Cooperation
the Key to Success

In the coming years each of us will face challenges unmatched by any in the past. How will we meet these challenges? We must look at the example of our forefathers as they fought together in times of war and hardships. Certainly, the cooperation that these men portrayed is the foundation of the great country of freedom in which we now live. Likewise, each of us must build for tomorrow on that same foundation.

In June, each of us will face many challenges as we participate in the 53rd State FFA Convention. Through cooperation we will meet this task with enthusiasm and determination. Let us remember that coming together is a beginning, staying together is cooperation, but working together is success.

Meeting New Friends

It’s almost here, the Alabama FFA Convention. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people and start lasting relationships. Through the FFA I have had the opportunity to meet many interesting people, and obtain their ideas and opinions, but most of all, I have their friendship. This is a great opportunity for you to do the same, talk with members from all over the state, see what you have in common and take home some new ideas for your own chapter. If all of you take advantage of the many opportunities to meet new people, you will have a great time at the Convention. It doesn’t matter whether you are a greenhand, chapter farmer or will be receiving the State Farmer Degree, the convention will be exciting if you talk to people and make new friends.

State Officers Reflect

The Image Of The FFA

I guess you could say that I grew up with the FFA, because up until last year, my father was an FFA advisor. When I was small, he would take me to FFA chapter meetings, as well as other functions. In all the meetings I attended, I noticed how organized the meetings were, but more importantly, how well behaved the members were.

When I got in high school, I could not wait to join the FFA - not because my father was the advisor, but because of the image of the FFA. I believed, and still believe, that the FFA is America’s greatest youth leadership training organization. This is true mainly because of the high standards of the FFA and its members.

With all the immorality among young people today, I believe it is our duty as FFA’ers to keep up our good image at all times.
THE CHOICE IS YOURS
The year I joined the Future Farmers of America, my older brother Tony was representing Alabama at the 51st National FFA Convention as a member of the National FFA Band.

My brother's involvement in the FFA was the key for me to start opening doors in the FFA. As I became more involved in the FFA, my advisor told me of all the contests, degrees, and offices there were to be won in FFA. He didn't tell me what contests to enter, what offices to seek, instead he simply would say, "The choice is yours." When I would reach my goal, my brother would always tell me, "Don't stop here." This statement would cause me to reset my goals and strive to achieve them in the FFA.

Time White
Treasurer

THE ROAD TO PROGRESS
What makes someone want to be a State Officer? I asked that same question three years ago. I had attended my first State Convention. When I saw those State Officers get up before the crowd and conduct the convention, I felt deep inside that I would like to one day be standing on that stage.

Before I could take my place on that stage, I had to prepare myself. To prepare yourself, you must first find yourself. Before you can lead others, you must first be able to lead your own life. To take charge of your life, you must set goals and strive to reach them. You must travel down a road that is sometimes dark and lonely. I had to put forth a lot of effort, effort I thought impossible, but I made it because I was determined. Each of you can also make it. Set your goals and begin your drive down the Road to Progress.
Convention Participants

John Pope

John Pope, of Maiden, North Carolina, is the National Secretary of the Future Farmers of America. In his position, he serves nearly one-half million members in over 8,000 local chapters nationwide. Enrolled as a junior at North Carolina State University, Pope participates in the Agricultural Education Club, student council for both the Schools of Education and Agriculture and Life Sciences. He is a member of the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) and is currently serving as president of Alpha Tau Alpha Fraternity.

Elton Bouldin

Elton Bouldin was the National FFA Vice President during 1975-76. A native of Crossville, Bouldin served as President of his local FFA chapter and the Alabama FFA Association. A graduate of Mississippi State University with a BS Degree in Agricultural Education, Bouldin is now employed with theRalston Purina Company.

Steadman Shealy

Steadman Shealy will speak at the Opening Session of the FFA Convention. Shealy is a 1980 graduate of the University of Alabama. While at Alabama Shealy quarterbacked two national championship teams, 1978 and 1979. In 1979 Shealy was an All-SEC Quarterback, an Academic All-American, the Most Valuable Senior SEC Football Player and Athlete of the Year at Alabama. Presently Shealy is an assistant coach at Alabama and is attending Law School. Shealy, a Dothan native, is married to the former Ann Wood of Heflin.

Miss Alabama

Miss Phoebe Stone, the reigning Miss Alabama, will be appearing at the Convention on Thursday morning, June 3. Miss Stone, a Huntsville native, is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College. Miss Stone will perform a dance routine during her appearance.
J.D. Granger Retires

Upon the completion of 32 years of outstanding service to Agribusiness Education, J.D. Granger (second from left), District Specialist, has retired. C.W. Reed, State FFA Advisor (left) is shown presenting Granger a gift of State Department of Education Courtesy Fund monies during a retirement luncheon in the Agribusiness State Office. Observing are staff secretaries (l-r) Helen Greer, Antnet Daughtry and Cindy Reeves. During his tenure, Granger served as a teacher at Opp High School, and as a District Specialist for the Southwest and Southeast Districts. Granger will continue to reside in the Equality community in Coosa County.

Faye Hayes

Faye Hayes is the FFA Sweetheart at Billingsley High School. Faye's activities include training and showing cattle and cheerleading. Faye is President of the FHA, a member of the annual staff and was the Homecoming Queen this year.

Alison Weathers

Alison Weathers is the Rogersville FFA Chapter Sweetheart. Alison has been active in many extra-curricular activities including FBLA, FHA, Speech Club, Pep Club and L Club. She has served as varsity cheerleader and has received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award four consecutive years. The pretty senior is also Miss Library Club, Homecoming Queen and Miss Lauderdale County High School.

Donna Norris

Lovely Donna Norris is the FFA Sweetheart of the Berry Chapter. Donna has been a member of the Berry FFA Chapter for four years. This is her second time to be chosen as the sweetheart. Donna has been a cheerleader, homecoming queen and has played varsity volleyball and basketball on the girl's team. Donna is interested in becoming a real estate broker.

Susanna Haden

Susanna Haden is the 1981-82 FFA Sweetheart at Wetumpka High School. Susanna is a varsity cheerleader, class president and class beauty. Her hobbies include woodworking, tennis and softball.

1981 - 82 FFA Sweetheart Selections

FFA BOOSTER—Joe P. Bethea (left), Public Affairs Manager-Alabama, Chevron USA, Inc., presents checks totaling $5,500 to H. N. Lewis, District Specialist, Agribusiness Education. The monies will be used for the sponsorship of FFA Leadership Development Workshops. Observing are Alabama agribusiness staff members (l-r) Jerome Campbell, Calvin Parmer, B.J. York, George L. White, Jack Granger, Alvin H. Halcomb, L.W. Crook and W.L. Minor. The workshops will provide leadership development activities for chapter officers representing 378 local FFA Chapters.

Coordination of the one to two day summer workshops will be provided by the District FFA Advisors and conducted at various locations in the district.