String Band Takes Over At Convention

The Alabama FFA String Band won much recognition at the National Convention in Kansas City.

While there they appeared on the program seven times including two radio broadcasts. All Alabama should be proud of the fine showing they made.

All members of the band had an opportunity to see and talk to Judy Conova, Roy Rogers, and Dale Evans, which was quite interesting to them.

Members of the band are Billy Railey, Sidney Lanier, electric Spanish guitar; Edward McDaniel, Straughn, bass fiddle; Buddy Clark, Kinston, mandolin; Charles Gunter, Straughn, guitar; Reginald Nall, Straughn, vocalist, and Theron Tucker, Straughn, fiddle.

R. C. Frederick, adviser of the Straughn chapter is director of the band.

Alabama Rates High at K. C.

Awarded Highest Degree

Nine Alabama Future Farmers were awarded the American Farmer degree at the National Convention in Kansas City. There were 214 from over the nation who received this award.

This is the highest degree awarded a member by the National organization. Those who received this honor were as follows:

1. James A. Adams, Andalusia
2. Hudson C. Calfee, Clanton
3. William L. Cloftelter, Arab
4. Malcolm E. Davis, Lexington
5. Harry H. Ellis, Castleberry
6. James Cecil Garner, McKenzie
7. Joe Wayne Johnson, Grand Bay
8. Hosia D. Justice, Florala
9. George F. Reynolds, Chatom

National Convention Honors Alabama FFA

A delegation of 26 from Alabama attended the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 14-18th.

Alabama scored high among the other states in winning prizes for accomplishments and for participation in the convention. The two official delegates representing the Alabama FFA Association were Nick Lindsey, State President and Bob Salmon, State Vice-President. Ralph Mims, State Star Farmer from the Billingsley chapter participated in a "Massing of the Flags" ceremony in which the Star Farmer from each state took part.

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THE ALABAMA STRING BAND appeared on the program seven times including two radio broadcasts. Alabama’s nine American Farmer Candidates were awarded this highest degree in FFA. The Sidney Lanier chapter was one of 24 in the nation to receive the Gold Emblem Award. The Riverston chapter was one of 18 in the nation to receive the Silver Emblem Award.

John Hartley of Sidney Lanier chapter was awarded third place in the National Farm Mechanic contest. Richard McConnell was awarded third place in the National Farm and Home Electrification contest.

The 26 attending agreed that the convention was a real inspiration to everyone and that more advisers and members should attend each year.

Here’s what some of those attending have to say:

S. J. Noah, Glencoe chapter says: “I just can’t find words that are meaningful enough to express the wonderful time I had at the convention. One thing for sure, it was the happiest and most enjoyable week of my life. I know without a doubt that the boys and men that were with me were the finest in the world. I am looking forward to going back next year.”

Reginald Nall, Straughn chapter says: “I enjoyed my trip to Kansas City very much. It was an experience I shall never forget. It was an educational trip that I wish every Future Farmer could take. When you attend the National Convention you will realize more what the FFA means. I truly wish every Future Farmer could at least attend one National Convention.

Douglas Mitchell, Corner chapter says: “Every FFA member should congratulate the National officers on the splendid job they did in planning and conducting the convention with such tact and seeming simplicity. It was most inspiring and provided each member present with a new sense of understanding as to the broadness and far-reaching effect of our organization.”

Edward McDaniel, Straughn chapter says: “I think that every FFA member should strive to go to the National FFA Convention. It is really an educational trip for anybody. That was my first time to ride on a train and I really enjoyed it. I saw the boys get their American Farmer Degree and that will make me work harder for that honor.”

Nick Lindsey, Ozark chapter says: “I wish every Future Farmer could attend a National FFA Convention to see the opportunities offered by the National organization, and also to see what achievements have been made by national contest winners.”

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They’re all happy — M. Thornton (left) smiles while Malcolm Davis, (center) American Farmer from Lexington chapter displays the certificate he just received. Lowery Davis (right) is FFA adviser at Washington and succeeded Mr. Thornton who is now at Montevallo.

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GREENSBORO FFA "Sweetheart of the Month." — Miss Ethel Dial (above), student at Greensboro High School, has been named "Sweetheart of the Month" by the local chapter of the FFA, and she is thus in the running for the "Sweetheart of the Year" contest.

BEEF JUDGING TEAM

The Phil Campbell beef judging team represented Alabama at the American Royal Livestock show in Kansas City. They placed 13th in livestock judging and 18th in meat judging.

This team was winner at the state FFA Convention last June.

Members of the team are as follows: Bobby Moody, Leo Jones, Talmage Watson, and Elbert Jack, alternate. Their FFA adviser is Grover Morrow.

M. H. Bryant, Foley

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Preliminary OIC pigs will be ready December 7th. Enterprise FFA, J. W. Reeder, adviser.

One Delta 8 saw and 4" jointer combination, $1200 from the County Dairy District. Leroy FFA, O. D. Gissendanner, adviser.

One Sears Roebuck incubator, $450.00. Ohatchee chapter, James W. Brown, adviser.

Registered Duroc Jersey pigs for sale with papers. Eight weeks old, price $200.00 each. Phil Campbell FFA, Grover Morrow, adviser.

WANT TO BUY

One Duroc Jersey sow pig. Columbiana FFA, Elvin Hill, adviser.


Twenty August or September farrowed OIC or Large White gilts subject to or registered. Marion FFA, W. S. White, adviser.

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Meat animals are what they eat! It takes a balanced ration to keep them healthy, growing and gaining. Successful livestock men know this. Hundreds of controlled feeding experiments prove it. Morrison, the great feeding authority, states—"Lambs on unbalanced rations require 46% more corn and 15% more hay for each 100 pounds of gain!"

Balanced rations for hogs show spectacular results. Anyone can make a lot of fat and a little lean with corn and water. But that's the slow, expensive way. It takes a pile of corn to do it. But with corn balanced with proteins and minerals and vitamins, hogs can be fed to market weights in six months or less. Think of the corn you can save—11 bushels of corn alone will make 100 pounds of pork, but only 6½ bushels of corn plus 35 pounds of protein supplement will do the same job faster.

Scores of feeding trials prove that a balanced ration pays with steers and lambs, whether on the range or in the feed lot. In fact, the same basic principle applies to all livestock and poultry. Forage and other home-grown feeds, properly balanced with proteins and minerals, make more and better meat pounds at less cost.

Continuous research affords new and exciting means of using available materials in improved rations for livestock. At first, tankage alone was used to add protein to hog rations. It did a good job. Then research proved that a combination of proteins is better than one kind alone. A mixture of tankage, soybean meal, linseed meal and, in some areas, cottonseed meal, produces better quality pork even faster. This improvement in rations makes for more efficient and economical use of proteins. But what about vitamins and minerals? Here, too, many advancements in techniques of supplying these nutrients have been made. Dehydrated alfalfa, milk solids, vitamin oils, and some synthetic sources provide essential vitamins and other factors. Mineral balance is necessary, too. Salt, the universal need, supplies sodium and chlorine. Steamed bone meal supplies calcium and phosphorus, and other major minerals. With these, alert research men now are combining other known essential elements, such as cobalt, manganese, iron, iodine, copper, and magnesium, to turn slow gainers into fast gainers.

First Calves
Forecast Production
by Marvin Koger, Animal Husbandman
New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station

Want to estimate efficiency of calf production in your cow herd? The cow's first calf tells more than her good looks. In a New Mexico study, we took the weaning weights of first calves weaned by three-year-old cows. These weights were compared with the weaning weights of calves raised by these same cows in the next four years. Cows and calves were placed in five groups (according to the weaning weight of first calves). Here's the 5-year record:

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Considering only the two extremes, Group One and Group Five, it was shown that breeding stock picked from Group One could be expected to produce, for the next four years, calves that had a yearly average weaning weight of only 404 pounds. But those picked from Group Five should produce calves with a yearly average weaning weight of 456 pounds, 52 pounds more than Group One.

These figures show that later calves are apt to be a repeat performance of the cow's first calf. Cows doing poorly their first calving year continued to produce the lightest group of calves. They were poor risks. Culling cows with light, scruffy first calves would be well repaid in greater profit through more efficient production.

If you would like a full report on this experiment, write to New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station, State College, N.M.

How good are you kids at knowing the names of the animals used to help you play games?

In baseball, what part of a steer do you wear? Why, the glove has a padding that's made from its hair!

In what game would you say the pig best fits in? Yes, football, that's right—the ball's called a "pigskin"!

And the last time you walloped a tennis ball—wham! Did you know that the racket strings came from a—lamb?

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E. T. Robbins, University of Illinois

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Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station

A flock of 300 hens will consume 17 tons of water annually. If possible to install, running water in a laying house will save a lot of walking, carrying and plain hard work.

M. A. Seaton, Kansas State College

A phosphorus supplement fed to ewes in amounts to satisfy their requirements would increase their vitality, help maintain their weight during the winter, and increase the percentage lamb crop.

Farm and Home Science, Utah

Martha Logan's Recipe for BAKED HAM SLICE

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