FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS 1954-55
State Convention Most Successful

Alabama's 25th Annual FFA Convention held in Auburn was termed the most successful ever held in the history of the Alabama Association. Around 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, contests, recreation and business. Many FFA talents were demonstrated by members in a large number of State Final Contests.

National FFA Vice-President Charles Ritter, Jr., of Amory, Mississippi 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 eight business and professional men.

Heading the group as President for the coming year is Garland Bond, 16-year-old Greensboro Future Farmer. Other state officers elected were: Roy Boyd, vice-president; Jerdan Bullard, secretary; David Wilson, treasurer; and George Johnson, reporter.

Kenneth Copeland of Arab 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**
- Gold Emblem, Geneva FFA Chapter
- Gold Emblem, Montevallo FFA Chapter
- Gold Emblem, Riverton FFA Chapter
- Silver Emblem, Ramer FFA Chapter
- Silver Emblem, Pell City FFA Chapter
- Silver Emblem, Suttle FFA Chapter

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**QUARTET**
1st, Corner FFA Chapter; 2nd, Arab FFA Chapter; 3rd, East Brewton FFA Chapter; 4th, Red Level FFA Chapter.

**STRING BAND**
1st, Winfield FFA Chapter; 2nd, Auburn FFA Chapter; 3rd, Jacksonville FFA Chapter; 4th, Evergreen FFA Chapter.

**DAIRY CATTLE**
1st, Susan Moore FFA Chapter; 2nd, Rawls FFA Chapter; 3rd, Robertsdale FFA Chapter; 4th, Riverton FFA Chapter.

**JUDGING TEAMS - BEEF CATTLE**
1st, Riverton FFA Chapter; 2nd, Robertsdale FFA Chapter; 3rd, Ramer FFA Chapter; 4th, Rogersville FFA Chapter.

**RADIO PROGRAM**
1st, East Brewton FFA Chapter; 2nd, Straughn FFA Chapter; 3rd, Riverton FFA Chapter; 4th, Auburn FFA Chapter.

**FFA QUIZ**
1st, Roland McCall, Geneva; 2nd, Jimmy Gibson, Laverne; 3rd, Russell Baughn, Grove Hill; 4th, Bill Thweatt, Dadeville.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**
- L. W. White (MW) - Northport
- C. R. Owens (NE) - Falkville
- R. L. Yelling (SW) - Rainsville
- M. R. Browder (SE) - Ramer
- J. R. Lindsey (SW) - Grove Hill

**NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS**
- President
- Vice-President
- National Officer-At-Large

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**
- 50¢ year

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CONTESTS AND AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Purpose
To develop rural leadership by taking part in public speaking on farm problems.

Eligibility
Every active FFA member in Alabama is eligible who is less than 21 years of age and regularly enrolled in high school.

Subject
Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable.

Originality
All manuscripts must be original. However, contestant may secure help of teachers and others in checking.

Judging
Official judging sheets are to be used as a guide in judging all contestants. Advisers and contestants should become familiar with their use. The judges' decision shall be final.

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 Speaking Contest.

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.
Area Contest – To be held in March.
District Contest – To be held in April.
State Final Contest – To be held during State Convention.

Forfeit
If the winner of any contest cannot compete in the next contest, the winner of second 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 CHAPTER 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 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 first place will be made by State Association. COUNTY FFA OR CIVIC CLUBS MAY AWARD ADDITIONAL PRIZES.
8. Winner will compete in quarter finals.

Area 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 District Contest.

District Speaking Contest
1. Will be held in April.
2. Date and place will be arranged by State office.
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 the 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.

FIRST PLACE Public Speaking winner was from the Glencoe chapter. He is Ronnie Erwin. His local adviser, G. W. Ward, is not shown.
7. District 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 and wear official FFA jackets.
2. The State winner will compete in the Tri-State Contest. Normal expenses will be paid by Alabama FFA Association.
3. The first place winner will not be eligible to compete in the State contest again.

State Awards

1st place — $100.00 cash, $60.00 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 — $50.00 cash and Chapter room award.
5th place — $25.00 cash and Chapter room award.

State Awards

1st place — $100.00 cash, $60.00 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 — $50.00 cash and Chapter room award.
5th place — $25.00 cash and Chapter room award.

Sponsor: Cash awards by National FFA Foundation.

Others by Alabama FFA Association.

National Awards

First ________________________________________________________________ __ 250.00
Second __ __________________________________________________________ 225.00
Third ________________________________________________________________ 200.00
Fourth ____ ________________________________________________________ _ 175.00
Fifth ________________________________________________________________ _ 150.00

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 State 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.

Sponsor: National FFA Foundation.
a. Evidence of leadership, ability, cooperation, community service, interest and ability to assume responsibility.

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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.

**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 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 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.

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**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 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 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 20th.)

**Basis Of Awards**
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.

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Sponsor: First place by National FFA Foundation.
All other cash awards sponsored jointly by Alabama Power Company and Alabama REA Cooperatives.

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

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.

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.

Awards

State Final —
1st $60.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
2nd 50.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
3rd 50.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
4th 50.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award


FFA QUIZ winner is from the Geneva Chapter. He is Roland McCall (left), shown with J. L. Parish, Adviser.

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 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.
Outline For Report

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

PRODUCTS HARVESTED
Pulpwood
Sawlogs
Number fence posts
Number poles
Number cross ties
Cords of firewood
Other

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

Sponsor: Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company.

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

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FIRST PLACE Home Improvement winner was from the Opp
Chapter. Charles Spurlin was the winner, shown (left) stand­
ing with M. D. Bond, Adviser.

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

Outline For Report
1. Number of Monthly FFA News Reports sent in on time.
2. Number of new articles written and submitted with
Monthly Report.
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, 1954.

7. Other Public Relations work done by chapter.

Preparing Final Report
1. The records submitted will cover the period from July
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 re­
porter, president, and local adviser. (DUE IN AUBURN BY
MAY 5th.)

Awards
1st — $60.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
2nd — 50.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
3rd — 50.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award
4th — 50.00 wrist watch and Chapter room award


STAR FFA REPORTER the
past year was from Geneva
Chapter. He is Lynn Ouzts. At
right is J. L. Parish, his adviser.
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.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Purpose
To recognize outstanding farming ability and leadership by awarding this highest of all FFA degrees to one Future Farmer in each one thousand.

Eligibility
Any State Farmer who has been out of school one year, but not more than three, has been a Future Farmer three years, has had three years of vocational agriculture or all that is offered in his school, and is a chapter member. He should show through his program he is becoming established in farming.

Plan
Application forms will be mailed in January to all chapters indicating on the FFA Contest Survey that they will have an applicant.

Award
A check from the Future Farmer Foundation for $50, the American Farmer Key and a certificate will be presented by the National FFA organization.

STATE FARMER DEGREE

Purpose
To recognize outstanding farming ability and leadership by awarding this highest State Degree to 2% of the membership in Alabama each year.

Eligibility
(See Official FFA Manual.)

Plan
Application forms will be mailed to all chapters around the first of March. To be eligible they must be filled out and returned to Auburn by April 1st.

Awards
A State Farmer certificate is awarded by the Alabama FFA Association. Each member may order a State Farmer pin if he desires.

SAFE TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST

Purpose
To encourage FFA boys to develop the skills in safe operation and maintenance of tractors and equipment on the farm.

Plan
Any active FFA member is eligible to compete. Each local Chapter will select the Chapter Winner to participate in the County Contest. The local advisers in each county will conduct a contest to select the County Champion. Each County Champion will participate in the District Contest to be held along with other District Eliminations. The two top winners in the District Contest will participate in the State Finals during the State FFA Convention.

Awards
Cash awards and chapter room pennants will be presented to District and State Winners.

CHAMPION CORN GROWING AWARDS

Purpose
To recognize FFA members with outstanding production records and to encourage them to follow improved practices in increasing corn yields.

Eligibility
All active FFA members who have corn as a part of their Supervised Farming Programs.

Plan
All members who have one acre or more of corn in their Supervised Farm Programs will be considered as entering the contest and no official entry form will be submitted other than the preliminary S-1 report.

Contestants will follow Experiment Station recommendations on varieties, fertilization, spacing and other cultural practices.

An accurate and complete project record will be kept to include planting date, fertilization and profit or loss on the project. The present project record may be used.

Yield will be determined by measuring three 100 ft. sections of rows in different areas of the field and applying the formula used for measuring corn yields. Corn should be dry enough to store in the crib when yield is determined.

Chapter Corn Grower will be reported to District Supervisor as soon as corn is harvested and not later than December 1st.

County, District, and State winners will be determined on basis of highest yields reported.

Awards
State Champion $100.00 and Chapter room award
Four District Champions (Each) 50.00 and Chapter room award
County Champion Bronze medal and certificate
Chapter Champion Silver key and certificate

Sponsor: Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau.

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CONTESTS AND AWARDS FOR CHAPTERS

FFA CHAPTER CONTEST

Purpose
To create and increase member interest, stimulate cooperative effort and crystallize chapter programs of work into more worthwhile undertakings.

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 the Executive Secretary along with chapter dues that they are entering the chapter contest.
4. The Activity program should include the eight divisions as listed in the score card below. List Committees, Goals, and Ways and Means.
5. Only 2 reports are necessary.
6. The four Gold Emblem Chapters may compete in the National Contest.
7. No scrapbooks may be submitted in State or National Contest. Also, do not include photographs, clippings, etc., in final report.
8. SEND IN FINAL REPORT BY MAY 15th.

Score Card
Below is a copy of the score card, with the perfect score allowed on each of the items, as well as total scores on program of work and accomplishments respectively:

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NOTE: Up to a total of 25 additional points will be allowed for general effect including neatness and organization.

Awards
State Awards
- Gold Emblem $25.00 and Chapter room award
- Gold Emblem $25.00 and Chapter room award
- Gold Emblem $25.00 and Chapter room award
- Silver Emblem $12.50 and Chapter room award
- Silver Emblem $12.50 and Chapter room award
- Silver Emblem $12.50 and Chapter room award

Sponsor: Alabama REA Cooperatives.

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 $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 Award
- First place $250.00 and three Regional Awards, $200.00 each.

FIRST PLACE in Farm Safety the past year was Luverne chapter. Pictured (left to right) are J. D. Matthews, adviser; Dan Witherington, Jimmie Gibson, and Lanier Searcy.

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


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


Judging Contest

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 at the time of the national contest, who has had not more than four years training in any approved course in vocational agriculture of less than college grade, and who is, AT THE TIME THE TEAM IS SELECTED BY THE STATE, a BONA FIDE FFA member enrolled in a high school class in vocational agriculture or who has had all of the vocational agriculture offered and carrying at least three 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: Dairy Cattle or Livestock. (The only official national FFA contests are those 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.

Plan

1. There will be two judging contests as follows: (1) LIVESTOCK; (2) DAIRY CATTLE.
2. Judging teams will be composed of three members.
3. A livestock judging team will judge all three of the following: Beef Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep.
4. A dairy cattle team will only judge dairy cattle.
5. No member will be allowed to serve on both teams.
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 Contest. For LIVESTOCK in Kansas City, Mo., and DAIRY CATTLE in Waterloo, Iowa.

Awards

Livestock -
1st $100.00 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 $100.00 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
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QUARTET CONTEST

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.

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 the next contest from chapter to State finals.

Songs
Each quartet will select its own numbers. All quartets will use the P. A. system.

Accompaniment
Quartet will sing with or without accompaniment.

Judging
Official judging sheets to be used in judging all contests. Each quartet will be judged on two songs in each contest except in the State Finals three songs each will be judged.

Dates
Exactly the same as the FFA Public Speaking. (See rules for the speaking contest.) Results of each contest must also be reported to Executive Secretary, Auburn, Alabama, same as in the speaking contest. NOTE: This applies to automatic winners same as others.

THE QUARTET WINNER was from the Corner chapter. Pictured (left to right) are Percy Smith, Jack Brymer, Bill Ward and Gene Brymer.

Awards
State Final Contest —
1st — $50.00 wrist watch for each member and Chapter room award
2nd — $50.00 cash and Chapter room award.
3rd — $40.00 cash and Chapter room award.
4th — $30.00 cash and Chapter room award.
5th — $20.00 cash and Chapter room award.

Forfeit
If the winner of any contest cannot compete in the next contest, the winner of 2nd place is eligible to compete.

State Champion Quartet will represent Alabama in the Tri-State contest. Normal expenses will be paid by Alabama FFA Association.

In case Alabama quartet wins the Tri-State, $100.00 will be paid on their expenses to attend the National Convention, provided they can all attend.

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HOGS
1st, Cullman FFA Chapter; 2nd, Millport FFA Chapter; 3rd, Holly Pond FFA Chapter; 4th, Excel FFA Chapter.

STAR FARMER AWARDS
State Star Farmer, Robert Moore, Jr., Winfield; District Star Farmer, Buddy Woodyard, Leroy; District Star Farmer, John Sanford, Spring Garden; District Star Farmer, Pascal Hambly, Dadeville; District Star Farmer, Waymon Paul, Geneva.

STAR DAIRY FARMER
1st, Tommy Wilcox, Liberty; 2nd, Robert Moore, Jr., Winfield; 3rd, Clyde Olds, Jr., Orrville; 4th, LaNue Jones, Jasper.

FARM MECHANICS

FARM & HOME ELECTRIFICATION
1st, Donald Sanford, Jr., Jasper; 2nd, Percy Deal Gray, Carrollton; 3rd, Brandon McCool, Palmetto; 4th, Paul Gray, Slocomb; 5th, Bobby Tucker, New Site.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT
1st, Lee Ed Robertson, Palmetto; 2nd, Woody Bartlett, Sidney Lanier; 3rd, I. D. Sullivan, Millry; 4th, Clinton Hardin, Moulton.

FARM SAFETY
1st, Luverne FFA Chapter; 2nd, Millry FFA Chapter; 3rd, Pell City FFA Chapter; 4th, Riverton FFA Chapter.

FORESTRY AWARDS
1st, David Wilson, Grove Hill; Adviser to State Winner, J. R. Lindsey, Grove Hill; 2nd, Alvin Turner, Leroy; 3rd, George Johnson, Pell City; 4th, Waymon Paul, Geneva.

HOME IMPROVEMENT
1st, Charles Spurlin, Opp; Adviser to State winner, M. D. Bond, Opp; 2nd, Dudley Reynolds, Orrville; 3rd, Dickie Feeler, Sulligent; 4th, Charles Pritchett, Geneva; 5th, Steve Milam, Pell City.

STAR REPORTERS
1st, Len Ouzts, Geneva; 2nd, Edison Graham, Pell City; 3rd, Bobby Harrison, Sulligent; 4th, Ken Eatman, Aliceville.

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR
Kenneth Copeland, Boaz

JACK CAGE FFA SCHOLARSHIP
Larry Knight, Pine Apple

STATE CONSERVATION AWARD TO CHAPTER
Gorgas FFA Chapter

Corner FFA Quartet Wins Tri-State

The Corner FFA Quartet scored another win recently by taking top honors in the Tri-State contest. They were competing against quartets from Georgia and Florida.

Members of the Corner quartet are: Percy Smith, Bass; Jack Brymer, baritone; Bill Ward, second tenor; Gene Brymer, tenor; and Miss Wanda Miller, accompanist. Their local adviser is W. J. Thompson.

Ronnie Erwin, Clencoe, and Alabama's Public Speaking representative, placed third in the Tri-State. The Georgia speaker was first and Florida second.

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The 27th Annual National FFA Convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo., October 11-14.

The Alabama delegation going by train will leave Birmingham from the Terminal Railroad Station on the Frisco, Sunday, October 10th, at 12:05 Noon. They will arrive back in Birmingham on return trip Friday 14th at 4:25 p.m.

FFA members and local advisers who are planning to attend the Convention should notify the State FFA Executive Secretary before October 1st.

Alabama Members In National Band and Chorus

Six Alabama members have been selected to participate in the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus. The performance will take place at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri in October.

Both the band and the chorus will be made up of 100 members each.

The three members from Alabama to play in the band are Jim Wood, Millry; C. P. Lawrence, Jr., Arab; and Bobby Bragg, York.

Those to sing in the chorus are Curtis Baker, Clanton; Larry Durden, Theodore; and Walter Tatum, Auburn.

American Farmers

Twelve Future Farmers of America from Alabama will be recommended to receive the organization's highest degree, that of American Farmer, at the 27th Annual National Convention of FFA in Kansas City, Mo., October 11-14.

The announcement has been received from national FFA headquarters in Washington, D. C., stating that the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors of the national organization have reviewed the Alabama applications and will recommend to the delegates at the convention that the twelve boys receive the coveted degree.

The twelve named from Alabama are Bobby Boswell, Livingston; Winfred Davis, Milltown; Bobby Fowler, Ardmore; Davis Henry, Sidney Lanier Chapter; Roy Hereford, Jr., Thomaston Chapter; Jackson Lasseter, Southside Chapter; Ned D. Lee, III, Grove Hill Chapter; Bill Jack Loyd, Stevenson; Preston Mitchell, Beauregard Chapter; W. S. Ferrymen, Jr., Pine Apple Chapter; Roy Sims, Enterprise; and Lavone Smith, Arab.

At present the corn has two to three ears on each stalk and is as green as if there had been no dry weather in the state according to R. P. Humphrey, vocational teacher at Vernon.

Humphrey says the corn project is irrigated by running water down the row middles from a spring just above the field. It has been watered three times and Jimmy is watering it the fourth.

The field is irrigated by letting water run down four or five middles at a time for approximately four to five hours and then rotated to other middles by damming up the stream.

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side dressed with 400 lbs. of ammonium nitrate per acre. The project has received cultivation twice.

Also Mr. Charles Greer, Jimmy’s father, has approximately 10 acres of corn under irrigation from water supplied by their farm fish pond.

REHOBETH

Merlene Martin of the Rehobeth Community in Houston County put the motto he learned in FFA work — “learning to do by doing” — into practice on his farm this summer and built an equipment shed large enough to house all his farm equipment.

Young Martin finished high school in 1952 and received his American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention in October of 1953. He has had three years of vocational agriculture at Rehobeth High School and plans to make a career of farming.

This year, according to Vo-Ag teacher M. H. Roney, Merlene has 18 acres of market peanuts, 17 acres cotton and 45 acres corn in field crops. He has 45 head of hogs on corn and 10 head of these are ready to go to market. The young Houston County farmer keeps six brood sows and has three beef cows.

BRANTLEY

The Brantley FFA chapter had a field day recently and invited all farmers in the community to come and see their demonstration corn plot. FFA members and farmers from all over the Brantley school area attended.

The project tour began at 2:00 and continued till 5:00. Each group was carried to various points in the project where the production techniques were explained.

MOULTON

The Moulton FFA officers have begun planning their program of work for the coming year.

A trip to the Alabama State Fair is in this program. If plans can be made, the entire group will attend the State Fair on October 9 in Birmingham.

Fifty-six members have already paid their dues for this year in the FFA. There are 58 first-year boys enrolled in vo-ag and 38 students are taking second year vo-ag.

RIVERTON

Buddy Darwin, 15-year-old Riverton Future Farmer, has found beef cattle to be one of the most profitable enterprises in which Alabama farmers can engage. The Madison County member made over $1,000 on beef cattle as one of his first-year projects in vocational agriculture.

However, Buddy’s luck plus some beef cattle know-how have been responsible for his large profits. He won the Huntsville district Fat Stock Show in 1953 and has a number of years of showing cattle to his credit. He doesn’t spend all his time on this “pet” project though. He also has a well-rounded farming program in operation which includes several other enterprises.

During his first year of vocational agriculture, he had the following in his supervised farming program: 6 beef cattle, 2 acres corn, three acres oats, three acres cotton and nine head of market hogs. During the current year he is continuing and expanding those same projects.

In addition to being a good farmer, he has served on the state-winning Riverton beef judging team and is active in other FFA activities.

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