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State FFA Convention Tops Full Year

For the 36th 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.

State and Foundation award winners for this year were:

CHAPTER CONTEST

Top Four—Gurley, Ider, Selma, Sylacauga

Superior Chapter Awards—Brookwood, Gurley, Attalla, Town Creek, Heflin

JUDGING TEAMS

Livestock
1st—Eufaula 3rd—Arab
2nd—Five Points 4th—Blue Springs

Dairy Cattle
1st—Fayette 3rd—Huckeyville
2nd—Northport 4th—Eldcotic

Poultry
1st—Hartford 3rd—Beauregard
2nd—Geraldine 4th—Elkmont

Land
1st—Wetumpka 3rd—Hartford
FARM MECHANICS
2nd—Town Creek 4th—Beatrice

HONOR ROLL CHAPTERS

West Point
1st—B. B. Comer
2nd—Hazel Green
3rd—Attalla
4th—Vincent

Hazard Green
1st—Dadeville
2nd—Silas
3rd—Greensboro
4th—Centre

Hazel Green
1st—Wetumpka
2nd—Lincoln
3rd—Brookwood
4th—Crossville

Hazard Green
1st—Northville
2nd—Heifin
3rd—Lineville
4th—LaFayette

STAR POULTRY FARMER

Sardis
1st—Sardis
2nd—Arab
3rd—Gordo
4th—Lexington

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

1st—Michael B. McMullen, Gurley
2nd—W. E. Rainey, Union Springs
3rd—Dennis Chambers, Arab
4th—Roger Sightler, Florala

FARM SAFETY

1st—Section
2nd—Ider
3rd—Jasper
4th—Jasper

STAR POUlTRY FARMER

State Star Farmer—Michael Reynolds, Union Springs
District Star Farmer—Johnny Rowe, Falkville
District Star Farmer—James Escoe, Camp Hill
District Star Farmer—Michael B. McMullen, Gurley
District Star Farmer—Johnny Ward, Evergreen
District Star Farmer—Robert W. Clark, Berry

STAR FARMER AWARDS

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FARM MECHANICS

1st—Randy Junkin, Palmetto
2nd—Larry Malone, Gordo
3rd—Roger Sightler, Florala
4th—Rayford Merritt, Arab

FARM SAFETY

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NEW STATE OFFICERS, to serve the Alabama FFA Association for the 1965-66 school year, were elected during the Convention in Auburn this June. They are: Sentinel, Jimmy Pate, Sand Rock FFA chapter; Reporter, Johnny Ward, Evergreen FFA chapter; Treasurer, Bill Roberson, Town Creek FFA chapter; Secretary, Huey Givens, Newville FFA chapter; Vice-president, Don Driver, Gordo FFA chapter, and State President, Harrell Day, Five Points FFA chapter.

TRACTOR DRIVING

1st—Bobby White, Wedowee
2nd—Michael Gibbs, Ranburne
3rd—McKinley Price, Eclectic
4th—Buck Miller, Rockford

HONORARY FARMERS

plaque~ were also given to these business and professional men at the June Convention: F. Alvin Smith, Greensboro Motor Company, Greensboro; Cecil Cook, Soil Conservation Service, Section; J. M. Barrett, First National Bank, Wetumpka; Walter L. Baker, Alabama Power Company, Birmingham; Dr. Henry P. Orr, Professor Ornamental Horticulture, Auburn; Troy Keeble, Auburn University Extension Service, Auburn; Pete Trussell, Alabama REA, Union Springs; Archie Bobber, Limestone County Farmer Cooperative, Athens; W. T. Maynor, Editor Farm Bureau News, Montgomery; E. H. Gentry, Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, Talladega; Dr. Fred R. Robertson, Director Alabama Extension Service, Auburn; Bill Lynn, Manager South Alabama County Farmer Cooperatives, Athens; Dr. Ben T. Lanham, Assistant Dean, School of Agriculture, Auburn; W. F. Nichols, Sylacauga; Hall Jones, Press Secretary to the Governor, Montgomery; Dr. J. B. Taylor, Associate State Veterinarian, Montgomery; E. D. Kitchen, Sears-Rolexuck and Company, Montgomery.
Look To The Future—
Research And Education Will Change And Improve Farm Life

Dear Future Farmers:

You are entering into an occupation that is the most essential work not only in this State, but in the Nation because for a long time yet to come farmers must produce food and fiber to feed and clothe the people in this country. Farming is one of the most highly competitive occupations that exists because you not only compete with one another but you compete with the weather, insects, and the whims and fancies of people on food and clothing. Therefore, it will be necessary for you to be one of the best educated persons in your line of work in the State in order to be successful and happy at farming. Fortunately, you have had in the past, you now have, and you will have more basic research and more application research in applying basic findings relating to farming than has been or is now available in any other field.

It is possible that improved weather forecasting may give you a better chance in your competition with weather and it is also possible that more economical irrigation may be made available to help you with the problem of water in the soil for maximum plant growth.

Scientific research has made the poultry industry in Alabama a leader in the Nation. Scientific research will also help with the whole problem of producing livestock, improving dairy and milk cattle, and improving swine.

Industrial machinery has taken much of the drudgery out of farming, where large farms are operated and has reduced the man-hours required to produce a given quantity of produce although planting and harvesting time will still be long hours for a shorter number of days at least.

The cultural life of a farmer will greatly improve not only for his work culture but in his daily living—recreation, religious activities, civic activities, and in participation in the fine arts either on an active basis or as a fan.

You will always have a challenge in the field of applying and adopting the sciences that are available to meet your needs. Benjamin Franklin sent up a kite on a silk string with a metal key on one end and discovered that lightning is electricity, but it took many years for Thomas A. Edison to turn around and apply the scientific principle in reverse and make electricity into light. Thomas A. Edison was a great applier of science. He tried over 120 times before he invented the electric battery that is now used to crank automobiles and when asked if the useless trials were not a waste of time he replied, "No, I found 120 ways that it could not be done which should prevent anybody else from duplicating the useless ways." He was noted for his patience and his long hours of work on something that he wanted to do. Then he could not make progress on one project, he would turn for a time to another project and then come back to the original project with a refreshed mind and often succeeded because of his refreshing rest. He had four or five projects on his list at the same time. This may be a good lesson to us to have either hobbies or projects other than the main-line project, and the other projects may be in recreation, in the fine arts, or in civic activities.

You may look to the future because you are going to spend the rest of your life in the future and I hope that it will be a good future.

Sincerely yours,

A. R. Meadows
State Superintendent of Education
CONVENTION
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HOME IMPROVEMENT
1st—Larry Heaton, Castleberry
2nd—Don Murphy, Beauregard
3rd—Buddy Brawley, Gurley
4th—Randall Messick, Goshen

PUBLIC RELATIONS A WARDS
1st—Section 3rd—Suttle
2nd—Sylvania 4th—Selma

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR
Bill Smith, Chavala

CHAMPION CORN GROWER
Troy Herron, Oakman

AMERICAN FARMERS
William B. Driskell, Grand Bay
Jimmy Green, Union Springs
Harry T. Strickland, Northside
Larry Love, Centre
Sammy K. Walker, Sparkman
Glenn Ball, Section
Austin M. Dulaney, Jr., Lincoln
James Stephenson, Geraldine
Barry D. Siniard, West Limestone
Clayton Spencer, West Limestone
Mickey Fowler, Ardmore
Glenward Spivey, Blue Springs
Leonard E. Smart, Fairhope
Flynn Morris, Jr., Geneva
Bex Bond, Newville
Ronnie Rainey, Troy
Sidney McCall, Union Springs

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MICHAEL REYNOLDS, from the Union Springs FFA chapter, is the 1965 Convention’s selection as State Star Farmer. J. M. Johnson is vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor at Union Springs and has helped Mike grow into full partnership in the Reynolds’ farming operation. Mike is one of the two American Farmer candidates from his chapter this year; he won first place in the Farm Mechanics contest, was strong contender in the Soil and Water management award judging, and has a net worth approaching $40,000 after three years of vo-ag study.

GOLD MEDALS are in store for the four FFA chapters represented by these boys at the recent Convention. Their chapters were selected as best in the State and were nominated for the National Chapter Awards judging to be done at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City this fall. Alabama’s best FFA groups for 1965 come from Gurley, Ider, Sylvania, and Section. Advisors B. C. Adcox, W. M. Harrison, G. M. Butler, and Cecil Gant, Jr., are to be congratulated.

TOP FOUR MECHANICS in the Alabama FFA Association were judged by officials and presented their cash prizes and chapter banners at the 1965 Convention. They are Michael Reynolds, Union Springs; Larry Arnold, Beaux; Bab Brand, Wetumpka; and Jimmy Silver, Sylvania.

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THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
HONORARY FARMER, Dr. Fred R. Robertson, director of the Auburn Extension Service, is being congratulated by T. L. Faulkner, State FFA Advisor, on being selected by Alabama's FFA delegation to receive the Honorary State Farmer degree.

J. M. JOHNSON, FFA advisor at Union Springs, is presented with a banner for each of his two American Farmer degree candidates. Johnson and Elmer Jackson, West Limestone, were the only two FFA chapter advisors receiving more than one American Farmer banner during the 1965 Convention. W. Maxwell Peacock, representing the Alabama Council of Retail Merchants, makes the presentation.

CORN GROWER honors went to Troy Herron, Oakman FFA chapter young farmer, at the 1965 Convention. Earl Richardson, State Director Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, sponsors the corn growing contest state-wide and presents Troy with the loving cup, chapter-room banner and a check for $100.

HONOREE, Bill Jones, press secretary to Governor George Wallace, is presented with the Honorary State Farmer degree by State Vice-President, Buddy Brawley, Gurley chapter. Jones was among 23 men from across Alabama to receive this honor at the June Convention.

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BEST POULTRY FARMERS in Alabama, according to judges at the recent FFA Convention, are Randolph Junkin, Palmetto; Larry Malone, Gordo; Roger Sightler, Florala; Bayford Merritt, Arab. Their chicken-raising ability netted them $275 total prize money and chapter banners. Randolph, the first-place winner, will have a chance at the national FFA Association's poultry farming award also.

TOP QUARTET in the Alabama FFA, according to Convention judges, is advisor C. W. Grant's talented group from Fairhope. These boys, with the young lady's piano-playing assistance, sang their way to top honors, the first-place chapter banner and $150 prize money.

THREE TOP Home Improvement contest winners are shown with their checks and chapter-room banners. Second-place winner, Don Murphy, Beauregard, is not shown, but Larry Heaton, Castleberry, Buddy Brawley, Gurley, and Randall Mesick, Goshen, smile to have their picture taken.

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DAIRY JUDGING EXPERTS from the Fayette FFA chapters are always hard to beat. This year advisor R. L. Harwell had a championship team ready for the state-wide contest finals, and they took home the $250 cash prize and a chapter-room banner for their talents.

SAFEST CHAPTERS in the Alabama FFA Association, during the 1964 school year, were judged as being Section, Ider, Geraldine, and Jasper. Representatives of each of these chapters are shown with their chapter-room banners and checks their FFA groups at home won in this annual contest.

CHAPTER REPORTERS are entered each year in the FFA Public Relations Award contest. In 1964, State FFA officials decided, the top chapter newsmen were from Section, Sylvania, Suttle, and Selma.

TRACTOR DRIVERS from all over the State competed for honors in this popular Standard Oil-sponsored event during the recent Convention. Five of the six winners are shown here. They are: Bobby White, Wedowee; McKinley Price, Eclectic; Ronald Jones, Blountsville; Eddie Harrison, Grove Hill; Jerry Rawls, Brilliant. Second-place winner, Michael Gibbs, Ranburne, is not shown.

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AMERICAN FARMER chapters line up on the Convention stage to receive their chapter-room banners from V. Maxwell Peacock of the Alabama Retail Merchants Council. Above are E. M. Gilbert, Geraldine; Cecil Gant, Jr., Section; F. J. Cornelison, Ardmore; Elmer Jackson, West Limestone; Gilbert McCarley, Northside; Glover Pugh, Grand Bay; D. P. Whitten, Centre; W. W. Dulaney, Sparkman; L. B. James, Lincoln; C. W. Grant, Fairhope; C. M. Eiland, Blue Springs; J. L. Farish, Geneva; R. H. Linsenby, Newville; J. M. Johnson, Union Springs; M. L. McKeller, Troy; and Peacock.

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HARTFORD POULTRY EXPERTS are congratulated by a representative of the Alabama Poultry Industry Association, who sponsor the event. This makes the fourth year in a row that advisor P. C. Dean has had poultry judging champions from his chapter who have gone on to National competition in Kansas City and have done very well there. The Hartford chapter is noted over the State for the high quality Duroc hogs they raise in their pig chain.

FORESTRY AWARDS were presented by the Seaboard Airline Railroad Company which sponsors the contest, to Buck Miller, Rockford; Carl Pritchett, Scottsboro; Paul Parnell, Florala; Joe Clinkscales, Vincent, for their fine work. The sponsor’s representative is J. J. Cragin, Industrial Agent for the railroad.

ELECTRIFICATION WINNERS, with their checks totaling $300 and chapter banners, receive congratulations from Charles Perry, General Assistant, Alabama REA Cooperatives, one of the contest’s sponsors. The top five awards in farm and home electrification this year went to Leon Lamar Clements, Midland City; Randolph Junkin, Palmetto; Bobby Keen, Billingsley; Buddy Moore, Foley; and Edwin Lanier, Castleberry.

BILL SMITH, Chavala FFA chapter member, and 1964 Future Farmer of the Year in Alabama, receives the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity loving cup from their representative, Dickey Winsett, former State FFA Secretary, from Sparkman. Bill’s big smile is for the cup, banner, and $300 Turner E. Smith Memorial Award he received at the Convention.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for members of the Eutaw FFA livestock judging team, first-place winners in the State finals of their event at the Auburn Convention. Their advisor, J. M. Jackson, had his livestock experts in top form for the event; they made one of the highest scores on record. M. M. Cope, long-time member and executive in the Alabama Cattlemen’s Association, and FFA advisor at Eufaula high school, presented the winning team with banner and check from the Southeastern Livestock Exposition, Inc., the contest sponsor.

SPEAKING SPECIALISTS, W. Paul Grey, National FFA Executive Secretary, first-place Alabama FFA public speaking winner, Kenneth Wade, Ider, and past State President, Jimmy Cravcey, Florala, discuss speech-making on the Convention stage just after Kenneth had been declared winner in the contest.