Arab Member Honored

Truck Presented Montevallo FFA Chapter

Helping to promote a greater agriculture in the Montevallo community, the automobile dealers of Montevallo and Floyd Hawkins have made a Ford truck available for use in the FFA activity program. Items included in the FFA program have been difficult because of the lack of transportation. With a truck available, more boys can be encouraged to produce, show, and market swine, poultry, beef, and other farm produce.

The truck was first used to take contestants to Prattville to participate in the Tractor Derby and REA show. Lewis Wooley and Houston Ingram represented the Montevallo Chapter in the contests.

The 70 FFA members and all honorary members are certainly thankful to W. E. Lovelady, Victor Scott, Cooper Shaw, and Floyd Hawkins for the truck.

$200.00 Award Received At State Convention

Lavone Smith of the Arab chapter was selected by the State FFA Executive Committee as the State Star Farmer of Alabama for 1952. He is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith of Arab, Alabama.

During his first year of vocational agriculture, Lavone had in operation six productive projects, three improvement projects, and five supplementary practices. These projects included: one brood sow, one bull, two cows, two heifers, ten fat hogs, and three acres of corn. His improvement projects were: orchard improvement, pasture improvement, and dairy herd improvement. Lavone earned $797.88 as a result of his first year of vocational agriculture.

Beginning his second year of supervised farm projects, Lavone had 35 acres

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Dear Alabama FFA Members:

It would not be possible for me to express to you and your advisers my deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness in having a special picture made for me from the painting selected to represent the Future Farmers of America in 1952, symbolizing the return home of the winner of your coveted national key. This lovely picture will hang over my desk and, along with the personally engraved gold FFA emblem with its inspiring symbols, will serve as a constant reminder of Alabama’s fine young men preparing themselves for the better life and contributing a greater part to the building of an ever finer state.

You are to be congratulated on your magnificent accomplishments, and we all predict for you even greater achievements in the future. May I assure you that it is a joy to work with you and your advisers and that it is my sincere wish to be of service to you.

Cordially yours,
Mrs. Turner E. Smith

In memory of her late husband, Turner E. Smith, a native of Madison County, Alabama, Mrs. Smith has established an educational trust fund, the proceeds from which are to be awarded annually to Alabama’s outstanding FFA member. This trust fund is managed by a self-perpetuating advisory board, insuring its permanency through the years.

Since Mr. Smith pioneered in the publishing of high school books on vocational agriculture written especially for the South, Mrs. Smith chose the Alabama FFA to receive this award.

Joe Broadwater, of Limestone County, received the 1952 Turner E. Smith Educational Award and will attend Auburn this year.

ARAB MEMBER (Continued)

of corn, 5 brood sows, 7 dairy cows, 9 fat hogs, and 2 bulls. His improvement projects and supplementary practices included: home improvement, pasture improvement, forestry, improving a field with legumes, and building a new barn. Others were: pruning an orchard, culling hens, top dressing pastures, and fertilizing pastures. Lavone’s total income from his projects was $1,980.99 during his second year.

Lavone’s supervised farming program this year included: 10 brood sows, 7 dairy cows, 4 dairy heifers, 75 fat hogs, 1 boar, 2 bulls, 7 acres of hay, and 35 acres of corn. He has been improving his dairy herd from time to time by culling out his poorest cows and replacing them with purebred stock. He has had several animals to take blue ribbons in livestock shows.

At the present time, Lavone’s dairy animals and hogs are valued at $5,000. His tractor and equipment are worth $1,200 and his corn is valued at $1,800. His total worth is about $8,000.

To be eligible for the FFA Star Future Farmer Award, a member must be active in his school and community as well as a good farmer. Lavone has entered public speaking contests, dairy judging team contests, radio program contests, forestry contest, and parliamentary procedure contests. He has also participated in various school activities other than FFA.

District Star Farmers were as follows: Billy James, Leighton; Scott Langley, Lafayette; Lammon Killough, Luverne; and Bobby Boswell, Livingston.
Leadership Activities Important
By Winfred Davis, President
Alabama FFA Association

It is important that we give special attention to the leadership activities on our activity program for the coming year. For as you know, it is a primary aim in FFA to develop rural leadership.

Leadership is a building block of organization, along with citizenship, character, thrift, etc. All these are important but I think leadership is especially so, because to be a good leader you have to gain the respect of the people with whom you associate, and if you gain their respect you will have to possess many other good qualities which tend to make a good FFA member.

The chapter officers should see that a good leadership training program is carried out. It benefits the members and also the community in which they live. Active leaders are an asset to any community.

Members should be encouraged to enter state-sponsored contests such as public speaking, radio program, quiz and others. These contests are beneficial even if you are not a winner every time. They are valuable in helping to develop leadership. For it is the training that the Future Farmers receive today that will determine the destiny of our community, state, and nation in the years to come.

It should be the aim of every FFA Chapter to develop a good public relations program. A member should never miss an opportunity of doing a kindness, speaking a true word, or making a friend.

The reporter is important in carrying out a good public relations program. He can write news articles about activities of the chapter and send them to the local paper and to the Alabama Future Farmer for publishing.

Let us keep in mind the importance of leadership training on our activity program and use every opportunity to our advantage. Remember, the boy of the hour is the boy who makes every minute count.

Supervised Farming Programs
By Millard Latham, Vice President
Alabama FFA Association

The supervised farming has long been considered the backbone of Vocational Agriculture. It is an essential foundation stone in the development of outstanding FFA chapters as well as outstanding individual members. Its members learn how to plan, select, feed and care for livestock, as well as carry out and elevate their farming program.

Every future farmer should have definite plans toward his goals and purposes. He should hitch his wagon to a star and strive in every possible way to attain it. This may be done by studying his problems and the circumstances which may confront him.

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The future farmer should keep accurate records of his projects. This will enable him to keep up with his profits and losses. He will know which project is the most profitable and which one he may expand to increase his income. To me this is one of the key phases in a good supervised program.

Another way in which to stimulate our
Alabama FFA Members Aid Quail Program
By Robert Waters
Game Biologist

Alabama's FFA boys planted approximately 2,250,000 bicolor seedlings during the winter and early spring of 1952. These seedlings, if planted in one continuous fifteen-foot strip would be 170 miles in length.

The seedlings were planted in 2,250 strips of one-eighth acre in size. A one-eighth strip planted to bicolor will produce enough seed to feed one covey of quail. There will be about 2,250 well-fed coves of quail in Alabama as a result of bicolor feed strips planted in 1952 by FFA boys.

The planting of bicolor is not entirely new to some of Alabama's FFA boys. As early as 1949, the FFA chapter at Gorgas High School in Tuscaloosa County had established bicolor feed strips on the school's property; and the FFA chapter at Beauregard High School in Lee County planted several feed strips in 1951; but the majority of bicolor feed strips established by FFA boys was planted in 1952 by FFA chapters participating in the Department of Conservation's Quail Habitat Restoration Contest.

The Department of Conservation, in an effort to get more bicolor feed strips established on Alabama farms, began sponsoring in December of 1951 an annual Quail Habitat Restoration Contest among the FFA chapters. Bicolor seedlings are furnished free of charge by the Department of Conservation to chapters desiring to participate in the contest. The chapter that establishes the largest number of bicolor feed strips per member will be awarded a plaque at the annual State convention of the FFA. The plaque will be rotated among winning chapters until one chapter wins it three times, at which time it will become a permanent possession of the three-time winner.

Eighty-six FFA chapters participated in the contest in 1952. It is believed that more chapters will enter the contest each year. The Department of Conservation bicolor nurseries have been enlarged to accommodate an anticipated demand for over three million bicolor seedlings by FFA chapters in 1953.

Bicolor is a perennial leguminous shrub of Asiatic origin that attains a height of five to twelve feet. It was recognized by the Soil Conservation Service as a producer of quail feed in the mid-1930's. The hard-coated bicolor seed mature in the fall and are available to quail during the winter, when other feeds are very scarce if not unavailable.

Bicolor is a relatively new crop, and in many instances people who desire to improve the habitat of quail do not fully understand when, where, and how to plant bicolor seedlings to receive the maximum benefit from them. The following instructions for planting bicolor seedlings have been found by Department of Conservation personnel to give very satisfactory results.

1. Plant seedlings during the dormant season (November 15-March 15).
2. Plant in well-prepared and well-drained strips that are at least one-eighth of an acre in size and adjacent to woods or other permanent natural cover. Five 400 foot rows, three feet apart occupy approximately one-eighth of an acre. Plant seedlings two feet apart in the rows. Five rows are recommended.
3. Plant seedlings by plowing a furrow, placing the seedlings against the side of the furrow; then, cover them with a second furrow. Cover deep enough for the soil after it settles to be about two inches above the root collar. Leave the stems uncovered.
4. Fertilize before or at the time of planting with 0-12-20 or 0-14-10. A liberal application (400-800 pounds per acre) assures rapid growth and maximum seed production.
5. Cultivate once or twice during the first growing season to destroy competing vegetation.
6. Protect from grazing at all times. Cattle will completely destroy old, established bicolor.

Vocational agriculture students who desire to plant bicolor seedlings during the 1953 planting season should contact their vocational agriculture teacher; others interested in quail habitat restoration should request seedlings from their local Soil Conservation Service representative.

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farming is to sponsor chapter-planned project tours.

We see ways and means as they are put into practical use when we go on field trips. We exchange our thoughts, our ideas, our attempts, and ways in which we may improve our farming conditions, as well as help our neighbors.

Each spring and fall throughout our state we have livestock shows. In the fall we have our dairy shows and in the spring we have fat calf shows. Every future farmer should participate in livestock shows, if it is practical for him to do so.

Let us plan and improve our farm in every possible way. Our home is a very important function in our lives. We may make it more pleasant and happy by home grounds and home improvement projects. Encourage planning with parents (such as drainage and terracing program, location of permanent crops, removing hedge-rows to make fields larger and proper fencing).

PINE HILL members erect FFA road signs.
Provide sufficient food and feed crops for home needs (such as home orchard, garden, truck patches, hay, grazing and grain crops, etc.).

Star Dairy Farmer Named At Convention

At the recent State FFA Convention in Auburn, William Rankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rankin, Sr., Faunsdale, was named Star Dairy Farmer of Alabama for 1951-52. William is a student at Marengo County High School, Thompson, Alabama, with Mr. Leonard Fritchett as vocational agriculture instructor.

William, with his parents and three older married brothers, lives on a 1,250-acre dairy farm, Cedacrest. This farm, on which registered Jersey cattle are bred, is owned in partnership by the Rankins, and William plans to join the partnership when he finishes school.

During 1951-52, William had seven head dairy animals and 18 acres fescue seed for productive projects. In addition to this he assumed the following improvement projects: orchard improvement, home improvement, agriculture, library, pasture improvement, and improvement of fields by use of legumes.

William is a member of the Dairy Herders Improvement Association. For the past three years he has been a very active member and officer in his local FFA chapter. William was a member of the Dairy Cattle judging team that won first place at the Demopolis district show in 1950, and a free trip to the All American Dairy Exposition in Dallas, Texas. The Thomas team placed third in Dallas and William was third high scoring individual. He was also on the Dairy Cattle Judging Team that won first place at Demopolis and Birmingham in 1951 and represented Alabama at the International Dairy Exposition in Indianapolis, Indiana. The team placed in the Blue Ribbon group in Indiana and William was high-scoring individual judging the Jersey breed cattle.

For the past several years William has shown cattle that placed high in the money at district, state and All American shows.
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control program. The boys went on a fishing trip.

The Hayden chapter recently ordered Green Hand, Chapter Farmer and Hon­

The chapter held an officers' training and business meeting to outline duties and business meeting to outline duties and responsibilities of officers for the coming school year. A program of work was discussed and will be presented to the chapter members at the beginning of the school year.

Several members of the chapter have secured beef calves to feed out for the county show next spring. Other members have made plans to get their calves at an early date. Two purebred Hamp­shire gilt s were recently added to the FFA pig chain.

Three members of Leroy chapter entered the tractor derby held at the REA Fair in Jackson. Edward Garris placed third.

The FFA members, along with the Army fire fighters from Fort McClellan, have been fighting wild fires in the fields

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Newville Member Wins Gold Watch

Drayton Robinette of the Newville chapter submitted the winning statements on "I Like the State FFA Contest and Awards Program Because . . ." Listed below are his statements:

I Like the State FFA Contest and Awards Program Because:
by Drayton Robinette
Newville Chapter

1. The Public Speaking Contest enables boys to become interested in farm problems of National importance.
2. The awards in this contest sometimes, if not always, help a boy get started on his own.
3. The Quartet Contest helps develop hidden talent for singing.
4. The Quartet Contest helps people to have better entertainment through good gospel music.
5. There is no other farm organization in the world that sponsors contests like these.
6. If we follow the examples given us in the contests we will save more and have more.
7. The String Band contest helps the chapters of the organization have better socials and programs.
8. These contests help create a lot of fun and enjoyment.
9. The Radio Contest helps chapters to know how to present or broadcast a program.
10. The FFA Contests through quizzes helps members to develop more knowledge about farm conditions.
11. The Judging contests helps members to know the kind of livestock the market prefers.
12. The contests help boys to know what kind of animal to buy for different purposes.
13. The hog judging contest encourages contestants to recognize the better quality of hogs.
14. The Dairy Judging contest helps boys to know the characteristic of dairy animals.
15. The Beef Cattle Judging contest develops knowledge of the kind of calves to buy for starting a beef herd.
16. The awards may help boys to get started in the hog or cattle business.
17. The Star Farmer Contest helps us to know the most successful FFA members in Alabama.
18. The winner will promote more and better farming in Alabama.
19. The Farm Mechanics Contest encourages FFA members to know their machinery and learn how to repair it.
20. These contests will cause more machines to be cared for better.
21. The Farm Electrification awards encourage farm boys to have a helping hand in rural electrification.
22. The Soil and Water Contest and awards develop knowledge of the fundamentals of soil conservation.
23. The information derived from the contests gives the boys knowledge of how to enrich the soil through careful management.
24. The Farm Safety Contest will help us to remove danger hazards and promote safety.
25. The Safety Contest will cause many dollars to be saved and prevent costly farm accidents if the information received is put in action.
26. The Forestry Contest will promote more timber land that is so badly needed.
27. The Home Improvement awards will cause more rural homes to be kept safer and more attractive.
28. The Reporter Contest will help chapters have better reports on their achievements and let the public know what they are doing.
29. This will give our reporters knowledge of writing up news.
30. The Future Farmer of the Year Contest will cause our members to work harder.
31. The awards will help the boys to extend their knowledge of farm life.
32. The Contests offer us places to go.
33. The trips will cause members to make new friends.
34. The new friends will broaden our personality.
35. Our broadened personality will help us understand each other's way of life.
36. By understanding each other better, we will help our land to be a better country.
37. By following the example of the winners, we will have a better country life.
38. These contests will help us to appreciate our way of life better.
39. When we meet people in these contests, we will learn to work with our fellow man more successfully.

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State Forestry Camp Most Outstanding Yet

96 Alabama FFA boys from all over the state have completed a week’s training at the seventh annual FFA Forestry Camp at Camp Grist, near Selma.

The action-packed week was jammed with events ranging from practical forestry instruction, demonstrations, and practices, to a round of tours and athletic events.

The FFA boys were up each morning by 6:15, and by 8:30 they had had a devotional and flag raising along with breakfast. Then instruction periods started with emphasis on forest fire prevention control, tree planting and identification, harvesting, utilizing and marketing forest products, and timber management. A swim preceded lunch with a rest period following lunch.

During the afternoon session, first aid and farm safety were discussed. Various athletic events were also held, and the boys were free for another swim. They had supper at 6:45 p.m. and this was followed by an entertainment hour. Taps was at 10 p.m.

J. M. Stauffer, state forester, said the FFA camp was administered by the Division of Forestry of the Alabama Department of Conservation. It was sponsored by the Southern Pulpwod Conservation Association and its member mills which are as follows: Gulf States Paper Corp., Tuscaloosa; Hollingsworth & Whitney Co., Mobile; Southern Kraft Division of the International Paper Co., Mobile; and Coosa River Newsprint Co., of Coosa Pines.

J. C. Cannon, supervisor of vocational agriculture, said the FFA boys were chosen by the local vo-ag teachers in each county and that only active FFA members attended. Their selection for the camp was based on interest and demonstrated ability in forestry. Most of these boys are carrying on such forest projects as: thinning, planting trees, and selective cutting, and it was their work on the projects and their interest in forestry which won them their places in camp.

Demonstration included fire control and the use of forestry hand tools and equipment.

Tours, headed by Dan C. Royal, included a visit to Miller and Company Hardwood Mill at Selma and to the Valley Creek Lookout Tower near the camp.

Instructors for the various courses taught were as follows: Tree Identification and Planting, Joe G. Burns, Hollingsworth & Whitney Paper Co., Mobile, and Grady G. Cleveland, Division of Forestry, Montgomery; Forest Fire Prevention and Control, L. L. Smith, District Forester, Tuscaloosa, and Knox Davis; First Aid and Farm Safety, A. J. Leak,
Millport Member Wins Tractor Derby

Jimmy Seay won first place in the Tractor Derby contest held recently at Guin, Alabama. He is in the 11th grade and has improved 12 acres of pasture. Jimmy also has one of the chapter's chain gills.

East Brewton Conducts Leadership Training School

The East Brewton chapter of FFA held its annual leadership training school recently. Each year, the newly-elected officers of the chapter receive instruction on leadership at a pre-school meeting. This helps the officers to understand their responsibilities and aids greatly in getting the year off to a good start. This will be the first time since the Neal School burned that the vocational building will be used to its full capacity.

The FFA Colors and Motto

Perhaps no more appropriate colors for a live “up-and-coming” youth organization could have been selected than national blue and corn gold. Rich and cheerful, these colors appear in all equipment and paraphernalia used.

The motto consists of only four lines but these lines are filled with practical philosophy reflecting a spirit and sincerity that shows the true viewpoint of farm youth, the “backbone of a nation.” The Motto is as follows:

LEARNING TO DO
DOING TO LEARN
EARNING TO LIVE
LIVING TO SERVE
THEY'RE HONORARY FFA MEMBERS NOW . . . These outstanding leaders are shown as they receive the Honorary FFA membership Degree at the 23rd Annual Convention of the Alabama Association, Future Farmers of America in Auburn recently. FFA delegates from all over the state witnessed and took part in the ceremony.

These leaders were cited for this honor because of the outstanding service rendered and the many ways they are helping to advance vocational agriculture and FFA in Alabama. Left to right, seated, are: Frank Barbaree, Vo-Ag teacher, Jackson; J. A. White, Vo-Ag teacher, Beauregard; H. N. Lewis, Assistant District Supervisor, Veterans Vocational Agriculture, Opelika; T. M. Green, Assistant District Supervisor, Veterans Vocational Agriculture, Scottsboro; B. L. Martin, Vo-Ag teacher, Ozark; E. C. Nevin, Principal, High School, Kinston; H. H. Martin, Vo-Ag teacher, Southside; J. C. Lowery, Extension Agronomist, A.P.L., Auburn.

Standing (back row), left to right, are: C. T. Bailey, Agricultural Agent, State National Bank, Athens; Jesse Culp, Farm Agent, Radio Station WAVY, Albertville; L. H. Davis, Vo-Ag teacher, Lexington; Boyd Evans, Farm Editor, Radio Station WSN, Birmingham; Hugh Comer, Chairman of the Board, Avondale Mills, Sylacauga; M. B. Penn, Chief Agricultural Engineer, Alabama Power Company, Birmingham; Thomas F. Hill, Staff Writer, Birmingham News, Birmingham; Miles Denham, State Editor, Post-Herald, Birmingham.

FORESTRY CAMP (Continued)

Our Great America ★ by Woody

About five million trees are harvested each year to provide the wood needed to build and maintain America's network of telephone, telegraph, and power lines.

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ROUND-UP (Continued)

and woods at Pell City. The fires have destroyed thousands of acres of woods and fields.

Fay Milam and Fall Funderburg attended the State FFA Forestry Camp sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce.

All crops and livestock in Pell City are suffering from the drought along with the gardens, pastures, and ponds.
Support Your Future Farmer Supply Service

Since the Future Farmers of America was organized in 1928, appropriate items have been purchased as official. Arrangements were made with a large number of companies to manufacture and sell one or more items. It was necessary for chapters to write to many places to obtain the FFA items they desired. After a study of this problem, the delegates to the National FFA Convention in 1947 authorized the organization of the Future Farmers Supply Service. The major purpose of the Supply Service is to make available merchandise of high quality, from one source, at the lowest possible cost. The Future Farmers Supply Service began operation in the spring of 1948. It began with one manager and one secretary. It was successful from the start. It was financed, in the beginning, by a loan of $10,000 from the Future Farmers of America. The loan was repaid after the first year of operation. It has continued to expand in both volume of business and the number of items handled for members of the FFA.

The Future Farmers Supply Service is operated by the Future Farmers of America, and the profits earned are used to promote the best interests of the FFA. During the past three years, a grant has been sent to each State Association based on the amount of purchases by members of the association from the Supply Service.

The headquarters of the Future Farmers Supply Service is located at the National FFA Camp, south of Alexandria, Virginia. The staff has been increased until there are fourteen permanent employees. During the fall months, approximately thirty individuals are employed to provide prompt service.

The inventory of items shipped direct from the Supply Service has been increased in order to provide these items promptly. At the present time, the inventory is worth $60,000. The net worth of the Supply Service has continued to increase, and, at the present time, the total assets of the Supply Service are approximately $80,000.

Most of the business handled during the year by the Supply Service is during the months of September through December. On certain days, as many as seven hundred pieces of mail are received at the Supply Service. Since the demand for items sold by the Supply Service has been so great, it has created a real problem in knowing how much to buy in order to have an adequate inventory. It has also created a problem of knowing how much personnel to employ to process the orders and to make shipment. The most difficult problem faced by the Future Farmers Supply Service has been that of having lettering on jackets and on other items done as promptly as members and chapters desire. Last year, more than 42,000 FFA jackets were delivered to members. It takes approximately thirty minutes to letter a jacket. Since most of the members want their jackets during the fall months, it makes it very difficult to have them lettered fast enough to give delivery in a prompt manner. Items in the stockroom may be shipped at once. The items that require special lettering require a longer period for delivery. This varies during different seasons of the year. During spring and summer, as a general rule, jackets can be delivered in about two to three weeks. During the rush season in October and November, it usually takes from three to four weeks. Last fall the factories ran out of small sizes and could not fill those orders until they had re-manufactured jackets. Some of these problems cannot be predicted in advance.

Members and chapters can help by filling out orders so they can be easily read. They should be typed if possible. Many orders must be returned because the writing is not clear. The orders should also be checked for accuracy. If a refund must be sent to the local chapter, this involves extra work.

Kinston Members Tour

Recently 13 FFA members, 2 honorary members, high school principal and vocational agriculture teacher left Kinston on a 2,500-mile tour of south-western states and parts of Old Mexico. The group left Kinston at six o'clock in the morning and went through the tunnel at Mobile. New Orleans, Fort Pike, Chalmette Monument, Old French Market, St. Louis Cathedral, and the Huey P. Long Bridge were all included in the tour of New Orleans.

The agricultural part of L.S.U. at Baton Rouge proved to be very interesting to the farm group. The Mississippi River was crossed and for many miles sugar cane and rice fields were seen.

At Dayton, Texas, the Vocational Agriculture teacher went with the Alabama group to see one of the best herds of Brahman cattle in Texas. It was pointed out that Brahmas are getting very popular in Texas because they can stand hot weather, flies, and mosquitoes better than other breeds. After a tour of Houston, the Kinston FFA went west and south to Kingville, Texas, where the famous King Ranch was inspected (only in part, since the ranch produces more beef than any other ranch in the world and covers 900,000 acres). A new breed...
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John Hayes Third In Regional Speaking

By Paul Holley, Adviser
Five Points Chapter

The trip to Canton and Jackson, Mississippi was very nice except for the fact that John won third place. John gave an excellent performance and the decision was close but there could be only one first place winner.

R. Bruce Ayers of Stuart, Virginia won first; Jack Earl Harrison of Huntington, Texas, won second; John third and Kermit Womack of Belleville, Arkansas, fourth.

Objectives Of Contest

In case some of you do not fully realize what the FFA speaking contest is and what it can mean to a boy, regardless of his professional ambitions, I would like to explain some of the objectives of this contest. It is the purpose of the FFA to train farm boys to be better citizens and better leaders who can stand before any group and voice their opinions. We need more rural and urban people who can take the lead for the betterment of his community. The FFA speaking contest is designed to give boys the type of training I have just mentioned.

Go with me, if you will, on John’s climb to third place in the Southern Regional contest. John was beaten in the chapter contest for his first two years. In January of 1951, John won the chapter contest, county contest, quarter final contest, and third place in the state contest at Auburn. In January, 1952 John won the same contests except he won first place in the state contest. This was quite a feat for any boy because 10,000 boys started out in the FFA speaking contest in January. John was asked to deliver his speech to the Rotary, Kiwanis, Junior Chamber of Commerce and American Legion civic organization in LaFayette, and to the Kiwanis Clubs in Fairfax and Shawmut. These appearances were training and practice for the tri-state contest which was held in July, in Daytona Beach, Florida. John won first place and the right to represent Alabama, Georgia, and Florida in the southern regional contest. I have already related the outcome of that contest.

Study For Ministry

John has received training that will help him in his future calling. He is preparing to be a Baptist minister. He has enrolled in Howard College as a ministerial student and is pastoring a full time church at Sunset Heights in Lanett to defray part of his college expenses. He also plans to participate in debating while at Howard.

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HERE ARE the winners of the Prattville Tractor Derby. Left to right are Bobby Billingsley, Prattville; G. C. Hays, Billingsley; Robert Wade, Wetumpka. Shown at right is Edwin Riddick of the Standard Oil Company which directs the Tractor Derby.

MEMBERS of the Munford chapter erecting FFA highway signs. Left to right are Troy Owens, J. W. Gallahar, Lewis Kirkpatrick, Jerome Harmon, Howard Turner, Jr., and Curtis Adams.
SHOWN ABOVE is Winford Collier, former State FFA President, participating in one of the FFA Tractor Derbies.

Band at the National Convention; a member attended the forestry camp near Selma.

BROOKWOOD—10 copies of Stewart’s Manual, “Helps in Mastering Parliamentary Procedure” and an Argus C-3 camera have been purchased; ordered 100 cans of rat poison for members to sell and plan to sponsor a neighborhood rat control campaign; beginning officers training program; added 6 books to library.

CAMDEN—one member entered tractor derby in Greenville; meeting room completely repainted; new tables being built by FFA boys for classroom.

CARLOWVILLE—pig chain started with registered Duroc Gilt; keeping vocational grounds mowed; started a small area of Zoysia grass to use as propagating area.

CARROLLTON—initiated 15 Green Hands; member to show chapter bull at State Fair; 9 Berkshire pigs born to chapter pig chain; Miller Latham, State Vice-President, talked to student body in FFA Assembly program.

CENTRAL—appointed committee to decide if we should buy a new welder; held officers’ training meeting; plan to enter Sears-Roebuck bull in North Alabama State Fair.

CENTREVILLE—two members attended the forestry camp at Camp Grist near Selma.

CITRONELLE—one member attended forestry camp; nominating committee for the incoming officers will report at the next meeting.

CLEVELAND—initiated 21 new members; built and erected “Keep Alabama Green” signs; held FFA-FHA social and one regular meeting.

CLIO—held one officers’ meeting; made plans for hog show; set date for Green Hand initiation; placed two purebred duroc pigs.

COFFEE SPRINGS—ordered paraphernalia for FFA; had 6 meetings; plan initiation; feeding out 3 hogs on garbage; officer training school held.

COFFEEVILLE—held one chapter meeting and one officers’ meeting; made trip to Gulf of Mexico.

COTTONWOOD—elected FFA officers; presented medals to contest winners; entered 4 hogs in hog show at Dothan; planned Activity Program.

DADEVILLE—held officers’ training school; feeding out 3 pigs on lunchroom scraps; initiated 22 Green Hands; ordered 1 official FFA jackets; string band played for American Legion and Lions Club.

DOUGLAS—held first chapter meeting; elected new vice-president; organized quartet and public speakers; plan FFA initiation.

DOZIER—operating drink stand for school; held one regular meeting; assisted agricultural teacher with one adult class; put fence around football field.

ENTERPRISE—4 boys participated in tractor derby; held one FFA meeting; making plans to sell peanuts at football games.

FAYETTE—planning trip to State Fair; boys purchasing beef cattle; dues paid for 1952-53; new pins to be ordered.

GAYLESVILLE—held two meetings; plan initiation; bought chapter saw; elected president.

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GLENOCE—plan to enter bull in State Fair; established bank account.
GRAND BAY—elected officers; appointed initia- tion committee; held officer training pro- gram, collected dues.
GRANT—held two meetings and had an of- ficers’ outing; plan for radio programs.
GROVE HILL—one member to attend National Convention to receive American Farmer Degree; placed 5 registered boars and one gilt in pig chain; elected new officers; placed $100 worth of new reference books in ag. library.
GURLEY—initiated Green Hands; one mem- ber entertained for the National Flying Farmers Convention to receive American Farmer Degree; ordered Green Hands, Chapter Farmer and Honor- ary member pins; held two officers training programs; ordered 300 lb. of Warfarin for rat control program.
HEADLAND—held officers training program; made plans to enter hogs in Wiregrass hog show; sent boy to state forestry camp.
HIGHLAND HOME—placed order for 4 ad- ditional Registered Berkshire gilts; held first meeting of the new school year; discussed program of work; appointed committee to work up initiation for new members.
HOLLY POND—showing 5 dairy calves in county show; planning treasury fund by con- cession stand; members plan to show calves in District Show.
INVERNESS—gave report on activities to adult farmer group; sent delegate to State For- estry Camp; added 5 more pigs to pig chain; plan to have better organized and better trained FFA officers.
JASPER—opened and started operating coke concession at school; officers meeting to draw up ballots for new officers election; bought books and magazines for chapter library.
KINSTON—bought electric welder, electric drill press and electric sander for shop.
The county matched an equal amount of FFA money to buy the equipment; plans made for officer training program.
KERO—4 boys feeding out beef calves; have 52 paid members; added new tools to shop; new officers elected; working on Activity Program and entering chapter contest.
LEXINGTON—elected officers for 1952-53; plan to initiate 33 Green Hands.
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MOUNTAIN View—plan for officer training school and chapters.
NEW HOPE—held initiation for 32 new mem- bers; plan to start Dorre Jersey pig chains to add to other pig chains; gave a program on purposes of FFA.
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RAWLS—chapter gilt farrowed 14 pigs and 13 were raised to weaning age; plan to put on sale five weeks; purchased new agricultural notebook; plan to purchase Degree pins.

TUSKEGEE—organized quartet and plan to organize string band; initiated 15 Green Hands; mounted FFA paraphernalia in new vocational agriculture room; organized string band; initiated Green Hands.

WALNUT GROVE—presented chapel program; growing out a litter of pigs for market; purchased 20 new FFA manuals.

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