

M. Cecil Mayfield  
State 4-H Specialist & State 4-H Leader



4-H Efforts: 4-H member, Hale Co., Alabama. Selected as Mobile Junior Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year (1957). Promoted to State Specialist (1961). Host of Auburn Television Program "Dixie Digest" (1960's). Promoted to State 4-H Program Leader (1970). Honored by Alabama 4-H Club Foundation - named room in his honor at National 4-H Center.

"He was a progressive person who could visualize the direction 4-H needed to go and the new programs that needed to be implemented. He also realized the value of the old programs and kept them going. He loved young people and he wanted them to believe they could accomplish whatever they wanted. He was always positive and when you finished your discussion with him you felt like you could accomplish whatever you were faced with. It didn't make any difference if you were a 10-year-old 4-H'er or a co-worker. You just felt better after talking with him."

--Dr. Bob Whittenburg, retired co-worker

Hometown: Hale Co., AL  
Nominated by: Alabama 4-H  
Year Inducted: 2003

Cecil was born in Hale County, Alabama, where he participated as a 4-H member. Dr. Mayfield began his career in 1955 as an Assistant County Agent in Mobile. He came to Auburn in 1961 as a state specialist and was promoted to state leader in 1970. From 1970 until 1989, Dr. Mayfield served as Alabama's State 4-H Program Leader. He had the vision and dedication to bring alive the dream of a state 4-H youth development center. Dr. Mayfield was instrumental in raising the first million for the center construction. The Center now serves as a memorial to his life and his passionate concern for Alabama's young people.



Mayfield at a 4-H event.



Ready to host Auburn Television Program "Dixie Digest."



Mayfield with Alabama 4-H members.