NEW STATE OFFICERS APPROVE ALABAMA FFA MAIL BOX PROGRAM
Convention Most Successful

272 Candidates Receive State Farmer Degree

The 27th Annual Convention of Future Farmers in Alabama was a most memorable one and was enjoyed by all those attending. It can be rightfully said that the 3-day festivities of convening were a highlight of the year's work for the 12,698 FFA members and their advisors throughout the state.

Approximately 1,000 FFA boys accompanied by their advisors were on hand to take part in the convention program that was filled with numerous and varied activities which had as their purpose leadership training, recreation, and inspiration to those taking part.

The official welcome to Auburn was given by Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, president, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and Neil Bain, president of the State FFA, presided over all general sessions.

The two featured speakers of the convention were U.S. Senator from Alabama, John Sparkman, and Terrell Benton, Jr., National Student FFA Secretary from Jefferson, Georgia; and T. L. Faulkner, Executive Secretary, Alabama FFA Association, Auburn.

A record-breaking 272 boys were presented their State Farmer Degrees by the Alabama FFA Association. This is the highest degree that the state can confer upon its members for outstanding work and progress in leadership, supervised farming, and community service.

From this vast number of degree winners, five boys were selected as district and state star farmers, and were recognized for their outstanding achievement in a very colorful ceremony. The State Star Farmer title went to Ronald Rogers of the Prattville FFA Chapter. Ronald received the new Ford tractor as his prize and was very much delighted with it.

Another outstanding event of the convention was the election of new officers. Elected president was Ronald Rogers of Prattville; vice president, George Guess, Jr., of Stevenson; secretary, Johnny Jenkins of Geneva; treasurer, Lawrence Lipscomb of Foley; and reporter, Jacky Pennington of Sylacauga.

The tap of the president's gavel on Friday morning, June 8, brought the 27th convention to an official close, and the Future Farmers returned to their home farms inspired to do a better job at their project work as a result of what they had heard and seen at the most enjoyable State Convention of all.

State winners of contests and awards are as follows:

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The State FFA Association has purchased special cast aluminum FFA letters and will give a set of 24 letters to each chapter in the state. This will be a saving of many dollars for the chapters in building their form for casting the posts.

Let's start now and make this fine Community Service Program 100 per cent.
FFA Contests And Awards

This is the Contest and Awards issue of the Alabama Future Farmer. We hope you will study each contest thoroughly. Now is the time for every member to decide which ones he will work on during the year. We hope all chapters will have entries in each contest listed. We also hope every member will select several contests and work on them to win.

This is an important issue of the Alabama Future Farmer so be sure to keep yours in your notebooks or at school. You will need it for reference throughout the year.

Notice Changes

Public Speaking – No changes except time limit is defined.
FFA Quiz – This contest has been discontinued for the time being.
Star Reporter – Advisor to top winner will also receive award.
Corn Growing – Previous state winners are not eligible to compete again.
Chapter Contest – The four top chapters in the state will be awarded gold medal banners and cash awards. They will enter national contest.
Farm Safety – Delegates at State Convention voted to sponsor Farm Safety this year as a special project. Notice there are $600 in awards to be given the winners. Now is the time to get started. Every chapter should go all out and have a huge safety campaign.

Radio Program – This contest will be strictly radio this year. Length of each program will be eight minutes. Both the first and second place winners will go to the state finals.

String Band – Instruments that are commonly used with string bands, such as piano, drums, saxophone, clarinet, fiddles, rub-boards, harps, accordions, tubas, etc., may be used if needed. Notice the larger awards.

Quartet – Each quartet will sing two numbers, one selection of their own, the other to be assigned in advance. Accompanist to winner will also receive award.

Poultry Judging – All chapters should teach poultry judging and select a chapter team. Teams to participate in the finals will be selected. Instructions will be mailed later.

Poultry Production – This is a new awards contest. It looks good and we hope all boys with broiler projects will work for these fine awards. Read opening and closing dates carefully.

Former State Advisor Honored

Dr. R. E. Cammack, native of Grove Hill, was recently conferred the Honorary Doctor of Science degree by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Dr. Cammack is widely known throughout the State as an educational leader. He is presently director of the Division of Vocational Education, State Department of Education, where he directs home economic education, agricultural education and trades and industrial education.

Receiving his B.S. Degree in Agriculture from Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1916, Dr. Cammack has since that time, been a teacher of science and agriculture, county farm demonstration agent, teacher of vocational agriculture, state supervisor of Agricultural Education and FFA advisor. He has served in his present position since 1945.

Dr. Cammack was born and reared on a farm three miles South of Grove Hill. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George C. Cammack, life long residents of Clarke County. His mother was the former Fredonia Pugh.

His career as an educator began even before he was graduated from the Clarke County High School in 1913. He was teacher of a one-room, eighth-grade school in the Mathews community in 1912. This job provided Dr. Cammack with enough money to finance his last year in high school and one year in college.

Many honors have been awarded Dr. Cammack. In 1944 the Progressive Farmer magazine cited him “Man of the Year in Alabama Agriculture” for outstanding useful service rendered to his state and especially to its rural people and their welfare and progress. In 1947 he was president of the National Association of State Directors of Vocational Education. He was awarded Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1946 by the National Future Farmers of America Association. He has been a member of the Planning Committee of the State Commission of Chief State School Officers. Dr. Cammack also holds the Master of Science degree in science from Cornell University and is listed in “Who’s Who in America.”
FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS, 1956-57

FFA Public Speaking Contest

Purpose
This contest is designed to develop rural and agricultural leadership through providing for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities and stimulating interest along such lines.

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

Subject
Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable.

Time Limit
Each speech shall be a minimum of eight minutes in length and a maximum of ten minutes. Deductions will be made of 20 points per minute or major fraction thereof for speeches under eight minutes or over ten minutes in length.

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. Advisors and contestants should become familiar with their use. The judges' decision shall be final.

Cooperation
Local advisors and members should seek the interest and cooperation of the school principal, English teacher, commercial teacher, local Farmer Cooperatives, 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 SPEAKING CONTEST
1. Will be held in January.
2. Methods of elimination in chapter to be determined by local advisor and other chapter officers.
3. Local Farmer Cooperatives should be invited to cooperate. (They may want to provide some special awards.)
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 to the advisor holding county contest one week in advance of the county elimination. DO NOT SEND TO STATE OFFICE.
6. Winner will compete in County Contest.
7. AWARDS—Medal awarded to First Place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.

COUNTY SPEAKING CONTEST
1. Will be held in February.
2. One advisor in each county will be appointed to contact other local advisors in the county to determine date and place, select judges, and make other arrangements for holding contest.
3. Farmer Cooperatives in the county should be invited to cooperate. (They may want to provide some special awards.)
4. Results of the contest to be mailed at once to the Executive Secretary, Auburn, Alabama, by the advisor of the winning county. (MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MARCH 5th.)
5. If only one chapter in a county has an entry, this contestant is automatically the County Winner and must be reported by his advisor by March 5.
6. Advisor of winning speaker, Including Automatic Winner, to mail three copies of his manuscript to the Executive Secretary, before March 5.
7. Winner will compete in area contest.
8. AWARDS—ribbon awarded to First Place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.

AREA SPEAKING CONTEST
1. Will be held in March.
2. Date and place will be arranged by State Office.
3. Local advisor at the designated place will be in charge of the contest.
4. Farmer Cooperatives in the Area should be invited to cooperate. (They may want to furnish some special awards.)
5. Results of the contest to be mailed at once by advisor of winning member to the Executive Secretary, as soon as possible after contest. (MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 5th.)
6. Advisor of winning speaker to mail three copies of manuscript and glossy photograph to the Executive Secretary by May 5th.
7. Winner will compete in District Contest.
8. AWARDS—ribbon awarded to First Place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.

DISTRICT SPEAKING CONTEST
1. Will be held in April.
2. Date and place will be arranged by State Office.
3. Results of the contest to be mailed at once by advisor of winning member to the Executive Secretary, Auburn. (MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MAY 5th.)
4. Advisor of winning speaker to mail three copies of manuscript and glossy photograph to the Executive Secretary by May 5th.
5. District winner will compete in State Finals.
6. AWARDS—The District winner and his local advisor will be provided an all expense trip to attend the Annual Youth Session of the American Institute of Cooperation which is usually held in some of the Central or Western States. (These trips will be financed by the Farmer Cooperative Organizations listed below.)

STATE FINAL SPEAKING CONTEST
1. 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 FINAL AWARDS
1st—$300 and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$100 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$50 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$90 and Chapter Banner.
5th—$85 and Chapter Banner.

COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS
Alabama Farm Bureau Insurance Co.
Alabama REA Cooperatives.
Centrala Farmers Cooperative.
Farmers Marketing and Exchange Assoc.
National Farm Loan Associations.
Production Credit Associations.
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PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST—(Left to right) John Beth, Livingston, 4th place winner; Mark Shelley, Headland, 3rd place winner; Norris Hammond, Lexington, 2nd place winner; Garland Bond, Greensboro, 1st place winner; Terrell Taylor, Ider, 5th place winner. Standing are, from left to right, T. A. Markham, vocational agriculture teacher, Livingston; J. G. Yeager, vo-ag teacher, Headland; J. J. Dollar, vo-ag teacher, Lexington, and T. C. Smith, vo-ag teacher, Greensboro.

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Songs
Each quartet will sing two numbers. One selection of their own, the other to be assigned in advance. 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 may be judged if time permits.

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

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

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

In case Alabama quartet wins the Tri-State, $100 will be paid on their expenses to attend the National Convention, provided they can all attend.

State Awards
1st—$60 watch for each member, including accompanist, and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$50 cash and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$50 cash and Chapter Banner.
4th—$50 cash and Chapter Banner.
5th—$50 cash and Chapter Banner.

Sponsor
Alabama FFA Association

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. Entry date—All chapters are entered NOW.
2. There will be three classes of awards given as follows:
   - Form I—Standard Chapter Award—Certificate and Silver emblem seal.
   - Form II—Superior Chapter Award—Certificate and Gold emblem seal.
   - Form III—Gold medal and National Chapter Award—Four top chapters in state will compete in National contest.
   - A chapter may win one or all three of these awards. All chapters may win the Standard Chapter award and the Superior Chapter award if they meet the minimum qualifications.
   - Judges may win one or all three of these awards. All chapters may win the Standard Chapter award and the Superior Chapter award if they meet the minimum qualifications.
   - The State awards listed below will be given the four top chapters applying for National Chapter award which is Form III.
   - No scrapbooks, photographs, etc., may be submitted in State or National Contest.
   - Include copy of chapter program of work showing accomplishments if all three forms are submitted to compete for Gold medal and National Chapter Awards. This is not necessary if only Forms I and II are submitted.
   - SEND IN FINAL REPORTS BEFORE MAY 15th.

State Awards
Gold Medal—$37.50 and Chapter Banner.
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Sponsor
Alabama REA Cooperatives

Alabama FFA Association

CHAPTE R CONTEST—(Left to right) Burt Cloud, representative of REA; Larry Flynn, Sulligent; Eugene Bynum, Pell City; Thomas Hamilton, Riverton.

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 first place for two successive years. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MAY 10th).

State Awards
1st—$250 and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$150 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$100 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$100 and Chapter Banner.

National Awards
1st—$250 and three Regional awards of $200 each.

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

Honor Roll Chapters

Purpose
To encourage chapters to keep all boys active members just as long as they are eligible.

Basis for Awards
All chapters with a membership of 100 will be listed on the Honor Roll list in the Alabama Future Farmer throughout the year.

Awards
Each chapter on the Honor Roll list by the end of the school year will be awarded a beautiful banner at the State FFA Convention.

Sponsor
Alabama FFA Association

HONOR ROLL CHAPTERS—(Left to right) 1st row: Wilbur Bay, Silas; Hurpee Duncan, Jasper; Bernard Konig, Lexington. 2nd row: Truett Moore, Jenison; Berney McGhee, Sidney Lauter; Greg Gonzo, Steven son; Lawrence Lipscomb, Foley. 3rd row: Rance Kirby, Wedowee; Mike Alexander, Moulton; Ulmer McCareeth, Heflin.

Judging Contests

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

Eligibility
Any boy is eligible who is under 21 years of age at 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 4-H contests) shall not be eligible for the same kind of contest, namely: Dairy Cattle, Livestock or Poultry. (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 three judging contests as follows: (1) LIVESTOCK; (2) DAIRY CATTLE; (3) POULTRY.
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. No member will be eligible to serve on more than one team.
5. District eliminations for Livestock and Dairy Judging, will be held and the FIRST and SECOND place winners may compete in finals at State Convention.

6. NOTICE—The Poultry Judging Contest will be held during the State FFA Convention. All chapters should teach poultry judging and select a chapter team. Teams to participate in the finals will be selected. Instructions will be mailed later.

7. The State Champion team in each contest will represent Alabama at the National Contest. For Livestock and Poultry teams in Kansas City, Missouri, and Dairy teams in Waterloo, Iowa. In case the first place winner cannot participate in the National, the next place winner may go instead, and awards will be exchanged to take care of traveling expenses for the team.

8. In addition to the awards listed below, the teams going to the National will receive approximately $50 from the National FFA Foundation.

State Awards
Livestock Judging—
1st—$250 and Chapter Banner. 2nd—$40 and Chapter Banner. 3rd—$35 and Chapter Banner. 4th—$25 and Chapter Banner. Sponsor Alabama REA Association

Dairy Cattle Judging—
1st—$250 and Chapter Banner. 2nd—$40 and Chapter Banner. 3rd—$35 and Chapter Banner. 4th—$25 and Chapter Banner. Sponsor
Alabama Flour Mills

Poultry Judging—
1st—$250 and Chapter Banner. 2nd—$40 and Chapter Banner. 3rd—$35 and Chapter Banner. 4th—$25 and Chapter Banner. Sponsor
Alabama REA Association

String Band Contest
Purpose
To encourage all chapters to develop more local FFA string bands.

Plan
1. All members of FFA String Band must be students of the local chapter and in good standing.
2. At least 50% of band members must be enrolled in high school.
3. Each band will play two numbers of their own selection.
4. Instruments that are commonly used with string bands, such as piano, drums, saxophone, clarinet, jugs, rub-boards, harps, accordions, tubs, etc., may be used if needed.
5. District eliminations will be held prior to State Final Contest. The two top winners in each district will go to the State Finals.
6. The State Final Contest will be held at the State FFA Convention.

State Awards
1st—$200 and Chapter Banner. 2nd—$100 and Chapter Banner. 3rd—$50 and Chapter Banner. 4th—$25 and Chapter Banner. Sponsor
Alabama FFA Association

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

Eligibility
Any State Farmer who has been out of school for one year, but not more than three, has been a Future Farmer at least three years, has had three years of vocational agriculture or all that is offered in his school, and is an active chapter member. He should show through his program that 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. Advisors not receiving them in January should request forms if needed.

Awards
A check from the Future Farmer Foundation for $100, the American Farmer Key and a certificate will be presented by the National FFA organization. The candidate who receives the American Farmer Degree will be the top winner at the National FFA Convention.
must be in Kansas City to receive the degree in person, or he will not receive the cash award.

State Farmer Degree

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

Eligibility
Members in second year vo-ag and who have their Chapter Farmer Degree are eligible to apply, provided they meet all other minimum qualifications as outlined in the Official FFA Manual. (Members working for the Star Farmer Awards may prefer waiting until their third or fourth year to apply, unless they want to be a State FFA Officer candidate.)

Plan
Application forms will be mailed to all chapters around the first of March. To be eligible for consideration, they must be filled out and returned to Auburn by April 1st. A committee will select from the applications those to be recommended to receive the State Farmer Degree at the State Convention in June.

State Awards
State Farmer Degree certificates will be presented to all successful candidates for the degree.

Star Farmer Awards

Purpose
To challenge every member in Alabama to earn all FFA degrees offered in the state, including the Community Farmer, and State Farmer. Also, to encourage them to have the best record possible in FFA and vocational agriculture when they receive the State Farmer Degree.

Eligibility
All FFA members who meet the minimum qualifications and are applicants for the State Farmer degree are eligible to compete for the Star Farmer Awards. They will be selected from the current year's State Farmers.

Basis of Awards
1. Applicant for the State Farmer Degree in 1957 must be recommended by State FFA Executive Committee to receive this degree.
2. Have outstanding Supervised Farming Program that shows improvement in quality and continued expansion in scope.
3. Have full ownership of major projects in Supervised Farming Program.
4. Show initiative in taking advantage of opportunities at hand.
5. Have plans to continue and enlarge farming after graduating from school.
6. Have outstanding record of FFA and community leadership.

STATE AWARDS
State—$100 and NEW FORD TRACTOR, and Chapter Banner.
District—$150 Cash, $100 Savings Bond, and Chapter Banner.
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AUGUST—SEPTEMBER, 1956

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 first place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, 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 all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the State Executive Secretary's Office. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 5.)

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, 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.

State Dairy Farmers—Here are the Alabama FFA Star Farmers for 1956. The State Star Farmer at center is Ronald Rogers from the Prattville Chapter. District Star Farmers are: Donald Alford, Boaz; Joe Carothers, Winfield; Charles Colvin, Pleasant Home; Buddy McElroy, York.

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 first place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, 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.)

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

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 first place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, 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 advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the State Executive Secretary's Office. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 15.)

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National FFA Foundation.
Alabama FFA Association.
FARM MECHANICS CONTEST—(Left to right) William Roberson, Red Bay, 1st place winner; Jimmy Thompson, Ider, 2nd place winner; Berney McGhee, Sidney Lanier, 3rd place winner; and Curtis Hamilton, Eutaw, 4th place winner.

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.

State Awards
1st—$100 and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$50 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$25 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$25 and Chapter Banner.
5th—$15 and Chapter Banner.

National Awards
First Place $250 and three Regional Awards of $200 each.

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FARM ELECTRIFICATION — (Left to right) Burt Cloud, representative of REA, Robert Barber, Pell City, 4th place; Gilbert Free, Gordo, 3rd place; Gary Dowdy, Jasper, 2nd place; and Raymond Junkin, Palmetto, 1st place; Hurst Mauldin, representative of Alabama Power Company.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT—(Left to right) Orval Hester, Hackleburg, 1st place; Ronnie Morgan, Troy, 2nd place; W. C. Roe, Pell City, 3rd place; and Braswell Beck, Douglas, 4th place.

State Awards
1st—$100 and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$50 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$30 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$20 and Chapter Banner.

National Awards
First Place $250 and three Regional awards, $200 each.

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

Forestry Awards

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

Eligibility
All active FFA members are eligible for this contest. Each chapter may submit only one application to the State Office. (A first place state 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 advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the State Executive Secretary's office. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 25.)

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. A special form is furnished for this report which outlines accomplishments.

State Awards
1st—$100 cash (also $75 to member and $75 to his local advisor for trip to the National FFA Convention).
2nd—$50 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$30 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$20 and Chapter Banner.

Sponsors
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Alabama FFA Association

THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
Poultry Production Awards

Purpose
To stimulate interest and encourage FFA members to learn how to produce poultry in a practical and efficient manner in the southeastern states.

Eligibility
Any active FFA member who has been regularly enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year. Participants must grow a minimum of 500 broilers during the period of this program. Record of program should be from October 1, 1956 to September 30, 1957. See local FFA advisor for details. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN STATE OFFICE BY OCTOBER 15, 1957.)

Awards
State Winner—$100 cash and trip with his local FFA Advisor to the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association Convention in Atlanta, January, 1958.
Regional Winner—$500 cash.

Sponsor
The Southeastern Poultry & Egg Association. Membership in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Tractor Operation Contest

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

Plan
All active FFA members are eligible to compete in this contest. Each local chapter will select the Chapter Winner to participate in the County Contest. The local advisors in each county will conduct a contest, prior to the district eliminations, 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 select the District Winner to participate in the State FFA Convention. The state winner will not be eligible to compete in this contest again.

Conducting the Contest
Detailed instructions will be furnished each chapter at a later date on training members and conducting the Eliminations.

State Awards
1st—$60 watch and $75 for trip to National FFA Convention.
2nd—$60 watch and Chapter Banner.

SAFE TRACTOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE—(Left to right) Ben F. Hucks, assistant Division manager, Standard Oil Company; Willie Cottle, Straughn, 2nd place; Cecil Park, Troy, 2nd place; Eugene Talley, Tuskegee, 1st place; Marlin S. Hugghs, farm representative, Standard Oil Company. Not shown is 3rd place winner, Winfred Loper, Chatom.

HOME IMPROVEMENT—(Left to right) Greg Pierce, McKenzie, 1st place; Jerry Willhite, Cullman, 2nd place; Gerald Ash, Odenville, 3rd place; Harold Crowe, Ider, 4th place.

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 advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the State Executive Secretary's office. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUGUST-BY MAY 1.)

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. A detailed report on all improvements made to the applicant's home and home grounds should be included in the report.

State Awards
1st—$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner, and $75 for Kansas City trip for Advisor.
2nd—$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner.
4th—$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner.
5th—$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner.

Sponsors
American Turpentine Farmers Association
Alabama FFA Association

Champion Corn Growing Contest

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 Farm Programs. Previous state winners are not eligible to compete again.

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 and Chapter Banner.
Four District Champions (each) $50 and Chapter Banner.
County Champions—Medal and certificate.
Chapter Champions—Silver Key and certificate.

Sponsor
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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.
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 1, 1956.
7. Other Public Relations work done by chapter.

Preparing Final Report
1. The records submitted will cover the period from May 5, 1956 to May 5, 1957.
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 continued on page 11.
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State Farmers

Northeast District (72)
Albanyville—Adrian Shell.
Arab—Barney Dale Starkey, Marvin Whisenant, Milton Lovvorn.
Bridgewater—Charles W. Bynum, John P. Byrnes.
Cullman—Frank Bates.
Danville—John Freeman, Clinton Lake.
Douglas—Everett Blackmon, Ronald Holland, J. C. Ferguson, Milton Camp, Ralph Jolley, Marion Teal.
Fairview—Larry Pruett.
Glencoe—Troy J. Kendall.
Hartselle—Charles Legg.
Hazel Green—Billy W. Nunley, Wayne Stimmel.
Hayden—Bobby Bales.
Heflin—Ralph Williams, Horace White, Paul Brown.
Ider—Raymond Patton.
Locust Fork—Wesley Hazelrig.
New Market—Ernest Holman, Coyle Campbell, Dickie Jacks.
Oneonta—Henry Jay Hallman.
Oxford—Max Taylor, Kenneth Harris.
Pell City—Eugene Bynum, Emeris Bowdman, Buster Funderburg, Homer Lee Bowdman.
Pisgah—Lavern Steele, Cecil Cant Jr., Jimmy Wilson, Ralph Robertson, Donald Ray Wilks.
Riverton—Buddy Simmons.
Sardis—Laurie Henderson.
Southside—David Wayne Stephens.
Spring Garden—Tom Sanford, Douglas Rosser, Franklin Estes, Kenneth Treadaway.
Stevenson—Junior Guest, Fred Gonce.
Tuscaloosa—Willard Wright.
Valley Head— Hoyt Hawkins, Benny Palmer, Billy Palmer.
Walnut Grove—Ollie J. Lee.
White Plains—Harlan Jackson, Charles Snider, Donald Angel.

Northwest District (56)
Armore—Douglas Delap.
Belgreen—Ben Hill Greenhill.
Carbon Hill—Merle Farris.
Central—Johnny L. Simmons.
Corry—Bruce Abbott, Buddy Estes, Alan Roberts.
East Limestone—Wayne Henderson, George Peck.
Fayette—Earl Ballinger, Murl Smith.
Hackettburg—J. B. Cantrell, La Faux Hayes, Orval Hester, John Henry Scarborough.
Hatton—Herbert Farley, O. B. Owens, Harold Rutherford.
Jasper—Arnold Banks, Kenneth Drummond, Jimmy Windham.
Millport—Stanley McAdams, Dan Richards.
Moulton—John Buttram, Rayburn Harris, Andrew McCay, Wayman Potter, Waymon Wallace.
Rogersville—Jimmy Gilford, Bayford L. Gist.
Rogersville—Billoy Davis.
Tuscaloosa—Paul Lang.
Vina—Archie Lee Scott, Leroy Yarbrough.
Waterloo—Louis Curry, Carl Young.
West Limestone—Billy Woodward.
Winfield—Joe Carothers.

Central District (45)
Alexander City—David Osborn, Alvin Tate.
Autaugaville—Bobby Thompson.
Beauregard—Jack McConnell.
Buellah—Kenneth McKennie, Frank Sanders Jr.
Billingsley—James A. Bowles.
Camp Hill—Leon Miller, Arnold Lauderdale.
Dadeville—Dorman Dennis, Bobby Gene Haggerty.

Five Points—Jimmy Avery, Emnett Bonner, Fred Kendrick.
Greensboro—Alton C. Clements, Tommy Rhodes, Ronald E. Clements.
Isabella—Jerry Donald Durbin, Charles Bavar.
Jemison—Danny Gilmore, Leslie Guy.
Rome—Ronald Bosler.
Lincoln—Joe Burton.
Lineville—Tommy Jones, Charles Grable.
Millsboro—Romey Harmon, Leroy Talley.
Montevallo—Gene Milton Reid, Robert E. O'Neal.
New Site—Jack Peters.
Prairieville—Ronald Bogers.
Ranceville—Hugo Muldrew.
Rockford—William Cowart, Edward Brown, Michael Davis, Sherrill Harris.
Suttle—Ken Nichols, Wayne Melton, Roger Fuller.
Tuskegee—Jersey Lawrence.
Verbena—Wayne Burkhalter.
Wedowee—W. C. Williamson Jr., Rance A. Kirby.
Weogufka—Jimmy Guy.
Winterboro—Horace Ponder.

Southwest District (36)
Bay Minette—Wilson Lee, Carroll Head, Marvin Davis, Fred Wasson.
Carlowville—David M. Smith.
Castleberry—Martin Royals.
East Brewton—James T. Crawford.
Fairhope—Floyd Childress.
Foley—Maurice W. Blackmon, Harvey Daughtery, James D. Powers, Lawrence Lipcomb.
Grand Bay—Ronald Sollie.
Grove Hill—Bobby Smith, Tommoy Dumas, Robert W. Hinson.
Jackson—Lamar Brunson, Charles Sherman.
Leroy—Dave Boykin, Jr., Powell Dean Waite, Sammy Garris.
Linden—John Thomas, Ralph Etheredge, Melvin Clark, Arthur Noland.
Mills—Lamar Hollinghead.
Oxfordville—Dalton Smith, Billy Moore.
Plantersville—Jimmy Roy.
Robertsdale—Jimmy Hovack, Joey Kroh.
Sweet Water—Bobby Anderson.
Urbana—Hubert Brown.
Thomaston—Ronald Farr.
Southeast District (63)
Ashford—James Jeffcoat.
Bakerhill—Julian Thelton Hartzog.
Blue Springs—Winston Wilkinson.
Thomas Parke, Bobby Parm, Douglas Spivey.
Brantley—Charles Bush, Lawrence W.
Hudson.
Brundidge—Billy Carter.
Clayton—Bennie Frank Green, Ronald Jones, Don Price, Ladon Green, Junior Strickland.
Cottonwood—Bobby Williams, Robert Robinson.
Elba—John Ed White.
Eufaula—Milton Edward Clark.
Florala—Paul V. Belcher, Tommy Norris, Wayne Rudd.
Fort Deposit—Dawson Moorer, James Sullivan.
Geneva—Jimmy Van Landingham, Gene Craft, Zackie Harris, Robert Clemmons, Gene Revels, Avertt Griffin.
Georgiana—Jimmy Caine, James Smith.
Hayneville—Hardy M. Owens, Jr.
Highland Home—Joe Dorman, James Thomas.
Holtville—H. D. Ingram, Jr.
Knottsville—Jack Pierce.
McKenzie—O’Neal Wright Davis.
Midland City—Lowell Kennedy.
Opp—Holland Short, Harold Jones, Kenneth Tanner.
Ozark—J. Willis Chancey, Bill Snell.
Pleasant Home—Charles Colvin.
Ramer—Billy Sellers, Thomas Sansom, Jr.
Red Level—Dan Pitts.
Sidney Lanier—Woody Bartlett, Jackie Brannen, Robert Howard, Rhett Ellis, Kenneth Colson, Dan Jones.
Straughn—Willie Cottle, Larry Powell.
Troy—Willie Frank Murphy, Nolan Barrow, Donald Ray Coston, Tommie Adams.
Wetumpka—Joe Levine, Douglas Terrell, Jimmy Stubbs.

CONTESTS AND AWARDS
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signed by the reporter, president, and local advisor. (DUE IN AUBURN BY MAY 5th.)

State Awards
1st—$60 watch to Reporter and Chapter Banner; $60 watch to Advisor of top winner.  
2nd—$50 watch and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$50 watch and Chapter Banner.  
4th—$50 watch and Chapter Banner.

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Eligibility
All active FFA members are eligible to compete for this honor whether they are in school or out of school.

Chapter Nomination
Each local chapter may nominate one outstanding member. A special nomination form will be furnished all chapters around November 1st to be used for this purpose. (NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN AUBURN BY DECEMBER 1st.)

State Awards
The Turner E. Smith educational award of $500 in cash and Alpha Gamma Rho trophy to be presented at the State FFA Convention.

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STAR FFA REPORTERS—(Left to right)  
Jimmy Trimm, Sulligent, 1st place; Cecil Gant, Jr., Pisgah, 2nd place; Laverne Bryant, Aliceville, 3rd place; Ronald Rogers, Prattville, 4th place.

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR—(Left to right) Cecil Gant, Jr., receiving loving cup from Winfred Davis, representing Alpha Gamma Rho.
HONORARY STATE FARMERS—Pictured above are men from the various walks of life who have made great contributions to the FFA program in Alabama and were made honorary members during the recent State FFA Convention held in Auburn.

Standing left to right: E. L. Dyess, FFA Advisor, Suttle; Frank R. Steward, Administrative Assistant, State Department of Education, Montgomery; W. L. Minor, FFA Advisor, Douglas; Frank McDonald, FFA News Editor, Auburn; T. H. Jones, FFA Advisor, Georgiana; Honorable John J. Sparkman, Senator, Huntsville; J. E. Smith, FFA Advisor, East Limestone; Moson Peters, Farm Editor, Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga, Tennessee; T. A. Markham, FFA Advisor, Livingston; T. C. Reid, Director Agriculture Center Board and State Coliseum, Montgomery.

Seated left to right: W. B. Hagood, FFA Advisor, Waterleso; W. K. Roberson, FFA Advisor, Brundidge; Harry B. Brock, Farmer and Cattle Breeder, Route 2, Gadsden; W. M. Harrison, FFA Advisor, Ider; M. S. Huggins, Farm Representative, Standard Oil Company, Auburn; P. B. Holley, FFA Advisor, Lafayete; B. C. Nix, FFA Advisor, Foley; W. D. Kelly, Superintendent, Blackbelt Experiment Station, Marion Junction.

CONTEST WINNERS

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PUBLIC SPEAKING
1st—Garland Bond, Greensboro
2nd—Norris Hammond, Lexington
3rd—Mark Shelley, Headland
4th—John Besh, Livingston
5th—Terrell Taylor, Ider

QUARTET CONTEST
1st—Millport
2nd—Prattville
3rd—Cullman

STRING BAND
1st—Jacksonville
2nd—Dadeville
3rd—Strasburg
4th—Rogersville

RADIO PROGRAM
1st—Tennessee
2nd—Dadeville
3rd—Foley

FFA QUIZ
1st—Bob Helms, Grove Hill
2nd—John Eubanks, Carrollton
3rd—Jacky Pennington, Sulligent
4th—Clatis Tow, Millry

JUDGING TEAMS

Livestock
1st—Troy
2nd—Suttle
3rd—Guin
4th—Susan Moore

Dairy
1st—Fairhope
2nd—Suttle
3rd—Cullman
4th—Greensboro

Poultry
1st—Oxford
2nd—Foley
3rd—Coffee Springs
4th—Dadeville

STAR FARMER AWARDS
State Star Farmer—Ronald Rogers, Prattville

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA
Alabama Members In National Band, Chorus

Four 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.

The two members from Alabama to play in the band are Bobby Campbell of the Stevenson chapter and John D. Littlejohn of the Clanton chapter.

In the chorus are Wayne Roberts and Leroy Talley of the Milltown chapter.

Dates For National FFA Convention Set

The 29th Annual National FFA Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, Oct. 15-18. Alabama delegation going by train will leave Birmingham from Terminal Railroad Station on the Frisco, Sunday October 14th, at 12:05 Noon. They will arrive back in Birmingham on return trip Friday 19th at 4:25 p.m.

FFA members and local advisors who are planning to attend the Convention should notify the State FFA Executive Secretary before October 1st.
Bay Minette Members
On Television

One of the important phases of training being undergone by members of the Bay Minette FFA chapter is being demonstrated on television, according to B. H. Null, chapter advisor.

A demonstration was given on electric arc welding and another on the use of a portable electric motor.

The portable motor was demonstrated on equipment such as the sausage grinders, bench circle saw, grind stone, ice cream freezer, and a reducer to slow up speed.

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MR. L. J. HOWELL
Alabama's Oldest FFA Advisor Retires

Lemuel Jasper Howell, dean of vocational agricultural teachers and FFA advisors in Alabama, retired July 1. He had taught at Pickens County High School in Reform for 38½ years.

Mr. Howell became one of the six vo-ag teachers employed in Alabama on Jan. 1, 1918, after the U. S. Congress authorized high school vocational agriculture classes under the Smith-Hughes Act. He is the only one of the nation's original vocational agriculture instructors to remain at the same school for his entire period of service.

Mr. Howell was chosen Master Teacher in Alabama in 1928. He earned his master's degree from API in 1931. He is a past president of the Alabama Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association. Hundreds of former students in West Alabama affectionately address Mr. Howell as "Fessor."

He set an example for his students as a community leader, serving on the Reform board of aldermen and as police court recorder. He has been Sunday School superintendent and a member of the board of deacons of Reform's Baptist Church for almost 30 years, first Scoutmaster in Reform, Red Cross county chairman and Rotary Club president.

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Foley Chapter Sponsors Farm Safety Week

One death and one severe burn among people connected with vocational agriculture in the Foley area, was enough to put the Farm Safety Committee of Foley FFA chapter to work. Both of these accidents occurred on the farm two weeks before National Farm Safety Week. Both accidents were avoidable but happened because someone forgot that safety is no accident.

The fatal accident happened to a member of the Adult class while he was trying to pull a tractor out of a bog. The burn happened when an FFA member tried to put gasoline in a lawn mower while it was running.

In organizing and presenting its farm safety program the Foley chapter followed the schedule as suggested by the National Safety Council. A proclamation was drawn up, signed by the Mayor of Foley, W. Max Griffin, and a copy run in the local newspaper. A picture was made while the Mayor was signing with two FFA members looking on. This too, was run in the paper. This was all done the week before National Farm Safety Week. On the first day of the drive five ministers gave short talks on the subject during church services. On the second day a radio program was presented on Home Safety. Third day, a radio program on livestock handling and a poster exhibit was put in a downtown store window. The fourth day was a radio program on falls. Fifth day, radio program on highway traffic and an article on safety in two local papers. Sixth day they presented a radio program and on the seventh and last day they had a radio program on the review of the week's work and what the FFA planned in connection with safety for the coming year.

THE MAYOR of Foley, Mr. Max Griffin, signs a proclamation proclaiming the week of July 22-28 as National Farm Safety Week. Roy Amos, president of the Foley FFA chapter, and Lawrence Lipscomb, member of the Foley chapter and State FFA treasurer, look on. National Farm Safety Week was sponsored on a local basis by the Foley FFA Chapter. The Safety Committee was in charge.
Experience has proven that hens lay more eggs if hen houses are lighted during the short days of fall, winter and spring.

If you want to maintain good egg production during the short-day seasons, ask your vocational agriculture teacher or a power company rural service engineer to tell you how to provide a few extra hours of light for your hens.

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