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BEST FOR THE BEST— 48th CONVENTION



MIKE BRADFORD
President

Be On Time

The 1976-77 State Officer team has pulled out all the stops to make this, the 48th Alabama State Convention, the most rewarding one ever. Each minute of every session will be packed with entertainment, awards, contests, and best of all, fond memories to take home with each of us.

If you miss any part of the convention, it could be the part that would have been the most beneficial to you. We have all heard the story from the Bible of the foolish and wise virgins. The wise virgins were on time with their preparations. The wise FFA delegates will be on time for each session.

“Welcome To The Best For The Best”

By J. C. Hollis, State FFA Advisor

I commend each of you who have earned the right to attend the 48th FFA Convention at the beautiful new Civic Center, Montgomery, Alabama, June 7, 8, 9. You have earned the right to attend either by proving to your advisor that you are an outstanding leader in your local chapter or by excelling in one of the contests and awards programs sponsored by the State Association. In either case, you have every right to be proud, and we are proud of you.

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Miss Alabama - Denise Davis

A highlight of the 1977 FFA State Convention will be the entertainment provided by Denise Davis. She is the reigning Miss Alabama and hails from Russellville, Alabama. The nineteen year old, blue-eyed beauty will appear during the last general session.

Miss Davis attends the University of North Alabama at Florence, and is majoring in music. Her accomplishments include: Girls' State Senator; finalist-Miss National Tennager; Who's Who in American High Schools and membership in the Russellville High School Band and homecoming court. Her hobbies include water skiing, tennis and horseback riding.

Demonstrate Pride In FFA

The Future Farmers of America is an organization of which to be very proud. The FFA is known and respected all across this great state of ours. Each time you put on that blue and gold jacket you are putting on heritage and respect. Be proud of the FFA and the high standard of ideals it represents.

You, as FFA members, are looked upon for leadership. Lead others by demonstrating your pride in the FFA.

This year's convention program promises to be the best ever. With your help we are sure that it will be. See you at the convention!



MARVIS FUTRAL
First Vice President

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**FFA—Agriculture's
New Generation**

America's future depends upon her agriculture. You, the Future Farmers of America, are tomorrow's agriculture. The task of supplying America and the world with food will rest upon *your* shoulders.

FFA gives you the opportunity to prepare yourself to be agriculture's new generation. You must take advantage of this opportunity to be a leader in the new empire of agriculture that lies ahead.

Tomorrow's agriculturalists will be well educated and capable of filling the increasing number of positions available in the vast agricultural complex of the future.

FFA—Agriculture's New Generation—
America's Future.

Proper Dress

Fellow FFA Members — We are looking forward to the State FFA Convention this year. We want this convention to be the best convention ever held. For this to happen, we as the State Officers are asking for your support and help. We ask that you come to the convention looking your best. May I remind you that the official delegate dress will be an official FFA T-shirt, tucked neatly into a pair of dress pants. These shirts will be on sale for you at the convention. No faded blue jeans or slouchy shirts will be allowed—so **LOOK SHARP!**



**PAM TATE
Second Vice President**

Meet New Friends

The theme for the 1977 Convention, "FFA—Agriculture's NEW Generation." This is truly a topic that coincides with establishing new friendships and rekindling old ones. The convention is an excellent opportunity for personal growth, and new friends will certainly enhance our own development. Young people from all over the state will be at this year's convention. Get to know the state officers, state winners, and the men who provide leadership in the FFA.

I hope you will seek out and meet many new friends for long-lasting friendships, which will "divide our griefs and double our joy."



**JIMMY VEAZEY
Treasurer**

Be Informed

It is almost time for the State Convention, and I hope that each and everyone of you are getting ready to make this convention the best yet. This includes knowing about your part in the convention and being prepared. All of you have a big responsibility because what you do and decide at the convention will affect every FFA member in Alabama. So study up on that FFA Constitution and know about the different contests and events. Remember, this convention is for YOU. So come to Montgomery prepared to do your job, know what's going on, and **BE INFORMED.**



**CHRIS GREEN
Sentinel**

Do Your Very Best

Throughout the course of this year's State Convention, I challenge you to do your very best. Many opportunities which you dream about will come to light if only you do your best! If you are in public speaking, or other award-winning activities, set your goals high and decide now to reach those goals. This year is going to be the best convention in the history of the Alabama FFA. Please plan to come, and don't forget, settle for nothing less than your best! **SEE YOU THERE.**

To Entertain at Convention



**OPRYLAND USA SINGER
"KAY" DeKALB**

A featured attraction for the 48th annual FFA Convention will be the entertainment by Miss "Kay" DeKalb of Madison, Tennessee.

The 5'-5½" auburn-haired beauty is a widely known Opryland singer and is excited about her appearance with the Alabama Future Farmers in June.

Her professional entertainment during the opening session of the Convention on Tuesday, June 7, at the new air conditioned Montgomery Civic Center will be a first for the FFA'ers.

Miss DeKalb was a varsity cheerleader at Morgan County High School and has included in her accomplishments: Miss Birmingham - 1973 Miss Alabama Pageant; Second Runner-up to Miss National Teenager - 1972, and was Miss Alabama Teenager in 1972.

National Officer



DANNY SCHIFFER

Greetings to FFA'ers attending the 48th annual Alabama FFA Convention will be given by Danny Schiffer, National FFA Vice President of the Southern Region. He is a 20 year old agricultural mechanic from Orlando, Florida.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schiffer, Danny has been active in the FFA and involved in horticulture and agricultural mechanics projects for the past five years. He started his farming program with a small truck farm and a poultry enterprise. The operation has grown into a successful operation including beef, poultry, and truck crops.

PROGRAM MONTGOMERY CIVIC CENTER MONTGOMERY, ALA. June 7, 8, 9, 1977 Monday, June 6

P.M.
3:00 —
Interview of Officer Candidates (Civic Center)
Tuesday, June 7

A.M.
8:00 - 12:00
Registration - Civic Center
8:00 -
Ag. Mechanics Contest (John Patterson State Tech. Col., Montgomery)
9:00
Forestry Judging Contest (Montgomery)
Livestock Judging (Auburn)
Dairy Cattle Judging Contest (Auburn)
Land Judging Contest (Auburn)
Building Construction Contest (Auburn)
Power and Diesel Mechanics Contest (Auburn)
Horticulture Judging Contest (Civic Center)

P.M.
1.00 —
Delegate Orientation (Civic Center Auditorium)
2:00 —

Opening Ceremony
Seating Delegates
Greetings - Danny Schiffer, National VP
Business Session
Entertainment - Miss Kay DeKalb
Appointment of Committees
Remarks - Chris Green, Sentinel
Chapter Awards
Greetings & Announcements - J. C. Hollis
Closing Ceremony
4:00 —
Meeting of Local Advisors

Tuesday Evening

P.M.
7:00 —
Music — Tommy Conner, Geneva FFA Chapter
7:30 —

FIRST GENERAL SESSION
Opening Ceremony
Remarks - Tolton Anderson, Reporter
Quartet Finals
Future Farmer of the Year Award
Awards to Quartets
Vespers Program - State FFA officers
Announcements
Closing Ceremony

Wednesday, June 8

A.M.
8:30 —
Music (First Place Quartet)
9:00 —

SECOND GENERAL SESSION
Opening Ceremony
Greetings - B. P. Dilworth, Branch Director,
Program Supervision, Vocational Education
String Band Finals
Activity Program
Address - Danny Schiffer, National Officer
Building Our American Communities Awards
Remarks - Jimmy Veazey, Treasurer
Awards to Strings Bands

P.M.
1:30 —
Address - Honorable George C. Wallace
Awards - Forestry Judging, Champion Corn
Growing Awards, Ornamental Horticulture
Judging, Land Judging
Remarks - David Hicks, Secretary
Awards - Dairy Judging, Livestock Judging, M.
K. Heath Animal Health and Sanitation
Award, Safety

2:00 —
Address - Dr. Richard L. Irvin, Pastor, Collins
United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas
Proficiency Awards - Forest Management, Fish
and Wildlife Management, Ornamental Horticulture,
Agricultural Electrification,
Agricultural Mechanics, Poultry Production,
Dairy Production, Swine Production
Remarks - Pamela Tate, Second Vice President,
Proficiency Awards - Crop Production, Horse
Production, Beef Production, Placement in
Agricultural Production, Agricultural Sales
and/or Service, Soil and Water Management,
Home and Farmstead Improvement,
Agricultural Processing
Remarks - Marvis Futral, First Vice President
Awards - Building Construction, Agricultural
Mechanics, Power and Diesel Mechanics
Closing Ceremony

Wednesday Evening

P.M.
7:00 —
Music (First Place String Band)
7:30 —
THIRD GENERAL SESSION
Opening Ceremony
Star Farmer Ceremony
Conferring of Honorary State Farmer Degrees
Public Speaking Finals
Entertainment - Goodson Sisters, Brent, Alabama
Honor Parents of 1976-77 State FFA Officers
Awards to Public Speakers
Announcements
Closing Ceremony

Thursday, June 9

A.M.
9:00 —
LAST GENERAL SESSION
Opening Ceremony
State FFA Officers' Yearly Report - David Hicks,
Secretary
State President's Message - Mike Bradford
Entertainment - Miss Alabama, Denise Davis
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 their Local Advisors Meet
(Montgomery Civic Center)

**Alabama FFA membership
as of press time 26,642.**

Featuring Some Of FFA's Best

Sweethearts



TAMMY CLEM, an 8th grader, is the 1976-77 Clements FFA Sweetheart. Tammy is a member of the FHA, Pep Club and 4-H Club. Tammy is also a member of the Scholars Bowl Team.



The 1976-77 FFA Sweetheart of the Pisgah FFA Chapter is 17 year old **Joan Holcomb**. Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Gay Robertson of Pisgah. She has been a varsity cheerleader for three years and was chosen this year as Homecoming Queen.



JANICE REDDEN, a 17 year old junior at Stanhope Elmore High School is the FFA Sweetheart. Janice is a member of the Beta Club and is a Rifleman in the school band.



WELDING — Stanhope Elmore High School agribusiness students (l-r) Ronnie Young, Patrick Thomas and Danny Lykes study electric welding as part of their instruction in agribusiness education. A. R. Crenshaw and Fred Cargill serve as agribusiness instructors at Stanhope Elmore High School.



SMALL ENGINE REPAIR — Barry Maynard (left) gives instructions from an operator's manual while David Hensley makes the adjustments to a small gas engine. As agribusiness students at Elmore County High School, these students are learning that small engines perform an increasing number of tasks around the farm and home. T. B. Porter is the instructor at Eclectic.



PUBLIC SPEAKER — Tim Watts, Elmore County High School FFA member, rehearses his speech, "To Be An American Farmer" in preparation for entry in the Elmore County FFA finals.

Welcome

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This year's convention promises to be the best ever. The state officers and state staff have dedicated themselves to make it so. I know we can count on each of you to do your part by being on time, attending all meetings, and conducting yourself as an FFA member should. The Civic Center is air-conditioned with padded seats. The program has been so arranged that outstanding entertainment will appear throughout the program.

The state staff and state officers have done their part to make this a memorable occasion in your lifetime. I know that you and your advisor will help us make the 48th Convention the best ever.

FFA Dates To Remember

April 9	_____	Southeast-Southeast Central Bi-District Contest
April 15	_____	Safety, BOAC and Chapter Awards Entry
April 15	_____	Southwest-Southwest Central Bi-District Contest
April 23	_____	Northeast-Northeast Central Bi-District Contest
April 30	_____	West Central-North Bi-District Contest
May 1	_____	Final American Farmer Degree Application
May 15	_____	Honorary American Farmer Degree Application
June 1	_____	Annual FFA Report
June 7-9	_____	State FFA Convention