FFA Convention Set For June 4-5-6

Winfield Member Cops
Birmingham Show

1230 Pound Hereford Wins

A super-heavyweight Hereford that lived up to his name walked away with the pot of gold at the end of Alabama's livestock rainbow.

Exhibiting the Grand Champion at the Birmingham District Stock Show was Dennis Ray Burleson, member of the Winfield FFA chapter.

The brawny beerrer tipped the scales at an appetizing 1230 pounds and sold for $1.50 per pound.

W. D. Hunt, his local FFA Adviser, said Dennis Ray has shown the county champion four different years.

250 To Be Awarded State Farmer Degree

Alabama FFA members are looking forward to their twenty-third State Convention to be held in Auburn June 4, 5, and 6th. Over 1,000 members and advisers will attend the convention. These boys will be representing 252 active chapters in the state with a total membership of 12,519.

Billy Howard, National FFA Vice-President, of Plains, Georgia will speak at the Convention program Thursday morning.

Some of the highlights of the convention will be Livestock Judging, making the Star State Farmer awards and the State Farmer Degrees, String Band, Parliamentary Procedure, Radio Pro-

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National FFA Magazine Editor Selected

Lano Barron, former State FFA Adviser in Texas and more recently a member of the Agricultural Education Department at Texas A. & M. College, has been employed by the Future Farmers of America to edit and manage the organization's new national magazine.

Barron, who began his new job April 17, has established offices for the magazine at the national FFA camp near Alexandria, Va.

Publication of the magazine, to be called The National Future Farmer, was authorized by FFA's Board of Directors last January, and the first issue is scheduled for publication next October. It will be published on a quarterly basis.

Barron is a native of Arkansas, attended school at Oklahoma A. & M. where he received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Agricultural Education. He taught vocational agriculture in Texas ten years until he joined that state's vocational agriculture supervisory staff.

Here is the 1230 pound grand champion of the Birmingham District Fat Stock Show. Dennis Ray Burleson, Winfield FFA member, at right, was the proud owner of the "Champ." His local adviser, W. D. Hunt, at left holding the ribbons, is all smiles, too.

Above is Billy Howard, National FFA vice-president, of Plains, Georgia. Billy will address the state convention June 5th.
HERE IS THE grand champion and also the reserve champion of the Huntsville Fat Stock Show. Both exhibitors were members of the Riverton FFA chapter. At extreme right is Billy Johnson with his shorthorn which won for him the grand championship of the show. At center is Walter Steakley with “Baca Duke” his 1130 pound Hereford which was named reserve champion at the show. At left is J. D. Wigley, their local FFA adviser, who seems to approve of the boys' taking the Huntsville show.

**Riverton Takes Honors At Huntsville Show**

The colors of the Riverton FFA chapter were flying high recently after two of its members had taken top honors in two big livestock shows.

Billy Johnson showed the grand champion of the Madison County Fat Calf Show and then went on to show the grand champion of the Huntsville district stock show.

Right behind him was Walter Steakley, another FFA member, who showed the reserve champion in the county show and went on to repeat his performance in the bigger district show, said J. D. Wigley, his local FFA Adviser.

Billy’s grand champion weighed 950 pounds. It was a roan-colored shorthorn and extremely square built. The steer was 18 months old and was bred and raised on Billy’s farm. Billy received the R. J. Lowe Memorial trophy, two calves, prize money and blue ribbons.

**FFA CONVENTION Continued**

program Demonstration, Quartets and Public Speaking Contests.

Attendance at the convention will be limited to the following: Advisers, one delegate from each chapter, State Farmer applicants, semi-final speaking and quartet winners, state officer applicants, winners in district contest eliminations and State winners of all other FFA contests and awards.

Indications are that this will be the best convention in the history of the Alabama Association.

**PROGRAM Wednesday, June 4**

| a.m. | 8:00 Registration – Langdon Hall |
| 9:00 Interview State Officer Candidates by Districts (224 Thach Hall) |
| 11:30-1:00 Lunch – Magnolia Hall |
| 1:00 Livestock Judging |
| 2:00 Final Interview of Officer Candidates by Executive Committee (224 Thach Hall) |
| 2:30 String Band Finals |
| 4:00 Roll Call of Chapters and Seating of Delegates |
| 5:00 Meeting of All Local Advisers (Langdon Hall) |
| 5:15-6:45 Dinner – Magnolia Hall |

**Wednesday Evening**

| p.m. | First General Session |
| Music (2nd place band) |
| Opening Ceremony |
| Invocation |
| Address of Welcome, Dr. Ralph B. Draugon, President, A.P.I. |
| Star Farmer Ceremony |
| Address, Philip G. Rozelle, Regional Manager, Department of Public Relations, General Motors Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia |
| Introduction of FFA Foundation Donors and Other Guests |
| Awards – Chapter Contest, Beef Cattle Judging, Dairy Cattle Judging, Hog Judging, Farm Mechanics, Electrification, Soil and Water Management, Star FFA Reporter, Farm Safety, Forestry, Home Improvement, Star Dairy Farmer |
| Appointment of Committees |
| Closing Ceremony |

**Thursday, June 5**

| a.m. | 6:30 Breakfast – Magnolia Hall |
| 8:00 Second General Session |
| Opening Ceremony |
| Conferring of State Farmer Degrees |
| Address, Billy Howard, National FFA Vice-President, Plains, Ga. |
| Introduction of Guests |
| Election of Officers |
| Business |
| Closing Ceremony |
| 10:30 Parliamentary Procedure Finals |
| 11:30-1:00 Lunch – Magnolia Hall |

| p.m. | 1:00 Officer Training Program |
| 2:30 Radio Program Finals |
| 4:00 Tour of Campus and Experiment Stations (Local Advisers in charge) |
| 5:15-6:45 Dinner – Magnolia Hall |

**PROGRAM Thursday Evening**

| p.m. | Third General Session |
| Music (1st Place Band) |
| Opening Ceremony |
| Conferring of Honorary State Farmer Degrees |
| Public Speaking and Quartet Finals |
| Presentation of “The Future Farmer of the Year” |
| Introduction of Guests |
| Announcements |
| Closing Ceremony |

**Friday, June 6**

| a.m. | 6:30 Breakfast – Magnolia Hall |
| 8:00 Leadership Training Program by Districts |
| 9:00 Last General Session |
| Opening Ceremony |
| Activity Program |
| State Officer Reports |
| Installation of New Officers |
| Presentation of Fast Officer Pins |
| Committee Reports |
| Remarks: J. C. Cannon, State Adviser |
| Announcements |
| Closing Ceremony |
| New Officers and their Local Advisers Meet (224 Thach Hall) |
Want to be a good public speaker? Then follow the suggestions outlined here. They'll prove helpful to you.

"Fellow classmates and friends, I wish this building would catch on fire so I wouldn't have to speak." Have you ever gotten up before a group and secretly wished something like that? We have, and plenty of times, too!

It takes a mighty lot of will power and practice to overcome stage fright. We've learned a few tricks in the game of speech that might help you. Be a good sport and give them a trial next time you have to give a report in civics. When your name is called, jump up from your seat, smiling and full of enthusiasm. Your classmates will automatically fall in line and will actually be anxious to learn why you appear so enthusiastic.

Hold your shoulders up, face the group, smile if it kills you, and, for goodness' sake, look your group in the eye! The old saying — "Stand up, Speak up, Shut up," can be applied to whatever you might say, but be sure you've got something to say. In case you didn't know it, it takes more time to prepare a short speech than a long one.

Scared? That's natural. In fact, if you weren't scared your speech would be no good. When we visited Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt during our Favorite American Contest, she said, "I always utter a silent prayer that I won't be as bad as I was the last time."

Many people have the idea that a speech must start with a joke, and they proceed with a long, drawn-out corny one that means absolutely nothing. If you can tell jokes and have a good, appropriate one that ties in with your speech, then tell it. Otherwise, spare your audience.

What about using notes or reading a speech? Make some notes and refer to them as inconspicuously as possible. There is nothing wrong with that, but there's plenty wrong if you bury your face in a paper and read your speech almost word for word.

While speaking, you'll be wise to mention some of the names of your listeners, if possible. It's only natural for people to like to hear their names, so mentioning them will help you to become the favored speaker. By all means, talk to and not down to your audience. You'll hold its attention a lot longer.

Enjoy yourself when you talk, but don't get too enthusiastic and forget to stop.

Now if you make an "A" on your next class talk, don't be a bit surprised. We won't, because we knew you could do it!

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STANDING at left is Gordon Pruett, FFA adviser of the LaFayette chapter. Mr. Pruett said, "The adviser there before him apparently worked too hard."
BLUE SPRINGS—chapter quartet will represent Blue Springs at Laverne; students studying beef, dairy and hog judging.

BOAZ—held annual FHA and FFA banquet; chapter has completed 6 forestry signs that will be placed on routes leading to high school.

BRANTLEY—held FFA and FHA annual barbecue; welcome address by Darrel Murphy, secretary of FFA.

BROOKWOOD—semi-final speaking contest winner from FHA. FHA-FFA team placed first in state FFA-FHA geography test; FFA boys and adviser erected mailbox stand.

BRILLIANT—sold 4 gifts to boys in club; 7 boys attended state FFA-FHA meeting.

CAMDEN—held two regular and one called meeting; won third place in the hog judging contest in the district.

CARLOWVILLE—purchased power lawn mower; awarded $15 worth of shrubbery on campus.

CEDAR BLUFF—placed third in radio program contest; participated in beef judging contest.

CHEROKEE—planned to set out bi-colored lespedezas in fall and 10,000 pine seedlings; plan to attend state convention.

CITRONELLA—chapter won first place in the pig judging contest.

CLEVELAND—raised 17 members to chapter farmers; elected new officers for the coming year and entered county hog show.

COTTONWOOD—purchased 40 gallons of Dixie 18 seed corn; FFA project; built 5 hog feeders.

CROSSVILLE—Wayne Carr, chapter vice president, won first place in the showmanship contest at county and district fair; show; made 4 welcome signs.

DADEVILLE—one member in the chapter; chapter officers; elected FFA officers for next year; announced another pig to pig show; dairy cattle judging team won first place in district fair.

DANVILLE—20 members attended county FFA meeting held in Catoosa; elected chapter officers.

DOUGLAS—raised 17 members to chapter; raised hops in Sand Mountain hog show; won three prizes; awarded member farm safety and public speaking medal.

DOXIER—each FFA boy caring corn project to plant hybrid corn; plan to send 2 delegates to state FFA convention.

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Auburn; one boy to apply for State Farmer Degree.

HARTFORD—painting high school building; entering hog judging and parliamentary procedure team in district contest.

HATTON—several members entered 100 bushel corn club; 3 FFA members won State Farmer award.

HEADLAND—entered the District Parliamentary Procedure contest; beef, hog and dairy cattle contest; held annual meeting of officers to elect officers for coming year.

HEFLIN—bought new band saw for vocational shop.

HIGHLAND HOME—have planted 50,000 bicolor seedlings; purchased one bred registered Berkshire gilt and one four-month-old male pig to start another pig chain.

HOLLY POND—ordered 15,000 bicolor plants; party for FFA and FHA; sponsoring raffle for community.

HOUSTON—had party for FFA and FHA; sponsoring raffle for community.

HUBBARD—sent in 15 applications for State Farmer Degree; selected dairy and beef judging teams; entered dairy cattle and hog judging contest.

HUNTSVILLE—sent in 15 applications for State Farmer Degree; planned magazine selling campaign for prizes; initiated 6 new members during National FFA Week.

IANCE—sent in 12 applications for State Farmer Degree; members buying seed and fertilizer cooperatively and putting out bicolor seedlings.

JACKSON—added more mailbox posts; held annual meeting of officers to start another pig chain.

KINSTON—seven boys entered district fat stock show at Dothan; won first place in radio program demonstration at the district finals in Auburn.

LINDEN—held two FFA meetings; had a beef cattle show; bought FFA ties and signs.

LIVINGSTON—held two regular meetings; sent in 100 bushel corn contest.

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LIVERPOOL—ordered 27 "T" shirts; sold $32 worth of Progressive Farmer subscriptions; set out shade trees on campus.

LITTLE CHUTE—sent in 13 applications for State Farmer Degree; members buying seed and fertilizer cooperatively and putting out bicolor seedlings.

LOIS—sent in 15 applications for State Farmer Degree; collected scrap metal; sold subscriptions to Progressive Farmer; initiated 10 into the degree of Chapter Farmer.

LIVINGSTON—ordered 15,000 bicolor plants; party for FFA and FHA; sponsoring raffle for community.

MADISON—bought FFA library; ordered needed FFA paraphernalia; initiated 10 into the degree of Chapter Farmer; gave a report on the county organization.

MAPLESVILLE—bought 50 chicks to raise in shop for Father-Son-Mother banquet; plan to enter beef, dairy, hog judging and parliamentary procedure contests.

MEADOR—quarter competed in semi-finals at Fayette; Donald Garrett won reserve grand champion in county.

McKENZIE—quarter-final public speaking and quartet contest held here; bought corn cutter for canning plant.

MILLY—planted bicolor seedlings; added new band saw to shop.

MONTEVALLO—first place in county quarterly contest; speaker won first in semi-final contest; first place in District radio program contest.

NEW BOSTON—held annual Father-Son-Mother-Daughter barbecue.

NEW MARKET—held FFA meeting; sponsored donkey ball game.

NEWVILLE—won first in parliamentary procedure contest at Headland; held joint FFA-FHA banquet for parents; 6 members attended District elimination contest at Auburn.

OAKMAN—won quarter-finals in quartet contest; selected dairy and beef judging teams; selling subscriptions to Progressive Farmer.

ONATE—ordered 25 "T" shirts; sold $12 worth of Progressive Farmer subscriptions; set out 24,000 bicolor seedlings.

OZARK—ordered tomato plants and bicolor seedlings; made plans to enter Sears building in State Fair next fall.

PELL CITY—sent in 12,000 bicolor lopesada seedlings; 3 members to enter the 100-bushel corn contest.

PHIL CAMPBELL—entered beef judging, hog judging, dairy judging and string band contest; initiated 6 new members during National FFA Week.

PINE APPEL—held Parent-Son barbecue; sponsored FFA welding contest; initiated 10 into the degree of Chapter Farmer.

PIKE MILL—added books to agriculture library; entering teams in beef cattle and hog judging in district eliminations.

REED—sent in 15 applications for State Farmer Degree; collected scrap metal; sold subscriptions to Progressive Farmer; initiated 10 into the degree of Chapter Farmer.

RETTLOW—held 2 meetings; held open house for parents of young students to visit the new vocational buildings; made plans to enter judging contest eliminations.

RIVER—had party with FHA; held 4 meetings; set out shade trees on campus.

ROAOKE—selected dairy, beef and hog judging teams; initiated chapter farmers.

ROCKFORD—planted 15,000 bicolor plants; Rockford and Weeping Cherry chapter held county elimination.

ROGERSVILLE—sent in 12 applications for State Farmer Degree; members buying seed and fertilizer cooperatively and putting out bicolor seedlings.

SADDELS—sent in 13 applications for State Farmer Degree; members buying seed and fertilizer cooperatively and putting out bicolor seedlings.

SAYRE—sent in 15 applications for State Farmer Degree; collected scrap metal; sold subscriptions to Progressive Farmer; initiated 10 into the degree of Chapter Farmer.

SEMMES—held annual Mother-Daughter-Father-Son banquet; beef judging team also won 1 place in the district show; set out 40,000 Moorish seedlings.

SIDNEY LANIER—James Searcy won first place county and quarterly finals; 3 members sent in applications for State Farmer Degree; sold "T" shirts to raise money for chapter.

SILuria—entered teams in beef and dairy cattle and hog judging and parliamentary procedure in district contest at Auburn.

SILVER—sent in 15 applications for State Farmer Degree; collected scrap metal; sold subscriptions to Progressive Farmer; initiated 10 into the degree of Chapter Farmer.

SUSAN MOORE—plan for Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet; selected dairy, beef and hog judging teams; initiated 10 into the degree of Chapter Farmer.

Tanner—FFA quartet won county contest; beef judging team won first place in district meeting; plan Mother-Daughter-Father-Son chicken stew.

THOMASTON—elected new officers; 2 members will receive State Farmer Degree in Auburn in June; elected delegate to state convention.

THOMASVILLE—attended FFA district contest in Monroeville; planted 5,000 bicolor plants; planned for state social.

TROY—held Mother-Father night; reworked and approved changes in local constitution; ordered official chapter banner.

URIAH—members planted 42,000 bicolor seedlings; building fire prevention sign; approved changes in local constitution.

VERBERA—members planted 42,000 bicolor seedlings; building fire prevention sign; approved changes in local constitution.

VINCENT—put out 38,000 bicolor seedlings; initiated 10 into the degree of Chapter Farmer.

WADSWORTH—sent in 15 applications for State Farmer Degree; plan to enter beef cattle and hog judging contest.

WETUMPKA—held annual Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet; elected 2 honorary members; raised eligible Green Hands to Chapter Farmer.

WEDOWEE—3 boys, approved for State Farmer Degree; collected scrap metal; sold subscriptions to Progressive Farmer; initiated 10 into the degree of Chapter Farmer.

WELLS—sent in 15 applications for State Farmer Degree; collected scrap metal; sold subscriptions to Progressive Farmer; initiated 10 into the degree of Chapter Farmer.

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WOODLAND—sold hogs to add to FFA treasury; held chicken barbecue.

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