Convention This Year Marks Another Milestone In Growth Of Alabama FFA

Again this year the convention of Alabama Future Farmers was very successful. The annual meeting at Auburn by L. O. Brackeen, head of the API News Bureau. President Buddy Farington of Dadeville presided at the general sessions of the convention.

Featured speakers were Mr. Frank Stewart, state superintendent of education; Dean Truman M. Pierce of the API School of Education, and Lee Todd, national FFA vice-president from Bells, Tennessee.

Competition in all contests, especially those that were decided before convention, was unusually keen this year which can be credited to the excellent job being done by vo. ag. teachers in the state. Selection of officers this year was also more difficult due to the large number of outstanding applicants.

This year's 297 State Farmer Degrees far exceeded the previous high of 281. This indicates that more and more boys are doing a better job in carrying out a supervised farming program and in community functions to enable them to earn this degree.

From the many outstanding boys in Alabama, five were selected as District Star Farmers and from these State Star Farmer Edward Barnholt of Foley was named.

New Executive Secretary

B. F. Rawls, vocational agriculture teacher at Auburn High School, was appointed Executive Secretary of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America effective June 1, as announced by Frank R. Stewart, state superintendent of education, Montgomery.

As Executive Secretary, Rawls will coordinate activities of the FFA members throughout Alabama.

Mr. Rawls received both the B.S. degree and the Master's degree in agricultural education from Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He taught vocational agriculture five years at Evergreen High School and has been employed at the Auburn high school for the past five years.

After graduating from Pleasant Home high school, he served three years in the army during World War II and saw action in the Pacific. He is a member of the Gamma Sigma Delta Honorary Agricultural Fraternity, the Lions Club, and the American Legion.
FORESTRY CAMP WINNERS—Left to right are Byron Rawls, executive secretary of the Alabama FFA Association, Pat Gissendanner, high grade man on the final exam, Billy Puckett, chief forester; Rollie Chester, district forester; and John McCullough, camp director.

FORESTRY CAMP WINNERS

South, North, and Central Alabama shared top honors at this year's Alabama FFA Forestry Camp which was attended by more than 100 FFA'ers.

First place in the final exam competition was won by Pat Gissendanner of Leroy who had a grade of 106 out of a possible 110. Pat received a wrist watch from the FFA association and, after being chosen assistant chief forester, he was awarded a fly rod and reel from the camp sponsors.

Billy Puckett of Ashville, also the talent contest winner, was chosen chief forester by the boys attending the camp. He had first choice of 10 gifts and chose a fishing rod and reel. Rollie Chester, Camp Hill, was voted district forester. Each of these was in the top 10 in grades on the final exam.

The camp is sponsored by member mills of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association and is administered by the Alabama Division of Forestry, Alabama Department of Conservation. John McCollough, forest management chief in the state forestry division, directed the camp. Representatives from paper mills, state department of conservation, and the SPCA served as instructors. Twelve vocational agriculture teachers were cabin counselors during the week.

Member mills of the SPCA that sponsored the camp are International Paper Company, Gulf States Paper Corporation, Southern Division of Scott Paper Company, and Marathon Corporation along with the Coosa River Newsprint Company.

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Contest Rules Changes

There will be no Cotton Production Contest this year because the five-year agreement with the sponsor has expired. A rule change in the Land Judging Contest concerning the use of aids during the contest is being made.

In the Tractor Operation, Home Improvement, and Star Farmer contests, there have been some changes in the awards.
FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS, 1959-60

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 FFA officers.

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.

Entry date: Every FFA Chapter and member is entered NOW.

Chapter Contest: Chapter contest held by January 15.

County Contest: County contest held by February 1.

Area Contest: Area contest held by March 1.

District Contest: District contest will be held at regular district contest eliminations.

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 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 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.

AREA SPEAKING CONTEST
1. Will be held in February.
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 MARCH 5th.)
6. Winner will compete in district contest.

PUBLIC SPEAKING—State finalists in the contest with their advisors (standing) are, left to right, with the speaker being named first, Bobby Palmer and C. A. Blevins, Falkville; Bobby Wiggins and J. D. Granger, Opp; John Barnett and E. H. Davis, Hackneyville; Tommy Glover and R. A. Baker, Corner, and Mack Leggett and A. H. Holcombe, Citronelle.

COUNTY SPEAKING CONTEST
1. Will be held by February 1.
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 FEBRUARY 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 February 5th.
6. Advisor of winning speaker, including automatic winner, to mail three copies of his manuscript to Executive Secretary before February 5th.
7. Winner will compete in area contest.
8. AWARDS—Ribbon awarded to first place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.

FIRST PLACE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING—Bobby Wiggins, Opp.

7. AWARDS—Ribbon awarded to first place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.

DISTRICT SPEAKING CONTEST
1. Will be held at regular district contest eliminations.
2. Date and place will be arranged by district supervisor.
3. Results of the contest to be mailed at once by advisor of winning member to the Executive Secretary, Auburn. (MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MAY 5th.)
4. Advisor of winning speaker to mail three copies of manuscript and glossy photo-
graph of speaker to the Executive Secretary by May 5th.
3. District winner will compete in state finals.

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 the Alabama FFA Association.
3. The first place winner will not be eligible to compete in the state contest again.

State Final Awards
1st—$175.00 and $60.00 wrist watch and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$125.00 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$100.00 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$100.00 and Chapter Banner.
5th—$100.00 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

Sponsor
Alabama FFA Association

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—$250.00 and three regional awards.
2nd—$150.00 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$100.00 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$50.00 and Chapter Banner.

National Awards
1st—$250.00 and three regional awards of $200.00 each.

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

FFA Chapter Contest

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

Rules
1. Entry date—All chapters are entered NOW.
2. There will be three classes of awards given as follows:
   Form I—Standard Chapter Award—Certificate and silver emblem seal.
   Form II—Superior Chapter Award—Certificate and gold emblem seal.
   Form III—Gold medal and National Chapter Award—Four top chapters in state will compete in national contest.
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 top four 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 the gold medal and National Chapter Awards. This is not necessary if only Form 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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Sponsors
Alabama REA Cooperatives
Alabama FFA Association

FARM SAFETY—First place went to Crawford Welch, Grove Hill. The next three finishers were Bob Martin, Wetumpka; Linwood Miller, Citronelle, and Ray Whittington, Bay Minette.
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. He must have had not more than four years training in any approved course of vocational agriculture of less than college level. 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 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 in its stead, and an official state team will be named.
8. In addition to the awards listed below, the teams going to the national will receive approximately $50.00 from the National FFA Foundation.

State Awards

LIVESTOCK JUDGING—Bay Minette, the Southwest District winner, took first place in the state. The team was made up of, beginning at left, Mac Chastang, Henry Wilson, and Ronald Wasdin.

DAIRY JUDGING—Brice Long holds the Boaz first place banner. Proudly looking at it are team members Bonard Hamby and Lewis Glassco, and advisor, Marion Jackson.

POULTRY JUDGING—Elkmont won first place. The team was made up of Ronnie Holt, Joe Naves, and M. O. Martin. B. L. Francis, team advisor, holds the banner.

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.

State Awards
The Turner E. Smith educational award of $300.00 in cash and Alpha Gamma Rho trophy to be presented at the State FFA Convention.

Sponsors
Turner E. Smith Company
Alpha Gamma Rho agricultural fraternity

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 from October 1, 1959 to September 30, 1960. See local FFA advisor for details. A boy who has won the $100.00 state award will not be eligible to compete again for this same award. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN STATE FFA OFFICE BY OCTOBER 15, 1960.)

Awards
State winner—$100.00 cash and trip with his local FFA Advisor to the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association Convention in Atlanta, January, 1961. Regional winner—$500.00 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 DRIVING—Sonny Bachelor, Reform, "drove" to first place in the tractor driving contest. Gene McManus, Roanoke, was second. Ben Hicks, Troy, finished third, and Charles Richardson, Luverne, fourth.

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. Participants must use tractors provided for the contest.

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

State Awards
1st—$60.00 watch and Chapter Banner; camera to advisor of top winner.
2nd—$50.00 watch and Chapter Banner
3rd—$50.00 watch and Chapter Banner
4th—$50.00 watch and Chapter Banner

Sponsor
Alabama FFA Association

Star FFA Reporter Awards

Purpose
To encourage FFA reporters and chapters to have better public relations programs in order to keep the public informed of 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 letter 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, 1959.

Preparing Final Report
1. The records submitted will cover the period from May 1, 1959 to April 30, 1960.
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 must be properly filled out and signed by the reporter, president, and local advisor. (DUE IN AUBURN BY MAY 5th.)

State Awards
1st—$60.00 watch to reporter and Chapter Banner; camera to advisor of top winner.
2nd—$50.00 watch and Chapter Banner
3rd—$50.00 watch and Chapter Banner
4th—$50.00 watch and Chapter Banner

Sponsor
Alabama FFA Association

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 1960 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 graduation from school.
6. Have outstanding record of FFA and community leadership.

State Awards
State—$200.00 and Chapter Banner.
District—$150.00 cash and Chapter Banner.

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

STATE STAR FARMER—Edward Bornholt, center, of Foley was named State Star Farmer for 1959. Admiring the $200 check he received in addition to a new Ford tractor are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bornholt.
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 classes during the current school year or who are still in high school but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered are eligible to compete for the national award. The state winner may compete for the National Star 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 classes 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 Executive Secretary, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 5.)

State Awards
1st—$100.00 and Chapter Banner
2nd—$50.00 and Chapter Banner
3rd—$25.00 and Chapter Banner
4th—$10.00 and Chapter Banner

National Awards
First place $250.00, and three regional awards of $200.00 each.

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

Star Dairy Farmer

Purpose
To stimulate interest and encourage FFA members to use improved practices in dairy farming.

Eligibility
All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year or who are still in high school but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered 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 Star 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 classes 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 Executive Secretary, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 5.)

State Awards
1st—$100.00, Plaque and Chapter Banner
2nd—$50.00, Plaque and Chapter Banner
3rd—$25.00 and Chapter Banner
4th—$10.00 and Chapter Banner

National Awards
First place $250.00, and three regional awards of $200.00 each.

Sponsors
National Dairy Products Corporation
Kraft Foods Company
Southern Dairies, Inc.
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA 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, jugs, rub boards, harps, accordions, tubs, 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 finals contest will be held at the State FFA Convention.

State Awards
1st—$200.00 and Chapter Banner
2nd—$100.00 and Chapter Banner
3rd—$75.00 and Chapter Banner
4th—$50.00 and Chapter Banner

Sponsor
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 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 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 Executive Secretary, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 25.)

Basis of Awards
Each chapter will be entitled to submit records on one FFA member who has done

Kimbrell, Aliceville, received first place honors. The top four was completed by Jerry Evans, Sidney Lanier; Wayne Hoffer, Fairhope, and Roy Phillips, Lincoln. At right is Robert Haygood of Kraft Foods Company, a sponsor of the contest.

String Band—Fairhope’s string band played their way to top honors in the state contest. The band is composed of, left to right, Eddie Thompson, Aubrey Lambert, Lem Mosley, Tom Duffill, Otto Bishop, and Adrian Johnson.
the most outstanding work in forestry. A special form is furnished for this report which outlines accomplishments.

State Awards
1st—$100.00 cash (also $150.00 to member and $100.00 to his local advisor for trip to the National FFA Convention) and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$50.00 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$30.00 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$20.00 and Chapter Banner.

Sponsors
Seaboard Airline Railroad Company
Alabama FFA Association

CRAWFORD WELCH of Grove Hill. Others in the first four included Rob Martin, We- lumpka; Linwood Miller, Citronelle, and Ray Whittington, Bay Minette.

FARM FORESTY—First place went to Crawford Welch of Grove Hill. Others in the first four included Rob Martin, We-tumpka; Linwood Miller, Citronelle, and Ray Whittington, Bay Minette.

**Champion Corn Growing Contest**

**Purpose**
To recognize 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 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 the district supervisor as soon as corn is harvested and not later than December 15th.

County, district, and state winners will be determined on basis of highest yields reported.

**Awards**
State Champion—$100.00 and Chapter Banner
Four District Champions (each)—$50.00 and Chapter Banner
County Champions—Medal and Certificate
Chapter Champions—Silver Key and Certificate
Sponsor
Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau

**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 is eligible. He should show through his pro- gram 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. (APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN AUGUST BY APRIL 1.)

**Awards**
A check from the Future Farmers Foundation for $100.00, the American Farmer Foundation 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.

**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 active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes or who are still in high school but have completed all vocational agriculture courses are eligible to compete for this award.

The judging team will be composed of three members. The state champion team may represent Alabama at the National Land Judging contest held in Oklahoma.

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.

No participating team will be allowed to use a level or any other instrument to determine the exact slope of the land.

No team member will be allowed to refer to any printed material other than the score card during the time he is participating.

Ground rules such as field boundaries,
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 or who are still in high school but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered 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 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 Executive Secretary, 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 of equipment on his home farm or in the farm home.

State Awards
1st—$100.00 and Chapter Banner
2nd—$75.00 and Chapter Banner
3rd—$65.00 and Chapter Banner
4th—$50.00 and Chapter Banner
5th—$35.00 and Chapter Banner

National Awards
First place $250.00, and three regional awards of $200.00 each.

Sponsors
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Alabama FFA Association

FARM ELECTRIFICATION—William Fleming of Geneva, second from left, took top honors. Second place went to Billy Livingston of Reform (not in picture); Arthur Duckworth, Palmetto, was third; Hibburn Hillestad, Baker Hill, was fourth, and Edward Ralston, Orrville, fifth. Burt Cloud, Alabama REA, is at left and Hurst Mauldin, Alabama Power Company, at right.

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 Executive Secretary, Auburn. (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—$100.00 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner
2nd—$75.00 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner
3rd—$50.00 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner
4th—$25.00 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner

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Alabama FFA Association

FARM MECHANICS—Billy Thompson, Ider, took top honors. Others in the top four in order of finish were Edward Barnholt, Foley; Jack Carpenter, Clio, and James Taylor, Suttle.

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.)
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 the State Farmer Degree at the state convention in June. (APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 1st.)

State Awards

State Farmer Degree certificate will be presented to successful candidates for the degree.

Six Scholarships Given During FFA Convention

Five FFA scholarships and one given by a feed company were awarded during the closing session of the convention.


The FFA grants are to be used for study toward a degree in agricultural education.

State Farmers, 1959

Northeast District (71)


Northwest District (57)


STAR FARMERS—Edward Bornholt, center, of Foley, representing the Southwest district was chosen State Star Farmer. District Star Farmers were, from left, Johnny Mack Bramlett, Falkville, Northeast; Raphord Farrington, Dadeville, Central; James Roy Godsey, Guin, Northwest and Rob Martin, Wetumpka, Southeast.

Central District (45)


Southwest District (56)

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“It is with an understandable sense of pride and responsibility that we at Red Hat have watched the South’s tremendous gains in poultry and livestock production.

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HAVE YOU HEARD.
This one?

"Thank you" may be written in small letters, but it is a capital idea.

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You can’t expect even crumbs of comfort in old age if you loaf in youth.

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True merit is like a river, the deeper it is the less noise it makes.

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Snarl and mistakes grin at you; grin, and they unsnarl.

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An optimist is one who sees an opportunity in every difficulty — A pessimist is one who sees a difficulty in every opportunity. Which are you?

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The automobile has had great influence on public morals; it has completely stopped horse stealing.

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Money works two ways: it talks, and it stops talk.

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You never realize how little you matter until you return after a month’s vacation and a neighbor, seeing your baggage, says: “Going away?”

Speaker: “Remember there’s nothing in the world that’s impossible to accomplish.”

Inevitable voice from the rear: “Ever try to push tooth paste back in the tube?”

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The wife who drives from the back seat is no worse than the husband who cooks from the dining room table.

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Prof: What’s that you’re working on?
Student: A fluid that will dissolve anything.

Prof: That’s a great idea. When you find it what are you going to keep it in?

FFA

15,000 Can Be Reached!

Membership in the Alabama FFA Association increased 800 last year to within 75 of our goal of 15,000. At the same time our ranking nationally in membership was seventh.

We have an excellent opportunity this year to advance in standing nationally and to pass the 15,000 mark. With the help of each advisor and each old member in getting new members, we feel certain that both these objectives can be reached.

Dates Set For National FFA Convention

The Thirty-Second Annual National FFA Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15. The Alabama delegation going by train will leave Birmingham from Terminal Railroad Station on the Frisco, Sunday, October 11th about 12:00 noon. The FFA members and advisors who are planning to attend the convention should notify Byron F. Rawls, executive secretary, before October 1.

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Three State Members In National Band, Chorus

Three Alabama FFA members will attend the National FFA Convention in October as members of the National Band and Chorus.

Jimmy Blevins, Stevenson, will participate in the National FFA Band. Carey Johnson, Buckhorn, and Levi Sides, Jasper, will sing with the National FFA Chorus.

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1959
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Four Chapters Receive Checks To Purchase Heifers

Four vocational agriculture teachers, whose chapters have made most efficient use of purebred beef bulls given by the Sears Roebuck Foundation, received top awards at a banquet during the Teachers Conference in July.

Checks for $200 to be used for the purchase of a heifer went to C. D. Richardson, Stevenson; K. H. Cook, Dozier; W. C. Locke, Sidney Lanier of Montgomery; and J. R. Thompson, Clanton.

Other teachers who received cash awards at the banquet include Duel Thompson, Priceville; J. G. Yeager, Headland; Connie McLean, Coffee Springs; B. D. Jones, LaFayette; H. W. Haynie, Eclectic; L. C. Shields, Jemison.

Dr. W. M. Warren, head of the Animal Husbandry Department of API, urged the teachers to make their bulls an example in the community of how beef cattle should be fed and handled. The department head also pointed out the great possibilities for beef cattle in Alabama.

The Sears FFA bull program has placed 205 bulls in all but 12 counties in the state since it began in 1948. The purpose of the program is to improve cattle in a community by the use of a purebred bull.

George Guess Wins In Speaking Contest

George Guess of Stevenson, who will be a candidate for a National office this fall, won first place in a college student public speaking contest recently at Cornell University.

The former state vice-president, also fourth place winner in the National FFA public speaking contest in 1957, represented the API Agricultural Economics Club. The contest was held in connection with the annual meeting of the American Farm Economics Association.

Subject of George's speech was "Production Adjustments in Southern Agriculture" and he competed against speakers from various parts of the country and Canada. The speech will be published in the Journal of Farm Economics.

Richards, Moundville; H. B. White, Carbon Hill; D. P. Whitten, Centre; P. M. Wilder, Grant; and C. P. Williams, McKenzie.

The banquet was sponsored by the Retail Merchants Association of Alabama in cooperation with the state supervisory staff.
FLORA.—held regular meeting and one call meeting; demonstration on equipment for fire ants; members fed six beef calves for local shows; had parent-son banquet; elected officers; FLaOLEY—purchased materials for shop; completed 24 mailbox boxes; set up meeting; new officers nominated; executive committee had special meetings; set up filing cabinet for executive committee; 5 pig chain gilts sold a total of 47 pigs; sold some hog equipment owned by chapter.

FORT DEPOSIT — held FFA-FHA banquet; elected FFA Sweetheart; presented pennant to sweetheart; elected one old; sold two FFA calves; plan to purchase tools to set up plumbing and electrical lockers in shop.

HALEYVILLE—sold 100 boxes of screwdrivers; held one meeting; elected new officers; went on camping trip; joined FFA to give assembly program; had joint installation of new officers at FHA-FFA banquet.

KINSTON-sponsored barbecue; made $78 profit; purchased 115 T-shirts and FFA ties; set up meeting; new officers installed; new FFA chapter. What is a magazine without a picture of a pretty girl? Here is Sharon McDonald, Sweetheart of the Hubbertville Chapter.

THOMASVILLE—held annual FFA-FHA banquet; elected new officers; and installed new officers; bought first aid box; sold 25 T-shirts with chapter name; held FFA-FHA banquet.

WETUMKA—won $100 in Soil Judging; showed 6 calves; elected officers for year; planned barbecue for members and faculty; 6 pigs to be placed in pig chain; completed 40 picnic tables made by chapter.

YUMA—sold plants from hot bed; held regular meetings; elected officers; installed water cooler; purchased 3 purebred gilts for pig chain and 2 purebred boars; nominated girls for FFA Queen.

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Hazel Green—elected officers; attended square dance given by FFA; sponsoring a community fair to be held in shop.

HEFLIN—had FFA-FHA banquet; held two regular meetings; saw three educational films; completed FFA mailbox boxes; elected officers; studying officers; worked in shop.

KINSTON—sponsored barbecue; made $78 profit; held officers meeting; new officers nominated; honorary members selected.

LaFAYETTE—held regular meetings; had FFA program; elected nominating committee.

LeROY—three news articles published in local and area papers; attended Duroc hog show and sale.

McKenzile—held barbecue for FFA-FHA; made plans for summer.

MONROEVILLE—visited pilot forest; held election for officers.

MOULTON—made two fishing trips to Wheeler Dam; painted classrooms; held one meeting; installed new officers; presented $25 to champion pig grower and $25 to champion corn grower.

PELL CITY—president attended forestry camp; Pike brothers are in brave business; members home from Army will be back in FFA chapter.

Pisgah—bought 4 FFA gilts and one boar; nominated officers; all members paid dues second day of school; held one meeting; bought electric hand drill and skill saw bought 8 pigs for chapter to top out; Sr. III boys began study of electric welding.

PLEASANT HOME—held Father-Son banquet; elected new officers and three honorary members; initiated 12 chapter farmers and awarded them degree pins; ordered 25 T-shirts with chapter name; installed new officers; held two regular meetings and two officer meetings.

PRATTVILLE—officers held training meeting; discussed FFA activities and planned tentative activity program.

RED BAY—elected for coming year; repainting shop and rearranging tools; held annual chicken fish news article in Garden Club flower show; held two chapter meetings.

THOMASVILLE—held regular meeting; made 13 mail box posts; planned summer trip.

STEVENSON—Annual ag day very successful; presented three twelve minute radio programs; built 12 mailbox posts; planned for coming year; started work on Activity Program.

WALNUT GROVE—initiated 11 Chapter Farmers; annual FFA-FHA banquet; elect officers; committees appointed.

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