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FFA Contests and Awards

Nearly 900 Attend

Convention Highlights Year's Work

Future Farmers from 260 Alabama chapters have completed another very inspiring convention bringing to a close the year for 15,785 FFA members in Alabama.

Almost 900 members and advisors attended the convention this year which was made up of three days of contests, leadership training, tours, business sessions, and entertainment.

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

One of the highlights of the convention was a visit and address by Larry Whittington, 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 269 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 Larry Scott of Sulligent was named.

The new officers chosen at the convention are John Varner, Wetumpka, president; Mickey Humphries, Reeltown, vice-president; Jimmy Maxwell, Union Springs, secretary; Elwood Overstreet, Jackson, treasurer and Barry Siniard, West Limestone, reporter.

State contest winners were:

CHAPTER CONTEST

Top Four—Sparkman, Jemison, Carrollton, Buckhorn.

Superior Chapter Awards—Jasper, Fairhope, Sand Rock, Straughn, Section, Ider, Curry, Sulligent, Goshen, Grove Hill, Suttle, Wetumpka, Kinston, Sylvania, Attalla, Brookwood, Town Creek, Reform.

Standard Chapter Awards—Citronelle, Florala, Thomaston, Northport, Montevallo, Leroy.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st—Leonard Smart, Fairhope
2nd—Richard Spivey, Goshen
3rd—John Varner, Wetumpka
4th—Don Morris, Falkville
5th—Jack McCullar, Curry

QUARTET

1st—Goshen
2nd—Brilliant
3rd—Geraldine
4th—Fairhope
5th—Jemison

STRING BAND

1st—Winfield
2nd—Millerville
3rd—Phil Campbell
4th—West Point

JUDGING TEAM

Livestock

1st—Auburn
2nd—Hartford
3rd—Lexington
4th—Maplesville

Dairy

1st—Five Points
2nd—Repton
3rd—Winfield
4th—Cullman

Poultry

1st—Hartford
2nd—Cullman
3rd—Ashland
4th—Centreville

Land

1st—Beatrice
2nd—Hartford
3rd—Kennedy
4th—Fairhope

STAR FARMER AWARDS

State Star Farmer—Larry Scott, Sulligent
District Star Farmer—Mack Barkley, Linden
District Star Farmer—Kenneth Gilbert, Sylvania
District Star Farmer—Robert Whiten, Heflin
District Star Farmer—Drexel Johnson, Elba

STAR DAIRY FARMER

1st—Wylie Johnson, Tuskegee
2nd—Randolph Junkin, Palmetto
3rd—Sammy Wilcox, Reform
4th—Edward Wilkerson, Union Springs

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

1st—Paul Godfrey, Tuskegee
2nd—Barry Siniard, West Limestone
3rd—Gerald Cason, Pleasant Home
4th—Allen Kelley, Northport

FARM SAFETY

1st—Section
2nd—Reform
3rd—Buckhorn
4th—Town Creek

FARM MECHANICS

1st—Tommy Silver, Sylvania
2nd—Abe Green, Lincoln
3rd—Kenneth Kirkwood, LaFayette
4th—Larry Tompkins, Arab

FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION

1st—Frank French, III, Sidney Lanier
2nd—Rex Bond, Newville
3rd—James O. Powell, Fort Payne
4th—Randolph Junkin, Palmetto
5th—Hayes Plyman, Reform

STAR REPORTER

1st—Bobby Rosenblum, Buckhorn
2nd—John C. Lockridge, Sulligent
3rd—Marvin Campbell, Section
4th—Tommy Sikes, Union Springs

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR

Joe Edward Brannan, Citronelle

FARM FORESTRY

1st—Richard Irvin, Gordo
2nd—Allen Kelley, Northport
3rd—Lynn Culver, Dadeville
4th—Ronny Huey, Camp Hill

HOME IMPROVEMENT

1st—Dicky Crow, Lincoln
2nd—Laverne Findley, Castleberry
3rd—Gary Wigley, Douglas
4th—Gene Boothe, Fairhope

On The Cover

Billy Henderson, left, President of Alabama FFA Association, Mr. J. L. Lovvorn, Chairman of the Public Speaking contest judges, and Mr. Dave Barnhill, Robertsdale, President, Alabama Council of Cooperatives, the sponsor, congratulate the winners in the Public Speaking Contest. The winners are, from left, Leonard Smart, Fairhope, Richard Spivey, Goshen, John Varner, Wetumpka, Don Morris, Falkville, and Jack McCullar, Curry. These winners receive more than $1200.00 in cash and other awards.

TRACTOR DRIVING

1st—James Coston, Troy
2nd—John Crowder, Five Points
3rd—Leonard Fincher, Auburn
4th—Mack Barkley, Linden

HONOR ROLL CHAPTERS

Arab—125
Ashford—111
Attalla—102
Brookwood—115
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Centreville—109
Centre—100
Cherokee—100
Dadeville—106
Fairview—100
Foley—124
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Gurley—110
Hazel Green—100
Holly Pond—105
Jasper—133
Jemison—133
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Montevallo—106
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Prattville—100
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Wetumpka—100
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Cedar Bluff—55
Moore Academy—26
Coffee Springs—52
Autaugaville—40
Carlowville—20

CHAMPION CORN GROWER

Kenneth Gilbert, Sylvania

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Joe Brown, Wetumpka

FFA

Many Changes Made In Contests And Awards

Many of the contests and awards have been changed. The dates of many have been changed, the basic rules of some have been changed, star dairy farmer has been eliminated and a star poultry farmer award will be made. The broiler production award as it has been in the past has also been eliminated. You will need to examine each contest and awards carefully and make sure that you understand all of the rules and changes when talking with one of your members about entering.

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Now Is The Time For Action

CHAPTER FFA SWEETHEARTS – Many local FFA chapters select a chapter Sweetheart during the year. Photographs of chapter Sweethearts should be submitted to the Alabama Future Farmer.

WEAR FFA JACKETS AND T-SHIRTS – How many of your FFA members have purchased FFA jackets or T-shirts this year? Now is the time of year that they should be ordered in order that members will have them to use in the various contests. Some chapters have reported that they are getting jackets for the majority of their members. Let's set a goal that every FFA member who participates in any type of contest will wear either a jacket or a T-shirt and they will wear them during contest events.

FARM AND HOME SAFETY PROGRAM – We hope all chapters have their FFA Farm Safety Program well under way by this time. Be sure and get a good news release in your local paper every week concerning this outstanding program.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHAPTER OFFICERS – Why not make a good photograph of your officers and send one copy to your local newspaper and another along with your monthly FFA report. It may be sent directly to the daily papers if you prefer. Get a picture of county officers and handle in the same manner if possible.

LOCAL OFFICERS SHOULD GIVE SPEECHES – It is very good training and also good public relations to have each local FFA officer prepare a short speech and give it to local Civic Clubs and group meetings of various kinds in your community. We hope your local officers are being used in this manner.

LIVESTOCK SHOWS – Now is a good time to get ready for fat calf shows. We are hoping that FFA members will be well represented in all shows. Not only are livestock shows a good instructional program but also good public relations for FFA.

HONORARY CHAPTER DEGREE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE – We have in the State Office a supply of Honorary Chapter Degree Certificates which will be furnished without cost to any chapter in the State. Names of persons to receive the certificate will be printed on them without cost. Why not give the Honorary Chapter Degree to several people in your community this year?

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST – Remember that January is the month to hold the Chapter and County Public Speaking and Quartet Contest. We hope that every chapter will have some boys who will select for the subject of their speech something on Farmer Cooperation. As you know, the Farmer Cooperatives in Alabama are sponsoring the Speaking Contest and would be pleased if a large number of members would select Cooperation, or some phase of it, for their subject.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – We appreciate the good photographs which you have sent us, but we can use more in the Alabama Future Farmer and in news releases sent out from this office. Please enclose them either with your "Vo-Ag Teacher Release" or "FFA News Report" when sending them in.

FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS – You now have new FFA Contest and Awards regulations as published in the August-September issue of the Alabama Future Farmer. We hope considerable time will be spent in studying them. Notice all dates, deadlines and eligibility rules. Let's use these awards to improve our FFA program.

FFA MANUAL FOR ALL MEMBERS – Why not arrange for all members of your chapter to own a personal copy of the FFA Manual. They may be ordered from the Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia.

USE OF FFA JACKETS – The blue and gold jacket has come to be recognized by all as the symbol of a truly great organization and the high ideals for which it stands. Let's take pride in wearing it in such a way as to continue to merit the respect our organization has attained. The following policies concerning wearing of the FFA jacket should be observed:

1. Should always be clean and neat.
2. Should be worn only by active members and only when representing the FFA.
3. Should not be worn while working, grooming livestock, etc.
4. Should not be worn in pool halls, etc., where it brings disgrace to the FFA.
5. Additional emblems or letters should not be sewn on. Only the FFA pin representing the highest degree held by the boy should be worn on the jacket.
6. Should not be worn with sleeves rolled up or unbuttoned.
7. When badly worn or faded, emblems should be removed.

FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS, 1963-64

THE FIVE public speakers are being congratulated by Billy Henderson, President of the Alabama FFA Association. They are Leonard Smart, Fairhope; Richard Spivey, Goshen; John Varner, Wetumpka; Don Morris, Falkville; and Jack McCullar, Curry.

FFA Public Speaking Contest

Purpose

This contest is designed to develop rural and agricultural leadership through providing for membership 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 winner's manuscript to be sent to the advisor holding county contests one week in advance of the county elimination. DO NOT SEND TO STATE OFFICE.
6. Winner will compete in county contest.
7. AWARDS—Medal awarded to first place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.
8. A BIBLIOGRAPHY must be included with the manuscripts.

COUNTY SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Should be held by February 1.
2. One advisor in each county will be appointed to contact other local advisors in the county to determine date and place, select judges, and make other arrangements for holding contest.
3. Farmer cooperatives in the county should be invited to cooperate. (They may want to provide some special awards.)
4. 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 at once to the Executive Secretary.
4. District winner will compete in state finals.
5. 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 a 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.

Sponsors

Alabama Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

Quartet Contest

Purpose

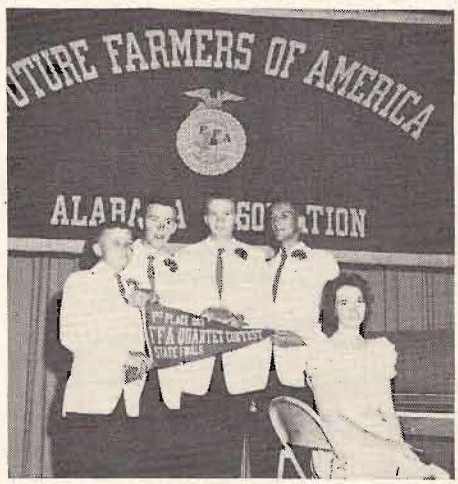
To encourage wholesome recreation, improve singing ability of FFA members, create more interest in chapter, county and state meetings, aid in radio and television broadcasting, other special programs, and stimulate more interest in group singing.

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 three numbers of their own choice. All quartets will use the P. A. system. No theme song is allowed.



THE GOSHEN FFA Quartet was named the state winner at the convention. The members are James Carroll, Wayne Lee, Ceph Phillips, Tommy Miller, and Jane Kelley.

Accompaniment

Quartet may sing with or without accompaniment.

Judging

Official judging sheets will be used in judging all contests. Each quartet will be judged on three 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—$150.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$100.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$75.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$50.00 and chapter banner.
5th—$50.00 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)

ALABAMA's Future Farmer of the year was Joe Brannan, right. He was presented awards by Mr. T. L. Faulkner, for Mrs. Turner E. Smith, and Harmon Straiton, left, for Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

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
Alpha Gamma Rho agricultural fraternity
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.

THIS FINE string band played and sang themselves to the first place award. They are from the Winfield Chapter.

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.
7. Winners will be assigned to appear on Convention programs and must plan to perform as assigned.

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.

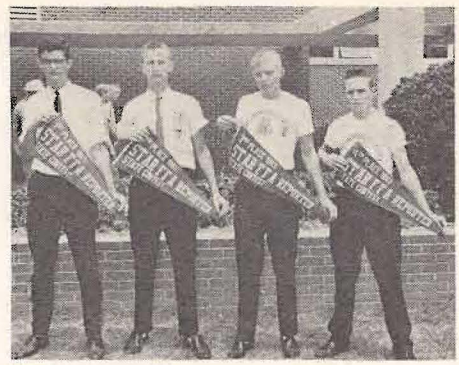
Sponsor

Alabama FFA Association

FFA Public Relations Award

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.



THE STAR FFA Reporter contest was won by Bobby Rosenblum, Buckhorn. Other winners were John Lockridge, Sulligent; Marvin Campbell, Section; and Tommy Sikes of Union Springs.

Outline for Report

1. Number of news articles about your chapter and department that were printed in newspapers and magazines since last May.
2. Number of pictures about your chapter and department printed in newspapers and magazines since last May.
3. Number of Monthly FFA News Reports sent in on time.
4. Number of Monthly Vo-Ag Teacher News Releases sent in on time.
5. Number of local chapter or department newsletters published.
6. Number of radio and television programs presented.
7. Number of short news articles, or spot announcements, presented on radio or television that your chapter was responsible for.
8. Total number of column inches of printed stories or news articles about your chapter. (Measure the length of all news articles down each column that they cover. Be sure to include all headlines and pictures. Express this length in inches. This number will be the total column inches.)
9. The number of times Public Relations Committee met during year.
10. Other public relations work done by your chapter and department. (Examples: banquets, field days, assembly and chapel programs, guests at chapter meetings, mailbox posts, displays, bulletin boards, visits to news media by public relations committee, work done to improve your public relations with school administration, faculty and student body.

Preparing Final Report

1. The records submitted will cover the period from May 1, 1963 to April 30, 1964.
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 1st.)

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

ALABAMA had four Gold Emblem Chapters this year in the National Chapter Awards Program. They were Sparkman, Jemison, Carrollton, and Buckhorn.

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 1st.

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

Judging Contest

Purpose

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

Eligibility

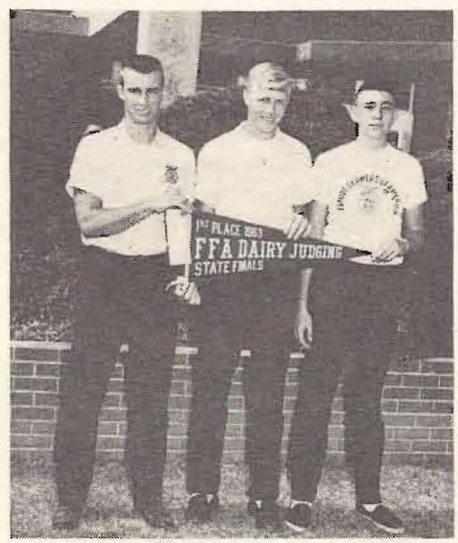
Any boy is eligible who is under 21 years of age at time of the national contest. He must have had not more than four years training in any approved course of vocational agriculture of less than college level. He must be, AT THE TIME THE TEAM IS SELECTED BY THE STATE, A BONA FIDE FFA MEMBER, enrolled 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

AUBURN FFA Chapter won the Livestock Judging Contest this year. Mr. E. H. Wilson, Southeastern Livestock Exposition, presented the award as the sponsor.

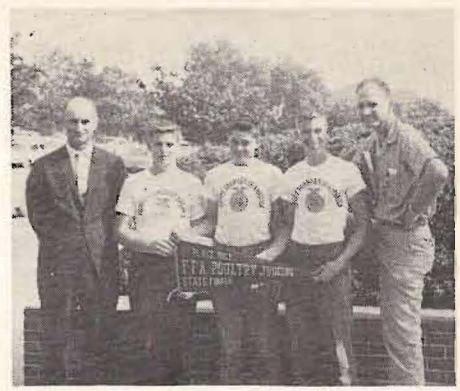
boy is entered in any contest, the team of which he is a member shall be declared ineligible.

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.



FIRST PLACE in Dairy Judging went to Five Points. The team members are Edward Fuller, Chris Potts, and Frank Bishop.



THE 1963 Poultry Judging Team is from the Hartford Chapter. Mr. Morris Putman, left, President of Alabama Poultry Industries Association presented the award. The team advisor, Mr. Paul Dean, FFA advisor, Hartford is also shown with the team.

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 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 tht 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.

Sponsors

Southeastern Livestock Exposition, Inc.
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.

Sponsors

Alabama Flour Mills
Alabama FFA Association

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.

Sponsors

Alabama Poultry Industry Association
Alabama FFA Association

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Things could be worse. Suppose your errors were tabulated and published every day, like those of a ballplayer?

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

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 State 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

KENNETH GILBERT, Sylvania FFA, was named the Champion Corn Grower. Mr. Earl Richardson, Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, the sponsor, congratulates him. Observing the presentation are Mr. Gilbert Butler, left, FFA advisor, H. R. Culver, district supervisor, vocational agriculture, and Mr. Gilbert, Kenneth's father.

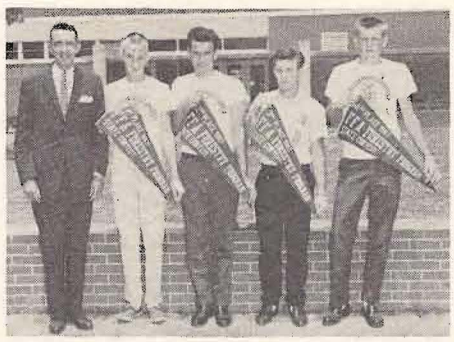
Forestry Awards

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.)



RICHARD IRVIN, Gordo FFA, won the Forestry Award. Other winners were Allen Kelly, Northport; Lynn Culver, Dadeville; and Ronny Huey, Camp Hill. Mr. Cragan, Seaboard Airline Railroad, made the presentation.

Opening and Closing Dates

The records submitted should be the boy's cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the Executive Secretary, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 1st.)

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

CRAWFORD ROQUEMORE, left, presented the Land Judging awards for WSFA-TV, the sponsor. Getting the first place award is the team from Beatrice.

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.

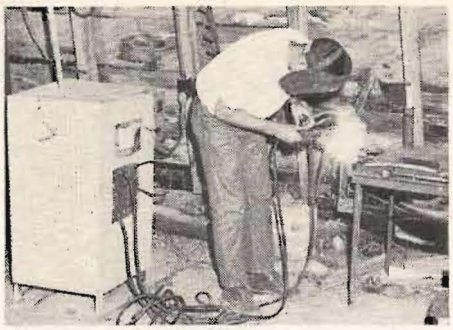
Ground rules such as field boundaries, previous land treatment, and number of practices will be given at time of contest.

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, Ala.
Cooperating Agencies—Soil Conservation Service, Soil Conservation District and Alabama Soil Fertility Society, Inc.



FRANK FRENCH, III, Sidney Lanier, is using the welder he built while entering the Farm Electrification Contest. For his efforts, he was awarded first place.

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 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 1st.)

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
Alabama REA Cooperatives
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

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The only thing harder to inherit than money is a tolerant attitude.

Farm Mechanics

Purpose

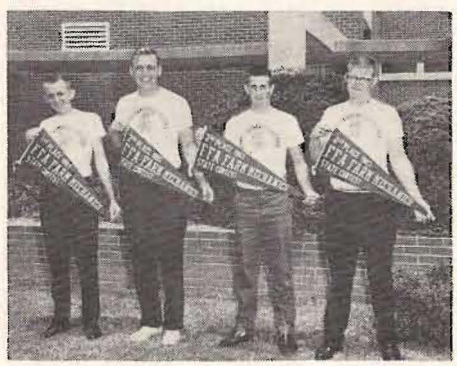
It is the purpose of this contest to develop the mechanical ability of each FFA member in the operation, care, maintenance, and construction of farm equipment and buildings.

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 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 1st.)



TOMMY SILVER, left, Sylvania won first place award in Farm Mechanics. Other winners were Abe Green, Lincoln; Kenneth Kirkwood, LaFayette; and Larry Tompkins, Arab.

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. FFA and other leadership activities will also be considered.

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

JAMES COSTON, Troy, received first place award in the Tractor Driving finals. John Crowder, Five Points; Leonard Fincher, Auburn; and Mack Barkley, Linden. The awards were presented for the sponsor, Standard Oil Company, by their representatives Mr. Charles Bennett, left, and Mr. Don Vincent, right.

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 are furnished each chapter on training members and conducting the eliminations.

State Awards

1st—$75.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$50.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$40.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$35.00 and chapter banner.

Sponsors

Standard Oil Company
Alabama FFA Association

Star Poultry Farmer

Purpose

To stimulate interest and encourage FFA members to use improved practices in poultry 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 1st.)

Basis for Awards

The awards will be based on achievement with special consideration being given to:

1. Efficiency in production as evidenced by accomplishment in poultry production in proportion to the opportunity and conditions on the home farm.
2. Evidence of practical operation and use of improved practices.
3. Development of his total supervised farming program including poultry production.
4. FFA and other leadership activities.

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.

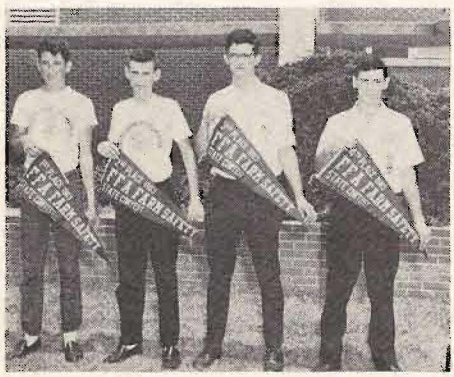
Sponsors

National FFA Foundation
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. It is the purpose of this contest to help reduce these accidents in Alabama.



THESE FOUR representatives accepted the winning banners for their chapter in Farm Safety. The chapters getting awards were Section, Reform, Buckhorn and Town Creek.

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 1st.)

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

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.

CHAPTERS getting banners this year for having American Farmer candidates were Lincoln, Jemison, Wetumpka, Maplesville, Gurley, Buckhorn, Sparkman, Susan Moore, Boaz, Cotaco, Kinston, Blue Springs, Coffee Springs, Hartford, Fairhope and Centreville.

Eligibility

Any State Farmer who has been out of school for one year, but not more than three, has been a Future Farmer at least three years, and has had three years of vocational agriculture or all that is offered in his school, and is an active chapter member is eligible. He should show through his program that he is becoming established in farming.

Plan

Application forms will be mailed in January to all chapters indicating on the FFA contest survey that they will have an applicant. (APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 1st.)

Awards

A check from the Future Farmers Foundation for $100.00, the American Farmer Foundation Key, and a certificate will be presented by the National FFA Organization. The candidate must be in Kansas City to receive the degree in person, or he will not receive the cash award.

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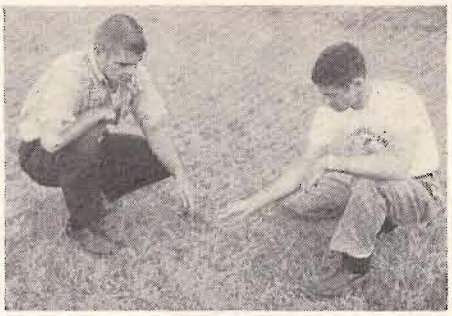
Always listen to the opinions of others. It probably won't do you any good, but it will them.



PAUL GODFREY, right, Tuskegee FFA member is the Soil and Water Management winner. Joe Jennings, left, FFA advisor at Tuskegee is examining some of Paul's newly established Coastal Bermuda grass stand.

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 1st.)

Basis for Awards

Consideration will be given to the boy who does the best job of managing soil and water on his farm in connection with his total supervised farming program. FFA and other leadership activities will also be considered.

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

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Learn from the mistakes of others—you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

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 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 1964 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.

LARRY SCOTT, center, Sulligent FFA was named State Star Farmer for 1963. He is flanked by the four district star farmers. They are, from left, Kenneth Gilbert, Sylvania; Robert Whiten, Heflin; Mack Barkley, Linden; and Drexel Johnson, Elba.

State Awards

State—$200.00 and chapter banner.
District—$100.00 and chapter banner.
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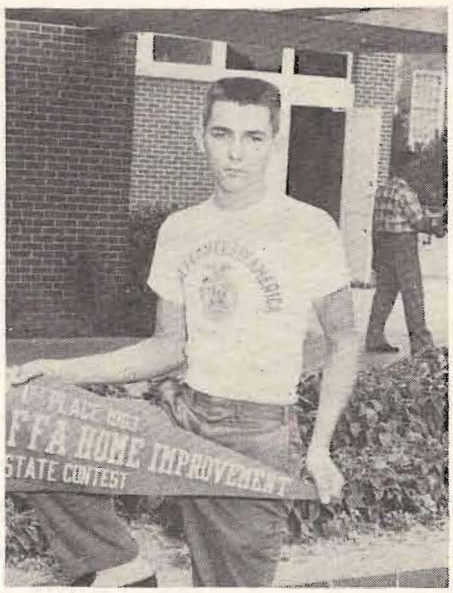
Sponsors

National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

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.



LINCOLN FFA Chapter had the winner in Home Improvement this year. He is Dickey Crow. Other winners were Laverne Findley, Castleberry; Gary Wigley, Douglas; and Gene Boothe, Fairhope.

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 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 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

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

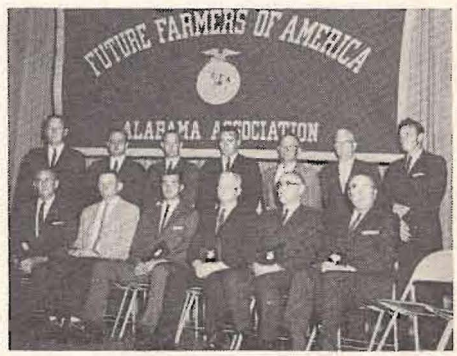
Members in second-year vo-ag and who have their Chapter Farmer Degree are eligible to apply, provided they meet all other minimum qualifications as outlined in the official FFA Manual. (Members working for the State Farmer Awards may prefer waiting until their third or fourth year to apply, unless they want to be a state FFA officer candidate.)

Plan

Application forms will be mailed to all chapters around the first of January. To be eligible for consideration, they must be filled out and returned to Auburn by FEBRUARY 1st. A committee will select from the applications those to be recommended to receive the State Farmer Degree at the District Contest eliminations. (APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN AUBURN FEBRUARY 1st.)

State Awards

State Farmer Degree certificate will be presented to successful candidates for the degree.



THE ALABAMA FFA Association was very proud to confer the Honorary State Farmer Degree upon thirteen business and professional friends of the FFA. They were Ted Bryant, Birmingham Post-Herald; D. W. Kiser, Soil Conservation Service; Carl Dalton, State Chamber of Commerce; W. W. Elliot, Superintendent of Education, Tuscaloosa; R. N. Hoit, Soil Conservation Service; S. Allen Edgar, Professor, Auburn University; Earl Richardson, Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau; George Meadows, Professor, Auburn University; J. P. Bewley, Soil Conservation Service; L. M. Ware, Head Professor, Horticulture, Auburn University; Coma Deas, Federal Land Bank; and C. G. Bennett, Standard Oil Company.

SEVENTEEN FFA advisors and former advisors were awarded the Honorary State Farmer Degree at the Convention. They were H. B. Thompson, Ozark; W. F. Rasberry, Florala; N. D. Steele, Ariton; L. M. Ezell, Rehobeth; E. G. Henderson, Attalla; T. G. Lewis, Woodville; E. F. Jackson, West Limestone; W. H. Freeman, Bridgeport; C. W. Grant, Fairhope; Douglas Rigney, Butler; J. L. Pritchett, Thomaston; B. F. Boyett, Reform; J. A. Ray, Northport; J. C. Horton, Jasper; R. H. Holston, Vincent; Casper Carlisle, Ashville; and L. A. Woodfin, Prattville.

State Farmer Degree Recipients For 1963

Northeast District (82)

Albertville—Marshall M. Nelson, William Ronald McCamy, Ray Poe, Jr., Jimmy Ennis.

Arab—Larry Tompkins, Ronald Kelly, John Wayne York, Marvin Dunn.

Ardmore—Mickey Fowler, Larry Jones.

Blountsville—Tom Boatman, Albin Hallman.

Buckhorn—Jamie Kirk, James Marvin Howard, Gene White, Dean White, John Paul Johnson.

Centre—Harlan Excell Richardson, Larry Lowe.

Cotaco—Larry Slater.

Crossville—Gary Boyce Plunkett, Kenneth R. Smith, Tommy Gene Brothers, Amos Cagle.

Cullman—J. W. Hicks, Tommy Scott.

Danville—Rayburn Lake, Jimmy Hughes, Waylin McCleskey.

East Limestone—Earl Greene, James Thornton, Billy Jones.

Elkmont—Lee Davis, Hollis Guthrie.

Falkville—Charlie Crow, Alfred Bryan, Eddie Thomason, Jeral Halbrooks.

Geraldine—James Stephenson.

Glenco—James Bowers.

Gurley—Marvin Martin, Ronnie Sharp, Billy Everett.

Hayden—George Lamar Atwood.

Hazel Green—James Deweese, Wendell Deweese, Jerry Crigger, David Spencer, Weldon L. Plant, Larry Stewart.

Ider—Charles Smith, Ronnie Whitaker, Dwight Mays, Wilbur Furgerson.

Pisgah—Wayne Wilson, Jerry Womack, Gene Tiffin, Cecil Gray.

Sparkman—John Pinkerton, Ronnie Fudge.

Sylvania—Rodney Oliver, Donald Carroll, Larry Brooks, Tommy Silver, Tom Ed Wilson, Tommy Hairston, J. D. Hairston, Jerry Hiland, Wilburn Hall, Coyce Culver, Kenneth Gilbert.

Tanner—Billy White, Ross Jerome Hammons.

Valley Head—Glenn Phillips.

Walnut Grove—George Crosson.

West Limestone—Dennie Nelson, Charles Vaughn, Lawrence Rouse, Barry Siniard.

Woodville—Joe Hass, Calvin Kennedy, Charles Ritchie.

Northwest District (54)

Bear Creek—Butch Daniel, Wilburn Mize.

Berry—Mack Tidwell.

Brilliant—David Sexton.

Carrollton—Jimmy Harless.

Centreville—James William Anderson, Bobby Frederick.

Curry—Karen Bennett, Earnest Ray Williams, David Collins.

Fayette—Charles Yerby, Ted Brock.

Gordo—Jimmy Brown, Bobby Lee Johnson, Jerry Brown.

Hamilton—Tom McRae.

Hatton—Edwin Smith, Wayne T. Witt.

Hubbertville—Billy Mack Spann.

Jasper—Kenneth Buttram, Stanley Watson, Arlon Fowler, W. H. Windham.

Kennedy—Eugene Foster.

Leighton—Douglas Myhan.

Lexington—Jeffrey Hammond, Kenneth Sharp.

McAdory—Teddy Davis.

Millport—Benny Paul Mordecai.

Moulton—Wayne Frost.

Northport—Warren Herring, Allen Kelley, Bobby Hamner, Darrell Snipes, Jimmy Braughton.

Oakman—Phillip Lollar, David Johnson.

Palmetto—Randolph Junkin, Mervin Ferguson.

Phil Campbell—Ronnie Oliver Davis.

Red Bay—Harold Strickland, Jimmy Fowler, Edward Liles.

Rogersville—Freddie D. McConnell, Jerry Lynn Camp, Ingram Cornelius, Ray Goodman, Michael Patterson.

Speake—Douglas McDaniel.

Sulligent—Larry Scott.

Town Creek—Billy Joe Henley.

Waterloo—Billy Lewis, Fay Parker, Larry Pitman.

Central District (47)

Ashland—Jack Dick, Larry Hallman.

Ashville—Joe Henry.

Autaugaville—Jeffers Lamar Caver, William Stanford Hallmon.

Beauregard—Charles Whatley.

Beulah—Wayne McCullars, Billy Satterwhite.

Dadeville—Jimmy Howard.

Heflin—Larry Mayfield, John Elbert Crane, Robert Whiten.

Isabella—Sherrell R. White, Bartley Allen Giles, David Cummings, Richard Sexton, David Hayes, Warren McCraw.

Jacksonville—Jerry Hollingsworth, Larry Hollingsworth.

Jemison—Carl Headley, Roger Littleton, Roger Littlefield, Roger Vinzant, Norris Childress.

LaFayette—Nick Fuller.

Lineville—Charles Summerlin.

Marbury—Richard Manning.

Mellow Valley—Gerald Hugh Colley.

Montevallo—Terry Snow, Kenneth Ray Phillips.

Odenville—Frankie Cobb, Virgil Cash, Truman Sanders.

Reeltown—Mickey Humphries.

Vincent—Johnny Richey.

Weogufka—Billy Roy Hanna, Turner Porter, Joe Camp, John Frank Thompson, Mickey Guy, Frank Duke.

Wetumpka—Robert Autrey, Gwin Wood, John Varner.

White Plains—Sammy Morgan, Kenneth Hutto.

Southwest District (28)

Akron—Eddie McCrory.

Castleberry—Lee Dolihite.

Citronelle—Mike Rowell, Renny Odom.

Coffeeville—Gene Guy, Cecil White, Roy Atchison.

East Brewton—Calvin Daniel Rawls, Carl Ray Johnson.

Evergreen—Mitchell Stevens.

Fairhope—Leonard E. Smart, Russell Holman, Tony DeFilippi, Arvol Bishop, Robert Harris.

Grove Hill—Bobbie Ray Barnes, Reggie Goodwin, Jimmy Padgett.

Jackson—Elwood Overstreet, Bobby Atchison, James Atchison.

Leroy—Roy Donald, Sam Gartman, Daniel Powell, Jimmy Gissendanner.

Linden—Mack Barkley.

Selma—Edward B. Hood, Jr.

Thomaston—Lynn Crocker.

Southeast District (48)

Blue Springs—Ladon Parmer, Bobby Shirah, Bobby Long, David Carpenter.

Brundidge—Bernie Hatfield.

Coffee Springs—Tim Wise, Wayne Wilkes.

Dale County High—Kenneth L. Mathis.

Dozier—James Charles Phillips, Kenneth B. Deavers.

Elba—Drexel Johnson.

Eufaula—David Hinson.

Florala—Charles Tew, Lamar Laird.

Fort Deposit—Jimmy Sullivan.

Goshen—Harold Wilkins, James Norris, Charles Lee.

Greenville—Gary Miller.

Hartford—Joel Childs.

Highland Home—Donald Lee White, Kenneth Wayne Jackson, Charles Sexton.

Kinston—Jerry Dyess.

Louisville—Charles Beasley, Charlie Mack Baker.

McKenzie—Charles Thomas Nixon, Lester Ray Lee, Robert Dale Faust, Thomas Peyton Williams, Bernard Douglas Brogden.

Notasulga—Ronnie Strong, Pat Hancock, Linden Lynch, Robert Hughes.

Pleasant Home—Lloyd Mathew Smith, Gerald Cason, Harold Barrow, Dave Mason.

Red Level—Lawrence Clark.

Straughn—Ferrell Whatley.

Troy—Bert Curtis, Jerry Wayne Spencer, Richard Ingram, Raiford Jordan, James Caston.

Tuskegee—Jimmy Green.

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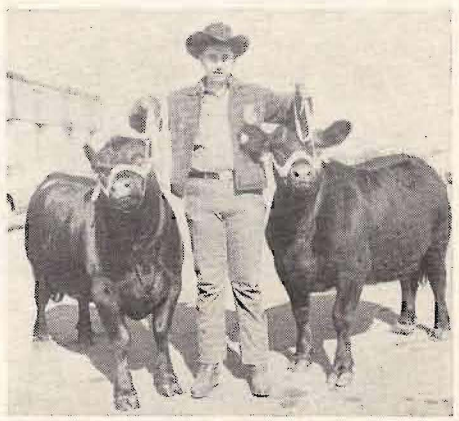
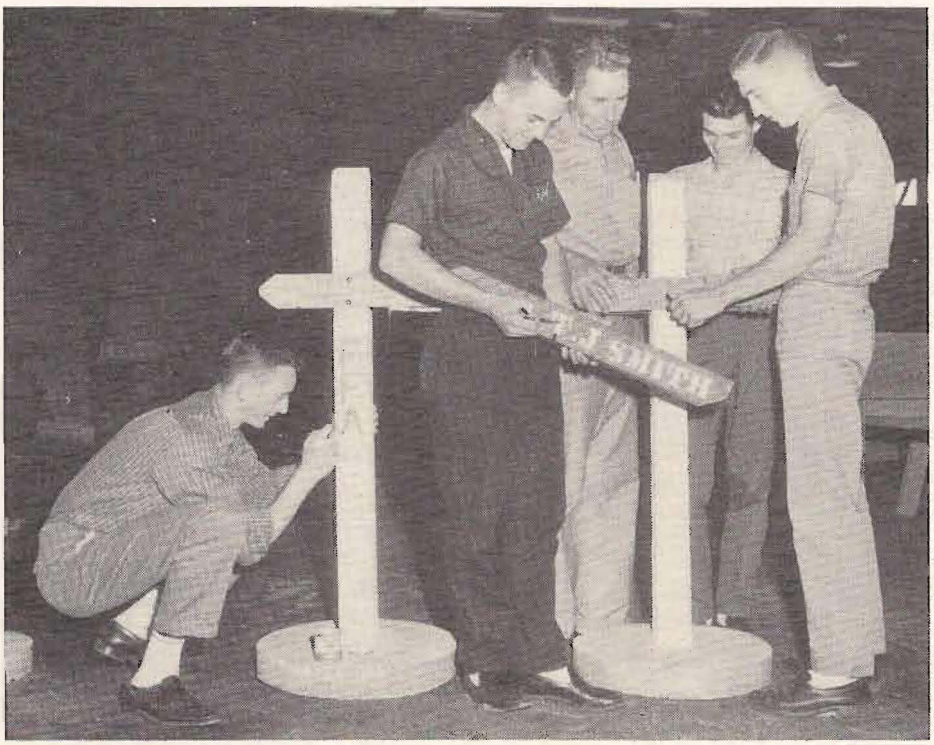


MIKE REYNOLDS, FFA member from Union Springs, is typical of the many FFA members who showed calves in the various shows throughout the State this spring. He has two calves that were entered in the Montgomery show.

New Site Making Mailbox Posts



MAILBOX POST PRODUCTION goes on in high gear in the New Site high school vocational agriculture shop under the direction of W. D. Key, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor. These posts are sold throughout the community to make the mailman's work easier and publicize the good works of Tallapoosa county Future Farmers.

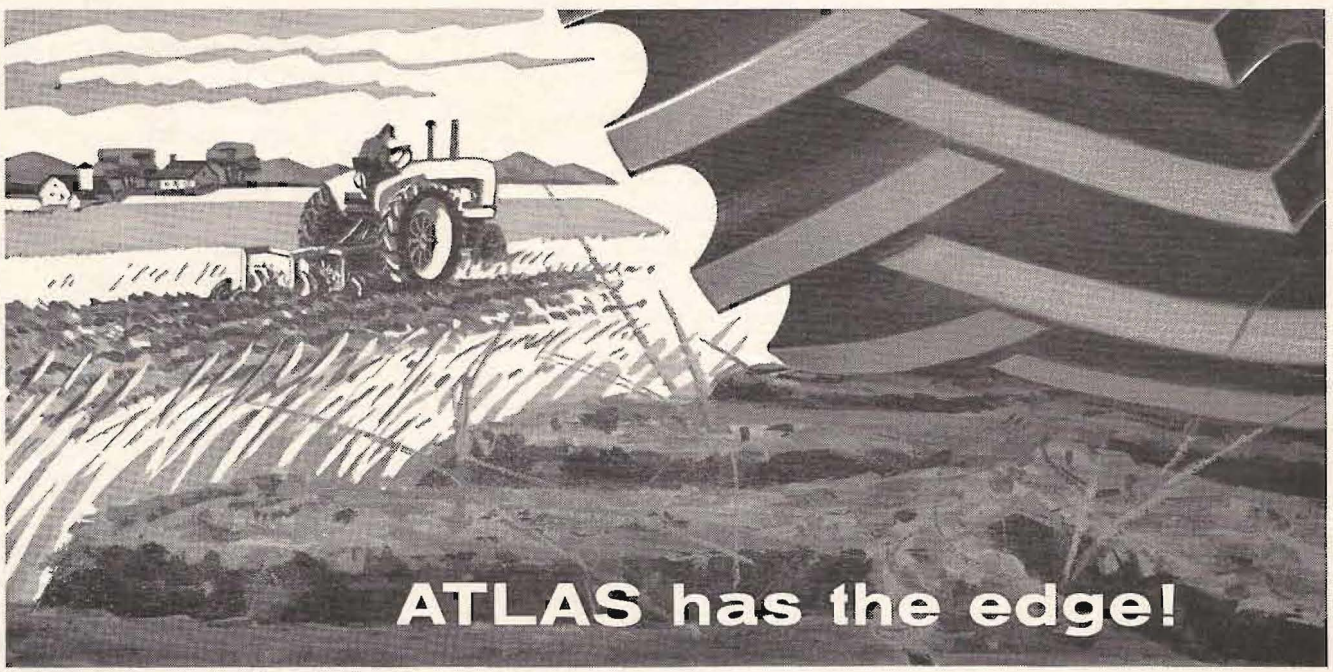
Many of the mail boxes you see while driving through Tallapoosa county have posts holding them up that have been made by the New Site chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

W. D. Key, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at New Site high school, has brought his Future Farmers along with this project as a promotional program for the FFA through the last four years. His chapter winds up with about $2.50 per post invested, and each time a young farmer sells one for $5 he gets one to use at his home free.

The mailbox post projects started for the Alabama FFA in 1958. Since that time the New Site chapter has produced nearly 400 posts and distributed them throughout the county in the New Site school area.

Mr. Key's system is to let the first year vo-ag students pour the concrete posts as their project in concrete instruction. The rest of the agriculture students paint, letter and otherwise finish the posts for use on the roadside.

The chapter has a truck with which they deliver and set up the mailboxes. They also letter the box holder's name on the support arms of the post, and try to maintain the condition of all posts they sell. However, if a post is severely damaged, as when one is hit by an auto-



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mobile, the box holder must buy another entire outfit.

The welcome signs along the highway leading into this small east Alabama community are also mounted on these FFA posts. So casual tourists as well as mail men are aware of the good works of the New Site chapter of the Future Farmers of America as they approach the community.

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MR. JAMES SIMS, right, of Circle S Ranch, Montgomery, bought the above calf during the Montgomery Fat Calf Sale and donated the proceeds from this calf to the Alabama FFA Association to be used in its livestock improvement program. He is shown with Mr. Herb Carrier, American Hereford Association.

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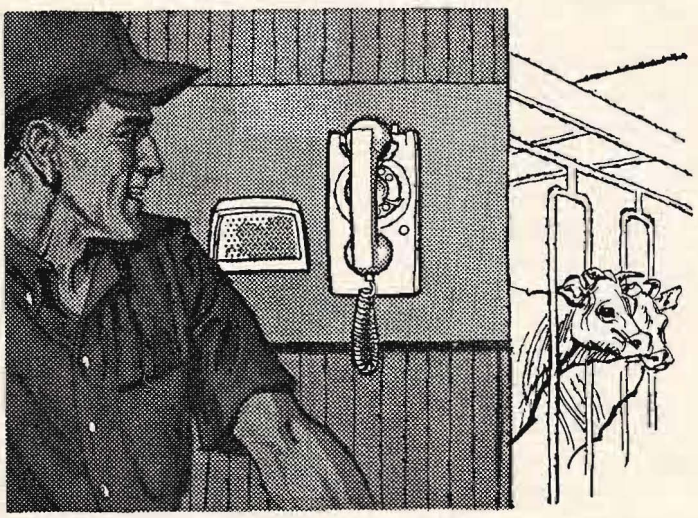
Former State President Joins Farm Bureau Staff

A former state president of the Future Farmers of America, Winfred Davis of Dadeville, joined the staff of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation as District Director of Organization for Southwest Alabama on April 15th.

J. D. Hays, Federation president, said Mr. Davis would work with county Farm Bureaus in 17 counties, helping to develop their programs and coordinating their activities with those of other counties and the 83,000-member state organization.

The new staff member, a 1957 Auburn University graduate in Agricultural Education, has been serving for the past year as assistant county agent in Tallapoosa County. Previously he had spent four years in the Air Force, and had taught science for one year.

"Mr. Davis' record for leadership in 4-H and FFA activities, and his outstanding work as assistant county agent, have equipped him well for his assignment with the Farm Bureau," said John H. Dorrill, Jr., the Federation's Director of Organization and Assistant Administrator. "We are pleased to have a young man of his ability and experience to join our staff."



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AKRON—held regular meeting; elected new officers for 1963-64; paid expenses of livestock judging team and official delegate to attend State Convention; recognized member for achieving State Farmer degree; new officers to meet with advisor several times before school opens.

BUCKHORN—held six executive council meetings and two chapter meetings; elected officers for 1963-64; sold mixed nuts for a money making activity; six members and advisor attended state convention; five members received State Farmer degrees; one member recommended for American Farmer degree; made plans to observe National Safety Week and ordered Farm Safety materials; held officer training workshop; quartet entertaining several groups and civic clubs.

CAMP HILL—elected new officers for 1963-64; delegate to State Convention; repaired, painted and lubricated all elementary playground equipment; pruned shrubs around vo-ag building; cleaned up department; cleaned and oiled tools and equipment for summer.

CENTREVILLE—held regular monthly meeting; elected officers for 1963-64; went on fishing trip; held officer training leadership school; five newspaper articles published; delegate and poultry judging team attended convention; boys attended forestry camp.

FLORALA—held two regular meetings; had annual parent-son banquet with state FFA president as main speaker; planned a deep-sea fishing trip; elected new officers and delegate to attend convention; planned activities for summer; voted to pay $7.50 on the expenses of state farmers and delegate to attend state convention.

FORT DEPOSIT—held two meetings; elected officers for 1963-64; discussed projects that each member will work on this summer; delegate attended convention.

GORDO—held three training schools; held regular meetings and a chapter forestry contest; five members attended convention; four articles in newspaper; ordered one FFA jacket; painted signs around demonstration plot; purchased new books for library and supplies for coming year; hardwood control on forestry demonstration plot.

GOSHEN—installed new officers; Ag I, II, and III studying welding and shopwork; Ag III building banquet decorations; quartet singing at various activities in community; placed four gilts in pig chain; feeding out hogs.

HEFLIN—held FFA-FHA banquet; entered contests; killed weed trees in school forest; helped decorate for senior play; repaired ag truck; held two regular meetings; nominated new officers.

KINSTON—took recreation trip to Panama City, Fla.; member attended state convention; plan to buy feeder calves to feed out for fat stock show in spring.

LaFAYETTE—held monthly meeting; new officers presided; had FFA sweetheart at meeting; discussed annual FFA fishing trip.

LINDEN—elected officers; Mack Barkley won title of District Star Farmer; held officer training school.

MONROEVILLE—awarded scholarship pins to first, second and third year students with highest scholastic achievements; delegate attended convention; selected forestry camp delegate; painted shop equipment; plans made to add shop equipment during summer; purchased more reference materials.

MONTEVALLO—worked with two student teachers from Auburn University; Ag III class visited Steam Electric Generating plant at Wilsonville; delegate selected to attend forestry camp; local advisory board meeting to plan for summer; plan to send two members to National Convention; sold official calendar to sponsor; plans made for Executive Board and chapter to meet during summer; shop was open each Wednesday this summer.

PELL CITY—elected officers for coming year; presented chapter awards in all contests; built mailbox posts.

SECTION—held parent-son banquet with approximately 120 attending; published two newsletters; posted highway safety sign; conducted open house of ag department; helping members secure animals for fat calf competition; elected and installed new officers for coming year; published 10 news articles; presented two radio programs; had state officer visit chapter; held officer leadership training school; purchased new shop tools.

SMITH STATION—held annual barbecue; attended state convention; elected officers.

STRAUGHN—purchased a new Ford tractor; broke up chapter land; tested soil for three members; bred hogs for Opp chapter; installed officers for coming year; arranged deep sea fishing trip; ten excellent wood working projects are being constructed.

SULLIGENT—elected officers; livestock judging team studied at Mississippi State University; cleaned and straightened department; closed out FFA store for year; three members and advisor attended convention; member named State Star Farmer; organized materials and files for next year; added five reference books to library; published four news stories and two pictures; president to represent county at Forestry camp.

SYLVANIA—published 11 news articles and six pictures; 11 members received State Farmer Degree; 17 members attended state convention; took annual camping trip; placed six pigs in chapter chain; advisor presented three seniors with awards at graduation; held officer training school and overnight camping trip; revised program of work to be approved by chapter members.

THOMASTON—held regular meeting; installed new officers; presented local chapter awards.

THOMASVILLE—toured Marathon Paper Mill and International Paper yard; sent delegate to convention; planning FFA fishing trip.

VERBENA—completed all shop projects; senior boys completed record books and turned them in; visited a steer feeding operation with 480 steers on full feed; held two meetings; one article in newspaper.

WOODVILLE—held regular meeting; added pig to pig chain; built loading ramp; planned summer program of work; published 10 news articles and three pictures; attended convention; advisor received Honorary State Farmer Degree; three members received State Farmer Degrees; enrolled members for coming year; repaired toolroom; planned safety program.

THOMASVILLE—held two FFA coon hunts; set out 10,000 pine seedlings; working on judging contests.

TOWN CREEK—placed 2 gilts in pig chain; entered public speaking contest; working on safety contest; making soil tests in community; testing germination of seed for farmers; working on judging contests; held chapter meeting on space travel with speaker from Redstone Arsenal.

UNION SPRINGS—presented program over WSFA-TV concerning the Union Springs cattle program; setting up new shop with new and used equipment; president attended Birmingham meeting; plan to sell stools to raise money for chapter use.

VERBENA—two articles in county paper; held regular meeting; attended Chilton County Beef Cattlemen's meeting and dinner; had joint FFA-FHA party and hamburger supper; held a two hour general home lighting course with Mr. Billy Adair giving instructions.

VINA—purchased four jackets; $40 worth of new tools bought for shop; 18 Green Hands initiated and given pins.

WATERLOO—building mailbox posts; caring for Sears bull; held regular meeting with guest speaker; distributed handbook; sold drinks and candy at ball games; erected welcome signs on road; selling chances on table to raise chapter funds; building cedar material in shop; news article in paper during FFA Week; string band played at Co-Op meeting.

WEOGUFKA—held four regular meetings; presented 16 Green Hands and 19 Chapter Farmers with pins; held tractor clinic; gave chapel program during FFA Week; recognized Chapter Star Farmer and Champion Corn Grower; held FFA-FHA party; member attended Birmingham meeting.

WOODVILLE—held regular meeting; won county public speaking and quartet contests; learning woodworking projects in shop; painted five cars.

LEROY—held Green Hand initiation for 35 members; discussed plans on having dairy judging and beef cattle judging teams; purchased acetylene welder; held executive and chapter meetings; elected officers for coming year; members partici-

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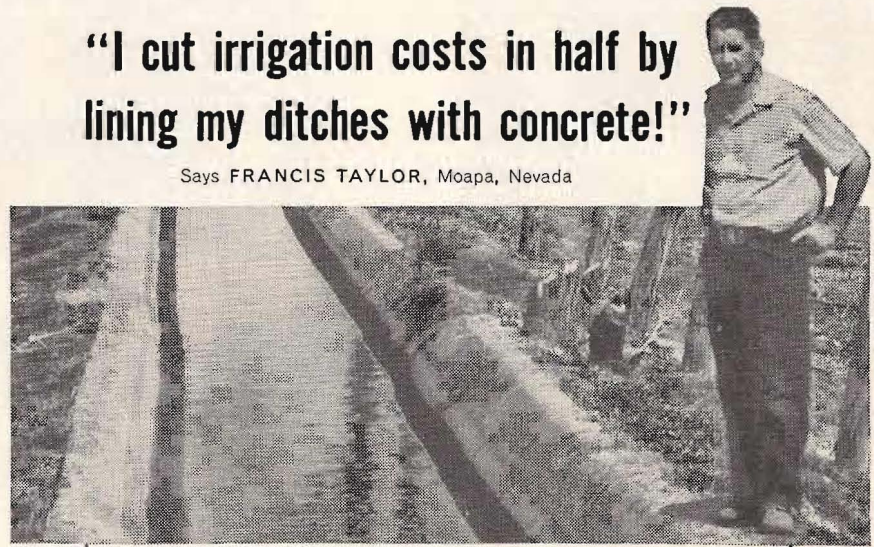

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pated in district contests; four members approved for State Farmer Degree; purchased shop tools for use in studying small motors.

NEW BROCKTON—12 boys began work on FFA mailbox posts; had regular meetings; almost completed work on gun racks; attended county FFA meeting; shop work almost complete for this year.

NEWVILLE—plan to buy tools for shop; won county soil judging contest; plans are made for the Jr. III boys to visit Sunnyland Packing Company.

REFORM—15 members entered public speaking contest; quartet won county contest; set out 23,000 pine seedlings; initiated 26 Green Hands; entered chapter mechanics, electrification, farm safety and tractor driving contests; had annual covered dish supper with the FHA; held regular monthly meeting; elected chapter Sweetheart and presented her with jacket.

SAND ROCK—held two officer and two regular meetings; elected delegate to State Convention; applied for Superior Chapter Award; elected new officers for coming year; initiated four Honorary members; entered district land, livestock, and dairy judging.

SCOTTSBORO—entered tractor driving and land judging contests; competed in livestock judging and dairy judging contests.

SECTION—conducted mixed nuts sales campaign; selected Chapter Future Farmer of the Month; studying electricity, advanced welding, livestock and dairy cattle judging; keeping up-to-date scrap book; selected FFA Sweetheart; working hard for safety award; finished FFA Parent-Son banquet plans; shop project work completed; erected rural farm safety display sign at main intersection; selected quartet for coming year; preparing for officer elections.

SMITH STATION—sold mixed nuts to raise chapter funds; working on FFA contests; 14 boys received degree of Chapter Farmer; held regular meeting; competed in county tractor driving contest; attended district contests eliminations; all members working on supervised farming program; planning barbecue before school is out.

SULLIGENT—235 attended annual Father-Son banquet; State Reporter, Bryan Bain, was on banquet program; made additional fruit tree order; held three meetings; entered four feeder calves in county and Birmingham Fat Stock Shows; toured experiment station at Winfield; completed the showing of educational films for year; published 24 news articles and 10 pictures; had one TV program and two TV spots.

SUSAN MOORE—held FFA-FHA banquet; member represented chapter in public speaking contest; planted 8,000 pine seedlings; elected chapter Sweetheart.

SYLVANIA—selling mixed nuts to supplement chapter funds; Ag II and Ag III classes studied gasoline engine repair after completing classes in arc welding; published eight news articles and one picture in local paper; repainted FFA signs in community; 16 members to attend State Convention; elected new officers for coming year; Ag III completed welding course; presented three Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees; planning annual camping trip; members attended annual FFA-FHA Jamboree; planning officer's training school; 12 members growing one acre corn demonstration plots.

THOMASVILLE—held county soil judging and tractor driving contests; built 17 chicken brooders; made waste paper barrells for campus; enclosed welding area; planted one cutting bed.

TOWN CREEK—purchased new sander for shop; planned picnic with FHA; sold "Keep Alabama Green" tags; taking part in TVA corn growing demonstration; elected officers for year; one member receiving State Farmer Degree; distributed FFA Calendars.

VERBENA—selling mixed nuts to make extra money for chapter; Ag II and Ag III boys working on shop projects which will be completed before school ends; elected new officers; Ag III class will complete record books; had one meeting.

WALNUT GROVE—won county soil judging contest; entered dairy judging and tractor driving contests; held regular meeting.

WATERLOO—string band, quartet, land judging, livestock and tractor driver represented Lauderdale County in district; vo-ag group holding welding school; set out 20,000 pine seedlings; quartet entertained Lions Club at banquet; 300 attended Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; selected FFA Sweetheart and FHA Beau; held Fat Calf Show; three members to receive State Farmer Degree; reporter working on Star Reporter Contest.

WEOGUFKA—held four regular meetings, tractor driving contest and FFA-FHA social; won first place in district dairy judging contest; repaired school swings and six lawn mowers; six boys to receive State Farmer Degree.

WETUMPKA—had grand champion calf at county show; showed 14 calves at district show; selected judging teams; presented TV show; one application for American Farmer Degree; member won district speaking contest; three members approved for State Farmer Degree.

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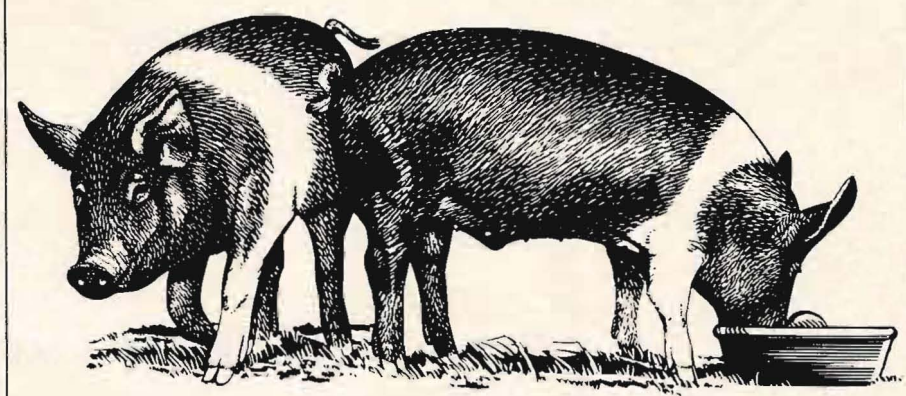

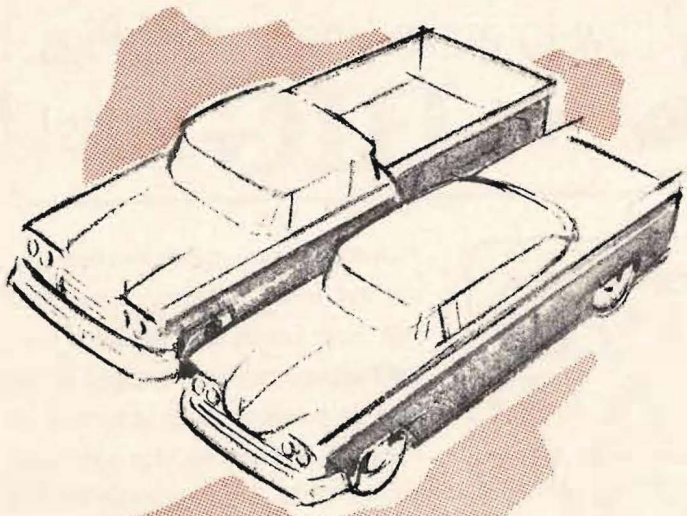

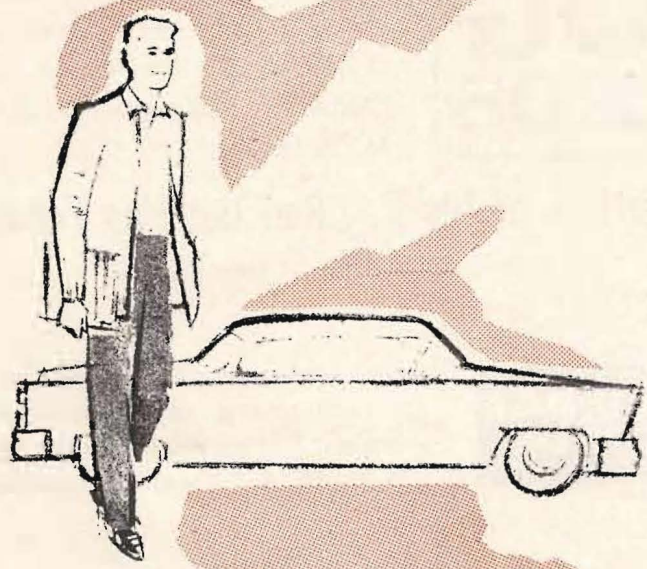

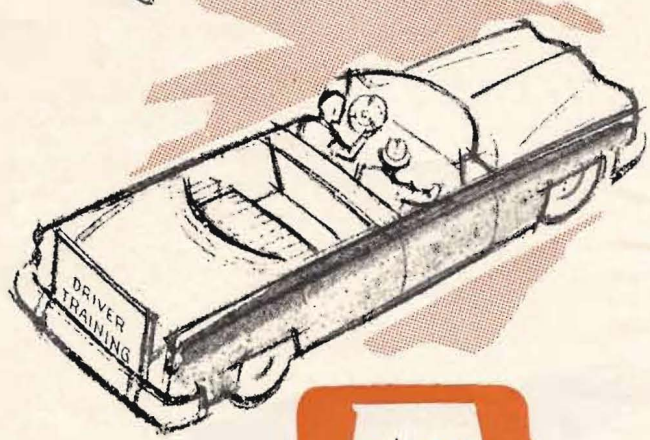

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