

OFFICER REPORTS
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PRESIDENT

It is with great humility that I look back over this past year. I give thanks to my God for I know that without his help I never would have had this tremendous opportunity to serve in this capacity the past year. I think back to the oft used statement of Lou Gehrig that I feel best fits here, "I am the luckiest boy on earth," for I just can't believe that this year could happen to me. I only wish that every FFA'er could have this opportunity. Election as State FFA president on June 6, 1966, came as one of the biggest surprises of my life. I did not ever dream that the experiences that I have been privileged to have would come during this year.

My duties as representing my fellow Future Farmers and the State Association came early on July 12, where I attended a FFA horse show at Hazel Green, Alabama.

On June 16-18 I attended a Farm Bureau sponsored Public affairs conference in Montgomery.

June 26-30 I was honored to represent our State Association in Washington, D. C. at the National Beautification Conference. There I had the opportunity to tour the White House as a guest of Mrs. Johnson and hear our President address us concerning National Beauty.

August 8, Bruce and I met with Mr. Lewis at my home discussing the trip to Cherry Grove, S. C.

August 21-27 I attended an executive committee meeting in Auburn.

On October 9 - 16 I was privileged to go to Kansas City, Missouri to attend our National FFA Convention and I was appalled at the scope of our National Organization. It was as great and inspiring trip as I have taken.

November 13 I spoke in Mobile at the Farm Bureau Convention.

February 12-14 I was back in Auburn for a committee meeting.

On February 17 I conducted our county Public Speaking contest and that night addressed the West Limestone FFA - FHA banquet.

February 22-24 the FFA County Presidents and State officers were guest in Birmingham of the Chamber of Commerce. I spoke to FFA'ers present at a banquet there.

On February 25 I appeared in Decatur on TV in observance of National FFA Week.

March 4-8 I was in Richmond, Va., for a Southern Safety Conference.

March 24 I spoke at the Priceville FFA-FHA banquet.

On March 29 - April 1 I attended the Youthpower Congress in Chicago, Ill.

April 1 - 3 I attended our executive committee meeting in Auburn.

April 22 I assisted at my district contests in Moulton, Alabama.

May 5 I spoke at the Jacksonville FFA Father-Son banquet.

On May 6 I was in Montgomery for the Farm Bureau Agribusiness career day.

May 9 I spoke at an assembly of the students at Town Creek.

On May 17 I sent to Town Creek to help select the State Officers from the Northwest District.

On June 5 I met with Mr. Lewis in Auburn to make preliminary plans for the State FFA Contests Eliminations.

June 7-8 I attended our last executive committee meeting.

On June 9 I helped in conducting our State FFA Contest Eliminations.

Appearances made in interest of FFA - 34

Number of days spent in interest of FFA 46

Number of letters received - 106

Number of letters written - 289

Total number of miles traveled - 9,258

I want to sincerely thank each member of our great association for the privilege of serving as your State President.

I want to thank Mr. Faulkner for his kind words of encouragement and always willingness to help me. I want to thank Mr. J. C. Smith for his sincere help and encouragement as well as the other supervisors.

To Mr. Halcomb and Mr. Holley, I want to extend my appreciation for their help.

To Mrs. Mizell I want to say a sincere thanks for her untiring efforts to help me and for her words of wisdom given me throughout the year.

To Mr. Lewis I am indebted. I have made an enduring friendship with him and I sincerely thank him for his wonderful dedicated work this year. His sound advice, his guidance and words of encouragement to me are greatly appreciated and I will never forget him for his help.

To Mr. Patterson, my advisor, I am greatly indebted for his help this past year. Also to my former advisor, Mr. Ezzell, I say thanks for his encouragement to me to set my goals and aims high. To my parents, I am truly indebted for their support, understanding and encouragement the past year.

I want to thank Mr. Newman and the other faculty members at Clements High School for their help, support and understanding throughout this year. I also want to thank all my friends, the students at Clements High School for their loyal support.

And again, I offer my thanks to God for he has truly made it possible for me to carry out my duties by giving me health and the willingness.

I want to thank my fellow officers Bruce, Boyd, Hugh, Tommy and Boyd for their support and dedicated efforts of service. I have an enduring friendship with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Batts