State Convention At Auburn June 7-9
Alabama's 1961 FFA Sweetheart Roundup

GENEVA COUNTY EXHIBITORS AT DOTHAN FAT STOCK SHOW (See Page 2)
State FFA Convention Set For June 7-9

900 FFA'ers To Attend Meeting At Auburn

It's convention time for the 14,414 Future Farmers of America in Alabama.

Approximately 900 members and advisors will attend the 32nd State Convention at Auburn June 7-9. During the three day meet the farm youths will take part in contests, hear addresses, attend sessions, and herald announcements of awards.

State President Larry Justice of Geneva will preside at the convention. Other state officers who will take part in the programs are Bob Vick, vice-president, Camden; Noel Chambers, secretary, Blountsville; Jimmy Collins, treasurer, LaFayette, and David Page, reporter, Vina. New officers will be installed at the closing session.

Many of the boys attending the meeting will participate in the eight statewide contests that are to be decided during the three days. These contests are public speaking, land judging, tractor driving, dairy judging, quartet, livestock judging, string band, and poultry judging.

Always a highlight of the convention is the naming of the State Star Farmer and four district star farmers. Youths receiving this award, the highest degree that state associations may also be done during the convention.

Youths receiving this award, the highest degree that state associations may award, must have studied vocational agriculture for at least two years, earned $500 or more from farming, and have shown leadership ability.

Individual awards will go to members who have done the best work in farm electrification, soil and water management, farm mechanics, home improvement, dairying, forestry, and reporting FFA news.

Chapters who have the best program of work, those who have done the best job of promoting farm safety, and ones having a membership of 100 or more will also receive awards.

Alabama Future Farmer of the Year, Jimmy Kelley of Luverne, will receive a $300 educational award from Turner E. Smith Company and an engraved loving cup from Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Guest speakers will include Teddy Carruth of Tulia, Texas, National FFA vice president; Dr. Ralph R. Draughon, president of Auburn University; Mr. J. F. TO LEAD THE CONVENTION — The State FFA officers have been very busy planning for the 32nd annual convention. Left to right are Jimmy Collins, David Page, Bob Vick, Byron Rawls and Noel Chambers. Seated in the center and leading the group is Larry Justice, state president.

Ingram, state director of vocational education; T. L. Faulkner, state supervisor of vocational agriculture.

The end of 32 years of vocational agriculture and FFA in Alabama will be marked by the convention. Organized in July, 1929, FFA is an organization of farm boys studying, or who have studied, vocational agriculture in high school. There are 282 chapters in the state. FFA was organized nationally in 1929 and has grown to be the largest farm-boy organization in the world.

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District FFA Winners

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Public Speaking: 1st, Billy Petty, Falkville; 2nd, Dickey Winsett, Hazel Green
Quartet: 1st, Walnut Grove; 2nd, Buckhorn
String Band: Jacksonville; Gurley
Livestock Judging: Blountsville and Ashville
Dairy Judging: Valley Head and Ohatchee
Tractor Driving: Lonnie E. Carroll, Jr., Stevenson and Ronnie Preston, Ranburne
Land Judging: Stevenson and Cuntersville

Poultry Judging: Heflin, Collman, Susan Moore

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Public Speaking: 1st, Frank Daniel, Clay; 2nd, Allen Smith, Slocomb
Quartet: 1st, Eufaula; 2nd, Goshen
String Band: Goshen and Cottonwood
Livestock Judging: Hartford and Inverness
Dairy Judging: Eclectic and Elba

Tractor Driving: Andrew Green, Inverness, and Harvey Sizemore, Hartford
Land Judging: Troy and Midland City
Poultry Judging: Hartford, Luverne, Straughn

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Public Speaking: 1st, Jimmy Golson, Antaugaville; 2nd, Kenney Veazy, Isabella
Quartet: 1st, Dadeville; 2nd, Jemison
String Band: Wedowee and Dadeville
Livestock Judging: Wedowee and Elkmont

Dairy Judging: Billingsley and Hackneyville
Tractor Driving: Billy Selman, Tuskegee and Bob Heath, Auburn
Land Judging: Prattville and Five Points
Poultry Judging: Notasulga, Marion, Clanton

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Public Speaking: 1st, Will Bruce, Camden; 2nd, Truett Murphy, East Brewton
Quartet: 1st, Camden; 2nd, Theodore
String Band: Semmes and Uriah
Livestock Judging: Thomaston and Fairhope
Dairy Judging: Silas and East Brewton
Tractor Driving: Joe Lister, Florence and Larry Till, Frisco City
Land Judging: Beatrice and Moore's Academy
Poultry Judging: Foley, Fairhope, Pine Apple

On The Cover

FUTURE FARMERS throughout Alabama showed approximately 400 fat calves in county and district shows. The cover picture shows the county exhibit from Geneva County that was shown in the Dothan Fat Stock Show.
Winners Among Many

District Quartet Winners Compete

DADEVILLE, CENTRAL DISTRICT

MILLPORT, NORTHWEST DISTRICT

WALNUT GROVE, NORTHEAST DISTRICT

GOSHEN, SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

CAMDEN, SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

The quartet contest has always been considered one of the best in the state. Competition in this contest starts way back in the local chapter and advances right on through the state to the Tri-State. From the districts only five winners are said good enough for state competition. To eliminate all the others, these quartets had to be tops.

This is why the Alabama Future Farmer is proud to present these quartets to you in this issue. The experience gained in poise, character, self-expression, and many other leadership abilities will be a big help to these participants in the future.

Those, of course, who did not win in the contest also gained this valuable training. They too will be better leaders and citizens for having participated in the quartet contest.

1961 Forestry Camp Set

Dates have been set and much planning has already been done on this year's forestry camp.

The week of August 6-12 is the time selected for the camp which will again be at Camp Grist near Selma.

Approximately 100 boys will attend the camp which is sponsored by five pulp and paper companies in Alabama in cooperation with Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association and the State division of Forestry. Paper companies supporting the camp are Gulf States, International, Marathon, Scott, and Coosa River.
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AUBURN—placed in the Lee County land judging contest; two members are making wildlife plantings of bicolor lespedeza; participated in district contests eliminations; prepared and served a barbecue dinner during the district meet.

BEAUREGARD—held regular meetings; W. O. Bice, field representative of Standard Oil Company conducted a tractor clinic.

BERRY—held regular monthly meeting; elected officers for 1961-62 and five honorary members; made plans for party; added 130 reference books on livestock to ag library; made and placed 7 mailbox posts; sold 15 porch swings and 3 lawn chairs; studying landscaping; added new storage cabinet to shop; added 26 chairs, a clock, electric drill and electric arc welder to department; each member entered forestry essay contest; 7 Green Hands advanced to degree of Chapter Farmer.

BOAZ—showed 5 hogs and 3 beef calves in spring shows; plan to have wiener roast; elected new officers; plant made for summer camping trip; showed three beef calves.

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SYLVANIA—initiated 24 Chapter Farmers; par-
ticipated in land judging contest; entered tractor
driving and dairy judging contests; elected officers
for 1961 and presented old officers with officer
pins.

THOMASTON—held regular meeting; had spe-
cial program on Civil Defense; working with judg-
ing teams.

THOMASVILLE—held coon hunt; farm and
home electrical demonstration; built grafting dem-

TOWN CREEK—landscaped 2 homes in com-

VERBENA—held regular meeting; selling auto
wax and waxing cars after school to raise funds for
trip to Florida.

WALNUT GROVE—held FFA banquet and
regular scheduled meetings; elected officers for
next year; initiated Green Hands; elected county
officer; initiated 7 Chapter Farmers.

WATERLOO—held Father-Son, Mother-Daugh-
ter banquet; fall calf show held at school.

WOODVILLE—held regular meeting; planning
joint party with FHA; 3 to receive State Farmer
Degree; received electric panel board from North

TEDDY CARRUTH

National Vice President
To Attend Convention

National FFA vice president, Teddy
Carruth, of Tulia, Texas, will attend the
Alabama FFA Convention this year and
will address the Thursday morning ses-

TEDDY CARRUTH

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