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HERE ARE THE NEW FFA OFFICERS for 1952-53. They are, from left to right: Winfred Davis, President, Milltown Chapter; Millard Latham, Vice-President, Palmetto; Bob Molette, Secretary, Orrville; Charles Wall, Treasurer, Hayden; and Roy Sims, Reporter, from Enterprise.
State Convention Most Successful

Alabama's 23rd Annual FFA Convention recently held in Auburn was termed the most successful ever held in the history of the Association. More than 1,000 FFA delegates and members from all over Alabama attended and had part in the Convention.

The program throughout the three day convention was filled with a variety of activities including leadership training such as public speaking and parliamentary procedure demonstration. Many other talents were demonstrated by members in a large number of State Final contests that were conducted during the convention.

Heading the group as President for the coming year is Winfred Davis, 17-year-old Milltown Future Farmer. Other state officers elected were: Millard Latham of Palmetto, Vice-President; Bob Molette of Orrville, Secretary; Charles Wall of Hayden, Treasurer; and Roy Sims of Enterprise, Reporter.

Joe Broadwater, the retiring FFA president, was presented the "Future Farmer of the Year" loving cup and the Turner E. Smith Educational award of $300.00.

Other FFA contest and award winners were as follows:

**FFA Public Speaking**
1st, John Hayes, Five Points; 2nd, Dave Mathews, Grove Hill; 3rd, Bruce Wynn, Bridgeport; 4th, Dan Whetstone, Montevallo.

**FFA Quartet Contest**
1st, Oakman FFA Chapter; 2nd, Citronelle FFA Chapter; 3rd, Riverton FFA Chapter; 4th, Auburn FFA Chapter.

**FFA String Band Contest**
1st, Winfield FFA Chapter; 2nd, R머 FFA Chapter; 3rd, Flomaton FFA Chapter; 4th, Gurley FFA Chapter.

**FFA Radio Program Contest**
1st, Riverton FFA Chapter; 2nd, Kin­ton FFA Chapter; 3rd, East Brewton FFA Chapter; 4th, Rogersville FFA Chapter.

**FFA Parliamentary Contest**
1st, Geneva FFA Chapter; 2nd, Rog­gersville FFA Chapter; 3rd, Riverton FFA Chapter; 4th, Excel FFA Chapter.

**FFA Dairy Cattle Judging**
1st, Dadeville FFA Chapter; 2nd, Sardis FFA Chapter; 3rd, Northport FFA Chapter; 4th, Addison FFA Chapter.

**FFA Beef Cattle Judging Contest**
1st, Tanner FFA Chapter; 2nd, Lu­verne FFA Chapter; 3rd, Susan Moore FFA Chapter; 4th, Riverton FFA Chapter.

**FFA Hog Judging**
1st, Riverton FFA Chapter; 2nd, Opp FFA Chapter; 3rd, Auburn FFA Chapter; 4th, Cordova FFA Chapter.

**Soil and Water Management Contest**
1st, Robert Ballew, Arab; 2nd, James Carl Gunnin, Hackleburg; 3rd, Robert Hawkins, Montevallo; 4th, Jon Miller, Brookwood.

**Star FFA Reporter Contest**
1st, Buddy Yarborough, Pell City; 2nd, Ralph Kimbrell, Aliceville; 3rd, Jimmy Minor, Sulligent; 4th, Willie Sartin, Douglas.

**FFA Star Farmer Contest**
State Star Farmer, Lavone Smith, Ar­ab; District Star Farmer, Scott Lang­ley, LaFayette; District Star Farmer, Billy James, Leighton; District Star Farmer, Bobby Boswell, Livingston; District Star Farmer, Laron Killough, Luverne.

**FFA Star Dairy Farmer Contest**

**FFA Forestry Program Contest**
1st, S. M. Smith, Pell City; 2nd, James Carden, Sulligent; 3rd, Charles Abston, Aliceville; 4th, Gene Sellers, Geneva.

**FFA Home Improvement Program**
State Winner, Billy G. Flynn, Sulli­gent; Adviser to State Winner, S. J. Gibs, Sulligent; NW District, Johnny Mae Johnson, Vernon; NE District, Wil­bur Smith, Crossville; C District, Jerry Hall, Greensboro; SE District, Cecil Stubbs, Wetumpka.

**FFA Farm Safety Program**
1st, Pell City Chapter; 2nd, Riverton FFA Chapter; 3rd, Arab FFA Chapter; 4th, Brookwood FFA Chapter.

**FFA Chapter Contest**
1st, Riverton FFA Chapter; 2nd Tan­ner FFA Chapter; 3rd, Wetumpka FFA Chapter; 4th, Montevallo FFA Chapter.

**Farm and Home Electrification Contest**
1st, Tillman Gibbs, Rubanburn; 2nd, W. D. Poole, Jr., Grove Hill; 3rd, Cecil Stubbs, Wetumpka; 4th, Donald Sanford, Jr., Jasper.

**FFA Farm Mechanics Program**
1st, Knox Whitcher, Bridgeport; 2nd, Robert Ballew, Arab; 3rd, Jon Miller, Brookwood; 4th, Charles Fritchett, Gena­va.

**FFA Opportunity**

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.
FFA Contests and Awards 1952-53

This issue of The Alabama Future Farmer is devoted almost entirely to the FFA Contests and Awards program for the coming year. We urge all FFA members and advisers to study this issue carefully and incorporate as many of the contests and awards in your local program of work as you think advisable. Please file this issue for future reference.

CHAPTER CONTEST

Rules
1. Any active chapter in Alabama may enter.
2. Only 2 reports are necessary.
3. All that is necessary for a chapter to enter is to indicate on the chapter activity program sent to Executive Secretary along with chapter dues that they are entering the chapter contest.
4. The activity program should include the following divisions: Supervised Farming; Co-operative Activities; Community Service; Leadership; Earnings and Savings; Conduct of Meetings; Scholarship; Recreation and General. List committees, goals, and ways and means.
5. The two Gold Emblem Chapters may compete in the National Contest.
6. No scrapbooks may be submitted in state contest. The two top winners, however, may submit them with national application.
7. Send in final report by May 15th.

Awards

State Awards
Gold Emblem $40.00 and Chapter room award
Gold Emblem $40.00 and Chapter room award
Silver Emblem $30.00 and Chapter room award
Silver Emblem $30.00 and Chapter room award
Bronze Emblem $20.00 and Chapter room award
Bronze Emblem $20.00 and Chapter room award


THE Riverton chapter won first place in the State Chapter Contest. Pictured at left is J. D. Wigley, local advisor, and two members of the chapter.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Purpose - To develop rural leadership by taking part in public speaking on farm problems to stimulate interest along such lines.
2. Eligibility - Every active FFA member in Alabama is eligible who is less than 21 years of age and regularly enrolled in high school.
3. Subject - Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable.
4. Originality - All manuscripts must be original. However, contestant may secure help of teachers and others in checking.
5. Judging - Official judging sheets are to be used as a guide in judging all contests. Advisers and contestants should become familiar with their use. The judges' decision shall be final.
6. Cooperation - Local advisers and other chapter officers should seek the interest and cooperation of the school principal, English teacher, Commercial teacher and others in the FFA Public Speaking Contest.
7. Dates -
   Entry date..........Every FFA chapter and member is entered NOW
   Chapter Contest.......To be held in January
   County Contest.........To be held in February
   Quartet Final Contest...To be held in March
   Semi Final Contest.......To be held in April
   State Final Contest.......To be held during State Convention
8. Forfeit - If the winner of any contest cannot compete in the next contest, the winner of 2nd place is eligible to compete.

CHAPTER PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held in January.
2. Methods of elimination in chapter to be determined by local adviser and other chapter officers.
3. Official judging sheets to be used will be furnished by State FFA office.
4. Three copies of the winner's manuscript to be sent to the adviser holding county contest one week in advance of the county elimination. DO NOT SEND TO STATE OFFICE.
5. Medal awarded to 1st place winner. LOCAL CHAPTERS OR CIVIC CLUBS MAY AWARD ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

COUNTY SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held in February.
2. One adviser in each county will be appointed to contact other local advisers in the county to determine date and place, select judges, and make other arrangements for holding contest.
3. Official judging sheets to be used will be furnished by State office.
4. Results of the contest to be mailed at once to the Executive Secretary, Auburn, Alabama, by the adviser appointed in each county. (Must be in Auburn by March 5th.)
5. If only one chapter in a county has an entry, this contestant is AUTOMATICALLY THE COUNTY WINNER.
6. Adviser of winning speaker, INCLUDING AUTOMATIC WINNER, to mail three copies of his manuscript to the Executive Secretary, Auburn, Alabama, as soon as possible after the contest. (Must be in Auburn by March 5th.) (Those received after midnight March 5th will be disqualified.)
7. Award for 1st place will be made by State Association. COUNTY FFA or CIVIC CLUBS MAY AWARD ADDITIONAL PRIZES.
8. Winner will compete in quarter finals.

QUARTER FINAL SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held in March.
2. Date and place will be arranged by State office.
3. Local adviser at the designated place will be in charge of the contest. Official judging sheets to be used will be furnished by State office.
4. Results of the contest to be mailed at once to the Executive Secretary, Auburn, Alabama by the adviser holding the contest. (Must be in Auburn by April 5th.)
5. ADVISER OF WINNING SPEAKER TO MAIL THREE COPIES OF WINNER'S MANUSCRIPT TO THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AUBURN, ALABAMA, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CONTEST. (Must be in Auburn by April 5th.)

6. AWARD FOR 1st PLACE winners will be made by the State Association.

7. Winner will compete in semi-finals.

SEMI-FINAL SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held in April.
2. Date and place will be arranged by State office. No contest will be held at home chapter of any contestant.
3. Local adviser at this designated place will be in charge of the contest. Official judging sheets to be used will be furnished by State office.
4. Results of the contest to be mailed at once to the Executive Secretary, Auburn, Alabama by adviser holding the contest. (Must be in Auburn by May 5th.)
5. ADVISER OF WINNING SPEAKER TO MAIL THREE COPIES OF MANUSCRIPT AND GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPH OF SPEAKER TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AUBURN, ALABAMA, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CONTEST. (Must be in Auburn by May 5th.)
6. AWARDS FOR 1st PLACE will be made by State Association.

7. Winner will compete in semi-finals.

STATE FINAL SPEAKING CONTEST

1. The State Final Contest will be held during State FFA Convention. All speakers shall use the P.A. system.
2. The first place winner will not be eligible to compete in the State contest again.
3. The winner will compete in the Tri-State contest.

State Awards

1st place – $100.00 and Chapter room award
2nd place – $70.00 gold wrist watch and Chapter room award
3rd place – $45.00 gold wrist watch and Chapter room award
4th place – $35.00 gold wrist watch and Chapter room award

National Awards

First ................................................... $250.00
Second ................................................. 225.00
Third ................................................... 200.00
Fourth ............................................... 175.00
Fifth .................................................... 150.00

PICTURED at left is Paul Holley, local FFA Advisor. Five Points and John Hayes, who was both State and Tri-State winner in the Public Speaking contest.

QUARTET CONTEST

1. Purpose – To encourage wholesome recreation; improve singing ability of FFA members; create more interest in chapter, county and state meetings; aid in radio broadcasts, other special programs; and stimulate more interest in group singing and activities.
2. Eligibility – Open to all FFA Chapters in good standing. Members of the quartet must be active members of local chapter. Winner of 1st place in each contest is eligible to compete in next contest, from chapter to State finals.
3. Songs – Each quartet will select own number. All quartettes will use the P.A. system.
4. Accompaniment – Quartet may sing with or without accompaniment.
5. Judging – Official judging sheets to be used as a guide in judging all contests. Each quartet will be judged on two songs in each contest.
6. Dates – Exactly the same as the FFA Public Speaking.

State Final Contest –

1st – $35.00 gold wrist watch for each member and Chapter room award
2nd – $50.00 and Chapter room award
3rd – $40.00 and Chapter room award
4th – $30.00 and Chapter room award


Here is the State champion FFA Quartet from the Oakman chapter. They also won second in the Tri-State elimination. From left to right is Harold Lloyd Swindle, Casley Swindle, Jr., Conrad Swindle, and Jimmy Morris.
STRING BAND CONTEST

Purpose
To encourage FFA chapters to develop more string bands.

Plan
1. ALL members of FFA String Band must be active members of the local chapter and in good standing.
2. Each band will play two numbers of their own selections.
3. Instruments that are commonly used with string bands, such as jugs, rub-boards, harps, tubs, etc., may be used if needed.
4. District eliminations will be held prior to State Final Contest. THE TWO TOP WINNERS IN EACH DISTRICT WILL GO TO THE STATE FINALS.
5. The State Final Contest will be held at the State FFA Convention.

Awards
State Final Contest - 1st - $100.00 and Chapter room award
2nd - $75.00 and Chapter room award
3rd - $50.00 and Chapter room award
4th - $30.00 and Chapter room award


PICTURED ABOVE are the State winners in the String Band contest. Standing from left to right are Buford Townley, Richard Pennington, Jimmy Brock, Othell Sullivan, Dale Harbin, W. B. Webster and Jimmy Eads.

RADIO PROGRAM CONTEST

Purpose
To encourage local chapters to develop and present their own radio programs.

Plan
1. Program will be prepared as for a 14 minute broadcast. 5 points will be deducted for each minute over or under 14.
2. Either local talent or transcribed music may be used.
3. Only active FFA members may participate except accompanist may be used for FFA Quartet participation.
4. String band may participate in both Radio and Band contests, however, different selections must be used for each contest.
5. Judges will not view contestants during program.
6. District eliminations will be held prior to State Convention. ONLY THE FIRST PLACE WINNER WILL GO TO THE STATE FINALS.

Awards
State - 1st - $60.00 and Chapter room award
2nd - $50.00 and Chapter room award
3rd - $40.00 and Chapter room award
4th - $30.00 and Chapter room award


FAA QUIZ CONTEST

Purpose
The purpose of this contest is to stimulate FFA members in becoming well informed concerning the Future Farmers of America organization and in using parliamentary Procedure.

General Plan
1. All active FFA members in good standing are eligible to compete in this contest.
2. Each chapter will hold an elimination to determine the chapter winner. (To be held in January.)
3. The first place chapter winners will compete in the county elimination. (To be held in February.)
4. The first place county winner will participate in the district elimination. (To be held in March or April.)
5. The first place winners in each District will compete in the State Finals at Auburn during State Convention.
6. Each contestant will be graded on questions asked him.
7. The narrator will ask the questions and score the answers.
8. A jury of three people will assist the narrator.
9. If the winner of any contest cannot compete in the next contest the second place winner is eligible to compete.
10. Questions used in each contest will be selected from a list furnished all chapters by the State Office.

Source of Questions
1. The latest official FFA manual.
2. State FFA Activity Program.

Awards
State Final - 1st - $45.00 gold wrist watch and Chapter room award;
2nd - $35.00 gold wrist watch and Chapter room award;
3rd - $35.00 gold wrist watch and Chapter room award;
4th - $35.00 gold wrist watch and Chapter room award;
5th - $35.00 gold wrist watch and Chapter room award.

Sponsor: Alabama FFA Association

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1952

THIS IS the State winning FFA Radio Program team for the past year. They are from the Riverton Chapter and their local advisor is J. D. Wigley.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
JUDGING TEAMS

Purpose
To develop interest in and the ability to judge and appreciate quality animals.

Eligibility
Any boy is eligible who is under 21 years of age October 15, 1952 who has had not more than 4 years’ training in any approved course in vocational agriculture of less than college grade, and who is a bona fide FFA member enrolled in an all-day class in vocational agriculture or has had all of the vocational agriculture offered and carrying at least 3 units of regular high school work, with the exception that a boy who has participated previously in any official national judging contest (including national 4-H contests) shall not be eligible for the same kind of contest, namely: Livestock, Meats, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Products, or Poultry Production. (The only official national FFA contests are those held at Waterloo and Kansas City.) If an ineligible boy is entered in any contest the team of which he is a member shall be declared ineligible. (National regulation.)

Plan
1. Judging teams in this contest will be limited to three groups. a. (Beef Cattle); b. (Dairy Cattle); c. (Hogs).
2. Each FFA chapter may have a team in either or all.
3. No member will be allowed to serve on more than one team.
4. Judging teams will consist of three FFA members and one alternate member.
5. Each class to be judged will consist of four animals.
6. District eliminations will be held and the FIRST AND SECOND place winners may compete in finals at State Convention.
7. All State Champion Judging teams will represent Alabama FFA Association in the National FFA Judging Contests. For beef cattle and hogs in Kansas City, Mo., and dairy cattle in Waterloo, Iowa.

Awards

Beef Cattle
1st - $50.00 and Chapter room award
2nd - 40.00 and Chapter room award
3rd - 30.00 and Chapter room award
4th - 25.00 and Chapter room award

Dairy Cattle
1st - $50.00 and Chapter room award
2nd - 40.00 and Chapter room award
3rd - 30.00 and Chapter room award
4th - 25.00 and Chapter room award

Hogs
1st - $50.00 and Chapter room award
2nd - 40.00 and Chapter room award
3rd - 30.00 and Chapter room award
4th - 25.00 and Chapter room award

Sponsor: Future Farmers of America Foundation

PICTURED AT LEFT is State champion FFA Hog Judging team. They are from the Riverston chapter and their local advisor is J. D. Wigley.

PICTURED ABOVE is the State champion Beef Judging team. They are from the Tanner chapter and G. C. Aderhold is their local advisor.

HERE IS the State champion FFA Dairy Judging team and they are from the Dadeville chapter. Their local advisor is W. O. Lance.

STAR FARMER AWARDS

Purpose
To recognize the outstanding Future Farmers in Alabama. It is the naming of the five top State Farmers in 1953.

Eligibility
All FFA members who are applicants for the State Farmer degree are eligible. They will be selected from the current year’s State Farmers.

Basis of Awards
1. Applicant for the State Farmer Degree in 1953. Must be recommended by State FFA Executive Committee to receive this degree.
2. Outstanding Supervised Farming Program.
3. Full ownership of major projects in Supervised Farming Program.
4. Plans to continue and enlarge farming after graduating from high school.
5. Outstanding record of FFA and community leadership.

Sponsor: Future Farmers of America Foundation
1. State Star Farmer $150.00 and Chapter room award
2. District Star Farmer $100.00 and Chapter room award
3. District Star Farmer $100.00 and Chapter room award
4. District Star Farmer $100.00 and Chapter room award
5. District Star Farmer $100.00 and Chapter room award

First place award made by the Future Farmers of America Foundation and Alabama FFA Association. All District awards made by Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc.

PICTURED ABOVE are the Star Farmers for the past year. They are, from left to right: Billy James, District Star Farmer from Leighton; Scott Langley, District Star Farmer from LaFayette; Lavone Smith, State Star Farmer from Arab; Laymon Killough, District Star Farmer from Luverne; and Bobby Boswell, District Star Farmer from Livingston.

STAR DAIRY FARMER AWARDS

Eligibility
All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year are eligible to compete for this award. In order to be eligible for the 1st place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, only insofar as they refer to supervised farming programs. The state winner may compete for the National Star Dairy Farmer award. The state winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates
The records submitted should be the boy's cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local adviser will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the State Executive Secretary's Office. This report must be in Auburn by April 5th.

Basis of State Awards
The awards will be based on achievement with special consideration being given to:
1. Efficiency in production as evidenced by accomplishment in dairy production in proportion to the opportunities and conditions on the home farm.
2. Stage of development of dairy operation on the farm.
3. Evidence of practical operation and use of improved practices.
   a. Provision of improved pasture throughout the longest practical grazing season.
   b. Production of legume hay adequate for hay requirements.
   c. Use of balanced rations based on largest practicable use of home grown grains.
   d. Feed cost per pound of butterfat and per cwt. of milk as measure of efficiency in production.
   e. All cows and heifers to be naturally or artificially bred to purebred bull of proved high production character.
   f. Use of approved sanitation practices with check on cleanliness, bacterial content and flavor of milk and cream.
4. FFA activities.
   a. Evidence of leadership, ability, cooperation, community service, interest, and ability to assume responsibility.

Awards
Star Dairy Farmer $100.00 and plaque for Chapter room
Second place 75.00 and plaque for Chapter room
Third place 50.00 and award for Chapter room
Fourth place 25.00 and award for Chapter room

Sponsor: Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., for first place.
National Dairy Products Corporation in cooperation with Southern Dairies, Inc., and Kraft Foods Company, second, third and fourth place in state awards and plaque for first and second place winners.

National Awards
First place $250.00 and three Regional awards of $200.00 each.

SHOWN AT RIGHT is William Rankin of the Thomaston chapter who was named Star Dairy Farmer for the past year. His local advisor is J. L. Pritchett.

FARM MECHANICS AWARDS

Purpose
It is the purpose of this contest to develop the mechanical ability of each FFA member in the operation, care, maintenance, and construction of farm equipment and buildings.

Eligibility
All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year are eligible for the 1st place award. Applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, only insofar as they refer to supervised farming programs. The state winner may compete for the national award. The state winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates
The records submitted should be the boy's cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local adviser will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the State Executive Secretary's office. THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 15th.

Basis of Award
Consideration will be given to the student who has achieved the most in making practical and economic use of...
farm mechanics in connection with his supervised farming program on his farm and in the farm home.

Awards

There will be five awards. A State winner will not be eligible to compete in this contest again.

State Awards

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Sponsor: Future Farmers of America Foundation for first place; Alabama Power Company for all other awards.

PICTURED AT LEFT is Knox Whitcher, Farm Mechanics winner for the past year from the Bridgeport chapter. His local advisor is C. C. McDonald.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION AWARDS

Purpose

To encourage FFA members to develop necessary skills and take advantage of the rapidly expanding field of rural electricity.

Eligibility

All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year are eligible for the first place award. In order to be eligible for the first place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, only if they refer to supervised farming program. The state winner may compete for the national award. The state winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates

The records submitted should be the boys cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the State Executive Secretary's office. THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 20th.

Basis of Award

Consideration will be given to the student who has achieved the most in making practical and economic use of electricity in connection with his supervised farming program on his farm and in the farm home. Consideration will also be given to originality in the scientific development of new or improved economic practices in the use of electricity or electrical appliances or equipment on his home farm or in the farm home.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Purpose

To encourage the conservation and proper management of the soil and water since it is so vital to our state and national welfare.

Eligibility

All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year are eligible to compete for this award. In order to be eligible for the 1st place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, only if they refer to supervised farming programs. The state winner may compete for the national award. The state winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates

The records submitted should be the boys cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the State Executive Secretary's office. THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 10th.

THE Soil and Water Management winner for the past year is Robert Balloe of the Arab chapter. Robert is shown holding the pennant with his local advisor O. R. Dennis.
Awards

There will be one State award. A state winner will not be eligible to compete in this contest again.

State Award
1st State Winner $100.00 and Chapter room award
2nd $50.00 and Chapter room award
3rd $25.00 and Chapter room award
4th $25.00 and Chapter room award
Sponsor: Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

National Awards
First place $250.00 and Three Regional awards, $200.00 each.

FARM SAFETY AWARDS
(Chapter Award)

Purpose
Each year thousands of farm people lose their lives in preventable farm accidents, and additional thousands are crippled for life. The cost of farm accidents in a year is estimated at $1,000,000. It is the purpose of this contest to help reduce these accidents in Alabama.

Eligibility
All active FFA chapters in Alabama are eligible to compete. Only those submitting a report will be considered for the award. The records submitted should be for the current school year. An FFA chapter will not be eligible to win 1st place for two successive years. THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MAY 10th.

State Awards
1st State Winner $100.00 and Chapter room award
2nd $50.00 and Chapter room award
3rd $25.00 and Chapter room award
4th $25.00 and Chapter room award
Sponsor: Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

National Award
First place $250.00. Three Regional awards, $200.00 each.

FORESTRY AWARDS

Purpose
The purpose of this contest is to stimulate more interest in the maintenance and development of forestry projects on the home farm of FFA.

Eligibility
All active FFA members are eligible for this contest. Each chapter may submit only one application to the State office. (A first place winner is not eligible to compete in this contest again.)

Opening and Closing Dates
The records submitted should be the boy's cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local adviser will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the State Executive Secretary's Office. THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 25th.

Basis of Awards
1. Each chapter will be entitled to submit records on one FFA member who has done outstanding work in forestry. The report must be approved and signed by the local adviser.
2. These records should be submitted in the form of a typewritten report. It should include a detailed report on all forestry practices performed or established, such as selective cutting, pruning, planting, seeding, fire control, thinning, stand improvement, gum farming, etc. Also indicate in the report the acreage in project, total volume of products harvested, and scope of other work done.

Awards
1st - $100.00 for a trip to the National FFA Convention - also Chapter room award
2nd 20.00 and Chapter room award
3rd 15.00 and Chapter room award
4th 10.00 and Chapter room award
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HOME IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

Purpose
To help Future Farmers see the need for making the home a more attractive place in which to live. To encourage FFA members to do more home improvement by taking part in this contest.

Eligibility
All active FFA members, except previous winners of a trip to the National Convention through this contest, are eligible. Winning FFA members will not be eligible to compete again.

Opening and Closing Dates
The records submitted should be the boy's cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local adviser will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the State Executive Secretary's office. THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MAY 1st.
Basis of Awards
Consideration will be given to the member who has achieved the most in improving his home. Consideration will also be given to the boy who takes advantage of the opportunities he has at home, no matter how small.

Awards
There will be six awards of $75.00 each. These awards will be used to defray expenses of the winners to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

1st State Winner $75.00 3rd Place Winner $75.00
Advisor to 4th Place Winner 75.00
State Winner 75.00 5th Place Winner 75.00
2nd Place Winner 75.00
(Award for Chapter room given in all places)
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STAR FFA REPORTER AWARDS

Purpose
To encourage FFA reporters and chapters to have better public relation programs in order to keep the public informed on their work and accomplishments.

Basis of Awards
1. Number of Monthly FFA News Reports sent in on time.
3. Number of suitable pictures submitted with Monthly Reports.
5. Number of radio programs presented.
6. Total column inches of FFA and Vocational Agriculture news and pictures published in newspapers and magazines since July 1st, 1952.
7. Other Public Relations work done by chapter.

Preparing Final Report
1. The records submitted will cover the period from July 1st, 1952 to May 15th, 1953.
2. An accurate record of the above information should be included in the final report.
3. The local Reporter must also keep a scrapbook of news clippings, pictures, programs, etc., and submit with his final report.
4. The report properly filled out and signed by the reporter, president, and local adviser is due in Auburn by MAY 15th.

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR

Purpose
To recognize an outstanding FFA member for his work and accomplishments in FFA, vocational agriculture and also in his school and community.

Eligibility
All active FFA members are eligible whether they are in school or out of school.

Chapter Nomination
Each local chapter may nominate one outstanding member. Each local adviser has been given one official nomination form to be used for this purpose. All nominations must be in Auburn by December 1st.

Awards
The Turner E. Smith educational award of $300.00 in cash and an engraved trophy to be presented at the State FFA Convention.

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PICTURED ABOVE are the winners in the State Parliamentary Contest for the past year. They are from the Geneva Chapter. Their local adviser is J. L. Parrish.

BUDDY YARBOROUGH of the Pell City chapter was State winner of the FFA Reporter contest for the past year. Shown in the picture is a fellow member displaying the chapter banner.

AWARDS

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NOW IS THE TIME –

1. To plan your local activity program.
2. Appoint a committee to be responsible for each activity.
3. Appoint every member on one or more committees.
4. Start working now on FFA contests and awards program.
5. Order Secretary and Treasurer books.
6. Order FFA manuals for all members.
7. Order needed paraphernalia. (See new FFA Manual.)
9. Have FFA meetings regularly.
10. Place order for FFA jackets, T-shirts, ties, caps, etc.
11. Secure calves for projects and livestock shows.
12. Urge all boys to get gold T-shirts who will have entries, participate or visit livestock shows during the year.
13. Conduct leadership training school for new officers.
14. Collect FFA dues from all eligible boys in school and community.
15. Organize Quartet and String Band.
16. All members start preparing for Speaking Contest.
17. Conduct strong Public Relations Program.
18. See that all FFA Reporters are on the BALL.
19. Every member to be working on several contests and awards programs.
20. Secure sponsor for FFA Calendars.
21. All boys subscribe to the National Future Farmer magazine.

DAIRY SHOWS

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BIRMINGHAM (State) Sept. 29-Oct. 4

Win A Gold Watch!

A $35.00 Bulova wrist watch will be given the FFA member who writes the best answers to the following statement . . .

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1. 
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(see poster mailed all chapters recently on “I Like FFA Because” for type of answers wanted.)

Number your reasons and make them brief. List all you can.

Picture of winner will be used in Alabama Future Farmer or on poster.

NOTICE—All entries must be in State FFA Office, Auburn, by midnight, October 1st.

Five Points Member Wins Tri-States Public Speaking

John Hayes, FFA member from Five Points Chapter in Chambers County, will represent Alabama in the 1952 Regional FFA Public Speaking Contest to be held August 28 at the Canton, Mississippi High School.

John recently won the Tri-State Speaking Contest over Florida and Georgia with his speech, “Farming, Our Future Occupation.” After winning his local FFA chapter speaking contest last January, John was top winner in his county, the State Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, the state winner during the Annual FFA Convention in June, and then was the Tri-State winner.

Having won over Florida and Georgia entitles him to participate in the Regional Contest which represents 12 southern states. Winners in the other Tri-State FFA Public Speaking contests which John will compete against are: Arkansas, Texas, and Virginia.

Paul B. Holley is his local FFA advisor and speaking director at Five Points.
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.

Alabama Gets 13 American Farmers

Thirteen FFA members from Alabama have been recommended to receive the organization’s highest degree, that of American Farmer, at the 1952 National Convention of FFA in Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16.

The Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors of the national FFA organization will recommend to the delegates at the convention that the 13 boys receive the coveted degree. Approval by these boards usually is tantamount to election by the delegates.

The 13 Alabama members named are Jimmy Bagwell, Corner Chapter; Richard Baker, Auburn; Winford Collier, Wetumpka; Charles Gilmer, Sulligent; Earl Gullatte and George Gullatte, Beauregard; Billy Hollman, Ashland; Clyde Helton, Atmore; Patrick Marchand, Grand Bay; Owen Ray, Hackettburg; Charles Salmon, Auburn; Joseph Scott, Wetumpka, and Lawrence Williamson, Jr., Grove Hill.

Nationally, the FFA Board of Trustees voted to recommend that 316 farm boys receive the American Farmer Degree, the largest number that has been recommended in the 24-year history of the organization. Presentation of the degrees will take place in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City during the convention session on the afternoon of October 14. Each degree winner will receive a certificate and gold key from the FFA organization, and a $50 check from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Attainment of the American Farmer Degree is based on the Future Farmer’s record in farming, leadership and scholarship. The degree is limited to FFA members who have been out of high school at least one year and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in farming.

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