Meet New Friends

The 1979 Alabama State Convention is fast approaching. Unfortunately, many FFA members who attend the convention will miss one of the most meaningful experiences which takes place at the convention—MEETING NEW FRIENDS! One of the most interesting aspects of the convention is to meet someone from a different part of the state, and talk to them about their homes, schools, hobbies, and friends. It is amazing how much more fun you will have if you mingle with those from other chapters.

Many people think that it is hard to meet others, but it isn’t. All you have to do is go up to someone, greet him (or her), and start talking! There’s really nothing to it! Maybe you’ll meet someone who knows someone you know, or someone you met last year, or someone who will be a special friend for years to come; but you’ll never know until you go out and meet other FFA members at the 1979 State FFA Convention!

Compete With Enthusiasm

In life, as well as in the FFA, much can be achieved. Success can be obtained by wanting to succeed, doing your best and being enthusiastic.

During the time between now and the 1979 FFA Convention, you members from throughout the state will be called upon to compete in many contests and award programs. Alabama FFA members, no matter what their location, age or sex, can all be declared winners and for competitive effort and enthusiasm, will receive prize money and recognition at the convention.

When you attend the convention this June to represent your chapter, as a delegate or to receive your State Farmer Degree, go there with an open mind, a willingness to learn and an enthusiastic attitude.

Visit Historic Montgomery

During this Alabama’s 50th FFA Convention, time has been allotted for you to visit points of interest in and around Montgomery. Some places you might consider as a wise investment of your time include the Alabama State Capitol which claims more visitors than any other Alabama historic site and the First White House of The Confederacy located near the capitol. No trip is complete without a visit to the Archives and History Building, which houses a museum exhibiting artifacts and products native to Alabama.

There are many more places of interest around Montgomery as well. We hope you will use your added free time advantageously and be in your seats at the convention center for all sessions. So remember, the convention can only be as good as you make it. Strive to make this the best convention ever and enjoy your Visit to Historic Montgomery.

State Officers Extend Welcome

Stephen Cobb
President

Patti Dunn
Secretary

Jim Baker
Vice President
The 1978-79 State FFA Convention is drawing near. I hope that each of you is preparing himself for it. We, as the state officers, would like for you to support us in our efforts to make this the best convention ever.

We are proud to serve you as state officers, and we ask that you show your pride in our organization by dressing in official dress at the convention. Official dress for delegates will be an official FFA T-shirt, tucked neatly into a pair of dress slacks. These T-shirts will be on sale at the convention.

Attend Each Session
And Take Some Ideas Home

Congratulations! You have earned the right to attend the 50th Anniversary Convention of the Alabama FFA Association. The only way you can receive your just reward is to attend each session. All business matters concern you for YOU are the Alabama FFA Association. Members of your respective chapters are counting on you - the chosen few - to bring back to them the excitement of the convention.

I hope you plan to attend the sessions and celebrate with me our 50th anniversary. This will be remembered as the best convention in the history of the Alabama FFA Association. I am looking forward to seeing you in Montgomery in June.

CONVENTION PROGRAM
MONTGOMERY CIVIC CENTER
Montgomery, Al
June 5, 6, 7, 1979
Monday, June 4

P.M.
3:00—
Interview of Officer Candidates (Civic Center)

Tuesday, June 5

A.M.
8:00-12:00 Registration (Civic Center)

8:00—
Ag Mechanics Contest (John Patterson State Tech Col., Montgomery)
Bldg. Construction Contest (Montgomery)
8:30—
Power Mechanics Contest (Central AVC, Montgomery)
9:00—
Forestry Judging Contest (Montgomery)
Livestock Judging Contest (Auburn)
Dairy Cattle Judging Contest (E. V. Smith Center-Milstead)
Land Judging Contest (Auburn)
Nursery/Landscape Contest (Civic Center)
Floriculture Contest (Civic Center)
Public Speaking Contest (Civic Center)
Quartet Contest (Civic Center)
String Band Contest (Civic Center)

P.M.
1:00—
Delegate Orientation and Roll Call (Civic Center)
1:30—
Opening Ceremony
Invocation
Official Seating of Delegates
Special Recognition - Dr. T. L. Faulkner
Greetings - B. Dean Norton, National VP
Business Session
Appointment of Committees
Address - Rev. Bob Harrington, Chaplin of Bourbon St.
Entertainment - Second Place String Band
Retiring Address - Greg Chandler, Sentinel
Proficiency Awards - Crop Production, Dairy Production, Horse Proficiency, Beef Production, Swine Production, Poultry Production, Ag Mechanics, Ag Electrofication, Fruit/Veg. Production, Nursery Operations, Floriculture, Fish and Wildlife Management, Forest Management
Greetings & Announcement - J.C. Hollis
Closing Ceremony
4:30—
Meeting of Local Advisors (Civic Center)
Courtesy Corps Meeting following advisors meeting

Tuesday Evening

P.M.
7:00
Music - William Taylor, Hazelwood FFA Chapter
7:30
FIRST GENERAL SESSION
Opening Ceremony
Retiring Address - Coleman White, Reporter
Future Farmer of the Year Award
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Alabama FFA Foundation
A Progress Report

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We are proud of the contributions to date. Join in the drive to help reach your district’s goal and make a dream come true. Foundation funds are never spent but invested to provide permanent funding for future generations.

(Convention program cont’d)

Honor Parents and Advisors of 1978-79 State FFA Officers

Entertainment - Second Place Quartet
Address - B. Dean Norton, National VP
Awards - Forestry Judging, Champion Corn Growing, Nursery/Landscape Judging, Floriculture Judging, Land Judging Vespers Program - State FFA Officers
Announcements
Closing Ceremony

Wednesday, June 6
A.M.
8:30
Music - William Taylor, Hazlewood FFA Chapter
9:00
SECOND GENERAL SESSION
Opening Ceremony
Remarks - B. P. Dilworth, State Director, Vocational Education
Speech - First Place Winner - Public Speaking Awards - Dairy Judging, Livestock Judging, M. K. Heath Award, Safety Address - Fred McClure, Past National FFA Officer Entertainment - First Place String Band
Chapter Awards
Activity Program
Retiring Address - Demetrius Daniel, Treasurer Awards - Building Construction, Ag Mechanics, Power Mechanics Announcements
Closing Ceremony
P.M.
1:30—Tours

Wednesday Evening
5:30
Recognition of Foundation Donors (Civic Center)
7:00
Music - William Taylor, Hazlewood FFA Chapter

7:30
THIRD GENERAL SESSION
Opening Ceremony
Introduction of Speaker - Dr. Wayne Teague, State Superintendent of Education Keynote Address - Honorable George McMillan, Lieutenant Governor of Alabama
Confering of Honorary State Farmer Degrees
Entertainment - First Place Quartet
Retiring Address - Patti Dunn, Secretary
Proficiency Awards - Placement in Ag Production, Ag Sales/Service, Ag Processing, Soil and Water Management, Home/Farmstead Improvement
Retiring Address - Jim Baker, Vice-President
Announcements
Closing Ceremony

Thursday, June 7
A.M.
9:00
LAST GENERAL SESSION
Opening Ceremony
Star Farmer Ceremony
State Officers' Annual Report - Patti Dunn, Secretary
Building Our American Communities Award
Retiring Address - Stephen A. Cobb, President
Entertainment - Miss Alabama, Teresa Cheatham
State Farmer Degrees Ceremony
Installation of New State Officers
Presentation of Past Officer Pins
Presentation of Gavel to Past President
Announcements
Closing Ceremony
New Officers and Local Advisors Meet (Civic Center)

Miss Alabama — Teresa Cheatham

Miss Alabama will provide entertainment during the last general session of the convention. From Wellington, Alabama, Teresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cheatham. The twenty-one-year-old, hazel-eyed beauty is a senior at Jacksonville State University and plans a career in vocal performance.
Tracie Simpson - Odenville
Tracie is a senior and valedictorian of her class. She is a member of the band, Student Action for Education and is treasurer of the Beta Club.

Kay Bozeman - Berry
Kay is the FFA President, in addition to Chapter Sweetheart. She is junior class president and is Miss Berry for 1978-79. Her FFA activities include public speaking and singing in the FFA quartet.

Belinda Rainer - Sandrock
Belinda has been a member of the FFA, FBLA, and the Pep Club. She has served two years as a class officer and has been a varsity cheerleader for three years. Her hobbies include swimming, hiking and bicycle riding.

Lorrie Harrison - Opp
Lorrie is a senior at Opp High School and is captain of the cheerleader squad. An active member of the FFA, she has been a member of the horticulture judging team. Lorrie is also an officer in the FHA.

Alabama High School Rodeo!
The recently organized Alabama chapter of the National High School Rodeo Association is open to all teenagers enrolled in a high school in Alabama and their parents. High school rodeo events include (for girls): breakaway calf roping, barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, cutting, queen contest, and team roping; (for boys): calf roping, bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, team roping, and cutting.

The state finals rodeo will be held in Huntsville, Alabama, on June 21, 22, 23. Finalists will be selected at that rodeo to represent the State of Alabama at the National High School Finals Rodeo to be held in Fargo, North Dakota, July 30 - August 5.

Membership applications can be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Don Gurley, P.O. Box 404, New Hope, AL 35760.

Chaplain of Bourbon Street

National Officer

Bob Harrington
Mr. Harrington tours the nation giving speeches filled with humor and good philosophy. His appearance is scheduled for the Tuesday afternoon session.

State FFA Advisor

J. C. Hollis

As State FFA Advisor, Mr. Hollis has worked hard to plan the 50th annual FFA Convention. Under his leadership the officers and state staff have planned a program that you will find to be interesting and enjoyable. He has arranged for your convention to be held in one of the finest and most comfortable convention centers in the nation.