LIVING TO SERVE . . .

The FFA Motto . . . "Learning to do" — "Doing to learn" — "Earning to live" — and "LIVING TO SERVE.

LIVING TO SERVE is the name of the game . . . LIVING TO SERVE points to the responsibility of all FFA members. The responsibility of every citizen, present and future, is to render service to their fellow man.

We speak of people either having the large end of their funnel up to take in responsibilities . . . or having the small end up to shed them.

You as FFA members have an obligation to keep the large end of your funnel up, for have you ever paused to think how many people have worked hard, and have lived lives of service to make possible for your being where you are today. Your parents, other members of your family, your FFA advisor, teachers and many other friends. The best way you can repay those who have worked for you is by your serving others.

God has made you . . . a very special FFA person . . . with the power and the resources to influence your life.

God also made the oyster. The oyster builds his own house in his own way and what does he have? He has a self-contained shell, so protective that it becomes his prison and he becomes dependent for food on that portion of water that flows through the openings in his shell. His mobility is dependent on the force of the water and the flow of the tide. He is alive but his existence is a life of total dependence. So, don’t be an oyster because we live in the greatest nation on earth.

In contrast to the oyster, God made the eagle, which is the emblem of our country. He builds his nest atop the highest tree on the highest mountain. He isn’t confined. He is independent. He can see in every direction and he can fly wherever he wishes and selects his food from many sources. His opportunities are from every direction and he reaches out to them.

And so it is with you. Your opportunities to serve are in every direction. It’s now your turn and I challenge you to reach out for them . . . Living to serve.

Two years ago we saluted the 200th birthday of our country. We can be proud of our heritage! The price for our 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 fight the British to win independence and gain for us the right to free speech and religion. Determination to produce food in abundance with new machines and new ideas . . . 200 years ago, everyone farmed. They lived to serve.

Now the road ahead is to be carved by the hands of our FFA youth and others who are LIVING TO SERVE. From the men of the past, we have inherited the finest of mechanized equipment and economy, the best in health and recreational facilities. We enjoy the comforts of a nation with the highest standard of living known in recorded history.

Okay, FFA members, now it’s your turn to shoulder the tools to carve a road of tomorrow. It’s not going to be easy! It never has been easy. No one envies the task. Yet to carve a road of tomorrow we look to the FFA youth of today.

So, let’s get going . . . build our community and our country strong, fill it with milestones of new and higher records for your future. So, LIVING TO SERVE is what it’s all about. LIVING TO SERVE God and man is why we are here.

by Dr. T. L. Faulkner

About Dr. Faulkner

Dr. T. L. Faulkner is currently Director of the Vocational Division, State Department of Education. Under his leadership, the number of students enrolled in the vocational division has more than doubled.

Dr. Faulkner was one of six in the nation selected in 1972 to receive the American Vocational Association’s Outstanding Service Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership and contributions to Vocational Education on the National level. He is a lifetime member of the American Vocational Association and was awarded the “Outstanding Service Citation” by the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. He was awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree by the FFA.

Dr. Faulkner is a strong supporter of the National and Alabama FFA Foundations.
Your new state officers pose for a picture. (From left standing) Coleman A. White, Reporter, Curry FFA; Patti Dunn, Secretary, Smiths Station FFA; Greg Chandler, Sentinel, Lauderdale County FFA; Jim Baker, Vice President, Eutaw FFA; (from left seated) Stephen A. Cobb, President, Jacksonville FFA; and Demetrius Daniel, Treasurer, Randolph County FFA.

These officers have been selected to serve you. Each one is willing to spend his or her time to visit your department. Upon your request, they will be happy to appear at your chapter meetings, banquet or other FFA activities. A visit to your chapter by a state officer will serve to inspire your membership.

FFA Foundation Grows

The Florida Department of Citrus' contribution of $1,000 helped push current foundation funds to $57,000, including $17,000 in pledges.

A substantial amount of this money has been invested and put to work earning over 8% interest. Soon this interest will be available to promote leadership projects and provide cash awards for deserving FFA members.

FFA members— you have a foundation that is working and growing! Join in the success story. Your chapter can be a founding chapter by making a $100 contribution.

Building Tomorrows Today

The FFA Way

One hundred twenty one chapters are already founding members. Space does not permit us to list all contributors. Making contributions or pledges of $500 or more are: Anniston Production Credit; Wiregrass Production Credit; Ebco Industries, Inc.; Demopolis Production Credit; Wayne Poultry Company; Russellville Production Credit Association; Alabama Farmers Coop, Inc.; Jefferson County Farm Bureau; Sand Mountain Electric Coop; Gadsden Kiwanis Club; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Waite, Jr.; Southern United Life Insurance Company; Alabama Pork Producers Association; Alabama Peanut Producers Association; West Point-Pepperell, Inc.; Florida Citrus; Morgan County Farm Bureau; The First Nation Bank of Opp; The First National Bank of Tuscaloosa; Farmers & Merchants Bank, Centre; The Headland National Bank; Bank of Moulton; Albertville National Bank; The Bank of Tallassee, and Randolph County Farm Bureau.
Five Selected From Alabama

Honorary American Farmers

John Adderhold

Mr. Adderhold has 46 years of service as a teacher of Agribusiness Education, with the past 15 at Pleasant Home High School. He served three terms as president of the Covington County Teachers Association. His FFA members have earned four American Farmer Degrees, sixty-five State Farmer Degrees, and three state-winning proficiency awards.

H. N. Lewis

Mr. Lewis has served 28 years on the State Agribusiness Supervisory Staff. In this capacity, he has worked as Assistant District Supervisor, Assistant State Supervisor-Veterans Program, FFA Executive Secretary and Livestock Specialist. He is a lifetime member of the A.V.A. and has received Distinguished Service Awards by the Alabama Farm Bureau and the National FFA Association.

Gary Moss

Mr. Moss teaches agribusiness education at Curry High School. He is a member of the A.V.A., A.E.A. and the Walker County Teachers Association. His FFA members have earned three American Farmer Degrees, eighty-two State Farmer Degrees, and they have had three state-winning proficiency awards.

J. E. Smith

Mr. Smith has served 15 years as District Supervisor for the North District. He taught agribusiness education at East Limestone High School for 16 years, and served as District Vice President and was elected President of the A.V.A. He served two consecutive years as president of the Limestone County Teachers Association.

Ross Smith

Mr. Smith has served for twelve years as an agribusiness teacher at Lauderdale County High School. He has served as secretary, vice president, and is now president of the Alabama Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. His FFA members have earned three American Farmer Degrees, sixty State Farmer Degrees, and five state-proficiency awards.

Cindy Tomlin

Cindy has been named 1978-79 Chapter Sweetheart for the Alexander City Junior High School FFA. Cindy is an eighth grader and a cheerleader.

FFA Dates to Remember

October 1 ............................................. FFA Dues and Activity Program
October 2-7 ............................................ Central Alabama Fair
October 5-14 ............................................ Alabama State Fair
October 9-14 ............................................ Chattahoochee Valley Fair
October 16-21 ........................................... South Alabama Fair
October 16-21 ........................................... Peanut Festival
October 20-28 ........................................ Greater Gulf State Fair
November 7-10 ...................................... National Convention, Kansas City
December 15 ........................................... Champion Corn Growing Contest
January 1 ............................................. Future Farmer of the Year
1978 Regional Proficiency Awards

Alabama Wins Eight

CROP PRODUCTION

JEFFREY PEEK, West Limestone FFA Chapter, is the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donal Peek of Route 6, Athens.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

TIM WATTS, Eclectic FFA Chapter, is the 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Watts of Route 1, Eclectic.

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING

PHILLIP DOLLAR, Odenville FFA Chapter, is the 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dollar of Route 1, Springville.

DAIRY PRODUCTION

MARK RICHARDS, Millport FFA Chapter, is the 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Richards of Route 2, Millport.

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

RUSSELL RALSTON, Selma FFA Chapter, is the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ralston of Route 2, Selma.

HORSE PRODUCTION

ANDY ELKINS, Lawrence Co. Vo-Tech FFA Chapter, is the 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Elkins of Route 1, Mt. Hope.

PLACEMENT IN AG PRODUCTION

MICHAEL REEVES, McAdory FFA Chapter, is the 20 year old son of Mr. John E. Reeves, McCalla.

SWINE PRODUCTION

JOHNNY KITTLE, Crossville FFA Chapter, is the 20 year old son of Mrs. Judith Long of Route 1, Dawson.

A Golden Past . . .
A Brighter Future