Prattville Wins Tri-State Quartet Contest

CONTESTS and AWARDS 1957-58
Dailey and McGraw Named Assistant Advisors of FFA

J. L. Dailey, assistant supervisor Vocational Agriculture, Montgomery, has been named assistant FFA Advisor, effective July 1.

Mr. Dailey is a native of Wilcox County, a graduate from Moore Academy, Pine Apple, Alabama. After graduating he attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute where he received his B.S. Degree in Agricultural Education in 1941. He also received his M.S. Degree from the same institution 1951.

He taught Vocational Agriculture at Blount County High School from 1941 to September 1946. Since that time he has been on the staff of Vocational Agriculture working out of the State office located in the State Department of Education, Montgomery, Alabama. He will continue to work out of the State office in Montgomery.

Mr. Dailey is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, agriculture fraternity, a Mason and an active leader in the Baptist church. He is married to the former Merle Warren of New Orleans, Louisiana and they have two sons.

Mr. Dailey will be Editor of the Alabama Future Farmer and handle all routine matters such as State Officers, State and American Farmer applications, State and National FFA Convention, annual reports, etc.

He has always been actively interested in the FFA organization, having served as advisor to an outstanding chapter while vocational agriculture teacher in Oneonta.

E. L. McGraw, Subject Matter Specialist, Vocational Agriculture, Auburn, has been named Assistant FFA Advisor for Awards, effective July 1.

Mr. McGraw is a native of Lauderdale County and graduated from Lauderdale County High School, Rogersville. After graduation he attended Florence State Teachers College for two years and taught in the elementary schools of Lauderdale County for two years. He attended Auburn in 1939-1941 and received a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Education. He also received his M.S. Degree from the same institution in 1949, and has done graduate work at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the University of Kentucky.

He was employed by the Alabama Extension Service as assistant agricultural editor in 1941-1944, taught vocational agriculture in 1944-1948 with the exception of a period spent in the army, and has been on the staff for vocational agriculture since March, 1948.

Mr. McGraw is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, Gamma Sigma Delta honorary fraternities and secretary-treasurer of Phi Delta Kappa honorary fraternity. Last year he was named in Who's Who in American Education, is a member of the Lion's Club and the Methodist Church.

He is married to a native of Lauderdale County, Johnnie Faye Richardson, and they have three daughters, ages 18, 13 and 7.

McGraw will be in charge of all contests and awards in FFA work.

Alabama Cops First Place In Tri-State Contests

The Tri-State FFA Public Speaking and Quartet Contests were held at Auburn on July 25, with both contests being won by Alabama.

George Guess, Jr. of Stevenson was the first-place winner in the Public Speaking Contest and the FFA Quartet from Prattville won first place in that contest.

The subject of George's speech was "The Purposes of the Future Farmers of America."

The three states participating in the contests were Alabama, Florida and Georgia. This is the first time in many years that any one of the states has won both the contests.

The winner of the Public Speaking Contest received an engraved FFA plaque and will represent the states in an area contest including the 12 Southern states and Puerto Rico, the latter part of August or early September. The winner in that contest will represent the Southern region in the national finals.

COVER PICTURE

THE NEW Tri-state winners in the FFA Quartet Contest are shown on the cover. Members of the quartet are: left to right: Ronald Rogers; Charles Mills; Marion Bogges; and Clint Mills.

This quartet won by advancing all the way from the chapter level through county, area, district, state and finally Tri-state contests. The winner in this contest does not advance any farther since there is no regional or national contest for quartets. However, this quartet is awarded $100 to help pay their expenses to the national convention in Kansas City if they so desire to attend.
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State advisors attended and took part in the participants and the close cooperation of the 28th Annual Convention of the visitors about the outlook for the Auburn football team.

Approximately 1,100 boys and their advisors attended and took part in the convention program. The program was filled with varied activities which had as their purposes 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 Ronald Rogers, State FFA President, presided over the general sessions.

The two featured speakers of the convention were Dr. A. R. Meadows, State Superintendent of Education, and James Quincey, National FFA Vice-President from Trenton, Florida.

Coaches Buck Bradberry and Hal Herrling also told the FFA members and visitors about the outlook for the Auburn football team.

Many talents were displayed during the convention. There were competitors in string band, public speaking, quartet, radio, and livestock judging contests. This year's contest competition was very keen as a result of the great number of participating and the close cooperation of local FFA chapters.

Another record-breaking 272 boys were presented the State Farmer Degree by the Alabama FFA Association. This is the highest degree that the State Association 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 was bestowed upon Wayland Cross of the Town Creek High School FFA Chapter.

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CHAPTER SPEAKING CONTEST  
1. Will be held by January 15.  
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 winners 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.

STATE FINAL AWARDS  
1st—$300.00 and Chapter Banner.  
2nd—$100.00 and Chapter Banner.  
3rd—$95.00 and Chapter Banner.  
4th—$90.00 and Chapter Banner.  
5th—$85.00 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.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST  
(left to right) seated—Joseph Cates, Ft. Deposit, 2nd place winner; Norris Hammond, Lexington, 3rd place winner; Ronald Rogers, Prattville, 4th place winner; Jimbo Rogers, Selma, 5th place winner and George Guess, Jr., Stevenson, 1st place winner. Standing are left to right—Woodrow Wilson, vo-ag teacher, Ft. Deposit; J. R. Hankins, vo-ag teacher, Lexington; H. Y. Grooms, vo-ag teacher, Prattville; R. L. Spigner, vo-ag teacher, Selma and C. D. Richardson, vo-ag teacher, Stevenson.
FFA Chapter Contest

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

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1957

Honor Roll Chapters

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

Eligibility
Any boy is eligible who is under 21 years of age at the time of the national contest. He must have had not more than four years training in any approved course of vocational agriculture of less than college grade. He must be, 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. An exception is a boy who has participated previously in any official national judging contest (including 4-H contests) who will 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.

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

Farm Safety Awards

Purposes

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 a farm safety award two successive years. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MAY 10th.)

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 Awards. 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 awards 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.
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Gold Medal—$37.50 and Chapter Banner.
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Superior Chapter Award
Alabama Future Farmer throughout the year.

Honor Roll Chapters

Purposes

HONOR ROLL CHAPTERS (left to right)
Kneeling — Randolph Gonce, Stevenson; Darrell Neese, Theodore; Bill Ruple, Bay Minette; Standing (left to right) Deard Bar ker, Jasper; Andrew Mccay, Moulton; Harold Mcgee, Lexington; and Clark Gaston, Sidney Lanier.

MEMBERS of the quartet are left to right: Bill Quinn, H. Y. Grooms, Advisor; Ronald Rogers, Charles Mills, Marion Bogges, and Clint Mills.
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 will be held for livestock and dairy judging, and 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

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 three numbers of its own selection. No theme allowed.
4. Instruments that are commonly used with string bands, such as piano, drums, saxophone, clarinet, fiddle, tubas, etc., may be used if needed.
5. District eliminations will be held prior to state finals 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.

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.

FFA STRING BAND—Rogersville won first place. They are, left to right, Wayne Slaton, Harold Holden, Gerald McCormick, C. J. Pennington, Advisor; Charles Thompson and Ray Masonia.

Land Judging
Purpose
This contest is designed to help students learn more about land, difference in soils, their capabilities, methods of soil conservation and improvement and treatments in order to obtain higher production.

Eligibility and Plan
All students who are enrolled in vocational agriculture are eligible to enter.

Four contestants comprise a team. Scores of the high three team members make a team score. A team of only three members is permissible to enter.

A score card will be used which will include surface texture, movement of air and water in the subsoil (permeability), depth of surface soil and subsoil, slope, erosion, wind and water, surface drainage, factors considered in selecting land class and treatments, land capability class and land treatments.

County winning teams will be eligible to compete at the district eliminations. First and second place teams from each district will compete in the state contest at the annual 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
WFSF-TV Station, Montgomery, Alabama

< THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
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 Award 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 certificate 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 1958 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 products 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.

Sponsors
Ford Tractor and Implement Dealers of Alabama.
National FFA Foundation.
Alabama FFA Association.
Farm Mechanics Award

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, 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 Assistant Advisor for FFA Awards, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 15.)

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

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, 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 Assistant Advisor for FFA Awards, Auburn. (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—$20 and Chapter Banner.

National Awards
First place $250 and three regional awards of $200 each.

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
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 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 kept from October 1, 1957 to September 30, 1958. See local FFA advisor for details. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN STATE FFA OFFICE BY OCTOBER 15, 1958.)

Awards
State winner—$100 cash and trip with his local FFA Advisor to the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association Convention in Atlanta, January, 1959.
Regional winner—$50 cash.

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

Tractor Operation Contest

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 and 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.
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 farming 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.
Chapter corn grower 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

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 Assistant Advisor for FFA Awards, Auburn. (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

SAFE Tractor Operation and Maintenance—(left to right) standing, Ben F. Hucks, assistant Division Manager, Standard Oil Co., Cecil Parks, Troy, 1st place; Cloyce Hammonds, Alexandria, 4th place; Dean Templon, Albertville, 2nd place. Kneeling (left to right) Leland Helton, Atmore, 2nd place and Gary Holloway, Wedowee, 3rd place.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION—(left to right) Garey Dowdey, Jasper, 1st place; Gilbert Free, Gordo, 2nd place; Douglas Dalton, Sylacauga, 3rd place; William Fleming, Geneva, 4th place and Larry Smith, Palmetto, 5th 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 Assistant Advisor for FFA Awards, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 20.)
272 AWARDED STATE FARMER DEGREE

1957 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 (71)
Alabaster—Bobbe Joe Bearden, Bobby Allen, Ham Johnston, Thomas Jerry Fergusson, Robert Dean Parker, Clatus Rutledge.
Auburn—Johnny Mack Willard.
Boaz—Avery Smith, Carl Long, Edsel Calhoun, Ronald Teal, Charles King, Kenneth Knight.
Centre—Joseph Bob Davis.
Cullman—George Rankin, Joel Hinkle.
Danville—Alfred White, Jr.
Gadsden—Donald Hugh Lee, Joe Hart, Garry Holmes.
Glencoe—Edward Slaten.
Huntsville—Eddy Louis Roy, Marion McGhee.
Huntsville—Billy Ray Yell, Allen Bragg, Jerry Wayne Birchfield, Hubert Yell, Jr., James David Benson.
Iler—J. L. Edwards, Charles Whitaker.
Jacksonville—William Ray Johnson, James Welch, Dewey Lane Huddleston.
Locust Fork—Charles McCay.
New Market—Homer Walker, Floyd Moore, Jr.
Fayette—Ray Hannah, Frank Peoples, Sam Crump, Marvin C. Pope.
Pickens—Truman McCamy, Boyd Lee Hughes, Eddie Colvard, Jon Blake Peak.
Riverton—Arvin Koger, Mickey Payne, Tommy Gipson.
Sand Rock—Lelon Hufstetter, Leon Hufstetter.
Spring Garden—Gene Williams.
Stevenson—George H. Loyd, Bobby Powell, Randolph Concone.
Susan Moore—John Wilson.
Sylvan—Rayburn Newsome.
West Point—Charles Norman, Charles Shoemaker, Donald Talley.
White Plains—Norman Murray, Gene Barton.

Northwest District (60)
Addison—Dempsey Parris, Trillis W. Hightower.
Aliceville—Leon McBride.
Belgreen—Donald Ezell.
Carbon Hill—Hugo Herren.
Curtis—Revis Forrester, Bill Meeks, Billy Steele.
East Limestone—Wallace Laxson, Donald Kennedy.
Elkmont—James Floyd Davis, Billy Joe Eaves.
Gordo—Marshall Robertson, Don Duren, Hershel Driver.
Hackleburg—Gunna Hayward, Elvis Cochran.
Hatton—Donald Sutton, Gwyneth Witt, Jodie Burney.
Lexington—Harold G. McGee, Jerry Lee Beavers, Robert Lelon Balch.
Pell City—Ray Hannah, Frank Peoples, Sam Crump, Marvin C. Pope.
Piggy—Truman McCamy, Boyd Lee Hughes, Eddie Colvard, Jon Blake Peak.
Rivermont—Arvin Koger, Mickey Payne, Tommy Gipson.
Sand Rock—Lelon Hufstetter, Leon Hufstetter.
Spring Garden—Gene Williams.
Stevenson—George H. Loyd, Bobby Powell, Randolph Concone.
Susan Moore—John Wilson.
Sylvan—Rayburn Newsome.
West Point—Charles Norman, Charles Shoemaker, Donald Talley.
White Plains—Norman Murray, Gene Barton.

Central District (38)
Autaugaville—Tommy Rainwater.
Beauregard—Jack Pope, Austin Burdell, Paul Harris.
Beulah—William Gollatke, Norman Miller.
Billingsley—Charles Buchhalter.
Camp Hill—Binford Morgan.
THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
Columbiana—Preston Hughes, Waymon Pitts.
Goodwater—Joe G. Mann.
Lincoln—Hugo Sexton, Cary Allred.
Marbury—James Banks.
Montevallo—Frank L. Thiemonge.
New Site—Danny Joe Nolen, Grimsley Simpson.
Prattville—Gordon Allen, Bobby Nunmy.
Rockford—Bobby Hubbard.
Verbena—Charles Hudson.
Wadley—Domild Taylor.
Winterboro—John Germany.

Southwest District (41)
Bay Minette—Roy Etheridge, Harry Bryant.
Beatrice—Joel D. Hardee.
Camden—Brax McIntosh, Mack Powell, Allen Wilkinson.
Carlowville—Pickens Calhoun, Cecil Waynick Strickland.
Excel—Benny Erroll Shumack.
Faithhope—Tommy Harthorn, Jimmy McKenzie.
Flomaton—Bobby Joe Hammack, James Wilcox.
Foley—Donald Harrison, Walter Powers, Curtis Cassebaum, Wilmer Lipscomb, Jr., Roy Amos.
Grand Bay—Edwin Blackmon, DOWing Jackson.
Grove Hill—Bob Helms, Horace Padgett.
Leroy—Neil Woodyard, Harold Jones, Oscar Braun, Buster Reeves.
Livingston—James Calvin Stegall, Allen Dial, Otha Averett.
Lottsville—Bill Hartley, Harlan Brown, Franklin Clarke.
Orrville—Clauvee Holbrook, Ray Massey, Raymond Lovelace, Malcolm Olds, Roy Massey.
Plantersville—Billy Clyde Dempsey.
Thomaston—George McKee, Alton Glass.
York—Jimmy Stallings.

Southeast District (62)
Abbeville—Lamar Wilkinson.
Blue Springs—Winston Walker.
Clayton—Thomas Boyd, Carroll Green, James Lewis Green, Samuel Wood, Sanford Grubbs, Rodney Green, James O. Hagler.
Clio—Eric Ray Smith, Arvie Gaston Tew.
Dougher—Billy Berry, Sammy Blackmon.
Lomax Godwin.
Ecclectic—Joe Mann.
Enterprise—Fred Tice.
Floral—Roy Scheffer, James Robbins, Joe Chambers.
Georgia—Barry Wood.
Harford—James Martin.
Highland Home—Raymond Beasley, Thomas Earl Owens, Frank Schmitt, Franklin Best.
Inverness—Ned McColl.
Kinston—Hayward Holmes.
Luverne—Nelson Knight, Robert Curtis Petrey, Gerald Flowers.
McKenzie—Clayton Laron Campbell, James Lomar Olson.
Ozark—Ralph Wesley Grantham, Stanley Parker.
Ranse—Morris Bowd.
Rawls—Vaughn Watson, Eugene Brunette.

CONTENTS AND AWARDS

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.

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Efficient Cotton Production Program

Purpose
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Eligibility
Member of FFA and enrolled in Vocational Agriculture during period of production is eligible. One or more acres should be in contest project. A member must produce contest project under own managerial control. A member must submit completed “Efficient Cotton Production Program” report form. No member may receive the award twice.

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.

Home Improvement

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.

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Basis for Selecting Winner
1. Efficiency of production—50% (1,000 points)
2. Production practices—50% (1,000 points)

Awards
1. All-expense paid round-trip from member's home to National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, also chapter banner.
2. Award will be granted year following contest.

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HONORARY STATE FARMERS—Seated left to right: M. L. Batson, T.C.I., Birmingham; M. M. Cope, FFA advisor, Eufaula; Burt Cloud, assistant manager, Alabama REA, Montgomery; M. J. Beard, FFA advisor, Frisco City; Bonnie Hand, editor, Lafayette Sun, Lafayette; C. H. Hillestad, FFA advisor, Baker Hill; Julian Brown, executive secretary, Soil Conservation Committee, Montgomery; H. Y. Groome, FFA advisor, Prattville; Dr. Dale F. King, head, Poultry Husbandry, A.P.I., Auburn; Dr. C. P. Nelson, executive secretary, A.E.A., Montgomery. Standing left to right: John L. Yates, FFA advisor, Town Creek; Glover Pugh, FFA advisor, Theodore; Dr. Dale F. Squiers, A. P. I.; Ford Cook, State news Editor, Mobile Press Register, Mobile; M. E. Ekstrom, FFA advisor, Curry High, Jasper; F. B. Killough, FFA advisor, Tuskegee; J. R. Orr, Livestock Consultant, Huntsville; P. W. Roberts, FFA advisor, Valley Head; Hugh Roberts, Regional farm engineer, Portland Cement Association, Atlanta; J. C. Hollis, FFA advisor, Spring Garden.

3. Each chapter winner will receive lapel button and certificate.

4. In the event that the award winner declines to accept trip, second place winner will receive the award.

5. Each state will select and award winner not later than December 31.

6. Each state supervisor will send to the Chairman, Cotton Education Committee, Southern Regional Conference, not later than January 10, name of state award winner along with winner’s contest report, photograph, and biographical sketch of experience in FFA and vocational agriculture.

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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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STATE CONVENTION
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Wayland received a new Ford tractor and a $100 bond as his prizes.

Another outstanding event of the convention was the election of new officers. Elected president was Bob Helms of Grove Hill; vice-president, Haniel Croft of Straughn; secretary, Charles McCoy of Locust Fork; treasurer, Billy Steele of Curry; and reporter, Roscoe Johnston of Isabella.

The tap of the new president's gavel on Saturday morning, June 8, brought to an official close the 28th convention. FFA members and their advisors returned to their respective chapters inspired to do a better job next year as a result of what they had heard and seen at the state convention.

State Winners of contests and awards are as follows:

CHAPTER CONTEST
Superior Chapter Awards—1st, Sulligent; 2nd, Jasper; 3rd, Geneva; 4th, Stevenson.
Others: Boaz, Oskeman, Bay Minette, Prattville, Curry, Straughn, Eclectic, Greenville, Livingston, Wetumpka, Aliceville,
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Alabama Members In National Band, Chorus

Two 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 member from Alabama to play in the band is Auby Smith of the Boaz chapter.

In the chorus is Don Howard Dean of the Hartford chapter.

Dates For National FFA Convention Set

The 30th Annual National FFA Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-18. Alabama delegation going by train will leave Birmingham from terminal Railroad Station on the Frisco, Sunday, October 13 at 12:00 noon.

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1st—George Guess Stevenson
2nd—Joseph Cates Ft. Deposit
3rd—Norris Hammond Lexington
4th—Ronald Rogers Prattville
5th—Jimbo Rogers Selma

QUARTET CONTEST

1st—Prtattville 3rd—Opp
2nd—Odenville 4th—Atmore

STRING BAND

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

RADIO PROGRAM

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

JUDGING TEAMS

Livestock

1st—Marion 3rd—Guin
2nd—Hackettsey 4th—Frisco City

Dairy

1st—Marion 3rd—Sulligent
2nd—Town Creek 4th—Bay Minette

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2nd—Gilbert Free Gordo
3rd—Douglas Dalton Sulligent
4th—William Fleming Geneva
5th—Larry Smith Palmetto

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

1st—Gene Milton Reid Montevallo
2nd—Joel D. Hardee Beatrice
3rd—Curtis Petrey Luverne
4th—Ronnie Morgan Troy

FORESTRY AWARDS

1st—Ken Nichols Suttle
2nd—Raymond Sturdivant Silas
3rd—Wayne Curtis Troy
4th—Edgar Harper Greensboro

HOME IMPROVEMENT

1st—Edward Cash Valley Head
2nd—Charles Whitaker Ider
3rd—Bobby Drummond Eutaw
4th—Brice Medlock Boaz
5th—Boyd Lee Hughes Pisgah

STAR REPORTER

1st—James Blakney Aliceville
2nd—Robert Fortner Foley
3rd—Douglas Dalton Sulligent
4th—Larry Bell Pisgah

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR
Ronald Rogers Prattville

TRACTOR DRIVING

1st—Cecil Carr Troy
2nd—Leland Helton Atmore
3rd—Gary Holloway Alexandria
4th—Clay Hampton Wedowee
5th—Dean Templeton Albertville

HONOR ROLL CHAPTERS
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2. Moulton—106
3. Stevenson—105
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CHAMPION CORN GROWER
Billy Sellers Ramer

CHAMPION COTTON GROWER
Charlie Chamblee Blountsville

Poultry

1st—Southside 3rd—Elkmont
2nd—Hartford 4th—Rogersdale
5th—Glencoe

STAR FARMER AWARDS
State Star Farmer—Wayland Cross
District—Floyd Moore, Jr. New Market
District—Joe Hunt Sidney Lanier
District—James Wilson Eutaw
District—Larry Bryant Bay Minette

STAR DAIRY FARMER
1st—Glover Laird Geneva
2nd—Wayne Archer Vincent
3rd—Clark Gaston Sidney Lanier
4th—Rudolph Lee Pell City

FARM MECHANICS

1st—Jimmy Thompson Ider
2nd—Curtis Casebaum Foley
3rd—Hatton Mountain Pisgah
4th—Gene Milton Reid Montevallo

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