The Winter 1976 issue of the Reporter provides Alabama Future Farmers a chance to salute the 200th birthday of our country. This issue features a trail of progress in which the milestones of FFA and youth progress are depicted.

Future Farmers, you can be proud of your heritage! The price for your freedom today was paid by men and women with determination. Determination to clear a wilderness with one hand and fight off hostile elements with another. Determination to light the British to win independence and gain for you the right to free speech and religion. Determination to produce food in abundance with new machines and new ideas.

Now, Future Farmers—the road ahead is to be carved by your hands. From the men and future farmers of the past, you have inherited the finest of mechanized equipment, the best in health and recreational facilities. You enjoy the comforts of a nation with the highest standard of living known in recorded history.

Okay, FFA'ers—shoulder the tools to carve a road of tomorrow. It's not going to be easy! It never has been easy. No one envies your task. Yet no one can carve a road of tomorrow except the youth of today.

So get going—build it strong, fill it with milestones of new and higher records for your future!

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Alabama Holds First Convention

1929

Alabama FFA

1929

First Star Farmer of America from Arkansas

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Alabama has Entry in National Public Speaking Contest—R. L. Jones of Carrollton

FFA Dates To Remember

Jan. 1 .......................... Future Farmer of the Year
Jan. 15 ................................ FFA Contest Entry Survey
Feb. 1 .......................... Chapter Public Speaking Manuscript
Feb. 15 .......................... State Farmer Degree Application
Feb. 21-28 ........................ National FFA Week
March 1 .......................... Ag. Mechanics, Building Const., and Power Mechanics Contest Entry
April 1 .......................... Proficiency Awards
April 1 .......................... Final list of members
April 1 .......................... M. K. Heath Award
April 15 ........................ Safety, BOAC and Chapter Award
May 1 .......................... American Farmer Application
National FFA Band Formed

Fair Winner
Reginald Carnes, Lowndes County Training School FFA member, poses with the prize-winning chapter bull. The angus bull placed third in competition at the recent South Alabama Fair in Montgomery. Shown with Carnes is his FFA advisor and agribusiness education instructor, Mr. J. T. Haynes, and in the center, FFA member Herman Hamilton.

Curry Sweetheart
Hi! My name is Jamie Hambrick, and I'm the 1975-76 FFA Sweetheart at Curry High School. I am very proud and honored to represent the Future Farmers of America at Curry. One of my duties as FFA Sweetheart will be to act as official hostess at the annual FFA Open House in December. Also, I will represent the FFA in the school beauty contest.
I am a senior this year at Curry, and I have been a junior and varsity cheerleader, an honor student and a FHA member. I enjoy water skiing, swimming, horseback riding and playing tennis.
Opps! — We Slipped
In our fall issue we missed listing the Farm and Homestead Improvement Winners. We apologize to these 1975 state winners.
First Place - Richard Grimes
Centre
Second Place - Jeff Brasher
Chelsea
Third Place - Mike Allen
East Limestone
Fourth Place - Brian Crane
Gardendale

Alabama Wins National FFA Public Speaking Contest—Eddie Blizzard — Scottsboro

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Joel Outlaw, Hartford High School FFA member, exhibited the champion Duroc boar during the FFA Hog Show held in connection with the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery recently. Joel's FFA advisor and agribusiness education instructor at Hartford High School is Mr. P. C. Dean.

1976 Alabama Member Becomes a National Officer — Elton Bouldin — Crossville

Trustees Meet National President
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National FFA Week
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Girls Admitted to the FFA

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