Easily the winner of "First" in Alabama FFA is Earl Solomon, Uriah Chapter, as he took first place in all FFA events 15 years ago. Look at this—first State President; one of the first State Farmers; and first American Farmer! Earl is planning to be back in Auburn May 30-31 to help celebrate our 15th birthday. Look for an interesting account of the beginning of FFA in Alabama.

To Alabama Future Farmers:

I have a very deep interest in the FFA and what it is doing for American farm boys, and especially Alabama farm boys. I have not been directly connected with the FFA for the past ten years, but I read with interest a great deal of FFA news in the various magazines and papers and, it always gives me a thrill to know that some farm boy is succeeding.

I have watched the growth of the Alabama Chapter of FFA from 1929, when it was organized with 59 chapters and 1,249 members until now when it has 207 chapters and 6,700 members. The success and growth of the organization proves its worthiness.

Farm boys get many lessons of cooperation and organization in the FFA that cannot be gotten anywhere else. These lessons are proving very valuable in a changing world in which agriculture is changing so fast that it is hard to keep up.

Let me suggest that you give your FFA your best as you are the one who will benefit most.

Best wishes.

Earl Solomon, President,

The 15th Annual Convention of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America will be held the night of May 30 and the day of May 31, in Langdon Hall, Auburn, Alabama. The night session will start promptly at 8 o'clock, with the morning session starting at 8 o'clock.

The State FFA Executive Committee, after consideration of all problems involved, decided that a night and a day session were necessary for Alabama Future Farmers to plan for 1944-45. Due to the travel and housing situation, the committee decided that chapters should limit their attendance to one delegate per chapter, nominees for State Office, candidates for State Farmer Degree, finalists in Speaking Contest, and advisers. It is urged that the chapter president for 1944-45 be the delegate to the convention, and that neighboring chapters cooperate in traveling to keep mileage as low as possible.

The State FFA Executive Committee expects every Alabama FFA Chapter to send a delegate to the State session May 30-31. This is essential to the 1944-45 FFA program.

Yours for better FFA work,

The Alabama Future Farmer

In Recognition
(By The Staff)

This, the final issue of the Alabama Future Farmer for this year, would be most incomplete if we did not present to you the man whose picture appears below.

To Mr. Scarborough should go the laurels, the congratulations, and any other plaudits, which any man deserves who has done a big job well. We are sure all the members of the Alabama Association Future Farmers of America will agree that since taking over the responsibilities of Subject Matter Specialist and Assistant State FFA Adviser that we have had the best Alabama Future Farmer in the history of the Association. You may be sure that this has required much unselfish service, energy, hard work, enthusiasm, and vision on Mr. Scarborough's part, all of which he has given in abundance.

Looking backward a few years we find that Clarence Cayce Scarborough is the fourth son of Mrs. A. J. Scarborough and the late A. J. Scarborough.

Mr. Scarborough received his elementary and high school education in the Blue Springs High School. On good authority we are informed that Mr. Scarborough was an outstanding basketball player while in high school.

Following his graduation from Blue Springs high school in 1928, he enrolled and was a student at the Troy State Teachers' College, Troy, Alabama. After completing two years at Troy, (1928-1930) he accepted the position as principal of the Dixie Junior High School in Escambia County and served until 1932, at which time he entered Alabama Polytechnic Institute for further study. In 1934 Mr. Scarborough received his B. S. degree in Agricultural Education and was employed as teacher of vocational agriculture at Lineville, Alabama, (Clay County). In 1937 Mr. Scarborough was transferred to Beauregard, Alabama (Lee County), as teacher of vocational agriculture and to assist the Agricultural Education Department in training other young men as teachers of vocational agriculture. He was an outstanding teacher of vocational agriculture at Lineville and Beauregard and developed outstanding FFA chapters at both places. Good FFA Chapter Activity Programs with a punch have characterized his work. On January 1, 1940, he was made District Supervisor of vocational agriculture and served in this capacity until he was made Subject Matter Specialist and Assistant FFA Adviser in September, 1943.

In the summer of 1941 (August to be exact) Mr. Scarborough was married to Miss Margaret Saxon of Ashland, Alabama.

Mr. Scarborough holds both the B. S. and M. S. degrees in Agricultural Education from Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Our 15th Convention program looks better now! Elizabeth Groover, Hartselle, Alabama, president of Alabama's Future Homemakers, will talk to the delegates on Wednesday. She will tell of the activities of the FHA this year, and something of their plans for the future. Mrs. Elnora G. King, State FHA Adviser, has also been invited to attend our 15th Convention.

FHA President

National Officer

Beverley Roller, American Farmer and 1st National FFA vice president, will be in Auburn as our guest for our 15th State Convention. His home is Weyers Cave, Virginia, where he has one of the outstanding farming programs of that section. He was president of the Virginia FFA last year before becoming National Officer for the South.

Beverley is expected to be present during the entire convention. He will probably be talking to you delegates about your FFA work to see how Alabama stacks up with other parts of the country.
1944 State Champion Speaker In This Group
Five Will Be In Finals May 30

Alexandria
Donald Casey

Auburn
Thad Salmon

Enterprise
Jack Helms

Excel
Ralph Ledkins

Flomaton
Samuel Tomlin

Gaylesville
Dave Cleveland

Georgiana
John Braxton

Gorgas
Aubrey Watkins

Hartselle
Billy Hampton

Isabella
Jesse Culp

Jackson
Kabot Garrick

Lexington
Marvin Wilson

Moulton
Irby Sherrill

Sulligent
Billy Paul

Winterboro
James Hubbard

From 1500 to 15! That's the story of the Future Farmer speakers on this page who are now in the semifinals. They started, as every Alabama FFA member could have done, in January and have been successful in chapter, district and quarterfinal contests. By the time you read this the 15 will be again reduced, leaving 5 to compete at the State Convention to determine Alabama's 1944 Champion FFA Speaker.

That's about the story you will read in the papers. But who really won in the public speaking contest this year? That can be answered now. The Future Farmer who got the most real good from taking part in the contest is the real winner! Yes, it may be you who lost in the chapter contest, or one of these on this page. That's a funny characteristic of many FFA activities, their value depending not upon the activity but you! So you couldn't have lost in the speaking contest, regardless of the judges' decision. By the way, if you don't agree with some of this stuff about losers being winners, there will be another FFA public speaking contest next year!

Two Future Farmers should be mentioned who would have been on this page but are now in military service, Elson Powell, West Point, and James Howell, Lyeffton.
Look At The Record

Our State Executive Committee has had an eventful year, along with everyone else. Two members are now serving in the armed services. Just to keep things balanced, Paul Wilson, former secretary, is in the Army and Elson Powell, former treasurer, chose the Navy.

Jack Helms, State Farmer, public speaker and president of the Enterprise Chapter, was elected by the Executive Committee to be our new State Treasurer. Numan Jacobs, Northport Chapter Reporter and Tuscaloosa County President is our Secretary.

In spite of these changes, travel troubles and other wartime difficulties, these state officers can boast of one of the most active years in Alabama FFA history. If these officers weren't so modest, they could point with pride to these “largest number” facts: (1) largest number FFA members, (2) largest number recommended for State Farmer Degree, (3) largest number chapters and boys in speaking contest, (4) largest number chapters in Better Chapter Contest, (5) most chapter visits by state officers, (6) $1,054,725 put into War Bonds through FFA chapters and members, (7) 456,000 pines planted—would have been more but seedlings gave out!
Greetings From National FFA Office

U.S. Office of Education
Washington
March 31, 1944

I wish to congratulate the officers and members of the Alabama Association of the Future Farmers of America for their outstanding achievements this year. It is gratifying to learn that your State Association has increased its membership almost a thousand over the membership last year, and that your activities and accomplishments have been increased in a corresponding manner.

The progress and achievements of your Association are doubtless due to the excellent work that is being done by your State and local officers. I wish to commend especially the State officers upon their efforts to visit and assist the chapters in their districts.

It is appropriate that you are observing your Fifteenth Anniversary at your State Convention at Auburn May 30 and 31. Members of the Future Farmers of America may look back with pride on the history and contributions made by the Future Farmers of America. Let us remember that there is still much work to be done by the members of this great farm boy organization. I hope that members of the Alabama Association will continue to work together with initiative and ability as they have for the past fifteen years and that the F. F. A. will continue to grow in numbers, in prestige, and in service.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. TENNEY,
National Executive Secretary Future Farmers of America.

Regional Adviser

Mr. Thomas Nevin, President
Alabama Association Future Farmers of America
Moundville, Alabama
Dear Thomas:

I have just learned that this issue of the Alabama Future Farmer is to be devoted to the celebration of the association's fifteenth anniversary.

Permit me to use this letter as a means of extending my congratulations and expressing my good wishes. There is no way of measuring the influence for good that the association has had on all the people of Alabama through these years. Every one knows that because many farm boys of Alabama became members of the Future Farmers of America the State has profited from their ability as farmers, business men, and men in other vocations. The standards for citizenship have been raised and the contribution to the war and the war effort by these young men has been of a value that is too great to estimate.

It is my humble wish that the time soon may come when every farm boy in Alabama may be privileged to become a member of the Future Farmers of America.

Sincerely yours,

D. M. Clements,
Regional Adviser, F. F. A.

U.S. Office of Education
Washington
April 6, 1944

Nominations For '44-'45 State Officers Due In Auburn May 15
State Farmer Candidates

The Future Farmers listed below have outstanding records of supervised farming and FFA leadership and are being recommended by State Executive Committee to the delegates at the convention for election to the State Farmer Degree.

Arab - W. C. Dodd, Babe Ruth King, James Whisenant; Arley - B. C. Walker; Auburn - George A. Dawson, Joseph Thaddeus Salmon; Bay Minette - John Victor Duck, Robert DeVan Jones, Gordon William Mothershed; Blountsville - Jesse Lee Barnes; Blue Springs - Bob McLaughlin, Viron Medley; Camp Hill - John Ben Cook; Cedar Bluff - Ollen Humphries, Ray Allen Lindsey; Centerville - J. B. Griffin, Jr.; Chatom - Clarice Beech; Cherokee - Ray Daniel, Paul Reid; Clanton - Lecil Hamilton, Arie Mims; Cold Springs - Ollis Quiller Hancock; Collinsville - Willis Bobo, Roscoe Burke, Elvin Gibson, Earl Roberts, James Stafford, Purcelle Loban; Cullman - Orus Bennett, Jack Hudson, J. B. Blalock, Fred Livingston. 


Northport - Claud Hutchins; Notasulga - Merrill Carlisle, Olin McGhar; Onslowa - Roma W. Snow, L. B. Woodard, Winfred Stoffregen; Pell City - Marion Buckner, Edredge Partridge; Pine Apple - William Collins; Pleasant Home - Clinton Bass; Reeltown - Sam Fletcher Ledbetter, Jr., John Willis Ledbetter; Reform - James Webster Bouchillon; Slocomb - Howard Pearlham; Smith's Station - Neil Koone; Southside - Charles Usry; Tanner - Paul Stewart, J. D. Swanner; Valley Head - Felton McBee; Waterloo - Earl Murphy, Floyd Murphy, Millard Richards, Roland Seaton; West Point - Gerald Freeman; White Plains - Tommy Cobb.


Ad in paper: "Anyone found in or near my chicken house at nite will be found there the next morn ing."

-Mt. Hope FFA.

Prof: Young man, are you the teacher of this class?  
Greenhand: No, sir.  
Prof: Then don't talk like an idiot! — Gaylesville FFA.
Alabama Association FFA
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

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**STATE CONVENTION**

1st—Mail April FQA Report to district supervisor.
5th—Last day for chapter report to be in Auburn.
?—Chapter meeting to plan summer activities.
13th—Tune in Nat'l FFA Radio Program 11:30 A.M.
?—Plan for new chapter president attend convention.
28th—State Executive Committee meets in Auburn.
30th—State Convention opens 8 P.M. in Auburn.
—Finals Public Speaking Contest.
31st—State Convention closes in afternoon.

Mr: What’s that terrible noise in the next house?
Mrs: That’s Mrs. Smith cultivating her voice.
Mr: Cultivating! That’s not cultivating, that’s harrowing.—Carbon Hill FFA.
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