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NEW STATE OFFICERS APPROVE ALABAMA FFA MAIL BOX PROGRAM



THEY APPEARED ON STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM—Seated left to right: Dr. R. E. Cammack, State Director of Vocational Education, Montgomery; Honorable John J. Sparkman, United States Senator, Huntsville; Neil Bain, State FFA President, Carrollton. Standing left to right are J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, Montgomery; Dr. A. R. Meadows, State Superintendent of Education, Montgomery; Terrell Benton, Jr., National Student FFA Secretary, Jefferson, Georgia; and T. L. Faulkner, Executive Secretary, Alabama FFA Association, Auburn.

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 conventioning 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 FFA Secretary from Jefferson, Georgia.

Many talents were displayed during the convention, among which were string band, public speaking, FFA quiz, quartet, and radio and television program competitors. This year's contest competition was very keen as a result of a great number of participants and the

close cooperation of local FFA chapters.

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 Sulligent.

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:

CHAPTER CONTEST

Superior Chapter Awards—1st, Riverton; 2nd, Pell City; 3rd, Ramer; 4th, Sulligent.

Others: New Market, LaFayette, Prattville, Livingston, Danville, Straughn, Inverness, Curry, Jasper, Troy, Greenville, Suttle, Pisgah, Ider, Boaz, Foley, Grove Hill.

Standard Chapter Awards—Vina, Red Bay, West Limestone, Orrville, Wetumpka, Oakman, Elkmont, Attalla, Sylvania, Athens, Haleyville, Pleasant Home, Lynn, Leroy, Aliceville, Brundidge, York, McKenzie, Hamilton, Rehobeth, East Limestone, Tuskegee, Midland City, Corner, Millry, Oxford, Columbia, Pine Hill, Walnut Grove, Vernon, White Plains, Winterboro, Brookwood, Eclectic, Stevenson, Rogersville, Hackleburg, Liberty, Weogufka, Rogers, Thomaston, Montevallo.

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COVER PICTURE

NEW STATE FFA OFFICERS are shown looking over a sample to the approved FFA mail box stand.

Left to right: Ronald Rogers, president; George Guess, Jr., vice president; Johnny Jenkins, secretary; Lawrence Lipscomb, treasurer; and Jacky Pennington, reporter.

Delegates to the last state FFA convention voted to sponsor as a special project, the Mail Box Improvement Program.

The Alabama Rural Letter Carriers have also agreed to cooperate with Alabama FFA in promoting this very worthwhile program.

Plans are for every FFA chapter in the state to build this standard post with beaded FFA letters on each side, for every rural mail box owner in their county. Many chapters already have this program underway.

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.

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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, jugs, rub-boards, harps, accordians, tubs, 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, eight-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 member. (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 the contest. (MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 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 winner speaker to mail three copies of manuscript and glossy photograph of speaker 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—\$95 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.

Tennessee Valley Cooperatives.

National FFA Foundation.

Alabama FFA Association.



O. H. Bowden at right presents Garland Bond with first place speaking award.



PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST—(Left to right) John Besh, 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.

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 and television 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 the local chapter and at least 50% of the quartet members must be enrolled in high school. Winner of first place in each contest is eligible to compete in next contest, from chapter to State finals.

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 by 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



QUARTET—(Left to right) Myra Atkins, accompanist; Waymon Fields, Leon McAdams, Avon Pushing, Donald McAdams. They are members of the Millport FFA chapter.

FFA Chapter Contest

Purpose

To create and increase member interest, stimulate cooperative effort and crystalize 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.

3. A chapter may win one or all three of these awards. All chapters may win the Standard Chapter award and the Superior Chapter awards if they meet the minimum qualifications.

4. The State awards listed below will be given the four top chapters applying for National Chapter award which is Form III.

5. No scrapbooks, photographs, etc., may be submitted in State or National Contest.

6. 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.

7. SEND IN FINAL REPORTS BEFORE MAY 15th.

State Awards

Gold Medal—\$37.50 and Chapter Banner.
Gold Medal—\$37.50 and Chapter Banner.
Gold Medal—\$37.50 and Chapter Banner.
Gold Medal—\$37.50 and Chapter Banner.

Sponsor

Alabama REA Cooperatives
Alabama FFA Association



CHAPTER 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 Ray, Silas; Hurpee Duncan, Jasper; Bernard Konig, Lexington. 2nd row: Truett Moore, Jemison; Berney McGhee, Sidney Lanier; Gred Gonc, Stevenson; Lawrence Lipscomb, Foley. 3rd row: Rance Kirby, Wedowee; Mike Alexander, Moulton; Ulmer McCareeth, Heffin.

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 Poultry Industry Association



SHOWN ABOVE is Bert Cloud of Alabama REA Association presenting the \$250 cash award to the first place Livestock Judging team from the Troy Chapter. Members of the team are Wayne Curtis, Herman Gunter and David Price. Their alternate is Wiley Sanders.

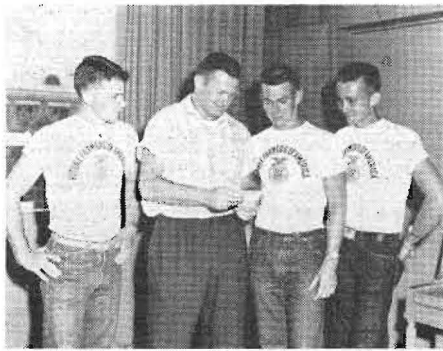
String Band Contest

Purpose

To encourage all chapters to develop more local FFA string bands.

Plan

1. All members of FFA String Band must be active members 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 selections.
4. Instruments that are commonly used



SHOWN with C. W. Grant, local FFA Advisor of the Fairhope Chapter, are members of his Dairy Cattle Judging team that placed first at the State Convention. Team members are William Street, Charles Phillips and Clifford Straum. The alternate is Tommy Hartshorn.



MEMBERS of the Oxford FFA Poultry Judging Team are shown above as they received first place award from W. L. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Alabama Poultry Industries Association.

Members of team are: Don Liphorn, Tommy Fowler, and Kenneth Harris. Their alternate is Rodgers Rhoades.

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



FFA STRING BAND—Jacksonville Band won first place. They are, left to right, kneeling, Larry Childers, Dewey Huddleston. Standing are, left to right, Paul Johnson, Eugene Johnson, Ray Johnson, Dwain Herring, and Braggs Phariss.

Radio Program Contest

Purpose

To encourage local chapters to develop talent and present programs for entertainment.

Plan

1. Program will be prepared as for an 8 minute broadcast. 10 points will be deducted for each minute over or under 8.
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 Radio and also in String Band contests, however, different selections must be used for each contest.
5. Judges will view contestants during program.
6. District eliminations will be held prior to State Convention. The first and second place District winners will go to the State Finals.

State Awards

- 1st—\$50 and Chapter Banner.
- 2nd—\$30 and Chapter Banner.
- 3rd—\$25 and Chapter Banner.
- 4th—\$20 and Chapter Banner.

Sponsor

Alabama FFA Association



THE JACKSONVILLE FFA chapter captured the state championship in Radio and Television Program competition. Members of the team are (left to right, 1st row) James Gardner, Jimmy Green, Arnold Johnson. (Second row) Ray Johnson, Larry Childers, Paul Johnson, Dewey Huddleston, Eugene Johnson, Dwain Herring, Griggs Phariss.

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

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 Green Hand, Chapter 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

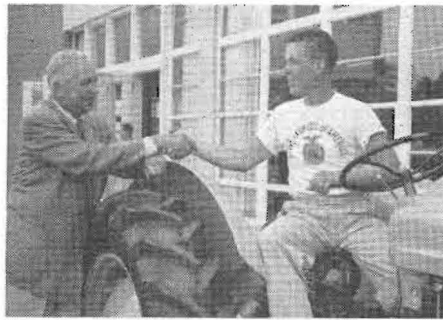
1. Applicant for the State Farmer Degree in 1957 must be recommended by State FFA Executive Committee to receive this degree.
2. Have outstanding Supervised Farming Program that shows improvement in quality and continued expansion in scope.
3. Have full ownership of major projects in Supervised Farming 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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RONALD ROGERS, Prattville, Star Farmer of Alabama, was presented a new Ford tractor and received congratulations from H. C. Heermann, president of the Southeast Ford Tractor Company.



STAR 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.)

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 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 large practical use of home grown grains.

d. Feed cost per pound of butterfat and per cwt. of milk as measure of efficiency in production.

e. All cows and heifers to be naturally or artificially bred to purebred bull of proved high production character.

f. Use of approved sanitation practices with check on cleanliness, bacterial content and flavor of milk and cream.

4. FFA activities.

a. Evidence of leadership, ability, cooperation, community service, interest and ability to assume responsibility.

STATE AWARDS

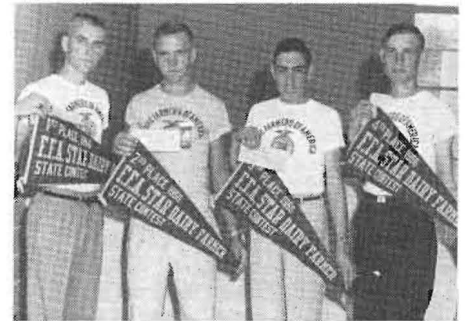
- 1st—\$100 and Chapter Plaque.
 2nd—\$75 and Chapter Plaque.
 3rd—\$50 and Chapter Banner.
 4th—\$25 and Chapter Banner.

NATIONAL AWARDS

First Place \$250 and three Regional awards of \$200 each.

Sponsors

National Dairy Products Corporation
 Kraft Foods Company
 Southern Dairies, Inc.
 National FFA Foundation.
 Alabama FFA Association.



STAR DAIRY FARMERS—(Left to right) Raymond Patton, Ider, 1st place; Tommy Jones, Lineville, 2nd place; Eddie Wayne Jones, Albertville, 3rd place; and Cecil Gant, Jr., Pisgah, 4th place.

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.)



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.

National Awards

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

Sponsors

- National FFA Foundation
- Alabama FFA Association

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, 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 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 20.)

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 practices in the use of electricity or electrical appliances or equipment on his home farm or in the farm home.

State Awards

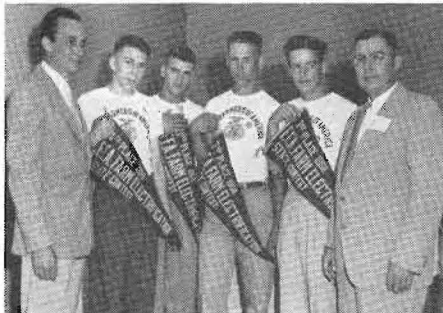
- 1st—\$100 and Chapter Banner.
- 2nd—\$75 and Chapter Banner.
- 3rd—\$65 and Chapter Banner.
- 4th—\$60 and Chapter Banner.
- 5th—\$50 and Chapter Banner.

National Awards

First place \$250 and three Regional Awards of \$200 each.

Sponsors

- Alabama Power Company
- Alabama REA Cooperatives
- National FFA Foundation
- Alabama FFA Association



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

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 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



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.

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 10.)

State Awards

- 1st—\$100 and Chapter Banner.
- 2nd—\$50 and Chapter Banner.
- 3rd—\$25 and Chapter Banner.
- 4th—\$25 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



FORESTRY CONTEST—(Left to right) R. N. Hoskins, industrial forester, Seaboard Airline Railroad; Wilson Lee, Bay Minette, 1st place; Ken Nichols, 2nd place; Raymond Sturdivant, Silas, 3rd place; Wayne Curtis, Troy, 4th place.

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

- Seaboard Airline Railroad Company
- Alabama FFA Association

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 participate in the State Finals during 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, 4th place; Cecil Park, Troy, 2nd place; Eugene Talley, Tuskegee, 1st place; Marlin S. Hughghins, farm representative, Standard Oil Company. Not shown is 3rd place winner, Winfred Loper, Chatom.

3rd—\$50 watch and Chapter Banner.
4th—\$50 watch and Chapter Banner.
5th—\$50 watch and Chapter Banner.

Sponsors

Standard Oil Company
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 Farming 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

Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau.

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 submit-

ted to the State Executive Secretary's office. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN 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.

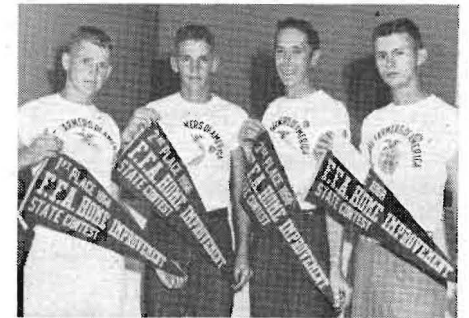
3rd—\$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner.

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



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

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 news articles written and submitted with Monthly Report.

3. Number of suitable pictures submitted with Monthly Reports.

4. Number of local News Letters published.

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.

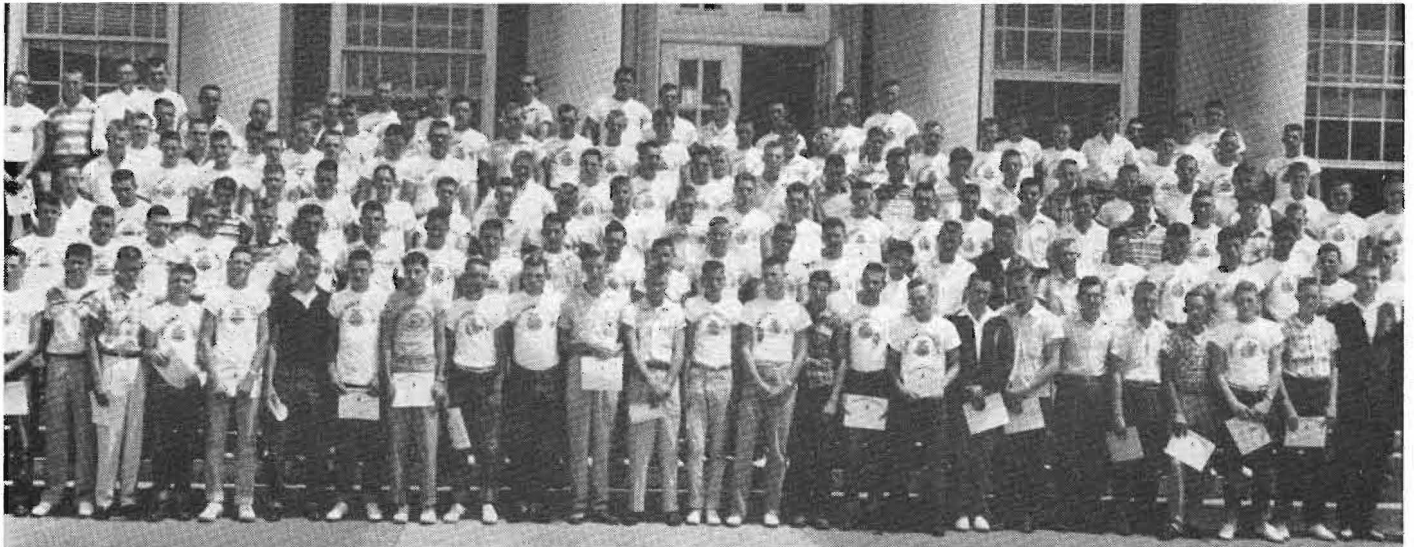
2. An accurate record of the above information should be included in the final report.

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

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272 AWARDED STATE FARMER DEGREE



1956 STATE FARMERS—Pictured above are most of the candidates who received their State Farmer Degree during the annual State FFA Convention held in Auburn.

State Farmers

Northeast District (72)

Albertville—Adrian Shell.
 Arab—Barney Dale Starkey, Marvin Whisenant, Milton Lovvorn.
 Blountsville—James B. Brindley, George E. Daily, Joe Brindley, Charlie C. Chamblee.
 Boaz—Carroll D. Estes, Donald Alford, Milton Scott, Thomas Knight, Brice Medlock, James Brown.
 Bridgeport—Charles W. Bynum, John P. Bynum.
 Cullman—Frank Bates.
 Danville—John Freeman, Clinton Lake.
 Douglas—Everett Blackwood, Ronald Holland, J. C. Ferguson, Wilton Camp, Ralph Jolley, Marion Teal.
 Fairview—Larry Pruett.
 Glencoe—Troy J. Kendall.
 Hartselle—Charles Legg.
 Hazel Green—Billy W. Nunley, Wayne Stinnett.
 Hayden—Bobby Boles.
 Heffin—Ralph Williams, Horace White, Paul Brown.
 Ider—Raymond Patton.
 Jacksonville—Bill Gardner, Arnold Johnson, Joe Harold Garrett, Jimmy Green.
 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 Bowman, Buster Funderburg, Homer Lee Bowman.
 Pisgah—Lavern Steele, Cecil Gant, Jr., Jimmy Wilson, Ralph Robertson, Donald Ray Wilks.
 Riverton—Buddy Simmons.
 Sardis—Lourie Henderson.
 Southside—David Wayne Stephens.
 Spring Garden—Tom Sanford, Douglas Rosser, Franklin Estes, Kenneth Treadaway.
 Stevenson—Junior Guess, Fred Gonce.
 Sylvania—Willard Wright.
 Valley Head—Hoyt Hawkins, Benny Palmer, Billy Palmer.
 Walnut Grove—Oillie J. Lee.
 White Plains—Harlan Jackson, Charles Snider, Donald Angel.

Northwest District (56)

Ardmore—Douglas Delap.
 Belgreen—Bencil Greenhill.
 Carbon Hill—Merle Farris.
 Central—Johnny L. Simmons.
 Curry—Bruce Abbott, Buddy Estes, Alan Roberts.
 East Limestone—Wayne Henderson, George Peek.
 Fayette—Earl Ballinger, Murl Smith.
 Hackleburg—J. B. Cantrell, La Faun Haynes, Orval Hester, John Henry Scarborough.
 Haleyville—Johnny Roberts, Dewey Ray Wise.
 Hatton—Hershel 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.
 Northport—Donald Booth, Edgar Hoots.
 Oakman—James Tubbs.
 Red Bay—Boyce Hutcheson, Haskiel Massey, William Robinson, J. F. Scott.
 Rogers—Jimmy Gifford, Rayford L. Gist.
 Rogersville—Billy Ray Davis.
 Sulligent—Maxwell Brown, Jimmy Crump, Jacky Pennington, Wallace Stanford, Jimmy Trimm.
 Town Creek—Paul Lang.
 Vernon—James Edwin Greer, Banks Perkins, Farrell Wheeler, Owana Wheeler.
 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.
 Beulah—Kenneth McKemie, Frank Sanders, Jr.
 Billingsley—James A. Bowles.
 Camp Hill—Leon Miller, Arnold Lauderdale.
 Dadeville—Dorman Dennis, Bobby Gene Haggerty.

Five Points—Jimmy Avery, Emmett Bonner, Fred Kendrick.
 Greensboro—Alton C. Clements, Tommy Rhodes, Ronald E. Clements.
 Isabella—Jerry Donald Durbin, Charles Bavar.
 Jemison—Danny Gilmore, Leslie Guy, Rodney Benson.
 Lincoln—Joe Burton.
 Lineville—Tommy Jones, Charles Graben.
 Milltown—Rodney Harmon, Leroy Talley.
 Montevallo—Gene Milton Reid, Robert E. O'Neal.
 New Site—Jack Peters.
 Prattville—Ronald Rogers.
 Roanoke—Hugh Muldrew.
 Rockford—William Cowart, Edward Brown, Micheal Davis, Sherrill Harris.
 Suttle—Ken Nichols, Wayne Melton, Roger Fuller.
 Tuskegee—Jerry 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—Marlin Ryals.
 East Brewton—James T. Crawford.
 Fairhope—Floyd Childress.
 Foley—Maurice W. Blackmon, Harvey Daughtery, James D. Powers, Lawrence Lipscomb.
 Grand Bay—Ronald Sollie.
 Grove Hill—Bobby Smith, Tommy 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.
 Millry—Lamar Hollinghead.
 Orrville—Dalton Smith, Billy Moore.
 Plantersville—Jimmy Box.
 Robertsdale—Jimmie Hovark, Joey Krob.
 Sweet Water—Bobby Anderson.
 Uriah—Hubert Brown.
 Thomaston—Ronald Pharr.
 York—Buddy McElroy, Richard Walker.

Southeast District (63)

- Ashford—James Jeffcoat.
- Bakerhill—Julian Thelton Hartzog.
- Blue Springs—Winston Wilkinson, Thomas Fuqua, Bobby Parr, 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, Tommie Norris, Wayne Rudd.
- Fort Deposit—Dawson Mooror, James Sullivan.
- Geneva—Jimmy VanLandingham, Gene Craft, Zackie Harris, Robert Clemmons, Gene Revels, Avertt Griffin, Johnny Jenkins.
- Georgiana—Jimmy Caine, James Smith.
- Hayneville—Hardy M. Owens, Jr.
- Highland Home—Joe Dorman, James Thomas.
- Holtville—H. D. Ingram, Jr.
- Kinston—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 Golson, Dan Jones.
- Straughn—Willie Cottle, Larry Powell.
- Troy—Willie Frank Murphy, Nolan Barron, Donald Ray Coston, Tommie Adams.
- Wetumpka—Joe Levins, Douglas Terrell, Jimmy Stubbs.

CONTESTS AND AWARDS

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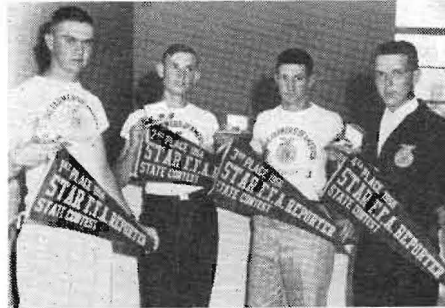
signed by the reporter, president, and local advisor. (DUE IN AUBURN BY MAY 5th.)

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.

Sponsor

Alabama FFA Association



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

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 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 \$300 in cash and Alpha Gamma Rho trophy to be presented at the State FFA Convention.

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FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR—(Left to right) Cecil Gant, Jr., receiving loving cup from Winfred Davis, representing Alpha Gamma Rho.

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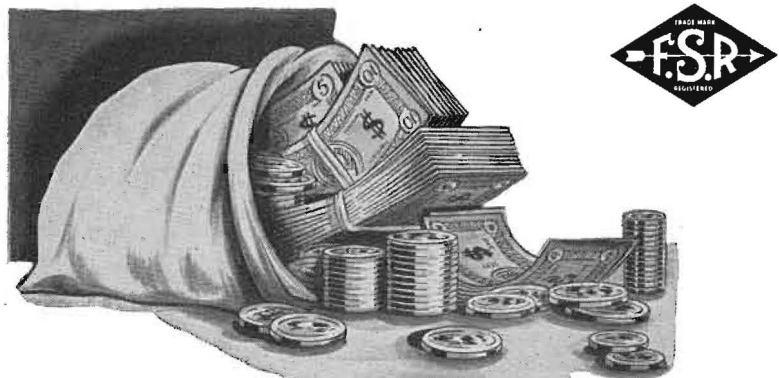
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HONORARY STATE FARMERS—Pictured above are men from the various walks of life who have made great contributions to the FFA program in Alabama and were made honorary members during the recent State FFA Convention held in Auburn.

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; Mouzon 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, Waterloo; 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, LaFayette; B. C. Nix, FFA Advisor, Foley; W. B. Kelly, Superintendent, Blackbelt Experiment Station, Marion Junction.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

QUARTET CONTEST

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| 1st—Millport | 4th—Ashford |
| 2nd—Prattville | 5th—Selma |
| 3rd—Cullman | |

STRING BAND

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| 1st—Jacksonville | 3rd—Hubbertville |
| 2nd—Dadeville | 4th—Rogersville |

RADIO PROGRAM

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| 1st—Jacksonville | 3rd—Straughn |
| 2nd—Dadeville | 4th—Foley |

FFA QUIZ

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| 1st—Bob Helms..... | Grove Hill |
| 2nd—John Eubanks..... | Carrollton |
| 3rd—Jacky Pennington..... | Sulligent |
| 4th—Clatis Tew..... | Millry |

JUDGING TEAMS

Livestock

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

Dairy

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

Poultry

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

STAR FARMER AWARDS

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| State Star Farmer—Ronald Rogers..... | Prattville |
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District—Donald Alford..... Boaz
 District—Joe Carothers..... Winfield
 District—Charles Colvin..... Pleasant Home
 District—Buddy McElroy..... York

STAR DAIRY FARMER

1st—Raymond Patton..... Ider
 2nd—Tommy Jones..... Lineville
 3rd—Eddie Wayne Jones..... Albertville
 4th—Cecil Gant, Jr..... Pisgah

FARM MECHANICS

1st—William Roberson..... Red Bay
 2nd—Jimmy Thompson..... Ider
 3rd—Berney McGhee..... Sidney Lanier
 4th—Curtis Hamilton..... Eutaw

FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION

1st—Raymond Junkin..... Palmetto
 2nd—Gary Eugene Dowdy..... Jasper
 3rd—Gilbert Free..... Gordo
 4th—Robert Barber..... Pell City
 5th—Jim L. Coats..... Ramer

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

1st—Orval Hester..... Hackleburg
 2nd—Ronnie Morgan..... Troy
 3rd—W. C. Roe..... Pell City
 4th—Braswell Beck..... Douglas

FARM SAFETY

1st—Pisgah..... 3rd—Stevenson
 2nd—Riverton..... 4th—Milry

FORESTRY AWARDS

1st—Wilson Lee..... Bay Minette
 2nd—Ken Nichols..... Suttle
 3rd—Raymond Sturdivant..... Silas
 4th—Wayne Curtis..... Troy

HOME IMPROVEMENT

1st—Greg Pierce..... McKenzie
 2nd—Gerry Wilhite..... Cullman
 3rd—Gerald Ash..... Odenville
 4th—Harold Crowe..... Ider
 5th—Phil Davis..... Douglas

STAR REPORTER

1st—Jimmy Trimm..... Sulligent
 2nd—Cecil Gant, Jr..... Pisgah
 3rd—Laverne Bryant..... Aliceville
 4th—Ronald Rogers..... Prattville

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR

Cecil Gant, Jr..... Pisgah

TRACTOR DRIVING

1st—Eugene Talley..... Tuskegee
 2nd—Cecil Park..... Troy
 3rd—Winfred Loper..... Chatom
 4th—Willie Cottle..... Straughn

HONOR ROLL CHAPTERS

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| 1. Moulton—119 | 6. Wedowee—104 |
| 2. Lexington—116 | 7. S. Lanier—103 |
| 3. Heflin—111 | 8. Silas—101 |
| 4. Jemison—106 | 9. Foley—100 |
| 5. Jasper—105 | 10. Stevenson—100 |

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.



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BAY MINETTE FFA members present television program and demonstrate uses of a portable electric motor.

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. Nall, 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.



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."

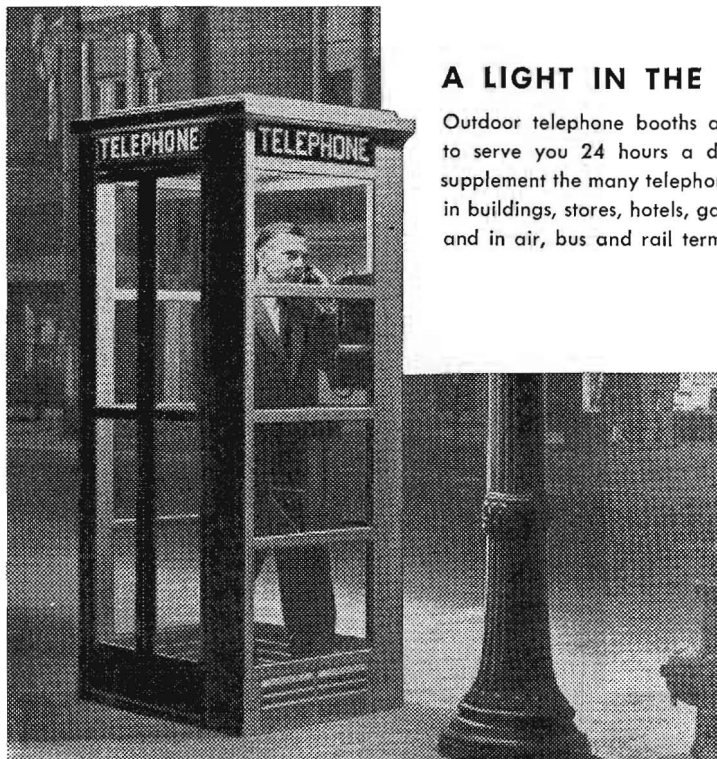
He set an example for his students as a community leader, serving on the Reform board of aldermen and as police court recorder. He has been Sunday School superintendent and a member of the board of deacons of Reform's Baptist Church for almost 30 years, first Scoutmaster in Reform, Red Cross county chairman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

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Foley Chapter Sponsors Farm Safety Week

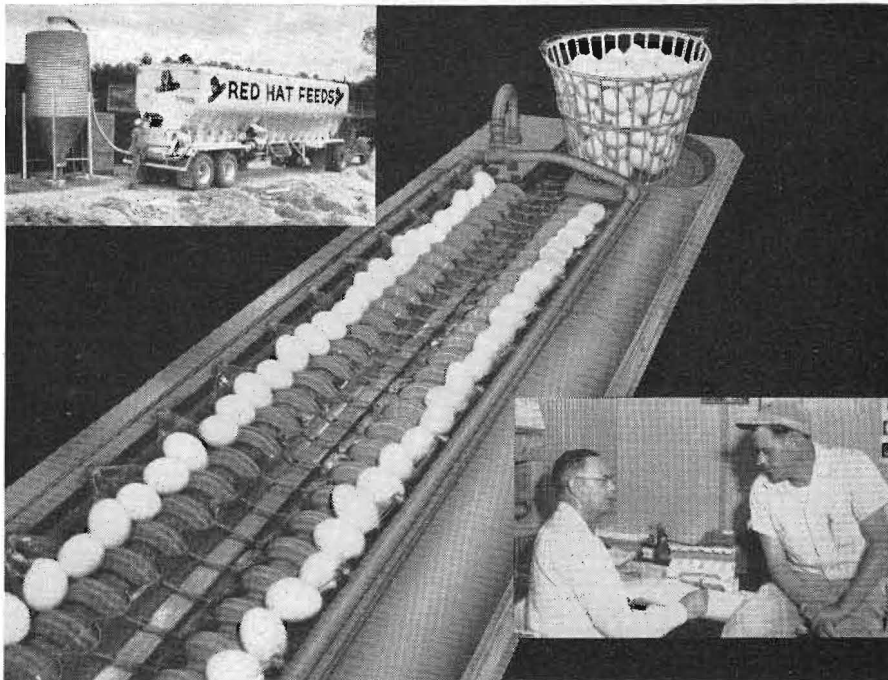
One death and one severe burn among people connected with vocational agriculture in the Foley area, was enough to put the Farm Safety Committee of Foley FFA chapter to work. Both of these accidents occurred on the farm two weeks before National Farm Safety Week. Both accidents were avoidable but happened 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.



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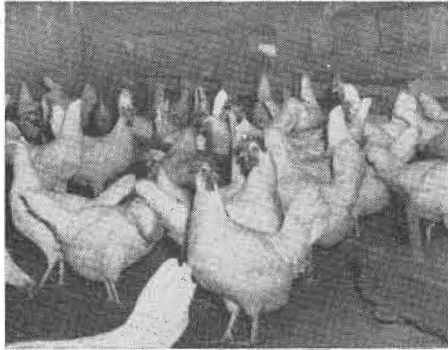
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