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**FFA
CONTESTS
and
AWARDS**

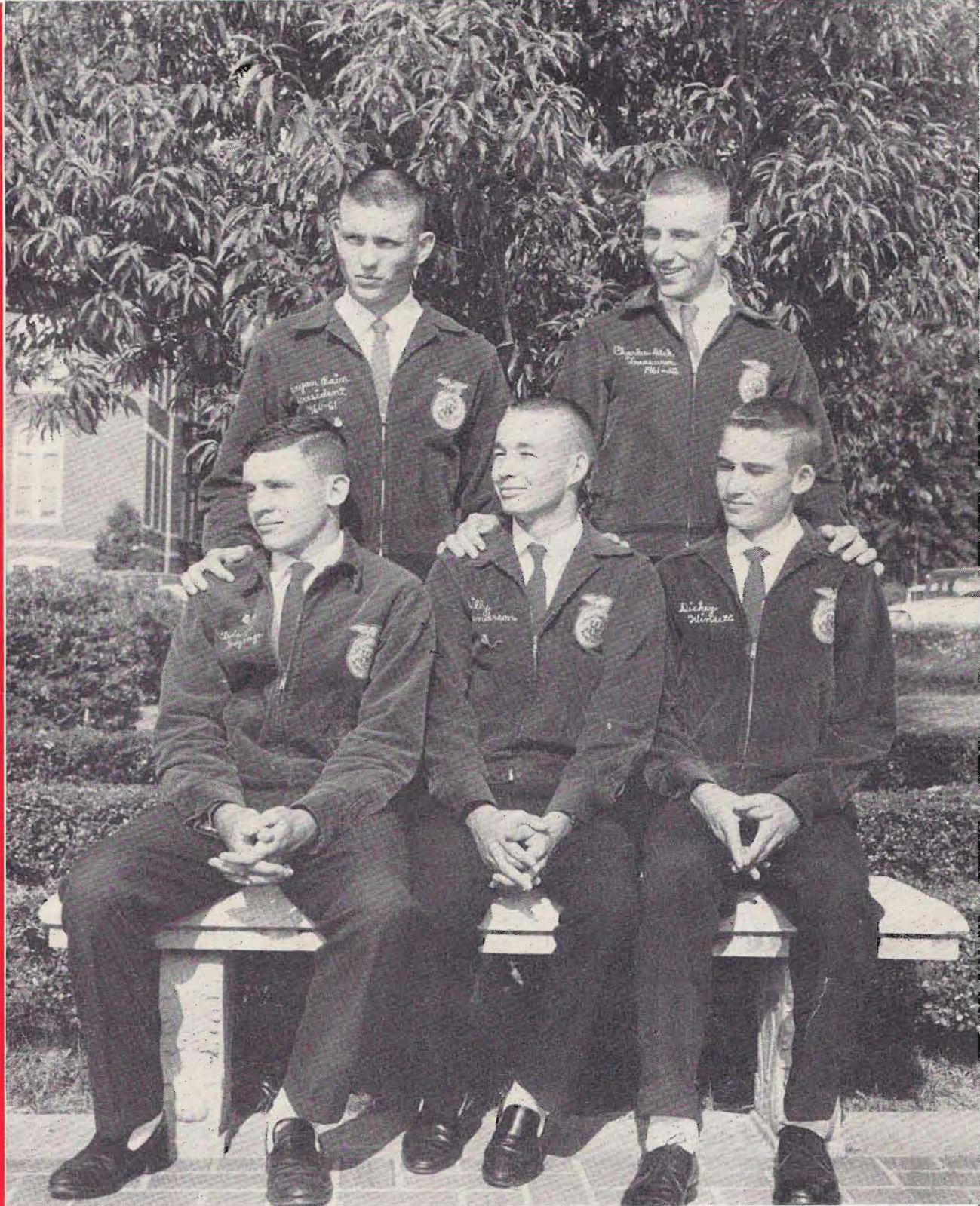


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Nearly 800 Attend

Convention Climaxes Year's Work

Future Farmers from 259 Alabama chapters have completed another very inspiring convention bringing to a close the year for 14,444 FFA members in Alabama.

Almost 800 members and advisors attended the convention this year which was made up three days of contests, leadership training, tours, business sessions, and entertainment.

Dr. Ralph Draughon, president, Auburn University, welcomed the FFA'ers to Auburn. State president Jimmy Barnes, presided over all of the general sessions.

One of the highlights of the convention was a visit and address by James Pruitt, 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 287 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 Phillip Hardee of Beatrice was named.

The new officers chosen at the convention are Billy Henderson, Straughn, president; Jerry Brown, Butler, vice-president; Dickey Winsett, Hazel Green, secretary; Paul Dick, Ashland, treasurer and Bryan Bain, Carrollton, reporter.

State contest winners were:

CHAPTER CONTEST

Top Four—Buckhorn, Georgiana, Jasper, Tuskegee.

Superior Chapter Awards—Hazel Green, Brookwood, Curry, Jemison, Boaz, Attalla, Sylvania, Suttle, Reform, Ider, Sulligent, Straughn.

Standard Chapter Awards—Citronelle, Double Springs, Town Creek, Montevallo, Kingston, Thomaston, Fort Deposit, Carrollton.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st—Eddie Freeman, Columbia
2nd—Billy Eubanks, Carrollton
3rd—Jimmy Colson, Autaugaville
4th—Ronnie Marks, Tanner
5th—Will Bruce, Camden

QUARTET

1st—Fairhope
2nd—Buckhorn
3rd—Odenville
4th—Brilliant

STRING BAND

1st—Jacksonville
2nd—Winfield
3rd—Vernon
4th—Beatrice

JUDGING TEAMS

Livestock

1st—Union Springs
2nd—Beauregard
3rd—Coffee Springs
4th—Thomaston

Dairy

1st—Repton
2nd—Five Points
3rd—Kate Duncan
4th—Smith
Florala

Poultry

1st—Hartford
2nd—Selma
3rd—Northport
4th—Beulah

Land

1st—Beatrice
2nd—Geneva
3rd—Stevenson
4th—Guntersville

STAR FARMER AWARDS

State Star Farmer—Phillip Hardee, Beatrice
District—Johnny Jenkins, Sidney Lanier
District—Bryan Bain, Carrollton
District—Joe Adair, New Hope
District—Abe Green, Lincoln

STAR DAIRY FARMER

1st—Donald Latham, Gordo
2nd—Jimmy Barnes, Sulligent
3rd—Sammy Wilcox, Reform
4th—Wylie Johnson, Tuskegee

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

1st—Phillip Hardee, Beatrice
2nd—Benny Battles, Sylvania
3rd—Freddie Ledbetter, Tuskegee
4th—Eddie Murphy, East Brewton

FARM SAFETY

1st—Georgiana
2nd—Buckhorn
3rd—Reform
4th—Ider

FARM MECHANICS

1st—Herman Sanders, Coshen
2nd—Tommy Silver, Sylvania
3rd—Abe Green, Lincoln
4th—Bryan Bain, Carrollton

FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION

1st—Hilburn Hillestad, Baker Hill
2nd—Frank French III, Sidney Lanier
3rd—Rex Bond, Newville
4th—Hayes Plyman, Reform
5th—Elbert Burns, Attalla

STAR REPORTER

1st—Dewey Carruth, Sulligent
2nd—Ollie Rae Bush, Georgiana
3rd—Tommy Biles, Buckhorn
4th—Benny Jones, Aliceville

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR

Phillip Holman, Fairhope

FARM FORESTRY

1st—Sam Sullivan, Millry
2nd—Richard Irvin, Gordo
3rd—Ray Steele, Centreville
4th—Allen Kelley, Northport

HOME IMPROVEMENT

1st—Jerry Lowe, Reform
2nd—Dicky Crow, Lincoln
3rd—Gary Wigley, Douglas
4th—Gene Boothe, Fairhope

On The Cover

NEW OFFICERS—The team of new officers to lead the FFA in Alabama during 1962-63 are, left to right, Jerry Brown, Butler, vice-president; Bryan Bain, Carrollton, reporter; Billy Henderson, Straughn, president; Paul Dick, Ashland, treasurer; and Dickey Winsett, Hazel Green, secretary.

TRACTOR DRIVING

1st—Thomas Hugh Bufford, Tuskegee
2nd—Chester Riddle, Auburn
3rd—Thomas Shipp, Castleberry
4th—Irvin Rutledge, Grove Hill

HONOR ROLL CHAPTERS

Buckhorn—157	Sardis—60
Ala. Inst. D&B—27	Lineville—84
Sand Rock—45	Brantley—55
Camden—72	Auburn—54
Silas—71	Louisville—29
Sylvania—89	Baker Hill—36
Maplesville—42	Moore Academy—26
Mellow Valley—42	

CHAMPION CORN GROWER

Neal Childers, Vina

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Jimmy Green, Tuskegee

—FFA—

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Strength Through Striving

**FFA Purposes Developed Through
 Contests And Awards Program**

Through the FFA Contests and Awards Program many worthwhile programs are initiated and an immense amount of good work is stimulated. The various contests have specific objectives which FFA'ers meet as a result of participation in the contest programs.

Whether or not the participant wins one of the top state awards, he still profits from the contest competition as evidenced by the improvements he makes in his own program.

The farm and home electrification contest, for example, has been an aid in teaching vo-ag students the practical use of electricity. The participants apply their electrical knowledge to actual projects on the farm and in the home. This experience may vary from rewinding motors to making time and labor-saving devices such as pea shellers and the like.

FFA contests, with the exception of the quartet, string band, public speaking, and star reporter contests, are directly related to some phase of the boys' supervised farming programs. These exceptions are indirectly related in that they afford FFA'ers the opportunity to develop in the four phases of the FFA program—leadership, character, cooperation, and recreation.

The farm mechanics program emphasizes the mechanics of the farm and their application to a sounder and more economical farming operation. The dairy farming contest strengthens the use of im-

proved practices on the dairy farms of FFA members while the forestry contest is designed to encourage "tree farming" as a means of income and also as an aid to conservation. The various judging events teach prospective farmers to choose the better breeds of livestock and to distinguish between desirable and undesirable characteristics. The soil and water management program promotes greater conservation of the soil, which is the foundation of all life, and the proper use of its life blood, water.

The public speaking program develops rural leadership which is an essential for the farmer to stand up and be counted. He must be able to voice his opinions and express ways in which ideas can be put into practice.

The quartet and string band contests develop the musical abilities of FFA boys and bring entertainment and a form of recreation to listeners as well as participants. The star reporter contest is instrumental, first of all, in gaining greater recognition for the farm group, and secondly, in developing the journalistic and creative writing abilities of FFA members.

All in all, it can be said that the whole FFA Contests and Awards Program serves a useful and unique purpose in developing a future citizen who can wisely and efficiently provide himself with what he wants from life, for he learns by doing and he understands what he does.

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.

Every FFA member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win, and to be praised.

FFA members must be taught HOW to think; not WHAT to think.

FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS, 1962-63

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. 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. Deduction 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 is 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 winners' 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. If only one chapter in a county has an entry, this contestant is automatically the county winner.

5. Advisor of winning speaker, including automatic winner, to mail three copies of his manuscript to reach Executive Secretary not later than February 5th. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

6. Winner will compete in area contest.

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

8. A bibliography must be included with the manuscript.

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 by advisor of winning member to reach 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 at 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 and \$60.00 wrist watch and chapter banner.

2nd—\$200.00 and chapter banner.

3rd—\$175.00 and chapter banner.

4th—\$150.00 and chapter banner.

5th—\$125.00 and chapter banner.

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Quartet Contest

Purpose

To encourage wholesome recreation, improve singing ability of FFA members, create more interest in chapter, county and state meetings, aid in radio and television broadcasting, other special programs, and stimulate more interest in group singing.

Eligibility

Open to all FFA chapters in good standing. Members of the quartet must be active members of the local chapter and at least 50% of the quartet members must be enrolled in high school. Winner of first place in each contest is eligible to compete in the next contest, from the chapter to state finals.

Songs

Each quartet will sing two numbers of their own choice. All quartets will use the P. A. System. No theme song is allowed.

Accompaniment

Quartet may sing with or without accompaniment.



Jana Howard—Sparkman FFA Sweetheart

Judging

Official judging sheets will be used in judging all contests. Each quartet will be judged on two songs in each contest.

Dates

Exactly the same as the FFA public speaking. (See rules for the speaking contest.) Results of each contest must be reported by advisor of winning quartet to the Executive Secretary, Auburn, Alabama same dates as for speaking contest. NOTE: This applies to automatic winners the 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 Champion quartet will represent Alabama in the Tri-State contest and normal expenses will be paid by the Alabama FFA Association.

In case the Alabama quartet wins the Tri-State, \$100 will be paid on their expenses to attend the National Convention, provided they can all attend.

State Awards

- 1st—\$60.00 watch for each member, including accompanist, and chapter banner.
- 2nd—\$50.00 cash and chapter banner.
- 3rd—\$50.00 cash and chapter banner.
- 4th—\$50.00 cash and chapter banner.
- 5th—\$50.00 cash and chapter banner.

Sponsor

Alabama FFA Association

Future Farmer of the Year

Purpose

To recognize an outstanding FFA member for his work and accomplishment 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. (NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN AUBURN BY DECEMBER 1st)

State Awards

The Turner E. Smith educational award of \$300.00 in cash, the Alpha Gamma Rho trophy, and a chapter banner will be presented at the State FFA Convention.

Sponsors

Turner E. Smith Company
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Alabama FFA Association

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 primarily enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the cur-



Pat Cole—Heflin FFA Sweetheart

rent school year. Participants must grow a minimum of 500 broilers during the period of this program. Record of program should be from October 1, 1962 to September 30, 1963. 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, 1963)

Awards

State winner—\$100.00 cash and trip with his local FFA Advisor to the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association Convention in Atlanta, January, 1964. 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.

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
FORM II—Superior Chapter Award
FORM III—Gold medal and National Chapter Award—Four top chapters in state will compete in national contest.
3. A chapter must reach the superior rating to receive a plaque. Each year thereafter the chapters with plaques who are Standard or better will receive a glue-in plate to put on their plaque. The Standard Chapters who have not earned a plaque will continue to receive a certificate.

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 APRIL 15th.

State Awards

- Gold Medal—\$37.50 and chapter banner
- Gold Medal—\$37.50 and chapter banner
- Gold Medal—\$37.50 and chapter banner
- Gold Medal—\$37.50 and chapter banner

Sponsors

Alabama REA Cooperatives
Alabama FFA Association

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, jugs, rub boards, harps, accordians, 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 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 Contest

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.

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 instead, and awards will be exchanged to take care of travelling expenses for the team.

8. In addition to the awards listed below, the team going to the national will receive approximately \$50.00 from the National FFA Foundation.

State Awards

Livestock Judging

- 1st—\$250.00 and chapter banner.
- 2nd—\$40.00 and chapter banner.
- 3rd—\$35.00 and chapter banner.
- 4th—\$25.00 and chapter banner.

Sponsor

Alabama FFA Association

Dairy Cattle Judging

- 1st—\$250.00 and chapter banner.
- 2nd—\$40.00 and chapter banner.
- 3rd—\$35.00 and chapter banner.
- 4th—\$25.00 and chapter banner.

Sponsor

Alabama Flour Mills

Poultry Judging

- 1st—\$250.00 and chapter banner.
- 2nd—\$40.00 and chapter banner.
- 3rd—\$35.00 and chapter banner.
- 4th—\$25.00 and chapter banner.

Sponsor

Alabama Poultry Industry 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.

Sponsor

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

Farm Electrification Awards

Purpose

To encourage FFA members to develop necessary skills and take advantage of the rapidly expanding field of rural electricity.

Eligibility

This award will be open to members who, at the time of application, are regularly enrolled in all-day classes in vocational agriculture, or have been out of high school not more than one year, and have completed at least three years of vocational agriculture or all the vocational agriculture offered in the school. Applications for these awards may include reports of activities and records completed up to the end of the calendar year following graduation. 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 for 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—\$60.00 and chapter banner.
- 5th—\$50.00 and chapter banner.

National Awards

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

Sponsors

Alabama Power Company
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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 the 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



FFA SWEETHEARTS, old and new, from left to right, Peggy Mathis 1961-62 sweetheart and Joan Taylor 1962-63 sweetheart of the Eufaula FFA Chapter.

his report will be submitted to the Executive Secretary, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 25th.)

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.

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.

High Scoring Individual—Loving Cup.

Sponsors

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

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



ALABAMA'S State Star Farmer for 1962 is Phillip Hardee, center. District Star Farmers are, left to right, Joe Adair, New Hope; Abe Green, Lincoln; Bryan Bain, Carrollton; and Johnny Jenkins, Sidney Lanier.

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 For Awards

1. Applicant for the State Farmer Degree in 1963 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.

District—\$100.00 cash and chapter banner.

District—\$100.00 cash and chapter banner.

District—\$100.00 cash and chapter banner.

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.

Eligibility

This award will be open to members who, at the time of application, are regularly enrolled in all-day classes in vocational agriculture, or have been out of high school not more than one year, and have completed at least three years of vocational agriculture or all the vocational agriculture offered in

the school. Applications for these awards may include reports of activities and records completed up to the end of the calendar year following graduation. 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

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 100 members or more will be designated Honor Roll chapters. Ten additional chapters will be selected from those chapters having less than 100 members to receive this award based on percentage of membership to Vo-Ag enrollment. (Vo-Ag enrollment divided into membership.)

Awards

Each Honor Roll Chapter will be awarded a beautiful banner at the State FFA Convention.

Sponsor

Alabama FFA Association

Star Dairy Farmer

Purpose

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

Eligibility

This award will be open to members who, at the time of application, are regularly enrolled in all-day classes in vocational agriculture, or have been out of high school not more than one year, and have completed at least three years of vocational agriculture or all the vocational agriculture offered in the school. Applications for these awards may include reports of activities and records completed up to the end of the calendar year following graduation. 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 chapter 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 5th.)

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 or artificially bred to purebred 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 Dairy Products Corporation
Kraft Foods Company
Southern Dairies, Inc.
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

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

This award will be open to members who, at the time of application, are regularly enrolled in all-day classes in vocational agriculture, or have been out of high school not more than one year, and have completed at least three years of vocational agriculture or all the vocational agriculture offered in the school. Applications for these awards may include reports of activities and records completed up to the end of the calendar year following graduation. 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 ac-

tive 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.)

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

- 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

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.)



Dottie Gail Andrews—
Straughn FFA Sweetheart

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.

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

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, 1962.

Preparing Final Report

1. The records submitted will cover the period from May 1, 1962 to April 30, 1963.
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

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.

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.

Sponsor

Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau

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, un-



Yvonne Parker—
Greensboro FFA Sweetheart

less 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.

FFA

Your Temper

When people "lose their temper"

It doesn't always stay
In just the place they lost it,
But travels miles away;
And when they find and bind it,
It may be it has done
A mischief never to be healed
Unto the farthest sun.

When people "lose their temper,"

It runs and rages far.
It strikes at friends as well as foes,
Not caring who they are;
And when its cruel force is spent,
Its words and deeds go on
Down many ways through many days,
Unreckoned and unknown.

When people "lose their temper,"

It never stays that way —
Its owner always finds it
To use another day.

State Farmer Degree Recipients, 1962

Northeast District (77)

Arab—Larry Tinker, Glenn Shumate.
Ardmore—Ronald H. Malone, Jr., David Johnson.
Attalla—Larry Adams, Jerry Sewell, Elbert Burns, Larry W. Anderson, R. L. Walker.
Boaz—James Painter, Harrison Owens.
Buckhorn—Nolon Myrick, Jerry Carter, John Perry, James Berry, John Neeley.
Centre—James Harper Grimes, Bobby Lane Hopper.
Clements—David Burroughs, Milton White, Paul Smith, Jr.
Cataco—Thomas Sharp.
Danville—Ted Dalton Lee.
Douglas—A. L. Bonds, Wade Lang, Daniel Teal.
East Limestone—Douglas Higginbotham, Redus Evans.
Elkmont—Paul W. Robinson, Dwight McNatt, Larry Baugher.
Eva—Robert T. McKee.
Falkville—Hal Lee.
Fort Payne—William Howell.
Geraldine—Jacky Wright.
Glencoe—Richard Allen Gray.
Gurley—Junior Mefford, Jimmy Phillips, Ollie Osmer, Danny Kilpatrick.
Hazel Green—William E. Phillips, Benny Hale, Ray Davis, Dickey Stewart, Dickey Winsett.
Ider—James Overton, John Callahan.
New Hope—Joe Adair.
Sardis—Dale Thrasher.
Sparkman—Carter H. Pope, Jr., Sammy Walker, Marcus Tuck, David Darnell.
Spring Garden—Larry Rosser.
Stevenson—Wilson Conce, Larry Kirk, Jack W. Loyd, Jr.
Susan Moore—Garry Thurmond.
Sylvania—Curtis Mitchell, Benny Battles, Olli V. Yates, A. C. Ellis, Loring Butler, Lowell R. Tilley, Leon Smith, Clarence Massingill.
Tanner—Carlos Lang, Wayne Henderson.
Valley Head—Max Barnes.
West Limestone—Gary Davis, Keith Brackeen, Clifton Blakely, Stanley Scott, Roger McConnell.
West Point—R. B. Glover, Aaron Guthrie, Gwendol Echols.

Northwest District (52)

Arley—Paul Wilson.
Bear Creek—Robert Marbutt.
Belgreen—Bobby Rickard.
Carrollton—Bryan Bain.
Carbon Hill—Enoch E. Estes.
Centreville—Wesley Wyatt.
Curry—Hoyt Wilson, Jack McCullar.
Fayette—Larry Ballinger, Freddie Maddox.
Gordo—Tony Latham, Sonny Byars, Davis Shirley, Charles Smith.
Guin—Dwayne Haney.
Haleyville—Billy Moore.
Hubbertville—Ray Flynn.
Jasper—Ralph Butts, William Jones, Steve Cheatham, Carlon Kilgore, Paul Odom, Terry Shubert.
Kennedy—Harry Vice.
Lexington—Wayne Jones, Ronnie Mitchell.
Liberty—Waymon Earl Tilley, Dennis Earl Patterson.
Lynn—Gene Lynn.
McAdory—Ray Sellers.
Millport—J. T. Beard, Douglas Rickman.
Moulton—Fred Richardson, Willard Malcolm Posey.
Northport—James O'Honlon, Jr., Eugene Barrett, Joe Leatherwood.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

<i>Motions</i>	<i>Motion maker must be recognized</i>	<i>Requires a second</i>	<i>May apply to the following motion</i>	<i>Debatable</i>	<i>May interrupt a member who has the floor</i>	<i>Motions that may apply to it</i>	<i>Vote required</i>	<i>May be renewed</i>
To take from table	Yes	Yes	Main question appeals, questions of privilege, reconsideration	No	No	None	Majority	After progress
Limit debate	Yes	Yes	Any debatable motion	No	No	Reconsider	2/3	After progress
Main question or motion	Yes	Yes	No other motion	Yes	No	All	Majority	Not at the same session
To amend	Yes	Yes	Limit debate, postpone definitely. Fix time of next meeting	Yes	No	Amend. Reconsider. Limit or close debate	Majority	No
Question of personal privilege	No	No	None	No	Yes, if necessary	None	2/3	After progress
To suspend rule	Yes	Yes	Any motion where needed	No	No	None	2/3	No. Can be unanimous consent
To create special orders	Yes	Yes	Main motion	Yes	No	All	2/3	After progress
To withdraw or renew a motion	Yes	No	Any motion	No	No	Reconsidered	Majority	After progress
To refer or to recommit	Yes	Yes	Main motion. Question of privilege	Yes	No	Amend, reconsider, limit or close debate	Majority	After progress
To reconsider	No	Yes	Any motion except adjournment, suspended rules, lay on table	Yes	Yes for entry	Limit or close debate. Lay on table. Postpone indefinitely	Majority	No
To rescind or repeal	Yes	Yes	Main motion. Appeals, question of privilege	No	Yes	All	Majority	Not at the same session
To postpone definitely	Yes	Yes	Main motion, question of privilege	Yes	No	Limit or close debate. To reconsider ("Ay" vote only)	Majority	No
To postpone to certain date	Yes	Yes	Main motion, question of privilege, reconsider	Yes	No	Amend, reconsider, limit, or close debate	Majority	After progress
To lay on table	Yes	Yes	Main question, appeals, question of privilege, reconsider	No	No	No	Majority	After progress
Previous question or close debate	Yes	Yes	Any debatable motion	No	No	To reconsider	2/3	After progress
Rise to point of order	No	No	Any motion or act	No	Yes	None	None	No
Nominations	Yes	No	Motion to close nominations. Motion for unanimous ballot	No	No	To close nominations		Not at the same session
Objection to consideration	No	No	Main question, question of privilege	No	Yes	Reconsideration	2/3 in negative	No
Motion to ballot	No	Yes	Any motion	No	Yes	Motions to nominate, motion for roll call	Majority	No
Motion to appeal	No	Yes	Any decision by chair	No	Yes	Lay on the table, close debate, reconsider	Majority	No
Fixing time of next meeting	Yes	Yes	None	Not when privileged	No	Amend, reconsider	Majority	Not at the same session
Motion to adjourn or recess	Yes	Yes	None	Not when privileged	No	None	Majority	After progress

Plan Your FFA Farm Safety Campaign

Most studies of accidental deaths show that more persons are killed annually by accidents, while engaged in farming, than in any other industry. Two factors influence these findings. First, more persons are engaged in the pursuit of agriculture than in any other occupation, and second, safety rules are not enforced on the farm as they are in organized industry.

The time to be concerned about accidents is before they occur. One may be too many. Most farm accidents could have been prevented if the necessary precautionary measures had been taken.

The primary purpose of this campaign is to make farm people more "safety minded." Emphasis will be given to locating farm hazards and removing as many of them as possible.

Procedure for Conducting the Campaign

1. Devote one chapter meeting to a discussion of common farm accidents and their causes.

2. Take a field trip to a member's home. Using the Farm Hazard Survey Sheet, make a systematic survey of the farm to locate hazards and record them.

3. When a safety hazard is located mark its identity on the back of a "Danger tag" and tie or tack the tag in a prominent location at the place of the hazard. Keep a record of the number of tags used.

4. Encourage each member to do the same on his home farm.

5. Place emphasis on the removal of hazards. The tag is not to be taken down until the hazard is removed or precautionary steps taken to lessen it. Record on the back of the tag the corrective action taken.

6. Each member will turn the tags in to a Farm Safety chairman as they are removed and will receive credit against the number originally used.

7. At the end of a specified period of time (1 to 6 months) the record of hazards removed will be evaluated.

This may be set up as a contest in which the member who most effectively removed the greatest percentage of hazards will receive the chapter FFA Foundation medal for Farm Safety for the year.

"Next to creating a life,
the greatest thing
man can do . . .
is save a life."
—Abraham Lincoln

LOCATE AND REMOVE

Your Farm Fire Hazards

Be Systematic—Use This Check List To Record Your Progress

- Are chimneys clean and mortar tight in all joints?
- Is fire resistant roof or chimney spark arrestor used?
- Are stove or furnace pipes in good condition, clean and well-anchored?
- Are metal containers used for ashes?
- Are combustible walls, ceilings, floors, curtains, wood boxes, rugs and papers protected or a safe distance from stove pipes, stoves, furnaces or fireplaces?
- Are attic, basement, and closets free from old papers, rags or other rubbish?
- Are matches safely stored and out of reach of children?
- Are oil stoves of approved type, refueled carefully, and operating safely?
- Are newly filled hay mows inspected frequently for symptoms of spontaneous combustion?
- Is smoking prohibited in barns and out-buildings?
- Are tractors, trucks and automobiles stored in the barn or other buildings storing combustibles?
- Are engines stopped while refueling?
- Are electric motors and gasoline engines free from dust or excess grease accumulations?
- Are the principal buildings rodged with good ground connections for lightning protection?
- Are approved electrical wiring and appliances used?
- Are fuses of proper amperage (usually 15) used to protect circuits?
- Are extension cords frayed, under rugs, over pipes or nailed to wall?
- Are gasoline and kerosene (one gallon or more) stored under ground or a safe distance (75 feet or more) from buildings?
- Are all flammable liquid containers labeled and sealed?
- Are brooder stoves of approved types and safely installed in isoated buildings?

Provide Fire Protection

To complete the job of safeguarding your farm from fire, be prepared, so the odds are not stacked against you if a fire does occur. Can you answer yes to all of these questions?

1. Do you understand the types of fires, their behavior and methods of suppression?

2. Is home fire-fighting equipment available and kept in a handy place for instant use? (Axe, wrecking bar, rope, ladder, sand, water buckets, or other extinguishers.)

3. Are family first aid supplies available and easily accessible.

4. Can water be secured from a supplementary supply (stock tanks, cistern, pond, milk can brigade) in sufficient volume for fire-fighting?

5. Will ladders and ropes safely support a person's weight and reach the top of buildings?

6. Are farm plows, disks and orchard

spray machines kept in readiness for fire fighting?

7. Are members of the household fully instructed on the specific duties they should perform if a fire starts?

8. Is fire resistant construction and safe spacing used where feasible for new buildings?

9. Is there organized fire protection planned for your community?

10. Has definite arrangement been made for assistance from neighbors in lieu of organized community protection?

11. Are telephone numbers of fire departments, or other sources of assistance posted near the telephone?

12. Do you discourage the burning of timberland and crop residues in your community and prohibit it on your farm?

America's cities and towns have demonstrated the value of fire protection. With safer building codes and better fire prevention precautions and equipment, urban centers lose only half as much property as they did a generation ago.

Tractor Accidents Can Happen

America leads the world in mechanized agriculture. Tractors by the thousands operate faithfully and efficiently in fields throughout the country. Some are old and dull; some are new and shiny. Altogether there are more than 2,000,000 of them and they play a vital role in making America the greatest producer of food and fiber.

American farmers point with pride to their tractors except when an accident has sabotaged the savings and pleasure the tractor has brought to its owner.

An accident seldom hurts the tractor much. It hurts the operator, his family, his friends, his pocketbook and his food production. Death or lifelong disability are frequent consequences. Sometimes it means a farm has to be sold or abandoned.

Tractor operators, like American automobile drivers, who drive the world's best cars, are piling up a shameful record of needless tragedies. Manufacturers are trying to make tractors safe but they cannot make them foolproof.

Good judgment is all that is necessary to prevent tractor accidents. It is easy to avoid tragedy. Just be on the alert and practice safety!

Tractors are used more than most other farm machinery. There are also more accidents with tractors than any other piece of farm equipment. In some states 75 per cent of the recent fatal accidents with farm machinery involved tractors. These accidents seem to fall into four main classes: (1) overturning, (2) falls, (3) power takeoff entanglement, and (4) a miscellaneous group with a wide variety of causes summarized by the safety rules listed below.

Tractor Safety Rules

1. Before starting a tractor see that gear-shift lever is in neutral. When cranking tractor, place thumb and fingers on same side of crank.
2. Always drive tractor carefully, avoid excessive speed, holes, ditches or other obstructions, reduce speed when turning, and use extra care on hillsides, rough ground or highways.
3. Engage clutch gently, especially when pulling uphill, out of ditches or heavy loads.
4. To reduce speed or stop always brake wheels equally (use brake connecting latch if provided).
5. Always keep power line shielding in place and stop power take off before dismounting from tractor.
6. Never allow extra riders on tractor.
7. Be careful refilling radiator on overheated tractor or with pressure cooling system.

8. Avoid refueling or other service work while tractor is running or extremely hot.

9. Do not operate a tractor in a closed building or where exhaust will contact flammable material.

10. Stay on seat while tractor is in motion, never dismount until it stops.

11. Always hitch to tractor drawbar, especially heavy loads.

12. Keep tractor in gear going down steep hills or grades.

13. Always stop tractor before removing or replacing belt.

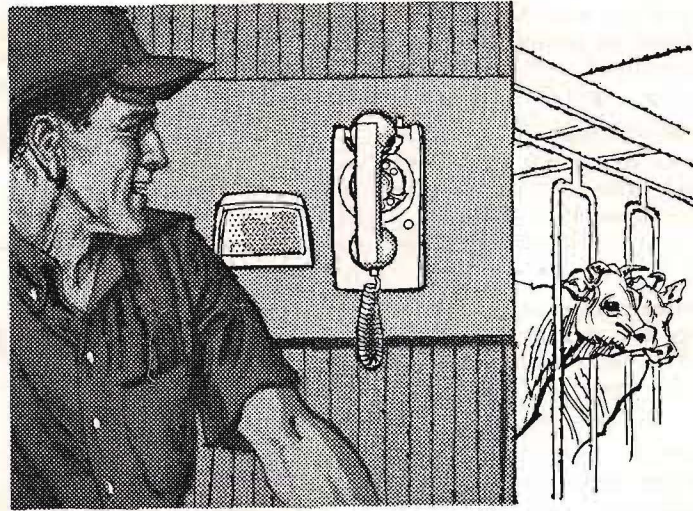
14. It is dangerous to let children operate tractors.

15. Keep tractor platform, pedals, foot rests, steps, etc., free of dirt, grease, trash or other tripping hazards.

16. Keep tractor in good mechanical condition. Check brakes, clutch, lights, fuel line and control mechanism frequently.

17. Be careful coupling implements to tractor. (Special hitches or a hook to handle drawbar make hitching safer and easier with light pull behind equipment.)

18. Avoid wearing loose, sloppy clothing while operating tractor.



FARM INTERPHONE...

a phone you don't have to run to

Running between the house and buildings to handle telephone calls, locate another person, or exchange information may be good exercise, but it's also time-consuming and inefficient.

Farm Interphone, through a simple arrangement of strategically located speaker-microphones, adds on-the-farm communication to your regular telephone service. *Every* Interphone station on your farm becomes a point from which you can control your operation.

To find out more about Farm Interphone, contact your Southern Bell Manager.



Southern Bell



HAVE You HEARD.. This one?

Wife to husband: "Dear, why don't you take Junior to the zoo?"

Husband: "Nothing doing! If they want him, let them come and get him."

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Sign on a florist's truck: "Drive carefully. The next load may be yours."

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Sign on restaurant wall: "We have an agreement with the First National Bank — they will serve no sandwiches and we will cash no checks."

★ ★ ★

There were probably just as many reckless drivers in the country 50 years ago, but they were driving something that had more sense than they had.

— *Roadway Digest*

★ ★ ★

Another hazard in raising a large family of boys is that at least one of them will turn out to be a politician.

Greenup (Ky.) News

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Opportunity is:

What the strong man makes for himself.

What the industrious man asks for.

What the lazy man dreams about.

What the weak man waits for.

What the wise man sees and makes the most of.

★ ★ ★

"Tommy, what is a synonym?" the teacher asked.

"A synonym," said Tommy, wisely, "is a word you use when you can't spell the other one."

★ ★ ★

Laura Jane: My father takes things apart to see why they don't go.

Mike: So what?

Laura Jane: So you'd better go.

★ ★ ★

The new farm hand was awakened at 2 a.m. by the farmer who announced that they were going to cut oats.

"Are they wild oats?"

"No, why?"

"Then why do you have to sneak up on them in the dark?"

— Bob Oliver, Ardmore, Okla.

★ ★ ★

"I thought your son was studying to be a doctor."

"He was, but he was kicked out of school for cheating."

"Too bad. How come?"

"They caught him counting his ribs in a physiology exam."

— Arkansas Baptist

"Gimme a dime for a cup of coffee?" asked the hobo of the plain-clothes man.

"Do you ever work?" asked the plain-clothes man.

"Now and then."

"What do you do?"

"This and that."

"Where?"

"Oh, here and there."

The plain-clothes man took him to the police station. "When do I get out of here?" wailed the hobo.

The desk sergeant growled: "Sooner or later!"

— *Oval Mirror*

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Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been because 66 muscles are required to produce a frown, and only 16 to smile.

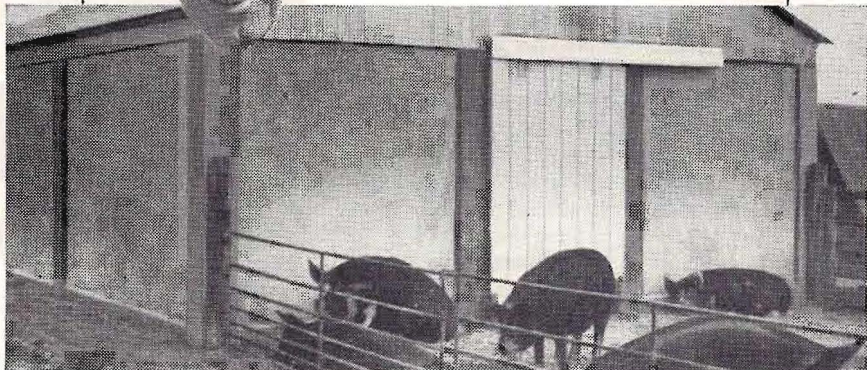
Wear a smile — and save the difference.



MR. D. N. BOTTOMS, right, inspects a dump trailer built by one of the vo-ag classes at Grove Hill High School. Mr. J. R. Lindsey, FFA Advisor at Grove Hill, is showing the trailer to Mr. Bottoms.

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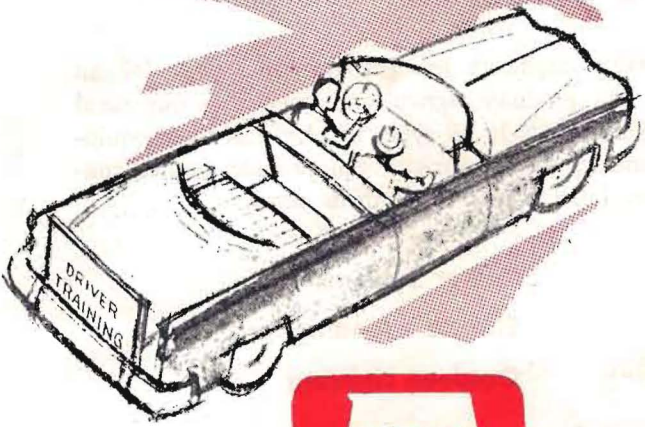
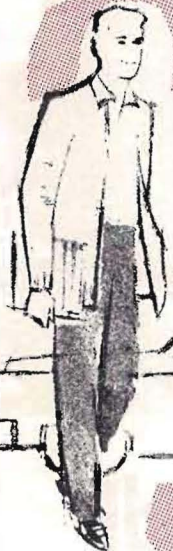
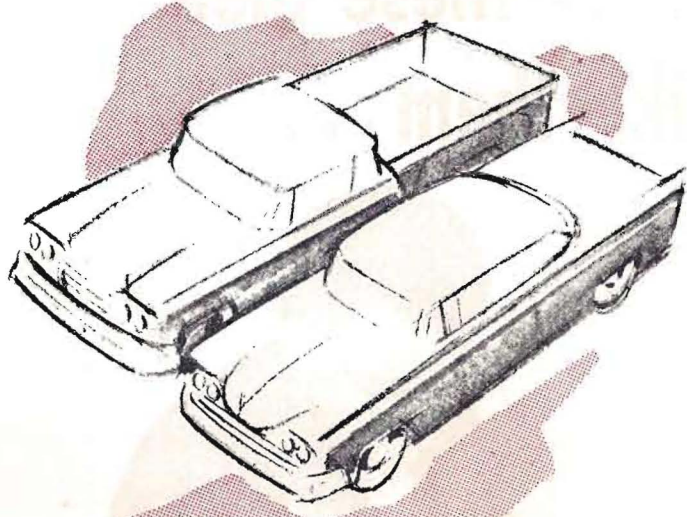
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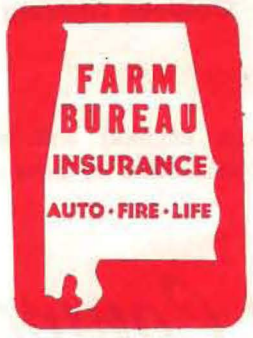
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