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ALABAMA'S AMERICAN FARMER CANDIDATES APPROVED

Twenty-five Alabama FFA members will be recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-15.

B. P. Dilworth, state FFA advisor, was recently notified that the National FFA Board of Directors and the National FFA Officers had reviewed applications for the American Farmer Degree and had jointly agreed to recommend that the convention delegates approve the 25 Alabama candidates. (Recommendation by these boards usually assures confirmation by the delegates.)

Those Alabamians nominated for the honor are:

- Steven Keith Adams Crossville
- William Ellis Bailey McAdory
- Danny R. Childress Isabella
- Mike Cotton Hartford
- James Eddie Dillard Hartford
- John Bert East Centre
- Dickie E. Fowler Crossville
- Joseph Stacey Hatcher Hartford
- John David Johnson Woodland
- William Harvey Kyles Reform
- Roger McWaters Geneva
- Rodney Moon Sparkman
- John Dale Parker Chavala
- Jackie D. Parmer Louisville
- Sammy R. Peebles East Brewton
- Hoyt Gerald Penn Cullman
- Dennis Steve Pepper Sparkman
- Billy Don Rowe Falkville
- Gaylord Britt Smith, Jr. Citronelle
- Billy Thompson Centreville
- Curtis York Thompson Geneva
- Charles Philip Walton Rogersville
- Billy Ray Whisenhunt Cullman
- David Harris Whitten Centre
- Edward Eugene Woerner Foley

The Alabama candidates are among 470 FFA members throughout the nation who will be recommended for the American Farmer Degree this year. Each degree recipient will be presented with a gold key and a certificate plus a \$100 cash allowance for travel to national convention.

FFA members are eligible for the American Farmer Degree after having earned the State Farmer Degree. They must have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least three years and have a record of participation in the activities of the local chapter and state association.

In addition, the FFA member must have earned at least \$1000 by his (or her) own efforts from a supervised farming or other agricultural occupation experience program. The money earned by the member must be productively invested or deposited in a bank.

The American Farmer Degree is presented only to FFA members who have demonstrated their leadership and scholarship ability during high school and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in an agricultural occupation.

COFIELD CAPTURES TRI-STATE MEET

Bill Cofield, immediate past state president and current state public speaking champion, captured the Tri-State (Ala-Ga-Fla) public speaking title at a meet on August 9 in Atlanta.

He will represent the three-state area in the Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest which will be held just prior to national convention. This contest involves three other tri-state winners and the winner will represent the Southern Region in the national competition.

As winner of the state public speaking contest Bill received a \$500 cash prize and a chapter banner at the state convention in June.



Bill is a 1971 graduate of Woodland High School and plans to attend Southern Union State Junior College in Wadley this fall.

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TOMMY PRICE - STATE STAR FARMER

The highest honor the Alabama FFA Association can bestow upon a member recently went to 18-year-old Tommy Price of Fayette.

Tommy, a recent graduate of Fayette County High School, was named 1971 FFA Star Farmer of Alabama during the last session of the state FFA convention in Montgomery, June 4.

He was one of six District Star Farmers named during a star-studded ceremony. Other district star farmers were: Steven Osborne, Chelsea FFA; Wayne Gant, Millry FFA; Tommy Peacock, Charles Henderson FFA; Charles Jacobs, Sparkman FFA, and Gregg Mote, Woodland FFA.

These six enterprising Future Farmers were chosen from a field of 497 Alabama FFA members who were awarded State Farmer Degrees this year.

During the convention Tommy also received two awards for outstanding agricultural proficiency--a second place in both crop production and agricultural mechanics.

According to B. P. Dilworth, state FFA advisor, Tommy is a "Star Farmer" in every respect. Mr. Dilworth noted that "since his father died three years ago Tommy has assumed complete management of the 100-acre family farm, plus another

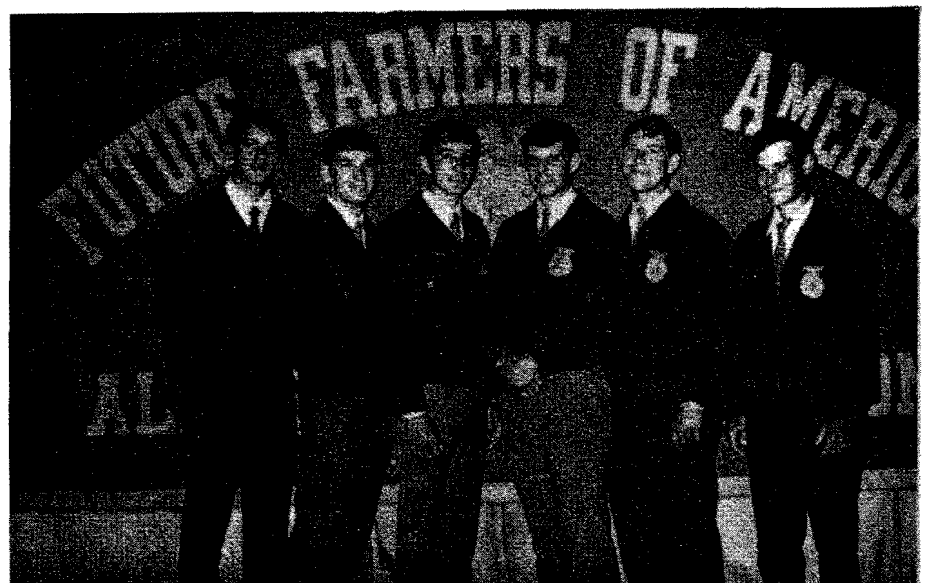


100 acres of rented land. This is a responsibility that few young men of his age could handle."

Tommy specializes in the production of row crops--mainly cotton and soybeans, and he annually averages about 40-50 acres of each. Last year Tommy won the Fayette County "Cotton King" contest in the small farm category with an average of 795 pounds of lint per acre. He had a total of 32.6 acres of cotton.

This fall Tommy will enroll at Brewer State Junior College in Fayette where he plans to complete two years and then transfer to either Auburn University or Mississippi State.

MEET THE 1971-72 STATE OFFICERS



The newly elected State FFA Officers are: (L-R) Carl Shewbart, president; Johnnie Wood, vice-president; John Patterson, secretary; Joel Ellis, treasurer; Randall Smith, reporter; and Ernest Gabel, sentinel.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The 42nd annual state FFA convention was held at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, June 3-4, and, from all indications, was a tremendous success.

Highlights of the convention included: outstanding talks by Governor George C. Wallace, National FFA President Dan Lehmann, and Past State President Sammy Peebles; awarding of Honorary State Farmer Degrees to 13 business and professional leaders and to 12 agribusiness teachers; competition in individual and chapter contests; conferring of 497 State Farmer Degrees; recognition of State and District Star Farmers and the Future Farmer of the Year; and election of the 1971-72 State FFA Officers. (For more details of these highlights see other stories herein.)

Listed below are winners of the state awards and contests:

CROP PRODUCTION

- 1--Gerald Coedy Clanton
- 2--Tommy Price Fayette
- 3--Christopher Frank Foley
- 4--Harvey Kyles Reform

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

- 1--Robert Ward Evergreen
- 2--David Johnson Woodland
- 3--Richard Galloway Fayette
- 4--Billy Thompson Centreville

DAIRY PRODUCTION

- 1--Harvey Kyles Reform
- 2--Julius Nichols Fayette
- 3--James Cobb Odenville
- 4--Bobby Revels Samson

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

- 1--Donald Smith Fairview
- 2--Larry Harper Gardendale
- 3--Sidney Schurr Foley
- 4--Ronald Gene Moore Eva

SOIL, WATER, AND AIR MANAGEMENT

- 1--Billy Thompson Centreville
- 2--Terry Koon Gordo
- 3--Sammy Hindman Fayette
- 4--Wayne Gant Millry

HOME IMPROVEMENT

- 1--Earl Bludworth Sylvania
- 2--Gary Reach West Blocton
- 3--Donald Ray Maddox Pell City
- 4--Paul Helms Clio

PLACEMENT IN SALES AND/OR SERVICE

- 1--Gerald Penn Cullman
- 2--Roger Page Red Bay
- 3--Wendell Stokes Enterprise
- 4--Darrell Hopkins Gardendale

PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

- 1--Jimmy Yarbrough Wedowee
- 2--Stanley Green Fayette
- 3--James Odell Town Creek
- 4--J. C. Horton Marion

PLACEMENT IN PROCESSING

- 1--John Crum Sessions Evergreen
- 2--Jerry Whatley Cullman
- 3--Johnny Moore Montevallo
- 4--Kenneth Barrett Wetumpka

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

- 1--Benjy Moates Enterprise
- 2--Michael Martin Citronelle
- 3--Michael Haywood Moundville
- 4--William Bailey McAdory

POULTRY PRODUCTION

- 1--Curtis Dale Clark Section
- 2--Nathan Dale Pack Crossville
- 3--Steve Fowler Wicksburg
- 4--Anthony Wells Sylvania

FOREST MANAGEMENT

- 1--Van Smith Billingsley
- 2--Dalton Eason, Jr. Fayette
- 3--Jack Miller Millry
- 4--Larry Bennett Marion

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

- 1--Britt Smith Citronelle
- 2--Tommy Price Fayette
- 3--James Lurwig Foley
- 4--Darrell Hale Sparkman

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION

- 1--Leland Gossett Pell City
- 2--Ned Holcomb Section
- 3--Tommy Handley Arab
- 4--Michael Hanner Woodland
- 5--Jimmy Gottler Foley
- 6--Don Towns Rockford

NATURAL RESOURCE AND RECREATION

- 1--William Bailey McAdory
- 2--Wesley Patterson Cullman
- 3--Jimmy Givens Centre
- 4--Johnny Goolsby Wetumpka

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

- 1--Bill Cofield Woodland
- 2--Kenny Morrow Red Bay
- 3--Herbert Brown Evergreen
- 4--Richard Wright Luverne
- 5--Tim DeLoach Weogufka
- 6--John L. Patterson . J. B. Pennington

STRING BAND CONTEST

- 1--Enterprise
- 2--Lexington
- 3--Baldwin County (Bay Minette)
- 4--Sardis
- 5--Wetumpka
- 6--West Point

LAND JUDGING CONTEST

- 1--West Point
- 2--Speake and Wetumpka (tie)
- 4--Enterprise

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

- 1--J. U. Blacksher (Uriah)
- 2--Barbour County (Clio)
- 3--Hackneyville
- 4--Northside

DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

- 1--Enterprise
- 2--Suttle
- 3--Arab
- 4--Luverne

CORN GROWING CONTEST

- Champion Corn Grower
Kent Bouldin Crossville
- District Corn Growers
Gary Irons Waterloo
Edward McCullers Wetumpka
Michael Freeman West Point
Arthur Tew Florida
Ronnie Silcox J. U. Blacksher

FARM WOODLAND IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

- 1--Aliceville "A"
- 2--Millry
- 3--Gordo "B"
- 4--Reform

SAFETY CONTEST

- 1--Section
- 2--Haleyville
- 3--Millry
- 4--Wedowee
- 5--Citronelle

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HONORARY STATE FARMER DEGREES

Thirteen business and professional leaders, along with twelve agribusiness teachers, were awarded the Honorary State Farmer Degree during the state convention in Montgomery, June 3-4.

The purpose of granting the honorary membership is to recognize persons who have helped to advance agribusiness education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service to the state association.

Those who received the State FFA's highest honorary award this year are: Dr. LeRoy Brown, State Superintendent of Education, Montgomery; Dr. E. V. Smith, Dean and Director, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station System, Auburn University, Auburn; Ralph R. Jones, Director, Cooperative Extension Service, Auburn University, Auburn; James T. Willoughby, Superintendent, Houston County Schools, Dothan; George L. White, Specialist, Agribusiness Education Service, State Department of Education, Auburn; James R. Edwards, Senior Agricultural Engineer, Alabama Power Company, Birmingham; W. H. Taylor, cattleman, Elba; J. Hilton Watson, Administrative Vice-President, Alabama Forest Products Association, Montgomery; J. E. Pritchett, Executive Vice-President, Planter's Bank and Trust, Thomaston; Lamar A. Harden, In Charge, Federal State Livestock Market News, Prattville; Wilbur J. King, District Conservationist, USDA-Soil Conservation Service, Guntersville; Virgil E. Pierson, General Manager, Alabama State Fair Authority, Birmingham; Larry Giardina, Business Manager, Greater Gulf State Fair, Inc., Mobile; George L. Terrell, Citronelle High School, Citronelle; H. J. Beans, Marion High School, Marion; H. L.

McDonald, Winfield High School, Winfield; H. P. Cox, Meek High School, Arley; W. F. Rush, Lineville High School, Lineville; H. F. Bazemore, Hokes Bluff High School, Gadsden; M. F. Carroll, Fayette County High School, Fayette; E. W. Underwood, Eutaw Middle Grade School, Eutaw; J. L. Birchfield, New Brockton High School, New Brockton; D. R. Spivey, Wicksburg High School, Newton; J. D. Quattlebaum, Jemison High School, Jemison; and S. W. Simmons, Macon County High School, Notasulga.

OPTIONAL (?) EQUIPMENT MOTIVATES FARMER SELLING LATEST MODEL COW

Every time the dairy farmer traded cars he had to go through mathematical gymnastics at his local truck dealer to arrive at the real price of the vehicle. Finally, the dealer wanted to buy a cow, so the farmer priced one of his latest models to the dealer in terms the dealer would understand:

Basic cow	\$200.00
Two-tone exterior	45.00
Extra stomach	75.00
Product storage compartment	60.00
Dispensing device, four spigots	40.00
Genuine cowhide upholstery	125.00
Dual horns	15.00
Automatic fly swatter	35.00

Total Price	\$595.00

AMERICA HAS A GREAT NEED FOR PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL

Every year, Americans discard 7 million cars, 100 million tires, and throw away 20 million tons of paper, 28 billion bottles, and 48 billion cans. It costs us 2.8 billion dollars to throw it all away.

Pollution is a word that has been used so much in the past couple of years that people may be "turning it off." But there is still a need to more effectively utilize all of our resources.

So let's all do our part and join the "FFA Building Our American Communities" movement TODAY!



ALABAMA'S FIRST FEMALE STATE FARMER

Patsy Davenport, a member of the Maplesville FFA Chapter, received her State Farmer Degree during this year's state convention. She is the first girl in Alabama ever to receive the award since the founding of the state association in 1929.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

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CHAPTER CONTEST

Standard Chapters

Citronelle
Millry
Montevallo
Wm. J. Jones

Superior Chapters

Brundidge	Moore Academy
Carver (Eutaw)	Red Bay
Chelsea	Russellville
Crossville	Speake
Curry	Sylvania
Evergreen	Town Creek
Leighton	Waterloo
Marion	

Gold Medal Chapters

Fairhope
Goshen
Haleyville
Section
Sparkman

BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AWARDS

All of the following chapters were recognized as FFA Chapter Community Builders and awarded the District BOAC Award. Those chapters that also received the State BOAC Award are indicated as bronze, silver, or gold emblem chapters.

Section (top gold)	Carrollton
Evergreen (gold)	Chelsea
Gardendale (gold)	Curry
Marbury (gold)	Georgiana
Moore Academy (silver)	Millry
Russellville (silver)	Red Bay
McAdory (bronze)	Reform
Straughn (bronze)	Sparkman