Reed Named State Advisor

C.W. Reed was named State FFA Advisor on September 16, bringing 19 years of agribusiness education experience to the position vacated in August with the retirement of J.C. Hollis.

Reed taught agribusiness four years in Gordo and served at the U.S. Office of Education, Agribusiness Education in Washington, D.C., before becoming the Alabama State FFA Executive Secretary, a position he has held for the past 14 years.

A native of Pine Hill, Ala., Reed was active in the agribusiness education program at Pine Hill High School and served as an officer in the FFA chapter. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Auburn University and received an advanced degree in agricultural education from the University of Maryland. He served as president and secretary of the Auburn University Collegiate FFA Chapter and worked as a graduate assistant in ag-ed at both universities.

Reed served as president and secretary of the FFA Executive Secretaries Association in Southern States and is a life member of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association and the Health Occupations Education Clubs of America. He was a recipient of the Honorary American Farmer Degree. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Southern Region Agricultural Conference and served one year on the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

He, his wife Dorothy and two children live in Montgomery.

National FFA Officers

Six young agriculturalists were elected at the 54th National FFA Convention to represent almost 500,000 FFA members across the country as the 1981-82 National Officers. During the year they will spend about three-fourths of their time traveling in the interests of the FFA. They receive no salary, but their travel expenses are paid by the FFA Organization. The National FFA Foundation awards them a scholarship at the end of their year of service.

Pictured on the front are Scott Neasham (left), Newton, Iowa, National President, and John Pope, Maiden, N.C., National Secretary. Shown on the back row are (l-r) Scott Watson, Gallatin, Mo., Central Region Vice President; Melanie Burgess, Harrisonburg, Va., Eastern Region Vice President; Jack Stewart, Douglas, Wyo., Western Region Vice President, and Randy Hedge, Grannis, Ark., Southern Region Vice President.
Foley Sweethearts
Michelle Dillon and Annett Kaiser
Foley Future Farmers are very lucky in that they have Co-Sweethearts. Following two elections with a tie vote each time, the Chapter decided to have Co-Sweethearts. How lucky can you get?
Michelle is an 18 year-old senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dillon. She loves horses and is currently the South Alabama Appaloosa Horse Club Queen. After school she works at the Boot Hill Horse Farm.
Annette is the 17 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Kaiser. She is a member of the Foley High School Band and Homecoming Court. Annett is an "A" honor student and best of all, Co-Sweetheart of the FFA.

1981 National Safety Award Program Winners
Members of the York West End FFA Chapter attended the 54th National FFA Convention where they received recognition for the chapter's achievements in the National FFA Safety Award Program sponsored by Dow Chemical U.S.A. and Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute. Joe Geronimo (left) and Robert A. Hanson, representing the sponsors, congratulated chapter safety representatives Samford Sellers and Ray Evans and their advisor Eli S. Campbell.
Honorary American Farmer Degree—
Five Alabamians Receive Highest FFA Recognition

Frank B. Killough
Mr. Killough, District Specialist, Agribusiness Education Staff, has 31 years experience in agricultural education. He taught agribusiness for 23 years at Gordo, Tuskegee and Auburn high schools. He joined the Agribusiness Education Staff in 1973 and has held positions as Public Information Specialist, Agricultural Mechanics Specialist and District Specialist. The Elmore County native received B.S., M.S. and AA degrees from Auburn University.

Each year the Future Farmers of America organization recognizes individuals who have been of service to youth, agriculture, education and FFA. This year, five distinguished Alabamians were among the 183 men and women who received the Honorary American Farmer Degree, FFA's highest recognition given to adult supporters, at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., November 11-14.

The support and cooperation of adults is important to the success of any youth organization. "Adult support is an integral part of the FFA," said National FFA Executive Secretary Coleman Harris. "FFA members across the country rely on the wisdom, experience and time offered by individuals interested in guiding the direction of the future of agriculture."

We would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude to these men for their contributions to the future of agriculture in Alabama and to offer congratulations to Alabama's five new Honorary American Farmers.

Alvin H. Halcomb Jr.
Mr. Halcomb, Subject Matter Specialist, Agribusiness Education Staff, is a 26-year veteran of agricultural education. He taught 11 years at Citronelle High School before beginning his 15-year career with the Agribusiness Education Staff. He earned B.S., M.S. and AA degrees in ag-ed from Auburn University.

Andrew McCay
Mr. McCay has been teaching agribusiness at Danville High School for 16 years. The Lawrence County native taught two years at East Limestone High School before going to Danville. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Auburn University and his AA certificate from A & M University.

Phillip M. Ellis
Mr. Ellis has been teaching agribusiness at W.S. Neal High School at East Brewton since 1972 and has been named the Outstanding Young Teacher in Alabama twice. The Evergreen native graduated with a B.S. degree in ag-ed from Auburn University and earned his master's degree from Livingston.

Billy W. Bryan
Mr. Bryan, agribusiness teacher at Falkville High School, received his B.S. degree from Auburn University and his M.Ed. from A & M University. The Morgan County native has more than 12 years of teaching experience at Falkville, Eva and Elkmont high schools.
Cold Springs FFA Wins First Place

FAIR EXHIBIT WINNER—Members of the Cold Springs High School FFA Chapter won first place in the educational exhibits at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham with their exhibit “The Three Naturals—Great Ways to Save Money and Energy.” Assisting the FFA'ers with their exhibit was their advisor Gary Willhite.

1981 Reserve Champion Steer

Paul Pinyan, member of the Holly Pond High School FFA Chapter, proudly displays the Reserve Champion Steer of the 1981 State Steer Show. Paul’s FFA advisor is James D. Hicks. FFA members throughout the state are busy grooming their steers for the 1982 State Steer Show to be held in Montgomery March 9.

1981 FFA Fair Exhibits

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FFA Dates To Remember

Jan. 1 . . . Future Farmer of the Year
Feb. 15 . . . State Farmer Degree Applications
Feb. 15 . . . Final Date for Additional Members and Dues
Feb. 20-27 . . . National FFA Week
March 15 . . . Proficiency Awards
March 15 . . . M.K. Heath Award
April 1 . . . Safety Award
April 1 . . . Chapter Award
April 1 . . . BOAC Award
April 1 . . . Crime Prevention
April 3 . . . SE and SWC District FFA Eliminations
April 17 . . . SW and SEC District FFA Elimination
April 24 . . . NEC and NE District FFA Eliminations
May 1 . . . N and WC District FFA Eliminations
May 1 . . . American Farmer Degree Applications
May 1 . . . Honorary American Farmer Degree Applications
June 1-3 . . . State FFA Convention