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## Thrift Training Plan Is Adopted By State FFA

The following suggested plan of thrift training for FFA members was adopted by the Alabama Association in annual convention at Auburn on October 3:

**PURPOSE** — To encourage Future Farmer members to save and invest wisely any monies that they make from their supervised practice program or otherwise. To teach them to prepare for successful living by looking ahead and making definite plans for a successful career.

**THE PLAN**—That we conduct a thrift contest among the FFA chapters. This is to be on a percentage basis of FFA members contributing in order to be fair to both large and small chapters.

That points be allowed on the basis of one point for each dollar saved or invested in the following designated mediums:

- (a) *Farm Improvements*—(When a student has completed any approved practice on the farm by spending any sum of money he has earned in completing this farm improvement, he is to make a written statement to

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## 1936-37 Activity Program

Five hundred FFA members from 110 of the 142 chapters gathered in Auburn on October 3 for the 9th annual State Convention. At a busy one-day session new officers were elected (See cut below and full names on Page 4), 61 outstanding members were honored with the State Farmer Degree (Photo and names to be carried in December issue), and the following State Activity Program was adopted:

- (1) **At least 5 boys from each chapter to enter essay contests.**
- (2) **All chapters to enter public speaking contests.**
- (3) **Each chapter to use National FFA emblem, or other creditable marker, on all demonstrations.**
- (4) **Each chapter affiliated with a district organization to present well-planned radio programs regularly, when possible.**
- (5) **Appointment of a committee by the president to investigate placement opportunities for vocational agriculture students who are FFA members and to determine how the State Association may function in connection therewith. This com-**

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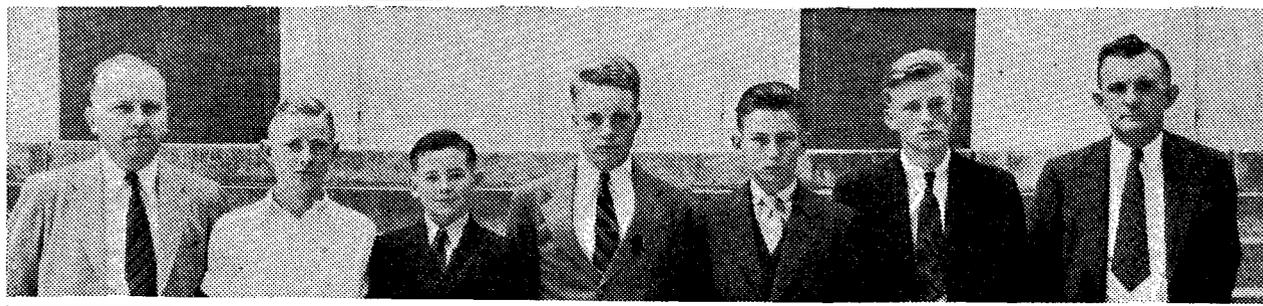
## Eleven Ala. Boys Attend 9th National Convention

Heading a delegation of 11 leading high school students in vocational agriculture who represented the Alabama Association of Future Farmers at the national convention in Kansas City, Oct. 19-23, were four newly elected State officers.

They are C. W. Wells, of Jemison, president of the State association; Pete Turnham, of Milltown, treasurer; Roger Nance, of Gurley, secretary; and Ronald Sellers, of Ramer, reporter. Dan Hollis, Headland and Cecil Johnson, Eva, two of the State's leading FFA members were also in the party along with five members of the Wetumpka FFA Chapter.

Accompanying the boys to Kansas City were R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, State supervisor of vocational agriculture and adviser for the Alabama FFA Association, and B. Q. Scruggs, Wetumpka, agriculture teacher.

Three of the Alabama boys competed with leading FFA members from other states for the American Farmer Degree, the highest honor available in the organization. Each of the trio has made a remarkable record in his local chapter.



1936-37 OFFICERS OF THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Adviser Cammack, Treasurer Turnham, Reporter Sellers, President Wells, Secretary Nance, Vice-President Crawford, Asst. Adviser Gibson

## FFA At Vernon Sponsors Nitrate Demonstration

By M. G. Anderson, Voc. Ag. Teacher

Final results have been determined on the Chilean Nitrate Fertilizer demonstrations held near Vernon, in Lamar County, and conducted by the department of vocational agriculture of the Lamar County High School in cooperation with the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc. Two tests were conducted, both of which were located on fair to very poor upland soil, both having been grown in cotton continuously for many years without any effort being made to maintain the fertility of the soil.

The plots were planted May 5th and seasons were only fair from planting till harvest. The plots which received Chilean Nitrate on one of the tests made 929 lbs. seed cotton as compared to only 388 lbs. per acre on plots which received the same fertilizer treatment except the nitrate. On the other test, the nitrate plots produced 1,193 lbs. seed cotton per acre as compared to 624 lbs. per acre without the nitrate. It is interesting to note that on the poorer soil the difference was 541 lbs., while on the better soil the difference due to nitrate was 569 lbs. It is a common belief among many farmers that nitrate pays only on poorer soils, yet the difference in the above cases was greater on the better soil.

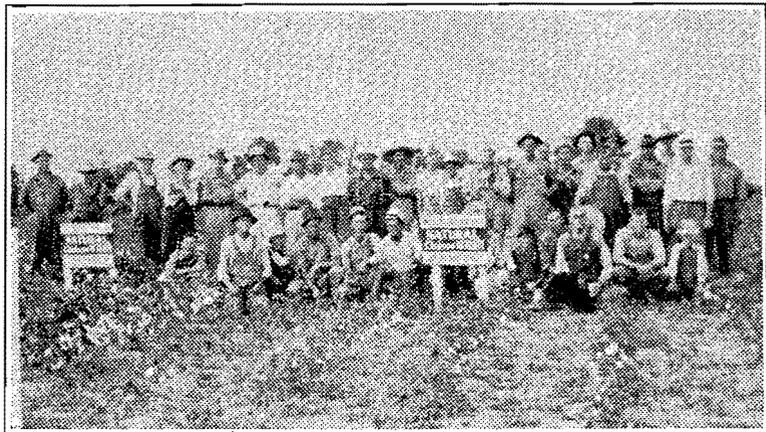
The average increase on these tests per acre was 555 lbs. of seed cotton. This increase was made possible by the use of 200 lbs. per acre of nitrate of soda, the cost of which averaged around \$3.50 this year. The cotton figured at 5c per lb. is worth \$27.75 or a profit after the expense of nitrate is deducted of \$24.24 per acre, which would not have been possible without the use of nitrate of soda added to the other fertilizer. The above tests are just additional evidence that money invested in fertilizer of the right kind pays the farmer large dividends.

### Thrift Training Plan

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the vocational teacher, who will pass upon whether or not this can be considered a farm-improvement investment.)

## Vernon Sponsors Demonstration



GROUP OF FARMERS AND FFA BOYS WHO ATTENDED THE CHILEAN NITRATE DEMONSTRATION GUESSING CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE VERNON CHAPTER

- (b) *Personal Improvement* — Buying own textbooks, buying approved library books, postage expended in collecting bulletins, cost of educational tours, school fees, special courses, etc.
- (c) *Life Insurance*—(New or old policies.)
- (d) *Savings deposits in banks or postal savings*—(To count in the contest, savings must be left on deposit long enough to draw interest at least one time.)

Time of Contest—September 1, 1936, to June 1, 1937.

Winning chapter determined by—

- (a) Percentage membership contributing to thrift saving— $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- (b) Average amount saved by each member— $\frac{1}{2}$ . (Teacher to submit report by June 1st, listing practices, values, and total membership of chapter. Record form for this will be furnished.)

#### Prizes:

*First*—That a Chapter Prize be awarded rather than individual recognition.

*Second*—That the winning chapter be given an educational trip with all expenses paid, such as a three-day visit to Birmingham and a planned tour through the principal industries of the Birmingham District.

*Third*—That the prize be awarded by the Protective Life Insurance Company.

*Fourth*—That only those members who actively participated in the contest by scoring points for their chapter be allowed to go on this trip.

### EXPERIENCE IN FFA WORK HELPS PARKER LAND JOB

"I applied for work at Dr. Phillips Packing Co., Orlando, Fla.," said Windom Parker, former president of the Ramer Chapter, in a letter to Prof. G. H. Dyar, teacher of vocational agriculture. "When the manager asked what experience I had had in public speaking, I told him about my work in the Ramer Chapter. As president, you will remember, I not only had the duty of presiding at meetings, but on several occasions I found it necessary to conduct radio broadcasts and take part in special programs.

"Apparently the manager was impressed, for he gave me the job. He said, incidentally, that he had read about the work of the Ramer Chapter, and that if I was a former president of the group 'there must be something to me'.

"My duties here are to assist in the office and serve as guide over the plant for visitors. I also look after the shipping of special fruits. This is an exceedingly good job with excellent chances for promotion in this the largest packing company in Florida. I owe everything to my agricultural course and the training I received in the FFA chapter"—Signed: Windom Parker.

# 1936-37 Essay Contest Announced

The essay contest will be conducted again this year for regularly enrolled students of vocational agriculture, sponsored by the Alabama Association FFA and teachers of vocational agriculture in cooperation with the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc.

Last year the contest was instituted and successfully carried to completion, the subject being, "Fertilizer and Cropping Practices of Farmers in My Community as Compared to Experiment Station Recommendations."

This essay contest was in keeping with the long established policy of the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau to lend its support to all official agencies working for the improvement of crop yields and the quality of crops through scientific fertilization.

It gives us, therefore, great pleasure to again place before you the opportunity of continuing an interesting and educational study of one of the major agricultural problems in Alabama.

**1. Subject of The Contest:** "How the Major Crops Grown on My Farm Are Fertilized."

**2. Eligibility:** Any bona fide vocational agricultural student in white schools in Alabama.

**3. Length:** It is recommended that the Essay contain not more than 2,500 words. However, each contestant may determine the length of his essay.

**4. Forms:** The essay may be typewritten (double space) or written in longhand. Use only one side of paper. It must be legible. If in longhand, it should be written with ink. It is recommended that paper 8½ by 11 inches be used. The name, address and school of contestant should be attached to essay on separate piece of paper. (Contestants are requested to submit with essay a list of the sources of information used.)

**5. Suggested Outline for Preparing Essay:** Each student entering the contest will use his own farm or one assigned to him by the teacher for study with a view to building his essay along the following lines:

(a) What are the major crops grown on farm? Indicate the acreage devoted to each crop. List these crops

according to relative importance as sources of income. List crops showing fertilizer application on per acre basis and total fertilizer consumption per crop.

(b) Is home-mixing practiced on your farm? If so, give reasons for this method of fertilization. Give a list of fertilizer materials used with total tonnage of each and amounts per acre. Show combination of materials used in building mixtures for each crop with amounts per acre. Give time and method of application of each material making up the crop's ration.

(c) Are factory-mixed goods used on your farm? If so, give reasons for following this method of fertilization. Indicate the mixtures or formulas used for each crop showing amount per acre. Are mixed goods supplemented with side-dressing applications? Indicate amount of side-dressing per acre.

(d) Do you grow soil-building crops such as vetch, peas, beans, clover, etc.? How does this program influence your fertilizer practices?

(e) Discuss general plan of fertilization with reference to (1) before-planting application and (2) side-dressing practice. If the split-application plan is followed on your farm give reasons, pointing out advantages of this plan over applying all fertilizer before planting. Do not overlook the fact that most fertilizer mixtures applied to our major crops are too low in nitrogen for high yields.

(f) It is generally recognized that crops require a large number of plant elements other than the N-P-K usually considered in complete fertilizers. Therefore, what precautions are taken when purchasing fertilizer materials and mixed goods to see that the so-called "rarer elements" are supplied to your crops?

(g) Based on information obtained from your teacher, the county agent, the Experiment Station, successful farmers in your community and your own observation, do you consider the practices followed on your farm best for maximum yields and economic production? Point out how your own practice may be improved to the end

that your farm may produce better crops.

**Things To Keep In Mind:** The student should keep in mind all during the preparation of his essay the importance of presenting to the Judges a clear picture of the fertilizer program being carried out on his farm. Make a diagram of the farm showing the cropping system and then outline the kind and amount of fertilizer used, method and time of application, advantages and disadvantages of the system being followed and point out improvements leading to better results and bigger profits.

Determine to have the best essay in the State. To this end make full use of all available information relative to best fertilizers for crops grown on your type of soil. Make an effort to contribute something worthwhile to the agricultural knowledge of your community. You may not win a cash prize but there is genuine satisfaction in a job well done.

**6. Opening And Closing Dates:** The opening date will be November 1, 1936. The contest closes February 1, 1937. Essay must show postmark of not later than midnight, February 1, 1937. Essays should be mailed to M. H. Pearson, 517 Shepherd Building, Montgomery, Alabama. Each Vocational Teacher will serve as Chairman of a committee of three in selecting the three best essays from his local chapter numbering them 1-2-3; and mail them together with all other essays written. This will greatly facilitate the work of the judges.

**7. How Judged.** Essays will be graded on:

- (a) Subject matter presented ..... 60 points
- (b) Manner of presenting subject matter ..... 20 points
- (c) Originality — (which may include any local experience or observation bearing on the subject gained from farmers, bankers, editors, dealers, other official workers and Experiment Station Publication ..... 20 points

**8. Prizes:**

(a) Three prizes in each of the three Supervisors' districts, as follows: 1st: \$25; 2nd: \$15; 3rd: \$10.

(b) In addition to the above, a prize of \$50 will be awarded to the contestant with the best essay in the State. (The winner of this prize will not be eligible for the district prize.)

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### THE F F A MOTTO

*Learning to Do  
Doing to Learn  
Earning to Live  
Living to Serve.*

## "Thanks A Million"

The splendid cooperation of enterprising reporters and advisers has enabled us to carry in this issue reports from 104 chapters. As you will see, many of the reports show outstanding activity by Alabama's 3,500 FFA boys.

So great was the number of reports received that we had difficulty finding space to mention all of them. But we did; every report which arrived by the 5th of October is printed—at least in part. In the next issue we shall omit many of the so-called routine activities in order to carry as many names as possible of the boys who accomplish important results. We also hope to carry in future issues some good action photographs of a few of the hundreds of valuable chapter activities.

When the present method of reporting was started last summer, the statement was made that it would be impossible to obtain monthly reports from all chapters. However, the excellent results indicate that reports will very soon be arriving 100 per cent. We may even attain this goal in the December issue. What do you say? At any rate, "thanks a million" for your excellent assistance received thus far.—Editor.

## Chapter Reports

Monthly reports from each chapter should arrive in Auburn not later than the first day of each month. Those which arrive later than the fifth of the month are counted late. An accurate record is being kept of these chapters which submit reports on time, those which send in late reports, and those which fail to submit reports.

Each chapter reporter is urgently requested to make out these reports, have them checked and signed by the adviser, and mail them so as to arrive in Auburn by the first of each month. The success of the news letter and much valuable publicity depend on reports being submitted on time.

The news letter is especially interested in all unusual, new, or outstanding activities of the chapter or of individual members.—R. E. Cammack.

## 1936-37 Activity Program

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- mittee to be composed of representatives of the executive committee, local advisers, and members of the house of delegates. This committee is to report at next annual convention.
- (6) Each chapter to contribute \$2 by April toward expenses of State Convention.
  - (7) Where possible, to delegate business of State Convention to committees.
  - (8) Each chapter to secure National Chapter Contest instructions and follow same.
  - (9) Chapters to sponsor cooperative organization.
  - (10) State Association to continue publication of The Alabama Future Farmer in printed form seven times per year.
  - (11) Each chapter to secure cut of National FFA emblem for use in heading all news articles published in papers.
  - (12) Each FFA district to organize and equip a Future Farmer Degree team.
  - (13) Each chapter to assist state director, supervisor, and assistant supervisor in every way possible in locating and installing new departments of vocational agriculture.
  - (14) Each chapter to organize a thrift bank.
  - (15) 100 chapters to add 100 books to FFA library.
  - (16) Each chapter to conduct a nursery for the purpose of furnishing shrubbery to beautify school grounds, churches, cemeteries, and homes of FFA members.
  - (17) Each chapter to assume definite responsibility for informing the public on various phases of Conservation program.
  - (18) Each chapter to hold a father-son banquet.
  - (19) Each chapter to be properly equipped and to have regular meeting dates.
  - (20) Each chapter to encourage and develop musical talent.
  - (21) State Association to encourage chapters to take educational tours.
  - (22) Each chapter to devote one or more meetings to study and discussion of the State FFA activity program.
  - (23) Each chapter to be encouraged to advance members from one degree to the other as rapidly as possible under the provisions of the Constitution.
  - (24) Each chapter to submit annual report of year's accomplishments to the State secretary not later than May 15.
  - (25) Each chapter to set up an activity program in line with the State and National activity program, adapting it to the local community.
  - (26) To have 3,750 active members in State Association this year.
  - (27) Each chapter to be represented at the State convention by two delegates.
  - (28) Each chapter to take as a central theme for the year the Conservation Program in its various phases and form as it relates to increased benefits to the farm.
  - (29) Each chapter to sponsor a live-at-home program.
  - (30) That a committee composed of members of State Executive Committee investigate possibilities of establishing a permanent State FFA camp and report at first meeting of State Executive Committee.

### AMERICAN FARM YOUTH NATIONAL FFA MAGAZINE

It is hoped that each FFA chapter in the State will send in a club subscription to *The American Farm Youth* magazine, which is published at Danville, Ill. In clubs of 10 or more the subscription rate is 25c per year.

Ask your adviser to show you a copy of this magazine. You will find that is highly interesting and that it contains much valuable information about the accomplishments of FFA boys throughout the nation.

The magazine is published primarily for the Future Farmers of America. Its editor, Paul Andersen, is a former student in vocational agriculture.

It would be a fine thing for the vocational agriculture program and the FFA organization if each monthly issue of this magazine could go into the homes of all the Future Farmers in Alabama. Won't you bring this matter to the attention of your chapter?

### FFA At Holly Pond Aiding One-Variety Cotton Project

Holly Pond Chapter is promoting a one-variety cotton community in cooperation with the other agencies in the County. Stoneville No. 5 was selected last spring and planted by FFA members, Evening School men, and others. A total of 120 people in the Holly Pond community planted some of this variety.

Gin days were planned, with 25 bales being ginned on the first day and 50 on the second gin day. A meeting of farmers and FFA boys of the community was called in September at which time they selected by popular vote three members of a committee to represent the group in the sale of the cotton.

In cooperation with other communities in the County, a pool was formed, and at the first sale 65 bales of the cotton sold was from the Holly Pond community. The sixty-five bales brought \$3,973, which was \$325 above street prices, or a premium of one cent per pound.

## News From The Chapters

**Addison**—Sent delegates to State Convention; planned Green Hand initiation; banquet date set, Nov. 15.

**Akron**—Cooperated with FHA in staging trip by truck to Montgomery where group visited State Capitol, then to Auburn, Tuskegee, and Martin Dam; trip netted \$26.35 to be used for joint banquet next spring.

**Albertville**—Weiner roast held in September; chapter store at school did \$100 business, Aug. 31 to Sept. 11; sent two delegates to State Convention; seven names presented for membership.

**Alexandria**—Held fine social in form of ice cream supper with Principal Little and other school officials present; chapter entertained football team with three-day camping trip to Cheaha State Park with aid of Adviser Pirkle, Coach Stricklin, and H. B. Woodward, Jr.; with aid of White Plains Chapter, entered exhibit at State Fair, Birmingham.

**Aliceville**—New officers elected on Sept. 17 and made year's plans; 19 members attended State Fair, Birmingham. **Ashland**—Land purchased and nursery moved to new location with each member giving one day's work; chapter derives good profit from sale of shrubbery grown in nursery; established candy store at school; organized string band; plants from nursery to be used this year for beautification of several homes.

**Athens**—Twenty new members elected; delegation from chapter visited Tenn. State Fair, Nashville, spending 10 hours making serious study of exhibits; gathered crotolaria seed; attended Decatur district meeting at Eva.

**Atmore**—Obtained additional land for nursery plot; published two articles in local newspaper; held Future Farmer and Green Hand initiation Sept. 30; made plans for district meeting and attended same.

**Auburn**—Elected new officers to replace those not returning to school; sent delegates to State Convention; 15 members ready for Green Hand initiation; both Green Hand and Future Farmer initiation scheduled for October.

**Baker Hill**—New officers elected; plans projected for extensive year's work.

**Belgreen**—Plans made for year's program; five boys ready for Green Hand initiation.

**Berry**—From proceeds of soft-drink sales at football game, Chapter made enough money to hire bus to transport members to State Fair in Birmingham on Sept. 30; initiated 9 Green Hands; 30 of 36 voc. ag. boys to be members this year; sponsoring advertising program with large bulletin board placed in Post Office on which seasonal agricultural information is carried for the public.

**Blountsville**—With signature of president, treasurer, and Adviser Mitchell, chapter borrowed

\$112.50 with which to purchase two-year-old registered Hereford bull; bull will be crossed with milk cows owned by members to produce beef stock for sale; service fee of \$2 will be charged to outsiders. **Blue Springs**—Gave radio broadcast; staged overall and sunbonnet party; sent delegates to Eastern Wiregrass district meeting; gave demonstration of control of weevils in stored peas; raised \$10 from sale of ice cream at school; plan F-S M-D banquet; sent delegates to State Convention. **Brilliant**—Candy sales proving profitable; other money-making projects underway to raise money for trip to Washington, D. C. **Butler**—Sponsored vaccination of dogs for rabies in three communities; planned and carried out gin-day program for saving of pure cotton seed in two communities; field-selected and marketed seed corn; chapter saving own seed for next season.

**Camp Hill**—Twenty-one paid-up members; initiated six Green Hands and 12 Future Farmers; chapter had important part in developing cotton-improvement program. **Carrollton**—Completed cotton picking on demonstration plot which made 3,604 lbs. of seed cotton on 2½ acres; chapter purchased for the school mimeograph machine at cost of \$34.50—money made by selling candy; nine new members; chapter visited State Fair, Birmingham. **Cedar Bluff**—Doubled membership with Green Hand initiation on Sept. 4; raising chapter funds by selling drinks and peanuts at football games; rehearsing play to be given with FHA in October; profit from play to be used for construction of concrete sidewalk from main building of school to vocational building.

**Cherokee**—Plans made for year; sent two delegates to State Convention; chapter emphasizing public speaking this year. **Citronelle**—Year's program of work includes increasing number of books in FFA library and enlargement of nursery.

**Clanton**—Chapter will print news letter in November; new members added to chapter; representatives sent to State Convention. **Cold Springs**—Chapter organized and working on new year's program; completion of last-year's short term delayed activities in September.

**Crossville**—School ran on half-day schedule during September because of cotton-picking season; chapter projected year's plans in early October and now active. **Cuba**—Sent delegates to State Convention; held organization meeting with prospects good for year's work; new officers elected; home beautification to be major enterprise.

**Curry**—Membership drive underway; proceeds from Halloween party used for chapter activities; nursery stock to

be increased this year; cooperating with 4-H club in arranging community exhibit at county fair—proceeds to be used for chapter library.

**Danville**—Twenty-four members took trip by bus to Kentucky State Fair at Louisville to make intensive study of livestock. **Daviston**—Sent delegates to State Convention; set-up program of work and project standards; each member carrying three or more projects. **Dixon's Mills**—F-S banquet planned for October with Commissioner of Agriculture Goode, Hon. Frank Boykin, and prominent local speakers on program; cooperated with WPA and District Commissioner on campus beautification project; program planned for Thomasville Lions Club; series of softball games scheduled with civic clubs; 33 paid-up members; concrete walk 5' x 4" x 96' constructed on campus; five members attended State Convention; chapter plans to emphasize singing at meetings; chapter softball team played two games with Linden on Sept. 22. **Eclectic**—Program of work planned; 17 boys given Green Hand degree on Sept. 24, after which 21 members went to Martin Lake for overnight camp—weiner roast, swimming, boating; five more members to be initiated, bringing membership to 29. **Enterprise**—Sent delegates to State Convention; year's program planned; chapter delegates attended district meeting at Ozark, Sept. 28. **Eva**—Held organization meeting Sept. 3; district met at Eva, Sept. 2; chapter has corn demonstration of Graham Mosby variety; members field-selected seed corn; proceeds from sale of corn to be used for educational trip and to buy equipment; chapter made five-day trip this summer to Pensacola, Fla.

**Fairview**—Arranged gin days (Stoneville No. 5) in Semicoe, Fairview, County Line, and Hulaco communities; 30 bales of Stoneville No. 5 cotton from Fairview community sold at one cent premium above  $\frac{3}{8}$ "; another sale day held early in October; seed patches of crimson clover planted by 11 members; 10 other members planted vetch. **Foley**—Held Chilean nitrate of soda corn guessing contest with M. H. Pearson, company representative, present; three members awarded State Farmer degree; one member took second in essay contest; 12 new members; educational tour planned for next summer. **Falkville**—Assisted adviser with Evening School; gave two programs on winter legumes—one at chapter meeting, the other at district meeting. **Fort Payne**—1,200 shrubs of 10 varieties rooted for lining-out stock in beautification of home of every member upon completion of "horticulture year" and upon presentation of approved planting plan; detailed plans made for enrollment of new members, including posting of qualifications on bulletin board, securing of buttons for new members, filling out of membership cards, etc.; four

members purchased registered Poland China gilts for sow and litter projects; four members have purebred poultry flocks coming into production. **Frisco City**—32 members present at meeting at which work program was projected, new officers elected, and committee appointed to re-organize Thrift Bank; eight Green Hands; 12 members attended regular monthly meeting of the Little River State Park chapter at Excel. **Fyffe**—Conducted Chilean Nitrate Demonstration Cotton Guessing Contest; organized string band and arranged rehearsal schedule; 22 eligible for Future Farmer degree upon payment of local, state, and national dues.

**Gaylesville High**—Opened FFA store on campus to handle school supplies, candy, drinks; profit to be used in beautification of school grounds; radio set donated to chapter by Adviser Thorn; vocational classes largest in school's history—39 boys in agriculture; 41 girls in home economics—total of 80 students of 149 enrolled in school; average attendance at chapter meetings, 25. **Geraldine**—Represented at State Convention and district meeting; committees include: work program, radio, program; new officers elected; average attendance at meetings, 15. **Glencoe**—15 Green Hands initiated; represented at State Convention; average attendance at chapter meetings, 16. **Goodwater**—Trip planned to State Fair, Birmingham; fountain pens presented members taking part in Chilean Nitrate Essay Contest; chapter social planned. **Gordo**—Visited experimental fields at Aliceville; held guessing contest on Chilean Nitrate Corn Demonstration. **Gorgas**—Year's program projected with appointment of program of work, recreation, membership, and chapter program committees; applications received for Green Hand degree; average chapter attendance, 25.

**Hackleburg**—New officers elected and work program projected despite school's being on half schedule during September; average chapter attendance, 10. **Haleyville**—10 Green Hands initiated; new officers elected; work program projected; chapter to meet weekly. **Hamilton**—Chapter hopes to make trip to Washington,

D. C., next summer—money to be raised from sale of candy at school and staging of plays; establishment of FFA camp on Bee Mountain being considered; chapter hopes to erect cabins and eventually construct swimming pool at same site; Green Hand initiation to be held soon; average attendance at chapter meetings, 18. **Hanceville**—Aided in sponsoring one-variety gin days for Stoneville No. 5 cotton; 267 bales of this variety ginned on four gin days; sponsored crimson clover campaign endeavoring to get 300 farmers to plant seed patches this fall; 80 per cent of chapter membership planted seed patches; delegates sent to State Convention; initiation of 15 Green Hands planned; amateur program planned for school to raise funds for building of fence around laboratory area and to landscape campus; Italian rye grass planted on campus, shrubbery cultivated; trash containers placed on campus. **Headland**—Constructed athletic field; 21 new members bring chapter enrollment to 41—largest in chapter history; presented 30-minute program over radio; pruned campus shrubbery, mowed lawn, planted new shrubbery. **Holtville**—Craig Younge's nine Duroc Jersey hogs weighed 1,600 lbs. to bring him 11th prize in ton-litter contest—cost of Wayne hog supplement, corn, and shorts was \$74.42—his profit was \$113; all members attended ton-litter contest held in Montgomery; Billie Zeigler applied for American Farmer degree; four new members; chapter represented at State Convention. **Houston County High (Columbia)**—Exhibit planned for county fair; took active part in district meeting; drive on for new members; average chapter attendance, 15. **Jackson**—New officers elected; work program adopted; representatives sent to State Convention; average chapter attendance, 25. **Leighton**—New officers elected; delegates sent to State Convention; with cooperation of FHA, will sponsor fiddlers' and string band contests to raise funds for purchase of tools and equipment; group visited State Fair, Birmingham; 20 members attend chapter meetings. **Leroy**—Held guessing contest on Chilean

## F. F. A. JEWELRY

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Nitrate Corn Demonstration; delegates sent to State Convention. **Lexington**—New officers elected; assisted with community fair; chapter constructed sack-cement poultry house to be exhibited at fair; nursery plot contains nice variety of shrubbery; 30 members in chapter. **Liberty**—Chapter attended State Fair on Sept. 30; new officers elected; seven Green Hand applications accepted; 28 members attend meetings. **Lincoln**—Attended State Fair where study was made of agricultural exhibits—later enjoyed amusements; average chapter attendance, 25; made educational tour through South Alabama to Panama City and Pensacola, Fla.; on return visited Kilby Prison at Montgomery. **Lineville**—75 attended joint party with FHA; 39 boys visited State Fair; new tools added to workshop; all members—Green Hands and Future Farmers—have pins; 62 enrolled in vocational agriculture—largest in department's history.

**McKenzie**—Aided in re-organizing district; district to hold F-S M-D barbecue; delegates sent to State Convention; Green Hand initiation to be held soon. **Magnolia**—Six Green Hands initiated with elaborate ceremony attended by several chapter alumni and followed with picnic supper; average chapter attendance, 14. **Marbury**—New officers elected; fiddlers' convention held Oct. 1; Green Hands initiated Oct. 13; average chapter attendance, 17. **Midland City**—Attended district meeting at Ozark; cleaned-up school campus; adopted work program; plans discussed for extensive beautification of school grounds, including cement walks and curbs, gravel drives, planting of hedge around entire grounds. **Millerville**—Gave weiner roast for FHA girls; work program adopted; cuttings placed in propagation beds; average chapter attendance, 20. **Millport**—Gayla weiner roast given on Sept. 21 attended by FHA girls to celebrate largest membership in chapter's history—51 paid up; 60 members of two clubs and faculty members attended the celebration; 18 well-planned objectives in work program this year; string band of nine organized; members assisting with Evening School. **Milltown**—Planted 200 cuttings; planned thrift program; social held on Oct. 7; extended water system to vocational building; sent delegates to State Convention. **Moundville**—Work program adopted; drive on to enroll 30 of 45 students in vocational agriculture. **Mt. Hope**—Adviser and 4 boys attended district meeting at Lexington where visitors played baseball game with the Lexington Chapter—visitors won; while new high school building is under construction, agricultural classes being held in the open; five delegates attended State Convention; exhibit planned for North Ala. State Fair; educational tour to be held next summer; three members received State Farmer de-

gree; Cecil Pickens received \$10 as third prize in Chilean Nitrate Essay Contest (district).

**New Brockton**—Attended district meeting at Ozark, Sept. 28; Wiregrass District will publish a news letter, "Wiregrass Future Farmer". **New Hope**—11 Green Hands initiated; new officers elected; delegates sent to State Convention; trip planned to fair either at Montgomery or Atlanta; average chapter attendance, 20. **New Market**—Work program includes landscaping at least one home, fertilizer demonstration, public speaking and essay contests, orchard spray demonstration, organization of basket ball team, cooperation with district. **Odenville**—Two Future Farmers initiated; accepted invitation to join Anniston District; membership drive underway; new officers elected; program of work adopted. **Ohatchee**—Moved water tank; cleaned-up school grounds in cooperation with FHA; sold drinks, ice cream, candy at all-day singing; other money-making projects planned; worked-out shrubs; average chapter attendance, 30. **Orrville**—15 Green Hands to be initiated; staged weiner roast for FHA; plans underway by which chapter can earn money; chapter to take part in essay and public speaking contests; new officers elected. **Ozark**—Program of work adopted; to cooperate with district in publishing news letter; will sell candy and sandwiches in cooperation with FHA to raise money for equipment; 16 new boys in vocational classes who will join FFA; chapter was host to meeting of East Wiregrass District on Sept. 28.

**Pell City**—Delegates sent to Frost District meeting; delegates sent to State Convention; chapter enjoying new building; chapter room decorated with FFA emblem, banner, and pictures; new officers elected. **Phil Campbell**—New year's work planned; chapter dues being collected. **Pine Apple**—New officers elected; program of work adopted in line with State program. **Pine Hill**—With aid of FHA, bought lawn fence for campus—FFA boys erected fence; average chapter attendance, 20. **Pleasant Home**—Made three-day educational tour last summer; visited Baker, Fla.,

chapter while on tour; presented minstrel show Oct. 23; prepared exhibit for fair; chapter made recreational trip to coast for an oyster supper on Oct. 16; average chapter attendance, 32. **Ramer**—Walton Wingard won State ton-litter contest at Montgomery; Windom Parker, former chapter member, now has good position (Story on Page 2). **Ranburne**—Begun beautification of campus; handled considerable amount of winter legume seed and slag for convenience of farmers; will buy shrubbery for school grounds with sale of cotton from demonstration plot. **Rawles**—With FHA, to give play in late October; membership to be doubled; joint social to be given with FHA; new equipment bought for chapter. **Reform**—23 Green Hands initiated; 33 members already paid-up; large delegation attended State Fair, Birmingham; cooperated with Farm Bureau in arranging gin days for Stoneville No. 5 cotton; several members will sell considerable amount of seed but keep supply for next year; aided Farm Bureau in cooperative purchase of car load of basic slag for winter legumes. **Riverton**—Entered exhibit at Madison County Fair; initiated eight new members, followed by chicken-stew supper; several new magazines and one bookcase added to library; average chapter attendance, 25. **Robertsdale**—Eight members attended State Convention; 15 new members; committees appointed for year; two members helped in vaccination of 1,500 hogs to curb cholera outbreak; two members assisted for two weeks in measuring land in connection with Soil Conservation Program. **Rockford**—75 attended party at Camp Stewart given with FHA by this new chapter; 25 applications for membership. **Rogersville**—Chapter exhibit won first prize at North Alabama State Fair; sponsored district meeting; average chapter attendance, 45.

**Slocumb**—Work program adopted; chapter will spend \$20 for equipment—money made on cotton project; to operate school supply store in cooperation with Athletic Association. **Smith Station**—Work program adopted; plans made for F-S banquet; op-

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erating refreshment store at school; 15 members attending chapter meetings. **Southern Choctaw High**—New officers elected and extensive work program adopted; 16 members attending regular meetings. **Straughon**—Membership drive underway; exhibit planned at County Fair; Oct. 5 set as deadline for payment of dues; delegates to State Convention and district meeting at Redlevel; 23 members attending meetings. **Sulligent**—Members donated ingredients and froze seven gallons of ice cream for party; 10 members paid dues; meeting planned with other chapters in county; 28 members attending regular meetings. **Sweet Water**—Green Hand initiation held Oct. 6; two Chilean Nitrate Demonstrations made chapter projects; harvesting completed on 2½ acres of corn; 2½ bales of cotton harvested from 2½ acres. **Tanner Williams**—New officers elected and permanent committees appointed; program of work adopted. **Town Creek**—A new chapter is in process of organization with prospect of 35 members. **Uriah**—One Green Hand accepted for membership; chapter voted to buy pigs to be fed-out with lunch scraps at school; to sell drinks at football games; cooperating with Farm Bureau in selling Austrian winter pea seed; **Chapter subscribed to AMERICAN FARM YOUTH magazine** (10 copies); purchased new book for FFA library, "Short Stories for Future Farmers"; enlarging nursery with propagation of fruit trees; cotton sold from laboratory area brought \$20.73—seed to be distributed to boys taking cotton projects next spring; cleared \$2.57 from sale of drinks at one football game; held Chilean Nitrate Corn Demonstration Guessing Contest on Sept. 30. **Valley Head**—Organized string band and quartet; investigating ways to make money, such as selling drinks at football games, establishment of FFA store, and producing plays; 15 new members; 35 attending regular meetings. **Vernon**—Re-organized thrift bank; planned cooperative chapter broiler-raising project; in order to raise funds for beautification of campus, hogs were purchased and are being fed lunch scraps; 35 attending regular chapter meetings. **Wadley**—14 Green Hands initiated; held FFA-FHA social; program of work and fall gardens emphasized at special meetings; attended district meeting; members reported on supervised practice work at last meeting. **Walnut Grove**—Three Green Hands initiated; 17 members attending each of two meetings in September. **Wetumpka**—New officers elected and work program adopted; educational tour to be financed through group projects; several members will enter public speaking contest; 30 attending regular meetings. **West Point**—Chapter activities resumed on Oct. 5 when new term began; school conducted on short schedule during Sep-

tember because of harvesting season. **Wetumpka**—Five members and Adviser Scruggs attended National Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 19-23; 10 new members elected; chapter using formal opening and closing ceremonies; at first meeting attended by new members, old members served sandwiches, cake, and lemonade; committee appointed to formulate work program. **White Plains**—Aided with Calhoun County exhibit at State Fair—members collected large amount of material; average attendance at meetings, 10. **Winfield**—Profits from candy sales to be used for FFA library; formulation of year's plans delayed because previous year's school work was completed during September; 16 attending regular meetings; weekly meetings planned this year.

## Ward Chapter House

The Ward chapter is realizing a three-year dream in the building of their FFA Chapter House. The house is to be constructed of logs and sealed on the inside. There will be an assembly room 18 by 24 feet, a smaller room 7 by 14 feet, and a porch.

Dr. Allen, an honorary member of the local Chapter, donated the site and material for the house. A. A. Mitchell is furnishing his saw mill to size and rip the logs at cost. Chapter members cut the logs and they are also constructing the building. Furniture is to be made by the boys, although some has been donated by interested people in the community.

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