

REPORT OF STATE VICE-PRESIDENT  
George Guess, Jr.

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As Ellis Burgess escorted me to the station of Vice-President, I did not realize that I was beginning the most experienced-filled year of my life. In serving as Vice-President of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America, I have had the opportunity of making many new friends and to become better acquainted with the work of our fine organization. The following is some of the things that I have had the privilege of doing as a state officer:

After returning home from a trip to Florida with our local chapter I attended my first Executive Meeting at Auburn along with other state officers. On Oct. 14, I boarded the train in Birmingham along with the Alabama Delegation and other state officers to attend the National Convention at Kansas City. Other than seeing how the National officers conducted the convention, I had the privilege of speaking to the Men's Rotary Club of Independence, Missouri which is the hometown of former president Truman. When I returned home from the National Convention, I attended a local chapter meeting at Bridgeport. On December 4, I attended a very nice banquet at the Sardis High School. On January 13, again the state officers journeyed to Auburn for our second executive meeting. January 30, Mr. A. L. Knox, our school principal, and I attended a meeting of the Bridgeport Lions Club where I was guest speaker. When I returned home February 15 from the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Meeting with the state officers and county presidents, I attended a nice banquet of the Hartselle Chapter where I met the State Vice-President of the FHA. On February 26, my father and I attended the Collinsville Banquet where I was guest speaker along with Deloris Philips, the State FHA President. March 8th I attended the Tri-State Queen Contest in Chattanooga. On March 12, I spoke to the Stevenson Civic Club and helped with a general demonstration of our local chapter's farm shop.

April 6, I was the Master of Ceremonies on a radio program which was presented by our local chapter. April 7 found me back in Auburn at our third Executive Meeting making plans for the State Convention. I returned home on April 10 and on April 11, helped with the annual Agriculture Day held at our school. Then on April 13, I presided over the string band finals at the District Field Day in Gadsden. On April 24, I boarded the train at Stevenson enroute to Nashville to attend the Tennessee State FFA Convention. While in Nashville I had the pleasure of speaking to the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. I had the pleasure of bringing greetings from Alabama to the Tennessee Convention. I also had the <sup>pleasure</sup> ~~pleasure~~ of meeting and being with our National president, John M. Haid. Other than making many new friends, I along with Mr. Dailey thoroughly enjoyed the Tennessee State Convention which was well-planned and excellently carried out.

After returning home from a wonderful trip to Nashville, I attended my final and very nice banquet at the Glencoe chapter where I was guest speaker.

To further show you of my year's work, here is a summary of my activities:

{ Letters Received	83
{ Letters written	58
Radio and TV Programs	22
Speeches Made	65
Days Spent in Interest of FFA	

Throughout this year, I have been assisted many times and it has been a pleasure to work with the fine staff. To Mrs. Mizell, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. McGraw and Mr. Dailey may I express a sincere thanks for all that you have done for me this past year. To my mother and father, I want to express a sincere thanks with the greatest appreciation for their untiring efforts in assuming the responsibility of carrying on my work at home while I had to be away. To Mr. C. D. Richardson, my advisor, I want to express a sincere thanks for his advice and guidance that

has been so important in my career as a state officer.

With Ronald, Johnny Lawrence and Jacky I have shared many experiences and have formed a friendship that I shall never forget. And to you, may I say that it has been wonderful to be able to serve as Vice-President of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted

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