Annual State Convention Successful

The 21st Annual FFA Convention was the best ever held in Alabama according to Mr. J. C. Cannon, State FFA Adviser. More than 1,200 members and local advisors from all over the State attended the Convention. The three day program included final elimination in various FFA Contests, awarding the winners for FFA achievements, and leadership training programs.

Winford Collier, Wetumpka FFA member took over as State President of the Alabama FFA Association during the last day’s session.

Other new officers elected were John Sherrer, Orrville, Vice President; Reuben Finney, Five Points, Secretary; Paul Copeland, Arab, Treasurer, and Kenneth Landers, Leighton, Reporter. Eight business men and five local FFA advisors were named Honorary Future Farmers during the Friday night session.

Two hundred thirty-seven (237) FFA members from over the state were awarded the State Farmer Degree. This is the highest degree awarded by the State FFA Association and is the largest number ever to receive this award in any one year.

FFA contest and achievement awards for the year made at the convention are as follows:

Chapter Contest.—State Winner, Riverston FFA Chapter, $40.00; 2nd, Auburn FFA Chapter, $30.00; 3rd, Beauregard FFA Chapter, $20.00; 4th, Pell City FFA Chapter, $10.00; Honorable mention: Livingston Chapter, Sidney Lanier Chapter, Montevallo Chapter, White Plains Chapter, Grove Hill Chapter.

Public Speaking.—1st, James Rea, Notasulga, $100.00; 2nd, Charlie Britnell, Russellville, $50.00; 3rd, Robert Lambert, Camden, $25.00; 4th, Wade Skidmore, Arab, $25.00.

Quartet Contest.—1st, Cullman Chapter Quartet, $50.00; 2nd, Riverston Chapter Quartet, $20.00; 3rd, East Brewton Chapter Quartet, $15.00; 4th, Auburn Chapter Quartet, $10.00.

Parliamentary Procedure.—1st, Jenison Chapter Team, $25.00; 2nd, Riverston Chapter Team, $15.00; 3rd, Rogersville Chapter (Continued on page 2)

Dairy Shows
1. Fayette August 17-18
2. Decatur August 24-25
3. Gadsden September 14-15
4. Dadeville September 18-19
5. Mobile September 21-22
6. Montgomery September 25-26
7. Demopolis September 27-28
8. Birmingham October 3-8
(State Show)

Star Future Farmer Named At Convention

James Price, an outstanding member of the Camp Hill, Alabama FFA chapter has been named the Star Future Farmer of Alabama for 1950. He is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Price, Route 1, Dadeville, Alabama.

When James enrolled in vocational (Continued on page 4)
Mr. Chesnutt is an FFA member. He was awarded the honorary State Farmer Degree in 1931. This is the highest honor awarded by the State Association. Alabama Future Farmers are proud to have him as a fellow member in the world’s greatest farm boy organization.

PROF. S. L. CHESNUTT

The retirement of S. L. Chesnutt, head professor of agricultural education was recently announced by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Chesnutt completed 30 years of service with this institution on June 30, the effective date of his retirement.

As teacher trainer for API students preparing to teach vocational agriculture in high schools, Chesnutt has instructed a total of more than 1,200 graduating seniors. During the past three years his work has been confined largely to teachers in service who are earning master degrees.

Mr. Chesnutt has the longest service of any vocational agricultural teacher in the United States, an informal survey by the American Vocational Association showed recently. He began teaching in 1900, the same year he graduated from the University of Tennessee. Two years later, he began his teaching career in agriculture at the Summer School of the South, Knoxville, Tennessee.

In 1904, he became agricultural instructor for the first rural consolidated high school in the South, located in Farragut, Tennessee. Three years later he became the first agricultural teacher of Alabama College, Montevallo, where he established one of the state’s first registered Holstein and Jersey cattle herds.

Appointed assistant state supervisor of vocational agriculture for Alabama in 1919, a year later he came to Auburn as teacher trainer in vocational agriculture. A few years later he received his master’s degree at George Peabody College.

Mr. Chesnutt is the author of one book, “The Rural South,” and co-author of another, “Poultry Production in the South.” A publishing company has given him a contract to prepare a book on soil conservation and to revise “The Rural South.” He has written a number of pamphlets on the teaching of various agricultural subjects. These have been widely used by vocational schools in the state.

The “Old Prof.,” as he has come to be known by his graduates, was recently asked what were the best things he had realized out of his 50 years of teaching.

“Two things — a fine wife and the goodwill and friendship of more than 3,000 students I have had,” was his reply.

During the past several months groups of his former students and other friends have honored the retiring professor with many gifts of appreciation.

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Team, $10.00; 4th, Geneva Chapter Team, $10.00.

String Band.—1st, Cullman FFA Chapter Band, $50.00; 2nd, Straughn FFA Chapter Band, $40.00; 3rd, Rogersville FFA Chapter Band, $30.00; 4th, Winfield FFA Chapter Band, $20.00; 5th, Greensboro FFA Chapter Band, $10.00.

Radio Program.—1st, Auburn FFA Chapter, $25.00; 2nd, Greensboro FFA Chapter, $20.00; 3rd, East Brewton FFA Chapter, $15.00; 4th, Cullman FFA Chapter, $10.00.

Beef Cattle Judging.—1st, Holly Pond Chapter Team, $100.00; 2nd, Winfield Chapter Team, $80.00; 3rd, Bay Minette Chapter Team, $50.00; 4th, Auburn Chapter Team, $10.00.

Dairy Cattle Judging.—1st, Sidney Lanier Chapter Team, $100.00; 2nd, Beartise Chapter Team, $80.00; 3rd, Northport Chapter Team, $50.00; 4th, Camp Hill Chapter Team, $10.00.

Star Farmer.—State Star Farmer, James Price, Camp Hill, $100.00; District Star Farmers, Kent Davis, Straughn, $25.00; Lewis Logan, Collinwood, $50.00; Robert Gulledge, Foley, $25.00; Colleen Shottis, Hamilton, $25.00.

Farm Mechanics Awards.—1st, Raymond Hardy, Pell City, $100.00; 2nd, Judson Pitts, Lincoln, $25.00; 3rd, Edward Greer, Rogersville, $20.00; 4th, Lloyd Powell, Kinston, $15.00.

Star Dairy Farmer Awards.—1st, Davis Henry, Sidney Lanier, $100.00; 2nd, James Price, Camp Hill, $75.00; 3rd, Dick Saloman, Auburn, $50.00; 4th, Winford Collie, Wumpka, $25.00.

Farm and Home Electrification.—State Winner, Ken Davis, Straughn, $100.00; District Winners, Robert Norris, Fayette, $25.00; Owen Lee, Pell City, $25.00; Morris Allred, Lincoln, $25.00; Maurice Rutledge, Thomasville, $25.00; Charlie Kirkland, Headland, $25.00.

Soil and Water Management Award.—State Winner, Dick Salmon, Auburn, $100.

Forestry Contest.—1st, John Golden, Pell City, $100.00 trip to National FFA Convention; 2nd, Gail House, Gordo, $20.00; 3rd, Herbert Burdell, Bessegerd, $15.00; 4th, J. W. Hawkins, Riverton, $10.00.

Home Improvement.—Each of these winners were awarded a $75.00 trip to National FFA Convention. State Winner, Robert Ballew, and his local adviser, O. R. Dennis, Arab; District Winners, Charles No­land, Carrollton; Thomas McCreight, Good­water, Gerald Lee, Silas; Lewie Chambers, Flora­da.

Star FFA Reporter.—1st, Tommy Morton, Pell City, FFA Jacket; 2nd, Donald Blalock, Sulligent, FFA Pen and Pencil Set; Bill Tidwell, Jr., Auburn, FFA Billfold, Ralph Johnson, Arab, FFA pocket knife; Lynwood Hamilton, Hamilton, FFA sport knife. —FFA.

CONCENTRATE ON ESSENTIALS. The ability to apply your mind wholly to one subject at a time is a mark of superior power. Be deeply interested in what you are doing. Concentration builds mental efficiency.
Forest Fires Are Your Business

Forest protection, like advertising, pays dividends. That is the considered opinion of an overwhelming majority of the nation's woodland owners. Their viewpoint is shared by state and federal forest agencies, the forestry profession and America's wood-using industries. All agree that fire prevention and forest protection are good business.

Fires, however, still take a terrific toll in green and growing forests. This year they probably will burn over an area as large as the State of Indiana and destroy the potential lumber for at least eighty-six thousand one-family houses. In an average year forest fires in the United States burn timberland at the rate of seventy thousand acres a day destroying enough potential newsprint to publish every newspaper in the United States for a twelve month period.

Wasteful! Of course it is! Even the richest nation on earth cannot afford to squander its resources at that rate. Nor can it afford the many other less tangible losses—soil erosion, damage to fish and game, and destruction of recreational areas—that result when forest fires break out.

A study of forest fire losses during the past decade shows a consistent downward trend in the number of man-caused fires. Three-fourths of the country's forestland is now under some form of organized protection. More and more Americans are becoming forest fire conscious. Progress is being made.

A potent force in bringing this awakening about has been the Keep America Green movement. We know it locally as Keep Alabama Green, which focuses attention on both causes and results of forest fires. By interpreting woods fires in terms of wages, profits, taxes, raw materials and recreational facilities, the Keep Green idea puts an effective pocketbook punch into fire prevention education.

Forest fire prevention, however, requires work as well as words. Keeping America Green is everybody's business because it is good business for everybody.

Keeping America Green

America is in the timber business to stay. It is the nation's oldest business and the only one that is based on a natural resource that replaces itself. The gap between forest drain and forest growth in the United States is narrowing each year. If man-caused forest fires, all of which are preventable, and losses from insects and disease could be halted, the difference between total wood growth and wood drain would be completely wiped out. It is the ambition and goal of the wood-dependent industries of the United States to achieve that end. In this they seek and encourage the enthusiastic and full-time cooperation of good citizens everywhere.

Seven Essentials Of A Good Chapter

1. A knowledge of the FFA on the part of EVERY member.
2. Every FFA Chapter with a finance committee that works.
4. Elect two honorary FFA members during the year.
5. Twenty FFA monthly reports in on time.
6. Every chapter have entries in live-stock show.
7. Every chapter support or sponsor one or more community services.
8. Ten applicants for State FFA officers from each district.
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10. Every chapter participate in three or more State sponsored FFA contests.
11. Every chapter have entries in live-stock show.
12. Every chapter sponsor or support one or more community services.
13. All chapters have definite program of meetings with a planned program for each meeting (twice monthly during school and once monthly during summer).
14. Develop chapter activity program the first month of school. A committee responsible for each goal set up in the program. (Use State Program Outline.)
15. Every member on an active committee. Committees report to chapter on accomplishments at regular intervals.
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1. Every vocational agriculture student an FFA member by November 1st.
2. Every chapter possess all needed equipment for conducting meetings by November 1st.
3. Every student in vocational agriculture participate in Speaking Contest.
4. Every chapter have a quartet or string band if at all possible.
5. Every chapter with a definite public relations program in operation.
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Play Safe While Swimming

Swimming is a favorite pastime during the hot summer months! Recent figures show that drownings account for one-third of the public non-transportation accidents and about 5 per cent of all accidental deaths. Children under 15 are the victims in a third or more of these drownings. About seven-eighths of the drownings are boys or men.

Know your capacity for rescuing another swimmer. Whenever possible, allow only experienced swimmers to attempt personal rescues. If a person is in distress, try to reach him by boat or, if you are near enough, hold stick, pole, or rope for him to grasp so that he may be pulled in.

Cold or tired muscles are susceptible to cramps. To overcome a leg cramp draw your knees up toward the chest, massage and move the cramped foot or leg while in a "face float" position.

A swimmer may find temporary relief from fatigue by floating or by varying his style of swimming.

The State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and the National Safety Council recommends the following:

1. Do not swim when you are tired, overheated, or chilled.
2. Do not jump or dive into water that may be so cold that it will numb the body.
3. Never dive into water where there may be large rocks or submerged logs.
4. Avoid swimming in the dark.

Hitch Your Wagon To A Star

Plan a chapter activity program that will be challenging to all members. Set the goals high enough to encourage everyone to work hard. Plan for all members to enter and participate in some of the state sponsored contests and awards.

Northeast District Star Farmer

Lewis Logan, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Logan, of Collinsville, Route 2, has been named the District Star Farmer of the Northeast District.

Lewis started his vocational agriculture work at Collinsville in September of 1946. He was elected vice president of the chapter for that year. His project program was 3 acres of corn, 1 beef cattle, 1 acre of cotton, and one fattening hog. He netted $286.07 from these projects.

For his second year, he had 3 fat hogs,
Robert Gulledge, 17-year-old member of the Foley chapter, has been selected as the Star Farmer of the Southwest District.

Although Robert has only completed two years of vocational agriculture, he is showing outstanding farming ability. He has built his farming program to a total value of $8,115.00.

He owns 17 head of Angus cattle valued at $3,035.00, 3 head of calves at $225.00, 1 brood sow at $65.00, 65 acres of land at $4,500.00, and has $250.00 deposited in the bank.

Robert started his first year in agriculture with 1 cow and litter, 5 acres of corn, 5 acres of potatoes, 5 beef calves, 5 dairy cows, and 5 acres of soy beans. These projects netted him $3,712.54. This year his projects are 5 acres of corn, 1 acre of cucumbers, 5 acres of soybeans, 3 dairy cows and 3 head of beef calves.

He was chapter winner of the Public Speaking Contest in 1949 and is now treasurer of his local chapter. He has just finished serving his class in school as treasurer. He is a member of the Baptist church, and since 1948 he has been secretary of the B. T. U.

Colleen Shotts of the Hamilton Chapter, Future Farmers of America, has been chosen the outstanding Future Farmer of the Northwest District.

Colleen, who is the twenty-two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shotts, of Bexar, Alabama, entered Vocational Agriculture in 1947 as a Senior One, and received his Green Hand degree that year. His projects for the first year consisted of 1 acre of corn, and 1 acre of hay, from which he netted $322.30. He received his Chapter Farmer degree in November, 1948, his projects being 2 acres of corn, 1 sow, 5 head of calves and 5 acres of cotton. That year he netted $1,163.79. Colleen’s projects have increased along with his interest in farming. His projects for 1949 were 7 acres of cotton, 8 acres of lespedeza sericea, 3 acres of corn, 1 sow, and 9 head of cattle, from which he netted $2,360.10. His projects for this year are 10 acres of cotton, 10 acres of lespedeza sericea, 5 acres of corn, 3 head of brood sows, 12 head of cattle, 2 acres of oats, and 4 acres of small grains.

Colleen has been an active FFA member. He entered the speaking contest his first, second, and third years in Vocational Agriculture. He took part in the FFA Banquet, and served on the Entertainment Committee.

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Southeast District Star Farmer

Kent Davis, an eighteen-year-old Straughn FFA member has been named the Star Farmer of the Southeast Alabama District for 1949-50.

In addition to winning the State Farm Mechanics Contest last year, he was the State Electrification winner this year. He also entered the Farm Home Improvement Contest this year. He was treasurer of the Straughn chapter for 1949-50.

In addition to Kent’s many FFA activities, he has served for several years as secretary of his local Sunday school, and has a record of being one of the smartest students ever to attend Straughn High School. He can demonstrate proficiency in parliamentary procedure.

Here are the Star Future Farmers for 1950. They were awarded this honor at the recent FFA Convention held at Auburn. Left to right: Robert Gulledge, Foley, District Star Farmer; Kent Davis, Straughn, District Star Farmer; James Price, Camp Hill, State Star Farmer; Colleen Shotts, Hamilton, District Star Farmer; Lewis Logan, Collinsville, District Star Farmer. These five members were selected as having the best vocational agriculture and FFA program of the 237 members receiving the State Farmers Degree.
**State FFA Activity Program 1950-51**

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**Goal No. 4.** Each chapter use state contests to provide leadership opportunities for all members.

Ways and Means.
- a. Encourage all boys to enter several state-sponsored contests.
- b. Each chapter to have entries in as many different state-sponsored contests as is practical.

**Goal No. 5.** 13,000 membership for the year.

Ways and Means.
- a. Encourage all agriculture boys to belong to FFA.
- b. Encourage all boys to continue their active membership just as long as they are eligible.
- c. Provide programs and activities for out-of-school member participation.

**Goal No. 6.** Each chapter be represented at the State Convention.

Ways and Means.
- a. Provide ways and means for sending delegates and advisers to State Convention.

**Goal No. 7.** All state officers, and American Farmer applicants attend National Convention.

Ways and Means.
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- b. Local chapters send American Farmer applicants.

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- b. Elect an assistant reporter for each Vo-Ag class.
- c. Encourage all members to wear official FFA jackets, T-shirts, ties, caps, etc., to all special functions such as livestock shows, fairs, field days, etc.
- d. Chapters own or have access to camera for making FFA pictures.

**Goal No. 9.** Each chapter endeavor to develop state officer material.

Ways and Means.
- a. Provide opportunities for all boys to develop leadership abilities.
- b. Select outstanding boys for specific training.

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c. Recommend only those boys who have demonstrated ability.

**EARNINGS AND SAVINGS**

**Goal No. 1.** Every chapter financially sound.

Ways and Means.

a. All chapters to earn cooperatively sufficient funds to finance local FFA activity.

b. Operate on chapter budget.

c. Have FFA bank account.

d. Treasurer to use Official Treasurer’s book.

e. Records to be kept accurately.

f. Appoint chapter auditing committee.

**Goal No. 2.** All members practice a THRIFT plan.

Ways and Means.

a. Chapter sponsor programs on thrift plans.

b. Each member set up a thrift budget.

c. Teach members simple banking.

**CONDUCT OF MEETING**

**Goal No. 1.** All chapters conduct meetings at a definite time using opening and closing ceremonies and according to proper parliamentary procedure.

Ways and Means.

a. Provide training in parliamentary procedure for all members.

b. Establish a regular time for two meetings each school month and have a definite and well planned program for each meeting.

**Goal No. 2.** Each chapter provide standard equipment.

Ways and Means.

a. Chapter to furnish all needed supplies such as manuals, Secretary’s and Treasurer’s book, Owl, Flag, Plow, Official Banner, etc.

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**Goal No. 1.** All members strive to improve their general scholastic rating.

Ways and Means.

a. Chapter set up plan for recognizing improvement by special awards.

**RECREATION**

**Goal No. 1.** Develop greater appreciation and enjoyment of music by all members.

Ways and Means.

a. Promote participation in musical activities such as quartet, string band, group singing, glee club, etc.

b. Promote enjoyment of music through listening to music, taking music, chapter programs devoted to understanding music, etc.

**Goal No. 2.** All chapters promote greater appreciation for good reading.

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**THEY’RE HONORARY FUTURE FARMERS—**Ten of Alabama’s new honorary Future Farmers of America are shown above. They were named at Auburn during the State FFA Convention.

Left to right, front row: James D. Tyler, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Opp; B. H. (Dick) McIntosh, Manager for the Alabama State Fair Authority, Birmingham; P. C. Roquemore, Federal-State Market News Service, Montgomery; J. E. Deloney, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Auburn.

Back row: L. H. Harris, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Fairhope; M. F. Moore, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Hamilton; James H. Nunn, Agronomist, Central of Georgia Railroad, Auburn; Howard Yielding, Yielding Brothers, Birmingham; R. H. (Dick) Bowden, Farm Products Marketing Agent, T. C. I., Birmingham, and Jack House, State Editor, the Birmingham News.

Others not shown in picture are: T. J. Cottingham, President, State National Bank, Decatur; J. C. Grimes, Professor of Animal Husbandry, A. P. L., Auburn, and H. C. Gregory, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Albertville.

These men received the highest honor that can be conferred by the State FFA Association. This was in appreciation of the great contribution of these outstanding men to the FFA program in Alabama.

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**Goal No. 3.** Encourage appreciation and participation in athletic activities.

Ways and Means.

a. Encourage boys to participate in high school athletics and physical education programs.

**Goal No. 4.** Each chapter have well-rounded social program that will promote group enjoyment and develop social abilities.

Ways and Means.

a. All chapters have Mother-Daughter-Father-Son banquet, party or parents night program.

b. Have planned local and county socials with the FHA.

c. Plan camping or fishing trips.

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Pictured above is Fay Fugua “Sweetheart of FFA” of the New Market chapter.
AUBURN FFA IN WASHINGTON—Pictured above are the Auburn FFA members as they stopped over in Washington, D. C. for a short visit to the Capitol. Standing in the center is Congressman George Andrews; extreme right is James D. Tyler, Auburn FFA Adviser and third from left is M. D. Guthrey, local teacher. Also in the picture are Auburn FFA members Brice Thompson, Laverne Baker, Richard Baker, Steve McKee, Gary Cooper, Bobby Barrett, Wallace Garrett, Brown Owen, Billy Tatum, Dickie Salmon, Robert Young, Johnny Pittman, Jimmie Thigpen, Paul Price, Billy Lingerfelt, William Clements, Terry Starr. (Photo by Muse, Washington, D. C.)

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SOUTH EAST DISTRICT
Abbeville—Byron Carroll.
Baker—C. C. McClinton, Wilbur Lavender, Jack Roberts.
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CENTRAL DISTRICT
Auburn—Joseph Earl Bradley.
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NORTH WEST DISTRICT
Carrollton—Felio Oglesby.
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ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
Pictured above are the winners of the State FFA Radio Program contest. They are from the Auburn chapter. They won first place during the state FFA Convention in June.

- Hamilton — Onal Ritchie, Colleen Shotts.
- Hattiesburg — Alton Bowlin.
- Liberty — S. B. Jones, Jr.
- Northport — Gene Smelser, Schorn Channel, Joel F. French.
- Oakman — Jimmy Dock Morris.
- Rogers — Leander Grober.
- Sulligent — Buddy Lucas.
- Tanner — Walter Shaw, Carl Ran Lecroiv.
- Town Creek — Gene Burchel.
- Vernon — Maurice Delk, Hurdwell Reeves, Travis Bardon, Arnold Spann.
- Vina — Charles Scott.
- W. Limestone — David Custon, Glen Brackeen.

NORTH EAST DISTRICT

- Arab — Paul Copeland, Billy Joe Barnard, Dillard Light, Eldon Pierce, Dwaine Blake, Marlow Maze, Wade Skidmore.
- Blountsville — Glen Morris.
- Cedar Bluff — George Ingram, James Mallett.
- Centre — James Ray Harris.
- Cold Springs — Leverne Dye, Coleman Freeman.
- Collinsville — Clayton Myer, Lewis Logan.
- Crossville — Tillman Morrison.
- Fairview — Samuel Keaton, Clifford Mitchell, James Edward Bryant, Kenneth M. Henry.
- Fort Payne — Hugh Lane Killian.

- Holly pond — Grey Hunt, Milton Thomas, Tommy Watts.
- Odenville — Porter W. Williams, Billy Harold Mashburn.
- Paint Rock — Ted Finley.
- Pell City — John Erskine Golden, Raymond Hardy, Alvin N. Barber, Jr., Willie Earl Carroll, Hershel Love, Jr., Albert Perry, Jr.
- Riverton — Billy Johnson, Ray Cope.
- Sardis — Gene Barkdale.
- Stevenson — Mack Gambel, Pearl Allen, R. V. Garner.
- Susan Moore — Gilbert Jackson.
- West Point — Arnold Biscoe.
- White Plains — Duran D. Whiteside, Harris Love.

BARBECUED CHICKEN DELUX — The Sulligent FFA barbecue committee making final test before serving.

KEEP AN IDEAL IN VIEW. Ideals are heights of inspiration. Dwell upon the advantages, rewards, and satisfactions that come as a result of resolute endeavor and worthy enterprise.

ATTEMPT MORE AND MORE. Aim to do better today than you did yesterday. Say often, “I can and I will.” Make this your creed. Whatever you do, do it well, since good work is its own reward.

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**BE A WISE OPTIMIST.** Radiate goodwill. Say the pleasant word and do the kindly act. Cultivate magnanimity and a spirit of gratitude. Confidence and belief in your own ability to achieve will speed your progress.

**CULTIVATE POISE.** The man of poise has many advantages. Work done deliberately and in poise is likely to be thorough, painstaking, and intelligent. Poise suggests self-control and power in reserve.

### Developing Personality

1. Be courteous to EVERYBODY.
2. Greet All friends with equal cordiality.
3. Extend a HEARTY handshake, never a flabby one.
4. Introduce people distinctly—don't mumble.
5. Acknowledge ALL introductions warmly.
6. Be sure to remember NAMES as well as faces.
7. Talk with CALM assurance—don't raise your voice.
8. Look people in the eye when conversing.
9. INTEREST yourself in what others say and do.
10. But don't be a busybody of "brutally" frank.
11. Be slow to criticize, but generous in praise.
12. Walk erectly—don't slouch or grouch.
13. Show that you appreciate all favors, large or small.
15. A PLEASANT smile accomplishes wonders.
16. NEVER seek sympathy, but be sympathetic to others.
17. Be tolerant: "Despise no man—spurn nothing."
18. Make your word respected by keeping promises.
19. Be punctual!
20. Take pride in your personal appearance.
21. Radiate ENTHUSIASM, CHEERFULNESS, GOOD-WILL!
Here is Alabama's champion FFA Quartet for 1950. They are from the Cullman chapter and are from left to right: Charles Skinner, Oscar Pace, Elmos Howlett, George Hartwig and Clyde Price. They won first place in the State FFA Quartet contest at the Convention at Auburn in June. They also placed second in the Tri-State Contest held in Georgia August 3rd. The Quartet from Georgia placed first and Florida third.

KNOW THAT YOU CAN. Right mental attitude will make you cheerful, positive, and self-reliant. Flood your mind with a current of uplifting, will-strengthening thoughts. Know that you can do what ought to be done.

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Promise Yourself
TO be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
TO talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
TO make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
TO look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
TO think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
TO be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
TO forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
TO wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
TO give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
TO be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

James Ren, above, was first place winner in the FFA Speaking Contest this year. James is the champion FFA speaker in Alabama for 1950. He also participated in the Tri-State elimination where he placed third.

MAKE THE MOST OF TODAY. Translate your good intentions into deeds. Prove your greatness of character where you now are. Steadily build your faith—the master key that unlocks the doors of larger opportunity.

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. Rely upon your own resources. Make your dreams come true. Visualize the desire of your heart. Realize that insistent, persistent, honest longing, backed by downright hard, conscientious work brings sure reward.

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Here is the Star FFA Dairy Farmer of Alabama for 1950. He is Davis Henry of the Sidney Lanier chapter, Montgomery. The picture above was made at feeding time for his young calves.

Star Dairy Farmer Named At Convention

Davis Henry is an example of a young dairymen who will help transform the dairy industry of the South into a sound and scientific business which will not be excelled by any other section of the United States.

Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Henry of Hope Hull, Alabama. This family are migrants to Alabama from Tennessee. They saw and recognized the possibilities of the Black Belt in Montgomery County as a dairy section and have cashed in on this true discovery. They have had a major part in the rapid development of dairying in Montgomery County during the past twenty years.

Davis, at the age of seventeen years, not only owns thirty-nine head of dairy cows and is a third owner of 201 additional cows on his farm.

Evidence of his ability to assume responsibility is seen in the fact that he is manager of the dairy farm and has the final say in many major discussions made on this farm.

His father is already practically a silent partner. His father's plans call for complete ownership of the dairy farm by Davis within a few years.

Most of the cows owned exclusively by Davis are Guernseys. His long time plan calls for complete elimination of all breeds except Guernseys within a few years. He owns three of the most outstanding Guernsey sires in the United States.

Davis plans to have four hundred acres of the best pasture land in the South. At the present rate he should reach that goal within five years. He is already growing successfully together eight to ten pasture legumes and grasses on the same area. He has year-round grazing and is producing milk at a minimum cost.

This young farmer found his interest at an early age. That plus the encouragement given him by his wonderful parents means early success which is borne out by his record. He knows what he is doing; where he wishes to go; and is on his way with a sound and safe program in dairying.

The factors which underlie his success at such an early age are: 1, the inherited natural love for cows; 2, native ability with an opportunity for development; 3, thrifty management; 4, highly developed appreciation for good dairy breeding; 5, an appreciation of the value of good pasture and good grass; 6, an appreciation of the value of good quality milk produced and handled under the most sanitary conditions; 7, the knowledge and ability to produce good, strong and well developed heifers for replacements; 8, a keen interest in the welfare of dairying in his community, county and state; 9, a program whereby the cow harvests her own food; and 10, an appreciation of the fact that any successful business man must stay on the job and work.

Farm Mechanics Winner

By RAYMOND HARDY
Pell City

I live on a small farm of thirty-one acres, seven miles south of Pell City, Alabama. I have attended Pell City High School for three years and have been a
pruned them out and cut a fire lane

prune and care for pine trees. I have
posts and creosoting the part in the
six acres of young pine trees. I have
acre. I have also planted four acres of
around them. Through the agriculture
ational Agriculture. I learned how to
winter pasture consisting of oats, crim­
son clover, and rye grass.

fenced in about 10 acres of land for
shed and have boxed them up for
to set the smaller tools on. I have con­
structed a 10 foot trailer for the tractor.
I have also built shelves to contain the
small tools, a grinder for sharpening
hammers and tool chest.

A lot of help comes to me when I need
it from my agriculture library which I
prize highly in furnishing the things I
want to know.

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FARM MECHANICS

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In the FFA shop I have learned to operate the power saws, jointer, electric drill, grind stone, and I have learned to weld with the electric welder and the acetylene welder. I have learned many things in the FFA shop that I probably would never have learned if it hadn’t been for my vocational agriculture training.

The Greenville FFA members purchase certified sweet potato seed for their projects. K. V. Reagan, local adviser, supervises their program. The potatoes are placed in the bed by the Greenville FFA members.

Here they are reaping the harvest of sweet potato plants. They are being taken by Greenville members to start their home projects.

This is a year of opportunity for FFA members everywhere. Local chapter activity programs are being planned. Every member should take advantage of the opportunities offered in FFA.

Remember that you must put something into it if you expect something in return.

TAKE YOUR RIGHTFUL PLACE. Know that you have the ability and energy to fill a foremost place in society. Renew your determination to achieve something worthwhile. Good work always has divine approbation.

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Pictured above is the Dadeville Dairy Judging Team. They are from left to right: Don Carlisle, James Whatley and Coker Lester. They won first place in judging at the Dairy Field Day recently held in Dadeville. They made a perfect score which is quite unusual in judging cattle. We congratulate them as well as their local adviser, Mr. Durell Davis.

Soil And Water Management Winner

In 1947 Dick Salmon started his work in vocational agriculture and FFA. He had already had some experience in farming from working with a small dairy of his father's and a small poultry flock of his own. His first supervised project in agriculture was an improvement and expansion of his poultry flock.

In his efforts to effect a better soil and water management program Dick decided to bring idle and eroded areas of the farm into practical and profitable production. His first step in reclamation of eroded hill lands was to reclaim a seven acre field that had been out of production for several years before the Salmons obtained it. Scrub pine and scattered hardwoods spotted the field and the field was a good example of bad gully erosion. Dick had hopes of bringing this field into full production for pastures. He talked to the FMA man to find out what kind of payments he could get on reclaiming land. Then he went to a local heavy equipment contractor to see what kind of work he would need and how much it would cost. The estimate sounded unreasonable and Dick was about to decide not to even worry about clearing the field. However, he told the contractor to go ahead and start, and if it looked as if it were going to cost too much he would have him stop. After seeing how fast the work was going Dick had the dozer operator to go ahead and finish the field. This field was seven and one-half acres more to be put in improved pasture program. The clearing cost one hundred and ten dollars, plus the seventy dollars payment from the FMA. Dick had to go in with an axe and finish up some of the stumps and roots later. Dick broke and terraced the land after the terrace lines had been run by the soil conservation man. Last fall Dick sowed 8 acres more of Kentucky Fescue and Ladino clover. He combined the fescue seed from the 9 acres sowed in 1948. He estimates that there should be 1,000 pounds of clean seed for which he will get at least 75 cents a pound because it is certified seed.

Dick says, "Land can pay for itself by reclaiming it if it is managed right." He has reclaimed six more acres of bottom land this summer which he will put into Ladino clover pasture this fall and he hopes to get fifteen acres more of bottom reclaimed and drained to go into a combination grass clover pasture this fall.

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CHAPTER NEWS

ABBEVILLE—Hold two officers meetings; placed 20 top pigs in the market; made plans and raised $55.00 toward the purchase of an office building for FFA girls.

ARAB—Hold regular summer meetings; had one FFA chapter first enrolled in Vocational Agriculture in 1945. He became a Green Hand the same year. His main interest was drawn to the mechanical part of agriculture after the first year. But a good supervised farming program was also carried on during this time.

Kent has made good use of his agricultural training. Through help from his family he has built a block home, using lumber that was in the old house. The blocks are home-made sand dust from a creek with power equipment made in the farm shop. All work of this kind was done in spare time between crops. Kent has a central yard pole for extra convenience. He wired the house throughout to meet NEC specifications. It is equipped with many modern conveniences, such as washing machine, dishwasher, refrigerator, kitchen fan, radios and so on. He has a home-made electric arc welder which consists of an army surplus 200 amp, 28 volt generator that couples on to the tractor power take-off through a junk auto transmission.

Kent has just completed a job of outside wiring. He has extended lines to the farm shop and poultry house. The shop has an adjustable spotlight for night operations. He has just completed installing fluorescent fixtures in three bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, and hall, a total of seven. These fixtures, the yard pole, and all outside wiring was made possible by prize money that he won at the state fair.

He has wired their neighbors' homes, all meeting approval of the REA inspector.

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Farm And Home Electrification Winner

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He has wired their neighbors' homes, all meeting approval of the REA inspector.

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