National FFA President To Speak At Convention

Doyle Conner national president from Starke, Florida will be the guest speaker at the state convention in Auburn.

Doyle was a sophomore at the University of Florida at the time of his election last November. He has now dropped out of college, but plans to return when his term as national FFA president expires this fall.

As a delegate to the Florida FFA convention in the summer of 1946, Conner was elected State FFA president and was awarded his State Farmer degree. He made his first trip to the national FFA convention in Kansas City.

After being graduated from high school in May, 1947, Conner entered college in the fall. He became a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, was elected vice-president of his freshman class, and again was a delegate to the national FFA convention.

In addition to the 405-acre farm and livestock farm which the Conners own, Doyle rents 125 acres of pasture land where he keeps his 35 head of Angus cattle and 2 saddle horses.

SEMI-FINAL QUARTET WINNERS

The following chapter quartets won in the semi-final eliminations and will participate in the state finals at Auburn during the convention. Vernon, Arab, Sidney Lanier and Greensboro.

The quartet eliminations are scheduled to be held along with the speaking finals Wednesday night, June 8th.

FFA TALENT SHOW AT CONVENTION

A new feature added to this year’s convention program is a “Talent Night Show.” Members to try-out for the show will come to Auburn a day early to the convention in order to have time to practice. Mr. H. O. Coffey, assistant managing editor, The Progressive Farmer, Birmingham, will direct the show.

Girls too ... FHA girls from several chapters have been invited to participate in the show.

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Marriage Ceremony Performed By Rogersville Chapter

The marriage of Miss Aggie Culture to Mr. Homer Economics took place at the annual FFA and FHA banquet in the high school auditorium on April 28. Newly elected officers for 1949-1950 performed the ceremony.

The Rogersville faculty was invited and formed a receiving line in the auditorium, where they met the parents of FFA and FHA members. Trustees of the school, the P.T.A. president, the school principal and county board members were special guests.

Plans Completed For 4-Day Session

Alabama FFA boys will be represented by approximately 1,000 official delegates and members when the twentieth state convention of Future Farmers of America meets at Auburn, June 8-11.

Doyle Conner of Starke, Florida, national FFA president, will speak at the fourth general session which begins at 7:30 on Friday evening, June 10.

State officer candidates will be interviewed by districts on Wednesday morning. Livestock judging will begin (Continued on page 2)

Pictured at right is Albert Holmes, Sidney Lanier FFA member, with his grand champion calf of both the Montgomery County and the Montgomery District shows. Albert’s calf sold for $1.39 per pound.

Pictured at left is Bryan Young, another Sidney Lanier member with his calf which was reserve champion in the county show.
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at 1 o’clock that afternoon. Public speaking and quartet finals will be held Wednesday evening during the first general session in Langdon Hall.

State Farmer degrees are to be awarded to 203 members on Thursday morning. Talent Night program will start at 7:30 Thursday evening. Contest eliminations for the string bands, radio programs, and parliamentary procedure will begin Thursday morning and continue through Friday morning.

Friday night will be a big event for most of those present since the top awards will be given at that time. The Star Farmer ceremony will take place and 9 Honorary State Farmer Degrees will be conferred.

The final session of the convention will close Saturday morning after the new state officers have been installed.

LOUISVILLE, KY.: Doyle Conner, of Starke, Florida, president of the Future Farmers of America, and visiting executive officers of the FFA, at a luncheon given in their honor by Standard Oil Company (Kentucky), one of the donors to the FFA Foundation. From left to right they are: John Farrar, director of public relations FFA, Washington; Doyle Conner; W. F. Rush, vice president, Standard Oil Company; A. W. Tenney, national executive secretary of the FFA, Washington. Invited to meet Doyle, Mr. Tenney, and Mr. Farrar at this luncheon were Kentucky FFA officials and agricultural educational leaders, farm paper editors, farm radio commentators, etc. Not shown in this picture, but also present, were Dale Hess of Fallston, Md., vice president of the FFA, and Max Cobble of Midway, Tenn., student secretary of the FFA.

Cullman Member Wins 100 Bushel Corn Contest

Dwight Tilley, Cullman, Alabama FFA member, won 1st place in the FFA division of the 100 Bushel Corn Club program sponsored by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Dwight produced 130.36 bushels of corn on one acre of measured land. It was produced on upland of a loam type with approximately 5% slope. He applied 9 tons of compost to the land before it was prepared. Before planting he applied 400 pounds of 6-8-4 fertilizer. The corn was planted May 22nd. 300 pounds of Nitrate of Soda was applied as a side dressing June 21st. The corn was cultivated twice and was not hoed at all. The rows were 38 inches in width and the average distance between stalks in the rows was 12 inches. The variety of corn used was Tennessee 10, a hybrid.

There were 12 acres of corn planted on his entire farm yielding a total of 780 bushels or an average of 65 bushels per acre. Dwight’s local FFA adviser is J. D. Hardeman.

PICTURED ABOVE are the winners in the semi-final public speaking eliminations. These four members will participate in the state finals to be held during the FFA convention in Auburn. The speaking contest will take place Wednesday night, June 8th, along with the quartet final eliminations.

Subject of their speeches are as follows: Dow Erwin, Glencoe, “Water Conservation”; Bobby Childres, Orrville, “Education For Farm Living”; Larry Ledlow, Highland Home, “Man and His Relation To The Soil”; Wayne Hodge, Reform, “Modern Agriculture Based On Science And Research.”
Unusual Project Pays Off

All right, so you decide to go fishing. You've got your rod and reel, your boat, and your best friend to go with you. How about your bait? Idea! You'll use crickets! They're The Thing. Well, you turn up every old stray log and clump of hay from here to the river, but it must not be the season, or something.

But if you were in Greensboro, Alabama, you'd go straight to seventeen year old Sammy Yeager, an industrious FFA boy who would ask how many you wanted and in a few minutes give you a jar with the correct number — for a price. You see, Sammy has cashed in on people's natural born desire to fish — without having to labor all day digging or chasing their bait. In fact, this very reason started Sammy on his project, because he is an ardent fisherman, too, according to Arthur Prince, his FFA adviser.

That first spring he started in 1947 Sammy caught twenty-five grown crickets, placed them in a sixty gallon drum, open in the top. A layer of sand in the bottom and then one of hay three or four inches deep completed their habitat. A canvas top kept the rain out. To keep the crickets from crawling out, he painted a white ring around the inside of the top — dopey isn't it? But necessary.

Sammy feeds them about a handful of chicken feed a week which amounts to practically nothing. Those first twenty-five crickets hatched about 1500 in three weeks. Then in six weeks they were ready to sell. He now keeps this many hatching every three weeks, depending on the season, however.

He charges $1.00 a hundred. “But,” he adds, “the overhead is more in the winter! So then I charge $1.50. I put an electric light bulb in the drum on the coldest nights and days!”

He does this in his new, modern brooder, though. It is a combination house and sun parlor. The sun parlor is screened and built a few inches above the level of the house which has the hay and sand in the bottom. This brooder cost only $6.00.

Sammy has learned that if he sprinkles water on the hay instead of putting it in a small pan, the baby crickets do not drown. They are about the size of gnats and are very prone to go swimming! Several of his crops were lost like this. Beginners take warning!

This industrious boy has made a lot of new friends, besides a neat cash sum, from his cricket plant. All the fishermen for miles around come to him for crickets and advice on fishing. So far, he has no competition. In fact, all the fishermen around who like to go down to the Black Warrior River below Demopolis, Alabama, wouldn't think of buying their bait elsewhere. And more than once Sammy has been invited on week-end fishing trips. Once, on one of these, he spotted his father on the opposite shore of the river. He listened. His father had rather doubted the worth-whileness of cricketing — he also forgot about being able to hear a long distance across water. Sammy heard him telling his friend, “You should see his new brooder! It should be in the living room, I guess; it's so pretty! That reminds me, did you get enough crickets?”

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**Hatton Starts Pig Chain**

The Hatton FFA chapter has initiated a pig chain in order to help deserving boys have better self-owned projects and to secure more registered pigs in the community.

Three registered pigs have been placed with chapter members who agree to feed and care for the gilts properly until they farrow. Two gilts will be returned to the chapter for placing with other FFA members. The original gilts become the property of the FFA boys.

**FFA Membership Reaches All-Time High**

The total Alabama FFA membership to date has now reached 10,527. This is the largest membership in the history of FFA in Alabama.

The five largest chapters are listed below.

- Northport: 128 members
- Butler: 115 members
- Cullman: 94 members
- West Point: 95 members
- Heflin: 91 members

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The expression parliamentary procedure sounds a little pretentious, but it simply means how to conduct a meeting for the transaction of business. There must be a way planned for members to present their wishes and comments without interruption. Someone must recognize each speaker in turn; the person who does so is the presiding officer. In order to be impartial, the presiding officer must have a set of rules to go by and he must follow them as carefully as a baseball umpire observes the rules of the game. At the proper time, the presiding officer calls for a vote on the proposal which members have been discussing and the vote of the majority decides the matter. It is usual for another officer to keep a record of such proposals, which are called motions, and to be able to read from the record when it is necessary to be sure of what has been moved and what has been done. This officer is called a secretary.

Small groups will, of course, not proceed in the manner of Congress or other legislative bodies but much time and friction is saved by knowing a few simple rules for conducting discussions, formulating motions and amendments to motions, and for taking votes. This body of rules is called parliamentary law or parliamentary procedure. The standard work of authority on parliamentary law in the United States is Roberts Rules of Order, Revised.

This diagram is intended as a guide to be placed in the hands of members so that they follow the rulings of the chairman or presiding officer and that they may feel confidence in offering motions and taking part in debate.

(Note: It is suggested that each FFA member cut this out and either paste it on a card or place it in his notebook as a ready reference while practicing Parliamentary Procedure.)

The Silligent Chapter with adviser, S. J. Gibbs, makes tour to South Alabama and Florida.
STEVenson held its annual agriculture day, and FFA judging team won first place in the fat calf show and six in district show in De­

Ondenville had annual chicken fry, their parents were the guests; newly elected officers were installed; practicing parlimentary pro­

Ohattchee elected 2 honorary members; elected new officers for next year and gave 30 minute radio program. OPP organized a Plow Horse Derby; attended FFA and FHA skit night at Red Level and advisor and five attended fat calf show at Dothan. Ozark made a trip to Panama City.

Paint Rock Valley elected new officers and entertained FHA with a social, Pell City had two officer meetings; two chapter meet­

Smith farm. Riverton sponsored rat killing. program; thirteen boys entered on production contest; entered nine calves in county fat calf show at district and six in district at De­

Johnson brother for FFA members and started pig chain and had 5 applicants for State Farmer Degree. ReForm chapter had 35 members to attend a soil conservation program run by the Smith farm. Riverton sponsored rat killing program; thirteen boys entered on production contest; entered nine calves in county fat calf show at district and six in district at De­

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