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1970 FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR NAMED

Albert Lipscomb, a 19 year-old member of the Foley FFA Chapter, has been named Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year for 1970, according to State FFA Advisor B. P. Dilworth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lipscomb and his FFA advisors are Terry Underwood and Troy Newton.

A 1970 American Farmer Degree recipient, Albert was an active member of his FFA chapter for four years in high school. He was chapter president in the 10th grade and chapter reporter in both the 11th and 12th grades. He was a frequent participant in land and livestock judging contests.

Albert's school and community activities included playing junior varsity basketball, being a member of the Pep and Key Clubs, and making the Honor Roll in the 9th grade. In the 10th grade he played varsity football, was a member of the American Field Service Student Committee, the Key Club, and the Pep Club, and received a perfect attendance award in Sunday School. During the 11th grade Albert lettered in Varsity football, was a member of the Key Club, the National Honor Society, and the Political Science Club, was a Boys' State Representative, and president of his Sunday School class. In the 12th grade he was president of the student council, a member of the Key Club, the Dramatics Club, and American Field Service Club, and the National Honor Society. He also was co-captain of the football team, won the school and county American Legion Oratorical Contest, belonged to the local horse club, and helped build floats for the Christmas parade.

Albert has lived on a farm all of his life and had helped on his home farm since he was big enough to do small chores. He didn't actually begin driving a tractor in the fields until he was about 11 years old, but he began doing odd jobs such as filling hoppers of the planters when he was about eight or nine.

When Albert was in the 9th grade, his first year in FFA, his father gave him five acres of soybeans. He had to pay for the seed and fertilizer but was able to make a small profit, which he put in the bank and saved. The next year he had 20 acres of soybeans and 10 acres of corn as his own.

Then when Albert was 16 years old he, his father, and four of his brothers purchased a large tract of land. Albert became a full partner in the family farm and now owns one-sixth of the farm and equipment.

At the present time, Albert's family-partnership owns over 3300 acres and rents 200 acres. Each year they plant about 900 acres of soybeans, 275 acres

of corn, 50 acres of watermelons, 150 acres of oats, and 50 acres of wheat. The corn crop is used as feed for the livestock and the oats are used as seed oats.

When Albert returned from his six months tour of duty in the Army recently, he assumed responsibility of the family beef cattle program. The program is divided into two phases: the brood herd which consists of some 250 cows and the bought stock which also totals about 250 head.

The brood cows are bred on schedule so that the calves come between October and December. These calves are sold in May of the following year. The cows are turned out on summer pasture until fall when they begin springing. Then they are put on winter pasture, have their calves, and repeat the cycle.

In the fall utility stocker calves, dry cows, and cows and calves are bought and run through winter pasture consisting of a combination of rye, grass, and oats. These animals usually gain several hundred pounds and are sold in the spring at a few cents spread in price.

Hogs also play a large part in the Lipscomb livestock program. Presently the herd consists of between 550 and 600 head of hogs. They have 60 brood sows that farrow twice a year each. These sows are broken

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Fellow FFA Members:

The 42nd Annual State FFA Convention will be held at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery on Thursday and Friday, June 3-4. This year's convention promises to be bigger and better than ever; so we hope you are making plans to attend.

In addition to recognizing the achievements of some very outstanding fellow FFA members, electing new state officers, and outlining our activities for the coming year, we will be addressed by several guest speakers. The Honorable George C. Wallace, Governor of Alabama; Dan Lehmann, National FFA President; and Sammy Peebles, 1969-70 State FFA President are the featured speakers of the convention and we are sure that they will each bring us a very inspirational message.

State finals for the FFA contests will be held on the first day of the convention. Let us remind you that the district contest winners who should be in attendance for the state finals are: 1st place in Public Speaking and String Band; 1st and 2nd place in Land, Livestock, and Dairy Judging.

This year each local chapter will be represented by only one official delegate. Each chapter will be charged a \$3 registration fee to take care of rent on the coliseum and other expenses. We hope that every chapter will have a delegate representing them this year.

We wish to encourage all District Star Farmers, state award winners, and State Farmer Degree candidates to be at the convention to receive their individual awards or degrees. The thrill of receiving these honors in person is beyond compare.

A word about proper dress: All contestants in String Band and Public Speaking must wear the appropriate dress as listed in the FFA Contests and Awards booklet. All state award winners should wear the official FFA T-shirt. All delegates should wear the "white plebe with blue trim" official T-shirt. All other FFA members, including State Farmer Degree candidates and Star Farmers, are asked to come in proper FFA dress.

While we are in Montgomery let us remember that the eyes of our State are upon us. We should all conduct ourselves in a manner befitting the FFA.

Speaking in behalf of all your state FFA officers, we are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at the state convention in June.

Your President,

Bill

ALL TO STATE CONVENTION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 a. m.---- REGISTRATION
12 noon Garrett Coliseum

10:00 a. m.--- FINAL INTERVIEW OF STATE FFA
12 noon OFFICER CANDIDATES
Board Room, Garrett Coliseum

1:00 p. m. STRING BAND FINALS
Garrett Coliseum

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
Coliseum Arena at the Meats Lab, Auburn

DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST
North Auburn Dairy Unit, Auburn

LAND JUDGING CONTEST
Meet at north entrance of Garrett Coliseum

2:30 p. m. COURTESY CORPS MEETING
Lobby, Garrett Coliseum

ROLL CALL AND SEATING DELEGATES

GREETINGS
Dan Lehmann, National FFA President
Pleasant Plains, Illinois

STATE OFFICERS' SUMMARY
Kenny Morrow, State Secretary

BUSINESS SESSION

ADDRESS
Sammy Peebles, Past State President

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
B. P. Dilworth, State Advisor

ADJOURN

7:00 p. m. MUSIC
First-place String Band

7:30 p. m. FIRST GENERAL SESSION
Opening Ceremony
Invocation
Greetings from Dr. Leroy Brown
State Superintendent of Education
Honorary State Farmer Degree Presentations
Awards to speakers
Announcements
Closing Ceremony

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

8:30 a. m. SECOND GENERAL SESSION
Opening Ceremony
Activity Program

ADDRESS
Dan Lehmann, National FFA President

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS
Chapter Contest
Land Judging
Safety Contest
Dairy Judging
Livestock Judging
Champion Corn Growing Awards
Farm Woodland Improvement Contest
Building Our American Communities

9:45 a. m. RECESS

10:00 a. m. AWARDS PRESENTATIONS
Crop Production
Livestock Production
Dairy Production
Ornamental Horticulture
Soil, Water, and Air Management
Home Improvement
Placement in Sales and/or Service
Placement in Agricultural Production
Placement in Processing
Fish and Wildlife

10:30 a. m. ADDRESS
The Honorable George C. Wallace,
Governor of Alabama

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS
Poultry Production
Forest Management
Agricultural Mechanics
Agricultural Electrification
Natural Resource and Recreation

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Bill Cofield

ADJOURN

1:00 p. m. MUSIC

1:30 p. m. LAST GENERAL SESSION
Star Farmer Ceremony
Future Farmer of the Year Award
State Farmer Degree Ceremony
Installation of New State Officers
Presentation of Past Officer Pins
Presentation of Gavel to Past President
Announcements
Closing Ceremony

MEETING OF NEW STATE OFFICERS
AND THEIR LOCAL ADVISORS
Board Room, Garrett Coliseum

QUALITY ENVIRONMENT FOR THE 70's

The Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company is sponsoring a cooperative field program concerned with Forestry, Ecology, and Natural Resources on May 13, in Banks, Alabama.

The "Forestry Special" train will leave Montgomery at 8:15 a.m. and arrive on the W. J. Sorrell property, south edge of Banks on State Route 93, at 9:45 a.m.

Highlights of the day include a welcome by Governor George C. Wallace, followed by remarks of William E. Galbraith, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.;

C. William Moody, State Forester, Montgomery; and Fred Stines, Chairman, National Sponsoring Committee, FFA Foundation, Inc., and Publisher of "Successful Farming."

Action demonstrations on "what's new" in environmental control, forestry, ecology, and resource management, prepared by 14 leading corporations and governmental organizations will be presented.

The principal address will be given by Henry G. Van der Eb, President and Chief Executive Officer, Container Corporation of America,

Chicago, Illinois. Concluding remarks will be given by Congressman William L. Dickinson, Second Congressional District of Alabama, Washington, D. C.

Special events during the luncheon, which is courtesy of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, will feature helicopters actually fertilizing the forest and a demonstration of the Environmental Air Evaluation Unit.

The "Forestry Special" will depart at 2:15 p.m. and arrive in Montgomery at 3:45 p.m.

NATIONAL YOUTHPower CONGRESS

Twelve outstanding teenagers from across Alabama have been selected to attend the 1971 National Youthpower Congress in Chicago, April 1-3. Three of the delegates to this year's Congress are State FFA Officers Bill Cofield, Kenny Morrow, and Frankel Hunnicutt. The 12 delegates were selected by the Alabama Youthpower Advisory Committee and will meet with nearly 200 other teens from throughout the United States.

The Congress, sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation, deals with nutrition, food economics, and careers in the food industry and is aimed at the nation's teenagers.

According to James M. Cravey, director of Young Farmers Leadership Activities for the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation and coordinator for the Alabama Youthpower Program (and also 1964-65 State FFA President), the delegates are chosen on the basis of their activities and achievements in

their school and community; their interest in and knowledge of the food industry, nutrition, and proper dietary requirements of teenagers; and their willingness to inform their fellow teens of these facts when they return from the congress.

The group will meet outstanding food experts, educators, and association executives at the meeting, and will learn about food as it relates to teenage nutrition, careers and the nation's economy. Besides meetings, conferences, and food industry tours, their activities will include a bus tour of the windy city and an informal social gathering. They will be officially welcomed to the congress by William J. Kuhfuss, newly elected president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The Farm Bureau in Alabama sponsors the local program with assistance from a state advisory committee made up of health, education, and industry leaders.

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up into three groups of 20 each. Last year a farrowing barn of 20 pens was built so that a different group of sows can farrow every two months. The pigs are weaned at seven weeks and moved outside where they are fed out.

Future plans call for a finishing parlor to be built so the hogs can be topped out on concrete. Presently, the sows are all grade hogs and none are purebred; however, herd improvement is practiced by purchasing purebred boars.

There are also about 125 head of sheep and 40 head of horses on Albert's family farm, but, according to Albert, neither of these enterprises bring in much profit.

Albert will be presented as Future Farmer of the Year at the State FFA Convention in June. At that time he will receive a \$300 cash scholarship from McDonald Ford Tractor Company and a trophy from Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity at Auburn University.