1,200 FFA's Will Attend State Convention in Auburn

Four Boys Will Enter State Public Speaking Contest on July 15

Four FFA boys will compete at Auburn on July 15 for the State FFA Public Speaking championship. Entered in this contest will be Lawson Anderson, Athens; Roy Fuller, Notasulga; R. C. Horn, Samson; and Willis Bouchillon, White Plains. These boys won the right to compete in the State Contest by winning in the four elimination contests held in various sections of Alabama. The winner of the State competition will enter the Tri-State Contest to be held in Georgia around July 19.

Schools represented in the Semi-Final Contest were: Escambia County High, Macon County High, Athens, Carrollton, Central, Goodwater, Greensboro, Holly Pond, Laverne, Samson, Walnut Grove, and White Plains.

Schools represented in the Quarter-Finals were: Butler County High, Chambers County High, Escambia County High, Lamar County High, Macon County High, St. Clair County High, Athens, Beatrice, Blountsville, Carrollton, Cedar Bluff, Central, Elba, Evergreen, Falkville, Geraldine, Goodwater, Greensboro, Halleyville, Holly Pond, Jemison, Lur- verne, Marbury, Midland City, Mill ville, Oakman, Otterville, Phil Campbell, Red Level, Samson, Sweet Water, Town Creek, Vincent, Walnut Grove, White Plains.

Schools represented in the District Finals were: Barbour County High, Butler County High, Chambers County High, Chilton County High, Coosa County High, Covington County High, Crenshaw County High, Cullman County High, DeKalb County High, Escambia County High, Fayette County High, Geneva County High, Hale County High, Henry County High, Lamar County High, Lee County High, Macon County High, St. Clair County High, Addisson, Albertville, Arab, Athens, Autaugaville, B. B. Comer Memorial, Beatrice, Beauregard, Berry, Billingsley, Blountsville, Brilliant, Camp (Turn to Page 9)

State President

JOE BILL KNOWLES

President at the 11th annual State convention will be Joe Bill Knowles, Headland, State president.

203 Alabama Chapters To Be Represented At Three-Day Meeting

Twelve hundred FFA boys and advisers will gather at Auburn, August 19-21, for the 11th Annual Convention of the Alabama Future Farmers of America. Three days packed with activity have been planned by the program committee, and a prominent speaker whose name is as yet unannounced will be featured.

Joe Bill Knowles, state president from Headland, will preside over the general sessions of the convention. Dr. L. N. Duncan, president of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, will welcome the FFA delegates, to which Hollis Smith, of Lexington, vice-president of the State Association, will reply. Billy B. Bryan, Forest City, Ark., national vice-president, will be at the convention throughout the three days and will appear on the program Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

Alabama's 203 FFA chapters, representing over 6,000 FFA members, will send their officers to represent them at the convention. In addition to the five officers from each chapter, musicians, candidates for the State Farmer degree, and about 200 advisers (local teachers of vocational agriculture) will be in attendance.

PROGRAM

Monday, August 19
A.M.
8:00-12:00 — Registration — Headquarters Building.
8:30 — Executive Committee meeting — Agricultural (Turn the page)
P.M.
1:00-1:30 — Seating House of Delegates.
1:30-1:50 — Opening ceremony and music.
1:50-1:55 — Invocation.
1:55-2:00 — Music.
2:00-2:15 — Welcome Address—Dr. L. N. Duncan, President, Alabama Polytechnic Institute.
2:15-2:20 — Response to welcome address—Hollis Smith, Vice-President.
2:20-2:30 — Committee assignments—Joe Bill Knowles, State President.
2:30-3:00 — Report of Activity Program Committee.
3:00-3:15 — Address—Billy B. Bryan, National Vice-President, FFA, Forest City, Ark.
3:55-4:45 — Softball games.
4:00-4:45 — Address—(To be announced) Introduction by Dr. J. B. Hobdy, State Director of Vocational Education.
4:45 — Announcements. Closing ceremony.

Tuesday, August 20

A.M.
8:00-8:20 — Opening ceremony. Music.
8:20-8:45 — Election of State Farmers.
8:45-10:00 — Training Program for Officers.
10:00-12:00 — Elimination games in softball tournament.

P.M.
1:00-1:30 — Music.
1:30-1:45 — Explanation of Chapter Contest—State President.
1:45-2:15 — Chapter Achievements.
2:15-3:30 — Elimination games in softball tournament.
3:30-4:30 — Ice Cream Eating—Roy T. Fuller, State Secretary, in charge.
4:30-6:00 — Final games in softball tournament.
7:30-7:45 — Music.
7:45-8:00 — Address—Joe Bill Knowles, State President.
8:00-9:00 — Stunts.
9:00-10:00 — Picture show—"The Green Hand."

Wednesday, August 21

A.M.
8:00-8:30 — Opening ceremony. Music.
8:30-9:30 — Conferring of State Farmer Degrees.
9:30-9:45 — Awards in Chapter and Public Speaking Contests—State President.
9:45-10:30 — Reports of Committees.
10:30 — Installation of officers.
10:30 — Unfinished business. Closing ceremony.

Live-at-Home Program

Ferrell Jerkins, 16-year-old student in vocational agriculture at Geneva, is carrying out a practical live-at-home type of supervised farm business.

Ferrell entered the junior III Field Crops class in the fall of 1938. His projects consisted of two acres corn, two acres peanuts, ten acres Austrian winter peas, 100 baby chicks, a small home orchard, and several supplementary farm practices. Training and experience with these projects have given him a deeper insight into a balanced farming operation.

His present projects as a Senior I consist of two acres corn, two acres peanuts, 100 baby chicks for early broilers, a sow and litter, and home orchard improvement. In addition, he has been instrumental in getting many improvement practices in operation on the rented farm that his father cultivates. He has assisted in terracing the farm, seeding oats for grain, and planting 12 acres of winter cover crops.

Ferrell holds the office of secretary in his local FFA chapter and in the district organization.

Shopwork Emphasized At Pell City

The boys at Pell City have been busy this year in shop classes as is shown by the following work which they have done.

They have constructed 44 feed and flour scoops, repaired 1 two-horse and three one-horse plows, 4 fertilizer distributors, 1 two-horse cultivator, 1 Gee-Whizz, 1 planter, and 3 harrows. They have constructed 18 4-wheel barrows, 11 two-horse plows, 14 Louisiana brooders, 17 ironing boards, 1 cotton-seed treater, 3 porch swings, 3 medicine cabinets, 6 wood boxes, 1 farm sled, 5 tool boxes, 16 milk stools, 21 mail boxes, 8 tool handles, 10 wood vises, 14 magazine racks, 6 kitchen stools, 8 towel racks and 4 book cases.

In addition they have made several improvements in the Vocational Building, such as making new closet shelves and tables and doing considerable painting, staining, and general repair work.

Fort Payne Publicity

With an outlay of only $8.40, including kodak, the Fort Payne chapter has bought all necessary equipment and is now making and developing its own pictures.

The job is in the hands of a committee which takes pictures of various activities engaged in by the chapter and then develops them. As pictures are made they are filed away in a special filing box made by this committee.

These pictures are used for various purposes, but mainly for the FFA Scrap Book, publicity, and for FFA members who desire them.

The sale of pictures is also in the hands of the committee, and are sold to chapter members for three cents each.
State Contestants

Randolph Snell, of the Midland City High School, is a busy FFA member. Aside from serving as president of his local chapter and winning the district public speaking contest, Randolph is a farmer in the making.

Last year Randolph raised two acres of corn, two acres of peanuts, two acres of cotton, and two litters of pigs from one purebred Duroc Jersey sow. He also set out a lawn of St. Augustine grass. This year he is continuing the swine project and has added to it one purebred gilt and made for breeding purposes. He has raised his corn acreage to four, his peanut acreage to six and has added an acre of sugar cane and a home garden-improvement project.

Wilburn Beasley

Wilburn Beasley, of Elkmont, has completed the course in Field Crops and is now enrolled in Animal Husbandry at West Limestone High School.

Since the time of his enrollment in vocational agriculture he has been an active FFA member, is vice-president of his chapter, and has carried out a well-balanced supervised practice program. His projects for the coming year in Animal Husbandry consist of brood mare, sow and litter, three beef calves, and hogs. In connection with his productive projects, he is conducting an improvement project.

Wilburn’s training in vocational agriculture is proving valuable to him as a future farmer because his project fits into the farming program of his community. He grows grain and hay for his livestock in the winter and temporary pasture for early spring and late summer. By following recommended methods of fertilization and land-use, he finds that he can make good yields on average soil.

Tri-Speaking Contest

Winner of the Alabama Public Speaking contest will compete on July 12 in the Tri-State contest at the Georgia State FFA Camp near Atlanta. Other participants in the contest will be the state winners from Georgia and Florida.
**Softball Champs**

Pictured above are members of the Alabama Delta softball team who won the State FFA Softball Championship last summer at the annual convention in Auburn. With 21 other district teams competing again this year, it remains to be seen who the 1940 champs will be.

**Geneva Boys Pour Concrete Floor**

Improvements Made

Classes in vocational agriculture at Geneva realize the importance of concrete as a building material on farms and believe that the best way to know about its uses is to learn by using it. As a part of their shop work, they have mixed and poured a concrete floor in the iron shop.

Continuing their schoolground improvement program, these boys have completed a flag-stone walk, five feet wide, from the front steps of the vocational building to the drive, a distance of 100 feet.

**State Officers**

Here are the State officers of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America for 1939-40 who have arranged for the 11th annual convention in Auburn on August 19-21. They are, left to right: A. L. Morrison, Auburn, assistant adviser; R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, State adviser and supervisor of agricultural education; L. C. Fitzpatrick, Jamestown, reporter; Albert D. Ash, Odenville, treasurer; Roy F. Fuller, Notasulga, secretary; Hollis Smith, Killen, vice-president; and Joe Bill Knowles, Headland, president.
Livestock Prizes Won By Hartford Chapter

The Hartford Chapter carried away over fifty per cent of the prizes and ribbons given at the Annual Geneva County Livestock and Swina Show held at Geneva on April 3. Each FFA chapter in the county, together with each 4-H Club, was eligible to enter the following: One Jersey bull, two Jersey heifers, 2 Duroc gilts under one year, two sows, and one boar.

The members of the Hartford chapter held a local contest to pick good material for the show. Two Duroc gilts under one year of age were chosen from about twenty-five gilts. At the show these two gilts took first and second prizes. The members also chose a Jersey bull and a Jersey heifer which took first prizes.—Page Kelley, reporter.

Waterloo Chapter

The Waterloo FFA chapter has rented seven and one-half acres of T.V.A. land near the Waterloo High School to be used as a hog pasture. The T.V.A. is furnishing calcium silicate and phosphate and the FFA chapter is fencing, terracing and seeding the pasture.

Using three tons of calcium silicate and 500 pounds of phosphate per acre, the group will plant three pounds of Dutch White Clover per acre. A good stand of flespedeza is already on the land. The Chapter will receive credit on rent of the land for terraces built to conserve soil and water.

Two chapter members, Jessie Paulkner, secretary, and James Irons, reporter, nain offered to begin the project by donating one registered Hampshire gilt each. The donors will be permitted to select a gilt from the first litter or from any litter thereafter. Chapter members feel that they will profit financially from the project while demonstrating to the community the value of a good pasture and purebred hogs.

Now is a good time to begin thinking about what your next FFA project should be.

Chapter News

Akron—Sold plants from hotbed; elected activities committee to function during F-H; held F-S, M-D banquet; initiated 7 Future Farmers; gave chapel program; presented four honorary member degrees; elected new officers; held F-S, M-D banquet; worked on newspaper, Alexandria—Attended Cheaha District FFA and FHA social; gave two purebred pigs to two worthy members; went on fishing trip. Arab—Had F-S, M-D banquet; treated 200 bu. cottonseed; elected new officers; made plans for summer activities; gave members shrubbery for their homes; had joint social with FHA. Arley—Initiated 2 Green Hands; elected chapter and district officers; planned summer tour; attended district social. Ashford—Elected officers for coming year; elected two delegates to attend the State Convention; planned educational tour; attended district FFA-FHA chicken fry; camped out one night at mill near Mariana, Florida. Ashville—Elected officers; planned summer tour; planned to attend State convention; turned laboratory area; made three home study desks; made three ironing boards; de-horned seven yearlings; assisted in publishing news letter. Athens—Hold F-S, M-D barbecue; attended "Mule Day" at Columbia, Tennessee; won second place in show; devoted an activity program for summer; elected officers for next year; Lawson Anderson won Semi-Final Public Speaking Contest; made plans for educational tour to Washington D.C. Atmore—Sponsored appearance by Alabama College Glee Club; gave two programs at the Atmore Lions Club; sponsored a show at the local theater; planned fishing trip. Auburn—Attended Ag. Day at Beaufors; attended State Convention; organized 75 bu. soybeans 47,000 potato plants, and 715 bu. of corn; initiated 6 Future Farmers.

Blountsville—Elected new officers; planned to attend district meetings during summer; ordered seed corn cooperatively. Blue Springs—Had F-S, M-D banquet; ordered cooperatively 75 bu. soybeans, 47,000 potato plants, and 715 bu. of corn; initiated 6 Future Farmers.

Bakerhill—Purchased three hogs to fatten out for market; started campaign for more Kudzu in community. Beatrice—Had F-S, M-D banquet; planned and prepared a home-grown meal with the FHA girls as a part of the joint program work; planned activities for summer; completed planting lab. area; cleaned and oiled all shop equipment and stored it away for the summer. Beauregard—Had joint social with FHA; sponsored musical program; added books to library; planned dance. Berry—Elected officers; made plans for summer activities; appointed committee; planned educational tour. Billingsley—Had F-S, M-D banquet; ordered cooperatively 40 bu. soybeans, 47,000 potato plants, and 715 bu. of corn; initiated 6 Future Farmers.


Speaking Contest

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**THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER**

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candy store at school. B. B. Comer—Initiated 12 Green Hands and 16 Future Farmers; elected new officers.

**Fairview**—Elected one honorary member, nine Green Hands; purchased purebred Jersey bull; had Father-Son banquet.

**Fallsville**—Purchased purebred Jersey bull; had Father-Son banquet; had joint party with FHA; painted signs for lab.

**Fayette**—Elected new officers; planned school fair, which replaced five mash hoppers; elected new officers; gave ice cream supper; visited county-wide Jersey Cattle Club meeting; assisted with stock judging; gathered paper and magazines for chapter funds; painted signs for lab; area; cleaned windows and floors of school; purchased owl for FFA chapter to party; sent news article to local paper.

**Flora**—Conducted "chubbery week"; represented at FFA chapter's Father-Son banquet at Paxton, Florida; elected new officers; attended joint social of Andalusia District FFA and Covington District FHA at Open Pond.

**Foley**—Initiated one Green Hand; held joint meeting of FFA and FHA chapters; attended county-wide FFA and FHA picnic at Gulf Shores; sold vegetables from spring garden.

**Fort Payne**—Initiated nine Future Farmers; initiated four Green Hands for Hayneville Chapter; secured owl for chapter; sold 2,000 broilers; enlarged laying house to care for 400 hens; purchased 1,000 baby chicks from which to start new laying stock; donated 200 plants from FFA nursery to town; donated plants from FFA nursery to be used in school; donated paper and magazines for chapter funds; assisted in planning beautification of club houses and church.

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**Guant**—Made five sets of door steps; repaired lattice around building; spent the night fishing trip and other summer activities.

**Grove Hill**—Had joint entertainment with FHA; made plans for giving registered gift to outstanding senior boy.

**Havendale**—Initiated 22 Green Hands; had FFA-FHA banquet with parents as guests; sponsored square dance.

**Huntsville**—Elected new officers; appointed committees for next year; added eight new books to library; planned summer camp. 

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Jackson — Held F-S, M-D suppers; made trip to Gilmor & Sons Livestock Farm; keeping lab. area in good state of cultivation; set out 1,000 tomato plants, 500 of which were set out by students.

Leighton — Elected officers; initiated 2 Future Farmers; attended district picnic at the Wheeler Dam picnic grounds; discussed plans for sending delegates to State Convention. Lineville — Made plans for FFA-FHA trip to Panama City; conducted "Clean Up Day" at school; host to district meeting. Lexingtow — Held F-S, M-D banquet; in aid of setting up two Soil Conservation units in community. Monticello — Held F-S, M-D banquet; canned vegetables from lab. area for school lunch room.

New Brockton — Had F-S, M-D fish-fry; elected new officers; planned summer tour.

New Hope — Initiated 2 Green Hands; had picnic with FHA girls; elected new officers. Phil Campbell — Wired shop; held F-S, M-D social; elected chapter officers; planned summer tour.

Pell City — Initiated 2 Green Hands and 2 Future Farmers; published eleven articles in County papers during month of April; host to district meeting; held annual FHA-FFA Parents’ Night for the purpose of showing the parents what their boys and girls are doing in vocational agriculture and home economics; held lemonade, euchre, and new officers; elected officers; plans made to attend State Convention at Auburn; made cooperative order of 200 bushels of cottonseed for members and farmers; had joint social with FHA; sent news articles to local paper; planned summer tour; plan to have joint ipicnic and horseshoe tournament. Ozark — Initiated 8 Future Farmers; attended district FFA-FHA social; elected new officers; planned summer tour.

Reform — Initiated one Green Hand; Riverton — Initiated one Green Hand; held F-S, M-D banquet; selected chapter members who are to receive purebred gifts from the chapter. Newville — Had F-S, M-D banquet; built fence around lab. area; purchased FFA banner and owl; sponsored old-fashioned square dance. Notasulga — Initiated one Green Hand and 14 Future Farmers; held F-S, M-D barbecue; elected officers; next year; planned summer camp; made cooperative order of 200 bu. of cottonseed. Reform — Initiated one Green Hand; Riverton — Initiated one Green Hand; held F-S, M-D banquet; Rockford — Initiated four Future Farmers and 140 new members; held F-S, M-D banquet; selected chapter members who are to receive purebred gifts from the chapter. Rogersville — Attended F-S, M-D banquet at Lexington; donated shrubbery for 35 homes.
Samson — Gave radio program; planned educational tour; elected new officers. Sardis — Elected officers for next year; made plans for summer tour. Silas — Planned fishing trip. Slocomb — Elected officers; held joint meeting with FHA. Smith's Station — Presented chapel program; started scrapbook. Southside — Bought Future Farmer banner for classroom; operated candy store; had FFA and FHA chapel program; bought Plywood for ping pong table. Spring Garden — Elected new officers; treated 350 bushels of cottonseed. Straughn — Attended district picnic at Open Pond; discussed summer tour; cleared $53.15 on appearance of Uncle Dave Macon; donated $20 to athletic association to buy equipment. Tullahoma — Initiated 9 Future Farmers; assisted farmers in treating 800 bu. of cottonseed; had ice cream party; butchered four FFA hogs; worked on scrapbook; elected new officers. Susan Moore — Completed fencing lab. area; started work on tennis courts; elected new officers; went on fishing trip; entertained district FFA and FHA chapters at social; sponsored the picture, "Birth of a Nation." Sweet Water — Gave fish-fry; held regular meetings.

* Tanner Williams — Initiated one Green Hand; bad joint meeting with FHA; held F-S, M-D banquet; initiated one Green Hand. Thomasville — Built cabinets for shop; sprayed two orchards. Town Creek — Won second place in Quarter-Final Public Speaking Contest. Valley Head — Held stunt night jointly with FHA; built two rotary cottonseed treating machines and treated 1,800 bushels of cottonseed; planned educational tour to Gulf of Mexico; had FFA-FHA "open house" and picnic; elected new officers.

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