FFA Convention To Be Held In Auburn, July 15-17

Theo Kyle, Uriah Chapter, Has Fine Practice Program

One of the most outstanding supervised practice projects in the State is being carried out by Theo Kyle, secretary of the Uriah Chapter.

Theo enrolled in the Junior III Field Crops Class in the Fall of 1935, and his long-time program includes corn, cotton, poultry and home beautification.

He plans to have 300 laying hens in production by the time he graduates from high school and will grow 75 per cent of their feed at home. He now has 36 laying hens and 200 chicks which are two months old. His chicks are being fed corn chops and buttermilk, and the income at present from the 36 hens is $5 per month above cost of feed.

On his one acre of cotton he is using 600 pounds of 6-8-4 fertilizer. As side-dressing for his two acres of corn, he is using 200 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre.

In the Spring of 1935 there were no shrubs around Theo's home, but now his home is attractively planted according to the home-beautification program.

Winners Of Project Contest
Make Fine Records At Ozark

To encourage better projects and to focus attention on what may be done along the line of improved farm practices, an extensive project contest was conducted this year by the Ozark Chapter. Winners in the contest were Joe Jones, first; Neal Snell, second; and Ralph Harris, third.

Featured Speaker To Be
Congressman Lister Hill

Preparations are complete for the 8th annual convention of the Alabama Association Future Farmers of America which will open at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn on Thursday, July 15, and continue through Saturday morning, July 17, according to C. W. Wells, Jr., Jemison, State FFA president.

Approximately 1,000 FFA boys and their advisers from 143 chapters throughout Alabama will be present. Because of limited housing facilities attendance this year is limited to chapter officers and candidates for the State Farmer Degree, stated R. E. Cammack, State supervisor of agricultural education and FFA adviser.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be an address by Congressman Lister Hill, Montgomery, at 8 p.m. on the evening of the opening day. He will be introduced by Dr. J. B. Hobdy, Montgomery, state director of vocational education.

Special music for the convention will be furnished by a 30-piece band and the student orchestra.

Principal feature of the recent father-son banquet held by the Ozark Chapter was the announcement of prize winners in the project contest. The winners are pictured above in the front row with Prof. G. G. Langley (left), teacher of vocational agriculture, and Prof. W. E. Snuggs, principal, standing. The winners with their prizes, are, left to right, Neal Snell, Joe Jones, and Ralph Harris.

Photo by Clark Studio
West Wiregrass District

MIDLAND CITY.—A brand new idea in district meetings was tried here on May 31 when the West Wiregrass was host to the East Wiregrass at a meeting in the Vocational Building of the local High School with Bill Brooks, vice-president, of New Brockton, presiding. The idea proved to be highly successful—100 members of nine chapters and visitors were present to hear the splendid program.

Feature of the meeting was an excellent musical program given by the Midland City FFA string band and chapter reports which told of many valuable accomplishments during the past year. A short address on district organization and activities was given by C. W. Wells, Jr., Jemison, State FFA president.

In preparation for the softball tournament at the State Convention in Auburn, a game was scheduled between the two districts at Headland on June 30.

West Wiregrass chapters represented at the meeting were Midland City, Slocomb, Elba, New Brockton, and Ozark. Those from the East Wiregrass were Headland, Abbeville, Blue Springs, and Columbia. L. L. Sellers, assistant supervisor in vocational agriculture, and H. F. Gibson, Auburn teacher of vocational agriculture, were guests at the meeting.

Theo Kyle
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No group of State officers has worked more diligently for the progress of the Alabama Association than those pictured here. They have given many, many hours of hard work to the organization. As they near the end of their stewardship, they urge every delegate to do his part to make the convention the best in FFA history.

DeKalb String Band, all members of which are FFA boys. New feature of the recreational program is the two-day softball tournament by sixteen district teams (See page 3).

Of particular importance to all chapter officers will be the “training program for officers” which has been added to the program for the first time this year. Definite plans for the work in 1937-38 will be made at this time.

The State Public Speaking Contest, featuring the five district winners, is scheduled for Friday evening.

State Convention
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State Officers

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Treasurer

Ronald Sellers
Reporter

THURSDAY, JULY 15
A. M.
8:30—Executive Committee meeting.

P. M.
WPA HALL
1:00—Opening ceremony and music.
1:20—Invocation—Rev. Shores, Camp Hill.
1:25—Music by FFA Band.
1:40—Welcome Address—Dr. L. N. Duncan, President A. P. I.
1:55—Response to Welcome Address—William Crawford, Vice-President.

2:00—Seating House of Delegates—Roger Nance, Secretary.
2:30—Committee Assignments—C. W. Wells, Jr., President.
2:40—Intermission—Songs, B. Q. Scruggs, leader.
3:00—District and Chapter reports.
3:30—Reports on contests—Mr. Sargent in charge.
4:00—Softball games.
6:00—Intermission.
7:30—Music by FFA String and Brass Bands.
8:00—Address—Congressman Lister Hill. Introduction by Dr. J. B. Hobdy, State Director of Vocational Education.

9:00—Picture show.

FRIDAY, JULY 16—WPA HALL
A. M.
8:00—Opening ceremony and music.
8:20—Reports of Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Vice-President.
8:40—Report of Trip to Kansas City—Roger Nance, Secretary.
8:55—Report of Activity Program Committee followed by discussion.
9:15—Election of State Farmers.
9:45—Parade.
10:45—Elimination games in softball tournament.
12:00—Lunch.

P. M.
1:30—Training Program for officers.
3:00—Final games in softball tournament and watermelon cutting—State Secretary in charge.
5:00—Intermission.
6:45—Music.
7:00—President’s Address—C. W. Wells, Jr.
7:30—Public Speaking Contest. Music and closing ceremony.
9:00—Picture show.

SATURDAY, JULY 17—WPA HALL
A. M.
7:30—Music.
8:00—Opening ceremony and songs.
8:30—Report of Nominating Committee.
8:40—Reports of Committees.
9:10—Installation of officers.
12:00—Lunch.

Unfinished business.
9:40—Closing ceremony.
State Public Speaking Contest

16 District Softball Teams Will Compete In Tourney During State Convention

Sixteen teams representing various FFA districts in Alabama will take part in a two-day softball tournament as one of the principal recreational attractions at the State FFA Convention at Auburn on July 15 to 17, according to G. T. Sargent, assistant supervisor.

Members of the teams will be either official delegates, chapter or district officers, or candidates for the State Farmer degree. The tournament will open with the first round Thursday, 4:00 P.M., July 15, on the campus of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

The eight winning teams will take part in the second round on Friday morning following. The two semifinal games, featuring the four remaining teams, and the final game will take place that afternoon beginning at 5:00 P.M.

After chance matching, the following district teams have been paired for the first round of the softball tournament: East Wiregrass vs. DeKalb County; Shecletauga vs. Coosa Valley; Montgomery vs. Gadsden; Auburn vs. Dixie Four; East Alabama vs. Little River State Park; Marion County vs. North Alabama; Cullman vs. West Wiregrass; Andalusia vs. Muscle Shoals.

Participation in the State tournament has been granted to all district teams which applied to Mr. Sargent in response to his letter of invitation to all of the 22 districts in the State.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Early this year the contestants prepared their addresses dealing with some vital local, regional, or national agricultural problem. Subjects of their address are as follows: J. E. Oakes, "Farming and Fertilizer Practices in My Community as Compared to Experiment Station Recommendations"; Dewey Hardaman, "The New Era in Agriculture"; Dan Curlee, "Vocational Agriculture Enriches Country Life"; Roy Fuller, "Reclaiming our Lost Acres"; Edward Dismukes, "Farm Tenancy".

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THE FFA MOTTO
Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve.

From the State Adviser---
It has been urged through circular letters and through the columns of The Alabama Future Farmer that all chapters elect their officers for 1937-38 before this school year closes. Most of the schools in the State have already closed, or will have closed before this news letter is received. May I express the hope that all chapter officers have been elected for next year and an activity program committee appointed.

May I also express the hope that this activity program committee will have as many meetings during the Summer as are necessary and that it will be ready by the time school opens in the Fall to submit to the chapter a proposed activity program for the coming year. In this way it seems to me that a more worth while program can be set up and carried out by the chapter during 1937-38.

Plans are now underway this Summer to have the best annual FFA convention ever held. The Executive Committee has spent much time in working out the plans for this convention, and I feel that they are to be congratulated upon the program which has been set up.

One of the highlights in this program is an officers' training school. During the two days the convention is in session, an hour and a half or two hours will be devoted to the duties and responsibilities of chapter officers. Those of us who have had some responsibility in training officers during the past six or seven years feel that this is a start in the right direction.

In order that the greatest amount of good may be accomplished along this line, it is highly desirable that chapter officers for next year be present at the state convention. Delegates to the convention should be elected from the officers for next year, and as many of the other officers as possible should come to the convention. Please keep this in mind in making your plans to attend the convention.—R. E. CAMMACK, State Adviser.

The State Convention
On July 15 approximately one thousand enthusiastic members of the FFA and their advisers will arrive at Auburn for the annual convention to remain for three days of work and recreation.

The State Executive Committee regrets that an even larger number may not attend, but due to limited housing facilities at the College, it was deemed necessary to limit the number to the officers of each chapter and the applicants for the State Farmer degree.

During their stay at the convention, the boys will listen to addresses by important people, perform committee work, set up a program for the coming year, see members raised to the State Farmer degree, hear the State finals in the Public Speaking Contest, parade, cut watermelons, attend motion picture shows, play softball, and elect officers for next year.

The Executive Committee has worked hard to insure you a pleasant and educational convention. In return we ask only one thing—that each person attending the convention conduct himself in the proper manner, hold himself absolutely above criticism. We want the people there to enjoy having us with them, and we want to leave no room for criticism when we are gone. Of course, your adviser will be in charge of the group he carries to Auburn. But without your whole-hearted cooperation, we can never make this convention a success. Therefore, we are asking you to conduct yourself properly at the meeting. May we count on you?—C. W. WELLS, Jr., State President.

Willie Harris, Milltown FFA,
Is Now Fine Livestock Farmer
Willie Harris, of the Milltown Chapter, finished school two years ago, but he has continued his supervised practice program in livestock and field crops, said E. L. Stewart, vocational teacher.

For the past few years he has been one of the best cattle judges in Chambers County, and last year won a handsome loving cup at the State Fair in Birmingham as a member of a livestock judging team.

One of his cows was declared the Grand Champion of the Chambers County Fair last Fall, and this same animal had won similar honors at the fair in Columbus, Ga., in 1934 and 1935. Last Fall, Willie also won some first places with his heifers and a junior bull.

At the close of the State Fair in Birmingham he sold one of his 18-months-old heifers for exactly $800. Besides all this, Willie has a fine brood mare and raises a good colt every year. He'll be "in there with the best of them" next fall at the livestock competitions.

The Chapter reporter who learns this Summer to use even a cheap box camera can obtain some fine publicity for his chapter in The Alabama Future Farmer next year. Besides that, if the pictures are clear and tell a real story, many of them will be carried in some of the large city papers of the State.
Vernon Chapter Has Won The 1937 Thrift Contest

The 1937 Thrift Contest, sponsored for the first time this year by the Alabama Association Future Farmers of America in cooperation with the Protective Life Insurance Co., Birmingham, was won by the FFA Chapter at Vernon.

As a result, the 82 chapter members will be entertained on a three-day outing at Camp Cosby near Birmingham on June 17-19, according to C. W. Whitehead, supervisor of Protective Thrift Club Work. The camp has a large lake for boating, swimming, and fishing, together with an athletic field and a number of tennis courts.

While at the camp the Vernon students in vocational agriculture will visit the industrial plants in the Birmingham District where they will observe the manufacture of many products for which the district is famous.

Enrollment in the Vernon Chapter included 82 members, 63 of whom are now in school. The average amount of money saved or wisely invested by each member of the chapter was $117. The 100 per cent participation of the membership in the Thrift Contest and the fact that the chapter was the largest competing resulted in the Vernon Chapter winning the contest.

Other Chapters which ranked high and the average amount of money saved or invested are as follows: Pine Apple, $263.06; Slocomb, $72; Uriah, $58.27; Akron, $50.76; White Plains, $31.50; and DeKalb County High, $30.41.

Purpose of the contest is to encourage students in vocational agriculture to save and invest wisely their profits made in supervised practice programs. Money invested in farm improvements, personal improvement, life insurance, and savings deposits was credited to the chapter in the competition.

Many members of the Berry Chapter are carrying out a commendable supervised practice program this year, but one of the outstanding three-year programs is being conducted by Donald Poe, says Prof. J. W. Guillatte, teacher of vocational agriculture.

In addition to being an "A" student, Donald is president of the Chapter, president of one of the literary clubs, and an active worker in all student organizations in the Berry High School.

Since Donald has been enrolled in vocational agriculture his supervised practice program has consisted of the following projects:

First year—3 acres corn, 5 hogs, 500 white leghorn baby chicks, and ½ acre fall Irish potatoes.

Second year—1 ½ acres crimson clover, 800 white leghorn baby chicks, 175 white leghorn hens, and 3 acres corn.

For the third year Donald plans to carry the following projects: 400 white leghorn hens, 3 acres corn, and 2 acres crimson clover.

At present Donald's flock of 175 white leghorn hens is giving 70 per cent production. He feeds them largely on home-grown and home-mixed feeds, thereby increasing his net profit. He keeps good cocks, and this year had 800 baby chicks hatched from eggs from his own flock at the Fayette County Exchange Hatchery.

Donald has a homemade brick brooder in both his brooder houses and an Auburn-type laying house, all of which he helped to construct.

Donald is one of the many students who is following the improved farm practices learned or vocational agriculture. He is both "learning and earning".

Front Page Publicity

Practically the entire front page of The Slocomb Observer, of May 14, was devoted to 10 well-written stories which gave an excellent picture of the year's work of the Slocomb FFA Chapter of which Prof. K. V. Reagan is adviser.

The many phases of FFA work presented are indicated by the following headlines of the articles: "Local Future Farmer Chapter Sets New Goal", "Soil Conservation Program of Future Farmers", "FFA Work Valuable to Members", "Vocational Education—A Practical Training", by Prof. E. E. Cox, "Home Beautification Planned by FFA", "FFA Members Apply for High Degree", "FFA Boys Receive Training in Speaking, Writing", "School Area is Serving Purpose", "Future Farmers to Demonstrate", and "FFA News".

In 1936 there were 86,000 people killed in highway accidents. This fact carries an important lesson to every FFA boy and to drivers of school busses who bring the 1,000 delegates and advisers to the State Convention at Auburn on July 15.
**Educational Tours**

A total of 75,000 miles will be traveled this Summer by 1,563 students in vocational agriculture from 102 FFA chapters to establish a new high record for educational tours to all parts of the country and Mexico. The boys will travel by bus and automobile.

Most of the chapters will first visit interesting places in the State, several plan to make trips to Old Mexico, one will travel to Montana, a number will go to Florida, and others will visit New York City and Washington, D. C.

The boys have raised money for the tours by selling subscriptions to magazines, conducting school stores, putting on plays, giving box suppers, beautifying homes, spraying fruit trees for farmers, feeding-out hogs, marketing broilers, and growing farm crops as chapter projects.

Although the tours include many recreational features, the principal object is to give the boys opportunity to observe agricultural practices in other parts of the country and to visit experiment stations en route.

An indication of the scope of the tours may be seen from the information on trips taken by the following Chapters: The Abbeville Chapter will visit points of interest in Florida, including Beacon Hills, Apalachacola, Wakulla Springs, and Tallahassee. Blue Springs recently returned from a tour to Mobile where the boys visited Bellingrath Gardens, the Azalea Trail, and a number of historic buildings. Falkville will visit Auburn and continue their tour to the Gulf. More than 5,000 miles will be traveled by Foley Chapter which goes to Yellow Stone National Park and the Grand Canyon. Leroy is now on tour through Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Old Mexico. When the Millport Chapter arrives in Gulfport, Miss., the Chamber of Commerce will entertain the FFA boys with a boat trip to old Fort Jackson. Miami is now on tour to Washington, D. C., and New York City.

The following chapters will make tours to points in Florida: Blountsville, Berry, Gorgas, New Hope (Ran- dolph), Pell City, Pleasant Home, West Tumpka. Three chapters, Brilliant, Camp Hill, and Rockford, will make trips to Washington, D. C. The Scottsboro Chapter will make a tour to North and South Carolina.

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**Member of Lexington FFA**

**Wins 1937 Essay Contest**

Emory Behel, 18-year-old junior at Lexington High School, has been declared the winner in the 1937 Essay Contest sponsored by the Alabama Association Future Farmers of America in cooperation with the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau.

More than 3,000 words were written by Behel in his winning essay, "How the Major Crops Grown on My Farm are Fertilized".

District prize winners in the essay contest were also announced by George T. Sargent, assistant supervisor of agricultural education. They were designated as first, second, and third prize winners as follows: District No. 1: Dolphus Price, Falkville; Calvin Jones, Coalgate; and Jim Disnukes, Prattville. District No. 2: George Owens, Aliceville; James Albert Graham, Reform; and Woodrow Alves, Marion. District No. 3: Edward Mosely, Gilbertown; Gray Tew, Slocomb; and Billy McAvoy, Jackson.

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'Taint what we have,
But what we give;
'Taint where we are,
But how we live;
'Taint what we do,
But how we do it—
That makes this life
Worth goin' through it.
—The Log, U. S. Naval Academy.
News From The Chapters

Abbeville—Presented a 30-minute radio program; purchased necessary FFA equipment; landscaped school grounds; elected new officers. Addison—Held district public speaking contest; planted $50 worth of shrubs on school grounds. Albertville—Gave radio broadcast over WJB; organized thrift bank; operated school store with continued efficiency. Aliceville—Had eight entries in public speaking contest; planted five acres of cotton as chapter project; planned annual barbecue.

Winners At Ozark
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First prize, a jersey heifer, went to Joe Jones, a senior in high school this year. His project program consisted of four acres of corn and beans, four acres of peanuts and a sow and litter. His income after deducting land rent, 10 per cent per hour for his labor, and all other expenses was $44.00 on the four acres of peanuts, $20.82 on the sow and litter project.

Second prize, a Duroc gilt, went to Neal Snell. Last year was Neal's first year of agriculture, but he saw the value of a well planned project program and got off to a good start. He had one acre of corn that produced 18 bushels. He netted on the acre $10.69. He produced 600 pounds of peanuts, on one acre, which netted him $9.64.

Ralph Harris was awarded a Duroc gilt for third prize. Ralph is a senior this year and has had three years of agricultural training. His project consisted of two acres of corn and one acre of cotton. Thirty bushels of corn were made on the two acres at a cost of $10.56. The corn was sold for $40, giving him a profit of $29.56 on the two acres. The acre of cotton produced 1,581 pounds of seed. Cost of producing the cotton amounted to $26.05 and brought $84.76, leaving a profit of $58.71.

Weogufka Erects Sign

Officers of the Weogufka Chapter are pictured above in front of the roadside sign recently erected by the Chapter. The officers are, front row, left to right, Dwight Graham, vice-president; Goss Grimms, president; Curtis Pressley, secretary; Second row, Alvin Bridges, treasurer; Prof. S. C. Doughty, adviser; and James Coleman, reporter.

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