CONVENTION CALL

By STEVE FOWLER
State FFA President

Traditionally, the Alabama FFA Convention has been an excellent one. One that has displayed faith in the future, exhibited qualities of leadership, and recognized outstanding achievements. The 1973 State FFA Convention, to be held at the Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Alabama, will be no exception. This year’s theme is “Uniting Youth With Opportunities.”

The 44th State FFA Convention will continue the tradition of youth involvement in improving and further developing the FFA. This involvement will be through the convention sessions, competitive events, and conversations with other FFA members.

A vespers service will mark the beginning of the Convention on Tuesday evening, and set the stage for the entire convention. Sessions will include conducting FFA business, presenting awards, entertainment and listening to enthusiastic speeches.

The public speaking contest, string band competition, quartet contest, naming the Alabama Star Farmer, presentation of State FFA degrees and honoring adult FFA leaders are the traditional events you will not want to miss. There is a great excitement in store for all members in the upcoming convention.

An invitation is extended to every FFA member to attend and participate in the convention activities. Each chartered chapter is entitled to one official delegate. Delegates and members should study the Convention agenda and proposed business to prepare for the Convention.

The State Convention is an opportunity for members to put our best on display. If you are a delegate, a State Farmer, a competitor or an award winner, let me strongly encourage you to “look sharp” and “be sharp.” As the date for the Convention nears, we should prepare for three great days for the proud boys in the blue and gold. I am looking forward to seeing each of you in your FFA T-shirts or FFA jackets.

As your state officers, we want to make this the best possible State Convention. We are enthusiastically looking forward to your attending and participating in the convention. Your response to the Convention Call can change your future as well as the future of the FFA.
Forty-Fourth State FFA Convention Program

GARRETT COLISEUM
Montgomery, Alabama
June 5, 6, 7, 1973

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

8:00-12:00 A.M.
Registration – Garrett Coliseum

9:00-12:00 A.M.
Final Interview of State FFA Officer Candidates (Board Room, Garrett Coliseum)

10:00 A.M.
Livestock Judging Contest – Livestock Arena, Auburn

Dairy Judging Contest – Old Dairy Barn Near ETV Station, Auburn

Land Judging Contest – Livestock Arena, Auburn

11:00-12:00 A.M.
Courtesy Corps Meeting – Garrett Coliseum Lobby

3:00 P.M.
Opening Ceremony
Roll Call and Seating Delegates

Greetings – Mr. T. L. Faulkner, State Director of Vocational-Technical and Higher Education

Greetings – Mr. B. P. Dilworth, Branch Director, Program Supervisor, Vocational-Technical and Higher Education

Greetings – Robert Hinton, National FFA Vice President, Sydney, Florida

Business Session
Appointment of Committees

Greetings and Announcements – Mr. H. W. Green, State FFA Advisor

Closing Ceremony

Meeting of all Local Advisors – Garrett Coliseum

TUESDAY EVENING

7:00 P.M.
Music – Myron Wilson, Cedar Bluff FFA Chapter

7:30 P.M.
First General Session
Opening Ceremony
Invocation – Kenny Morrow, Past State FFA Secretary

Public Speaking Finals

Entertainment – Miss Alabama – Freita Fuller

Awards to Public Speakers

Closing Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

8:30 A.M.
Music – Myron Wilson

9:00 A.M.
Second General Session
Opening Ceremony
String Band Finals

Youth Leaders – FHA, DECA, FBLA, VICA, 4-H, Auburn Collegiate FFA Chapter

ALABAMA’S State Officer team is portraying the 1973 FFA theme, “FFA Unites Youth With Opportunities.” Officers are, left to right, Clifton Homan, sentinel; Terry Johnson, secretary; Tim Deloach, treasurer; Steve Fowler, president; Roger Page, vice president; and Ronald Turner, reporter.

State FFA Officers’ Yearly Report – Terry Johnson, State Secretary

Activity Program
Address – Robert Hinton, National FFA Vice President, Sydney, Florida

Future Farmer of the Year Award

Awards to String Bands

1:30 P.M.
Star Farmer Ceremony

State President’s Message

Awards – Land Judging, Dairy Judging, Livestock Judging, Chapter Contest, Safety, Champion Corn Growing Awards, Farm Woodland Improvement Contest, Building Our American Communities, Agricultural Mechanics, M. K. Heath Animal Health and Sanitation Award


Closing Ceremony

WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:00 P.M.
Music – First Place String Band

7:30 P.M.
Third General Session

Opening Ceremony
Invocation – Sammy Peebles, Past National FFA Vice-President, Brewton, Alabama

Greetings – Dr. LeRoy Brown, State Superintendent of Education

Conferring of Honorary State Farmer Degrees

Quartet Finals

Honors Parents of 1972-73 State FFA Officers

Awards to Quartets

Closing Ceremony

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

8:30 A.M.
Music – First Place Quartet

9:00 A.M.
Last General Session

Opening Ceremony
Address – Honorable Jere Beasley, Lt. Governor of Alabama

State Farmer Degree Ceremony

Presentation of Past Officer Pins

Presentation of Gavel to Past President

Announcements

Closing Ceremony

New Officers and Their Local Advisors Meet – Board Room, Garrett Coliseum.

Montgomery’s Garrett Coliseum on Federal Drive will be the site for all official registration, ceremonies, and general sessions for the 44th Annual State FFA Convention. The multi-million dollar state owned structure is equipped with large stage space and complete sound and lighting equipment.

On Our Cover

Myron Wilson—talented organist, will entertain the State Convention audience during stage changes. He is president of the Cedar Bluff FFA chapter and candidate for the State Farmer Degree. Myron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wilson of Cedar Bluff.
Alabama FFA Convention . . . June 5-7

More than 2,500 FFA members will converge on Montgomery June 5-7 as the annual State FFA Convention opens at the Garrett Coliseum. During the three-day convention FFA members from all over the state will gather to conduct business of the Alabama FFA Association and to recognize fellow members for their outstanding achievements.

This year's convention will feature National FFA Vice President Robert Hinton of Sydney, Florida, as the keynote speaker. Other guest speakers include: Lt. Governor Jere Beasley, Dr. LeRoy Brown, State Superintendent of Education and Mr. T. L. Faulkner, State Director of Vocational-Technical and Higher Education.

According to State FFA Advisor H. W. Green, incentive awards will be presented to over one hundred fifty outstanding FFA members and chapters by the State and National Foundations. A record number of Alabama FFA Degrees will be presented to 729 FFA members who, as a result of their occupational and leadership achievements, have qualified for the top state FFA degree.

In addition to student recognition, several adults are to be cited for their service to the FFA. Twenty-two business and professional leaders, who have helped to advance agribusiness and the FFA on the local and state level will receive the Honorary Alabama FFA Degree. Eighteen teachers of Agribusiness Education will be presented Honorary Degrees.

State President Steve Fowler from the Wicksburg chapter will preside over convention business sessions. He will be assisted by fellow officers: Roger Page, Red Bay; Terry Johnson, Geraldine; Tim DeLoach, Weogufka; Ronald Turner, Citronelle; and Clifton Homan, Gordo.

One official delegate from each of the 415 chapters in the state will represent the membership in voting on all key issues of business.

Miss Alabama To Entertain FFA'ers

Miss Alabama, Freita Fuller, will provide entertainment during the first general session of the State FFA Convention on Tuesday, June 5. Her talent routine is "Drums of Hawaii, Bora Bora" and features interpretative dancing, Hawaiian and Tahitian.

Freita, a vivacious 19 year old Auburn University student, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dean Fuller of Opelika.

She is a member of the Auburn University Band, Campus Crusade, an Auburn Calendar Girl, President of Modeling Board, "Miss Spring Roundup" and a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

In addition to winning the coveted Miss Alabama Pageant, Freita was named Miss Lake Eufaula, Miss Bama 200, Miss Lee County Fair and was a finalist for Alabama Poultry Queen, 1st alternate Miss Alabama Fair and Miss Lake Martin.

While a student at Opelika High School, Miss Alabama was a member of the Beta Club, Student Council, Anchor Club, band and glee club. She was head majorette and feature twirler for the Opelika band.
**THE LINE-UP 1973 STATE COMPETITION**

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**NOTE:** *District Winner Not Available at Press Time.*

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**THE CITRONELLE agricultural mechanics team will carry the Southwest District’s chances to win the state mechanics championship. The state finals will be held in Auburn prior to the convention. Mr. J. B. Barnett, Jr., Monroe County Bank President, who works to secure district prize money, is shown with team members Mike Turner, James Myers, and Stan Brown.
John Crum Sessions, a 20 year old FFA member from the Evergreen FFA Chapter in Conecuh County is Alabama’s Future Farmer of the Year for 1972, it has been announced by H. W. Green, State FFA Advisor and Supervisor of Agribusiness Education.

These are the words of John Sessions, Alabama’s Future Farmer of the Year. He started small. In 1967, John had two head of swine, one beef calf, and worked over 400 hours in the Conecuh Quick Freeze Meat Packing Plant, owned by his family, as a part of his supervised occupational experience program.

This is John’s second year out of school and he plans to have 150 acres of corn, 50 acres of peanuts, 10 head of beef cattle, 1200 head of market hogs, 21 sows, and will continue to assist his father in the meat packing plant.

John has recently completed a 300 capacity feed-out facility for finishing out market hogs. The facility is a modern push-button operation. A lagoon, built to health specifications, is used for waste disposal. A modern mix-mill feed facility is employed to make both hog feed and steer feed when stockers are bought to feed out. All hogs and steers are slaughtered in the family-owned meat packing plant. All grain produced on the farm is stored in two 100-ton bins located at the feed-out facility.

By the time he graduated from high school in 1971, John had compiled a

“Everything here has come about because of much hard work, determination, and the faith that my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sessions, and Agribusiness teacher, D. C. Fleming, had in me.”

A RECENT project of John’s was constructing this hog fence for his expanding sow herd. Here John is looking over part of his brood sows which now number twenty-one. As a first year agribusiness student, he started with only two head of swine.

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A MODERN mix-mill feed facility is used to make both hog feed and steer feed by Sessions. Here John is setting his mix-mill located in the feed room of his hog feeding operation.

"TOO WET TO PLOW," and John is thinking about all that grain he will need for his market hogs. The Evergreen farmer will plant 150 acres of corn to supplement his feed-out pork program.

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding FFA member for his work and accomplishments in FFA, Agribusiness Education, and in his school and community. John will receive $300 from the McDonald Ford Tractor Company, Montgomery, and a loving cup from Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity at Auburn at the State FFA Convention in June at Montgomery.

John attends Jefferson Davis State Junior College in Brewton during the winter quarter, which is just 25 miles from Evergreen. By communting each day, John is able to carry on his farming program and assist with the meat packing plant.

D. C. Fleming, Chapter FFA Advisor and Agribusiness instructor at Evergreen High School, noted that "with many hours spent in his farming program and much attention devoted to leadership training, young John Sessions exemplifies the achievement that can be won by those dedicating themselves to planning, working, dreaming, and doing. John Sessions personifies the laudability of FFA training."

A FEED-OUT FACILITY with a 300 head capacity has recently been constructed on the Sessions’ farm. "I plan to finish-out over 1000 head of market hogs this year," relates Alabama Future Farmer of the year.

Scottsboro FFA Sweeps County Arc Welding

SCOTTSBORO High FFA advisor, Cecil Gant, presents Paul Zapf with first prize in the Jackson County FFA electric welding contest. Ricky Crews, left, and Clifford Holloway, right, second- and third-place winners, are also from Scottsboro.

Paul Zapf, a first-year agribusiness education student of Cecil Gant's at Scottsboro High School, was the top winner in the Jackson County FFA Electric Welding competition held at Woodville, April 14.

Zapf, who had never welded prior to his second semester agribusiness instruction and training program in welding which began some three months ago, beat out all competitors including some third- and fourth-year students. Fourteen boys previously selected as winners from their respective schools participated in the welding performance tests.

In accomplishing his winning feats, Zapf excelled in flat, vertical, fillet and pipe welding assignments. On a scorecard which rated performance on a scale from fair to excellent, Zapf rated excellent in all categories. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zapf of Scottsboro.

Ricky Crews and Clifford Holloway, also from Scottsboro, won second and third-place honors in the competition to give their FFA chapter a shut out in the electric welding program.

The welding program is heralded by these three agribusiness students as a means of locating productive career objectives.

FFA QUIZ

1. Who is H. W. Green?
2. What are the dates for the state convention?
3. How many members compete for State Star Farmer?
4. What is the theme for the state convention?
5. Who is the State FFA President?
6. Who will give the keynote address during the state convention?
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GERALDINE FFA CHAPTER RECOGNIZES TOP MEMBERS

The Geraldine Future Farmers of America recognized its outstanding members at the Annual Parent-Member Banquet held March 31 at the Geraldine High School Cafetorium.

Trophies were presented to students with outstanding supervised practice programs or work experience. Those receiving the trophies were: Jerry Bryan, Sales and/or Service; Terry Johnson, Swine Production and Public Speaking; Ronald Williamson, Corn Growing; Lane Satterfield, Crop Production; Von Formby, Agricultural Mechanics; Robert Hughes, Truck Crop Production; and Dennis Barrett, Poultry Production.

Honorary Chapter Farmer Plaques were presented to local businessmen Bill Coker, R. E. Ables, Jr., Waymon Buttram, and Randy Moody.

Sammy Peebles, National FFA Vice-President of 1971-72, and presently a student at Auburn University was the main speaker. Tim DeLoach and Terry Johnson, Alabama FFA Vice-Presidents brought greetings from the State FFA Association. Johnson presented the chapter sweetheart trophy to Miss Jan Rogers.

Geraldine FFA President Von Formby, assisted by Vice-President Steve Thacker, Peebles, and DeLoach awarded Chapter Farmer Certificates and pins to 25 members. A buffet dinner was served to approximately 150 members, parents, and guests.

LEARNING TO DO
DOING TO LEARN
EARNING TO LIVE
LIVING TO SERVE

We Salute Our State’s FFA Members For Their Many Contributions To The Growth And Development Of Our Communities. Their Dedicated Efforts And Achievements Are Truly Outstanding.

ALABAMA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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"We Are The People"
STATE STAR FARMER CANDIDATES

From the ranks of the 729 State Farmer Degree candidates this year must come one who is best of all — the Star Farmer of Alabama. Six boys have been declared Star Farmers of their respective districts. After on-the-farm visitation, Cecil Burney, Chelsea; Kenny Brown, Evergreen; Ray Fields, Oakman; Pat Jones, Gurley; Mike Whitten, Albertville; and Jerry Wise, Samson, were judged most outstanding of the State Farmer Degree recipients in their districts. One of these six outstanding FFA’ers will wear the crown of State Star Farmer of 1973. Who will it be?

PREPARING for on-the-farm visitation by the judging committee for Star Farmer of Alabama are M. N. Humphries, Chelsea FFA advisor, and Cecil Burney, winner of East Central District Star Farmer honors.

CECIL BURNEY
EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT STAR FARMER

Coming from the Chelsea FFA chapter, Cecil started his supervised practice program in partnership with his father. His first year projects included 187,000 broilers, 16 head of beef cattle, 588 market hogs, 4 boars and one-half acre home garden. During his three-year enrollment in Agribusiness Education, Cecil in partnership with his father has gradually increased his scope so that he now has 393,000 cornish hens, 30 brood cows, sixteen calves, and one acre home garden. His Agribusiness Education teacher is Mr. Mickey Humphries.

In FFA, Cecil has served his chapter as treasurer and president. In addition he has been a member of the Livestock Judging Team, delegate to State Convention, placed third in the State in the Poultry Award, chairman of FFA week activities, chairman of chapter banquet committee and won the County Public Speaking Contest.

The East Central District’s Star Farmer aspires to continue his agricultural interests by pursuing farming, part-time. For his all-round FFA activity, Cecil Burney is a good contender for Star Farmer of Alabama.

KENNY BROWN
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT STAR FARMER

Here is another sixteen-year-old miracle worker. Under the careful guidance of Mr. D. C. Fleming, Kenny undertook, as initial supervised projects, one beef calf, three market hogs, one sow, seven gilts, and four boars. Determination is not a weakness of this Evergreen youth. He converted painstaking labor and eagerness to learn into a $890 project.

During his second year he added corn and feeder pigs to his farming enterprise and listened now to his present-day program. Eight sows, one boar, 160 market hogs, 15 feeder pigs, 27 acres of corn, 2 beef calves, and 2 acres of butterbeans. It is little wonder that Brown’s accumulated labor income from two years of supervised farming totals more than $2,000.

In FFA, Kenny has a record that few can match. He has judged dairy cattle and livestock. He has shown hogs and beef cattle. He leads his chapter as reporter this year, and he is valuable to Evergreen’s BOAC Committee. He is a member of the Beta Club and takes an active role in school activities. He goes to church regularly and shows school spirit by participating in the Evergreen High School Pep Club.

You can see that Kenny Brown is another top candidate for Star Farmer of Alabama.

RAY FIELDS
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT STAR FARMER

Fifteen cows, 40,000 broilers, and 20 acres of hay — that’s the projects which started Ray Fields on his way toward State Star Farmer. Every year Ray increased his acreage and got more involved in family partnership and today he has 25 head of beef cattle, 35 acres of hay, 5 acres of watermelons, one acre fish pond which are individually his. He also has a 25 per cent interest in 50,000 broilers, 121 head of beef cattle, 2 bulls, and 40 acres of hay.

This is Ray’s first year out of high school and he is now farming full time. He does 99 per cent of the work on this 380 acre farm, since his father is employed full time with Gold Kist.

Ray served his FFA chapter as sentinel. He has judged land and livestock. He is active in church, and wildlife conservation.

His local FFA advisor is Mr. W. L. Hyde.

Summing up, Ray Fields, is an established farmer, top FFA member, and a prime candidate for the distinction of Alabama’s leading State Farmer.

MIKE WHITTEN
NORTHEAST DISTRICT STAR FARMER

Mike hails from the Albertville FFA chapter. Mike developed a small beginning of 6 dairy cows, 3 dairy heifers, and one dairy calf into a much wider program in scope. Since his grandfather passed away Mike has assumed com-

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"LIST DAIRY COWS you now own" advises Rudy Hodges, Albertville agribusiness teacher of State Star Farmer candidate Mike Whitten. Mike represents the Northeast District.

Mike has complete responsibility for the 215 acre farm. His present program consists of 50 head of beef cattle, 5 dairy cows, and 55 acres of hay. These are not partnership projects; they are 100% Mike's. In addition, he has 2/5 interest in 50 beef cattle with his uncle.

Young Whitten has won many honors in dairy shows and has been a member of the Dairy Judging Team. He has been sentinel of his chapter and was a delegate at the State Convention.

Reverence for his creator is a hallmark of Mike Whitten's life. Mike has served as President of his Sunday School and Young People's Class. In addition he is Sunday School Superintendent.

Mike is a third-year agribusiness student of Mr. Rudy Hodges at Albertville.

Young Whitten's leadership record in the school and community along with his supervised experience program qualifies him as a prime contender for Star Farmer of Alabama.

JERRY WISE
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
STAR FARMER

Jerry started his supervised practice program with 5 acres of peanuts and 12 head of swine. During his three-year enrollment in Agribusiness Education, Jerry gradually increased his scope so that he now has 12 acres of peanuts, 5 acres of cotton, 15 acres of soybeans, 12 acres of grain sorghum and 13 head of swine. These are not partnership projects; they are 100% Jerry's. His supervised project program under Mr. Charles Hogan, Samson Agribusiness Education teacher, has netted him over $5,000. In addition to his own projects, Jerry assists his father in growing 100 acres of peanuts, 83 acres of grain sorghum, and 100 acres of cotton.

Jerry has been very active in FFA. He has served his chapter as sentinel, a member of the Land Judging Team, entered the Public Speaking Contest, member of the Livestock Judging Team and has shown livestock. Also, he has been very active in school and community activities.

Jerrry Wise hopes to be the one who is elevated to State Star Farmer during the FFA Convention.

JERRY WISE, Southeast District Star Farmer and his agribusiness teacher, Charles Hogan make final "entries" in his application for State Star Farmer.

PAT JONES
NORTH DISTRICT
STAR FARMER

This Gurley FFA'er has an outstanding leadership record. He is President of his local FFA chapter this year. In addition, he has been a member of the Land Judging Team; entered the FFA Public Speaking contest and has been a delegate to the State Convention.

In school he is a member of the Beta Club, science club, and plays baseball and basketball.

Reverence for his creator is a hallmark...Continued on page 15
McAdory Ag-ed Program Meets Challenge

The McAdory FFA chapter is a chapter striving to meet the challenge of a changing agriculture. Being located in Jefferson County just miles from the cities of Bessemer and Birmingham, McAdory is not a typical agricultural community. To meet this challenge, the high school at McAdory has added a new phase to its agribusiness education program — co-operative training in addition to the regular basic vocational education and agribusiness offerings.

The 115 students involved in the programs are under the direction of advisors Don Bristow and Nick Fuller.

The co-operative training program is designed to give the student occupational training in some form of agribusiness or related industries. Students employed in the program work part-time at garden centers, farms, hardware and supply stores, meat processing firms, machine shops, agricultural equipment firms and small engine repair shops.

Eighteen students at McAdory High School are actively participating in the co-op training program, which has been in operation for two years. Don Bristow, agribusiness teacher, has coordinated the program since its beginning.

Students attend class and work either in the morning or afternoon five days a week; 450 hours of work experience are required by each student in the co-op program during the year.

Businessmen and farmers are contacted for their willingness in placing the high school students for work experience. For instance, Charles McWaters is working for a local dairy farmer receiving experiences in all phases of the dairy enterprise.

Larry Tubb and Kenneth Hester are placed with D & M Paint and Tool Rental. They receive training in small engine repair, chain saws, and all types of sales and service.

Curt Roland is employed with Polar Storage and Locker, a meat processing industry. He is gaining experiences and competencies in slaughtering, cutting, grading, wrapping, freezing, displaying, and merchandising retail and wholesale cuts of meat. Curt is a chapter entry in the Placement in Processing State FFA Proficiency Award.

Mike Berry is placed with Davis Machine Tool Company, a firm involved in all types of machine tool operation. Mike is learning how to operate precision tools including a gigantic drill press.

The story is unending at McAdory with the co-op and regular agribusiness programs.

There is a very old saying, "Experience is the best teacher." These Jefferson County youths are learning a profession in an "up town" agribusiness education program by doing and producing.

Kenneth Hester, McAdory co-op student is adjusting the carburetor on a rotary tiller that he has recently overhauled. Don Bristow, agribusiness coordinator, observes the tune-up procedure.

CO-OP student Curt Roland demonstrates his proficiency in cutting beef on a meat saw as McAdory agribusiness instructor Don Bristow looks on.

Basic skills in power mechanics are included in the regular agribusiness program at McAdory. Students Mike Jones, left, and Bill Earley, right, disassemble a multiple cylinder engine with the supervision of instructor Nick Fuller.
SPOTLIGHT . . . AG-ED STATEWIDE

STEER SHOW WINNER—Kenny Franklin, Foley FFA member, exhibits his Charolais steer that placed sixth in state competition in Montgomery. The summer yearling placed first in District Show in Charolais class group III.

LIVINGSTON AGRIBUSINESS EDUCATION students, left to right, Larry Gholston, Tommy Little and Lonzo Brown get practical experience in arc welding by constructing metal gates.

STEER SHOW WINNER—David Williams of Notasulga FFA chapter placed first in the Montgomery District Steer Show with his Shorthorn steer. He also placed fifth in the State FFA-4-H Steer Show. The steer weighed 800 pounds and sold for 57¢ per pound.

“PRUNE branches in the center of peach trees to provide sunlight,” states instructor David Ashe, Agribusiness teacher at Opp High School. Receiving instruction in the school orchard laboratory are horticulture students Joyce Bradley, Vicki Harrison, Carol Nawlin and Judy Nelson.

BAY MINETTE FFA’ERS PITCH IN—Lanny Vickrey, left, and Jim Roberts, right, are putting the finishing touches on one of the litter barrels that surround the agribusiness department at Baldwin County High. The securing, painting, and placing of litter barrels was a project of the Bay Minette FFA chapter. Drums for barrels were donated by local industries and paint was purchased with chapter funds.

LEARNING HORTICULTURAL skills at Cotaco High School are FFA’ers Cindy Taylor, left, and Linda Graydon, right, as they prune shrubs on the school campus. Chapter also improved landscape with rose bush plantings around agribusiness department.

BOAC PROJECT: Centre FFA’ers held a joint FFA-city clean-up day as a special community project. Joining BOAC chairman Richard Grimes, left, and FFA president, Danny Singleton, right, picking up trash is Mayor Lillian White.

BEAUREGARD FFA’ers are helping to keep litter off their school grounds by providing attractive trash cans. The cans are painted blue with gold FFA letters. With Principal Jim String is chapter president, Gene Davis, left, and members Felix Thomas and Norman Whatley.

STEER SHOW WINNER—Cloyce Barrett, Wetumpka FFA member, exhibits his Angus steer that won second place in the Angus class, group II, in the State Steer Show in Montgomery. Cloyce also won first in showmanship in Elmore County Show, first in Angus class, group II, and Reserve Champion in Angus breed. In the District Show, he placed second in showmanship, second in group II Angus, and Reserve Champion in Angus breed.
Tommy Price, Fayette FFA member, is a promising agricultural mechanic who is largely self-made, according to H. W. Green, State Supervisor, Agribusiness Education.

Last year Price won the top spot in the Alabama FFA's Agricultural Mechanics proficiency program jointly sponsored by the Alabama Power Company, Bush Hog, Inc., the Alabama Farm and Power Equipment Dealers Association, and the National FFA Foundation. He represented Alabama in regional competition.

Tommy, 19, graduated from M. F. Carroll's agribusiness education course in 1971, and, according to Carroll, young Price literally "ate up" any and all instruction dealing with mechanics. "Price followed up classroom learning with on-the-farm application," beams instructor Carroll. "He has run his family's farm by himself since the death of his father several years ago and often times he repairs his farming equipment before eating his breakfast."

Price has built side mountings for his bush hog, built a spring-type drag for his disk, made dual exhausts for a farm truck, rewired the electrical system on one of his tractors, overhauled engines, painted equipment, and done his own regular maintenance work.

He has built a tractor shed, constructed cotton frames, built a utility trailer, and the list goes on!

His farm shop which he refers to as "his living room" features a filing system for nuts, bolts, and other supplies.

"Filing supplies not only helps me locate needed materials quickly, it also results in a cleaner, safer working area," Tommy points out.

Price's shop is electrically wired, has running water, and is heated; his claim of living in the shop is realistic.

The Fayette County youth's agricultural mechanics equipment includes an air compressor, an electric welder, work benches, taps and dies, an electric drill, and assorted hand tools. A modern tool cabinet in Tommy's shop is a Christmas gift from his girlfriend.

"Mechanizing' has aided my farming tremendously," says Price. "I have saved myself many costly repair bills, got the work done exactly like I wanted it, and enjoyed doing it, all at the same time."

Tommy was Alabama FFA's State Star Farmer in 1971.

Other 1972 state winners are Jerry Moody, Blountsville, second; J. E. Thompson, Fairhope, third; and Thomas Edward Minton, Attalla, fourth.

According to Tommy—the arc welder which he is using to repair this spray boom, has saved him hundreds of dollars on equipment repair costs. Tommy installed a 60 ampere electrical switch in his farm shop to provide lights, and branch circuits for the arc welder and other power tools.

Agricultural Mechanics is always a challenge because of the opportunity to learn and develop new skills according to Alabama's top FFA mechanic. Here Tommy is measuring the application rate of his new sprayer which is part of the calibration procedure.

Quiz Answers
1. State Supervisor of Agribusiness Education and State FFA Advisor
2. June 5-7
3. Six
4. "Uniting Youth With Opportunity"
5. Steve Fowler
6. National Vice President, Robert Hinton

Tuscaloosa County High Sells Citrus

FFA members at Tuscaloosa County High, Northport, have discovered a profitable fund raising activity – selling oranges. The chapter sold one hundred and seventy-eight boxes of Seald Sweet oranges to their neighbors, families and friends. The selling venture netted the chapter four hundred fifty dollars. Richie Kincaid, chapter president, was the top salesman with 38 boxes.
CLINTON: Participated in the National Livestock Judging Contest; sponsored a quads program and a field day for ag students; elected FFA officers for next year; presented radio program on youth and ag; conducted a "Fix-It-for-Free" for faculty members; conducted an arm wrestling tournament at the FFA meetings for entertainment; assisted in campus beautification program; published 5 news articles; entering FFA's Corn Growing Challenge; sponsored chapter FFA awards.

FICKENS COUNTY: Subscribed to 44 copies of the Alabama FFA Reporter; sold candy and citrus fruits as a fund raising drive; participated in the Alabama State Fair Hog Show; published several news articles; participated in the state farm woodland improvement contest; held a parent and son FFA banquet; built a welding table for the shop; participated in the BOAC program; participated in the corn growing contest; four candidates for the state farm dean; planning a FFA camping trip; have completed several jobs for the agribusiness department. Roger Minett and Rex Greene named chapter corn growers.

PAIN ROCK VALLEY: Built and painted signs for local grain mill; built acetylene cart and projector stand in welding class; published an article in the Tupelo Daily News on speaking contest; placed second in area; State president was guest speaker; won $100 in the contest; organized all judging teams for participation in the district contest; purchased $50 worth of tools for shop; second class in expert lockable systems and change; set differential in automobile; entered student in Home Improvement Award proficiency contest.

CERENCE: Chapter was appointed to nominate officers to serve during next school year; purchased 6,000 pine seedlings; held a second regular business meeting; had Caddo State Junior College Agriculture instructor speak on scholarship opportunities.

EAST LIMESTONE: Agribusiness students studying under welding and concrete work; member entered Home Improvement Proficiency Award; planning parent-son FFA banquet; chapter sold 1,000 candies in greenhouse; FFA basketball team played to Entmott FFA chapter.

CARNAL: Chapter went on field trip to State FFA Convention; sponsored a quads program; held a newspaper contest; placed second in County speaking contest; elected to State FFA convention; Steve Whites named Star Chapter Farmer.

ONEonta: Studied lessons on welding; sold candy, nuts, and combs; fund-raising project; held FFA/FIFA Parent Banquet; held Blount County FFA Public Speaking Contest at school auditorium; Oneonta FFA member Rickey Deerman placed second; the team participated in the Blount County Steer Show; three members had highest scores in the judging contest; members were Mike Hamby, Lynn Moody, and Mark Hill. Lynn Moody's calf was the breed champion in the Hereford class.

SECTION: Three chapter members are applicants for Proficiency Awards: Keith Haynes—livestock production; B. E. Allen—crop production; and Bobby Hancock—Placement in Sales and Service. Bobby Allen named chapter corn judge; entered in Jackson County with a yield of 175.2 bushels per acre; Johnny Carroll, president, won second place in area public speaking contest; planning for annual parent-son banquet.

MILLTOWN: Made plans for Greenbush Initiative; recruited agriculture building; making plans for a candy sale-proceeds will be used to buy additional equipment for building; making plans for school play, basketball game; making plans for FFA picnic; began preparation on school grounds.

WEST END: Chapter held two Gospel concerts netting over $700.00 profit; sold magazines, mow., and mixed nuts; published news article each week in local newspaper; initiated 17 Chapter Farmers; presented school with new P.A. system for football field and auditorium; Chapter had Northeast Blount County Champion; won first place in FFA Quadtet Contest in County and District; won first place in livestock judging in Etowah County; won 2nd place in Public Speaking Contest in Etowah County; Chapter has 4 State Farmer Degree members; plans for a banquets for the next year; elected May 10 with Terry Johnson and Mr. J. C. Hollis; placed third in the county; presented 3 Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees; purchased new wood lattice and bethel for shop.

SCOTTboro: Awarded three Honorary Memberships; officers, principal; participated in County FFA contest—won all electric welding event; second in soil judging; second in dairy judging; and third in livestock judging; built stage props for Drama Club play; elected FFA officers for next year; presented radio program; conducted a "Fix-It-for-Free" for faculty members; conducted an arm wrestling tournament at the FFA meetings for entertainment; assisted in campus beautification program; published 5 news articles; entering Fink's Corn Growing Challenge; sponsored chapter FFA awards.

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TROY CHAPTER SWEETHEARTS—Two beauties were selected by the Troy FFA as Chapter Sweethearts for 1972-73. They are Miss Pam Perry, left, and Miss Cathy Boykin, right. Pam was also elected Homecoming Queen and a member of the homecoming court.

FAYETTE: Continued from page 11 mark of Pat Jones' life. Pat has been church usher, President and secretary of his Sunday School Class and choir leader.

Pat's net earnings of over $2500 resulted from two years of completed projects. These earnings were derived from a wide variety and good scope of first-year farming enterprises which have broadened to Pat's present day program of two beef bulls, 23 head of market hogs, 10 acres of corn, 7 head of sheep, 5 head of brood cows, and 3 sows. These are not partnership projects; they are 100% Pat's.

Pat comes from a rather large farm consisting of 916 acres. He assists in looking after 330 head of beef cattle, 150 acres of corn and 80 acres of soybeans.

Pat is a third-year agribusiness student of Mr. B. C. Adcox at Gurley. Indeed, young Jones is a worthy candidate for State Star Farmer.
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