State Convention Most Successful

Alabama's 24th Annual FFA Convention recently held in Auburn was termed the most successful ever held in the history of the Association. More than 900 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, contests, recreation and business. Many FFA talents were demonstrated by members in a large number of State Final Contests.

National FFA President Jimmy Dillon, of Jones, Louisiana addressed the group and urged all members to take advantage of their opportunities and help realize the goals of FFA.

State Farmer Degrees were awarded to 245 members, five Star Farmers were named, and Honorary State Farmer Degrees went to five local advisers and 13 business and professional men.

Heading the group as President for the coming year is Ralph Barrett, 17-year-old Corner Future Farmer. Other state officers elected were: Cameron Lyle of Eclectic, Vice-President; Bryant Byrd, Beulah, Secretary; Kenneth Copeland, Boaz, Treasurer; Douglas Rigney of Millry, Reporter; J. C. Cannon, Montgomery, Adviser; and T. L. Faulkner, Auburn, Executive Secretary.

Lavone Smith 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 Chapter Contest**

Cold Emblem, Geneva FFA Chapter; Cold Emblem, Riverton FFA Chapter; Silver Emblem, Montevallo Chapter; Silver Emblem, Wetumpka FFA Chapter; Bronze Emblem, Pell City FFA Chapter; Bronze Emblem, Vernon FFA Chapter.

**Public Speaking**

1st, Tom Thomson, Aliceville; 2nd Bruce Wynne, Bridgeport; 3rd, Duane Day, Ashford; 4th, Roy White, Flomaton.

**Quartet Contest**

1st, East Brewton FFA Chapter; 2nd, Tanner FFA Chapter; 3rd, Dadeville FFA Chapter; 4th, Reform FFA Chapter.

**String Band Contest**

1st, Eufaula FFA Chapter; 2nd, Winfield FFA Chapter; 3rd, Flomaton FFA Chapter; 4th, Greensboro FFA Chapter.

**Radio Program**

1st, Greensboro FFA Chapter; 2nd, Flomaton FFA Chapter; 3rd, Winfield FFA Chapter; 4th, Ramer FFA Chapter.

**FFA Quiz**

1st, Ollie Lee, Walnut Grove; 2nd, Henry Smith, Town Creek; 3rd, Thomas Vickers, Baker Hill; 4th, Russell Vaugh, Grove Hill; 5th, Jerry Hall, Greensboro.

**Judging Teams – Beef Cattle**

1st, Marion FFA Chapter; 2nd, Jasper FFA Chapter; 3rd, Holly Pond FFA Chapter; 4th, Milltown FFA Chapter.

**Dairy Cattle**

1st, Ardmore FFA Chapter; 2nd, Fine Apple FFA Chapter; 3rd, Pell City FFA Chapter; 4th, Albertville FFA Chapter.

**Star Farmer Awards**

State Star Farmer, Joe McEachern, Geneva; District Star Farmer, Gregory Basingame, Camp Hill; District Star Farmer, John Patrick, Jr., Citronelle; District Star Farmer, Kenneth Copeland, Boaz; District Star Farmer, James Grooms, Easteaston.

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The cover picture shows the new State FFA Officers for 1953-54. They are from left to right front row: Ralph Barrett, President; Corner Chapter; Cameron Lyle, Vice-President, Eclectic; Bryant Byrd, Secretary, Beulah. Back row: Kenneth Copeland, Treasurer, Boaz; and Douglas Rigney, Millry.
FFA Contests and Awards
1955-56

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.

The Activity program should include the following divisions: Supervised Farming; Co-operative Activities; Community Service; Leadership, Earnings and Savings; Conduct of Meetings; Scholarship and Recreation; List Committees, Goals, and Ways and Means.
4. The three Gold Emblem Chapters may compete in the National Contest.
5. No scrapbooks may be submitted in State contest. The top winners, however, may submit them with National application.
6. SEND IN FINAL REPORT BY MAY 15th.

Awards

State Awards
Gold Emblem – $20.00 and Chapter room award
Gold Emblem – $20.00 and Chapter room award
Gold Emblem – $20.00 and Chapter room award
Silver Emblem – $10.00 and Chapter room award
Silver Emblem – $10.00 and Chapter room award
Silver Emblem – $10.00 and Chapter room award

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Purpose – To develop rural leadership by taking part in public speaking on farm problems.
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, contestants 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
Quarter 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 2d 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 furnished by State FFA office.
4. It is not necessary to report names of chapter winner to State Office.
5. Three copies of the winner’s manuscript to be sent the adviser holding county contest one week in advance of the county elimination. DO NOT SEND TO STATE OFFICE.
6. Medal awarded to 1st place winner. LOCAL CHAP­TERS OR CIVIC CLUBS MAY AWARD ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

COUNTY SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held in January.
2. One adviser in each county will be appointed to contact local advisers in the county to determine date and place, select judges, and make other arrangements for holding contest.
3. Official judging sheets 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 of the winning members. (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.)

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 1953
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 State 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. $20.00 will be furnished for expenses.

State Awards
1st place — $100.00 cash, $50.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
2nd place — $100.00 cash and Chapter room award
3rd place — 75.00 cash and Chapter room award
4th place — 65.00 cash 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 Tom Thomson of the Aliceville Chapter who was first place winner in the State Public Speaking Contest and placed second in the Tri-State. His local adviser is E. R. Gardner.

HERE is the State and Tri-State champion FFA Quartet. They are from the East Brewton Chapter. From left to right are Leo Normand, Alva Norman, Billy Stoner and Bob Rinehart. Their local adviser is K. C. Ezell.

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, accordions, 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 – $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


THE CHAMPION string band shown above is from Eufaula. The local adviser is M. M. Cope.

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. THE FIRST PLACE WINNERS WILL GO TO THE STATE FINALS.

Awards
State – 1st – $40.00 and Chapter room award
2nd – 30.00 and Chapter room award
3rd – 25.00 and Chapter room award
4th – 20.00 and Chapter room award


FFA 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 by January 31st.)
3. The first place chapter winners will compete in the county elimination. (To be held by February 28th.)
4. The first place county winner will participate in the district elimination. (To be held in March or April.)
5. The first and second 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 next place winner is eligible to compete.

Source of Questions
1. The latest official FFA manual.

SHOWN at left are local adviser T. E. DeLoach of Walnut Grove and the FFA Quiz winner Ollie Lee.
Awards

State Final—
1st $50.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
2nd 40.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
3rd 40.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
4th 40.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award

JUDGING TEAMS

Purpose

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

Eligibility

Any boy is eligible who is under 21 years of age October 15, 1953 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 45.00 and Chapter room award
3rd 40.00 and Chapter room award
4th 35.00 and Chapter room award

Dairy Cattle
1st $50.00 and Chapter room award
2nd 45.00 and Chapter room award
3rd 40.00 and Chapter room award
4th 35.00 and Chapter room award

Hogs
1st $50.00 and Chapter room award
2nd 45.00 and Chapter room award
3rd 40.00 and Chapter room award
4th 35.00 and Chapter room award

Sponsor: National FFA Foundation.
STAR FARMER AWARDS

Purpose
To recognize the outstanding Future Farmers in Alabama. It is the naming of the five top State Farmers in 1954.

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 1954. 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.

Awards
1st. State Star Farmer $150.00 and Chapter room award
2nd. District Star Farmer 100.00 and Chapter room award
3rd. District Star Farmer 100.00 and Chapter room award
4th. District Star Farmer 100.00 and Chapter room award
5th. District Star Farmer 100.00 and Chapter room award

Sponsor: National FFA Foundation.

STAR DAIRY FARMER

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: National FFA Foundation 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.

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
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 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 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 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
1st State Winner $100.00 and Chapter room award
2nd 75.00 and Chapter room award
3rd 50.00 and Chapter room award
4th 25.00 and Chapter room award

Sponsor: National FFA Foundation.

National Awards
First place $250.00 and three Regional Awards of $200.00 each.
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 10th.)

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 75.00 and Chapter room award
3rd 50.00 and Chapter room award
4th 25.00 and Chapter room award

Sponsor: National FFA Foundation.

National Awards

First place $250.00 and three Regional awards, $200.00 each.

FORESTRY 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.)

Basis Of Awards

1. Each chapter will be entitled to submit records on one FFA member who has done the most outstanding work in forestry. The report must be approved and signed by the local adviser.
2. No special form is furnished for this report. The outline below should be followed in preparing the report of the chapter winner. Pictures and drawings may be included when desirable.

Project Accomplishments

Number acres gum farmed
Number acres in project
Number acres thinned
Total number seedlings planted
Number acres timber stand improvement
Number miles firebreak constructed
Number acres selectively cut
Number acres hardwood control
Number acres pruned
Number acres control-burned
Other

SHOWN at left are Travis Tidmore, Soil and Water Management winner from Arab and his local adviser, O. R. Dennis.
Products Harvested
- Pulpwood
- Sawlogs
- Number fence posts
- Cords of firewood

Awards
1st – $100.00 cash (Also $75.00 to member and $75.00 to his local adviser for a trip to the National FFA Convention.)
2nd – 50.00 and Chapter room award
3rd – 30.00 and Chapter room award
4th – 20.00 and Chapter room award

THE FIRST PLACE FFA Forestry award went to John William Poe (shown at left) of the Suttle Chapter. Standing with him is his local adviser, E. L. Dyess.

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 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 by taking advantage of all opportunities he has, no matter how small.

NOTE – No special form is furnished for making this report. All improvements made to the home and home grounds should be included in the report.

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
Adviser to St. Winner 75.00 4th place winner 75.00
2nd place winner 75.00 5th place winner 75.00
(Award for Chapter room given in all places.)

Sponsor: American Turpentine Farmers Association, Valdosta, Georgia.

WINNER of the Home Improvement Contest the past year was Mariman Pope of the Ashland Chapter. Also shown is his local adviser, E. G. Whatley.

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, 1953.
7. Other Public Relations work done by chapter.

Preparing Final Report
1. The records submitted will cover the period from July 1, 1953 to May 15th, 1954.
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. (DUE IN AUBURN BY MAY 5th.)

Awards
1st – $50.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
2nd – 40.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
3rd – 40.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
4th – 40.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award


THE STAR FFA REPORTER for the past year is Charles Abston of the Aliceville Chapter. He is shown standing (at left) with his local adviser, E. R. Gardner.
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. (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.

Sponsor: Mrs. Turner E. Smith, of the Turner E. Smith Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

Loving cup: Alabama FFA Association.

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AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1953
On October 13, at Kansas City, Missouri, during the first full day of the Future Farmers of America national convention, the Post Office Department will introduce and begin “First Day Sale” of a special postage stamp commemorating the 25th anniversary of the FFA.

Appropriate steps are being taken for a special program featuring the stamp at the convention, and it is expected that extensive national recognition will come to the FFA through this activity. In keeping with the usual procedures of the Post Office Department in issuing commemorative stamps, they will be offered for sale only in Kansas City on October 13.

However, on the following day, October 14, the FFA stamps will be placed on sale throughout the country at Post Offices where the local Postmaster has requested a supply.

Local FFA chapters can schedule special promotional activities in connection with the commemorative stamp and receive considerable publicity for the organization in local newspapers and radio stations. Advance planning is required if chapters are to receive the maximum benefit from the stamp.

THE FIRST STEP to be assured of a local supply of the stamps is to contact the local Postmaster and request that he order a large enough supply to fill the community needs. This should be done several weeks in advance of October 14.
It Pays to Advertise

A codfish lays a million eggs,
The helpful hen lays one.
But the codfish does not cackle
To inform you what she has done.

And so we scorn the codfish, while
The helpful hen we prize.
Which indicates to thoughtful minds
It pays to advertise.

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Below is a list of advertisers in this issue of the Alabama Future Farmer.

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Remember these friends when making a purchase or recommending to others.

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AMERICAN FARMER

Twelve FFA members from Alabama have been recommended to receive the organization's highest degree, that of American Farmer. These degrees will be conferred at the 25th Anniversary National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., October 12-15.

The 12 members to receive this honor are as follows:

Truman Elton, Corner Chapter.
Robert Ballew, Arab Chapter.
Joseph Boddie, Wetumpka Chapter.
Glynn DeBter, Susan Moore Chapter.
John Fitch, Grand Bay Chapter.
William Nelson, Fayette Chapter.
Darsie Rogers, Notasulga Chapter.
Jerry Sims, Grand Bay Chapter.
Wade Skidmore, Arab Chapter.
Avoid substitutes. Gum Turpentine is the real thing—the original, standard paint thinner preferred by 9 out of 10 painting contractors (men who know paint best). Use Gum Turpentine for every paint job and for cleaning woodwork, furniture, floors, windows, paint brushes, etc. Disinfects. Sold wherever paint is sold and at variety, drug and grocery stores.

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American Turpentine Farmers Association

General Offices — Valdosta, Georgia
Membership in the FFA has reached a new record total of 363,369 during the organization's 25th anniversary year, according to records compiled in the national FFA office at Washington, D. C. The 1953 membership topped 1952 by 10,453, or nearly three per cent.

Thirty-one states increased their FFA membership during the year. The organization is active in all the 48 states, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Texas leads the nation with 36,322 members, followed by North Carolina with 21,914, and Illinois with 17,421. Alabama is in 9th place.

## FFA Membership By States

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**Total** 363,369

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**East Brewton Quartet Wins Tri-State**

The East Brewton FFA Quartet scored another win recently by taking top honors in the Tri-State contest at the Georgia FFA Convention in Covington, Georgia. They were competing against quartets from Georgia and Florida.

Having won the county, quarter-finals, semi-finals, and state contest in Alabama, the foursome went to Georgia primed for a win. Accompanying them on the trip was their FFA Adviser at East Brewton, K. C. Ezell, and the quartet's pretty pianist, Miss Maxine McKissack. Quartet members are Leo Normand, second tenor; Alvin Normand, first tenor; Billy Stoner, baritone; and Bob Rinehart, bass.

Tom Thomson, Aliceville, and Alabama's Public Speaking representative placed second in the Tri-State. He lost first place to the Georgia speaker. Florida's speaker was third.

E. R. Gardner, Adviser of the Aliceville Chapter accompanied Tom to Georgia. Although Tom was not judged the winner, he is commended for the outstanding record he has made.

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