

New Farmers Of America Record Progress In N. C. In '51



The above photos are scenes of various events of the North Carolina Association of New Farmers of America. Top photo No. 1 shows Frank G. Battle of Nash County (left) being presented the 1951 H. O. Sargent Plaque by E. D. Johnson, Edgecombe County Superintendent of Schools. The award is given each year to the young farmer who has achieved the highest point in farming, after being out of school from three to ten years. Seated, left to right, are W. N. Elam, National Administrative Secretary, United States Office of Education; James D. Wadsworth, Supervisor Farm and Home Administration of Nash County and C. M. Carroway, Principal of Philip High School, Battleboro. Photo No. 2 is a scene from one of the New Farmers of America Junior Dairy Calf shows, which was held last fall. Members from 110 chapters exhibited 447 animals in 14 cattle shows. Photo No. 3 is Lloyd Hunt, First State President of the

North Carolina Association of Negro Farm Boys, which later became to be known as the New Farmers of America. Hunt, a prosperous farmer of Hertford County, is a breeder of pure bred spotted Poland China hogs. He is at present serving as an assistant teacher of Vocational Agriculture at the R. L. Vann High School at Ahsokie, under the supervision of J. L. Faulcon, teacher of Agriculture. Photo No. 4 shows George Gatlin of the Belhaven High School and A. and T. College who was second place winner in the N. F. A. National Public Speaking Contest for 1951. Gatlin was first place sectional winner at West Virginia State College and second place New Farmers of America National winner in the annual Public Speaking contest for 1951. Photo No. 5, left to right, J. B. Baird, secretary-treasurer to the Agriculture Teachers Association, C. O. Tyler, State Secretary of New Farmers of America, J. D. Lennon, vice president of the Agriculture Teachers Association, S. B. Simmons,

State New Farmers of America Advisor and J. L. Moffit, president of the Association. Photo 6 shows Quisic Q. Cotton of Philip High School, Battleboro, admiring the supervised practice trophy with his teacher of agriculture I. C. Rogers. The trophy was presented for having the most outstanding supervised practice program for the year.

GREENSBORO
National N. F. A. Week - April 1 - 5 is being celebrated by more than 6,000 New Farmers of America, in 115 Public Schools throughout North Carolina, with State offices at the A. and T. College of North Carolina, as they review the results of their state program for the past year, and make a study of the early founding of the organization. The New Farmers of America is the National Organization of male students who are studying Vocational Agricultural Education in the Public Schools of the south.

The North Carolina Association organized in 1928 under the name of the New North State Farmers (NNSF) with a state membership of 400 members, was supervised and guided by Professor S. B. Simmons of A. and T. College who took over the job of Teacher Trainer in 1924 after coming here from Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

The first State of State officers for the Association were L. Hunt, President of Winton, now Assistant Teacher of Vocational Agriculture at the R. L. Vann School in Ahsokie, L. Caldwell, Chapel Hill, Vice President, A. Haywood, Secretary, Method, J. Miles, Treasurer of Wise and L. Stroud, Reporter, of Chapel Hill.

N. F. A. Week is celebrated as a means of keeping alive the philosophy of Doctor Booker T. Washington, that eminent Educator and Statesman; that practical education of learning to do a job the best you can; doing to learn the most you can; earning to live the best you can; and living to serve the most you can, is the best training that a farm youth can receive today. It is this idea of practical philosophy that has caused the New Farmer Organization in North Carolina to grow from a membership of 400 in 1928 to more than 6,000 in 1951. The organization, composed of 115 local chapters, uses this time also to report on the results obtained in carrying out the state program of work. Many activities as outlined in the program is sponsored by the state association for the benefit of its members is a varied one and plays a large part in the type and quality of contestants certified for National honors each year. Chief



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among these contests are the Star Modern Farmer Award and the Supervised Practice Contest. The Star Modern Farmer Award is presented to the New Farmer who receives the modern farmer degree at the state convention with the best program of Supervised Farming and show outstanding qualities of leadership. This award for 1951 went to Spurgeon Fitts of the Warren County Training School at Wise.

The Supervised Practice Contest which is open to all members of the Association, has as its objective the training of young men to carry broader and fuller farming programs. Last year this contest was won by Cusic Q. Cotton of the Phillips, High School. Cotton was presented the Supervised Practice trophy by Dr. F. D. Bluford, at the Annual State Banquet. Second place honors went to Billie Williams of Henderson.

The Farm Mechanic Contest, sponsored by the State Board of Vocational Education and the Allison Erwin Company of Charlotte, played a significant roll in encouraging farm shop programs on the home farms. This contest was won by Everette Doster of the Western Union School in Union County.

The Sweet Potato Production Contest as sponsored by the Plant Food Institute has as its objective encouraging boys to carry a more diversified farming program, was won by J. A. Jones of Henderson who produced 838 bushels of potatoes.

NFA members, 7 participation in the Junior Dairy Cattle

shows showed a marked increase over the past year. This year 110 chapters took part in 14 shows and exhibited 447 animals.

In the activities that are conducted to develop the leadership phase of NFA Program, much progress has been made. Last year marked the beginning of New Farmers of America Scholarships to outstanding farm boys to encourage them to continue their education in the school of Agriculture at the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina. These scholarships went to John Keith of the Merrick Moore School, Durham County; James A. McDougle of the South Side Chapter at Rowland, and Alfonza Williams of the Sampson County Training School at Clinton.

In the leadership contest area, the Dubois Chapter of Wake Forest, for the second year in a row, was declared state winner in the Officer's Ability Contest. Willie Lee Askew of Powellsville and the C. G. White High School was declared state winner in the Quiz Contest. The Livestock Judging Contest, which was won by the Pinkney High School Chapter of Carthage.

The 100-bushel Corn Growing Contest, sponsored jointly for the N. F. A. State Association and the State 4-H Council by the Plant Food Institute, was won by Roosevelt Jesup of the Dudley High School who was presented a \$100 bond for producing 148.7 bushels of corn per acre; Cal Ramseur of the Douglas High School at Lawndale was presented a \$75 bond for producing 146 bushels per acre; and Kenneth Maser of Happy Plains High School at Taylorsville won a \$50 bond for producing 131 bushels of corn per acre.

North Carolina produced ten national winners at the last convention for outstanding work in Supervised farming and leadership training activities. Most outstanding among these winners were Frank G. Battle of the Phillips High School at Battleboro, who was declared National H. O. Sargent winner for 1951, and Burgess Newell of the McIver Vocational Department at Littleton, who was selected National Star Superior Farmer for 1951. These two are the highest

awards given to the members of the organization for outstanding work in farming.

Other National winners were Samuel E. Williams of the Henderson Institute Chapter who was National Farm and Home Improvement winner; Lafarm Bullock of Pinetops, G. W. Carver High School was National Farm Electrification winner; Jor Odum of the Catwaba Rosenwald School was National Soil and Water Management winner; Zon Withrow of Boiling Springs was National Farm Mechanics winner; George Gatling of A. and T. College and Belhaven was National Public Speaker; Lafayette Moore of Rich Square was National Talent winner and the quartet from the Chadbourne chapter composed of James Edge, second tenor; George Murphy, bass were National winners.

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