NEW ALABAMA FFA OFFICERS ELECTED

FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS, 1961-62
Nearly 900 Attend

Convention Climaxes Year's Work

Future Farmers from 261 Alabama chapters have completed another very inspiring convention bringing to a close the year for 14,416 FFA members in Alabama. Almost 900 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. E. V. Smith, Dean of the School of Agriculture, AU, welcomed the FFA'ers to Auburn. State president Larry Justice, presided over all of the general sessions.

One of the highlights of the convention was a visit and address by Teddy Carruth, National FFA Vice-President. He challenged the delegation 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 285 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 Billy Thompson of Ider was named.

The new officers chosen at the convention are Jimmy Barnes, Sulligent, president; Jimmy Golson, Autaugaville, vice-president; Alvie Smith, Sparkman, secretary; Jimmy Barnes, Sulligent, president; Jimmy Golson, Autaugaville, vice-president, and Billy Powell, Leroy, treasurer.

NEW OFFICERS - The team of new officers to lead the FFA in Alabama during 1961-62 are, left to right, Glenward Spivey, Blue Springs, reporter; Alvie Smith, Sparkman, secretary; Jimmy Barnes, Sulligent, president; Jimmy Golson, Autaugaville, vice-president, and Billy Powell, Leroy, treasurer.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st—Jimmy Barnes, Sulligent
2nd—Billy Petty, Falkville
3rd—Will Bruce, Camden
4th—Jimmy Golson, Autaugaville
5th—Frank Daniel, Clayton

QUARTET

1st—Walnut Grove
2nd—Millport
3rd—Army
4th—Boaz

STRING BAND

1st—Semmes
2nd—Wedowee
3rd—Jacksonville
4th—Gurley

JUDGING TEAMS

Livestock
1st—Hartford
2nd—Inverness
3rd—Wadley
4th—Elkmont

Dairy
1st—Valley Head
2nd—Ecclectic
3rd—Ohatchee
4th—West Limestone

Poultry
1st—Elkmont
2nd—Northport
3rd—Luverne
4th—Hollin

Land
1st—Beauregard
2nd—Guntersville
3rd—Five Points
4th—Waterloo

STAR FARMER AWARDS

State Star Farmer—Billy Thompson, Ider
District—Bobby Clark, Centreville "B"
District—Joe Lister, Floromata
District—Edward Green, Troy
District—Billy Lee, Town Creek

STAR DAIRY FARMER

1st—Robbie Mills, Northport
2nd—Con Harmon, Milltown
3rd—Mickey Jackson, West Limestone
4th—Ken Harmon, Milltown

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

1st—David Page, Vina
2nd—Freddie Ledbetter, Tuskegee
3rd—Phillip Hardee, Beatrice
4th—Tommy Carver, Northport

FARM SAFETY

1st—Centreville "B" 3rd—Tuskegee
2nd—Reform 4th—Ider

FARM MECHANICS

1st—Joe Brannon, Citronelle
2nd—Larry Gannaway, Lincoln
3rd—Jerry Boyd, Tuskegee
4th—Tommy Silver, Sylacauga

FARM AND HOME ELECTRICITY

1st—Howard Underwood, Jr., Pell City
2nd—Hillburn Hillestad, Baker Hill
3rd—Rex Bond, Newville
4th—Jack Carpenter, Choctaw
5th—Robert Logan, Ozark

STAR REPORTER

1st—Sammie Scarbrough, Aliceville
2nd—Donald Henpel, Waterloo
3rd—Sherwood McIntyre, Auburn
4th—Jimmy Green, Tuskegee

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR

Jimmy Kelley, Luverne

FARM FORESTRY

1st—Clarence Poe, Suttle
2nd—Linwood Miller, Citronelle
3rd—Ronnie Murphy, Waterloo
4th—Moses Kirkland, Milly

HOME IMPROVEMENT

1st—Jack Carpenter, Choctaw
2nd—Jerry Lowe, Reform
3rd—Phil Pelham, Sidney Lanier
4th—Ronnie Jewell, Clio

Alvin Hall, Luverne

CHAMPION CORN GROWER

Bobby Jack Perry, Buckhorn

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Tractor Driving

1st—Billy Selman, Tuskegee
2nd—Bob Heath, Auburn
3rd—Harold Mullinix, Gordo
4th—Lonnie Carroll, Stevenson

HONOR ROLL CHAPTERS

Buckhorn—138
Pigsal—129
Jasper—125
Foley—121
Arab—120
Heflin—115
Sidney Lanier—111
Ashford—106

Appreciation To Sponsors

Practically all of these sponsors depend upon Alabamians to buy their products which makes their support of our program possible. We believe that listing them all together will give future farmers and advisors a better opportunity to remember the names of those who so generously support our program.

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THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
Appreciation Works Two Ways

We are running in this column a reprint of a letter received recently by Mr. Faulkner from Dr. Hicks, owner of Briarhill Angus Farm. Dr. Hicks is expressing his appreciation for the opportunity of working with our organization. Actually, we feel that we are the ones who should be expressing appreciation. Dr. Hicks is not only a very successful doctor, but he is also a very outstanding Angus breeder. Because of his love for vocational agriculture which he developed in high school, he is now making a real contribution through our Sears Bull program. We appreciate his contributions very much and most of all we appreciate his warm friendly support of our entire program. We count Dr. Hicks and his family among the closest friends that vocational agriculture has.

Mr. T. L. Faulkner, State Supervisor
Vocational Agricultural Education
State of Alabama
Department of Education
Montgomery 4, Alabama
Dear Mr. Faulkner:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the invitation to attend the annual Sears Livestock Improvement Dinner at Auburn on July 20th.

It was both an enjoyable and inspiring occasion and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been present.

On the subject of gratitude, I can’t let his opportunity pass without saying again how profoundly grateful and humble I am for the recognition given to me by my selection as Honorary State Farmer.

Actually, I feel that I am indebted to the Future Farmers of America and its dedicated leaders for the privilege of working with an organization which means so much to the leadership, agricultural progress and citizenship development in the South and, in fact, the nation. America undoubtedly will be faced by serious challenges in the years ahead even as it is today. To the extent that we have educated, trained and inspired the youth of today as resourceful, competent and dynamic leaders imbued with high ideals and moral standards, will this nation rise or fall.

FFA is fulfilling this mission as well as preparing today’s youth for a role in agriculture which is an essential cornerstone of America’s economy. To participate in this vital program, even to the limited extent I have done, is to have a part in the shaping of America’s destiny.

The award will serve as an inspiration for further endeavors in the years ahead and I shall be ever grateful for it. Please be assured of my continued interest and of my appreciation for the work you are doing.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

James J. Hicks, M.D.

Contest Rules Changes

The rule concerning getting the speaker’s manuscripts in to Auburn by the 5th of February and the 5th of March has been changed in order to try to get them in on time. In both instances the manuscripts have to be in this office so the area and district contests can be set up. It is very important that we receive these reports on time.

A new rule which is required by the National Office and which is also stated in our rules states that each manuscript must have a bibliography attached. This bibliography should state the source of the material used in the speech.

The method of selection of the Honor Roll Chapters has been changed.

 definition

GLAMOUR GIRL—A female who has what it takes to take what you have.
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. A contestant will be permitted to use notes while speaking but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation.

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, contestants 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. Should be held by January 15.
2. Methods of eliminations in chapter to be determined by local advisor and other chapter officers.
3. Local farmer cooperatives should be invited to cooperate. (They may want to provide some special awards.)
4. It is not necessary to report names of chapter winners to State Office.
5. Three copies of the winner’s manuscript to be sent to the advisor holding county contests 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.
8. A bibliography must be included with the manuscripts.

COUNTY SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Should 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 NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 5th.
5. If only one chapter in a county has an entry, the contestant is automatically the county winner and must be reported by his advisor by February 5th.
6. Advisors of winning speaker, including his advisor, to mail three copies of his manuscript to reach Executive Secretary not later than February 5th. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
7. Winner will compete in area contest.
8. AWARDS—Ribbon awarded to first place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.
9. A bibliography must be included with the manuscripts.

AREA SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Should be held in February.
2. Place will be arranged by state office.
3. Local advisor at the designated place will be in charge of the contest and determine date to be held.
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 to advisor of winning member to reach the Executive Secretary not later than March 5th.
6. Winner will compete in district contest.
7. AWARDS—Ribbon awarded to first place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.
8. A bibliography will be included with the manuscript.

DISTRICT SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held at regular district eliminations.
2. Date and place will be arranged by district supervisor.
3. Advisor of winning speaker to mail three copies of manuscript and glossy photograph of speaker to once to the Executive Secretary. (MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MARCH 5th.)
4. District winner will compete in state finals.
5. A bibliography must be included with the manuscript.

STATE FINALS SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held during State FFA Convention. All speakers shall use the P.A. system and wear official 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.
4. A bibliography must be included with the manuscript.

State Final Awards

1st—$250.00 wrist watch and $60.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$125.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$175.00 and chapter banner.
QUARTET CONTEST—Walnut Grove quartet was selected as the best in the state and to represent Alabama in the Tri-State. The members of the quartet are, from left, Basil Owens, first tenor; Benjamin Vickery, baritone; Danzer Gibson, second tenor; Marston Brooks, bass; and Gail Johnson, accompanist, at the piano. Their advisor is T. E. DeLoach.

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR—Jimmy Kelley of the Luverne FFA chapter was named as Alabama’s 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.
POULTRY PRODUCTION—Alvin Hall, left, of Luverne was the state poultry producer. Mr. R. M. McGee, Luverne FFA advisor, inspectes Alvin’s newly erected feed bin.

Awards

State winner—$100.00 cash and trip with his local FFA Advisor to the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association Convention in Atlanta, January, 1963. A banner will be presented at the FFA Convention.

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.

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 their own selection. No theme allowed.

4. Instruments that are commonly used with string bands, such as piano, drums, saxophone, clarinet, jugs, rub boards, harps, accordians, tuba, etc., may be used if needed.

5. District eliminations will be held prior to state finals contest. The two top winners in each district will go to the state finals.

6. The state final contest will be held at the State FFA Convention.

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

Judging Contests

Purpose

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

DAIRY JUDGING—Valley Head chapter had the winning team. Their judges are, left to right, Harold Carden, Tom Jones, Jr., and Max Barnes. They were coached by P. W. Roberts, FFA advisor.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING — The 1961 champs in livestock judging hail from Hartford. They are, from left to right, Robert Earl Skinner, Ronnie Bottoms, and Bill Barnes. Their advisor is Mr. P. C. Dean.

1. A livestock judging team will judge all three of the following: Beef cattle, hogs, and sheep.

2. No member will be eligible to serve on more than one team.

3. District eliminations for livestock and dairy judging will be held, and the FIRST and SECOND place winners may compete in finals at state convention.

4. 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

POULTRY JUDGING—The Elkmont poultry judging team was first place winner. The team members are, front row from left, Richard Locke and Dwight McNatt; back row from left, Jerry Hargrove and Donnie Black, third from left. Dr. J. C. Woodward, back row, second from left, president of Alabama Poultry Industry Association, and R. L. Francis, back row, right, FFA advisor at Elkmont are with the team.

 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, 1961 to September 30, 1962. 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, 1962.)


P. W. Roberts, FFA advisor.
TRACTORS AND EQUIPMENT ON THE FARM.

Skills in safe operation and maintenance of tractors and equipment on the farm.

Tuskegee FFA Chapter Receives Congratulations from Mr. W. O. Bice

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1961
FFA ADVISORS receiving the Honorary State Farmer degree at the convention were left to right, front row, Willis Bell, Red Level; C. R. Bass, Slocomb; J. O. Morrow, Vina; A. L. Otts, Ranburne. 2nd row, J. L. Holmes, Rockford; C. L. Cunningham, Brookwood; J. R. Hawkins, Mount Hope; Waddy Thompson, Winterboro; W. L. Hyde, Oakman. 3rd row, Claude Hardee, Beatrice; J. A. Tucker, Excel; C. A. Blevins, Fakville; E. B. Botch, Ft. Payne; B. C. Adcox, Gurley. 4th row, Oscar Strickland, Dadeville; K. H. Cook, Dozier; H. H. Montgomery, Columbia; C. L. Owen, Maplesville; and B. T. Gibbons, Coffeeville.

Basis for Awards
1. Applicant for the State Farmer Degree in 1962 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—$100.00 cash 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 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 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 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
First place—$250.00 and three regional awards of $200.00 each.

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

Soil and Water Management

Purpose
To encourage the conservation and proper management of the soil and water since it is so vital to our state and national welfare.

Basis of State Awards
The awards will be based on achievement with special consideration being given to:
1. Efficiency in production as evidenced by the national award.

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

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Farm Mechanics

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 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 winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates
The records submitted should be the boy’s cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the Executive Secretary, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 15th.)

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

Sponsors
National Dairy Products Corporation
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Southern Dairies, Inc.
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

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 1st.)

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.

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

FARM ELECTRIFICATION—First place in farm electrification went to Oscar Underwood, center, of the Pell City FFA chapter. Congratulating Oscar are Robert Logan, Ozark, 5th place; Rex Bond, Newville, 3rd place; Hilburn Hillestad, Baker Hill, 2nd place; and Jack Carpenter, Cllo, 4th place.
first place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, as they must comply with supervised farming programs. The state winner may compete for the national award. The state winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

**Opening and Closing Dates**

The records submitted should be the boy’s cumulative record during the 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 20th.)

**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 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  
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**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.)

**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.

**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 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.)

**High Scoring Individual—Loving Cup**

Sponsors

WSF A-TV Station, Montgomery, Alabama  
Cooperating Agencies—Soil Conservation Service, Soil Conservation District and Alabama Soil Fertility Society, Inc.
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

STAR FFA REPORTER—Alabama's Star Reporter is, at left, Sammie Scarborough, Aliceville. Also placing in the contest were Sherwood McIntyre, Auburn; Donald Henpel, Waterloo, and Jimmie Green, Tuskegee.

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, 1961.

Preparing Final Report
1. The records submitted will cover the period from May 1, 1961 to April 30, 1962.
2. An accurate record of the above information should be included in the final report.

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.

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STAR OIL COMPANY
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and no official form will be submitted other than the preliminary S-1 report.

Contestant 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. 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.

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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 those 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.

What Every Future Farmer Should Believe

The FFA boy is more important than the FFA project. The FFA is not trying to replace the home, the church, and the school—but supplement them.

To "learn by doing" is fundamental in any sound educational program and characteristic of the FFA program.

Learning how to do projects is more important than the project itself.

Many things are caught rather than taught.

Competition in FFA work should be recognized as a natural human trait but should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals in FFA.

A blue-ribbon FFA boy with a red-ribbon pig is more desirable than a red-ribbon boy with a blue-ribbon pig.

No FFA award is worth sacrificing the reputation of an FFA member or advisor. A Future Farmer should be his own best exhibit.

There is generally more than one good way of doing most things.

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National FFA Meeting

The Thirty-Fourth 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 Monday, October 9, about noon. 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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