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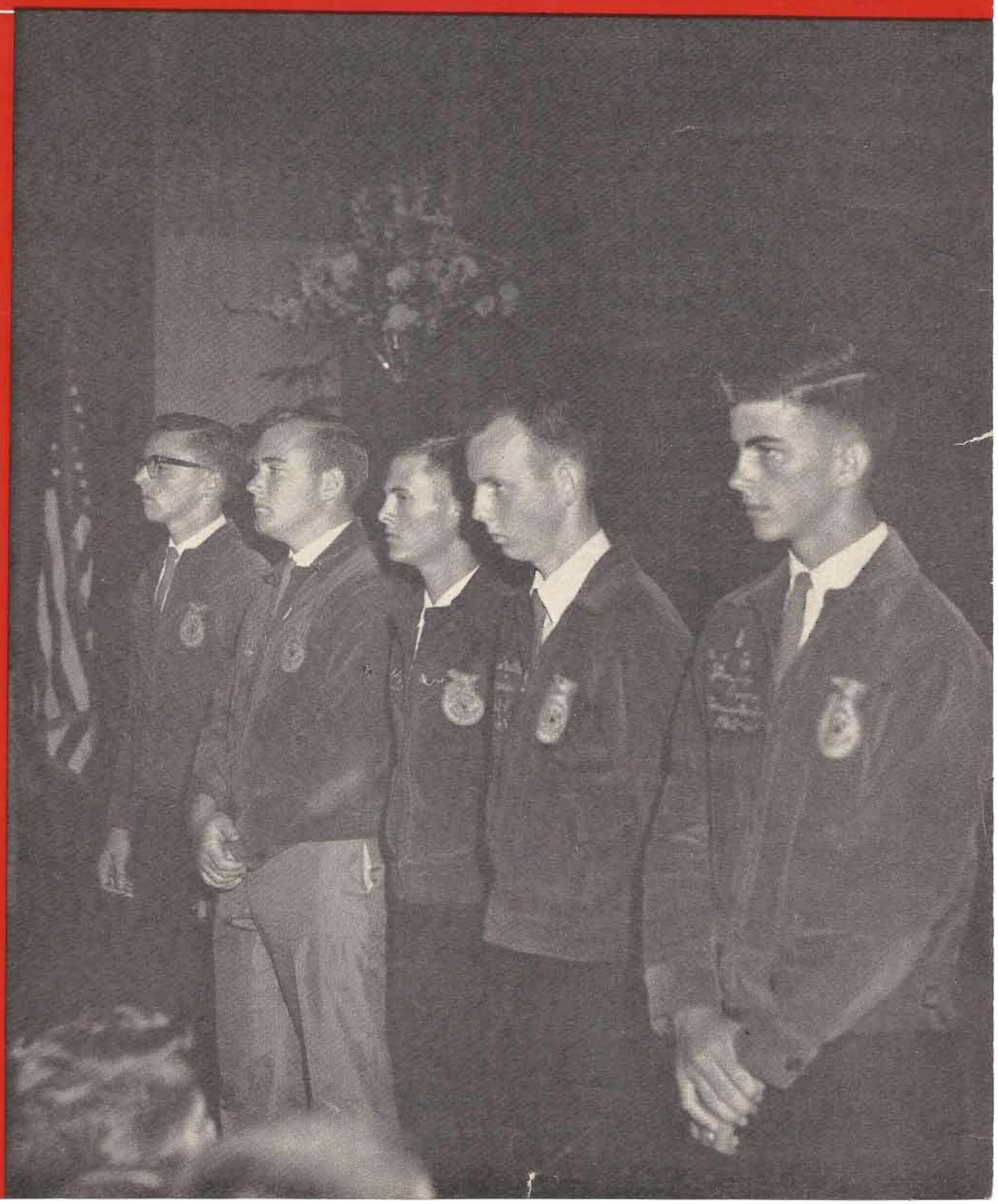
FFA Convention



State Convention Caps Busy Year

For the 35th time Future Farmers from throughout Alabama gathered for their annual Convention at Auburn University. The assembly programs and the activities FFA members took part in during the Convention marked it as one of the most outstanding in the history of the Alabama association.

Over 700 Future Farmers, their advisors and friends met for the Convention. This was excellent attendance, considering the fact that this year's State Farmer degrees were awarded at the district eliminations. This cut nearly 300 FFA members off the expected Convention attendance list.

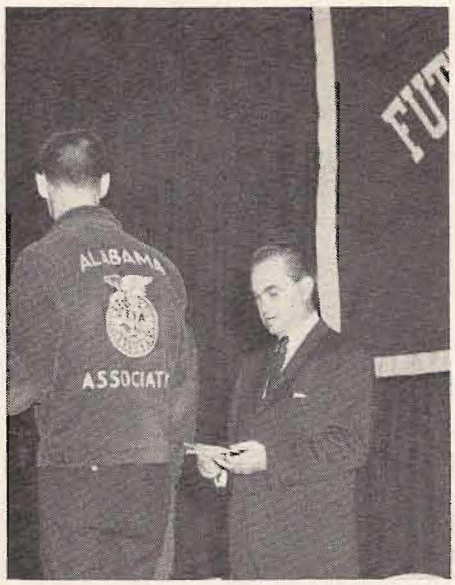
Delegates this year represented more than 16,500 Future Farmers from 260 FFA chapters in Alabama at the Convention. They met for three days and dispensed with the business of conferring awards, degrees and certificates, and electing new executive officers for the 1964-65 FFA year. Also, during the Convention, State finals were held in all regular FFA contests, and the official recognition of the delegates was given to State and Foundation awards winners who had been decided on before the Convention.

Heading the Alabama FFA association for the new year will be Jimmy Cravey from Florala. Jimmy, and his fellow executive committeemen, were elected by the Convention delegates on the advice of the nominations committee. This committee, meeting before the start of the Convention along with the executive secretary and members of the advisory council, held lengthly meetings with officer candidates and interviewed them thoroughly, determining the best qualified among them.

Four vice presidents will serve the State association this year along with Jimmy. These vice presidents will function much the same as the vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter of last year. The FFA delegates approved, and voted on Ronnie Mathis, Sparkman chapter; Buddy Brawley, Gurley chapter; Frankie Cobb, Odenville and Buddy Scott, Montgomery, as State vice presidents.

Among the highlights of the Convention were addresses by Jon Ford, national student FFA vice president from Helena, Oklahoma, and Wilson Carnes, editor of the *National Future Farmer* magazine. Conventionaires were welcomed to the Auburn University campus and to their annual meeting by Dr. Ralph Draughon, AU's president. Director of vocational education, J. F. Ingram, spoke to the assembled delegates during the Convention, as did Dr. A. R. Meadows, Alabama's superintendent of education. A surprise, and much appreciated visitor to one session was Governor George Wallace. He had just returned from his campaigning in a northern state, and was introduced by State FFA Advisor T. L. Faulkner, as the next President of the United States.

This year's 328 State Farmer degrees was a definite mark of achievement. This number, highest in Alabama's FFA history, indicates that more and more boys



SPECIAL VISITOR to the 1964 FFA Convention was Hon. George C. Wallace, Governor of the State of Alabama. The Governor is being welcomed to the speakers stand and presented with an Honorary State Farmer degree plaque, by John Varner, past State FFA president, Wetumpka.

are doing a better job of carrying through on their plans for supervised farming programs, community functions and other production practices that enable them to earn this degree. Even though this degree, the highest that any State is allowed to make, was awarded at district eliminations this year, final approval of degree applicants must come from the delegates assembled at the Convention.

Competition in all contests was strong this year, as was that for places on the State executive committee. These conditions can be attributed to the excellent job vo-ag teachers are doing across the State.

State and Foundation contest winners for this year were:

CHAPTER CONTEST

Top Four—Ider, Section, Union Springs, Foley.

Superior Chapter Awards—Sand Rock, Sparkman, Troy, Gurley, Citronelle, Suttle, Grove Hill, Sulligent, Ohatchee, Hartford, Curry, Attalla, Wetumpka, Jemison, Fairhope, Arab, Reform, Brookwood.

Standard Chapter Awards — Thomaston, Kinston, Winterboro, Carrollton, Millry, Sylvania, Montevallo, Moore Academy, Goshen.

On The Cover

New State officers for the Alabama FFA, to serve during year 1964-65, were elected during the Convention at Auburn University this June. This year there will be four State vice presidents, who will perform the duties of vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter under last year's set-up. This year's officers are: President Jimmy Cravey, Florala; Vice Presidents Ronnie Mathis, Sparkman; Buddy Brawley, Gurley; Frankie Cobb, Odenville, and Buddy Scott, Montgomery.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st—Terry Wheat, Reform
2nd—Danny Hatfield, Eufaula
3rd—John Varner, Wetumpka
4th—Billy Barnett, Rogers

QUARTET

1st—Reform
2nd—Brilliant
3rd—Goshen
4th—Dadeville

STRING BAND

1st—Gurley
2nd—Uriah
3rd—Coffee Springs
4th—Falkville

JUDGING TEAMS

Livestock

1st—Section
2nd—Five Points
3rd—Lynn
4th—Wetumpka

Dairy Cattle

1st—Five Points
2nd—Heflin
3rd—Robertsdale
4th—Winfield

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Practically all of these sponsors depend upon Alabamians to buy their products which makes their support of our program possible. We believe that listing them all together will give Future Farmers and Advisors a better opportunity to remember the names of those who so generously support our program.

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Leadership—Key To The Future

By JAMES L. DAILEY, Regional Manager
Federal Land Bank of New Orleans

Future Farmers why are we here? "To practice brotherhood, honor rural opportunities, and responsibilities and develop those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess."

This response during the opening ceremony of any Future Farmer meeting whether it be a local Chapter, State or National Association meeting is most impressive. Not only is it impressive, but very meaningful, if properly applied. It can be applied to so many things. For example, a former Executive Secretary of a State Association who is now the Personnel Director and Director of Information of one of The Farm Credit Districts says that he still uses much of the above in his present work. He asks himself the question, "Why am I here?" at many of the meetings and conferences which he attends. By asking this question, he can get more from the meeting or conference which will aid him to improve himself and the organization which he represents.

MR. DAILEY

The old saying of "You can lead a mule to the water trough, but you can't make him drink" has much meaning if analyzed. You can lead young men and older men to farm meetings, civic meetings, Church, community, and many other type meetings, but they cannot be made to talk. Many good suggestions and ideas are motivated at many of these type meetings, but they are never spoken because of the lack of leadership training. One of the objectives of the FFA and vocational agricultural program is to develop leadership. Members not only have an opportunity to study this important phase, but have the opportunity to put it into practice through the various contests sponsored by the FFA Chapters. The Public Speaking Contest, for instance, is one of the most important contests giving this specific training.

Leadership is needed more today in American agriculture than ever before. The facts are that there are fewer farmers than ever before and in order for the American public as well as our leadership in government to know the "Farmers Story," the best in leadership must be developed and maintained.

The element of time is one of concern to everyone and especially farmers. A careful analysis and planning of any task is always helpful. Such analysis will usually involve such questions as, *Why* am I here? *How* can I best do this? *Where* can I get the information to help me? and *When* is the best time?

This analysis of a situation or job should be made not only in agriculture, but in whatever vocation you choose. It can also be used as the basis of a self analysis from time to time. The successful farmer must make an analysis of himself and his operation frequently to keep adjusted to and abreast of the changing agriculture.

Have you ever asked yourself the question, Why am I a member of the FFA? Is it because of the aim and purpose of your organization outlined in the Manual? A good FFA member knows these aims and purposes and uses his vo-ag classes and FFA Chapter, along with other courses offered in school and his community to accomplish these aims.

How can I serve the community and receive leadership training? Accept responsibilities in your community which will help to improve the community. Many worthwhile community projects such as home improvement, soil testing, watershed development, forestry improvement, and developing recreational facilities, to name a few, are sponsored by various groups each year. But many fail due to lack of leadership and participation. To create and nurture a love of country life along with competent aggressive rural leadership are two of the foremost aims of the Future Farmers organization.

Another phase of community activities is the Church. Are you taking advantage of the opportunities offered in your Church for developing leadership and character. Where can you find a better place to develop character, which is another aim of FFA and imperative for a good leader?

Why do I have a supervised farming program? The first sentence of the motto "Learning To Do" is the foremost reason for a supervised farming program. Aside from this, it affords the Future Farmer an opportunity to put into practice what he believes and is taught in his vo-ag classes. It also gives members the experience in most of the problems which they will encounter later. For the members who expect to remain on the farm, it is the first step in becoming established in farming. Let me encourage each of you to take advantage of every opportunity to build your farming

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FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS, 1964-65

FFA Public Speaking Contest

Purpose

This coutest 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

The suggested length for each speech should be no less than six minutes nor more than ten minutes.

Originality

All manuscripts must be original. However, contestants 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.

Dates

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.

THE FOUR PUBLIC SPEAKERS are being congratulated by Mr. O. H. Bowden, president of Alabama Council of Farmer Co-operatives, the speaking contest sponsor. The winners of the 1964 Convention public speaking bout are Terry Wheat, Reform, Danny Hatfield, Eufaula, John Varner, Wetumpka, and Billy Barnett, Rogers.

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 must 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. A BIBLIOGRAPHY must be included with the manuscript.

STATE FINALS SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held during State FFA Convention. All speakers shall use the P.A. system and wear official jackets.
2. The State winner will compete in the Tri-State Contest. Normal expenses will be paid by the Alabama FFA Association.
3. The first place winner will not be eligible to compete in the State contest again.
4. A BIBLIOGRAPHY must be included with the manuscript.

State Final Awards

1st—$200.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$150.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$100.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$100.00 and chapter banner.
5th—$100.00 and chapter banner.
6th—$100.00 and chapter banner.

Sponsors

Alabama Council of Farmer Cooperatives
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Quartet Contest

Purpose

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

Eligibility

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

Songs

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

Accompaniment

Quartets may sing with or without accompaniment.

Judging

Official judging sheets will be used in judging all contestant quartets. Advisors and contestants should become familiar with them. Each quartet will be judged on three songs in each contest. The judges' decision will be final.

Dates

Exactly the same as the FFA Public Speaking Contest dates. Every FFA chapter, and quartet is entered NOW.

CHAPTER CONTEST: Chapter contest is held by January 15.

COUNTY CONTEST: County contest is held by February 1.

AREA CONTEST: Area contest is held by March 1.

DISTRICT CONTEST: District contest is held at time of regular district contest eliminations.

Results of each contest must be reported by the advisor of the winning quartet to the Executive Secretary, Auburn, Alabama, the same way and using the same dates as the FFA Public Speaking contest.

CHAPTER QUARTET 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. It is not necessary to report the names of chapter winners to State office.
4. Winners of chapter contest will compete in county contest.

COUNTY QUARTET 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. If only one chapter in a county has an entry, this contestant team is automatically the county winner.
4. Winner of the county contest will compete in the area contest.

AREA QUARTET 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. Results of the contest to be mailed at once by advisor of winning quartet to reach Executive Secretary not later than March 5th.
5. Winner of the area contest will compete in district contest.

DISTRICT QUARTET CONTEST

1. Will be held at regular district eliminations.
2. Date and place will be arranged by district supervisor.
3. District winner will compete in State finals.

STATE FINALS QUARTET CONTEST

1. Will be held during State FFA Convention.

REFORM'S FFA QUARTET was selected the State first place winner at the Convention. These FFA singers are holding the banner they won, and are on stage with their advisor, Mr. B. F. Boyett. The quartet members are Fred Findley, Eddy Gault, John Taylor, Donnie Hopkins, and accompanist Jerry Adcox.

Forfeit

If the winner of any contest cannot compete in the next contest the winner of second place is eligible to compete.

State Awards

1st—$150.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$100.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$50.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$50.00 and chapter banner.
5th—$50.00 and chapter banner.
6th—$50.00 and chapter banner.

Sponsor

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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.

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, 1964, to April 30, 1965.
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.

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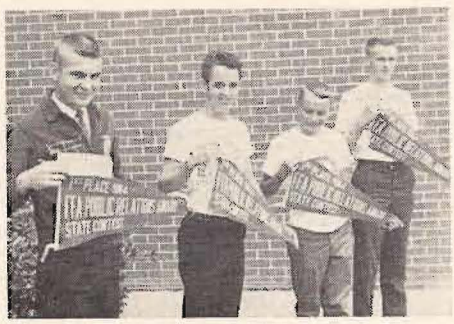


CHAPTER REPORTERS from Union Springs, Section, Sylvania and Waterloo chapters won a total of $425 in the first four places of the FFA Public Relations award competition. Jimmy Maxwell, first place winner from the Union Springs chapter, was also State FFA secretary for the 1963-64 year.

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

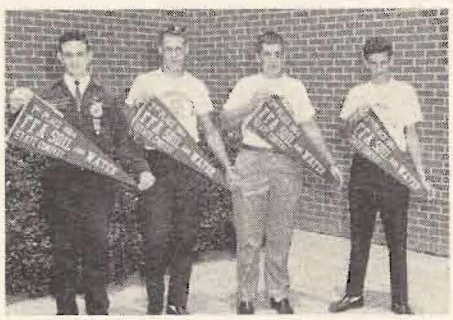
This award will be open to members who, at the time of application, are regularly enrolled in all-day classes in vocational agriculture, or have been out of high school not more than one year, and have completed at least three years of vocational agriculture or all the vocational agriculture offered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



FIRST FOUR WINNERS in the FFA Soil and Water Management awards contest are Barry Siniard, West Limestone, Jimmy Broughton, Northport, Mike Reynolds, Union Springs, and Lamar Laird, Florala.

State Awards

1st—$100.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$75.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$50.00 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

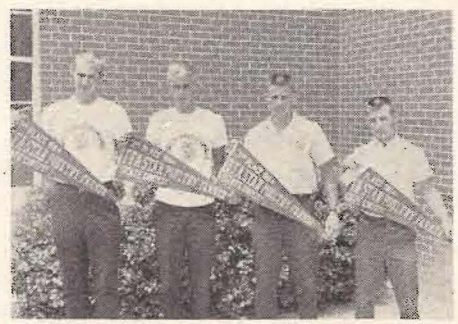
Star Poultry Farmer

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.)



STAR POULTRY FARMERS among FFA members in Alabama were also honored at the Convention last June. Here are the top four winners with their banners outside the Union Building on the Auburn University campus: Sammy Wilson, Boaz, first, Randolph Junkin, Palmetto, second, Jimmy Young, Section, third, and Eddie Gentry, Montevallo, fourth place.

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—$75.00, Plaque and chapter banner.
3rd—$50.00 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

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 top winner 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—$100.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$75.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$50.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$50.00 and chapter banner.
5th—$25.00 and chapter banner.
6th—$25.00 and chapter banner.

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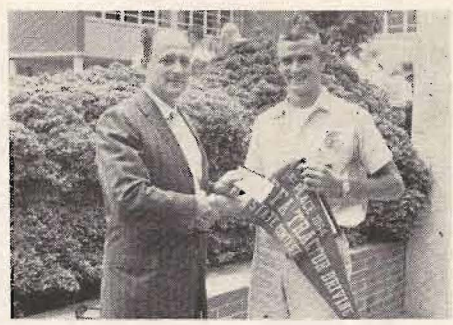


LARRY HEATON, Castleberry FFA member, was judged the best tractor driver at the State Convention. Larry is being presented here with the chapter banner, congratulations and a check for $75 he won by Mr. B. F. Huck, assistant divisional manager for Standard Oil, Birmingham, the contest's sponsor.

Farm Electrification Awards

Purpose

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

REX BOND, Newville FFA member, is congratulated by Mr. Joe Weaver, Southern Pine Electric Co-op, Brewton, one of the contest's sponsors.

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

———FFA———

That tractor ride that gives kids thrills may end up in a crash that kills.

Judging Contest

Purpose

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

Eligibility

Any boy is eligible who is under 21 years of age at time of the National contest. He must have had not more than four years training in any approved course of vocational agriculture of less than college level. He must be, AT THE TIME THE TEAM IS SELECTED BY THE STATE, A BONA FIDE FFA MEMBER, enrolled in a high school class in vocational agriculture, or who has had all of the vocational agriculture offered and carrying at least three units of regular high school work. An exception is a boy who has participated previously in any official national judging contest (including 4-H contests) will not be eligible for the same kind of contest, namely dairy cattle, livestock or poultry. (The only official national FFA contests are those at Waterloo and Kansas City.) If an ineligible boy is entered in any contest, the team of which he is a member shall be declared ineligible.

SECTION FFA took first place in the livestock judging contest at the State Convention. The Southeastern Livestock Exposition sponsors this contest and raises the prize money to $250 first-place to enable the team to travel to the Kansas City National FFA Convention.

Plan

1. There will be three judging contests as follows: (1) LIVESTOCK; (2) DAIRY CATTLE; (3) POULTRY.
2. Judging teams will be composed of three members.
3. A livestock judging team will judge all three of the following: beef cattle, hogs, and sheep.
4. No member will be eligible to serve on more than one team.
5. District eliminations for livestock and dairy judging will be held, and FIRST and SECOND place winners may compete in finals at State Convention.
6. NOTICE—The poultry judging contest will be held during the State FFA Convention. All chapters should teach poultry judging and select a chapter team. Teams to participate in the finals will be selected. Instructions will be mailed later.
7. The State champion team in each contest will represent Alabama at the National contest for livestock and poultry teams in Kansas City, Missouri, and dairy teams in Waterloo, Iowa. In case the first place winner cannot participate in the National, the next place winner may go instead, and awards will be exchanged to take care of travelling expenses for the team.
8. In addition to the awards listed below, the team going to the National will

NEXT-TO-THE-TOP in poultry judging, the Elkmont FFA team was the only one able to stand still long enough to get its picture taken after being presented with the award money and the banner. Hartford FFA took top honors, but the Elkmont team was hot on their heels. Prize money for second place in this contest was $40; the sponsor is the Alabama Poultry Industry Association.

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

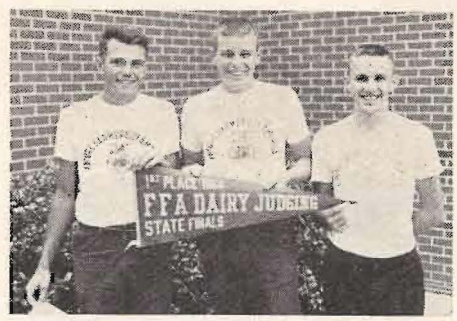
Alabama Flour Mills
Alabama FFA Association

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



ALABAMA'S championship dairy cattle judging team represented the Five Points FFA chapter. These FFA members, and their advisor, Mr. C. H. McKay, will travel to the National Convention after making the big dairy show at Waterloo, Iowa, as a judging team there.

———FFA———

An accident is something that, five minutes after it happens, anyone can see how it could have been prevented.

FUTURE FARM MECHANICS, holding the banners they received for being chosen the four best FFA members in Alabama in the farm mechanics area, are Theodore Reed, Gurley, first place, Randolph Junkin, Palmetto, second place, Franklin Little, Foley, third place, and Mike Reynolds, Union Springs, fourth place.

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 1965 must be recommended by State FFA Executive Committee to receive this degree.
2. Have outstanding supervised farming program that shows improvement in quality and continued expansion in scope.
3. Have full ownership of major products in supervised farming program.
4. Show initiative in taking advantage of opportunities at hand.
5. Have plans to continue and enlarge farming after graduation from school.
6. Have outstanding record of FFA and community leadership.

State Awards

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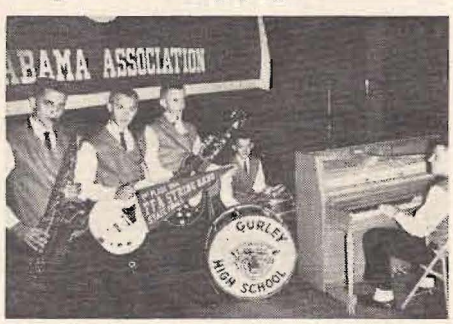
Sponsors

National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association



CHAMPIONSHIP STRING BAND, from the Gurley FFA chapter, took first place in the pickin' and singin' competition at the Convention. These musicians carried home $200 prize-money for their talent.

String Band Contest

Purpose

To stimulate interest in wholesome recreation, promote leadership, assist in radio and TV broadcasts and promote group participation.

Plan

1. All members of FFA string band must be active members of the local chapter and in good standing.
2. At least 50% of band members must be enrolled in high school.
3. Each band will play three numbers of its own selection. No theme allowed.
4. Instruments that are commonly used with string bands, such as piano, drums, saxophone, clarinet, jugs, rub boards, harps, accordians, tubs, etc., may be used if needed.
5. District eliminations will be held prior to State finals contest. The top winner 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—$150.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$100.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$50.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$50.00 and chapter banner.
5th—$50.00 and chapter banner.
6th—$50.00 and chapter banner.

Sponsor

Alabama FFA Association

Farm Mechanics

Purpose

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

Eligibility

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

Opening and Closing Dates

The records submitted should be the boy's cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of 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 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—$75.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$50.00 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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FFA On The MARCH

ATTALLA—purchased some new equipment for shop; obtained order for 300 official FFA calendars; held officer training school; ordered new road signs; bought a bandsaw for shop; sent two news articles to newspaper.

FAIRVIEW—held officer training; ordered banners for contest winners.

GORDO—ordered one jacket; held officer training school; four articles in paper; presented a Forestry Program to the Gordo Rotary Club; painted FFA signs.

GOSHEN—took a tour of Alabama Electric Steam plant, C. S. Williams Tobacco Farm and Dixon Lumber Company of Andalusia; held officer training session for two days with all officers in attendance; sold official FFA calendars.

HARTFORD—judging team practicing and studying for National competition.

KINSTON—took a trip to the Gulf and to Mexico City.

MOORE ACADEMY—member attended Forestry Camp; elected officers; held officer training school.

MONTEVALLO — delegate attended forestry camp; executive board met and made plans for program development; president and vice-president to attend National Convention in Kansas City; plan for 100% of members to subscribe to National Future Farmer; Central State Bank sponsoring calendar.

ODENVILLE—new advisor as of July 1; two news articles and pictures in county paper; member attended forestry camp; getting department in order for school.

SECTION — elected "Future Farmer of the Month"; advisor attended electrical workshop; purchased sheet music for quartet; working on chapter budget; held leadership training school; wrote chapter constitution; revised program of work; published news articles; purchased new shop equipment; worked up chapter budget; enrolled 80 members; established chapter pig chain; working on chapter scrapbook and safety program; planning meetings for the year.

SELMA—The Vocational Agriculture department at Parrish high school has been reopened. Mr. S. D. Patterson, the new chapter advisor, met with the executive committee to plan a leadership workshop.

SULLIGENT—purchased shop equipment and supplies; held two meetings; advisor attended AVA meeting in Montgomery; published four news articles and two pictures.

SUTTLE—planted one acre corn demonstration plot; making variety test on Funks, Coker, and Pioneer varieties; plan to make slides of members' projects during summer.

SYLVANIA—published 13 news articles and three pictures; planning officer training school; painted classroom and office floors.

—FFA—

Forestry Awards

Purpose

The purpose of this contest is to stimulate more interest in the maintenance and development of forestry projects on the home farm of FFA members.

Eligibility

All active FFA members are eligible for this contest. Each chapter may submit only one application to the State office. (A first place winner is not eligible to compete in the contest again.)

Opening and Closing Dates

The records submitted should be the boy's cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only 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

Home Improvement Awards

Purpose

To help Future Farmers see the need for making the home a more attractive place in which to live. To encourage FFA members to do more home improvement by taking part in this contest.

Eligibility

All active FFA members, except previous first place State winners, are eligible to compete again.

Opening and Closing Dates

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

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.

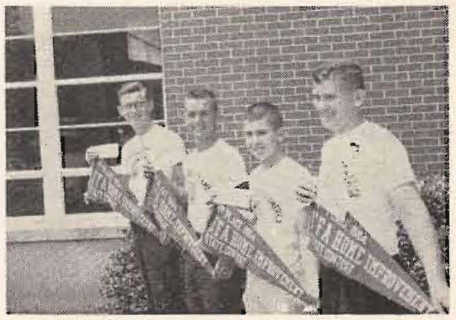
A detailed report on all improvements made to the applicant's home and home grounds should be included in the report.

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



GENE BOOTH, Fairhope, Charles Smith, Ider, Rickey Peacock, Foley, and Langdon Hubbard, Winterboro, placed one-two-three-four in the FFA home improvement contest. These boys all had outstanding records and were each mostly responsible for the fine condition of their homes.

Honor Roll Chapter

Purpose

To encourage chapters to keep all boys active members just as long as they are eligible.

Basis for Awards

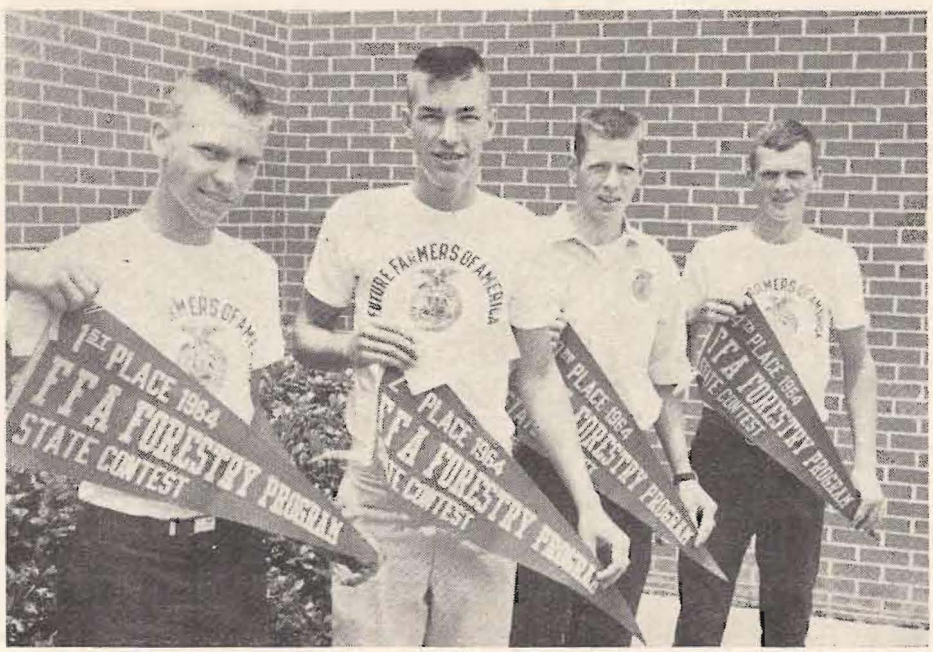
All chapters with 100 members or more will be designated Honor Roll chapters. Ten additional chapters will be selected from those chapters having less than 100 members to receive this award based on percentage of membership to Vo-Ag enrollment. (Vo-Ag enrollment divided into membership.)

Awards

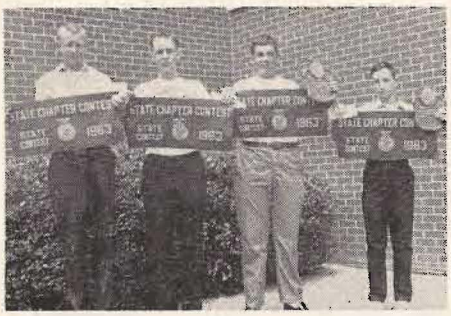
Each Honor Roll Chapter will be awarded a beautiful banner at the State FFA Convention.

Sponsor

Alabama FFA Association



WAYNE HARVEY, GORDO, George Goff, Rockford, Lynn Culver, Dadeville, and Oswalt Lipscomb, Foley, are the top four winners in the state-wide forestry awards contest. They were honored with cash prizes and banners for their FFA chapter at the Convention. Seaboard Airline Railroad is the contest sponsor.



TOP FOUR among the more than 40 chapters competing for the FFA Chapter Contest were Ider, Section, Union Springs and Foley. These chapters were rated superior and earned Gold Emblems. They will also be honored at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., this fall.

FFA Chapter Contest

Purpose

To create and increase member interest, stimulate cooperative efforts, 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

Future Farmer of The Year

Purpose

To recognize an outstanding FFA member for his work and accomplishment in FFA, vocational agriculture, and also in his school and community.

Eligibility

All active FFA members are eligible to compete for this honor whether they are in school or out of school.

Chapter Nomination

Each local chapter may nominate one outstanding member. A special nomination form will be furnished all chapters around November 1st to be used for this purpose. (NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN AUBURN BY DECEMBER 1st.)

State Awards

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

Sponsors

Turner E. Smith Company
Alpha Gamma Rho Agricultural Fraternity
Alabama FFA Association

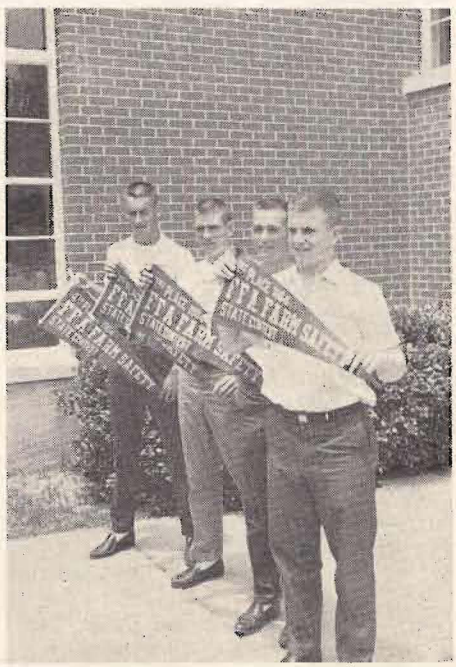
Farm Safety Awards

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.

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.)



FARM SAFETY CONTEST winners have their chapter representatives lined up outside the Union Building at Auburn University during the FFA Convention to get their picture taken. They are from the first place safety winner, Town Creek, second place, Ider, third place, Reform, and fourth place, Section.

State Awards

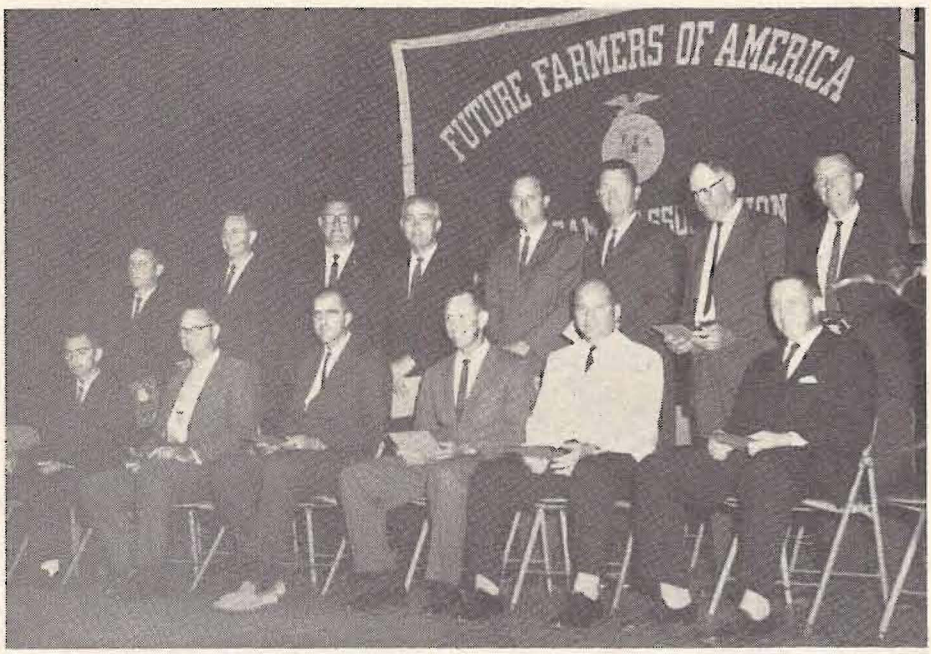
1st—$100.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$75.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$50.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$50.00 and chapter banner.

National Awards

1st—$250.00 and three regional awards of $200.00 each.

Sponsors

National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association



FOURTEEN FFA ADVISORS were awarded the Honorary State Farmer degree at June's Convention. They are Terry V. Underwood, Foley, H. E. Stinson, Clio, McArthur Hines, Flomaton, D. C. Fleming, Evergreen, G. H. Talley, Cleveland, J. M. Morris, Ohatchee, M. E. Karr, Kennedy, J. H. Jernegan, Sylvania, H. L. Burdell, Marion, C. N. Beverly, Sweet Water, J. W. Meigs, Centreville, W. D. Cornelius, Stevenson, J. C. Shewbart, Speake, Marion Jackson, Jr., Boaz, and J. H. Whitson, Double Springs.

LAND JUDGING EXPERTS for the second year in a row came from the Hartford chapter. They are shown with Mr. Richard Howland, public relations director and business manager for WSFA-TV, Montgomery, the contest sponsor, and their FFA advisor, Mr. P. C. Dean. Oscar Hughes won the loving cup for being the high scoring individual in the contest. The other two FFA members are Jerry Dykes and Tony Shirley.

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—$150.00 and chapter banner.
2nd—$100.00 and chapter banner.
3rd—$50.00 and chapter banner.
4th—$50.00 and chapter banner.
High Scoring Individual—Loving Cup.

Sponsors

Alabama Association Soil Conservation District Supervisors

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

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 who have their Chapter Farmer degrees 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 certificates will be presented to successful candidates for the degree.

———FFA———

If you cannot do great things yourself, remember that you may do small things in a great way.

———FFA———

The hardest thing about holding a job is the work it requires.

———FFA———

Never make the same mistake twice. Make a new one.

"I cut irrigation costs in half by lining my ditches with concrete!"

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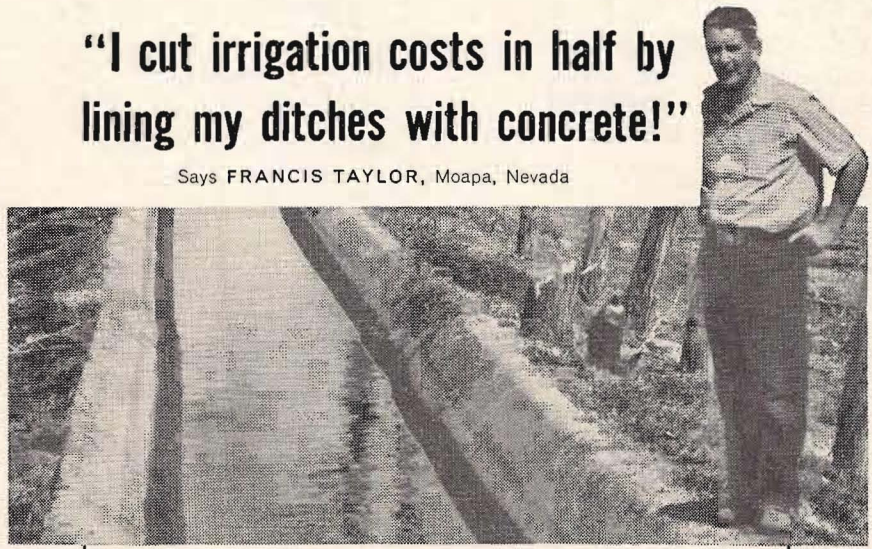

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2nd—Elkmont
3rd—Cullman
4th—Northport

Land

1st—Hartford
2nd—Douglas
3rd—Beatrice
4th—Goshen

STAR FARMER AWARDS

State Star Farmer—Buddy Brawley, Gurley
District Star Farmer—Barry Mefford, New Hope
District Star Farmer—John C. Lochridge, Sulligent
District Star Farmer—Ronny Huey, Camp Hill
District Star Farmer—Ronnie Rainey, Troy

STAR POULTRY FARMER

1st—Sammy Wilson, Boaz
2nd—Randolph Junkin, Palmetto
3rd—Jimmy Young, Section
4th—Eddie Gentry, Montevallo

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

1st—Barry Siniard, West Limestone
2nd—Jimmy Broughton, Northport
3rd—Mike Reynolds, Union Springs
4th—Lamar Laird, Florala

FARM SAFETY

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

FARM MECHANICS

1st—Theodore Reed, Gurley
2nd—Randolph Junkin, Palmetto
3rd—Franklin Little, Foley
4th—Mike Reynolds, Union Springs

FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION

1st—Rex Bond, Newville
2nd—Randolph Junkin, Palmetto
3rd—Leon Lamar Clements, Midland City
4th—Warren Lee Batchelor, Reform
5th—Bobby Keen, Billingsley

PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

1st—Union Springs
2nd—Section
3rd—Sylvania
4th—Waterloo

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR

Abe Green, Lincoln

FARM FORESTRY AWARD

1st—Wayne Harvey, Gordo
2nd—George Goff, Rockford
3rd—Lynn Culver, Dadeville
4th—Oswalt Lipscomb, Foley

HOME IMPROVEMENT

1st—Gene Booth, Fairhope
2nd—Charles Smith, Ider
3rd—Rickey Peacock, Foley
4th—Langdon Hubbard, Winterboro

TRACTOR DRIVING

1st—Larry Heaton, Castleberry
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Kenneth D. Gilbert, Sylvania
Leon Smith, Sylvania
Ollie V. Yates, Sylvania
Carlon Kilgore, Jasper
Charles Wayne Hilyer, Wetumpka
Bryan Bain, Carrollton
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Harold Robert Sanders, Gurley
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Charles Jerry McCallister, Ashford
Timothy Wise, Coffee Springs

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G. H. Talley, Cleveland
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M. E. Karr, Kennedy
J. H. Jernegan, Sylvania
H. L. Burdell, Marion
C. N. Beverly, Sweet Water
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Marion Jackson, Jr., Boaz
J. H. Whitson, Double Springs

Professional People

Eddie Downs, Calera
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C. M. Pettus, Birmingham
Clyde D. Ware, Atlanta
W. D. Webb, Cullman
L. Aubrey Smith, Marion Junction
S. H. Booker, Birmingham
E. E. Story, Tuskegee
Floyd Richards, Tuskegee
T. C. Smith, Prattville
Ernest Howell, Foley
V. C. Helms, Montgomery
D. L. Davis, Columbus, Ga.
R. A. Baker, Auburn
Thomas H. Bell, Montgomery

LEADERSHIP *Continued from page 3*

program while in school. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for young men to become established in farming because of increased capital needs. In my work with The Federal Land Bank of New Orleans, I have had the opportunity to observe many young men, many former FFA members, who have taken advantage of the opportunities – and unfortunately some who have not.

The several hundred businessmen and corporations who contribute to the National FFA Foundation, State association, and local chapters to aid them in sponsoring many of the contests have faith in this program. They have faith that not only are FFA members the Future Farmers in this country, but faith that you are receiving the type training which will help provide the "Future Leaders" who will continue to preserve the American way of life.

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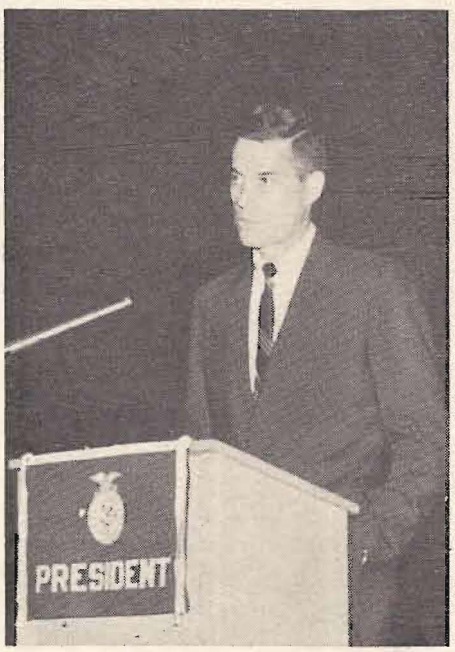
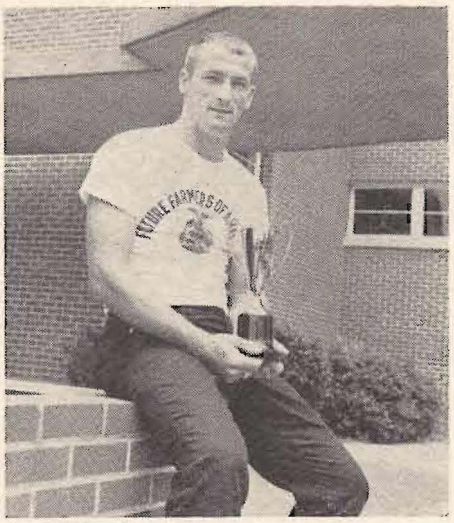
"If a task is once begun
Never leave it till it is done;
Be the task great or small,
Do it well, or not at all."



WILSON CARNES also appeared before the delegates at last June's Convention. Mr. Carnes is editor of the National Future Farmer magazine, which every FFA member in Alabama should subscribe to and read.



CHAMPION CORN GROWER, Gwin Wood, Wetumpka, holding the cup and thinking of the prize money he won for raising nearly 200 bushels of corn per acre in the contest sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau. Gwin said his secret is to plant close hills in narrow rows, use good seed corn and "pour on the fertilizer."

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 program 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 he 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.

Five District Champions (each)—$50.00 and chapter banner.

County Champions—Medal and certificate.

Chapter Champions—Silver key and certificate.

Sponsor

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SELMA

The Albert G. Parrish FFA Executive Committee met Monday, July 27, 1964, at Albert G. Parrish High School. Plans for a leadership workshop, Greenhands' initiation ceremonies and the annual officers' election were made.

All active members of the Parrish high Future Farmers of America chapter were requested to attend the leadership workshop August 11, 13, 18, and 20. Planned activities for the workshop were to draw up a chapter constitution, develop an activity calendar, construct a chapter handbook and receive points on officer training.

Members of the Executive Committee are: Bill Neighbors, president; Jackie Burnside, vice president; Bobby Irwin, secretary; Billy Coleman, reporter; Murray Godwin, sentinel; S. D. Patterson, advisor.

Approximately fifty new members are to be initiated into the chapter as Greenhands at the monthly FFA meeting in September. A special meeting for the election of chapter officers will also be held in September.

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HONORARY STATE FARMER DEGREES were bestowed on fifteen friends of vocational agriculture and the FFA at the recent Convention. They are Eddie Downs, vice president State Bank, Calera; B. F. Huck, assistant divisional manager, Standard Oil, Birmingham; C. M. Pettus, senior agricultural engineer, Alabama Power Co., Birmingham; Clyde D. Ware, program director, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Atlanta; W. D. Webb, electrification advisor, Cullman Electric Co-op, Cullman; L. Aubrey Smith, superintendent Blackbelt substation, Marion Junction; S. H. Booker, sales manager, Alabama Power Co., Birmingham; E. E. Story, manager, Story Equipment Co., Tuskegee; T. C. Smith, Continental Gin Co., Prattville; Ernest Howell, president Alabama Press Association, Foley; V. C. Helms, Alabama Education Association, Montgomery; D. L. Davis, manager, Sears-Roebuck store, Columbus, Ga.; Dr. R. A. Baker, assistant professor Agricultural Education, Auburn University, and Thomas H. Bell, information specialist, vocational agriculture, Montgomery.

Hartford Cholera Survey Cheap Hog Insurance

HARTFORD

Hartford's FFA members are conducting a county-wide hog cholera survey in Geneva county this month. They are contacting swine breeders and producers and are discussing the survey form they have worked out for the location of diseased herds and the elimination of further infestation.

Geneva county hog raisers are cooperating with the FFA survey, which will lead to the eventual vaccination of their hogs against this dread disease. Each FFA member is assigned a number of herds in his area of the county. He contacts the farmer, fills out the survey form, and establishes the need for a program of vaccination in that particular herd. After the surveying is completed, the farmers pay the fee for service to their herds, and wait the time that their hogs can be vaccinated.

Since hog cholera is one of the most severe and dreaded diseases in the swine business, this is a very worthwhile program that is being carried out at a very low cost to the farmers. C. F. Fondren, one of Geneva county's best swine producers, says, "I consider the $12.45 that

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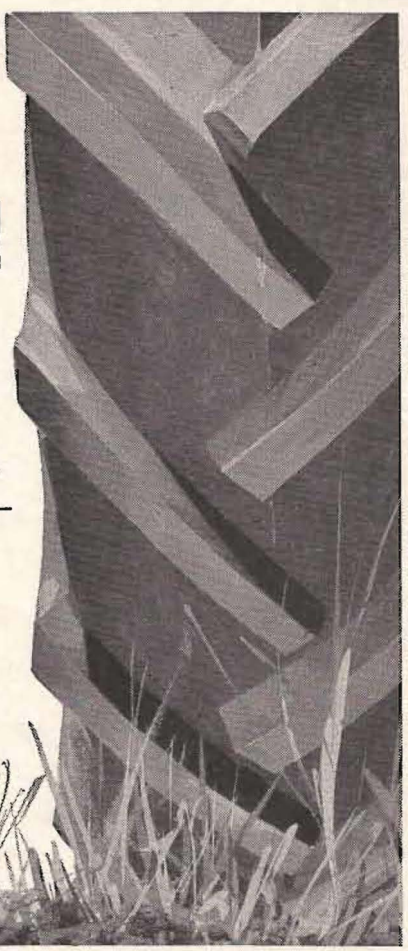

American Farmer Degree

Purpose

To recognize outstanding farming ability and leadership by awarding this highest of all FFA degrees to the top Future Farmer in each one thousand members.

Eligibility

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

Plan

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

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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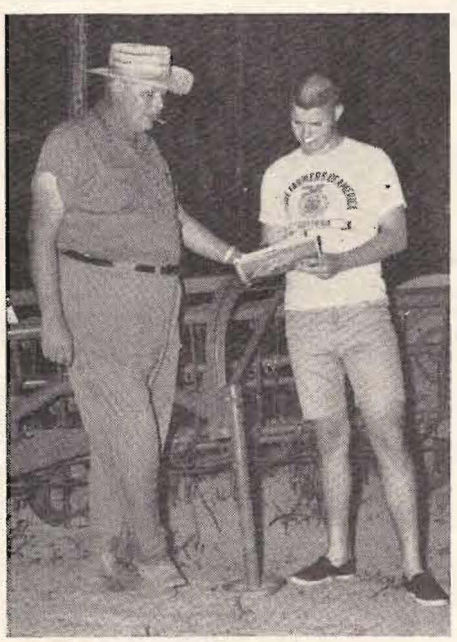
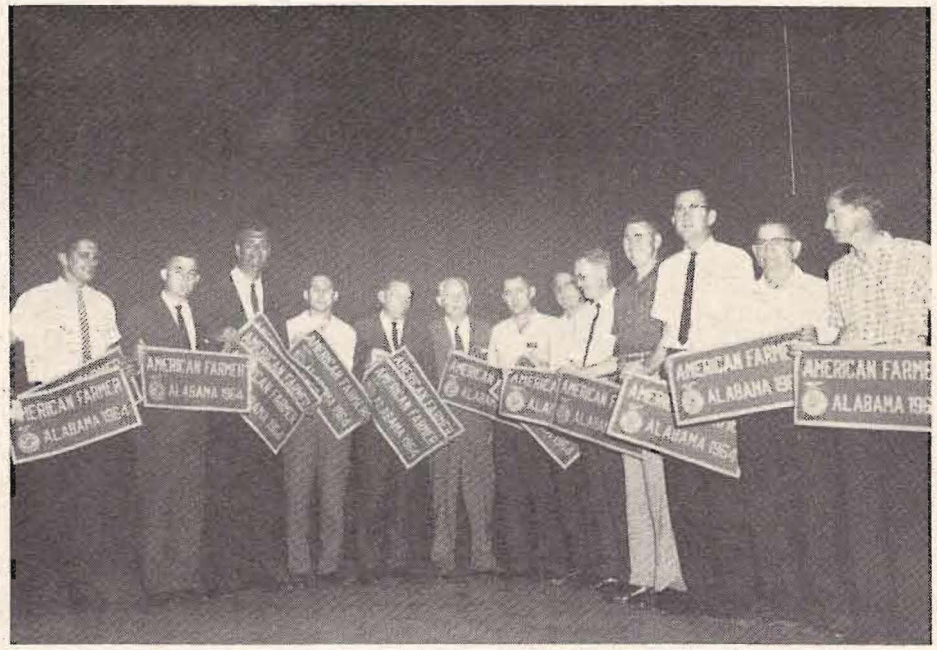
it will cost me to have all my hogs vaccinated mighty cheap insurance." This is the feeling of hog men in Geneva and other counties that have carried out cholera programs and know the value of them.



C. F. FONDREN, Geneva county hog farmer, and Ricky Byrd, Hartford FFA member, filling out the county-wide hog cholera survey now under way in Geneva county.



AMERICAN FARMER CHAPTERS are represented here by their advisors holding banners denoting the highest FFA degree belonging to one of their members. This year the chapters are Chavala, Union Springs, Cotaco, Sylvania, Jasper, Wetumpka, Carrollton, Heflin, Gurley, Kinston, Geneva, Ashford, and Coffee Springs.

Sylvania Has Three American Farmers

SYLVANIA

Another record has been set by the Sylvania FFA chapter, reports chapter reporter, Roy Summerford. Sylvania is the first, and only chapter in Alabama, ever to have three American Farmer candidates in one year.

Only one of 1,000 FFA members may receive the American Farmer degree. This means that only 17 members can be chosen from among the 260 FFA chapters and 16,562 members in Alabama.

The three FFA members in Sylvania who have worked so hard for their degrees, and have met the high qualifications for it, have greatly surpassed the earning requirements. One of the candidates, Kenneth Gilbert, was a chapter officer while in high school, was a District Star Farmer and State Champion Corn Grower. Ollie Yates, another Sylvania American Farmer, was chairman of several committees and entered a number of FFA contests in the chapter, county, area, district and State finals.

Leon Smith, the third member of the chapter to qualify for the degree this year, was a member of the land judging team for three years. This team won the county contest during Leon's senior year, and finished third in the district eliminations. Leon has also served on several committees while enrolled in vocational agriculture at Sylvania.

These Future Farmers may attend the national convention at Kansas City, Mo., where they will receive a check for $100, and their American Farmer keys and certificates. At the State FFA Convention vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor, Gilbert Butler, received three banners to hang in the Sylvania FFA classroom.

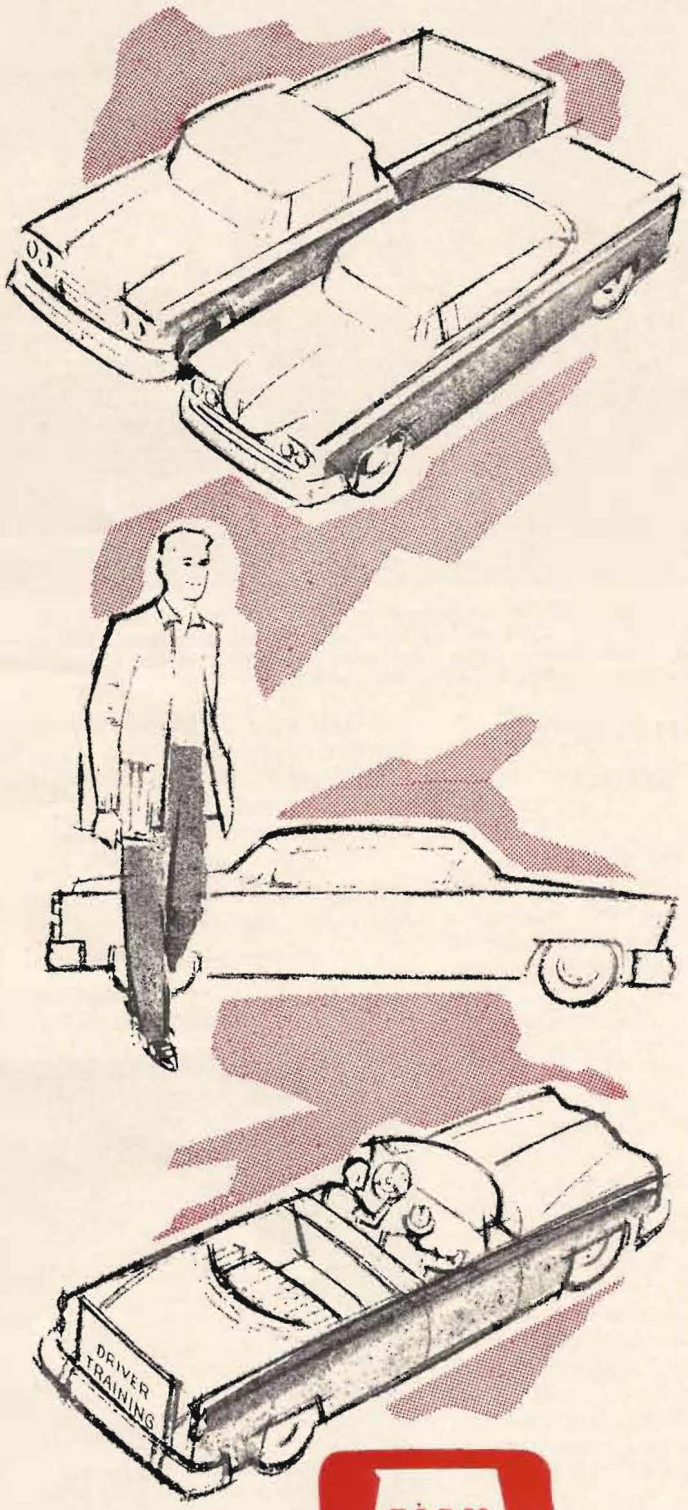
———FFA———

"Some people grow when given responsibility; others merely swell."

———FFA———

If you take responsibility on your shoulders, it will leave no room for chips.

SOIL AND WATER CHAMP is Barry Siniard, West Limestone. Barry was State FFA reporter during the year 1963-64. His and his parents' farm in Limestone county, near the Tennessee line, shows the good effects of a well-managed soil and water conservation program such as Barry maintains.



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