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State Convention To Be Held In Auburn July 16 - 18

New Features to Include Leadership Training And Recreational Activities

The sixth annual convention of the Alabama Association Future Farmers of America will be held in Auburn on July 16 to 18, attended by approximately 900 young farm leaders and their teachers of vocational agriculture.

During the three-day meeting the delegates will receive special training in farm leadership—the keynote of this year's convention. In addition, they will visit the Agricultural Experiment Station here to make a serious study of the latest developments in scientific agriculture and research.

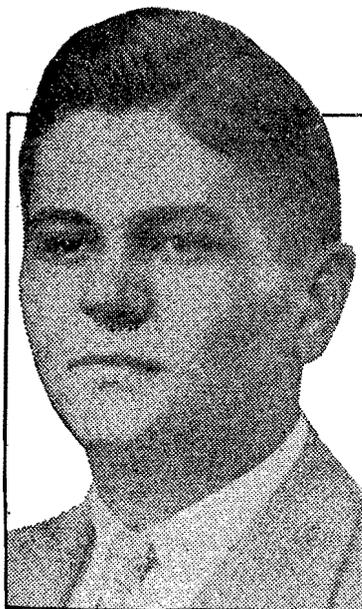
Of necessity, explained FFA officials, attendance this year will be limited to five officers of the 138 chapters, candidates for the Future Farmer degree, district officers, and members of the 50-piece brass band and six chapter string bands. The brass band will be composed of members from 14 chapters.

C. A. Allen, Jr., Holtville, state FFA president, will preside at the various sessions, assisted by the following state officers — William Crawford, Marion, vice-president; Neil Martin, Wetumpka, secretary; Cecil Cobia, Cedar Bluff, treasurer; and Joe Camp, Nokomis, reporter. R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, Alabama supervisor of vocational agriculture, is the state adviser.

Principal speakers at the convention will be Dr. J. B. Hobdy, Montgomery, state director of vocational education, and Hon. R. J. (Bob) Goode, Alabama Commis-

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F. F. A. PRESIDENT



A. C. Allen, Jr., Holtville Chapter, president of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America, will preside during the sixth State FFA Convention at Auburn, July 16-18. A. C. holds the State Farmer degree and was a delegate to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last fall. A. C. and other members of the Executive Committee have arranged an interesting and instructive program for the Convention.

He is also an outstanding student, taking part in many school activities as well as FFA work. A. C. is a member of the school debating team, has held office in the local and district FFA organizations. He is carrying a supervised practice program in farm crops,

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FFA Chapters Push Beautification of Farm Homes In Alabama

Home improvement is being emphasized as one of the major objectives of the FFA in Alabama and is being stressed by practically every Chapter in the State. A nursery area for propagating shrubbery is maintained in connection with the laboratory area at each school. At least 700,000 plants have been propagated this year by FFA boys in Alabama.

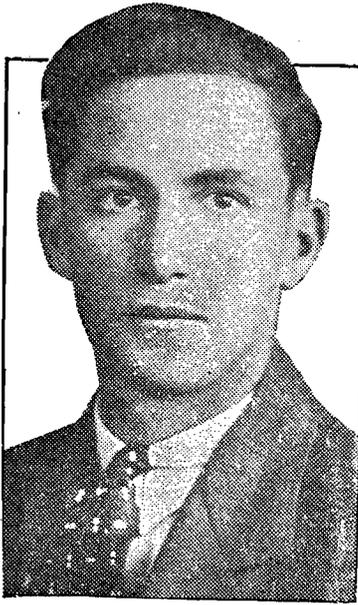
The Ashland Chapter has done outstanding work in home improvement and will serve as a splendid example of this type of work. An area of over three-quarters of an acre, properly fenced, is maintained by the Chapter for propagating and growing shrubbery. The nursery spot is worked and maintained co-operatively by Chapter members. Cuttings are rooted during the winter months by the various classes. Over 2,000 plants will be available for transferring to the homes of FFA boys this fall.

Enough shrubbery is grown so that each FFA member will be furnished a sufficient amount of shrubbery to properly landscape his home during his "horticulture year." An additional amount is grown to be used in certain class projects where landscaping is being taught. Sufficient funds are raised by the sale of surplus plants to buy lining-out stock, seed, and other materials for keeping the area well stocked.

The Ashland community is already showing results from this plan since a number of homes have been landscaped to date. Over

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ESSAY WINNER



DOYLE EARWOOD

Doyle Earwood, Fairview, Cullman County, is the winner of the State Essay Contest sponsored by the State FFA organization in cooperation with the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau. Young Earwood selected as his subject "Methods of Fertilizing Cotton and Corn in Cullman County."

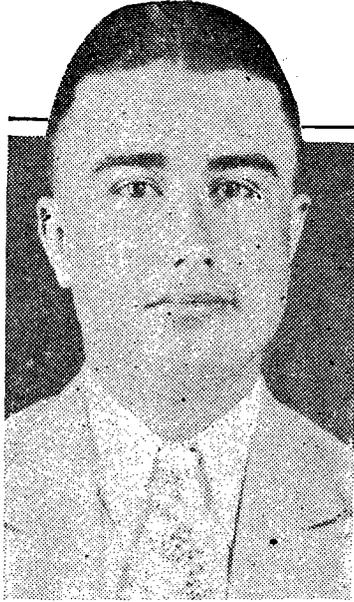
There were 685 FFA members and vocational agricultural students from 57 schools participating in this contest. All essays submitted had to be original and upon some agricultural subject approved by the local teacher of agriculture.

Other winners in the Contest are: District I — First, Harwell Wood, Cedar Bluff; Second, Hubert McKay, Lineville; Third, Arnold Whitman, Camp Hill. District II—First, Emory Behel, Lexington; Second, James Albert Graham, Reform; Third, Cecil Pickens, Mt. Hope. District III—First Glenn Waters, Atmore; Second, David McCann, Foley; Third, Woodrow Olbea, Orrville.

Prizes for essay contest winners will be awarded at the State FFA Convention in Auburn this summer. Doyle will receive \$50 as first prize in the State. First prize winners in each district will receive \$25; second prize winners will receive \$15.. and third-place winners will receive \$10 each.

The State organization is well pleased with the essay contest this year, according to C. A. Allen, Jr., Holtville, State president. "It encourages FFA members to do intensive study in some particular agricultural field and gives them splendid training in writing," he added.

SUCCESSFUL



**MARVIN DURBIN, President
Chilton County Farm Bureau**

Mr. Durbin, a former FFA boy, is perhaps the youngest president of a Farm Bureau organization in the United States. He was elected president of the Chilton County Bureau in January of this year.

He made a remarkable record in FFA work during his four years as a student in vocational agriculture, graduating in 1932. For two years he served as president of the Isabelle FFA Chapter and as State FFA reporter for an equal length of time.

In 1927, as a result of his vocational agricultural training, he was able to take over the active management of a farm while yet a high school student. In this, as in subsequent undertakings, he has succeeded.

In 1934 he was appointed farm foreman for the Alabama Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. The following year he was named chief farm foreman for the Resettlement Administration, and three

months later was appointed to the post of county supervisor for the Resettlement Administration.

Alabama officials in vocational agriculture regard Mr. Durbin as an excellent example of the type of farm leader which FFA strives to develop. His training in scientific, practical agriculture, in public speaking, in writing, and in the art of working with people which he received as a club boy has made him a valuable man to his county, to the state, and to agriculture.

FHA SUPERVISOR



**MISS KATHERINE FORNEY
State Supervisor of Vocational
Home Economics**

Improved practices in homemaking for high school girls in vocational home economics is taught in Alabama in 146 schools under the direction of Miss Katherine Forney, state supervisor.

Each of the schools has a well-equipped laboratory where these future homemakers learn in a practical way the many phases of cookery, clothing, and numerous subjects which go to make the rural home a better one.

In all schools where vocational home economics is taught by these professionally trained teachers there is a Future Homemakers club. These clubs cooperate in many ways with Boys FFA clubs, including the preparation of banquets.

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FHA SUPERVISOR

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entertainments of various kinds and in numerous joint projects. They worked hand-in-hand with the boys this year in raising the \$7,366.41 for the Crippled Children's Fund.

Miss Forney announces that the second annual meeting of the Future Homemakers Association (FHA) will be held at Alabama College on August 1.

The major objectives of this association are:

To foster high ideals of home-making.

To help the members to solve more satisfactorily their home problems through use of vocational home economics instruction.

To encourage thrift as a part of the plan for well-rounded living.

To guide members in selecting wisely their professions or occupations.

To promote scholarship and achievement among students of vocational home economics.

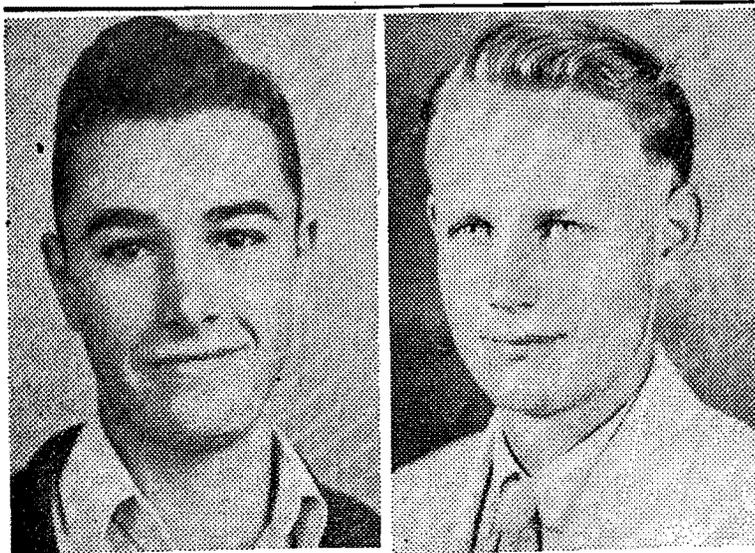
To interest members in developing hobbies.

To help members working as a group to see the need for good leaders and good flowers.

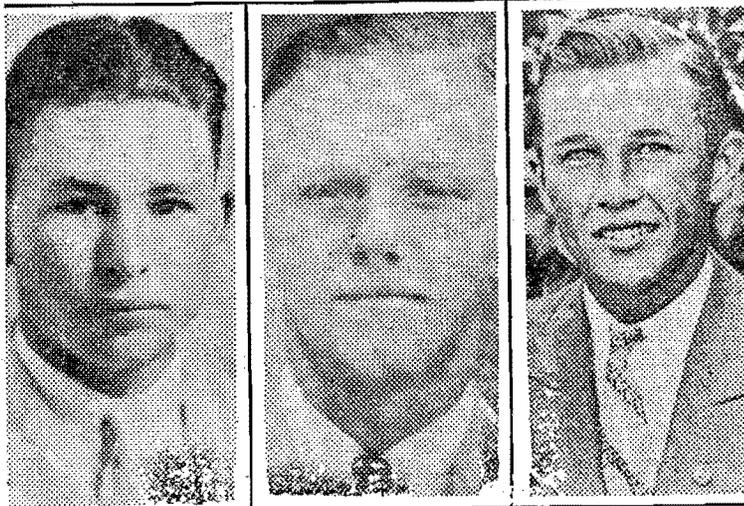
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WHY THE FFA?

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is the development of agricultural leadership. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work; creating interest in a more intelligent choice of farming occupation; creating and nurturing a love of country life; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; promoting thrift; improving scholarship; encouraging organized recreational activities among rural people; and supplementing by means of boy-initiated and boy-directed activities the regular systematic instruction offered to prospective farmers enrolled in vocational agricultural courses.



HENRY DUNN // JOHN W. CALHOUN



MARION TAYLOR // JOE JOHNSON // LELLAND DRISCOLL

The five district winners in the Alabama FFA Chapter, State and National Public Speaking Contest are pictured above. They will compete in state finals during the annual FFA convention at Auburn, July 16-18, the winner going later to the Southern regional contest to be held at Tallahassee, Fla. The contest this year in Alabama, in which 365 FFA boys took part, is sponsored by the FFA chapters and the Barrett Company, on behalf of Arcadian, the American nitrate of soda. Seventy-six Alabama FFA chapters held public speaking contests this year.

Following are the names of the district winners and the chapters they will represent in the State contest at Auburn: Henry Dunn, Albertville; John W. Calhoun, Notasulga; Marion Taylor, Gorgas; Joe Johnson, Vernon; and Leland Driscoll, Frisco City. Each year the number of Alabama FFA boys who take part in public speaking contests is increasing. It is the firm belief of FFA leaders that this training is one of the most valuable phases of FFA work. It goes without saying that every successful man frequently needs the ability to express himself in public.

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 president; William Crawford, Marion,
 vice-president; Neil Martin, Wetump-
 ka, secretary; Cecil Cobia, Cedar
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 reporter; R. E. Cammack, Montgom-
 ery, state adviser.

**BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH
 OF FFA**

Courses in vocational agricul-
 ture under the National Vocational
 Education Act were first estab-
 lished in the United States in
 1917. From the very beginning the
 boys who were enrolled in these
 courses in the various States felt
 a spirit of comradeship due to
 their background of country life
 and their desires with regard to
 farming as a vocation.

Within a few years numbers of
 local departments of vocational
 agriculture in most of the States
 had developed so-called "agricul-
 tural clubs", the membership be-
 ing composed of the students of
 vocational agriculture. Such or-
 ganizations were, in many in-
 stances, largely social and recre-
 ational in nature but certain edu-
 cational, self-improvement and co-
 operative features were often in-
 cluded as well. Undertakings of
 this type, therefore, under the gui-
 dance of enterprising local teach-
 ers marked the first expression of
 students of vocational agriculture
 to "gang" together and do things
 in an organized way.

As these local vocational agri-
 culture organizations grew in num-
 bers, their successes and failures
 formed a pattern of experience by
 means of which efforts toward
 group action became more success-
 full. Naturally the idea of band-
 ing together local groups of stu-

dents of vocational agriculture in-
 to a larger organization grew in
 the minds of progressive leaders in
 the field of vocational agriculture.
 Instead of each local group func-
 tioning to itself, why not have
 some actual contact and definite
 ties between them? Certainly, the
 interests and tendencies of the
 members were along similar lines.
 And so the idea of State-wide or-
 ganizations, with each local group
 as an active unit, developed and
 came into the picture.

Between 1923 and 1928 a num-
 ber of States actually formed or-
 ganizations of vocational agricul-
 tural students. Some splendid work
 along this line was done in Vir-
 ginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, North
 Carolina, South Carolina, Okla-
 homa, New Jersey, New York,
 Ohio, Utah, California, Wyoming
 and certain other States.

It is interesting to note that
 such names as "Junior Farmers,"
 "Young Farmers," "Future Farm-
 ers," and the like, appeared in va-
 rious sections of the country.
 However, the pioneer efforts of
 the Future Farmers of Virginia
 attracted the greatest attention
 nationally, due to the very excel-
 lent ideals, purposes, ceremonies
 and definite constitution formulat-
 ed by Henry C. Groseclose. Two
 years after the FFA was founded,
 six States in the Southern Region
 had in operation similar organi-
 zations patterned closely after the
 Virginia set-up.

By 1927-28 the goal of a nation-
 al organization of students of vo-
 cational agriculture was gleaming
 in the distance in the minds of
 various leaders. The call came
 clear and strong from various sec-
 tions. The country was ready; the
 time was ripe. From the western
 States came a definite proposal to
 build upon the good work of the
 Future Farmers of Virginia and
 similar organizations, formulate a
 constitution for the Future Farm-
 ers of America, and launch it as
 the national organization of, by
 and for boys studying vocational
 agriculture.

Accordingly, a temporary consti-
 tution patterned very closely after
 that of the Future Farmers of Vir-
 ginia was drafted under the lead-
 ership of the staff of the Agri-
 cultural Education Service of the
 Federal Board of Vocational Edu-

**CONVENTION
 SPEAKER**



HON. R. J. (BOB) GOODE

The address at the State Con-
 vention by Mr. Goode, Alabama
 Commissioner of agriculture and
 industries, will be one of the main
 events of the meeting. Mr. Goode
 knows the problems of Alabama
 agriculture and is a real friend of
 the FFA boy.

cation during the summer of 1928.
 The first National Convention was
 held in November of that year and
 since that time the growth of the
 Future Farmers of America has
 been steady and rapid, extending
 as far as Hawaii and Puerto Rico.
 The organization became a reality
 due to the co-operative attitude of
 the various State groups interest-
 ed in the welfare of American
 farm youth.

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**FFA CHAPTERS PUSH
 BEAUTIFICATION OF
 FARM HOMES IN ALA.**

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a period of years, the Ashland F-
 FA expects to change the appear-
 ance of their community by land-
 scaping each boy's home after he
 has studied home beautification
 during his "horticulture year" in
 High School.

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The young frontiersman in
 America today is the industrious,
 intelligent FFA boy who is con-
 quering the wilderness of back-
 ward agriculture through applica-
 tion of scientific knowledge and ex-
 perience gained in vocational ag-
 riculture.—Selected.

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If you don't push your work,
 your work will push you.

NEW FEATURES TO INCLUDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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sioner of Agriculture and Industries. Other outstanding educational leaders to appear on the program will be announced later.

An enlarged recreation program has been announced. In addition to swimming, a huge parade thru the streets of Auburn, and water melon cuttings, the boys will take part in a playground ball tournament. Twenty-one district teams will compete, with more than 200 boys taking part.

Together with training for leadership, special music—in the form of group singing and selections by string and brass bands—will be featured at the convention. During the past year, said FFA officials, many chapters have organized brass bands, and particularly all of them have developed small string bands which are used for chapter and community meetings and for radio broadcasts.

Arrangements for the convention are in the hands of S. L. Chestnutt, professor of vocational agriculture, Auburn, and his committee of four vocational teachers H. F. Gibson, Auburn; J. A. Vines Beauregard; A. L. Morrison, Camp Hill; and T. B. Posey, Notasulga. Working with the committee are J. C. Cannon and G. T. Sargent, of Auburn, assistant supervisors.

Highlights of the Convention will be the finals of the State-wide public speaking contest, the annual address by the State president, a report of the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, and the awarding of State Farmer degrees to those who have excelled in FFA work during the past year. Also at the convention, a State program of work for the coming year will be projected. The 138 chapters, composed of 3,500 FFA boys, will later adopt chapter programs to conform with the State outline of work for 1936-37.

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Following is the Convention program in full:

Thursday, July 16—

8:30 A. M.—Executive Committee meeting. (Gibson's classroom.)

Thursday, July 16—Langdon Hall P. M.

1:00-1:20 — Opening ceremony and music.

1:20-1:25 — Invocation, Rev. Shores, Camp Hill.

1:25-1:40—Music by F. F. A. band.

1:40-1:55—Welcome address, Dr. L. N. Duncan.

1:55-2:00—Response to welcome, William Crawford, vice-pres.

2:00-2:30—Seating House of delegates, Neil Martin, Secretary.

2:30-2:40 — Committee assignments, A. C. Allen, Jr., president.

2:40-3:00 — Intermission, Music outside of Langdon Hall by F. F. A. string band.

3:00-3:30—District and chapter reports.

3:30-4:00 — Reports on contest, Mr. Sargent in charge.

4:00-6:00—Swimming at college gymnasium.

6:00-7:30 — Intermission.

7:30-8:00 — Music by F. F. A. string band and brass band.

8:00-8:40—Address, (Speaker to be selected.) Introduction by Dr. J. B. Hobby, State Director of Vocational Education.

8:40 —Closing ceremony.

Friday, July 17—Langdon Hall.— A. M.

8:00-8:20 — Opening ceremony and music.

8:20-8:40—Reports of Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Vice-Pres.

8:40-9:10 — Election of State Farmers.

Report of Nominating Committee.

9:10-9:30—Preliminary report of Activity Program Committee.

9:30-10:30—Parade.

10:30-12:00 — Elimination games in soft ball tournament.

(Meeting of outgoing and incoming state officers.)

P. M.

1:00-3:00 — Experiment Station tour.

3:00-6:00—Final games in soft-ball tournament; swimming; Watermelon cutting.

6:00-7:00—Intermission.

7:00-8:00—Opening ceremony. Public Speaking Contest.

8:00-8:10—Message from State President.

8:10-8:30—Music. Closing ceremony.

Saturday, July 18—Langdon Hall

A. M.

8:00-9:30—Training Program.

9:30-9:50 — Opening ceremony and songs.

9:50-9:55—Report of trip to Kansas City Convention, Joe Camp.

9:55-10:35—Reports of Committees.

10:35-11:15—Unfinished business. Closing ceremony.

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PLANT CRIMSON CLOVER

Vernon.—Crimson clover planted by 40 Lamar County farmers last Fall made good growth this Spring, advises C. E. Edge, county agent. "The farmers expect to save their seed and plant more next Fall", he says.

We expect to have crimson clover on 500 farms next year.

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All great men have mastered the art of making friends. Believe it or not, very few people are born with this art, but anyone, with intelligent effort, can acquire it. Genuine interest and sympathy for the other fellow is the first step.

F. F. A. JEWELRY

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NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

ALBERTVILLE—Following is summary of Chapter's best year of activities since organization: Contributed \$52 to Crippled Children Fund; operated school store and made profit of \$300; presented three radio programs over Station WJBY, Gadsden; organized string band of 13 members; held FFA oratorical contest; spent \$75 for improvement of Vocational Agricultural department. In 1934, Chapter presented school with \$700 electric timing system and is meeting the payments for this with profits on school store... During year, string band played at local theatre, at band contests, for radio programs, and at annual Vocational Banquet at Alabama Education meeting in Birmingham... Socials, picnics and parties have been given by Chapter in addition to annual F-S M-D banquet. 13 of Chapter's 20 objectives accomplished this year. **ANDALUSIA**—A "6-8-4" for cotton" drive has resulted in most farmers in vicinity using this mixture which was bought ready-mixed at \$21 per ton. Some farmers mixed these fertilizers at home at cost of \$19 per ton. While some are using 3-3-5 and nitrate of soda, stress has been brought upon use of 500 to 600 lbs. per acre. Beautification projects completed at two homes with shrubs from FFA nursery. Several hundred cuttings have been propagated this year.

CHEROKEE — Annual F-S M-D banquet attended by 136 people... Chapter membership now stands at 71 with plans for increased enrollment next year. **CHOCOLOCCO**—Nursery started with 2,000 cuttings. White Plains Chapter plans to propagate similar number this summer... Fifteen entered public speaking contest and two took part in the oratorical contest. Chapter represented in district contest at Pell City... A tour either to Nashville, Tenn., or Savannah, Ga., planned for summer... Chapter to meet once a month during summer... Every member has long-time project... Auburn fertilizer recommendations being used on cotton

and corn... Several young orchards have been started, and a number of old orchards have been pruned and sprayed... Chapter put new roof on porch of vocational building and built new steps—also, laid concrete floor in shop... members sodded school campus and cultivated campus shrubbery on lawn.

DIXON'S MILLS—With aid of FHA, raised \$80 for crippled children... Entered essay and public speaking contests. Joseph Pearson, one of 15 boys in state to win District contest... Won district basketball title at tournament in Sweet Water. Plan to present radio programs over Stations WHBB, Selma, and WCOC, Mederian. Have elected officers for the new year and planned summer activity program... Gave chapel program on National FFA day... Entered elimination Public Speaking Contest held between Dixon's Mills, Centerville, and Gorgas Chapters in May.

FYFFE—Entire Chapter membership and most of their fathers attended District F-S M-D banquet at Ft. Payne where Mr. Cammack, state adviser, and Co.—Supt. of Education Hulme were principal speakers... Willie Dobbs pruned 300 trees and sprayed 100 this winter; Duard McBee pruned 53 and Irby Lyles 36. Almost every member pruned one or more orchards... Extensive terracing done in fields of FFA boys... Presented radio program in April... Dow Hulgán made profit of \$20 on his pig. Chapter graded school grounds; established propagation beds for shrubbery to be used on school grounds and homes of members.

NOTASULGA—Planted 5,000 peach pits, plants of which will be budded later and used for home orchards of members. Chapter will give prize for best planned and best kept orchard next winter... Members sprayed over 1,000 trees in Chapter spray program... Extensive landscape program sponsored Chilean Nitrate Guessing Contest last fall; assisted advising organizing evening schools; organized string band; drew up

plans for landscaping new buildings; aided in organization of Auburn District FFA; completely equipped for standard chapter ceremonies; qualified 10 Green Hands for Future Farmers; sponsored Purina Feed picture, "The Hidden Harvest"; six members entered Arcadian Nitrate Public Speaking Contest—John W. Calhoun is Chapter winner.

PELL CITY—34 Green Hands and 4 coming in at next initiation time. Program of work on file; \$40 raised for Crippled Children's Fund; each member has supervised practice program worked out and on file; library started; work on school grounds begun; plans made for trip and attendance at Summer Conference at Auburn; six entered Public Speaking contest; plans made for minstrel to provide funds for treasury; beginning construction of lockers and benches for woodshop. **NEW HOPE**—(Randolph Co.)—Chapter planted 2½ acres of cotton as Chilean Nitrate Demonstration; long staple variety is being used; profit to be used for poultry project next winter... Profit of \$22.50 on last year's poultry project donated to Crippled Children Fund.

ROBERTSDALE—Summary of year's activities: Held at least two meetings per month; held joint meetings with FHA; planted 65 shrubs around gymnasium and at rear of school building; set out 3,050 cuttings of eight varieties of shrubs; conducted Chilean Nitrate Demonstration for farmers; eligible members raised to Future Farmers; presented purebred gilt to best all-round FFA member; devoted one meeting to fire prevention—submitted three articles on subject to local newspaper; 175 plants removed from nursery for school ground and home beautification; held joint box social with FHA; raised \$40 for Crippled Children from sale of wood work from shop and donations for shrubbery; project tour planned for summer to end with three-day camp on coast; basketball team entered county tournament; presented two chapel programs; two members up for State Farmer degree.

SARDIS—Last fall Chapter seeded four acres to crimson clover

er, seed of which divided among members this spring; 12,000 hard and soft wood cuttings set out—70 per cent growing; adopted Stoneville No. 5 for community and set up organization to bring 2 tons seed direct from breeders to farmers; cooperated in giving radio programs; raise \$40 for Crippled Children; fostering Chilean Nitrate of Soda demonstration... 21 paid-up members. **SILAS**—All members have long-time programs; continued school-ground beautification program; rooted 4,000 shrubs in nursery; held meetings twice each month during year; devoted three meetings for first aid; raised \$80 for Crippled Children; added \$50 worth of books to library; held public speaking contest; published weekly articles in local paper; held annual banquet; held nitrate demonstration; sending delegates to State Convention at Auburn; will make annual summer tour; held essay contest; will hold regular summer meetings. **SMITH STATION**—Elected delegates to State Convention as follows: Andrew McLain, Marvin Byrd, Curtis Meadows. Claude Pieree... Jack Wood represented Chapter in public speaking contest, taking a close second; Chapter demonstration well underway. **STRAUGHN**—During the year Chapter installed excellent water system for school; removed shrubbery from around shop in preparation for building program now underway... FFA boys received valuable training in installing the elaborate water system. They did all plumbing and construction work, including erection of 30-foot tower to hold 2,680-gallon water tank. Chapter had fine year. **SULLIGENT**—Sold cooperatively 3,000 lbs. tankage, 30 bus. Stoneville No. 5 cotton seed, 500 lbs. lespedeza, 100 lbs. Crotalaria; secured 1,000 slash pine seedlings for demonstration; obtained crowns locally for three one-acre kudzu demonstrations; cooperated with federal farm agencies; helped organize District FFA; rooted and transplanted 1,500 shrubs to laboratory area; promoted selling of 6-8-4 fertilizer with result that sales exceeded combined sales of other ready-mixed fertilizers; raised \$80 for Crippled Children with aid of FHA; \$45 in treasury for summer camp;

held meetings twice per month during school year and will continue to meet this summer; held three major socials with FHA. **SWEET WATER**—During year Chapter held annual F-S M-D banquet with large attendance; 3 hogs, raised on lunch scraps and corn from laboratory area, furnished meat for banquet at no cash expense to members... 6,000 shrubbery cuttings planted in nursery; members have made considerable improvement on campus lawn, setting out shrubbery and building up soil with hairy vetch... to hold regular meetings this summer.

TANNER-WILLIAHS—Ralph Driskell reports good prospects on his 2½ acres of cotton used as a Chilean Nitrate Demonstration... Edward Foster, the Chapter's foremost "orator", made a fine showing in the public speaking contest. He won at Silas but was defeated in a "hot" contest by Leland Driscoll of the Frisco City Chapter. Chapter now busy making final preparations for sending delegation to Auburn for the State Convention.

URIAH—1935-36 accomplishments: Raised \$80 for Crippled Children; planted shrubs around 22 homes, 2 churches, 3 schools; cleared \$18 by feeding school-lunch scraps to pigs; moved laboratory area; transplanted 500 shrubs from propagation bed to nursery; set out 4,000 pine seedlings; planted enough seed to grow 5,000 seedlings for next year; put out more than 4,000 cuttings; won district stock judging contest; 26 members entered essay contest; 4 members in public speaking contest; conducting Chilean Nitrate Demonstration; installed 7 individual tool cabinets; poured concrete floor in shop; bought 15 lbs. Paradow and 5 gal. "high life" cooperatively.

WADLEY—Nine Green Hands initiated; every member keeping records on three supervised practice programs; basic slag and Austrian winter peas distributed to farmers who planted over 400 acres; operated FFA store during year; sold candy and drinks at athletic contests to raise money for Cripple Children Fund; made over 2,000 cuttings; members assisted in landscaping several homes,



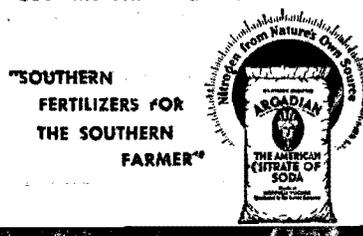
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How long will you continue to lose this extra value?



laying out and sodding four yards; assisted advisor in conducting evening school, terracing and pruning demonstrations, and in arranging meetings; several members entered Randolph County corn produc-

tion contest; Chapter sponsored school exhibit at county fair which took first prize—money donated to Crippled Children. **WARD**—Twenty-three of 28 vocational agriculture students in FFA Chapter; 15 operating three-year project program, carrying three to five projects each; during past two years Chapter has made \$370 on cooperative cotton project which has been used to buy new equipment for department; project continued this year and experiment station recommendations are being followed; boys meet on Saturdays to do work... Chapter nursery started this year... members built two-row stalk cutter at cash cost of 20 cents which is rented to farmers at 50 cents per day. Cutter can be pulled successfully by one medium sized mule. **WEOGUFKA**—Chapter recently enjoyed fine fishing trip... Goss Grimes was awarded purebred Poland China pig as the best all-round Chapter member. Pig is to be used later for breeding purposes in community... Chapter plans beautification program and has already begun propagation of shrubs. **WEST POINT**—Accomplishments for the year: Seven Green Hands raised to Future Farmers; \$60 raised for Crippled Children; Chapter sponsoring one-variety cotton and corn community this year; aided in organization of purebred bull association; made extensive improvements on school grounds; nursery plot being enlarged; Chapter will sponsor cold drink stand at annual all-day singing; Chapter staged fishing trip; delegation to attend State Convention; participating in South Sand Mountain District FFA; Chapter was delightfully entertained at a buffet supper given by FHA girls.

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The standard of living in America will never surpass the level of our soil fertility—R. E. Cammack.

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FFA leaders of today will be the Alabama leaders of tomorrow.

District News

AUBURN — Professors Gibson and Vines were principal speakers at the district's recent meeting when the program of work was discussed. Meeting was called to order by Paul Duggar, district president, and music was furnished by the Notasulga and the Auburn Collegiate Chapters. The Smith Station chapter was host to the district's April meeting.

DIXIE FOUR — Following the basketball tournament, in which Dixon's Mills defeated Magnolia 30 to 9 for the district title, a softball league was organized... Joseph Pearson, Dixon's Mills Chapter, won the District Public

Speaking Contest held at Magnolia... A series of radio programs is being presented over Station WCOC, Meridian, Miss., as a means of FFA publicity.

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hogs, home orchard, and home improvement. In this way he is putting into practice the things learned in his course in vocational agriculture. A. C. is an excellent presiding officer and expresses himself well on his feet. He was awarded the State Farmer degree at the State Convention last summer and is well qualified as a leader of the 3,500 farm boys composing the membership of FFA in Alabama.

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