State FFA Convention Set for June 6-8

900 FFA’ers to Attend Meeting at Auburn

It’s convention time for the 14,453 Future Farmers of America in Alabama. Approximately 900 members and advisors will attend the 33rd State Convention at Auburn June 6-8. During the three day meet the farm youths will take part in contests, hear addresses, attend sessions, and herald announcements of awards.

State President, Jimmy Barnes, of Sulligent, will preside at the convention. Other state officers who will take part in the programs are Jimmy Golson, vice-president, Autaugaville; Alvie Smith, secretary, Sparkman; Billy Powell, treasurer, Leroy and Glenward Spivey, reporter, Blue Springs. 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 these honors are judged the best among the 287 FFA’ers who have been selected to receive the State Farmer Degree. The awarding of the degrees will 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 the most members in relation to the number of vocational agriculture students enrolled will also receive awards.

Alabama Future Farmer of the Year, Phillip Holman of Fairhope 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 James Prewitt of Kirbyville, Texas, National FFA vice-president; Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, president of Auburn University; Mr. J. F. Ingram, state director of vocational education; T. L. Faulkner, state supervisor of vocational agriculture.

The end of 33 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 259 chapters in the state. Since its organization, FFA has grown to be the largest farm-boy organization in the world.

CONVENTION PLANS are the topic of discussion with the state FFA officers as they attended an executive committee meeting in Auburn recently. They are all pointing to Auburn where their “big show” will be held. The officers are, from left, Jimmy Golson, vice president, Billy Powell, treasurer, Jimmy Barnes, president, Glenward Spivey, reporter, and Alvie Smith, secretary.

Land Judging: Town Creek and Curry.
Poultry Judging: Jasper, Northport and Centreville.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT
Public Speaking: 1st, Ronnie Marks, Tanner; 2nd, Eddy Smith, Graceland.
Quartet: 1st, Buckhorn; 2nd, Glencoe.
String Band: 1st, Cullman; 2nd, Sardis.
Livestock Judging: Ardmore and Hayden.
Dairy Judging: Grant and Sand Rock.
Tractor Driving: W. C. Maze, Cotaco and W. C. McCullars, Southside.
Land Judging: Guntersville and Stevenson.
Poultry Judging: Glencoe, Cullman and Elkmont.

CENTRAL DISTRICT
Public Speaking: 1st, Jimmy Golson, Autaugaville; 2nd, Charles Whitley, Beauregard.
Quartet: 1st, Odenville; 2nd, Billingsley.
String Band: Jacksonville and Prattville.
Livestock Judging: Mellow Valley and Beauregard.
Dairy Judging: Five Points and Dadeville.
Tractor Driving: Chester Riddle, Auburn, and George Armbrister, Munford.
Land Judging: Heflin and Five Points.
Poultry Judging: Jemison, Beulah and Ashland.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
Public Speaking: 1st, Eddie Freeman, Columbia; 2nd, Haskell Nevin, Kinston.
Quartet: 1st, Kinston; 2nd, Ashford.
String Band: Cottonwood and Kinston.
Dairy Judging: Highland Home and Florala.
Tractor Driving: Thomas Bufford, Tuskegee and Joe Childs, Hartford.
Land Judging: Troy and Geneva.
Poultry Judging: Straughn, Notasulga and Hartford.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
Public Speaking: 1st, Will Bruce, Camden; 2nd, Leonard Smart, Fairhope.
Quartet: 1st, Fairhope; 2nd, Camden.
String Band: Beatrice and Camden.
Livestock Judging: Thomaston and Silas.
Dairy Judging: Repton and Camden.
Tractor Driving: Thomas Shipps, Castileberry and Irvin Rutledge, Grove Hill.
Land Judging: Beatrice and Fairhope.
Poultry Judging: Robertsdale, Selma and Moore Academy.

District FFA Winners

NORTHEAST DISTRICT
Public Speaking: 1st, Billy Eubanks, Carrollton; 2nd, Jack McCullar, Curry.
Quartet: 1st, Brilliant; 2nd, Reform.
String Band: 1st, Winfield; 2nd, Vernon.
Livestock Judging: Centreville; Lynn.
Dairy Judging: Azley and Curry.
Tractor Driving: Ronald Cleveland, Curry and Tom Wiley, Speake.

THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
WHAT WILL BE YOUR FUTURE?

By R. W. MONTGOMERY

This is the time of the year when many seniors in high schools are facing the question of what to do next year. If your talents and interests indicate that you can go to college, you should by all means do so. If you have made average and higher grades in high school, if you have a desire to learn, if you have abilities and interest in a vocation that requires college training, and if you are willing to work hard to prepare yourself, then you should go to college if at all possible.

Research studies show that those with a college education earn much more money during their life, and are much more likely to get and hold good jobs than are the non-college people. Still a better reason for you to consider college is because your country needs the greatest contribution possible from you. Those who do the best job of preparing themselves are the ones most likely to give the greatest services to the country. Then there is the factor of personal satisfaction that comes from a better understanding of our world that will add enrichment to your life as long as you live.

If you are interested in a college education and are interested in agriculture, in rural people, or in helping people live better lives, consider a course in Agricultural Education. For some three or four years there has been a shortage of workers in this field. They are in great demand as teachers of agriculture, county agents, 4-H Club workers, production credit associations, and other agricultural and agricultural related occupations. Many of the graduates in Agricultural Education go into commercial jobs as salesmen, educational representatives, or public relations with feed, seed, machinery, chemical (insecticides and fertilizers) or food companies. Since Agricultural Education is in the School of Education, graduates in this field are qualified to teach agriculture and science, and with only a few extra hours can qualify in other fields. Agricultural Education is a liberal curriculum that enables you to "shoot for a job with a shotgun rather than with a rifle."

If you are interested in college, and especially if you are interested in agriculture, talk to your teacher of vocational agriculture. He will be glad to answer your questions or to help you to get in contact with the Agricultural Education Department at Auburn. Write directly to the Agricultural Education Department, 225 Thach Hall, Auburn, Alabama for any information or assistance you desire. They will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Palmetto Vo-Ag Class Learns To Repair Engines

The vo-ag classes of Palmetto High School recently concluded a course in gasoline engines. This course was taught to give the students a better and more thorough understanding of the principles of operation involved in the maintenance and care of gasoline engines.

With the vast number of gasoline engines present, both on and off the farm, individuals need to have some understandings relating to the care, operation, and maintenance of these engines. More cars, tractors, trucks, small engines such as lawn mowers and scooters are continuously being purchased. Adequate repairs and upkeep are essential for top performances and economical operation of these various gasoline engines. Consumers, with a little knowledge pertaining to gasoline engines, can do much to help reduce maintenance cost required on these engines.

This course included phases dealing with the principal parts of gasoline engines, ignition systems, lubrication, fuels and combustion, and other factors relating to the functions of engines. Demonstrations, talks, charts, posters, films, and other teaching aids were used to help facilitate the teaching and learning procedures.
Winners Among Many

District Speaking Winners Compete

The public speaking 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 National. From the districts only five winners are said good enough for state competition. To eliminate all the others, these speakers had to be tops.

This is why the Alabama Future Farmer is proud to present these speakers 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 public speaking contest.

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1962 Forestry Camp Set

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

The week of August 5-11 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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A certain rich man, married to a nagging wife, asked that she carve on his tombstone the words: "He rests in peace."

This she did upon his passing, but when his will was read and the widow discovered that someone else had inherited most of his property, she added these words to the inscription on his tombstone: "Until we meet again!"

WILL BRUCE
Camden

EDDIE FREEMAN
Columbia

On The Cover

Alvie Smith, State FFA secretary, is not only a leader in his organization, he is also a producer of fine beef animals. The beef calf which he is exhibiting in the cover picture was the grand champion of the Birmingham fat calf show. The proceeds from this calf will be used by Alvie to enroll in agriculture at Auburn.

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AKRON—held regular meetings; made plans to participate in State livestock, dairy, tractor driving and soil judging contests; pruned 4 local peach orchards; set out 8,000 pine seedlings.

ALICEVILLE—held tractor clinic with Mr. Rice; set out 11,000 pine seedlings donated by Gulf States Paper Co.; John Spence, Rural Engineer for Alabama, Power Co., gave demonstration on lightning; bought new Lincoln Electric Welder and vibrater sander for the shop; training a dairy classroom a lighter color; fixed flag pole so flag can be flown.

ASHFORD—elected FFA Sweetheart; proud of large enrollment this year; putting new arc welder to good use by making steel gates for farmers; Kirkland Brothers Purebred Duroc Farm helped Ashford get started with a pig chain.

ATLANTA—held 3 regular meetings; four members bought jackets; entered area public speaking and quartet contests; sold one top hog and bought 3 pigs; members set out pine seedlings; purchased new saber saw.

ARAB—held FFA-FHA Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; awards were given to top cotton grower; first and second year boys working on shop projects; FFA-FHA officers visited the Callman chapters.

ATTALIA—held officers meeting and chapter meeting; bought materials for classroom; two articles in newspaper; held assembly program; nominated officers for next year; planted 4,000 pine seedlings; ordered jackets; presented awards to chapter winners in all contests; 5 members made soil tests.

AUBURN—ordered $45 worth of fruit trees; 3 FFA jackets and officer pins; took field trip to pulp yard; member attended Chamber of Commerce meet in Birmingham; distributed 4,000 pine seedlings; erected street sign; held bay ride.

BEULAH—built tractor wagon body and re-powered tractor; gave 1946 FFA award to farmer; had guest speaker at chapter meeting; set Bermuda grass on campus.

BROOKAZ—named FFA Sweetheart; held regular meeting; sold Farm and Ranch magazines; gave assembly program; members purchased new seedlings; appointed nominating committee for next year's officers.

BROOKWOOD—land judging; livestock and dairy judging teams selected; planning Program of Work for 1946 Handbooks; held regular meetings; selected officers for next year.

BUCKHORN—held 2 chapter and 2 executive council meetings; quartet and string band practiced for country music contest; 6 members entering high school driving test; 6 members trying out for livestock judging team and 8 for dairy judging team; committee appointed to plan county field day; members are welding metal posts for back stops; cutting and welding metal beaucher screens for portable seats.

CARROLLTON—36 members attended speaking contest; ordered fruit trees for members and adults; special meeting on leader management; added 3 new members; held school assembly program; held demonstration in feed processing; member applied for American Farmer degree; 3 news articles in local paper; 6 members entered district contests.

CITRONELLE—held one call meeting; distributed 45,000 pine seedlings; purchased 5 filmstrips for ag classes; members entering forestry contest; had FFA-FHA Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; ordered 2 dozen T-shirts; working on live stock, land and dairy judging teams; ordered new secretary and treasurer books.

CLANTON—every member participated in public speaking contest; Sr. I boys are in shop work; Sr. II boys reworking bulletin file and Jr. III boys studying livestock judging and selecting; 14 members fattening steers for district fat stock show; initiated 34 Green Hands.

COLLINSVILLE—cooperatively ordered fruit trees; ordered pine seedlings; had FFA-FHA sock hop; held Tri-State queen contest.

CORY—built 3 hog feeders in shop; planning chapel program; 3 feeder calves on feed; participated in district contests; selected outstanding FFA boy for school annual.

DOUGLAS—received 14,000 pine seedlings; working on contests; making plans for district meeting; ordered new United States Flag for ag department; held special tractor clinic.

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THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
National Vice-President To Attend Convention

James Prewitt, 29, national vice-president of the Future Farmers of America from Kirbyville, Texas, will be a featured speaker at the Alabama State FFA Convention to be held June 6-8 at Auburn.

The visiting national officer, James Prewitt, was elected to his position at the national FFA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, last October. One of the organization's most capable young leaders, he served as president of the Texas FFA Association during 1958-59. During that year he traveled more than 45,000 miles and visited 325 local FFA chapters in connection with his state office duties.

James farms with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Prewitt, on the 173 acre home place and on 500 acres additional land that they rent. Registered Brahman cattle are their specialty. At the time of his election to national FFA office, James was enrolled in Sam Houston State College, majoring in agricultural education.

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J. A. (JABO) BEATY, manager of the agricultural department, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, happily extends his welcome to the Future Farmers during the "County President's" meeting. Jimmy Colson, extreme right, state vice-president, assisted with the registration.

THIS DEMONSTRATION PANEL, showing various types of electrical switches and devices, proved to be an excellent teaching aid during the course of instruction at Attalla recently. (Left to right) W. C. Weaver, Alabama Power Company rural service engineer; E. G. Henderson, vocational agriculture teacher; Elbert Burns, vice-president, FFA Chapter; Jerry Sewell, treasurer; and Earnest Click, reporter. Burns is pointing out and explaining the principal of a 3-way switch.

W. D. ALSTON, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, extends congratulations to Jimmy Barnes and presents to him the "President's Cup." Phillip Holman, Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year also received congratulations for a job well done on the speech he made during the county president's meeting.