Cottondale. She is 17 years old, is a junior at Brookwood, is a member of the FFA, a majorette and a member of the Tri-Hi-Y.



### SEMME'S FFA SWEETHEART

Cindy Green, daughter of Mrs. Sadie Green, is the Semmes FFA Sweetheart this year. Cindy is a senior at Mary G. Montgomery High School.



### ELMORE COUNTY HIGH SWEETHEART

Brenda Mann is this year's FFA Sweetheart at Elmore County High School. Brenda is a junior and is a varsity cheerleader.



**NEW IMAGE FOR WATERLOO**—With his first teaching position, Mr. David Glover set a goal of building a new image for the Waterloo FFA. Mr. Glover stated "a veteran agribusiness education teacher gave me some excellent ideas." One of the new ideas was to secure a vehicle for use in mechanics instruction and to provide transportation for the supervised work experience program set up by the Agribusiness Education Department. Through a cooperative venture of the Chrysler Corporation, the Waterloo Agribusiness Education Department and the local dealer, a new four-wheel drive Dodge Ramcharger was secured. Shown above during the presentation of the vehicle are from left to right Ronald Wilbanks, member of the Waterloo FFA, Mr. Glover, local advisor, Mr. Jay Hodge of Mid-Cities Dodge, and Scott Dawsey, secretary of the Waterloo FFA.



**A RECORD?** The Lee County FFA Advisors prepared nine entries for the County Public Speaking Contest. This could be a record number. Shown above are the nine finalists in the Lee County FFA Public Speaking Contest. The FFA'ers shown above are from left to right, front row, Mike Collins, 2nd place winner, Opelika High School FFA; Lawrence Patterson, 3rd place winner, Auburn Jr. High School FFA; Stanley Price, Beauregard FFA. Second row, (left to right) Steve Smyth, Smiths Station FFA "B"; Tony Stewart, Sanford Jr. High School FFA; Paul Kalla, Auburn High School FFA (Blue); third row (left to right) Randy Scott, Auburn High School FFA (Gold); Willie C. Floyd, Loachapoka FFA, and Tim Collins, first place winner, Smiths Station "A".



**ELTON BOULDIN**, last year's State FFA President, proudly shows off two deer he bagged in south Alabama. One is a 15½" spike, a state record, and a six point buck. Elton is working as a reporter for a local newspaper and keeping very busy these days.



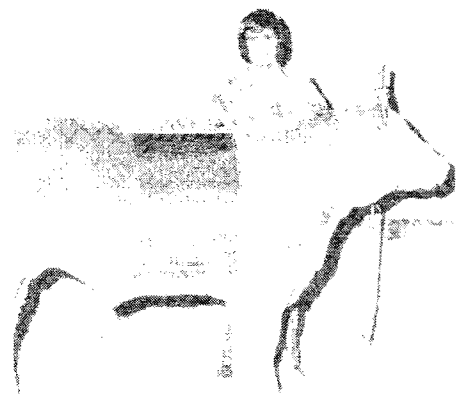
Utility trailers make excellent shop projects. A project of this scope develops skills in woodworking, metalworking and welding.

Shown working on a trailer are Sumter County Training School Future Farmers (l-r) Clifford Farmer, Archie Gunn and Tyrone Danner.

Mr. B.F. Hollinger, FFA Advisor, observes carefully the work of his students and explains, "this is the first independent project the students have completed, and I think they did an excellent job."

Clifford Farmer, owner of the trailer, has plans to make good use of this handy shop project.

Little old lady: "How many successful parachute jumps does a paratrooper have to make before he graduates?" Instructor: "All of them, lady. All of them."



**GRAND CHAMPION STEER**—William Lisenby, FFA member from Abbeville High School exhibited the Grand Champion steer at the recent Tri-State District Show at Dothan. Lisenby's Charolais-Hereford cross steer weighed 1130 pounds and was purchased by the Bank of Abbeville for \$1.49 per pound. Mr. Danny Hooper, Advisor, assisted Lisenby in preparing the champion for the show.