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Alabama's Four National FFA Proficiency Winners
Alabama’s 44th State FFA Convention became history in Montgomery, June 5-7. Using the theme “FFA Unites Youth With Opportunity,” over 1000 conventioneers shared in the many leadership activities.

An unofficial survey of FFA advisors and members seems to indicate that the 1973 State FFA Convention was a huge success. State President Steve Fowler, and his state officer team along with members of the staff, local FFA advisors, and all others who helped stage the convention are to be commended for an excellent job.

There were many exciting and inspiring moments throughout the three day convention. Top recognition of the Convention went to Future Farmers from Evergreen and Oakman. John Crum Sessions, a Conecuh County farmer and agribusinessman, received the “Alabama Future Farmer of the Year” award while Ray Fields a graduate of Oakman High School, was designated “Star Farmer of Alabama.”

Terry Johnson, a member of the Geraldine FFA Chapter, won the coveted public speaking contest with his oration, “Water Pollution.”

Fifteen FFA members received first place awards in the FFA proficiency program. These winners were: Curtis Massey, Coffee Springs, Agricultural Electrification; Thomas Minton, Attalla, Agricultural Mechanics; Jimmy McNeil, Evergreen, Crop Production; Julius Nichols, Fayette, Dairy Production; Wesley Patterson, Cullman, Fish and Wildlife Management; James Price, Fayette, Forest Management; Terry Williamson, Andalusia, Home Improvement; Andy Lane, Russellville, Livestock Production; Roger Gregory, Curry, Ornamental Horticulture; Ronnie Daniel, Jasper, Outdoor Recreation; Mike Fuller, Enterprise, Placement in Agricultural Production; Curt Roland, McArdle, Placement in Processing; Rex Mayfield, Russellville, Placement in Sales and/or Service; Anthony Wells, Sylvania, Poultry; Benji Moates, Enterprise, Soil and Water Management.

Etowah County High at Attalla captured top honors in the FFA Agricultural Mechanics team competition. The team advances to the national contest in Independence, Missouri.

In judging competition, Southside won the championship in land; Gordo “B”, livestock; and West Limestone, dairy. The Livestock and dairy judging teams now advance to national level contests.

West Point, with their superb rendition of country and western music put down five other district-winning bands to win the state string band championship.

West End’s FFA quartet won over five other professional-like groups in singing its way to victory in the quartet contest.

In chapter-wide competition, Crossville, Fairhope, Russellville, Sparkman, and Sylanvit were designated as the state’s five most outstanding chapters.

Crossville was tops in chapter safety competition while Gordo “A” captured first-place in farm woodland improvement.

Gary Gibbs, Sparkman, was named state champion corn grower, and Bobby Martin, Geneva, received the M. K. Heath animal health award.

Boaz received the Governor’s Citation as the best entry in the “Building Our American Communities” program.

A record number, 729, FFA members were elevated to State Farmer status. Continues on page 10.
APPRECIATION TO SPONSORS

Since this issue of The Alabama FFA Reporter features winners of state contest and awards program, it is a most appropriate time to salute the 1972-73 sponsors of the FFA contests and awards program in Alabama.

Competitive activity gives over 26,000 Alabama FFA'ers incentive to initiate and carry out quality programs. Largely due to the generosity and support of sponsors, participation in FFA contests is at an all-time high. Alabama continues to lead the nation in turning out national proficiency winners and state FFA membership is the second highest in the nation.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank each and every one of our sponsors for the time and money they have invested in the FFA. These are some of Alabama FFA's best friends.

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AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION WINNERS: Charles Flowers, left, Alabama Power Company, and John Horne, right, Alabama Rural Electric Association congratulate Curtis Massey, Coffee Springs, first; Clay Murrell, Wetumpka, second; Rodney McWhorter, Millerville, third; Crandall Langley, Fairhope, fourth; Michael Raines, Attalla, fifth; and Dale Green, Russellville, sixth. Alabama BEA and Alabama Power co-sponsor this contest.
MISS ALABAMA, Freita Fuller, entertained FFA'ers with Hawaiian and Tahitian dancing during first general session.

H. W. GREEN, state FFA advisor, presents award to “Alabama’s Future Farmer of The Year” John Crum Sessions, Evergreen.

NATIONAL FFA Vice President, Robert Hinton from Sydney, Florida, brought greetings from the National office to the convention delegates.
WEST END'S state-winning quartet really knows how to "har-mo-nize!"

WEST POINT'S VOCALIST, Vaughn Burden, sings for West Point's first-place FFA String Band.

"Uniting Youth With Opportunities"

LT. GOVERNOR Jere Beasley stressed the need for vocational education in Alabama as he addressed the last general session on Thursday.

T. L. FAULKNER, state director, Vocational-Technical and Higher Education, praised the work of the FFA and cited the need for more young people to become involved with youth groups such as the FFA.
State FFA Contest And Award Winners

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT WINNERS: Mary George Waite, President Farmers & Merchants Bank, Centre, congratulates Wesley Patterson, Cullman, first; Kent Callicutt, Vernon, second; Cecil Burney, Chelsea, third; and Timothy Petty, Falkville, fourth. Centre's F & M Bank is contest sponsor.

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURAL WINNERS: Floyd Cook, Capitol Agricultural Service and Supply Company, contest sponsor, presents awards to Roger Gregory, Curry, first; Chris Norton, Etowah Area Vocational, second (not shown); David Brasher, Chelsea, third (not shown); and Johnny Wood, Wetumpka, fourth.

POULTRY PRODUCTION WINNERS: Anthony Wells, Sylvania, first; Michael Whisenhunt, Cullman, second; Cecil Burney, Chelsea, third; and Bobby Allen, Section, fourth.

PLACEMENT IN SALES AND/OR SERVICE WINNERS: Rex Mayfield, Russellville, first; Jimmy Beverly, Evergreen, second; Larry Tubb, McAdory, third; and Roger Page, Red Bay, fourth.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS WINNERS: James Edwards, left, Alabama Power Company, and Harold Bridges, right representing Alabama Farm Power and Equipment Dealers Association, present awards to Thomas Minton, Attalla, first; Jerry Moody, Blountsville, second; Jimmy Parrish, Waterloo, third (not shown); and Phillip Carroll, Fayette, fourth. Alabama Power, FPE Dealers Association and Bush Hog, Inc., sponsor contest.

PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNERS: Leon Dykes, left, representing Alabama Council of Farmer Cooperatives; and Mary George Waite, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Centre, right, present speaking honors to Terry Johnson, Geraldine, first; Steve Pats, Castleberry, second; Donnie Brooks, Opp, third; Randy Vaughn, Hayden, fourth; Billy Allgood, Auburn, fifth; and Roger Page, Red Bay, sixth. Dykes' organization sponsors the speaking contest and Waite served as chairman of the contest judges.

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LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION WINNERS: Andy Lane, Russellville, first; Neil Outlaw, Hartford, second; Bobby Martin, Geneva, third; and Max Junkins, Kennedy, fourth (not shown).

HOME IMPROVEMENT WINNERS: Terry Williamson, Andalusia, first; Sandy Wadsworth, Wetumpka, second; Jimmy Gilbreath, Crossville, third; and Gene Potter, Berry, fourth (not shown).

PLACEMENT IN PROCESSING WINNERS: Curt Roland, McAdory, first; Fred Green, Jackson, second (not shown); Mark Poe, Northport, third; and Mark Barrett, Wetumpka, fourth, (not shown).

STATE STAR FARMER: Ray Fields, Oakman, was declared Alabama Star Farmer for 1972-73 by State FFA President, Steve Fowler. The honor designates Fields the most outstanding of the 729 State Farmer Degree recipients this year.

FARM WOODLAND IMPROVEMENT WINNERS: C. W. Burrage, left, Manager Forestry and Agriculture, Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, presents awards to Karry Gano, Milby, third; Douglas Shelton, Reform, fourth; Billy Floyd, Gordo, "B", second; and Randy Gray, Gordno "A", first, kneeling. The IC & G Railroad sponsors this program for FFA chapters in 11 Alabama counties.

FOREST MANAGEMENT WINNERS: Alan Fowler, left, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, contest sponsor presents awards to James Price, Fayette, first; Dennis Gilliam, Gordno, second; Harold Harvey, Gordno, third; and Joe Mack Stewart, Woodland, fourth.

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DAIRY PRODUCTION WINNERS: Julius Nichols, Fayette, first; Benjy Moates, Enterprise, second; Kenneth Smith, Holly Pond, third; and Phillip Gilbert, Sylvania, fourth.

CROP PRODUCTION WINNERS: Jimmy McNeil, Evergreen, first; Keith Haynes, Section, second; Bobby Martin, Geneva, third; and David Oswalt, Winfield, fourth.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS WINNERS: Etowah County High at Attalla won first place in Agricultural Mechanics team competition in State Finals. Team members with FFA advisor, James Turner, are Steven Williams, Harry Whitt, and David Cash. Other state winners are Citronelle, second; Coffee Springs, third; and West Limestone, fourth.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT WINNERS: Benjy Moates, Enterprise, first; Phillip Hammock, Red Bay, second; John Summersford, Falkville, third; and Julius Nichols, Fayette, fourth.

CHAMPION CORN Growers: O. H. Bowden of Gold Kist, Inc., second right, presents a $200 cash award to Gary Gibbs, Sparkman, winner of the State Corn Growing Contest. Other district winners, are, back row, Julius Hayes, Billingsley, left, and William Hocutt, Fayette, right; kneeling, Ricky Humphrey, West End and Larry Stallings, Pleasant Home.
QUARTET WINNERS: Charles McCay, representing the Farm Bureau Federation, contest sponsor, presents the first-place award to the West End FFA Quartet. Members of the Quartet include Howard McCray, Steve Campbell, Veryl Brown, Ken Loggins, and Roland Walker, pianist. Other quartet winners are Falkville, second; Chelsea, third; Opp, fourth; Holly Pond, fifth; and George F. Austin, sixth.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING WINNERS: Gordo 'B's' first-place livestock judges receive congratulations and a $250 cash award from W. H. Bearden, representing the Jim Dandy Company, contest sponsor. Team members are Kenneth Homan, Harold Harvey, and Alan Wright. Other state winners are Louisville, second; Blountsville, third; and Brundidge, fourth.

LAND JUDGING WINNERS: Southside land judges receive first-place awards from Mooney Nalty, representing the Alabama Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, contest sponsor. Members of the Southside team are Allen Hawkins, Tommy Lasseter, and Stanley Stroup. Other state winners are Wetumpka, second; LaFayette, third; and Crossville, fourth.

STRING BAND WINNERS: L. L. Buttram, Goodwater Postmaster and chairman of the judges, presents the first-place award to the West Point FFA String Band. Band members are Chuck Eddy, Rickey Skinner, and Randy Milligan, front; Randy Lawrence, Vaughn Burden, and Rudae Strickland, back. Other state winners include Bay Minette, second; third was Hartselle; and fourth, Hartford.

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Four Alabama FFA’ers National Winners

Four Alabama FFA members were selected as regional winners of FFA Foundation awards, it was announced recently by Dr. M. C. Gaar, coordinator of the Judging Committee for the Southern Region.

Defeating 12 other Southern State winners were Mike Fuller, Enterprise, placement in agricultural production; Anthony Wells, Sylvania, poultry production; Thomas Minton, Attalla, agricultural mechanics; and Curtis Massey, Coffee Springs, agricultural electrification.

As regional winners each of these four Alabamians is assured one of the four top placings in national competition. National placings will be determined at the National FFA Convention, October 16-19.

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.

Alabama leads the southern region with four Foundation award winners. The National FFA sponsors 15 proficiency programs.

DAIRY JUDGING WINNERS: West Limestone’s dairy judges won first place in state and received a $250 check from Conagra, Inc., contest sponsor. They are Tommy Barnett, Billy Jackson, and M. F. Long. Other state winners are Milltown, second; Hartselle, third; and Ider, fourth.

GOSHEN FFA members, Carter Sanders, and Steve Tillery with FFA Advisor Glenn Carmichael attended the National FFA Conference in Washington D.C. for chapter members this summer. Tim Daugherty, Central Region Vice President, right, greets the Alabamians.

HONORARY STATE FARMER DEGREES were bestowed on these local agribusiness teachers for their service to Alabama FFA. They are, left to right, R. L. Reynolds, Opp; Roy Johnson, Enterprise; Joe Carothers, Ashford; R. V. Bolden, Tuskegee Institute High; Wallace Musick, Goodwater; D. D. Walker, Clanton; J. D. Ward, Castleberry; Elbert McCants, Baldwin County High; Don Bristow, McAdory; J. D. Hicks, Holly Pond; L. D. Morgan, Cold Springs, Leon Pope, Hartselle; J. R. Hankins, Lexington; W. C. Farmer, Russellville; Clyde Mitchell, Felt City; Bruce Harn, Millerville, and Lloyd Borden, Etowah Area Vocational Center.

BOAC WINNERS: Boaz receives the top award in the “Building Our American Communities” program. Adorning the FFA Emblem Plaque are Terry Burke, Chapter representative and FFA advisor, Marion Jackson. BOAC is a joint effort by Farmers Home Administration and FFA to improve local communities. Other state winning chapters are Sparkman, Citronelle, Centre, Seneca, Hayneville, and York West End.

OUTDOOR RECREATION WINNERS: Ronnie Daniel, Jasper, first; David Hudson, Cullman, second; Harold Harvey, Gordo, third (not shown); and Daniel Frizzet, Centre, fourth.

73 STATE FFA CONVENTION

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Twenty-one business and professional friends of Alabama FFA and 18 local FFA advisors received Honorary State Farmer Degrees, the highest honor a state association bestows on non-members of FFA.

Interspersed between these events were addresses by such prominent speakers as Jere Beasley, Lt. Governor of Alabama, T. L. Faulkner, State Director of Vocational-Technical and Higher Education, Dr. LeRoy Brown, State Superintendent of Education, and Robert Hinton, National FFA Vice President of the Southern Region.

Miss Alabama, Freita Fuller, provided entertainment during the convention and had a captive audience with her interpretative dance routines.

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, Steve Fowler from Wicksburg, turned over the gavel and leadership of the nation’s second largest FFA association to Elton Bouldin, Crossville. The other new state officers are Albert Blankenship, Vice President, Stanhope Elmore; Pat Jones, Secretary, Gurley; Spencer Means, treasurer, Cver; Kenny Brown, Reporter, Evergreen; and Kenneth Spivey, Sentinel, Enterprise.

Boy – A piece of skin stretched over an appetite.
Attalla Wins State Mechanics Contest

The Etowah County High FFA mechanics team at Attalla captured top honors in the State FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest according to H. W. Green, State FFA Advisor.

The contest featured three types of competitive activity. In addition to excelling in "hands on" mechanical skills, the Attalla team outscored contestants on a written examination and in specially arranged problem solving situations.

Six teams, who were district winners, competed in the state mechanics contest. For its first place win Etowah County High received $250 in premium money and will represent Alabama in National competition in Independence, Missouri, October 17.

The second-place team was from Citronelle while Coffee Springs and West Limestone came in third and fourth, respectively.

Mechanics teams were composed of three members who demonstrated their proficiency in the areas of agricultural power and machinery; oxy-acetylene welding; plumbing; and soil and water management.

Examples of actual skills performed during the contest included calibrating a power sprayer, sweating copper tubing, butt welding with oxy-acetylene welder, determining slope with the hand and tripod level, and checking ignition on small gasoline engine.

According to George White, Agribusiness Education staff member, who coordinated the contest, this was the second contest of this type held at the state level, and over forty teams competed at the district level. "The purpose of the contest is to provide competitive activities which reflect abilities in areas of emphasis resulting from instruction in agricultural mechanics."

Since no county or area eliminations are required, each chapter is eligible to participate in district competition.

The instructional areas selected by the National committee for the 1974 agricultural mechanics contest are agricultural mechanics skills consisting of arc welding and fencing; electric power and processing; and agricultural structures and environment consisting of carpentry construction, concrete construction, and fencing.

Johnson Places No. 2 In Tri-State Speaking

Terry Johnson, Alabama's public speaking champion from the Geraldine FFA Chapter, placed second in the Tri-State public speaking contest held in Miami, Florida, August 9.

Florida won first-place speaking honors for the second year in a row edging out Johnson representing Alabama. Mike Walker who spoke on "Are Food Prices Too High?" now advances to regional competition in Kansas City, Missouri.

Georgia's state speaking winner came in third.

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NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS for 1972-73 are, left to right, seated, Dwight Seegmiller, 20, National President, of Decorah, Iowa; and Jerry Goolsby, 20, National Secretary, of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Left to right, standing, Zane Hansen, 19, Pacific Region Vice President, of Pingree, Idaho; Robert Hinton, 20, Southern Regional Vice President, of Sydney, Florida; Tim Daugherty, 20, Central Region Vice President, of Chillicothe, Mo., and Bruce Erath, 20, North Atlantic Region Vice President, of Grahamsville, New York. The officers were elected by student delegates at the 45th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. They will serve a one-year term which concludes at the end of 1973 FFA Convention.

The World Of Twelve Thousand Blue & Gold Jackets
By MARY GEORGE WAITE
President Farmers & Merchants Bank—Centre

Every person should have the opportunity to attend one National FFA convention! To watch 12,000 blue and gold jackets at work under the same roof, to listen to several hundred FFA members put together a magnificent band, to listen to several hundred voices blend together in perfectly tuned music are all experiences that one never forgets! From the beginning of the opening session of the 1972 National convention in Kansas City when the National officers accepted their stations and asked the delegates “Why are we here?” to the very last minute of the closing session, it was evident that the young Americans of today were capable, intelligent, and dedicated citizens. Enthusiasm was everywhere!

This convention challenged the very best in every adult! It showed us the results of leadership training, the development of loyalties, and the lasting influences of FFA Chapters throughout these United States. FFA is great! FFA provides opportunities for young people that are unsurpassed! FFA provides new visions, new confidence, and new dimensions to living. Total participation and complete involvement in every area of living were evident everywhere during the week in Kansas City.

How fortunate we adults were to participate in the Southern Region Public Speaking judging. Four of the finest young men rose to their feet one at a time and gave outstanding addresses on varied subjects, but each one presented his in a thought provoking and

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Call To National FFA Convention
By DWIGHT O. SEEGLMILLER
National President

By the power vested in me as President of the Future Farmers of America, I am pleased to issue the call for all chapters in good standing to send representatives to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 16-19. The 46th Annual Convention will crown a year of accomplishment by our members and will initiate next year’s achievements.

This year’s convention promises to be the most successful yet. As the largest youth convention, we will be attracting national leaders to our stage along with award winners, degree recipients, Foundation sponsors and other VIP’s.

It is a time of special pageantry with the “Stars Over America” and an auditorium filled with music provided by the National FFA Chorus and the National FFA Band, as over 14,000 members and friends look on.

The convention has been moved forward one day to schedule an official business session on Tuesday afternoon to give greater flexibility to the program and shorten the convention sessions. The national officers will conduct a Vespers Program on Tuesday evening, before officially opening the convention on Wednesday morning. Each session will be filled with the sharing of thoughts, official FFA business, ceremonies, recognition of achievements and showing of sincere appreciation to those who support agricultural education—FFA.

I encourage members from each chapter to participate in all sessions, visit the Agricultural Career Show and the FFA Day at the American Royal. In addition to the chapter representatives, each State Association is entitled to have two official delegates, plus one additional delegate for each 10,000 members or major fraction thereof above the first 10,000.

The fine image of our organization has been portrayed in the past at every convention. I have faith that if the rules of proper dress and the Code of Ethics are observed by all members while in Kansas City, our image shall continue in its finest tradition.

Help make the 46th National FFA Convention the most educational, inspirational and successful yet. I’ll see you there!
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poised manner with depth of meaning all at the same time. As we moved to the Fish and Wildlife National judging and interview and got to know the four National winners, we continued to be convinced of the quality of our young people. As we sat in the huge auditorium surrounded by blue and gold jackets, we continued to be moved by the vespers service which had been completely memorized, by the Americanism involved during the week, by the presentation and quality of the National winners, by the addresses of the National officers, by the American Farmer Degree recipients, and by the entire atmosphere.

The 1972 National convention challenged Alabama's 26,000 FFA members to excel even more in leadership, cooperation, citizenship, and agribusiness education in order that each might have the opportunity of attending one National convention! It is great to be welcomed to the world of 12,000 blue and gold FFA jackets under one roof!

STATE FFA OFFICERS

TAKE HEED — Girls who play with fire seldom strike a match.

State FFA Officers
Take Part In Leadership Training Conference

On July 10-14 the newly-elected officers of the Alabama FFA Association held a joint leadership conference with the officers of the Mississippi FFA Association at the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Rebel Lodge, Theodore, Alabama.

Officers sharpened their skills in such areas as speaking, meeting people, parliamentary procedure, conversing intelligently, making introductions, corresponding, and handling social situations.

C. W. Burrage, representing the railroad, coordinated the five-day training program. National FFA Officer, Bruce Erath, assisted with the conference, along with Kenny Morrow, H. W. Green and C. W. Reed of the Alabama Agribusiness Education staff and T. E. Ellis, Frank Fugitt, and Ralph Holley of Mississippi also attended and assisted.

All of the officers agreed that this conference was instrumental in inspiring and equipping them to excell in leading their respective state FFA associations.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: Alabama's FFA officers for 1973-74 attended a leadership workshop this summer sponsored by the I C & G Railroad. FFA officers are front row, Bruce Erath, National FFA vice president, North Atlantic Region; Elton Bouldin, president, Crossville; second row, Spencer Means, treasurer, Eutaw; Pat Jones, secretary, Gurley; back row, Kenny Brown, reporter, Evergreen; Albert Blankenship, vice president, Millbrook, C. W. Burrage, manager, Agriculture and Forestry, Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company; Kenneth Spivey, sentinel, Enterprise.
FFA Honors Business, Professional Leaders

Twenty-one business and professional people were recognized by the Alabama FFA Association for outstanding service to the FFA at the recent State FFA Convention.

The leaders were presented a State Farmer Degree, the highest honor that a State FFA Association can bestow upon honorary members.

Receiving this high distinction were Mrs. Frances L. Mizell, FFA Secretary and Bookkeeper, Agribusiness Education, Auburn; Miss Nell Kilgore, Assistant to the President, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Centre; Dr. D. W. Brooks, Chairman Board of Directors, Gold Kist, Inc., Atlanta; G. F. Brock, Chairman of the Board, Illinois Central & Gulf Railroad, Mobile; Loren Zabel, Assistant Professor, Animal & Dairy Science Department, Auburn University, Auburn; Dr. Wayne Teague, Superintendent, Auburn City Board of Education, Auburn; Dr. R. D. Morrison, President, Alabama A & M University, Normal; Dr. G. W. Taylor, Head Department of Vocational Technical & Adult Education, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee; Luther Haynes, Professor and Department Head, Technical Services, Auburn University, Auburn; Eddie Pruden, Principal, George M. Rogers Area Vocational, Gardendale; Tommy Graves, Senior Vice President, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Centre; James M. Cravey, Assistant Director, Department of Field Services, Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, Montgomery; Alan L. Fowler, Assistant General Industrial Forester, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, Richmond; John Home, Administrative Assistant, Alabama Rural Electric Association, Montgomery; Floyd Cook, Manager, Capitol Agricultural Service and Supply Company (CASCO), Montgomery; Herbert Bearden, Director of Sales-Feed Division, Jim Dandy Company, Birmingham; Prince Preyer, Jr., Teacher Educator, Alabama A & M University, Normal; Charles L. Byrd, President, George C. Wallace State Technical Junior College, Selma; Elmo Renoll, Professor, Agricultural Engineering, Auburn University, Auburn; Joseph P. Granger, Superintendent, Geneva County Board of Education, Geneva; and Newton Allen, Vice-President-General Manager, ConAgra, Southern Feed Division, Decatur.

JUMPING TO CONCLUSION: The leaders were presented a State Farmer Degree, the highest honor that a State FFA Association can bestow upon honorary members.

Alabamian National FFA Conference Counselor

ALEXANDRIA, VA. — Sammy Peebles, former Alabama State FFA President, served as National FFA Leadership Conference Counselor for the 1973 Summer FFA Washington Conference Program.

Sammy, who is currently a student in mass communications at Auburn University, helped plan and direct five, week-long leadership conference programs for FFA members this past summer in Washington, D.C.

Nearly 500 FFA members from all over the nation attended the 1973 conferences. The programs were designed to help develop leadership and citizenship traits in state and chapter FFA officers. In addition, the FFA members had an opportunity to visit many historic areas of the Nation's Capital.

Sammy, a 1970 graduate of W. S. Neal High School, was an active FFA member himself serving as chapter secretary, vice-president, and president. He served as Alabama's state FFA president for 1969-70, and last year he was one of six elected national FFA officers.

Sammy's advisor and vocational agriculture teacher was Mr. John E. Andress. Presently, Sammy is also serving on the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education.

THE AUBURN FFA CHAPTER was recognized as the most outstanding organization at Auburn High School for 1973. Displaying the annual plaque presented to the chapter are, left to right, Frank Killough, FFA advisor, Donald Allen, 1972-73 President, and Billy Allgood, President elect. The renovation, repairing and maintenance of the school fountain was a major service project of the FFA chapter.
BERRY: Gene Potter won fourth place in State Home Improvement proficiency program; chapter agricultural mechanics team won district contest and participated in state fair in Auburn; livestock judging team placed first in county contest; dairy and livestock judging teams won second place in county contest; purchased tools for shop; held monthly FFA meetings.

CARVER: Chapter elected state officer for West Central District; 1973 chapter public speaking elimination were Larry Kiley, Bert Durris, Moulton, second; George Mitchum, third; and Curly Brown, fourth; presented national FFA theme with display on school sign.

CHILTON COUNTY HIGH: Show calves have been purchased by Keith Davis, Ken Scott, Terry Gray and Greg Holmes for 1974 steer show; agriculture teachers, John Sims and Denver Walker attended workshops in building construction and visual aids and journalism; chapter planning a new livestock area to house steers and FFA built; plans are to construct concrete slabs for school picnic tables.

COTACO: Twenty-two students were enrolled in summer school program; painted 50-og classroom; installed air-conditioning, radial arm saw, uniplanes, and exhaust fan for welding area; vegetables from FFA garden were distributed among members helping in the garden.

EAST LIMESTONE: Elected new FFA officers for 1973-74; held FFA parent-son banquet; presented awards to outstanding members; participated in state safety and chapter contest.

ECLECTIC: Held a joint FFA-FHA barbecue; elected new officers for 1973-74; president—David Grigere; vice president—Chris Bower; reporter—Mark Lanier; sentinel—Mike Ledbetter; and treasurer—Gary Blankenship.

ELKMONT: Stan Davis and Jerry Smith received State Farmer Degrees during FFA Convention; held FFA-FHA banquet; Kenny Morrow, honorary chapter president, was guest speaker at banquet.

ESCambia COUNTY HIGH: One hundred thirty-three first-year students were enrolled in 1972-73 agriculture program; four students traveled to shows; show and exhibited in 4-H-FFA fat calf show; dairy judging team won second place in county competition; livestock judging team placed fourth in county contest; projects constructed by first-year students included night stands, bookcases, study desks, and picnic tables.

FALKVILLE: John Summerford, Greg Holmes, Terry Party, Don Stiber, John Teague, and Philip Evans awarded State Farmer Degrees during FFA Convention; held FFA-FHA banquet; Kenny Morrow, honorary chapter president, was guest speaker at banquet.

LEXINGTON: Chapter land judging team won first place in district contest; published news releases; won second place in county livestock and dairy judging contests; hosted the national FFA theme with display on school sign.

MOUNTAIN: Greg Hamner placed third in district public speaking; agricultural mechanics team won third place in district contest; chapter sponsored chicken stew; participated in Spring Festival.

FOURTH SECTION: Held annual parent-son banquet; Roger Page, state vice president, was guest speaker at banquet attended by 150 members and guests; awards presented to outstanding members; Johnny Carroll named outstanding officer for 1972-73; Buddy Allen was chosen Star Chapter Farmer and Scott Haynes, Star Greenhand; honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees presented to Jeff McKenzie and Royce Jones; presented trophy to Darlene McGee, FFA Sweetheart.

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BOBBY ALLEN is the 1972 winner of Section FFA Chapter's Funks 394 Burley Challenge project. Fred Cargill, FFA Advisor, presents trophy to Bobby for producing 154.30 bushels per acre with Funks 3787.

LEXINGTON: Chapter land judging team won first place in district contest; published news releases; won second place in county livestock and dairy judging contests; hosted the national FFA theme with display on school sign.

ROGERS: Greg Hamner placed third in district public speaking; agricultural mechanics team won third place in district contest; chapter sponsored chicken stew; participated in Spring Festival.

SECTION: Held annual parent-son banquet; Roger Page, state vice president, was guest speaker at banquet attended by 150 members and guests; awards presented to outstanding members; Johnny Carroll named outstanding officer for 1972-73; Buddy Allen was chosen Star Chapter Farmer and Scott Haynes, Star Greenhand; honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees presented to Jeff McKenzie and Royce Jones; presented trophy to Darlene McGee, FFA Sweetheart.

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