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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 Sulphur, 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 Prentiss of Kirbyville, Texas, National FFA



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.

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.

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District FFA Winners

NORTHWEST 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: Arley and Curry.

Tractor Driving: Ronald Cleveland, Curry and Tom Wiley, Speake.

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

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Public Speaking: 1st, Ronnie Marks, Tanner; 2nd, Eddy Smith, Glencoe.

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 Whatley, 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.

Livestock Judging: Union Springs and Coffee Springs.

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 Shipp, Castleberry and Irvin Rutledge, Grove Hill.

Land Judging: Beatrice and Fairhope.

Poultry Judging: Robertsdale, Selma and Moore Academy.

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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.

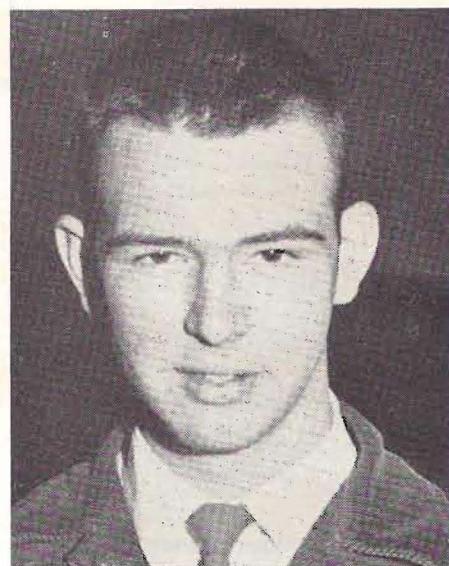
This is why the Alabama Future

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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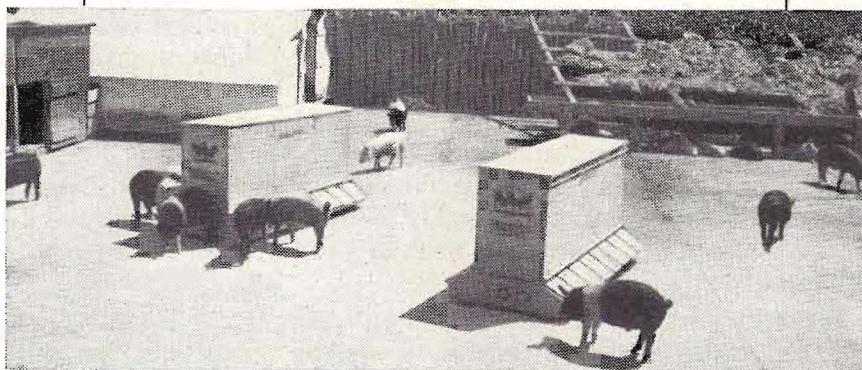


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On The Cover

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.

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."

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On The MARCH

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. Bice; set out 11,000 pine seedlings donated by Gulf States Paper Co.; John Spence, Rural Engineer for Alabama Power Co. gave demonstration on lighting; bought new Lincoln Electric Welder and vibrator sander for the shop; training a dairy judging team; attended district meeting; painted 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 FFA get started with a pig chain.

ASHLAND—held 2 regular meetings; four members bought jackets; entered area public speaking and quartet contests; sold one top hog and bought 2 pigs; several 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 Culman chapters.

ATTALLA—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 hay ride.

BEULAH—built tractor wagon body and repainted tractor plow for farmer; treated 100 posts for farmer; had guest speaker at chapter meeting; set Bermuda grass on campus.

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

BROOKWOOD—land judging, livestock and dairy judging teams selected; planning Program of Work and Handbook for next year; held speaking contest.

BUCKHORN—held 2 chapter and 2 executive council meetings; quartet and string band practicing; 4 members attended county Farm Equipment Day; held tractor clinic; gave assembly program.

BUTLER—held regular meeting; awarded 22 chapter farmer pins; elected Chapter Sweetheart.

CAMP HILL—land judging team placed second in county; J. T. Walters won 3rd in county tractor driving contest; 6 members trying out for livestock judging team and 8 for dairy judging team; committees appointed to plan county field day; members are welding metal posts for back stops, cutting and welding metal bleacher stringers for portable seats.

CARROLLTON—36 members entered speaking contest; ordered fruit trees for members and adults; special meeting on timber 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 43,000 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 livestock, 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.

CLEMENTS—participated in county public speaking and a quartet contest; distributed chapter calendars; purchased jacket for Sweetheart; awarded 23 Green Hand pins.

CLIO—held joint meeting with FFA; made plans for annual Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; selling candy to raise funds.

COLUMBIA—livestock judging teams practicing; ordered special material on beef cattle; held regular meetings; ordered new United States Flag for ag department; held special tractor clinic.

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

CURRY—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 career day; ordered orchard plants; working in shop.

EAST BREWTON—received 16,000 pine seedlings; sponsored page in local newspaper; nominated 16 for Chapter Farmer degree.

FAIRVIEW—initiated 46 Green Hands and 15 Chapter Farmers; ordered 6 jackets; purchased supplies for chapter room; 47 boys entered public speaking contest; 2 members ordered pine seedlings; all classes studied Parliamentary Procedure; started making mailbox posts.

FLORALA—held two regular meetings; elected FFA Sweetheart; had "Ho Bo Days" to raise money, cleared \$340; preparing for State contests.

FORT DEPOSIT—ordered fruit trees for members and adult farmers; completed project records; building shop projects; presented chapel program; sold Progressive Farmer magazines; showed film; held 2 meetings; plan class four of Auburn.

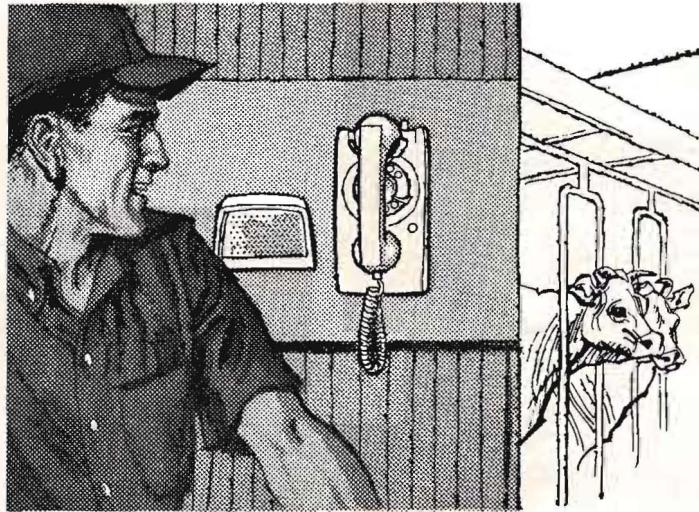
GEORGIANA—selected Future Farmer of the Month; 4 members set out 7,500 pine seedlings; organized string band; finished shop projects; presented radio program; published 16 news articles; added material to chapter library; continuing safety program; held 3 chapter meetings; had joint party with FFA; enrolled 12 new members; erected highway safety signs.

GLENCOE—cleared \$69 on FFA-faculty basketball game and \$55 on dough-nut sale; landscaped school grounds; organized judging teams.

GOSHEN—ordered pine seedlings; organized quartet; distributed 100 official calendars and 200 advertising calendars; selling rat poison; ordered fruit trees; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; planted 8,000 pine seedlings; held tractor driving contest.

GREENSBORO—building additional book cases for classroom; additional electric wiring added to shop cabinets; judging teams studying; cleaned classroom banners; sold mailbox posts; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

GREENVILLE—held regular meeting and welding school; 7 boys feeding out calves for fat calf show; finished welding school; elected judging teams and tractor drivers; project programs planned by all students; attended district meeting; ordered FFA pins.



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GROVE HILL—held 3 officer training periods and 2 chapter meetings; feeding out 8 market hogs to buy shop equipment; Ag I boys working in shop; Ag II class started farm welding; Ag III class completed unit on swine; livestock, land and dairy judging teams preparing for contests; completed plans for annual Father-Son night.

GUIN—held 2 regular meetings and 1 special meeting; planned and conducted chapel program; advanced 6 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; bought welder and supplies for shop; training dairy judging team; received 23,000 pine seedlings; members attended district meeting; held forestry management demonstration; initiated 1 new member.

HEFLIN—had program with FHA with a guest speaker; Bank of Heflin sponsored FFA calendar; pruning for various people of community.

JEMISON—members setting out 12,000 pine seedlings; plan to set out 5,000 pine seedlings on school forestry area; installed air compressor and complete spray outfit in shop.

KINSTON—bought 6 hogs to feed out by Ag 1 class; delivered fruit tree order to farmers and students of community; 7,000 pine seedlings set out by members; attended livestock judging day; 7 members getting calves ready for county and district shows.

LaFAYETTE—held monthly meeting, voted on money making project; viewed film about trapping.

ROGERS—held regular chapter meetings; appointed planning committee for banquet; selected speaker for contest; held FFA-FHA banquet; placed 2 pigs in pig chain; completed 6 weeks of shop work; took soil samples.

SAND ROCK—held public speaking contest; presented FFA Sweetheart with gifts; held 3 regular meetings and 4 officer meetings; held 1 hot dog supper; bought new record player for chapter; host to county meeting.

SILAS—working in the shop; building, repairing and refinishing furniture; J. W. Lee, advisor, gave party for chapter; Sweetheart presented with a jacket and pearl ring.

SOUTHSIDE—set up a new welding shop to be used in farm welding school; initiated 10 Green Hands; bought used band saw, shaper and table saw for shop; built a portable loading chute for hogs; finished welding school for adults; working on mailboxes; sold FFA hogs for \$341.52.

SPARKMAN—elected Sweetheart and presented her with jacket; planning joint FFA-FHA Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; held assembly program; published news articles; participated in public speaking contest; held welding school with night classes for adults; elected chapter Star Farmer.

SULLIGENT—set 45,000 pine seedlings; 3 members entered tractor driving contest; completed and mailed all project plans; judging teams in dairy, livestock and land participating in district contests; held Father-Son banquet; conferred Honorary Degree on 6 friends; held chapter forestry contest; held 4 meetings.

SUTTLE—sold 6 hogs; running demonstration on 4 acres forestry plot; quartet and public speaker preparing for district contests; held meetings.

SYLVANIA—held regular meeting; elected chapter queen; initiated 14 Chapter Farmers.

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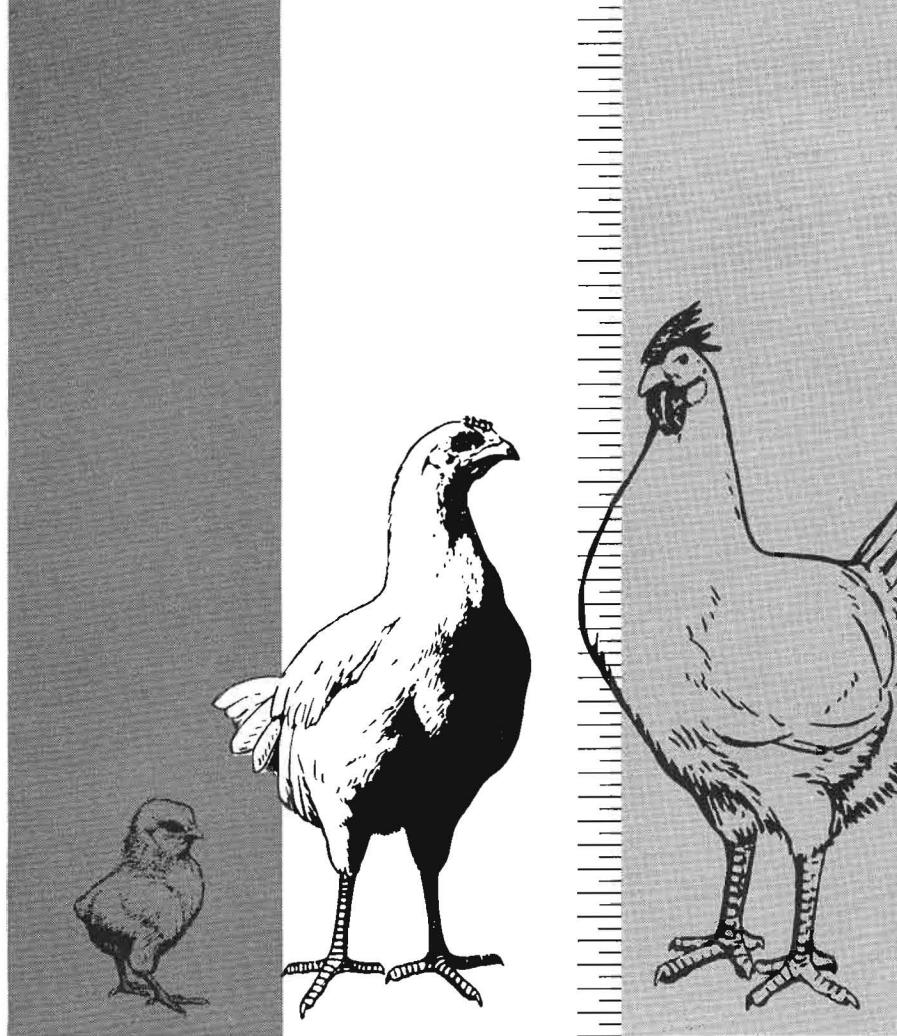
National Vice-President To Attend Convention

James Prewitt, 20, 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 Brahma 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 Golson, extreme right, state vice-president, assisted with the registration.



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.

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 Ernest Click, reporter. Burns is pointing out and explaining the principal of a 3-way switch.

