NEW ALABAMA FFA OFFICERS Elected

FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS, 1960-61

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Nearly 1,000 Attend

Convention Ends Successful Year

Future Farmers from 265 Alabama chapters have completed another very inspiring convention bringing to a close the year for the 14,770 FFA members in Alabama.

Almost 1,000 members and advisors attended the convention this year which was made up of three days of contests, leadership training, tours, business sessions, and entertainment.

Dr. Floyd Valley, assistant to the President, AU, welcomed the FFA'ers to Auburn. State president Delmar Wiggins, president of all of the general sessions.

One of the highlights of the convention was a visit and address by Jim Thomas, National FFA president. He challenged the delegates to work harder and attain greater heights in their FFA achievements.

Competition in all contests, was 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 extremely difficult due to the large number of outstanding applicants.

This year's 265 State Farmer Degrees was another mark of achievement. 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 Jim Taylor of Suttle was named.

The new officers chosen at the convention are Larry Justice, Geneva, president; Bob Vick, Camden, vice-president; Noel Chambless, Blountsville, secretary; Jimmy Collins, LaFayette, treasurer, and David Page, Vina, reporter.

State contest winners were:

CHAPTER CONTEST
Top Four—Hazel Green, Buckhorn, Pell City, Jasper.
Superior Chapter Awards—Wetumpka, Vernon, Tuskegee, Sulligent, Montevallo, Sparkman, Ider, Stevenson, Southside, Grove Hill, Foley, Fairhope, Bay Minette, Dadeville, Curry, Pine Apple, Luverne, Citronelle, Brookwood.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
1st—Curtis Nolen, Blountsville
2nd—Frank Daniel, Clayton
3rd—Peyton Murphree, Prattville
4th—Stacey Bullock, Beatrice
5th—Levi Sides, Jasper

QUARTET
1st—Millport
2nd—Buckhorn
3rd—Wetumpka
4th—Citronelle

STRING BAND
1st—Auburn
2nd—Wedowee
3rd—Winfield
4th—Jacksonville

JUDGING TEAMS
Livestock
1st—Mellow Valley
2nd—Foley
3rd—Oakman
4th—Danneville

Dairy
1st—Fairhope
2nd—Grant
3rd—Ider
4th—New Site

Poultry
1st—Southside
2nd—East Limestone
3rd—Eufaula
4th—Hartford

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT
1st—Billy Thompson, Ider
2nd—David Page, Vina
3rd—Mack Abercrombie, Pell City
4th—Howell Basley, Slocumb

FARM SAFETY
1st—Pisgah
2nd—Buckhorn
3rd—Town Creek
4th—Ider

FARM FORESTRY
1st—Jim Finley, Grove Hill
2nd—Robert Martin, Wetumpka
3rd—Vance Kirkland, Millry
4th—Ronnie Murphy, Waterloo

HOME IMPROVEMENT
1st—Billy Sorrells, Rawls
2nd—Phil Fellman, Sidney Lanier
3rd—Jerry Lowe, Reform
4th—Joe Naves, Elkmont

TRACTOR DRIVING
1st—Floyd Williams, Paint Rock Valley
2nd—Jerry McWaters, New Brockton
3rd—Don Rawls, Dozier
4th—Briggs L. Gibson, Maplesville

STAR REPORTER
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FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR
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On The Cover

TO LEAD FFA—This team of officers will lead the Alabama FFA Association during the 1960-61 school year. State president Larry Justice of Geneva is standing behind, left to right, Bob Vick, Camden, vice-president; Noel Chambless, Blountsville, secretary; Jimmy Collins, LaFayette, treasurer, and David Page, Vina, reporter.

Another successful year in FFA is anticipated under the leadership of these officers.

Honors Received By 18 For Long Vo-Ag Service

Eighteen teachers of vocational agriculture and Auburn University staff members were honored for long outstanding service to vocational agriculture during the annual vo-ag teachers conference at Auburn.

They were special guests at a banquet sponsored by the Alabama Council of Retail Merchants and received appropriate service awards.

Guest speaker at the banquet was Brooks Hays, a member of the board of directors of TVA.

Receiving 30-year awards were P. H. Alsabrook, Notasulga; E. L. Fincher, Woodland; C. D. Thomas, Halesville; Earle Thomas, Milltown; D. N. Bottoms, AU associate professor; L. L. Sellers, vo-ag district supervisor, and J. D. Allridge, Guin, who unfortunately passed away just a few days before the awards were made.

H. N. LEWIS

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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 first place 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 checking.

Jury
Local advisors at the designated place and chapter shall determine date and place, select judges, and make other arrangements for holding contest.

Forfeit
Local advisors and members should seek the interest and cooperation of the school principal, English teacher, commercial teacher, local farmer cooperatives and others in checking.

Chapter Speaking Contest
1. Will be held by January 15.
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.)

County Speaking Contest
1. Will be held by February 1.
2. Each chapter 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. All manuscripts must be original. However, contestants may secure help of teachers and others in checking.

State Speaking Contest
1. Will be held during State FFA Convention. All speakers shall use the P.A. system and wear official jackets.
2. Speakers will not be allowed to use notes in any contest above the chapter.
3. The state winner will compete in the Tri-State contest. Normal expenses will be paid by the Alabama FFA Association.
4. The first place winner will not be eligible to compete in the state contest again.

State Final Speaking Contest
1. Will be held by February 1.
2. Date and place will be arranged by district supervisor.
3. Speakers will not be allowed to use notes in any contest above the chapter.
4. Results of the contest to be mailed at once by advisor of winning member to the Executive Secretary, Auburndale, 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. Speakers will not be allowed to use notes in any contest above the chapter.
7. Advisors of winning speaker, including automatic winner, to mail three copies of his manuscript to the Executive Secretary by February 5th.
8. Winner will compete in area contest.

Area Speaking Contest
1. Will be held in February.
2. Date and place will be arranged by district supervisor.
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. Speakers will not be allowed to use notes in any contest above the chapter.
6. 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.)
7. AWARD—Ribbon awarded to first place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.

State Final Awards
1st—$100.00 and $60.00 wrist watch and chapter banner.
2nd—$100.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$75.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$75.00 and chapter banner.
5th—$75.00 and chapter banner.

Cooperating Organizations
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association
Alabama Farm Bureau Insurance Companies
Alabama Rural Electric Cooperatives

PUBLIC SPEAKING—Curtis Nolen of Susan Moore, second from left, the state winner, and the other four district winners discuss Curtis’s award with John Ford, Alabama REA, a sponsor of the contest. The winners in order of finish in the state finals were Frank Daniel, Clayton (third from left); Fyros Morphee, Prattleville; Stacey Bullock, Beatrice, and Levi Sides, Jasper.
Pete in the next contest the winner of sec­ond place is eligib le to compete.

Executive Secretary, Auburn, Alabama same 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 AWARD BORNHOLT, Foley, "Future Farmer of the Year."

Edward Bornholt, Foley, "Future Farmer of the Year."

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, 1960 to September 30, 1961. 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. (SEND REPORT TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF FFA BY OCTOBER 15, 1961.)

Awards

State winner—$100.00 cash and trip with his local FFA Advisor to the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association Convention in Atlanta, January 1962. A banner will be presented at the FFA Convention.

Regional winner—$50.00 cash.

Sponsor

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

String Band Contest

Purpose

To stimulate interest in wholesome recreation, promote leadership, assist in radio and TV broadcasts and promote group participation.

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, jug, rub boars, harps, accordions, tubs, etc., may be used if needed.
5. District eliminations will be held prior to state finals contest. The top two 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-$250.00 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

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) 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.

Dairy Cattle Judging

1st-$250.00 and chapter banner. 2nd-$100.00 and chapter banner. 3rd-$75.00 and chapter banner. 4th-$50.00 and chapter banner.

Sponsor

Alabama Flour Mills

Poultry Judging

1st-$250.00 and chapter banner. 2nd-$100.00 and chapter banner. 3rd-$75.00 and chapter banner. 4th-$50.00 and chapter banner.

Sponsor

Alabama Poultry Industries Association

Honor Roll Chapter

Purpose

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

Basis for Awards

All chapters with 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
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 $75.00 for trip to National FFA Convention and chapter banner.
2nd—$60.00 watch and chapter banner.
3rd—$50.00 watch and chapter banner.
4th—$50.00 watch and chapter banner.

Sponsors
Standard Oil Company
Alabama FFA Association

Farm Safety Awards

(Chapter Awards)

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 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—$100.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$85.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$70.00 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

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 1961 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—$110.00 cash and chapter banner.

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

STATE STAR FARMER—James Taylor, center, of Suttle receiving congratulations from Dr. Cammack after being named State Star Farmer. District Star Farmers were, from left, Clark Gaston, Sidney Lanier, Southeast district; Bob Vick, Camden, Southwest; David Page, Vina, Northwest, and Terrill Gonce, Stevenson, Northeast.

FARM SAFETY—Pisgah placed first and was represented by Tony York, kneeling, left. In order of finish and reading clockwise, the other chapters and their representatives were: Buckhorn; Clay Jacks; Town Creek, Billy Lee, and Ider, Johnny Callahan.
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 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 will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates
The results 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 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 10th.)

State Awards
First place—$100.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$85.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$70.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$50.00 and chapter banner.

National Awards
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Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

Soil and Water
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Farm Mechanics

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 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 results 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 15.)

Basis of Awards
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
First place—$100.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$85.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$70.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$50.00 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.)

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4th—$50.00 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
Clark Gaston, left, of Sidney Lanier placed first. The next three finishers were Kenneth Harmon, Milltown; Bobbi McCullough, Northport, and Conrad Harmon, Milltown.

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 largest 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 bred to be naturally or artificially bred to pure bred 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—$100.00, Plaque and chapter banner.
2nd—$85.00, Plaque and chapter banner.
3rd—$70.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$50.00 and chapter banner.

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

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association
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 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 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 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 30.)

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, of electrical appliances, of equipment on his home farm or in the farm home.

State Awards
First place-$250.00 and chapter banner.
2nd-$200.00 and chapter banner.
3rd-$150.00 and chapter banner.
4th-$125.00 and chapter banner.
5th-$100.00 and chapter banner.

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

Sponsors
Alabama Power Company
Alabama REA Cooperatives
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 farm 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 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 APRIL 25.)

Basis of Awards
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. Preference will be given to the FFA member who does the greatest amount of work himself and gains the widest variety of experiences in addition to increasing farm income from the sale of forest products.

State Awards
1st-$100.00 cash (also $175.00 to member and $125.00 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

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 are regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes or who are still in high school but have completed all vocational agriculture offered 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, previous land treatment, and number of practices will be given at time of contest.

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, and 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 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. (APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN AUBURN 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—Beatrice reigns as first place winner. Looking at the trophy being held by Claude Hardree, chapter advisor, are from left, Carey Hardrick, program manager, WSFA-TV, sponsors of the contest, and team members, Francis McKenzie (alternate), Phillip Hardee, Bill Stallworth, and Ben Luker.

American Farmer Degree—Jimmy Finley, left, of Grove Hill was first. Others in order of finish were Roy Martin, Wetumpka; Vance Kirkland, Millry, and Ronnie Murphy, Waterloo.
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 first place State winners 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 and chapter banner.
2nd—$75.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$50.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$25.00 and chapter banner.

Sponsors
American Turpentine Farmers Association
Alabama FFA Association

Champion Corn Growing Contest

Purpose
To recognize FFA members who have corn as a part of their supervised farming program. 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 greatest 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.

Champion 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. A loving cup will be awarded at Convention.
Four District Champions (each)—$50.00 and chapter banner.
County Champions—Medal and certificate.
Chapter Champions—Silver key and certificate.

Sponsors
Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau

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 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, 1960.

Preparing Final Report
1. The records submitted will cover the
period from May 1, 1960 to April 30, 1961.
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

---State Farmer Degree---

Purpose
To recognize outstanding farming ability and leadership by awarding this highest State Degree to the top 2 percent 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. (APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 1st.)

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

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State Farmers, 1960

Northeast District (74)
Alexandria—Edward Putman.
Auburn—Ted Eubanks, Wayne Beal, John Starnes.
Ashville—Foster Runyan.
Attalla—Lewis Lankford, Jr.
Blountsville—Noel Chambliss, Curtis Hudson.
Boaz—Donald Pike.
Birmingham—William Vinson.
Buckhorn—Houston Carey Johnson, Bobby Shields, Bobby Stiles, Graham Brewer, Clay Jacks, David Allen.
Cedar Bluff—Boyd McHugh, Harold Barnes, Jack Wood.
Cold Springs—Dwain Sticklin.
C youngster—Vaughn Moon, Joe L. Garley, Gary Bill Watson, Darrell Johnson.
Davison—Jack Summerford, Don Reid.
Falkville—Larry Sandlin, Wendell Bryan, Hal Laney, Rabon Dotson.
Gaylesville—Thomas Lynn Fitzpatrick.
Gurley—Jimmy Allison.
Hazel Green—Jerry Wayne Bryant, Charles Dewees, Leon Spencer, Bobby Clay Walker, Wayne Reed.
Heflin—Baxter W. Moore, Charles T. Howle.
Odenville—Darwin Simmons, Oneonta—Tommy A. Hallman.
Pell City—Charles Staples, Joseph R. Wheeler, Rodney Stephens, Mack Abercrombie.
Pisgah—J. L. Williams, Tony York, Wendell Womack.
Southside—Jim Rich, Grogan Grant.
Sparkman—Jackie Gibson, Dewey Nunley.

Susan Moore—Curtis A. Nolen.
Sylacauga—Vernon Patterson, Jerry Stephens, W. C. Buttram, Marion Harris, George Elliott.
Valley Head—Larry Longshore, Ronald Carr.
West Point—W. A. Tutten.

Northwest District (66)
Addison—Jerry Wilson, John Suduth.
Athens—James Bailey, Jerry Stevenson, Perry Stevenson.
Belgreen—Troy Oliver.
Carrollton—Stanley Estman.
Clements—James Russell, Jr.

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Montevallo-Bobby Jones.
New Site-Ralph Wilson, Allen Claybrook.
Prattville-Bobby Northington, Sammy Abney, Larry Rogers.
Rockford-Cary Ward.
Siluria-Horace E. Garner.
Suttle-Roy Cummings, James Taylor, Kenneth Harrison.
Tuskegee-Albert Whatley.
Vincent-Alvin Spates.
Wesugfka-Princeton Thornton, Marion Rayfield.

Southwest District (38)
Beatrice-Charles R. Owens.
Camerden-Bob Vick.
Carlowville-Jimmy Nolan.
Cottonville—Don Ellis Whatley, Don Blankinship.
East Brewton-Ferrell Ott, Enoch Timothy.
Fairhope-Arthur Hartshorn.
Flomaton—Harold G. White.
Foley—Bill Flowers, Alfred Oulliber, Ray Harrison, Robert Stewart, Charles Hagen dorfer, Angus Carver.
Grand Bay—Woodie Ramsay, Wilfred Hultz.
Livingston—William B. Dial, Howard Fuller, James Marchand, Hubert Saelens, Billy Carroll.
Lyffton—John Larry Pate.
Milledge—Vance Kirkland, Harold Tucker, Jr., Roy Rigeye.
Moore Academy—David Fuller.
Orrville—David Caine.
Repton—Conrad Booker.
Robertsdale—Richard White, Dwight Deck.

Southeast District (68)
Abbeville—George Greene.
Blue Springs—Lawson Spivey, Edward McRae, Jimmy Farr, Larry Long.
Clayton—Joe Herbert, Randall Green.
Clio—Jack Carpenter, Steve Riley.
Cottonwood—Larry Johnson.
Dozier—Don Rawls, Kent Bozeman, Jimmy Lewis Armstrong.
Floral—Carlos Powell, Vernon Cassady.
Ft. Deposit—Roy A. Moorer.
Greenville—Van Lowery, Billy Joe Hinson.
Hartford—Sonny Wesson.
Highland Home—Foy Owen, William Leverette.
Kinston—Wendell Clark, Charles Teel.
Louisville—Don Spivey.
Luverne—Charles P. Russell, Iry Reed.
Minden City—Bobby Joe Mathis.
Millbrook—Vearl Peters, Quincy Sullivant, John D. Dansby.
Pleasant Home—William Cross.
Ramer—Thomas D. Norman.
Red Level—Joe Frank Williams.
 Sidney Lanier—Phil Pelham, Ray Suggs.
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Montgomery—Ralph Wilson, Allen Claybrook.
Prattville—Bobby Northington, Sammy Abney, Larry Rogers.
Rockford—Cary Ward.
Siluria—Horace E. Garner.
Suttle—Roy Cummings, James Taylor, Kenneth Harrison.
Tuskegee—Albert Whatley.
Vincent—Alvin Spates.
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FARM MECHANICS

1st—Jack Carpenter, Clio
2nd—Blair Pike, Jr., Pell City
3rd—Joe Brannon, Citronelle
4th—Jackie Loyd, Stevenson

FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION

1st—Arthur Duckworth, Palmetto
2nd—Hillburn O. Hillestead, Baker Hill
3rd—Jack Carpenter, Clio
4th—Rex Bond, Newville
5th—Bobby Jo Mathis, Midland City

CAMPION CORN GROWER
Carroll Lasater, Hazel Green

POULTRY PRODUCTION
Irby Reed Brooks, Jr., Luverne

Sears Presents Heifers To Four Top Bull Users

The four chapters winning heifers this year in the Sears Bull Program were Clanton, Luverne, Priceville and Eclectic.

A $200 check for the purchase of a heifer is awarded annually to the advisors of each of the four chapters that use their bulls most effectively in improving beef cattle in the community.

The winners were announced at a banquet, also sponsored by the Sears Foundation, during the vo-ag teachers summer conference at Auburn.

Other chapters receiving cash awards were Stevenson, Buckhorn, Troy, Dozier, Sidney Lanier, and Excel. W. C. Greenway, program director of the Sears Foundation, made all awards.

Color slides of the livestock program being carried on by David Wilson of Grove Hill, a former State FFA officer, were shown at the banquet. His accomplishments since receiving a Sears Bull several years ago has been selected as the best in the state and one of the best in the South.

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Another school year has loomed up before us. A year we hope will bring new opportunities and achievements to every Future Farmer. Through the length and breadth of this land thousands upon thousands of students are attending the high schools of the nation. Many of these students wear FFA jackets. This gives evidence that the Future Farmer organization is now generally recognized as a supplemental part of our rural education program. Every member wearing these jackets contributes to the whole standard that the Future Farmer organization has built and is continuing to build for itself.

Education might simply be defined as a process of fitting individuals for life. Yet, how much is involved in that simple definition. Think of the many years of exploring and adapting in educational methods. Think of the development and growth in the teacher training field. Think of the marked improvement in school buildings and equipment. Think of the development of a transportation system which literally puts the school within reach of every child. THEN WEIGH THE MEANING OF THE WORDS, “FITTING INDIVIDUALS FOR LIFE.”

First of all we take for granted that education will fit folks for a successful, good life. This means that the individual should be prepared to earn his or her own living. It means that in the process of earning a living a contribution should be made to the whole of society.

Many folks measure success in terms of financial achievement or standing only. “Get rich, young man, do it honestly if you can, but get rich.” In fact, some of us have studied tables showing the financial advantages of an education, but education should go far beyond financial advantage alone.

The various phases in the vocational agricultural program should fit rural youth to earn a good living from farming and related occupations. The training program fostered by the Future Farmer organization builds farther than the limits of being financially successful. This program is designed to develop fellowship, leadership, citizenship, an appreciation of the finer things of life, and spiritual growth. All these things, economic stability, good fellowship, good citizenship, leadership ability and spiritual depth are the components of the character of man.

Through the vocational agriculture and FFA training program we cannot foresee the development of many financial giants, but we can foresee the development of many fine characters. When the contributions of life are finally measured the nobleness of fine character is the high prize. Character is the highest attainment.

Future farmers who strive to make full use of every educational advantage offered them will make definite advance in character building.
ATTALLA—held 2 regular meetings; gave awards to outstanding members; presented 3 certificates of appreciation and chapter sweetheart with pennant.

AUBURN—had ice cream supper with the FHA girls; installed officers for 1960-61; started building mailbox posts; bought water cooler for vo-ag department; String band appeared on 2 TV shows and at forestry camp.

CEDAR BLUFF—elected officers for 1960-61; have 15 Green Hands and 15 Chapter Farmers; held officer training school; all new officers to buy official jackets.

CITRONELLE—expenses for delegates to convention paid by chapter; purchased new shaper and sander for ag shop; published 2 articles in local paper; keeping scrapbook on chapter activities.

CLEMENS—sodding lawn in front of ag building; ordered FFA signs for roads and chapter paraphernalia for FFA meetings; built mailbox stands for sale in community.

EAST LIMESTONE—held annual chapter chicken barbecue; elected officers for new year.

FLOMATON—elected officers for 1960-61; oiled shop floors; poured concrete slab on work area; installed playground equipment at elementary school.

HAYNEVILLE—held regular meetings; elected officers for 1960-61; plowed 3 pigs in pig chain; elected officers; presented chapter awards to outstanding members.

HEFLIN—distributed 400 FFA calendars in community; made 12 mailbox posts for community; installed playground equipment at elementary school.

MONROEVILLE—held committee meetings for purpose of extending plans for year; operated canteen for year to raise money for chapter.

MOULTON—had regular meeting; placed 2 pigs in pig chain; elected officers; awarded $50 to 4 FFA members.

ONEONTA—had regular meetings; subscribed to National Future Farmer magazine.

SILAS—held regular meetings; second year boys studying crops, horticulture and working in shop; first year boys studying crops; held Father-Son banquet.

STRASBURG—had regular meeting; elected officers for new year; presented chapter awards to outstanding members; member attended forestry camp.

THOMASTON—held regular meeting; installed chapter officers for new year; presented chapter awards to outstanding members; member attended forestry camp.

THOMASVILLE—planned summer activities; elected officers; built concrete walk around ag building; poured slab at shop door.

RECLAIM'S CHAPTER SWEETHEART is Frances Rogers, also a district dairy maid winner.

TOWN CREEK—bought 2 new drills and a sander for shop; elected officers for coming year; member served as usher at state convention; bought new tables and chairs for vo-ag classroom.

TUSKEGEE—held one officer and one regular meeting; planned summer program; elected officers; made Foundation awards to outstanding members.

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