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WINNERS
'72 State FFA Convention, Purposeful

SPEAKING WINNERS: A. W. Murrah, left, Alabama Council of Farmer Cooperatives; and W. M. Harrison, Tennessee Department of Education, right; present speaking honors to Tim Tuggle, Winfield, sixth; Albert Blankenship, Stanhope Elmore, fifth; Spencer Means, Eutaw, first; David Jackson, Clio, third; Mark Saxon, Ohatchee, second; and Steve Pate, Castileberry, fourth. Murrah’s organization sponsors the speaking competition and Harrison served as chairman of the contest judges.

Alabama FFA is “Youth with a Purpose,” and the 43rd State FFA Convention in Alabama’s Capitol city, June 6-8, proved it.

The three Convention days brought together 1200 of the state’s best FFA members from all over Alabama and literally crammed them with experiences. Meeting fellow FFA’ers from other chapters, listening to prominent speakers, tuning in to inspiration, setting expanded goals – THIS WAS ALABAMA FFA CONVENTION 72!

Top recognition of the Convention went to Future Farmers from Foley and Cullman. Eddie Woerner, a graduate of the Foley High School and now a full-time farmer, received the “Alabama Future Farmer of the Year” award while Wesley Patterson, still a student at Cullman, was designated “Star Farmer of Alabama.”

Fifteen FFA members received first-place awards in the FFA proficiency program. These winners were: Jimmy Lurwig, Foley, Crop Production; Carl Shewbart, Speake, Livestock Production; James Dudley Cobb, Odenville, Dairy Production; Randy Gillespie, Speake, Poultry Production; James Odell, Town Creek, Placement in Agriculture Production; Wendell E. Stokes, Enterprise, Placement in Sales and Service; Tommy Price, Fayette, Agricultural Mechanics; William L. Carnley, Fairhope, Electrification; Jerry Whatley, Cullman, Placement in Processing; John Robert Borden, Gardendale, Ornamental Horticulture; Jimmy Givens, Centre, Outdoor Recreation; Wesley Patterson, Cullman, Soil, Water and Air Management; Billy Kornegay, Centre, Fish and Wildlife Management; Dalton Eason, Jr., Fayette, Forest Management; and Gary Reach, West Blocton, Home Improvement.

With his oration, “Farming – A Challenge and an Opportunity,” Spencer Means, Eutaw, established himself as the state’s champion public speaker.

Hanceville’s FFA quartet exemplified mastery of music in racking up their first-place win in the re-initiated FFA quartet competition.

Bay Minette, with a lot of style and a capacity for tickling tunes from their musical instruments in an unusual way, put down five other district-winning bands to become state string band champs.

In judging competition, Enterprise prevailed in land; Thomaston in livestock; and Collinsville in dairy. All three teams now advance to National level contests.

Blountsville’s team won the new agricultural mechanics contest, and Neil Oulaw received the M. K. Heath award.

In chapter-wide competition Jackson was tops in safety while Gordo “A” captured first-place in farm woodlands.

The state’s five most outstanding chapters were designated as Crossville, Wetumpka, Section, Waterloo, and Sparkman.

Jerry Lee Davis, Vina, was decreed state champion corn grower.

Highland Home received the Governor’s Citation as the best entry in the “Building Our American Communities Program.”

And some 514 local members were elevated to State Farmer status.

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On The Cover
Jerry Whatley, a recent Cullman agribusiness education graduate, supplemented his classroom experiences with on-the-job training in a local meat processing plant. Participating in the FFA’s Placement in Processing proficiency program, Whatley compiled an outstanding record which won him state and national honors.

Jerry’s success is rooted in the modern approach of agribusiness education to prepare for gainful employment in agribusiness occupations.

The son of L. B. Whatley, Hanceville, young Whatley is 19.
Appreciation To Sponsors

Since this issue of The Alabama FFA Reporter features winners of state contest and award programs, it is a most appropriate time to take our hats off to the businesses and individuals making these programs possible.

Competitive activity gives over 25,000 Alabama FFA'ers incentive to initiate and carry out quality programs, thereby extending classroom instruction to practical application.

Largely due to the generosity and support of sponsors, participation in FFA contests is at an all-time high. Alabama continues to "lead the pack" in turning out National Winners (see story on Alabama's National Proficiency Winners this year) and state FFA membership is the second highest in the Nation.

Our sponsors are solidly behind us for which we are humbly appreciative.

These are some of Alabama FFA's best friends:

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NEW STATE OFFICERS: Fledging themselves to a team effort in building a better state FFA Association are Alabama's State FFA Officers for '72-'73. They are from left, Clifton Homan, Gordo, sentinel; Terry Johnson, Geraldine, secretary; Tim DeLoach, Wescogena, treasurer; Steve Fowler, Wicksburg, president; Roger Page, Red Bay, vice president; and Ronald Turner, Citronelle, reporter.
STATE AWARD WINNERS 1972

DAIRY PRODUCTION WINNERS: James Dudley Cobb, Odenville, first; Julius A. Nichols, Fayette, second; Benjy Moates, Enterprise, third; and Phillip Gilbert, Sylvania, fourth.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION WINNERS: Carl Shewbart, Speake, first; Anthony Grant, Goshen, second; Max Junkins, Kennedy, third; and Scott Matthews, Evergreen, fourth.

PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION WINNERS: James Odell, Town Creek, first; Mike Fuller, Enterprise, second; Daryl Barron, Eclectic, third; and Tom Harwell, Wetumpka, fourth.

PLACEMENT IN PROCESSING WINNERS: Jerry Whatley, Cullman, first; Fred Green, Jackson, second; Darell Thorpe, Enterprise, third; and Mark Barrett, Wetumpka, fourth.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION WINNERS: Anthony Grant, Goshen, second; Max Junkins, Kennedy, third; and Scott Matthews, Evergreen, fourth.

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE WINNERS: John Robert Borden, Gardendale, first; David Aaron, Tanner, second; David Brasher, Chelsea, third; and Randy Thomas, Wetumpka, fourth.

CROP PRODUCTION WINNERS: Jimmy Lurwig, Foley, first; Jimmy McNeil, Evergreen, second; Tommy Frice, Fayette, third; and Keith Haynes, Section, fourth.

FOREST MANAGEMENT WINNERS: Robert N. Hoskins, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, contest sponsor, presents awards to Dalton Eason, Jr., Fayette, first; Dennis E. Gilliam, Gordo "A," second; Henry Rooks, Chelsea, third; and Larry Bennett, Marion, fourth.

NATURAL RESOURCE AND RECREATION WINNERS: Jimmy Givens, Centre, first; David Mauldin, Curry, second; Benjy Moates, Enterprise, third; and Michael Campbell represented by Rudae Strickland, West Point, fourth.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS (Team Competition) WINNERS: Blountsville, first; Stevenson, second; Citronelle, third; and Beauregard, fourth.

SOIL, WATER AND AIR MANAGEMENT WINNERS: W. M. Patterson, Cullman, first; Terry Koon, Gordo "A," second; Phillip Hamrock, Red Bay, third; and Sammy Hindman, Fayette, fourth.

HOME IMPROVEMENT WINNERS: Gary Reach, West Blocton, first; Terry Williamson, Andalusia, second; Sammy Hindman, Fayette, third; and Tim Blanton, Oakman, fourth (not shown).
FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT WINNERS: Jack Fortenberry, representing Farmers and Merchants Bank, Centre, presents awards to Billy Kornegay, Centreville, first; Wesley Patterson, Cullman, second; Tim Petty, Falkville, third; and Michael Haywood, Moundville, fourth. Centre's F & M Bank is the Fish and Wildlife sponsor.

FARM WOODLAND IMPROVEMENT WINNERS: C. W. Burrage, Illinois, Central and Gulf Railroad, presents awards to Gordo “A” FFA Chapter, first; Milly, second; Reform, third; and Gordo “B,” fourth. The IC&G Railroad sponsors this program for FFA chapters in 11 Alabama counties served by the Railroad.

STRANGE WINNERS: Bay Minette’s first-place bandmen are Steve Dean, Terry Goins, and Randy Vinson, front; Kent Stewart, Nolan Yarbrough, and Douglas Wiggins, back. Other state winners include West Point, second; Lexington, third; Wicksburg, fourth; Ashville, fifth; and Stanhope Elmore, sixth.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING WINNERS: Thomsonton’s first-place dairy judges receive congratulations and a $250 check from W. H. Bearden, left, representing the Jim Dandy Company, contest sponsor. They are Ronnie Stokes, Al Morey, and Ricky Daniels.

DAIRY JUDGING WINNERS: Collinsville FFA dairy judges won first in the state. They are Talmage Fowler, Bruce Tarrant, and Dennis Myers. Other state winners are Hackleburg, second; Hartford, third; and Munford, fourth.

M. K. HEATH AWARD WINNER: Neil Oulaw, left, Hartford, receives this year’s M. K. Heath Animal Health and Sanitation Award from Dr. B. N. Lauderdale, presenting the award for Alabama Veterinary Medical Association.

CHAPTER SAFETY WINNERS: Jimmy Cravey, fourth from left, of Farm Bureau, presents Chapter Safety awards to Eva, third; Jasper, fourth; Jackson, first; Citronelle, second; and Camp Hill, fifth. Farm Bureau sponsors the safety program for Alabama FFA chapters.

CHAPTER CONTEST WINNERS: John Horne, third from left, Alabama REA employee, presents awards to Alabama’s five most outstanding chapters. Representatives from Waterloo, Wetumpka, Sparkman, Section, and Crossville receive banners and $50 checks for their chapters.

STATE STAR FARMER: Wesley Patterson, Cullman, was declared Alabama Star Farmer for 1971-72 by State FFA President, Carl Shewbart. The honor designates Patterson the most outstanding of the 514 State Farmer Degree recipients this year.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1972
SPENCER MEANS

Means Places No. 2 In Sectional Speaking

Spencer Means, Eutaw FFA member, placed second in the Sectional FFA Public Speaking contest held in Mobile, August 17. Means represented Alabama.

First-place speaking honors were won by Tom Umiker of Florida who spoke on "Agriculture's Meager Minority." Umiker now advances to regional competition.

Ernesto Martinez, the third-place speaker, represented Puerto Rico and was the first FFA'er from his state to participate in speaking competition above the state level. His smooth delivery won the audience and established Puerto Rico as a real contender.

Georgia's Virgil Lowell came in fourth.

Traditionally a tri-state contest involving participants from Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, Puerto Rico's entry moved the competition to sectional status this year.

CHAMPION CORN GROWERS: O. H. Bowden, third from right, of Gold Kist Inc., presents champion corn growing awards to, from left, Ronnie Silcox, Uriah; Walter Russell, McAdory; Anthony Wells, Sylavia; Jerry Lee Davis, Vina; and John Lazenby, Eclectic. FFA and Alabama Power co-sponsor this contest.

SPENCER MEANS

Boac Winners: John Garrett, third from left, Head of Farmers Home Administration in Alabama, presents the top award in the "Building Our American Communities" program to a representative from Highland Home as other state winners look on. Boac is a joint effort by Farmers Home and FFA to improve local communities. Besides Highland Home, other state winning community builders are Spackman, Jasper, Centre, Gardendale, Evergreen, Reform, Carver, Goshen, Millyr, Straughn, and Boaz.

President Fowler Advises:

"Don't Let FFA Membership Lag"

Alabama FFA is second in membership only to Texas. Now that we've been second for a year, why can't we move up to No. 1?

By enrolling every agribusiness student in the FFA I believe we can increase our state membership by 20%. Look out, Texas!

You know, FFA is an integral part of agriculture. As an integral part, FFA membership should not be separated from agribusiness instruction. You might say that enrolling in agribusiness education should automatically make the enrolled an active FFA member. The FFA membership card should be as much a part of the agribusiness course as the three-ring classroom notebook.

It is tragic that some Alabama ag-ed students don't belong to FFA, the world's greatest youth organization.

When an agribusiness student misses out on being a FFA member, he cannot participate in activities pursued by his chapter in such areas as community improvement and recreation. He is eliminated from the varied and highly challenging FFA contest program. Personally, the opportunities which have been mine through FFA have highlighted my agribusiness instruction. I believe every person who has been an active FFA member can say the same.

Advisors and chapter officers, I urge you to enlist every potential member this year in your FFA chapters. This will be beneficial not only to the student but an increased membership offers benefits to the state as a whole. More members means Alabama can have more candidates for American Farmer degrees. More members mean more reimbursement from the national association for premium money in contests and awards. It also means more delegate representation at the national convention.

Let's resolve now to make every Alabama ag student a FFA member and every member an active participant in FFA.

Being second is a heck of a lot better than being No. 3, but let's make our move this year toward the very top. Move over, Texas!

Three West Limestone FFA'ers Have Profitable School Breaks

Three West Limestone FFA members, M. F. Long, Rickey Todd, and Steve Griggs, have used their summer quite profitably.

Under an Elk River Development program, these three FFA boys have devoted themselves to growing crops, summer long. The work has been educational in additional to yielding summer pay.
CONVENTION CHALLENGE: Dr. Leroy Brown, State Superintendent of Education, told the 43rd FFA Convention that he sees FFA filling needs in rural youth and urged a full awakening to FFA opportunities.

State FFA Honors
B & P Leaders

Sixteen business and professional people were singled out for recognition by the Alabama FFA Association at the recent State FFA Convention.

A State Farmer Degree is the highest honor that a State FFA Association can bestow upon honorary members.

Receiving this high distinction were Arlie Smith, Cherokee County Soil Conservationist, Centre; Charles F. McCay, Director of Information, Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, Montgomery; Haniel F. Croft, Vice-President, Monroe County Bank, Monroeville; Mrs. S. A. Cherry, State Board of Education Member, Dothan; Dr. J. I. Dawson, Teacher Educator, Agricultural Education, A & M University, Normal; Osbie J. Linville, Superintendent, Lauderdale County Board of Education, Florence; Gene Ragan, WTVY, Dothan; Frank Fink, Cullman Electrical Cooperative, Cullman; David Ozment, Executive Vice-President, Alabama Poultry Industry Association, Cullman; Eldon C. Smith, Assistant Manager, Surplus Property, Horton; Dail Gibbs, Manager, Alabama REA, Montgomery; Raymond Dorrity, Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Dothan; Jerry L. Batts, Former National FFA Student Secretary and Former Alabama FFA President, Auburn; Cecil Gant, Jr., Public Information Specialist, FFA and Agribusiness Education, Auburn; M. D. "Pete" Gilmer, Assistant Commissioner, Agriculture and Industries, Montgomery; and G. R. Jeffcoat, Vice-President & General Manager, Opp and Micolas Cotton Mills, Opp.

BLOUNTSVILLE TAKES NEW MECHANICS CONTEST

The J. B. Pennington FFA mechanics team at Blountsville was the first state winner in the new FFA Agricultural Mechanics program, according to H. W. Green, State FFA Advisor.

Three types of competitive activity comprised the contest. In addition to excelling in "hands on" mechanical skills, the Blountsville team outscored competitors on a written examination and in specially arranged problem solving situations.

For its first-place win, Blountsville received $250 in premium money and will represent Alabama in National competition in October.

The second-place winner was from Stevenson while Citronelle and Beaufort came in third and fourth, respectively.

Mechanics teams were composed of three members who demonstrated their proficiency in the broad instructional areas of electric power and processing; power and machinery; and arc welding, hot and cold metals.

Each participant performed in two of these subject matter areas. Examples of actual skills performed included butt welding with the electric arc process, threading and tapping bolts, timing on tractor engines, wiring series and parallel electrical circuits, and checking ignition on small gasoline engines.

According to George White, Specialist in Agricultural Mechanics at Auburn, who coordinated the contest, this was a pilot program in mechanics being pursued by state FFA associations across the country. "The purpose of the contest is to provide opportunities for students of agribusiness education and FFA to compete and demonstrate skills, abilities, and competencies learned in the agricultural mechanics programs of agribusiness education," White said.

The contest was conducted in cooperation with the Auburn University Agricultural Engineering Department; the Alabama Power Company, the Agribusiness Education Teacher Training Departments at Auburn, Alabama A & M, and Tuskegee; the Birmingham Electric and Battery Company; the Tennessee Valley Authority; and the Joe H. Brady Company in Birmingham.
Alabama Turns Out 5 National FFA Winners

Five Alabama FFA members are regional winners of FFA Foundation awards; it was announced this week by Dr. M. C. Gaar, Program, U.S. Office of Education, Atlanta.

Defeating 12 other southern state winners were James Odell, Town Creek, placement in agriculture production; Randy Gillespie, Speake, poultry production; Jerry Whatley, Cullman, placement in processing; John Robert Borden, Gardendale, ornamental horticulture; and Dalton Eason, Jr., Fayette, forest management.

As regional winners each of these five Alabamians is assured one of the four top placings in national competition. National placings will be determined at the National FFA Convention, October 10-13.

Selection of national winners will be based on judges’ interviews with contestants and records indicating growth and proficiency of contestants in their occupational experience programs.

The National FFA sponsors 15 proficiency programs. Five Foundation award winners in a given year is a significant feat for Alabama FFA.

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National Convention, October 10-13

National FFA President Tim Burke, in issuing a call to the National FFA Convention, announced “FFA Unites Youth with Opportunities,” as this year’s theme for the week-long national meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

Opening with a vespers program on the evening of October 10, the Convention includes an Agricultural Career Show and a FFA Day at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show. The Convention ends officially on October 13.

National contest participants, proficiency award winners, American Farmer Degree recipients, state officers, national band members, and local FFA representatives may attend the National Convention, reveals C. W. Reed, Alabama FFA Executive Secretary.

According to Mr. Reed, Alabama has a block of hotel rooms reserved at Kansas City. Alabamians planning to attend the National Convention should contact Mr. Reed to clear Convention arrangements, the earlier the better.

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Morrow Attends AIC Meeting

Kenny Morrow, Red Bay FFA, participated in the 44th American Institute of Cooperation held at Iowa State University, July 30-August 3.

Young Morrow was a youth scholar to the institute devoted to enlightening participants on the principles of cooperatives through speakers and actual “learn as you do” activities.

A valued phase of the program to Kenny was the mini-board sections simulating the board of directors directing the work of a local cooperative.

“Therefore our mini-board meetings we discussed problems facing cooperatives and projected solutions we would incorporate if we were indeed responsible for running a co-op,” Kenny elaborated.

The Alabama Council of Farmer Cooperatives and the Russellville Production Credit Association sponsored the trip for Morrow.

“Participating in the institute was especially beneficial to me,” said Morrow, “as I prepare to run for national FFA office next month.”

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A REAL TREAT: Earl Blomeley, center, Standard Oil representative, hosted, from left, State FFA Officers, Clifton Homan, Tim DeLouch, Ronald Turner, Terry Johnson, Steve Fowler, and Roger Page, during their FFA Visitation to Standard Oil’s operations in Mobile and Pascagoula, Mississippi.

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State FFA Officers Pursue Leader Training

Thanks to the Illinois, Central and Gulf Railroad and the Standard Oil Company, portions of state FFA officers’ summer were devoted to leadership training.

On June 27 Alabama’s six state officers and Kenny Morrow, National FFA Officer candidate, journeyed to Mobile for a leadership workshop sponsored by IC & G Railroad. Officers sharpened their skills in such areas as speaking, meeting people, conversing intelligently, making introductions, corresponding, and handling social situations. Officers also devoted time to increasing their proficiency in parliamentary procedure.

C. W. Burrage, representing the railroad, coordinated the five-day training program for state officers from Mississippi and Alabama. National FFA Officer Phil Johnson assisted with the conference along with B. P. Dilworth, George White, and Alvin Halcomb, of the Alabama Agribusiness Education Staff, and T. E. Ellis and J. C. Holland of Mississippi.

According to Steve Fowler, the conference was recreational as well as informative. “Everybody enjoyed a tour of Mobile’s Bellingrath Gardens and especially the good ‘Gulf fishin’,” Steve said.

In July, Standard Oil conducted a three-day FFA visitation for Alabama and Florida FFA State Officers. Earl J. Blomeley of Standard Oil mapped out a highly interesting, fast moving schedule of activity for the state FFA officer groups which included tours of his company’s refinery and wharf operations and a visit to the Battleship Alabama.

The conference was highlighted by challenges to officers by Standard Oil executives to make the most of year-long opportunities to promote youth involvement through the FFA.

Terry Johnson, State Secretary, Geraldine, believes the Standard Oil conference was instrumental in inspiring and equipping state officers to excel in leading their respective state FFA associations.

C. W. Reed and A. H. Halcomb accompanied the officers on the Standard Oil Visitiation.

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Straughn FFA Installs

Mike Williams was installed May 10 as President of the Straughn FFA. Serving with Williams will be Jerry Newton, Vice President; John Clark, Secretary; David Whitehurst, Treasurer; David Sellers, Reporter; and Tony Nall, Sentinel.
4 Teachers Nominated For FFA Honorary American Farmer Degree

Four Alabama agribusiness education teachers have been nominated to receive the FFA’s Honorary American Farmer Degree. They are Earl Gardner and B. P. Whitten, Centre; John Yates, Town Creek, and H. B. Thompson, Enterprise.

These four teachers are among 67 nominated nationally to receive the degree during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Each year at least 50 and not more than 75 of the 11,500 teachers of vocational agriculture in the nation are awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree. The degree is awarded on the basis of points scored by a teacher for his accomplishments as a vocational agriculture instructor, FFA advisor, and as a participant in professional vocational agricultural teacher’s organizations.

Teachers are awarded points for each student they supervised in earning state and national FFA awards. In addition, teachers receive points for serving as officers and committee members of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers’ Association and for their participation in national meetings of the FFA and other professional associations.

The band, nicknamed “Mail Order Brass,” assembles in advance of the National FFA Convention to work out musical selections used by the band “to perk up” Convention proceedings. Band participants are solicited by mail. Hence, the mail order designation.

“There’s nothing second-class about the band’s music though,” declares Green. It’s downright professional.

Waite And Dilworth To Be Honored

Mrs. Mary George Waite, Centre, and B. P. Dilworth, Montgomery, have been singled out for special recognition at the National FFA Convention in October.

Mrs. Waite will receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree and Mr. Dilworth, a Distinguished Service Citation.

Both award winners are highly deserving.

Mrs. Waite, as chairman of the Alabama FFA Foundation donor program, personally moved Alabama from near the bottom in FFA contributors to second in the nation. Additionally, she initiated the program of organizing area

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Something To Crow About—

Speake FFA'er Develops Outstanding Poultry Program Despite Handicap

Randy Gillespie of Speake was born with an open-end spine. Yet his ambition life-long, has been to be normal. That’s one reason he enrolled in agribusiness and FFA. That’s why he initiated productive projects along with his classmates.

But Randy’s program is not normal; it’s super. In fact, the Speake FFA youth’s work with laying hens was good enough to win him the first-place state award in the FFA poultry production contest and just recently word from the national level indicates that Gillespie is a national winner.

When Randy walks across the stage at the National FFA Convention next month — yes, with the aid of his crutches — he will inspire sympathy because, thank God, people are still compassionate. But among those Future Farmers who know Randy’s program, there will be more envy than sympathy.

“Something for nothing” is out with Gillespie, but “something extra for something” is in.

In getting your award at the National Convention, Randy, if you find the steps hard to climb, take strength from the fact that over 25,000 FFA’ers back home stand enviously behind you.

Poultry Production Winners:

Randy Gillespie, Speake, is the first-place winner in poultry production. Other state winners are Anthony Wells, Sylvania, second; Cecil Burney, Chelsea, third; and Bobby Allen, Section, fourth.

How Did You Do It, Randy?

QUESTION: What prompted you to get into the chicken business?

RANDY: My family has grown chickens a long time. That’s why, I guess, that I grew 1200 baby chicks to laying hens in one of my father’s houses the first year I was in ag.

QUESTION: Have you been in the egg producing business since this start?

RANDY: Before enrolling in ag, I helped my family grow pullets on contract for other people’s laying houses, but once we gathered a few eggs for ourselves, we’ve stayed with it. I moved up to 6,000 hens my second and third years, and now I have a 40% interest in 320,000 layers and 175,000 pullets.

QUESTION: Do you recall any “bad times” in the egg business?

RANDY: Yes, of course, but when it comes to maintaining poultry house equipment, about my only limitation is climbing ladders. I can’t handle the tractor to clean out, either. Now that our business has grown and we handle around 288,000 eggs from hen to carton on an average day, I have a lot of supervision to do in keeping things moving. To a large extent, I use automatic equipment to offset my physical disability.

QUESTION: Have you ever been stuck with eggs you couldn’t sell?

RANDY: Fortunately, no. Even though we’ve gone through low price periods several times, we have always moved our eggs. They have not always brought the best prices, but they were not thrown away.

QUESTION: How about your efficiency — how many eggs do you get per hen, etc.

RANDY: My records indicate that we’re getting 260 eggs per hen per year. Producing a dozen eggs costs us 12 cents, and we grow a hen from chick to layer in about 21 weeks. The average productive life of our birds is 11 1/2 months.

QUESTION: What about your plans for the future?

RANDY: I am committed to commercial egg production. I have a sizeable investment in my business. My past experiences with poultry have been satisfying, so I plan to continue producing and processing Gillespie Eggs.

A Million Breakfasts?: This pile of eggs represents a part of the 288,000 eggs Randy Gillespie, Speake FFA member, gets from his laying hens on a typical day. Gillespie has 320,000 layers and moves his own Lawrence County eggs to markets as far away as New York City.
Agribusiness Personnel Shifts Made

T. L. Faulkner, Director, Vocational-Technical-Higher Education, State Department of Education, has announced three shifts in personnel which affect agribusiness education.

B. P. Dilworth has been elevated to Branch Director of Program Supervision for the Division of Vocational-Technical and Higher Education. Dilworth moves up from his position of State Supervisor, Agribusiness Education. He continues to work out of Montgomery.

In his new position Dilworth assumes responsibility for coordinating agribusiness, business and office, distributive, home economics, health occupations, trade and industrial, adult and cooperative education programs.

Effective September 1, H. W. Green, Auburn, became Chief State Supervisor, Agribusiness Education. He has moved to Montgomery for his new assignment.

Green's advancement culminates 34 years of educational service which embraces seven years of teaching and 24 years on the state agribusiness education staff. For the last two years he has been supervisor of agribusiness education in the East Central Alabama district.

Replacing Green at Auburn is Paul B. Holley. Holley is a 26-year veteran employee of Agribusiness Education. Most recently he was a program specialist for agribusiness. He has also been a district supervisor previously and served as a local teacher 20 years.

Go Out To The Fair

Fairs allow Alabama FFA members from all over to exhibit their livestock projects and other handiwork. And, fair time is here.

Special educational exhibits are being planned and built by a number of FFA chapters.

H. N. Lewis, Agribusiness Education Livestock Specialist, says from 500-600 hogs are to be shown by Alabama FFA'ers in fairs this year. "In addition," Lewis points out, "chapters engaging in the FFA bull program will put their animals on display at the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery."

So—go out to the fair. It's fun; and it's educational.

DeKalb County Holds FFA Officer Training

Terry Johnson, State FFA Secretary, and Kenny Moore, former State Officer, conducted a most effective leadership training workshop for local FFA officers in DeKalb County, August 7 and 8. Two informative sessions were held at the Plainview High School in Rainsville.

FFA'ers chosen to lead their respective chapters from all over DeKalb County participated. Jesse Culp, Editor, The Sand Mountain Reporter worked with county FFA reporters.

Montevallo FFA's Summer Plans Guide

Summer has not ended with Montevallo FFA officers napping. All through the summer M. D. Thornton and his student officers have participated in regular meetings to plan the chapter's program of work and set the stage for FFA during the coming year.

Committee chairmen were named so that with the opening of school, committee memberships can be designated and plans activated.

According to Louie Joe Pickett, Montevallo's FFA reporter, the summer meetings have not been top-heavy with work. Following business sessions, the officers dined together.

DeKalb County holds FFA Officer Training.

Montevallo FFA officer training.
Congratulations To John Robert Borden, Gardendale, Alabama, FFA's National Winner In Ornamental Horticulture

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ALABAMA’S MOST DESERVING: Honorary State Farmer Degrees were bestowed on these local agribusiness teachers. Recognized as key people to Alabama FFA’s success were, front row, A. G. McFarland, Jackson; E. M. Green, Dale County High; J. C. Horton, Eva; S. R. White, Gardendale; S. A. Watson, Curry; E. T. Bonner, Gordo; Larry Justice, Beulah; and W. H. Stewart, Louisville. Back row, J. R. Hamilton, Crossville; Jerry Sibley, Moulton; Andrew McCoy, Danville; E. R. Fisher, McIntosh Union; K. R. Ball, Cullman; J. N. Fowler, Belgreen; A. C. Teague, Spring Garden; B. E. Lyons, Atmore; H. S. Washington, Maplesville; James Parrish, Sardis; Mickey Humphries, Chelsea; Troy Newton, Foley; W. J. Frazier, Ashford; G. C. Thompson, Georgiana; and James Kendrick, Jackson-ville. Not shown is W. J. Holland, Stanhope Elmore.

Honorary State Farmer Presented To 24 Teachers

Named to receive Honorary State Farmer Degrees by the Alabama FFA Association were 24 local teachers of agribusiness education. These teachers were selected for this special honor in recognition of their devoted service to the FFA. The degrees were presented at the State FFA Convention in Montgomery, June 7.

The 24 teachers have distinguished themselves as advisors to local FFA Chapters throughout Alabama.

They included H. S. Washington, Maplesville; W. J. Holland, Stanhope Elmore; Larry Justice, Beulah; Mickey Humphries, Chelsea; W. H. Stewart, Louisville; G. C. Thompson, Georgiana; E. M. Green, Dale County High School; W. J. Frazier, Ashford; J. N. Fowler, Belgreen; Andrew McCoy, Danville; and J. C. Horton, Eva.

Others were Jerry Sibley, Moulton; K. R. Ball, Cullman; S. R. White, Gardendale; S. A. Watson, Curry; E. T. Bonner, Gordo; James Kendrick, Jackson-ville; J. R. Hamilton, Crossville, and James Parrish, Sardis.

Also honored were A. C. Teague, Spring Garden; A. G. McFarland, Jackson; E. R. Fisher, McIntosh Union; Troy D. Newton, Foley; and B. F. Lyons, Atmore.

LOCAL INVOLVEMENT: The Lexington FFA Quartet performs during a break in the Convention program. The Lexington songsters and a string duo from Stanhope Elmore represented local talent participation in the state meeting.

WAITE AND DILWORTH

Continued from page 9 banks to provide premium money for district FFA contest winners. Her bank presently sponsors the state Fish and Wildlife program. She has judged public speaking, been a state convention speaker, and has graciously served Alabama FFA as a promoter and good will ambassador.

Mr. Dilworth has a long and illustrious service to FFA. Starting as a local FFA advisor, Dilworth taught vocational agriculture for ten years, worked closely with FFA’ers as a district supervisor for 21 years, and ably promoted FFA on the state level in his capacity as Chief State Supervisor of Agribusiness Education. A true believer in FFA, Dilworth moved Alabama to one of the top state associations in the nation.

72 STATE FFA CONVENTION

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A host of prominent speakers appearing on the convention program included Sammy Peebles, Alabama’s native son – National FFA Vice President and Mrs. Mary George Waite, a Centre banker.

Sixteen business and professional friends of Alabama FFA and 24 local FFA advisors received Honorary State Farmer Degrees, the highest honor a state FFA bestows on non-members of FFA.

Myron Wilson, Cedar Bluff FFA member, rivaled National participants as a Convention organizer, and the Lexington FFA quartet and Stanhope Elmore string-duo provided entertainment breaks in the Convention program.

A touching phase of Convention activity was the honor ceremony state officers dedicated to their parents in recognition of sacrifices benefitting FFA.

State FFA President, Carl Shewbart from Speake, turned over the reins of Alabama’s swelling FFA membership to Steve Fowler, Wicksburg. The other new state officers are Roger Page, Vice President, Red Bay; Terry Johnson, secretary, Geraldine; Tim DeLoach, treasurer, Weogufka; Ronald Turner, reporter, Citronelle; and Clifton Homan, Sentinel, Gordo.

CONVENTION GREETINGS: Representatives from other youth groups greet FFA’ers at the State FFA Convention. From left, are speakers, Luan Johnson, DECA; David Whitten, Auburn Collegiate FFA; Betty Newman, FBLA; Mike Johnston, VICA; and Lynn Linhaugh, FHA.

MYRON’S MUSIC: Myron Wilson, Cedar Bluff FFA member, was worth his weight in gold entertaining the State Convention audience during stage changes. Myron set moods with his musical interludes and won compliments of Convention participants and visitors.
SNAKE HANDLERS: First-year agribusiness students at Hartselle learn to identify common reptiles from J. H. Lockhart, teacher, at center. Participating in the snake handling activity, under glass, are from left, Brad Kilpatrick, Jack McClahan, Lockhart, Bob Studer, and Mike Kirby. In addition to snake identification, students learn first aid for snake bites and care of beneficial reptiles.

“Aggie Busibee” Spotlights Ag - Ed Statewide

MECHANICS ON DUTY: Agribusiness students at Coffee Springs High School completed 10 different vehicle repair jobs last year. These jobs included reworking of engines, ignition system repair, exhaust system installation, brake work, and front-end repair. Coffee Springs agribusiness teacher, Connie McLean, center, gives pointers to Wyman Whatley and Donald Wilks. Wilks and Whatley served as group leaders during the year in agribusiness mechanics.

“MUD” SLINGERS: Chadrick Day, left, and Randy Ryan, center, Hartselle agribusiness students, perfect this skill of slinging masonry mud as instructor Leon Pope directs brick laying.

POWER STROKE: Agribusiness shop instructor P. M. Wilder, left, at Grant emphasizes small engine fundamentals to students Keith Randles and Anthony Barnes.

DISEASE CONTROL: Jimmy Lurwig, Foley, the 1972 state winner in crop production, discusses a smut occurrence in his wheat crop. Jimmy grows 115 acres of wheat and 165 acres of soybeans.

PAYCHECK EDUCATION: Fairview agribusiness students, from left, Darrell Powers, Gary Hooper, Herman Allen, and Ricky Gutherie, learn mechanics under D. M. Eddleman’s supervision.

FFA SWEETHEART: Miss Suzy Arnold, the 1972 sweetheart of the Maplesville FFA Chapter. Elected from a field of seven nominees, Suzy has been a cheerleader, Beta president, and an officer of her class.

FFA SWEETHEART: Miss Ann Howle is the present sweetheart at Heflin. A Betty Crocker winner, Heflin’s sweetheart is a national Who’s Who student and highly involved in school clubs and activities.

FFA SWEETHEART: Miss Belva Glover reigns as sweetheart of the Danville FFA Chapter. The sweetheart contest increased Danville’s treasury by $150, and what a lovely representative!
FUNNY BONERS

WAIT'LL NEXT YEAR — Mother: I don't know why you're worried, Polly — For the first report card, it's wonderful. You don't have anything but A's!

Polly: But, Mommie — Look where it says "SEX" — I got an "F" in that — and we haven't even studied it yet.

JUST TIME FOR A QUICKIE:
Judge: You've been hauled in here for drinking—Drunk: Well, let's get shorned!

FISH STORY NO. 2½: Wife to husband: It's raining. "If you're looking for that great big fish you caught, I froze it in an ice cube."

BEDSIDE MANNER — 1925 Doctor: Your cough sounds a lot better. We haven't even studied it yet.

"1. Prefer blondes," said the gay blade to his new, yellow-tressed girl friend.

"That's all right; darling," he reassured her gallantly, "I'm no gentleman!"

WARNING: A wedding ring is like a tourniquet because it stops your circulation.


Farmer Brown stared at her for a moment, then said, "That's once."

GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT: The deserter has been sentenced to death. At the appointed hour the guard came to fetch him and walk him to the place of execution. Unfortunately, the place of execution required a walk of almost a mile over a very muddy field. The condemned man complained bitterly. Finally the guard said, "Aw shut up — I don't know what you're complaining about, I gotta walk back."

"BUT THAT'S DIFFERENT!" Survey of women attending meeting to protest "deceptive packaging" revealed following: 15% tinted their hair—38% wore wigs — 80% wore rouge — 98% wore lipstick — 25% wore eyeshadow — 22% wore false eyelashes — 95% wore nail polish. And 100% voted in favor of a resolution condemning any kind of false packaging.

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The SWAP AND SHOP section will be a regular in the magazine when advertisements are submitted by members and advisors.

FATHER-SON-TEACHER COMBINATION:

MAN OF INFLUENCE: Helping Mac Wayne Donnell, right, show off part of his well-pedigreed "Yorks" are, from left, his dad, Willie Mac Donnell; Geneva County High Principal, Gene Brannon; and Hartford FFA Advisor, P. C. Dean. Both Donnells studied vo-ag under Dean.

Hartford FFA Advisor Proud Of Father-Son Students

Paul Dean, who directs agribusness education at Hartford, is somewhat of a novelist. Not a novelist in the sense that Dean is a renowned author, but Mr. Dean has come up with a couple of novelties worthy of note.

Several years back, Dean enrolled Millard Dillard in his vocational agriculture classes, and now he has another Dillard.

The new generation under Dean's influence is Ricky, Millard's son.

Dean won't commit himself on who's the better student of the Dillards but Ricky is Hartford's 1972 star chapter farmer, chapter vice president, and carries out an extensive farming program.

Another father-son combination enrolled by Dean is Willie Mac Donnell and son, Mac Wayne.

As might be guessed, Dean talked both into carrying a few hogs as productive projects. But could you believe it — Mac Wayne's hogs are not Duroc's? They're purebred Yorkshires which the Hartford youth hopes to show and develop into an extensive breeding operation.

As a footnote to Dean's novels, according to L. L. Sellers, Southeast District Supervisor, Dean is "ever youthful." He enjoys rippin' and rompin' with a grandchild even after 24 years of teaching young people.

FATHER-SON-TEACHER COMBINATION: Millard Dillard, center, a former student of P. C. Dean, still puts stock in the Hartford ag teacher's advice. "What's good enough for papa is good enough for son Ricky," says the senior Dillard.

"NERVUS" IN THE "SERVUS" — Boss: You just can't come in here and ask for a raise. You've got to work yourself up.

Jittery worker: Sir, if I were worked up any more than this, I'd jump out the window!
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